

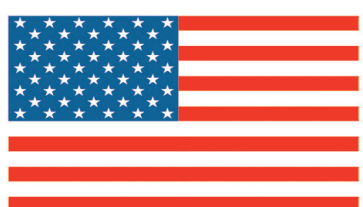
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Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 50. Northwest wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Source: weather.gov

COVID-19
in Howard County:
Jan. 13, 2022
 Confirmed Cases: 3,464
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 Fatalities: 153
 Active Cases (estimated): 299
 Recovered (estimated): 5,826
Source: dshs.texas.gov

Daily Quote
 “I don’t think the government is out to get me or help someone else get me but it wouldn’t surprise me if they were out to sell me something or help someone else sell me something. I mean, why else would the Census Bureau want to know my telephone number?” — **Andy Rooney**

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Hearings on redistricting, ESSER funds lead BSISD agenda



HERALD photos/Roger Cline
 Several of Big Spring ISD’s schools presented gift baskets to the district’s school board members Thursday evening in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month. Students from Kentwood Elementary School also created decorations for the event.

By ROGER CLINE
 Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD school board trustees led off their regular meeting Thursday evening with a pair of public hearings, but no members of the public offered comment.

Following the meeting’s opening invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, time was made available for general public comments. No one addressed the board. Next, board president Fabian Serrano opened a public hearing regarding the redistricting of BSISD’s seven single-

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SM Energy donates funds for Forsan welding program

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Special Contributing Writer

The Forsan Welding Program students will soon be working under new ventilation systems thanks to a donation recently received from SM Energy. During the January Board of Trustees Meeting, at Forsan ISD, a \$7,500 check was presented by the Big Spring Area Community Foundation.

“We are extremely appreciative of this donation, and all donations that we receive. This support makes a big difference in the program for all those involved,” Keith Bagnall, Forsan ISD Welding Instructor, said.

The donation came through an outside connection when representatives of SM Energy heard that the program was looking at adding new ventilation systems in the welding area. Through the support of the Big Spring Area Community Foundation, the donation was able to be made to the school district.

“SM Energy has proven to be a wonderful partner to schools in our community. Wade Dunbar has been our contact at SM Energy and we appreciate his and the company’s support for career and technical education,” Randy Johnson, Forsan ISD Superintendent, said.

Bagnall took over the welding program at Forsan ISD, 14 years ago and under his direction the program has made great



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Area Community Foundation Director George Bancroft, center, presents a check to Forsan ISD’s Superintendent Randy Johnson, left, and School Board President Lewis Boeker, on behalf of SM Energy.

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Statewide gas price average up a penny

Texas Still Has Lowest Average in US

Story provided by AAA Texas

The statewide gas price average in Texas is \$2.92 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is one cent more than on this day last week and is 84 cents more per gallon compared to this day last year.

Gas prices locally in Howard County ranged from \$2.77 at several locations around Big Spring to a high of \$3.49 in Coahoma.

Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in El Paso are paying the most on average at \$3.07 per gallon while drivers in Corpus Christi and Victoria are paying the least at \$2.82 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.30, which is the same price when compared to this day last week and 95 cents more than the price per gallon at this same time last year.

According to the latest data from the Energy Information Administration for the week ending January 7, the U.S. gas-

oline demand number decreased week-to-week by around three percent and remains elevated from this time last year. Weekly regional fuel supply numbers increased slightly, and Gulf Coast refinery utilization registered steady from the week prior. While demand is down following the busy holiday travel period, and supply is up – the crude oil market has been optimistic that gasoline and fuel demand will be strong moving into the first part of 2022. This positive outlook has been leading to higher crude oil prices, which will likely result in higher pump prices down the road.

“Texas continues to have the cheapest gas price average of any state in the country,” said AAA Texas spokesperson Daniel Armbruster. “However, market optimism for crude and gasoline demand has been increasing the price of crude oil, which may lead to higher pump prices soon.”

Drivers in Texas are paying the lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile drivers in California are paying the most at \$4.65 on average for a gallon over regular unleaded.

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Obituaries

Guadalupe Viasana
Guadalupe Viasana, 88, died Thursday, January

Rodrigo Chavera,
Rodrigo Chavera, 70, died Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Sunday with vigil service 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery.
Rodrigo was born on March 13, 1951 in Pearsall, TX to Manuel and Felipa Chavera. He has been in Big Spring for 19 years and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.
Rodrigo loved to be with family everyone thought of him as a grandpa. He enjoyed wood working, making crosses, benches, etc. He loved the outdoors especially farming.
Rodrigo is survived by his son: Adam Chavera (Krystal) of San Antonio; 2 daughters: Felipa Sala-

zar (David) of Big Spring & Vicky Robles (Joe) of Big Spring; grandchildren: Christina, Mercedes, Rigo, Emma, Lucy, David, & Destiny; step grandchildren: Adolfo, Elocia, Angel, Sergio, Mario, Juan, Joe, Nadya, Anestacia, Nathan & Christopher; great grandchildren: Anthony, Adrian, Amaya & Abraham; 4 sisters: Mary Gutierrez, Gloria Gallardo, Ermenia Chavera & Consuelo Rodriguez; numerous nieces and nephews that he treated like grandkids, especially Arnold Jr and his family who took care of him these last few years.
Rodrigo was preceded in death his parents: Manuel & Felipa Chavera; wife: Elva Chavera; 2 brothers: Marcos Chavera & Arnold Chavera, sisters: Irene Flores & Yolanda Gutierrez & nephew: Edward Flores, Jr.
Pallbearers will be Rigo Chavera, Orlando Chavera, Tony Salazar, Adolfo Salazar, Juan Mendoza, & Luis Rodriguez.
Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Support Groups

FRIDAY	MONDAY	267-1628.
- 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.	Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.	- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles. - DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.
SATURDAY	TUESDAY	
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.	- 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	
SUNDAY		
Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.		

Take Note

- Isaiah 58 food pantry will be closed until further notice due to COVID-19. The pantry's staff plans to clean and sanitize the building during the closure.
- City of Big Spring offices and Howard County offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. City and County offices will reopen at the usual time on Tuesday.
- The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be February 10 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At the event, the annual Five under 55 Awards, the Russ McEwen Community Award and the 2021 Man and Woman of the Year will be announced. For sponsorship information, call 263-7641.
- Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.
- Senior Citizens Dances are held the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is Jan. 21, 2022. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information call 517-9097.
- The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.
- Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in

the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

- The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Jan. 22: 'The Music of Queen' at Big Spring High School; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. Venues for the February and April concerts will be announced at a later date. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.
- The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.
- Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

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- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 16th Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Hickory. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near Mile Marker 188 on Interstate 20. No transport was requested.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Stonehaven. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor Boulevard. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Tubb Loop Road. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Northwest Second Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Stonehaven. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Parkway. No transport was requested.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JENNIFER ANN REGALADO**, 36, of 1706 W. Third St. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).
- JENNIFER YANEZ**, 34, of 800 E. 13th St. was arrested on warrants for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500), parent contributing to non-attendance, failure to appear, and three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- BRITTNEY JO HILGER**, 27, of 1309 Sycamore was arrested on warrants for three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- QUANTAL ALEX BROWN**, 27, of 1603 Wood St. was arrested on three outstanding warrants.
- ASSAULT** was reported at the intersection of Eighth and Goliad Streets.
- MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of E. FM 700.
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity (Note — the Howard County Jail reports 96 inmates in custody):

- QUANTAL ALEX BROWN**, 27, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license, open container in motor vehicle, and failure to appear.
- ZACHERY S. BURLESON**, 56, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- BRITTNEY JO HILGER**, 27, was booked by BSPD on warrants for three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- JENNIFER MARTINEZ**, 34, was booked by BSPD on warrants for theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500), parent contributing to non-attendance, failure to appear, and three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- JENNIFER ANN REGALADO**, 36, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).

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member districts following the 2020 federal census, during which no one addressed the board.

Following the hearing the board heard a brief presentation on the redistricting process given by Superintendent Jay McWilliams. The presentation would have been presented by the Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) Chairperson Ashley Phinney, but she missed Thursday's meeting due to illness.

"That group, the RAC committee, met on Dec. 16, before the Christmas holidays," McWilliams said. "After consideration of the options presented, there was a consensus among the committee members to recommend Plan A. A and B had the slightest change compared to Plan C. So it was pretty quick that the committee kind of moved C out of there, because one of the things we wanted to do was to try to keep those neighborhoods together, to keep those groups together, and you also want to try to get as small a deviation as you can get when it comes to the voting age, the difference in the majority and the minority. The one they picked has a difference of 3.05, which was the smallest. Going with Plan A will give you four of the seven districts which have a majority of minority voting age people."

McWilliams said that each of the three plans meet all of the legal requirements for redistricting. Following McWilliams' presentation, the board unanimously approved Plan A, which will most likely go into effect prior to the May election.

Details of the district's redistricting plans can be found on the BSISD website at www.bsisd.esc18.net/domain/481.

The second public hearing followed the vote on redistricting, and concerned the status of the district's plan for use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.

No members from the public spoke during this hearing, but Debbie Park, the district's Director of Federal Programs, spoke about the ESSER funding.

"It's been six months, and the requirement is that every six months you have to update those, revise

them, and if you don't revise them, that's fine too, but you still have to have the meeting anyway so the public can speak," she said.

Park said the district is not planning to change its plans for the ESSER funding, totaling about \$9 million, at this time. The district plans to use the majority of the funding on heating, air conditioning and ventilation at its facilities. Park explained that at least 20 percent has to be devoted directly to education, which is also part of the district's current plan. The complete plan can be found on the district's website at www.bsisd.esc18.net/Page/806.

BSISD Assistant Superintendent of Academics and Assessment Dr. Raemi Thompson presented a report on mid-year goal progress measures.

"We are very, very pleased with where we are performing at this point in the school year," said Dr. Thompson. "I put all assessments – every assessment that's going to go into STAAR Domain 1 – and it's everything we've ever been assessed on except for fourth and seventh writing. That one does not exist any longer. So math and reading, eighth grade science, eighth grade social studies, algebra 1, English 1 and English 2, U.S. history and biology. If I put all of those together, student performance at the 'meets' and 'masters' levels, as of Christmas, we would be tracking 66 percent passing. In STAAR, Spring of '19, it was 62 percent. In 2021 it was 59 percent. So we're tracking 66 percent at 'approaches' at mid-year."

Following Thompson's report, Superintendent McWilliams reported that the school board election will be held jointly with the Big Spring city election in May, and three school board positions are up for election: District 5, currently held by incumbent Chad Wash; District 6, currently held by incumbent Amy Baeza; and District 7, currently held by Fabian Serrano. Wash and Serrano's terms have expired, while Baeza is currently completing an unexpired term vacated by a board member who resigned, so must by law run for election in the election following her appointment.

McWilliams said Jan. 19 is the first day to file to run in the election, while Feb. 18 is the final day to file to run. Early voting in the election starts Feb. 25.

McWilliams also reported on cooperative fees paid by BSISD.

"We have 10 different purchasing co-ops," he said. "If you look through, start at BuyBoard and go all the way down to the Texas Department of Information Resources, some have fees and some have no fees. This is necessary. A necessary thing we have to have to run a school district. Years ago we might have only had two or three. BuyBoard is the big one, but we have a couple from Region 18. I just had to make y'all aware because we have to make the public aware."

Board members unanimously approved the meeting's Consent Agenda, which consisted of two items: approval of board minutes for the Dec. 2 special meeting; the Dec. 6 Howard County Leadership Summit; and the Dec. 9 regular meeting; and approval of financial reports.

The board also unanimously approved the district's Emergency Operations Plan.

The board unanimously approved entering into a Joint Election agreement with the City of Big Spring, and to contract with the Howard County Election Administrator to conduct the school trustees election culminating with Election Day on May 7.

The board unanimously approved a \$9,500 donation from SM Energy for the district's Career and Technical Education program; and a \$1,500 donation from Richard Maupin for the district's tennis program.

The board accepted recognition from the district's schools for School Board Recognition Month. Trustees each received "goody bags" from the districts schools, along with decorations created by students at Kentwood Elementary.

McWilliams reported that the district's enrollment is 3,603, and attendance is down to 86 percent over the last three days due to increasing COVID-19 rate.

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Linda Torres, 39, died Wednesday. Family will receive friends on Saturday from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service Saturday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Mark Hall, 58, died Saturday. Funeral service Friday 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Becky Arview, 66, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Roberto Garcia, 73, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rodrigo Chavera, 70, died Tuesday. Vigil service Sunday 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service Monday 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive.

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strides. The new ventilation system will be installed over the training booths and possibly in the plasma torch area and allow for a more professional environment for the students.

"This donation will help in providing an improved training lab for these students. For those who choose to pursue this career trade after high school the sky's the limit," Bagnall said. "Being able to train them in real world environments adds to the skillset and will help them when they step into the real world."

According to Bagnall, students at Forsan ISD have the opportunity to graduate with multiple welding certificates.

"We need highly qualified, certified welders in our area. We have an incredible teacher (Keith Bagnall) in our welding program. We are working to make sure that Mr. Bagnall has the resources needed in order for him to provide the best education possible to all of our students," Johnson said. "This donation will help us provide a safe environment by clearing the fumes from welding out of the shop area quickly and efficiently."

Johnson continued, "A big thanks also goes out to the Big Spring Area Community Foundation for their help in being the 'middle man' in this process. They have done the legwork to make sure this donation worked for both SM Energy and Forsan ISD. What a wonderful community we live in!"

Take Note (cont.)

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.
Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.
- St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.
- Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.
- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.
- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.
- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.
- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.
- The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytexas@gmail.com.

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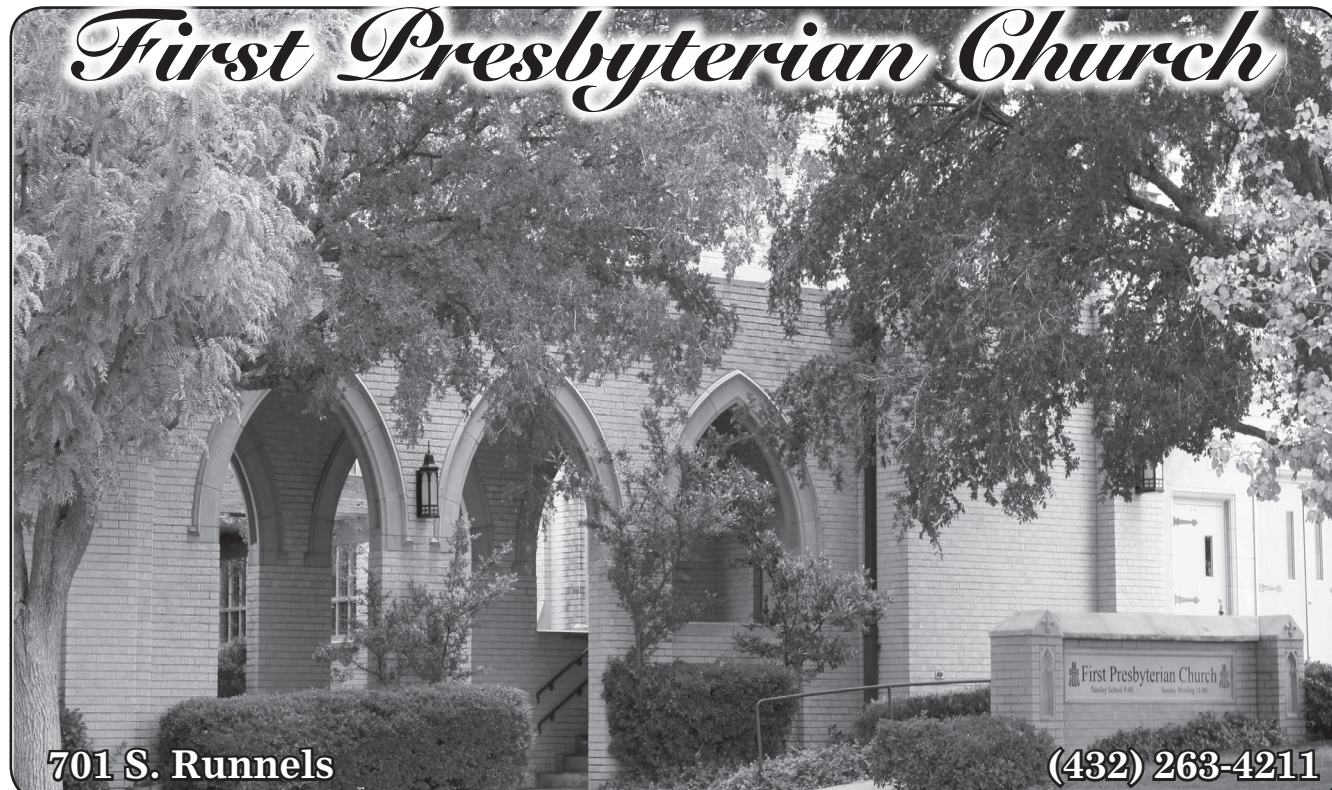
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Church News

NazFamily Church

This Sunday
“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.” ~ James 1:22-25

Each week the NazFamily gathers to not only hear and study the Scriptures, but to learn how to apply God’s word to our daily lives. You won’t want to miss this Sunday as we continue to grow and journey together as followers of Jesus!
Rekindled: Relationship Enrichment Weekend
Join us for our annual Rekindled event on February 11-12! Special speakers Calvary & Ceresa Calender will give us key insights to make eternal investments in our relationships. This is a free event. You won’t want to miss it! You can go to our website: www.nazfamily.org to register.

Day of Service
Cub Scout Pack 305 will be leading us in a day of service on Monday, January 17 starting at 2pm. All are welcome to join us as we work on several projects around the church property.

MidWeek
Wednesday Night NazFamily Meals are back! Each week we will be providing a meal before our MidWeek Service in the Fellowship Hall @ 6:00pm. We also have several midweek connection groups meeting. Join us and let’s grow together!

Blessings ~ Pastor Richard

College Baptist Church

Praying that God will please bless this new Year 2022. 2021 has closed its doors and opened up a whole new year to 2022. Time is fleeting as our “Gathering” church body, welcomes you as old and new members through salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. Join us at College Baptist Church-We are open:

***Sunday morning – 9:15 for Bible Study for all ages.**

***Worship time is at 10:45 a.m.**

***Girl’s**

Missions meet on Sunday at 5 p.m.

*** Wednesday with our praying Youth groups starts at 6 p.m.**

Fellowship meal between 6 and 6:45

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m.

Children meet for King’s Kids and Krafts.

Nursery and extended care is as needed for all services.

Come join in the fun as we celebrate our winter season, serving our Lord. Services for January 16, 2022, is a great time for families to gather and celebrate our God together. Our services are in the building, live streaming, and on our Face Book page as well. Catch up on God’s perfect plan! Visitors, it was a such a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us again—it is always exciting to welcome new faces. Our services are lively and worshipful.

We definitely enjoy the worship time as our ministry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God’s Word. Come and study with us as to what it takes to really know God cares for us so much He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. Focus on growth in Jesus as we continue in 2022, as our pastor reminds us every Sunday, Jesus is coming SOON! Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning Men’s, Ladies’ and youth meetings at this great and friendly church. Pray that lives are changed by the power of our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone!

Cornerstone Covenant Church (aka - CCC)

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

We would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! You can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship on Sunday’s (onsite) @9:30AM & (onsite & online) 11:00AM.

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, January 16th– NEW YEAR’S SERIES: Decisions

WELCOME TO CCC! You made it to 2022. Now that you are here, now what? One thing that is inevitable in our lives is the responsibility of “Decision” making. CCC wants to assist you and your family & friends with some practical principles that will set you up for success in this new year. Join us Sunday, January 9th for our first series of the New Year entitled "DECISIONS: Choose Wisely The Road You Take". We look forward to seeing you soon. #newyear2022 #decisions

Monday, January 17th- Join us for (FAR) Far Above Rubies women’s night from 6-8PM in the ARC. Our desire is to foster an environment and opportunity for women to grow in their relationship with Christ and connect with other women. Bring your favorite dish, a friend and your bible

as we enjoy a night of fun, food and fellowship together.

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@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

“Loving God, Loving People, Loving Communities and Changing the world!”

-Pastor Michael Willard

Crestview Baptist Church

At Crestview Baptist Church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit of believers 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 AM, Worship begins at 11 AM, and our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are at 6:30 PM. We are studying Biblical Doctrine. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., Big Spring.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring is celebrating the season of Epiphany through the end of February. During this time, we will use scriptures selected from Wilda C. Gaffney’s book: A Women’s Lectionary For The Whole Church. We hope that looking at scripture in a non-traditional way might open our hearts and minds to unexpected insights from our God.

Worship services January 16th begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 18: 1-6,16-19, Isaiah 62:4-7; John 2:1-11. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Mary: God Mother. Organist/music director Gabe Martinez provides music for the service.

Sunday School begins at 9:45. Rev. Cross teaches the Children’s Class. Tom Koger leads the Youth Class. The Discovery Class has started a new 10 week DVD study by Adam Hamilton called “Words of Life.” What if the Ten commandments were not understood as rigid, ancient rules but a guide for experiencing a good life today, given by a loving, protecting God who brings order out of chaos? Hamilton brings contemporary eyes to history’s most important set of ethics. Vicki Miller and Helen Glass are leading the study.

Sunday morning Take Ten fellowship is in the parlor between Sunday School and worship.

Presbyterian Women will resume meeting on January 25th and will be looking at lesson 3 of Meryrl Blair’s “What My Grandmothers Taught Me” which takes lessons from Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus.

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 video devotional, and a video release of each Sunday’s sermon. All these tools and resources prepare us for the coming Sunday worship.

DIGITAL SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Church Calendar

Daily Prayer Podcast (Monday-Saturday)

Scripture Commentary (Tuesdays)

Video Devotional (Wednesdays)

Video

Preview of this week’s bulletin (Fridays)

Sunday

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The following weekly events are open to the community:

WEDNESDAY

The Women’s Bible Study meets at 10 a.m.

The History Lectures meets at noon.

The Lectionary Bible Study, meets at 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

All our worship services can be heard live on KBST 1490 AM and 95.7 FM at 11:00 a.m. as usual or seen recorded online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date.

Life Church

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning at 10:30am for an experience in the Word and in Worship. Life Church is located at 1004 Johnson.

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At Free Indeed You will Discover:

•God’s promises of freedom •How to experience God in a real. Conversation •A Biblical understanding of the spiritual roots of pain, failure, and broken relationships. •How to truly walk in freedom by agreeing with God in prayer & using declarations from scripture

For more information contact Cherise Felty at 432-213-0411

Ladies, you are invited to join us every Wednesday at noon for our Seek Prayer Group. The Zoom meeting information for Seek can be found on our One Sisterhood Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/onesisterhoodbigspringtx/>

Our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Outreach Ministry goes out every Thursday night at 6pm to the Laredo Hills housing area. The focus of this ministry is to find the need and meet it. If you would like to serve on this team meet us out there at 6pm.

YOUTH of Life will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm on the Life Church Campus. For more information about YOUTH of Life follow their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/youthofLifeChurch>

Life Kids will have their classes this Sunday. Our Nursery is available for those ages newborn to 2. Our Toddlers class serve those ages 3 & 4. Our Elementary class serves those ages 5-8. Our Pre-Teen class serves those ages 9-12. Visit and follow the Life Kids Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Life-Kids-Life-Church-Big-Spring-TX-1654730487977488/> for more information.

For more information about our events or groups please visit our website www.golifechurch.net or <https://www.facebook.com/bigspringlife>

First Christian Church

See **CHURCH**, page 6

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The God of More Than Enough

By Joelle Ludington

Special to the Herald

The miracle of Jesus Christ, the drought of fish. There were two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then Jesus got into one of the boats which was Simons. And he sat down and taught the multitude from the boat.

When Jesus Christ stopped speaking, he said launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.

Simon answered "Master we have toiled all night and caught nothing, Never the less at your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this

they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees saying depart from me for I am a sinful man, oh Lord. And Jesus said to Simon Peter do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men. They forsook all and followed him.

The message here is don't give up, the maker will teach you and you will learn, and you too will know who he is in the time of drought. He will provide, no matter what is lacking in your life.

Most important part here is focus on the Lord to follow him put him before anything and anyone and be ready to go where he leads you calls you too. Do not be afraid.

REFLECTIONS

By Bill Tinsley

Special to the Herald

Don't Look Up

The movie, Don't Look Up, released last month on Netflix, has become the talk on social media according to Buzz Feed. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Lawrence and Meryl Streep, the doomsday movie is a satire of our current culture. Sometimes it seems too close to reality for comfort, though reality has become increasingly difficult to define.

When an astronomer and his PhD student discover a comet on a collision course with earth they find it impossible to communicate their warnings to the world. The movie takes its title from a political campaign urging the general population not to look up into the sky where the approaching comet has become clearly visible.

Like most movies today, the script has a penchant for the "F" word, used so often that it loses its shock value. But, in such a situation, what else

are they going to do but shout an obscenity at the top of their lungs?

The interesting twist in the movie is the final decision by the astronomer who has failed in his efforts to warn the world of the approaching doom. When the President offers him a last-ditch escape aboard a secret space ship that can transport a small number of humans to the nearest "Goldilocks planet," the astronomer refuses and, instead, gathers his family, his student and her boyfriend for a final dinner at his home.

With the comet moments away, they gather around the table and realize no one knows how to pray, except the student's boyfriend, who has secretly confessed that he is a "believer." He volunteers to lead them in prayer. They join hands, and he offers this prayer for the group:

"Dearest Father and Almighty Creator, we ask for your grace tonight despite our pride. Your forgiveness despite our doubt. Most of all Lord, we ask for your love to soothe us through these dark times. May we face whatever is to come in your divine

will with courage and open hearts of acceptance. Amen."

His prayer represents a moment of sanity in an insane movie. Perhaps it will point our generation toward the one source of sanity in an increasingly insane world.

Previous generations have found their way forward through faith. Every generation has within it the seeds of its own destruction as well as the seeds of salvation. The question is always which seeds we will sow and which we will nurture. Joshua voiced the decision for his generation, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you shall serve ... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord," (Joshua 24:15).

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

Attitude of Thanks

By Dr. Lillian Bohannon

Special to the Herald

As most people growing up in the 1940-1960's, families were usually occupied by more than one or two children. We had six in my family. That meant six bags of candy and treats to be shared equally among eight people. We went trick or treating until we were teenagers. Then we got to go escort our little brothers, so we got a share of the candy. We didn't go to "safe stops" because our whole little Northern Nevada town was "safe." And we didn't take a little lantern

pumpkin to be filled with candy, we took a huge grocery sack we could hardly carry back home—six of them.

I remember my fun-loving Daddy would put an old sheet over his head and jump out at our door and scare everyone half out of their own costumes. He did that until one little girl was scared so bad that she screamed all the way back home—next door. Her dad came out and reprimanded my dad. He never did that again.

But now is the month to be thankful, not just for the treats of October harvest. This is a month of Thank-

sgiving. That's right, I said "Thanksgiving." Be thankful on Saturday Nov. 6th, for an extra hour of sleep and remember to set your clocks back an hour. Be thankful for our Pastors on "Pastor appreciation Sunday, Nov. 7th" and don't forget their wives and families. Be thankful for the veterans on Thursday, Nov. 11th who gave their lives for freedom in our country. Then be thankful on November 25th for our God's greatness in allowing us to live in a free country founded on His principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Pursue the happiness with vim, vigor, and vitality. Be thankful for family, friends, and fellowship that day. And even football!

By having an attitude of gratitude during this month, it just might turn our hearts to the One Who made it all possible. Be thankful to Jesus Christ, the Righteous Son of God, Who makes Heaven possible for us. He died for our sin debt in our place so we could have a place in Heaven with Him forever. Ask Him to be your Saviour, forgive your sin, and begin the greatest "Thanksgiving" possible for your

CHURCH

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First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad. To contact the church office or Pastor Brian Michaelz, call 432-517-4821.

We are an open, welcoming and compassionate church, pursuing a joyful relationship with Jesus. This year of the pandemic has been one none of us will soon forget.

We have reopened for in person worship. We are taking proactive steps to maintain the health and safety of all who attend services.

Join us at First Christian Church, to find out more information about First Christian Church or to see the online service, join Facebook Group at www.facebook.com/group/fccbigspring

If you or someone you know would like to be placed on the FCC prayer list, please contact the church office or tell one of the members.

We invite you to come as you are to give thanks for everything in a fresh way. If that sounds good to you, we would enjoy meeting you.

Sunday morning Social Time - pre-Worship Service - starts approximately 9:30 a.m. in the Sitting Room by the office. Donuts, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Hot Tea and Bottled Water Worship Service starts at 10:50 a.m. Hope to see you there!

A new brick program has been started. Those who would like to know more information about the thankful brick program can contact Pastor Brian at 469-978-7547.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS Second Sunday after Epiphany
Jan. 16, 2021

"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

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

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

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is back. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. We are beginning a new bible study. Please come and join us.

The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Cor. 12:1-11, and John 2: 1-11. The psalm is Psalm 128.

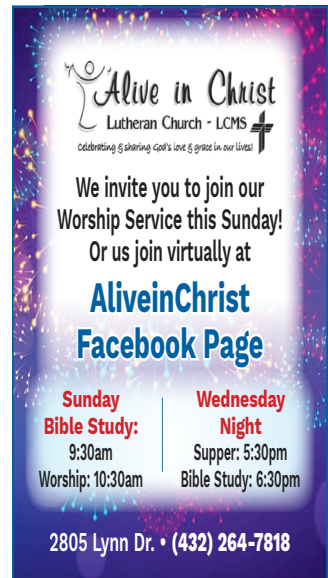
Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each

morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

St. Mary's Episcopal

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



Court dismisses Louisiana pastor's virus restrictions suit

By KEVIN MCGILL

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A Louisiana pastor's lawsuit over Gov. John Bel Edwards' past COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings was rejected for a second time Wednesday by a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge Brian Jackson in Baton Rouge said the lawsuit by Tony Spell seeking an order blocking the restrictions is moot because the restrictions expired long ago. And Jackson rejected Spell's request for damages from state officials.

Spell garnered national attention in March 2020 when he began to flout the state's public health order at a time when much of the country was in lockdown over the emergence of COVID-19. Louisiana was being hit especially hard at the time, but hundreds showed up to hear Spell claim that the virus was nothing to be concerned about.

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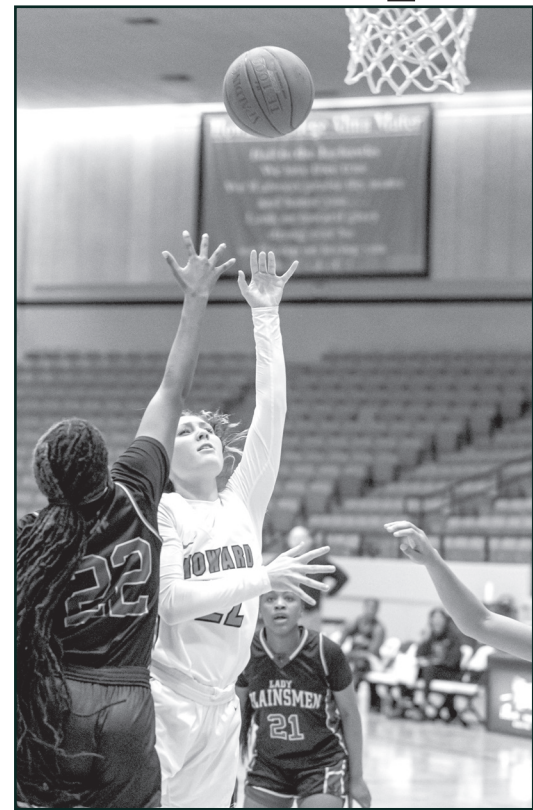
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Lady Hawks drop game to Frank Phillips



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Top Left: Kaeona Marquez breaks free on a fast break to get to the bucket. Top Right: Breely Oakley pulls up for a shot against Frank Phillips. The Lady Hawks fell short, losing a tough one 58 to 49.

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Writer

The Howard College Lady Hawks played their first game of the new year and it showed. Howard has been slowed by Covid protocol, finally got all of its squad back together. The time away was evident as the Lady Hawks fought gamely but just couldn't find the right gears to get past Frank Phillips, dropping a 58-49 decision to the Lady Plainsmen Monday night.

It was only Howard's second conference game it actually played. It had to forfeit two other games because of not enough players.

On the other hand Frank Phillips was playing with a depleted squad, it suited up only six players. It ll worked out for them as the Lady Plainsmen used a dominating rebounding performance mixed with poor Howard shooting to get the win.

"It's a mixture of injuries and kids being sick,," said Frank Phillips coach Brent Schneider. "We've had three starters'. out with ACL injuries. We're down to seven players, one of them is sick."

Frank Phillips outrebounded Howard 41-24 in the contest. Freshman forward Elise Turrubiates led the Frank Phillips rebounding barrage with 14 . Turrubiates was a member of the Hobbs, NM squads that won two state titles. She got ample help from Malikiya Thomas with 10 rebounds to go along with 11 points.

The game was close throughout. Behind 12 first half points from Kaeona Marquez Howard led 28-27 at the break. Marquez was instrumental in keeping Howard in contention. She finished with a game-high 24 points and was the only Lady Hawk to shoot the ball well, making 9 of 15 shots from the floor, 6-off-11 from three point land. Jasmine Elder showed some offensive life with

six of her eight points coming in the second half.

Howard led one time in the second half, 30-29, on a driving basket by Kiara Green. After that T'Aaliyah Miner took over for Frank Phillips. She finished the night with 19 points and eight rebounds. Howard hung tough, she led down to 54-49 with 3:43 left in the contest, but couldn't score the rest of the game.

Howard coach John ishee put it bluntly. Day. "You're not going to win when you shoot 20 percent. Daysha (Tijerina), our best shooter goes 2-for-10 from the three point line. She's 44 percent shooter. We missed some easy looks inside. Our timing, rhythm and conditioning just not the same. They'll be better days ahead. We got New Mexico Jiour College coming in Monday. They're No. 8 in the country."

Game time is 5:45 p.m.

FRANK PHILLIPS (10-9, 1-3) - Linda Brice 3 3 10; T'Aaliyah Miner 6 6 19; Aisja Strachan 3 0 7; Malikiya Thoomas 5 1 11; Edna Langa 1 0 2; totals 22-62, 10-14 58.

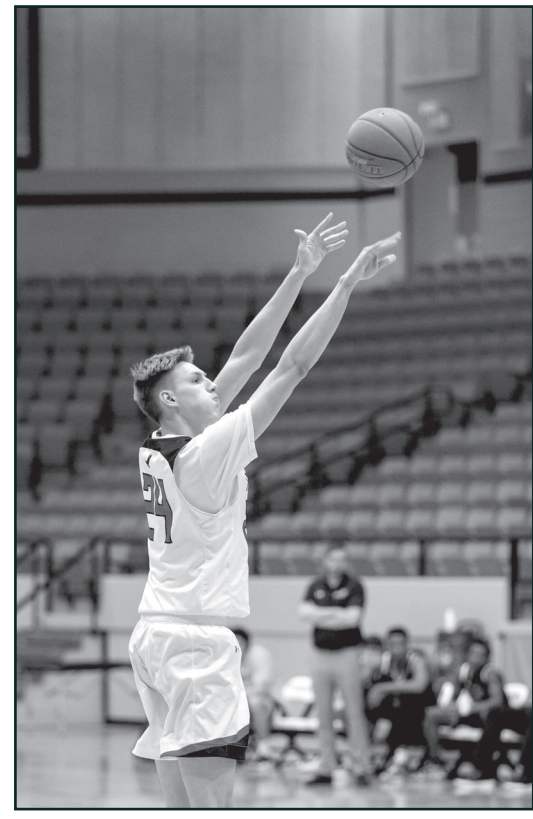
\HOWARD (7-10, 0-4) Kiara Green 1 0 2; Kaeona Marquez 9 0 24; Dysha Tijerina 2 0 6; Jasmine Elder 3 2 8; Daniela Perdomo 2 1 7; Charnay Robinson 1 0 2; totals 18-63, 3-5 49.

.Frank Phillips - 19-08-19-12 - 58

Howard 13-15-09-12 - 49

Turnovers - FP - 19, Howard 18; Three Pointers - FP (Brice 1, Miner, Thomas 1); Howard (Marquez 6, Tijerina 2); Rebounds - Frank Phillips 41 (Turrubiates 14, Thoms 10, Miner 8); Howard 24 (Marquez 7, Elder 5.); Assists - FP (Brice 3); Howard (Green 8); Steals - FP - Turrubiates 3) Howard (Tijerina 3); Blocked Shots - FP (Miner 1); Howard (Perdomo 2)

Mens Howard Hawks basketball team cruises to a easy victory



Courtesy Photos/Tony Claxton

Top Left: D'Mari Wiltz takes it hard to the rim in a game against Frank Phillips. Top Right: Nestor Dyachok pulls up for a jumper to help his Hawks to an easy victory over Frank Phillips 77-41.

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Writer

Coach Scott Raines issued a challenge to his guards before Thursday night's games against the Frank Phillips Plainsmen - shut down the Frank Phillips guard duo of Jaheim Tanksley and DJ Richardson. No problem.

Tanksley and Richardson were coming off a combined 53 points in a win over Clarendon. Against Howard they combined for 11 points. That was the tale of the game as the Hawks cruised to a 77-41 win Thursday night in front of the home fans.

The Hawks guard rotation of Rahkiem Petterson, Blaize Sagna, D'Mirl Wiltz, Jacoby Bishop, TK Bryant and Lamar Everd played suffocating defense on the Frank Phillips duo, limiting them to a 3 of 15 shooting night from the floor. "Every game we challenge our guys, we talked about those two," said Raines. We know that they (FP) get most of their points through them. When they score they usually win."

Howard showed it would have none of that from the start, scoring the first eight points of the game. Petterson was the leader by making two free throws and then picking Frank Phillips guard Jude Tapia's pocket, turning it into an easy layup. The lead continued to grow when Nester

Dyachok came off the bench to make two three-pointers. Everd made a three from the corner, Petterson scored on a left handed drive and Wiltz hit a short turnaround jumper - Howard led 37-17 with a minute left in the first half.

The much smaller Hawks did fine job of battling Frank Phillips' pair of 6-foot-9 post players, outrebounding FP 26-23."I loved the way we battled them on the boards. Bonny (Udoh) was playing on a bad ankle. We didn't know if he would be able to keep going. He fought so hard. it was real inspirational to us all to see him play like that," said Raines.

Petterson led a balanced Howard attack with 14 points, six rebounds and three steals. Bishop scored 13 points on 6 of 12 from the floor.

Howard will be at home Monday hosting New Mexico Junior College at 7:45 p.m., a game coach Raines calls "huge".

FRANK PHILLIPS (10-9, 1-4) - Aiden Gair 1 0 3; Jaheim Tanksley 2 5 9; DJ Richardson 1 0 2; Adeola Seun 3 3 9; Tyrese England1 0 2;

Jude Tapia 2 1 5; 3 2 8; Anthony Filippou 1 1 0 2; TOTALS 14-50, 10-12 41,

HOWARD (11-6,3-2) - Rahkiem Petterson 5 1 14; Blaize Sagna 2 0 5; D'Mirl Wiltz 5 0 10; Jacoby Bishop 6 0 13; Boonny Udoh 2 0 4; TK Bryant 2 1 5; Lamar Everd 3 0 6; Ogejen Lacmanovic 3 0 9; Nester Dyachok 4 0 11; totals 32-63, 3-3 77.

Halftime - Howard 37, Frank Phillips 19.

Turnovers- FP 22, Howard 10, Three Points - FP (Tapia 2, Gair 1), Howard (Dyachok 3, Lacmanovic 3, Petterson 1, Sagna 1,Bishop 1, Bryant); Rebounds - FP 23 (Tapia 5, Seun 5); Howard 26 (Petterson 6, Bishop 6); Assists - FP (Tapia 2); Howard (Wiltz 8, Bryant 4); Steals - FP (Tapia 2); Howard (Petterson 3, Wiltz 2); Blocked Shots (Tapia 1); Howard - Udoh (3)



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8 :AM			FamFeud Wom				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elinor	CBS7 Wake Up	Maury	George George	Charmed		SportsCenter		Chicago Fire	Parking	Blind Frog Ranch	
9 :AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Being MMTV	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl Broke Girl	NCIS: New Orleans	First Take	Get Up	P1 APBA Offshore	Chicago Fire	After the First 48	Dual Survival	
10 :AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso De siones	Today-Hoda	Master Words of Curious	Go Luna	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends Friends	NCIS: New Orleans			FCS Football	Chicago Fire	After the First 48	Dual Survival	
11 :AM	Jeopardy News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	Cowgirl Dr. Wil	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	First Take	Life Focused	Chicago Fire	The First 48	Dual Survival	
12 :PM	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	Pasión de gavilanes	Days of our Lives	The Molly On the Hero		Dateline	Hot Hot	Friends Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter		World Poker	Chicago Fire	The First 48	Dual Survival	
1 :PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con Blast	Blast	Heritage Church	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Relative Relative	Friends Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	This Just In	SportsCenter	World Poker	Premier League Live	The First 48	Dual Survival	
2 :PM	Rachael Ray		Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	En casa con Ellen DeGeneres	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink Elinor	Monk	Jerry Jerry	Friends Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	NBA Today	This Just In	Sports Golf Life	Premier League Soccer	The First 48	Blind Frog Ranch	
3 :PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce Divorce	Friends Friends	Movie: Hancock, Jason Bateman	NFL Live	Jalen Football	High School Football		Cold Case Files	Gold Rush	
4 :PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Cowboy Israel	Almas Xavier	25 Words 25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Wipeout (DVS)	Around Pardon	Max			Goal Last Man	Cold Case Files	Gold Rush	
5 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Tele	News	Creation	Molly Hero	King	Nick Cannon	American American	Movie: Get Hard (DVS)	SportsCenter	To Be Announced	Champ Spotlight	Chicago Fire	Cold Case Files	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt	
6 :PM	News	¿Qué le pasa a	Sheldon	CBS 7	Minuto para ganar	News	M-25	Xavier Bible	Last Man	Fam. Guy	American	NBA	Football	Award Show	Chicago Fire	Cold Case Files	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt		
7 :PM	Shark Tank	Rosa de Guadalupe	WWE Friday Night SmackDown	Undercover Boss	Hercai: amor y venganza (SS)	That's My Jam	MMTV Gr8	Xavier Xavier	Chicago P.D.	Penn & Teller	Movie: Daddy Day Care, Steve Zahn	Movie: Central Intelligence (DVS)	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Philadelphia 76ers.	College Basketball	FCS Football	Chicago Fire	Cold Case Files	Gold Rush	
8 :PM	(:01) 20/20	Vencer el pasado	Madre	FOX 24 News at 9	Blue Bloods	Malverde: el santo	Light of Southwest	Arthur Arthur	Chicago P.D.	Nancy Drew		Movie: Johnson Family Vacation	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Grizzlies	Women's College Gymnastics	Mavs Pre.	Chicago Fire	Cold Case Files	Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch	
9 :PM							Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike Mike	News Gold	Movie: Johnson Family Vacation	Movie: Central Intelligence (DVS)	SportsCenter	SportCtr	Mavs	Chicago Fire	(:01) Cold Case Files	Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch	
10 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Noticias	News	News	Pink Elinor	Friends Burgers	Burgers		Movie: Happy Gilmore, Julie Bowen	(:35) SportsCenter	Pardon	UFC Live	Chicago Fire	Cold Case Files	Gold	
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	Late Show- Colbert	Parientes a la fuerza	Seth Meyers	Words of Heritage	Donkey Tiger	CBS 7	black-ish	Full	Movie: About Last Night, Regina Hall	(:45) Movie: Just Wright, Paula Patton	Movie: Billy Madison	NBA Basketball: Celtics at 76ers	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Grizzlies	Dateline	(:04) Cold Case Files	Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch
12 :AM	Extra	Las tontas no van	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Sin Senos Si	News	Heritage	Xavier Elinor	Forensic	Liquidator Gold	Creek Creek	Movie: (35) SportsCenter	(:35) SportsCenter	SportCtr	Mavs	Chicago Fire	Cold Case Files	Gold	
1 :AM	Brain Fog Home	¿Qué le pasa a	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Minute	Paint Like	LegalHelp	NCIS: New Orleans	NBA Basketball	SportsCenter	Epic Relief	Dateline	Paid Prg.	Gold Rush: The Dirt	
2 :AM	Emeril's Outages	P. Luche	Seinfeld	Paid Prg.	Película: Papito Querido (SS)	Blast	Minute	Shepherd's Heart	Xavier	Xavier	Accident?								
3 :AM	Lose	El gordo y la flaca	SVU	Paid Prg.	Noticias	Weather	Church	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Eye	Matters								
4 :AM	Outages	Nosotr.	FamFeud	Paid Prg.	Programa	Gone Viral	Zion	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Dr. Ho's	Matters	NCIS: New Orleans	NBA Basketball	SportsCenter	Epic Relief	Dateline	Oxygen Figure 8	Gold Rush: D. Turin	



By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You deal and bid One Diamond. Partner responds Three Diamonds (forcing).

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- 1. ♠ K105 ♥ KQ7 ♦ AK7652 ♠ 8
- 2. ♠ Q4 ♥ K3 ♦ KQ753 ♠ AQJ8
- 3. ♠ J6 ♥ K94 ♦ AJ95 ♠ KQ72
- 4. ♠ 82 ♥ AK6 ♦ KQ874 ♠ J63

1. Four notrump. Partner's jump indicates excellent diamond support and 13 to 16 points (Including distribution), raising the question not only of whether there's a small slam, but whether you might even make a grand slam.

Accordingly, you invoke Black-wood, asking for aces. If partner bids five diamonds, indicating one ace, you will of course pass. If partner responds five hearts (two aces), you will bid six diamonds. If he responds five spades (three aces), you will next bid five notrump, asking for kings. If partner responds six diamonds, indicating one king (which must be the king of clubs), you will bid seven diamonds because you can count 13 tricks. Finally, if partner bids six clubs (no kings), you should stop in six diamonds as you cannot account for what you will do with your potential spade loser.

2. Four clubs. If you had a minimum opening bid, you'd normally bid three notrump or four dia-

monds to show your limited resources. But this hand is not a minimum — you have 17 high-card points — and you can portray these extra values by bidding four clubs to show interest in a slam and first-round control of clubs. You then leave the rest to partner. He may carry on to slam or choose to stop at game as he sees fit.

3. Three notrump. This is not a pleasant bid to make, considering your spade holding, but there is no better call available. In view of your flat distribution, an 11-trick game in diamonds is far less attractive than a nine-trick notrump game.

Partner doesn't really expect you to have all three side suits completely buttoned up when you bid three notrump, so he can decide to overrule you by returning to diamonds if his values are unsuitable for notrump.

4. Three hearts. Here, too, the best chance for game lies in notrump, but you can't reasonably bid three notrump with two suits unguarded. You therefore bid three hearts, hoping that partner, with spade and club strength, will be able to bid three notrump.

Three hearts does not, in and of itself, profess interest in a slam. It can be interpreted as either a probing bid for game in notrump — which is the intention here — or as an initial step toward slam.

Tomorrow: Choosing a line of play.
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Dear Annie: My dad is full of interesting stories. And he's getting older; he'll be 70 soon. Though he's in great health, I know that my time is running out with him. And I want to preserve his stories so that they don't die with him. Do you have any advice on how to go about this? -- Mulling Over Memoir

Dear Mulling Over Memoir: It is terrific that you're thinking of this. What a gift it would be to your father,

yourself and future generations of your family to preserve these stories. On top of that, the process of gathering this information will bring you and your dad closer than ever before.

Try to set aside one afternoon a month to conduct "life interviews" with your dad, accompanying him on a stroll down memory lane. Record the conversations using your smartphone or a recorder. If you're not sure where to start, the website https://legacyproject.org has a helpful list of questions.

Dear Annie: As a therapist specializing in eating disorders, I

applaud your telling "Supportive Sibling" to talk with her sister who has an eating disorder before holiday dinners and to devise a safe word to use in conversations if the sister becomes uncomfortable. I would add that "Supportive Sibling" should ask her sister what would help her rather than guess and should urge her to find a therapist to help her overcome her problems. Most people with eating disorders cannot and do not resolve them without therapeutic help, as this is a biopsychosocial problem.

Additionally, "Supportive Sibling" should advise everyone in

the family that no one should be telling any adult how or what to eat or what to weigh. Though often well-intended, these remarks are counterproductive and must be banned during the holidays and year-round. -- Karen, LCSW

Dear Karen: I'm printing your letter for the benefit of "Supportive Sibling," as well as the friends and family of any of the 30 million people in the United States who have eating disorders. Thank you for sharing your expertise.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Words Fail a Writer

Dear Annie: I am a published author and have been struggling to write my next book. I've written a handful of adult-oriented fictional books. My most recent published book came out almost five years ago. I've tried several times to start the next book, but I haven't been able to get any thoughts together or gather any momentum in the writing process.

I never previously experienced any writer's block, so this five-year period is challenging. My frustration has also compounded during this period, and I've walked away several

times for extended periods of time. Any advice from one writer to another? -- Writer's Blocked

Dear Writer's Blocked: Writing about your own block is a great way to get the creative juices flowing again. Start every day by writing a stream of consciousness. Don't focus on specific time requirements or topics. Just write creatively. Don't go back and read your writings immediately. Let what you've written age a bit, and start the next day anew. Speak with your spouse, a close friend or your therapist about the meaning behind these writings.

Something to think about...

By RICHARD SCHNEBERGER
Special to the Herald

I remember reading a news report some time ago about a new kind of vegetarian. Christy Pug, age 28, captured the heart of the report when she said, "I usually eat vegetarian. But I really like bacon." Who can blame her? She represents a growing number of people who refer to themselves as Flexetarians. Most of the time they will refuse to eat meat, but once in a while they will make an exception. Christy explains it this way, "I really like vegetarian food, but I'm not 100 percent committed."

Flexetarian is a good example of how many view their commitments today. People are committed until it becomes inconvenient and uncomfortable. When the special is Filet Mignon then our commitments can be adjusted. Unfortunately, that is the way many "Christians" approach their commitment to Jesus. "I want to follow Jesus but I won't do that! Don't ask me to forgive that person. Don't tell me what to do with my money. I worked hard for that. That part of my life is none of your business. I can't help my desires." We wear the name "Christian" and then we pick and choose the teachings of Jesus that we're going to follow, as if Scripture were a buffet where you just take what looks good to you.

I'm convinced the Lord doesn't want a half-hearted commitment, half-hearted worship, half-hearted devotion, or half-hearted obedience. He wants our whole heart. God wants a people who passionately pursue Him! That is what Jesus meant when he said that the greatest commandment was to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength!

That kind of complete commitment will result

in a life of simple, loving obedience. As the spiritual writer, George MacDonald once said: "Instead of asking yourself whether you believe or not, ask yourself whether you have this day done one thing because he said, "Do it", or once abstained because he said, "Do not do it." It is simply absurd to say you believe, or even want to believe in him, if you do not do anything he tells you. If you can think of nothing he ever said as having an atom of influence on your doing or not doing, you have too good ground to consider yourself no disciple of his.

But you can begin at once to be a disciple of the Living One – by obeying him."

Jesus said it clearly in John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commands." Wholehearted commitment, complete trust, and genuine love will inevitably result in simple obedience. May we discover the peace and power of living all in with Jesus!

Completely Forgiven

By TOM SLOAN
Special to the Herald

"I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." Isaiah 43:25

Some may read this verse and say that God forgets our sins. But that's not what it says. If God forgot our sins, this would mean that He might have had a lapse in His memory. What would happen if, all of a sudden, His memory was restored, and He remembered our sins? We would be in a whole lot of trouble. Isaiah 43:25 says that God will not remember our sins. Forgetting our sins is negative, but not remembering them is positive. Forgetting might be unintentional. But not remembering always takes effort. If God forgot our sins, this would mean that He didn't do anything about them. But the fact that He remembers them no more means that He had to do a great work of grace for us.

Forgetting our sins doesn't involve any work on God's part. But remembering them no more means that God sent His Son, Jesus, to start and complete a perfect work by His death on the cross for our sins.

If God forgot our sins, this means that we would be left to our own devices, and that there would be no one to protect us from condemnation. But God has not left us alone, to suffer the horrendous consequences and storms of our sins. By choosing to not remember our sins, God has set up an eternal defense system by which we are protected and shielded from the negative consequences of our sins. This defense system is a Person, and His name is Jesus, and according to Hebrews 7:25, He ever lives at the right hand of the Father to make intercession for us. This means that we are completely, eternally and unconditionally forgiven by grace through faith in His Name, without the deeds of the Law.

Pope moves to reorganize Vatican doctrine office

By NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

ROME — Pope Francis took the first step Monday to reorganize the Vatican's powerful doctrine office, removing the No. 2 official widely believed responsible for a controversial document barring blessings for same-sex couples because God "cannot bless sin."

Francis named Archbishop Giacomo Morandi, currently the secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, bishop of the Italian diocese of Reggio Emilia-Guastalla. The move amounts to a demotion since Morandi currently has the title of archbishop, yet is heading to a

small diocese, not an archdiocese.

The Vatican said Morandi would nevertheless retain the title of archbishop "ad personam."

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, or CDF, is one of the most important Vatican offices, interpreting doctrine for the universal Catholic Church, sanctioning dissenters and handling cases of clergy sexual abuse of minors. Morandi joined the CDF as an under-secretary in 2015 and was promoted to secretary, or the No. 2, in 2017.

He was widely seen as being behind the March 2021 document that outraged the gay community, which Francis has made pains to welcome into

the church fold.

The document declared that the Catholic Church won't bless same-sex unions because God "cannot bless sin." The document said Francis had been informed of the document and "gave his assent" to its publication, but Francis was apparently taken by surprise by its impact.

Francis has since made several gestures of outreach to the gay Catholic community and their advocates, including a recent letter congratulating an American nun once sanctioned by the CDF, Sister Jeannine Gramick, on her 50 years of LGBTQ ministry.



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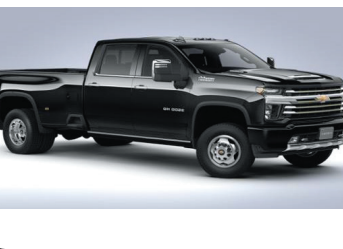


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