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## Weather



**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 18. Wind chill values as low as 9. North west 5 to 15 mph becoming west after midnight.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 58. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 33.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 69.

*Source: weather.gov*

## CHS Radium cast earns awards, spot at Area

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

In the early part of the 20th Century, a substance was discovered which could be mixed into paint to make that paint glow in the dark. Not just for a little while after exposure to light, like today's glow-in-the-dark paint, but continuously, and brightly. The substance, called radium, has a deadly downside, however: It's radioactive.

Among the worst hit by the effects of radium were factory workers who painted the substance on wristwatches to make them glow in the dark, the so-called "Radium Girls." They're the subject of the play *Radium Girls* by D.W. Gregory that Coahoma High School took to the UIL One-Act Play contest, where the cast and crew earned several awards:

- Best Performer: Emajin Daamgard.
- All-Star Cast: Ollie Davidson, Ashlyn Hipp, Savannah Cantu.
- Honorable Mention: Jaden Herrera, Netalie Robert.
- Best Crew: Alexis Brock

roles, include: Ollie Davidson as Arthur Roeder; Kiera Davis as Harriet/Customer; Ashlyn Hipp as Grace Fryer; Savannah Cantu as Kathryn Schaub/Shopgirl; Krys Lopez as Irene Rudolph/Reporter; Ethan Yager as C.B. "Charlie" Lee/Dr. Frederick Flinn/Court Judge; Nick Tuttle as Raymond Berry/Lehman/Male Shopper; Netalie Roberts as Katharine Wiley; Sylas Privett as Dr. Von Sochoky/Store Owner/Edward Markley; Emajin Damgaard as Mrs. Alma MacNeil/Mrs. Roeder/Mrs. Fryer; Jaden Herrera as Tom Kreider/Dr. Joseph Knep; Nyssa Tran as Clerk/Sob Sister; and Marianna Glover as Photographer.

Members of the crew included Lexus Lozano, Stage Manager; Alexis Brock, lights; Ashton Wooldridge, sound; Emalyn Olivvas and Natalie Rodriguez.

The play, directed by Gina Orocco, was also selected to move on to the Area competition, to be held either



*Courtesy photo*

Coahoma High School's cast and crew of the One-Act Play *Radium Girls* by D.W. Gregory earned many accolades in the contest Wednesday at Stanton High School, advancing to the next level of competition

March 23 or 24 in Clyde, Texas. Congratulations, Bulldog Theatre!

## Today in History

On March 11:  
**1963:** US Defense Secretary Robert MaNamara orders the adoption by the US military of the M16 assault rifle, originally designed as the AR-15 by Eugene Stoner.  
**2020:** COVID-19 declared a pandemic by the head of the World Health Organization, with 121,564 cases worldwide and 4,373 deaths.

## School board honors statebound Skills USA students



*HERALD photos/Roger Cline*

The Big Spring ISD school board recognized Skills USA competitors who will advance to the state competition in (from left) Forensics, Welding, Automotive and Construction skills. Congratulations, Steers!

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

At its meeting Thursday evening, the Big Spring ISD board of trustees recognized the accomplishments of some of the district's most talented students, welcomed some new hires and said "Farewell" to some who are retiring or moving to other districts.

The meeting started with a prayer, followed by Pledges

to the United States and Texas flags, led by students from Goliad Elementary and Big Spring Intermediate School.

After the pledges, the school board recognized student participants in Skills USA Forensic Science, Welding, Automotive and Construction who qualified for state competition. While not all the students were able to attend the school board meeting, those recognized included:

- Forensic Science (Meghan Whitford, sponsor): Michael Bishop, Aleyda Chaires Vidal, Breanna Escovedo, Karl Karabanoff, Hope Lopez, Michael Martinez, Jordan Mitchell, Julianna Nava-Willborn and Kyle Warren;
- Welding (Dennis Woody, sponsor): Joshua Middleton, Michael Martinez, Bella Marquez, Mercedes Cantu, Kate Hunter, Jesse Smith, David Gonzalez and Maryjane Her-

- rera;
- Automotive (Steven Robles, sponsor): Leane De La Torre, Aloni Mendez, Zoie Robles, Justin Galaviz, Alexander James, Rhalei Eddington, Arturo Ortiz, Noel Sorola, Maximilian Deleon, Jeremiah Austin, Joshua Dominguez and Connor Crisp;
- Construction (Joseph Saiz, sponsor): Pablito Dehoyas,

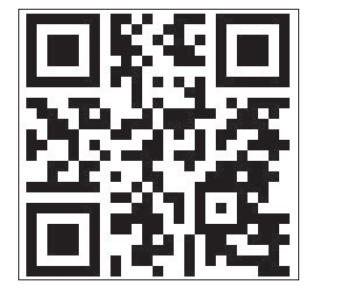
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## Daily Quotes

- "I think a newspaper should be provocative, stir 'em up, but you can't do that on television. It's just not on."  
 —**Rupert Murdoch**
- "I like to use the audience as my color palette, my instrument."  
 —**Bobby McFerrin**
- "One of the most important things you learn from the Internet is that there is no 'them' out there. It's just an awful lot of 'us.'"  
 —**Douglas Adams**

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## Deaths over 2021 Spring Break show true consequences of driving drunk

Special to the Herald

Stories behind the data show the true consequences of driving drunk over spring break. That's why the Texas Department of Transportation is using its Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign to share with college students the real-life experiences of people affected by drunk driving crashes across Texas.

One person in Texas dies every eight hours and 31 minutes in a DUI-alcohol related traffic crash. Last year, 1,029 people in Texas were killed and 2,522 seriously injured because someone chose to get behind the wheel while impaired. Over last year's spring break, Texas saw 872 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes. These crashes resulted in 30 fatalities and 107 serious injuries.

"These are disturbing numbers, especially as all of these crashes are preventable," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Whether it's transit, rideshare companies or a designated sober friend, there are several options for students to find a sober ride. We're



hoping these real-life stories show students that deadly consequences can and do happen every year during spring break."

Drinking and driving is 100 percent preventable, and can have serious physical, emotional and financial consequences that can last for years. Not only can a DWI hurt or kill someone, devastating the lives of victims and survivors forever, it can be expensive and cause significant legal hassles. It can also make it difficult to find or keep a job and can bring a lifetime of regret.

In 2021, there were 9,338 traffic crashes in the Odessa District, resulting in 144 fatalities and 347 serious injuries. There were 662 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in 37 fatalities and 78 serious injuries. During the 2021 Spring Break holiday time period, there were 32 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in three fatalities and eight serious injuries.

In the city of Odessa in 2021, there were 2,606 traffic crashes, resulting in 15 fatalities and 51 serious injuries. Of those, 173 were DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in 11 fatalities and 19 serious injuries. During the 2021 Spring Break holiday time period, there were 12 DUI-alcohol related traffic crash, resulting in one serious injury.

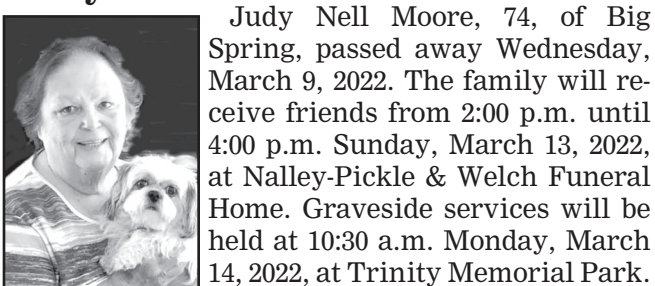
In the city of Midland in 2021, there were 2,644 traffic crashes, resulting in 21 fatalities and 66 serious injuries. Of those, 163 were DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in four fatalities and 18 serious injuries. During the 2021

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## Obituaries

### Judy Nell Moore

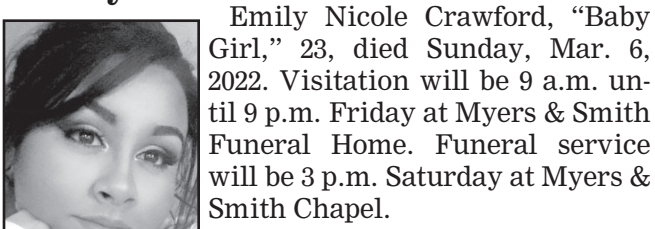


Judy Nell Moore, 74, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2022. The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 2022, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2022, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Judy was born July 21, 1947, in Big Spring, Texas, to Ruby Pugh Moore and Lloyd Moore. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1966. She worked for several long-term jobs, including Whataburger and Walls Industries. She retired from Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. She loved her dogs, especially Gracie. Her most rewarding job was being a caregiver to her parents.

Judy is survived by one brother: Autry Moore

### Emily Nicole Crawford



Emily Nicole Crawford, "Baby Girl," 23, died Sunday, Mar. 6, 2022. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Emily was born on Sep. 24, 1998, in Odessa, TX, to Aunray & Melissa Crawford. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

Emily loved to lift people's spirits by doing their makeup, giving them paintings, & mixing up a special drink. Her sweet spirit was loved by everyone she ever met. Most of all, she loved her family and friends who she considered

and wife Martha; her nieces and nephews: Debbie Prise and husband Steve, April Freeman and husband Buck, Jimmy McChristian and Marian, Jeff McChristian, Jason McChristian, and wife Monic, Justin McChristian and wife Suzanne, Johauna Lege and husband Donald, Tianna Beck and husband Bobby, Tylan Moore and wife Nicki, Kasi Walker and husband Doby, Molly Rupard and husband Robby and Lance Moore and wife Tracy along with numerous great and great-great nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also survived by her dog Gracie and Terry Lynch and wife Deann, who were like family to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers: Alvin Moore and wife Marilyn, Bill Moore and wife Joyce, and a sister Hauna McChristian and husband, Howard.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

her family.

Emily is survived by her mother: Melissa Crawford; 2 brothers: Aunray Crawford, Jr. & Aaron Crawford; 1 sister: Kiana Ramsey; fiancé: Jon Ramos; nephew: Atreyu Crawford; grandmother: Precilla Domino; 4 aunts: Nicole Newton (Bobby) & their three children, Desiree Yanez (Ed), Alesha Fisher (Johnny) & their three children, & Mary Martinez (David Rivera).

Emily was preceded in death by her daddy: Aunray Crawford, Sr., great-grandma: Josephine Saiz, grandfather: Adam Yanez, uncle: Felipe Saiz, aunt: Valerie Hernandez & cousin: Ethan Saiz.

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

Paid Obituary

### Cindy Fritzler



Cindy Fritzler passed on March 6, 2022 with her family by her side in a local hospital in Oklahoma City, Ok.

She was born June 1, 1955 in Big Spring, TX to Robert and Tina Reagan. Her father was a WWII veteran and worked in maintenance until retirement. Her mother was a talented artist and homemaker with a love of nature that she shared with Cindy. She lived in Big Spring her whole life before moving to Oklahoma in 2010.

Cindy was deeply devoted to her family from an early age and loved doing for those she cared for. She attended Big Spring High School and Howard College for computer arts.

She was a unwavering and devoted mother, daughter, and wife. Her greatest joys were centered around home, hearth and family. She enjoyed vacations surrounded with loved ones and planned get togethers full of laughter, conversation and mutual love.

Her interests included family, gardening, time with her beloved pets and experiencing new places and cuisines. She devoted much of her time and energy to caregiving to family members, including her mother until she passed on at the age of 80.

Cindy is survived by her spouse, David Fritzler; 4 children, Traci Prather-Lambert, Robert Bruce Prather, Sean David William Fritzler and Allison Brooke Fritzler; 2 grandchildren Miranda Noelle Altom and Jonathan Curtis Lambert, all of Oklahoma; and sister, Valerie Dawn McCutchan of Big Spring, TX.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Reagan; mother, Tina Reagan-Marcum; and brother, Robert Douglas Reagan.

### Tom Guzman

Tom Guzman, 62, died Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### 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.

- 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.

### 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 325-212-860

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

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1000 block of E 6th St. No transport was required.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1600 block of E 6th St. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of FM 700 and Wasson Rd. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Police blotter

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 96 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ALLEN DAVID GILBERT**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation.

- **TANYA JENKINS**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance.

- **DANIEL MONDIER**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

- **JULIO RAFAEL PACAS**, 45, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of kidnapping.

- **LISCO COLLIN RANDALL**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury.

- **DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than 1g.

- **NATHAN PRESCOTT RICHARDSON**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

- **CRESENCIA RIOS**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of accident involving damage.

- **RONNIE RIVERA SR**, 42, was arrested by DPS on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear x2, wrong, altered obscured registration, wrong altered obscured license plate, expired registration, fail to maintain financial responsibility.

- **JOSHUA B VALENZUELA**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **LOUIS EUGENE VELA JR**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury, aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

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# BSISD

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Nathen Sanchez, Kadya Kitchens, Moises Valles, Junis Salgado and Jordan Balios.

Following the recognitions, the school board unanimously approved minutes of the Feb. 10 regular board meeting and the Feb. 17 special board meeting, as well as the district's financial reports.

The first portion of the meeting's action agenda dealt with the upcoming May 7 election. Candidates for District 5 (Trent-Allan Trinidad) and District 7 (incumbent Fabian Serrano) are running unopposed. District 5 incumbent, Chad Wash, has decided not to run again in the upcoming election. During Thursday's meeting, board members certified Trinidad and Serrano as duly elected, and voted unanimously to cancel the elections for those districts.

Although the incumbent in District 6 – Amy Baeza – has chosen not to run for re-election, two other candidates have filed to run for the seat. They are Bryan Stokes and Krystal Borggren. At Thursday's meeting, board members ordered the official posting of the Notice of Election for the contested race.

In other business, the board approved budget amendments for improvements at the Big Spring

High School Auditorium, including setting aside \$40,000 for electrical work, \$155,000 for a state-of-the-art sound system, and \$80,000 for lighting improvements for the facility.

The board also approved the selection of El Paso-based MNK Architects to oversee projects throughout the district, including ionization, electrical and heating and air conditioning (HVAC) work. According to the district's Director of Business Services Melissa Tarbet, the projects will cost an estimated \$4 million to \$4.5 million, and will be paid for using federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III funds, distributed to ease the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on school districts.

The board also approved hires of three new teachers: Rachael Stanley, a certified elementary school teacher; Mason Lane, a master's degree holder, who will be placed at Big Spring High School; and Terrye Smith, who is returning to the High School to teach English. She is a former Fashion Design teacher at the high school, and is certified to teach English.

During his regular report at the end of the meeting, Superintendent Jay McWilliams announced several resignations and retirements, including Randal Clark, a teacher at the high school; dyslexia specialist Kristen Etheridge; Kentwood Early

Childhood Center Principal Jennifer Chesworth; Goliad Principal Rosie Lain; and Assistant Superintendent of Academics and Assessment Dr. Raemi Thompson. Dr. Thompson has accepted a position as Superintendent of the Westbrook ISD.

"Somebody put it to me this way: I said 'I'm going from 4,000 students to 262 students.' He said: 'You're also going from 262 hats to to 4,000.' I'm a Sands graduate. I graduated one of 20 in my whole class. So I feel a little bit like I'm going home, although Big Spring's my home," Thompson said. "I've never worked in a school that small...I've always worked in 4A or higher. But I've got family out there, and everybody I've talked to knows somebody from there. They'll say, 'Oh, I know so and so from there.' So I'm making connections as I go. So they've been very, very welcoming, and I've learned that our communities are already very intertwined. The graduates from Westbrook are going to impact Howard County as well. Lots of people, lots of families, drive here to work, or they drive to Colorado City to work, and we're in the business of educating kids. It's not a competition. We're all on the same team. I'm grateful to Big Spring ISD and I'm grateful for this community. I think we've done some great work here. It's home. But I'm excited to learn and to impact this new community, and to do some great things."

# TXDOT

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Spring Break holiday time period, there were seven DUI-alcohol related traffic crash, resulting in one fatality and four serious injuries.

Throughout March, TxDOT's Drive

Sober. No Regrets. campaign will conduct outreach events at key spring break designations that are popular among college students. These events will include a video exhibit featuring powerful testimonials of Texans who deal with the daily consequences of drunk driving, either as offenders or survivors. These humanizing stories

and drunk driving facts can be found at SoberRides.org.

The Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel such as wearing a seat belt, driving the

speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

## Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. The final show of the season will be the Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to [www.bigspringsymphony.org](http://www.bigspringsymphony.org).

• 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>. This month's distribution will be held March 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• New Life senior/mature adult dances are held the third Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Music is Western swing style. Entry fee is \$5 and refreshments are provided. 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](http://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 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](mailto:Covid19@sprhs.org)

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 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.

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# Church News

## NazFamily Church

Each person we encounter today was created for an eternal purpose. If we allow this thought to shape our vision it should transform the way that we go about our daily lives. Who is the one God wants to share His message of reconciliation and love to through you today? What are you living for this week?

### Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time is this Sunday, March 13th. Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour on Saturday night so that you are not one hour behind on Sunday!

### This Sunday

Jesus invites us on a journey. "Come, Follow me." It is a simple invitation to go on an adventure with a beloved friend. The Christian life is about more than right belief. It is more than intellectual assent. It is an invitation to journey with Jesus. Join us this Sunday as we continue discovering Discipleship as a Journey of Grace.

### Kineo Night

During Spring Break, we will be joining The Bridge for their Kineo Night outreach on Wednesday, March 16th @ 6:00pm near the KidZone at Comanche Trail Park. There will be games, food, bounce house, and a family devotional. Join us for all the fun and spread the word!

### Community Egg Hunt

It is that time of year! We are preparing for our annual community egg hunt that will be at New Hope on Wednesday, April 13th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Everyone is invited to join us!

*Blessings ~ Pastor Richard*

## College Baptist Church

We welcome you as old and new members through Jesus Christ in salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. Join us as we study about the crucifixion and the victorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our soon coming Saviour 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 during this season, serving our Lord. Services for March 13, 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 as we gather—it is always exciting to welcome new faces. Our services are lively and worshipful.

Come to youth meetings to find out about our great love for the youth of our community.

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

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 & Wednesday's (onsite & online) @7PM.

You can find us live online at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Please join us this week at one of the following events:

**Friday, March 11th-** All Youth! Chosen Generation's Youth Fire Night is THIS Friday, March 11th from 6PM- 11PM in the Youth Sanctuary! Our Theme: City 2 City. Come hungry, bring a friend and enjoy fun, laughter & the Word together.

**Sunday, March 13th, 2022-** What would happen if you began to purposefully and intentionally "LOVE YOUR CITY" with the love of God. Check out our brand new series starting Sunday, March 13th at 9:30AM & 11:00AM. #CCCFam #loveyourcity #worldchangers

**Wednesday, March 16th-** Jesus command to His followers was very clear; "Go, and make dis-

ciples..." (Matthew 28:19). This is one of the most overlooked and forgotten biblical mandates given in all of scripture issued to His Church.

Our desire is share biblical, yet systematic training in the areas of Discipleship.

**Join us this Wednesday's | 7:00PM for RE-PRO-DUCE : Discipleship Training Course. Come join us for worship and a time of Kingdom equipping.**

### SUGGESTED ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE COURSE:

- 1). Bible
- 2). Pen
- 3). Highlighters
- 4). Binder (one inch will work)

**Starting Tuesday, March 22nd-** Mark your calendars for: Marriage Enrichment meeting @ 6:30PM in the ARC for our Ice breaker gathering. Marriage Enrichment is a 10week 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: (1). Call CCC 432-264-0015 (2). CCC Text 432-218-2610 then text Marriage Enrichment (3). www.cccbigspring.org (4). Sign up onsite @ kiosk.

**Friday, March 25th-** Complete Singles- Will meet from 6PM-7:30PM in the ARC for a 8 week course studying " Living In The Light" Here is how you can sign up: (1). Call CCC 432-264-0015 (2). CCC Text 432-218-2610 then text Complete Singles (3). www.cccbigspring.org (4). Sign up onsite @ kiosk.

**Sunday, March 27th-** Chosen Generation's Youth Sunday from 5:00PM-6:30PM in the Youth Sanctuary! Enjoy fellowship, snacks and the word together. #ChosenGeneration #CCC

**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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*-Pastor Michael Willard*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BIG SPRING

First Presbyterian is journeying through Lent on Sunday mornings and in our various digital spiritual resources. For the Lenten season, our prayer podcast will be a six day per week time of scripture and meditative reflection using The Ignatian Workout For Lent by Tim Muldoon. The podcast can be found wherever you get podcasts and also on our Facebook page and website.

Worship services March 13th will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 27:1-6, 13-14; Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Is A Promise Enough? Organist/music director Gabe Martinez provides music for the service. We will be celebrating Holy Communion.

Sunday School begins at 9:45. Rev. Cross teaches the Children's Class. Tom Koger leads the Youth Class. The Discovery Class has is starting a new 6 week DVD study by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel. It's a journey through the Holy Land on the ancient paths and listening to fascinating and eye-opening insights from experts trained in the messianic rabbinical way. Bethlehem. Nazareth. Capernaum. The Mount of Olives. Jerusalem. It's all there. Vicki Miller and Helen Glass are leading the study.

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

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)

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thirty or more years ago, I made a decision to get up early, often before sunrise, to spend time alone with God.

Of course, there have been days I could not do this: illness, an early morning flight, children and grandchildren up before dawn requiring care. But most days, I have protected this time. I don't always feel God's presence in these moments. There are days when I feel I am all alone, reading Scripture, meditating and praying, as if God isn't around. There are other times He seems to whisper in my ear. During the dry times I find it necessary to persevere, not to give up. He will make His presence known in due time, and it is not all about how I feel at the moment. Sometimes I might be like Nathanael who had no idea Jesus was watching when he sat beneath the fig tree, (John 1:48).

Jesus was well known for this habit. "And in the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and prayed, (Mark 1:35). At first, his disciples could not understand it. They went in search of Him. (Mark 1:36).

The Psalms emphasize the importance of this early morning hour: "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days," (Psalm 90:14). "I will awaken the dawn! I will give thanks to You, Lord, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to You among the nations. 4 For Your mercy is great above the heavens, and Your truth reaches to the skies," (Psalm 108:2-4).

C.S. Lewis wrote, "The real problem of the Christian life comes where people usually do not look for it. It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in."

**Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His book, Upon This Rock is FREE on Amazon March 8-12. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.**

By Bill Tinsley

Special to the Herald

## At the Start of Day

A friend recently asked me what discipline I found most helpful to live a productive life. It caused me to think. My schedule is not rigidly regimented and never has been. I have always had to make choices about how I would spend my time. But, as I reflected, it seemed clear to me that there is one discipline that has made more difference than any other: rising early for meditation, prayer and devotion.

How we start the day has a lot to do with how we live it and how we end it. In fact, the way we start each day may change the entire trajectory of our life.

This was not always true for me. In my youth I tended to jump out of bed and rush off to some pressing business or activity without taking time to be quiet, to find a focus on God, to memorize and ponder Scripture and to pray. But at some point,

By Dr. Lillian Bohannon

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As I was growing up, many times my mother would send a warning of her impending discipline. She would warn us three or four times. I knew on the fourth or fifth time we had worn out her grace. We would then get a spanking from daddy, or time out, or grounded to remind us not to do "it" again.

Daddy wouldn't give us an inch until after his discipline was meted out in the form of a spanking or grounding. Then his grace would be extended to us in the form of relenting. One such incident was when I at fifteen was gone without permission to ride home with a young man, and friend, and her boyfriend. The young man was far from nice and my daddy knew it. When he came looking for me, I was already home and in my pj's, headed for bed at 10:00. He came in and sat on the couch, arms crossed, seething. I walked in, and he said, "You are grounded for thirty days!" When I started to explain, he gritted his teeth and said again in a voice that meant it, "Thirty days!"

Since I was fifteen, I didn't ever argue with my Dad. His word was law. So I prepared myself to spend thirty days in solitary confinement. He did allow us to go to church

## Beyond Grace

during our grounding, but that was it.

Fifteen days later, he called me in and said, "Mother said this was not all your fault, and since you did tell your brother where you were going, you're off your grounding." I thanked him and was grateful for his grace extended. But never again did I get into a car with a boy except with his permission.

Isn't this just like our heavenly Father? We have a bad habit of getting ourselves into trouble not really realizing that's what we are doing, and all of a sudden God stops us with what we think is a calamity. We come to a grounding halt. We are grounded or disciplined, as it were, by a loving Heavenly Father. He loves us so much that He stops us in our tracks and shows us a better way of doing things.

When the Rapture happens and He calls us Home, that's His grace extended. He will show us what His grace is all about. He will show us His House and all the splendors of Heaven. I know His grace down here, but it will be worth all the earthly groundings and discipline when we finally make it Home for all eternity. I think by that time we will not ever know His rod of correction again. He will make us perfect as we enter those pearly gates.

## CHURCH

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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 World Heritage Sites 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](http://www.fpcbigspring.com) by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date.

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

## First Christian Church

**First Christian Church**  
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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God

2Corinthians 1:3-4

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If you are searching for a church home or just want to drop by for a visit.....we welcome the opportunity to have you join us. Sunday morning Social Time - pre-Worship Service - starts approximately 9:30 AM in the Sitting Room by the office. Donuts, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Hot Tea and Bottled Water.

**Worship Service starts @ 10:50 AM. Hope to see you there.**

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS Second Sunday in Lent  
March 13, 2022

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

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

The readings for this Sunday are Jeremiah 26:8-15, Phillippians 3: 17 - 4:1, and Luke 13: 31-35.

The psalm is Psalm 4.

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is continuing. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. We have begun a new bible study called "Witnesses for Christ". We will be talking about the 7 miracles in John. Please come and join us.

Be a witness to Christ this Lent, from Ash Wednesday through beautiful Easter morning. Journey through John's Gospel as he paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, your glorious Savior, John wrote his Gospel for you "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). LIFE!! Through this season of Lent, you too will see how believing in the resurrection brings you life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life. That's Gods gift to His children. Join us each Wednesday evening at 7:00 as we hear about "Witnesses To Christ: People From His Passion.

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.

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## First United Methodist

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Our Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 A.M. Traditions service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet and hymns. At 11 A.M., The Bridge service featuring contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 A.M. on radio station KBYG-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring and on YouTube at FUMC Big Spring at 9 A.M. and 11 A.M.

Pastor Ricky continued with his series, "Stewardship, It's a Matter of Trust". 2 Corinthians 9:6-12, says, "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. That word bountifully literally means "with blessings" it blesses both the giver and recipient. We must remember that God is able to meet all of our needs. In verse 10, that God even supplies seed to the sower and bread for food and multiplies the seeds we have sown. The God who gave us the seed in the first place is the One who meets our basic needs and multiplies the seed we sow. How great is our God? Because God is the owner we must be accountable to the owner and realize the owner has expectations of his stewards. We must consecrate ourselves, our possessions, time, and our gifts to the Lord. Our trust can be measured, "If we are faithful in a few things, God will give us more". Trust is not measured by what we are going to do; It's measured by what we are doing right NOW!

Can God trust us?

Come join us this next Sunday morning, we hope to see you at church.

**Join Us for Sunday, March 6, for evening activities**

5:00 P.M. Musical Explorers  
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**Join us on Wednesday, March 9, for evening activities**

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## Crestview Baptist Church

# Big Spring Steers baseball team wins both games they played in Thursday



Herald Photos/Dustin Pope

**Top Left:** Pablito DeHoyos slides into home plate to tie up the first game of the day for the Steers at four apiece against the New Deal Lions. **Top Right:** Freshman phenom Austen Raines hammers a pitch in game one; the Steers went on to defeat the New Deal Lions 5 to 4 when they scored the winning run in the last inning of play. **Bottom Left:** Ricky Escovedo swings at a pitch in game two on the day when the Steers took on the Slaton Tigers. **Bottom Right:** Gabriel Baeza throws a pitch against Slaton. Baeza pitched a gem of a game as he went 5.1 innings, only giving up one run and striking out seven to help lead the Steers to a 9 to 1 victory. With the two victories from yesterday, the Steers are now 9-3 on the season. The tournament play will continue this Saturday when the Steers will take on the Idalou Wildcats at Steer Park with an early game starting at 9 a.m. they finish up the tournament when they get to play at Momentum Bank Ballpark to take on the Shallowater Mustangs. The first pitch for the tournament finale is set for 6 p.m.

## Play ball! MLB players reach deal, salvage 162-game season

By RONALD BLUM  
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball's players and owners ended their most bitter money fight in a quarter-century Thursday when the players' association accepted management's offer to salvage a 162-game season that will start April 7.

The work stoppage ended at 7 p.m. sharp, closing an acrimonious 99-day lockout that delayed spring training and threatened to cancel regular-season games for the first time since 1995.

Training camps in Florida and Arizona will open Friday, with players mandated to report by Sunday. Opening day was pushed back just over a week from its March 31 date, but all that might be forgotten when the Yankees' Aaron Judge digs in against the rival Red Sox, or Shohei Ohtani eschews the new universal designated hitter and plays both ways for the Angels.

"I do want to start by apologizing to our fans," Commissioner Rob Manfred said, his voice quavering at times, later adding: "I hope that the players will see the effort we made to address their concerns in this agreement as an olive branch in terms of building a better relationship."

A frenzy of free-agency action was expected. A freeze on roster transactions was dissolved Thursday night, spurring a wave of speculation about new homes for Carlos Correa, Freddie Freeman and more than 100 other free agents who had been kept in lockout limbo.

The deal brings major changes that include expansion of the DH to the National League, increasing the postseason from 10 teams to 12, advertisements on uniforms, a balanced schedule that reduces intradivision play starting in 2023 and measures aimed to incentivize com-

petition and decrease rebuilding, such as an amateur draft lottery. Most of the labor fight, of course, centered on the game's core economics.

The players' executive board approved the five-year contract at about 3 p.m. in a 26-12 vote. Owners ratified the deal 30-0 just three hours later, and just like that, baseball's ninth work stoppage ended.

Not that all is resolved. Union head Tony Clark did not appear alongside Manfred and scheduled a separate news conference for Friday, a visible sign of the sport's factions.

"Our union endured the second-longest work stoppage in its history to achieve significant progress in key areas that will improve not just current players' rights and benefits, but those of generations to come," Clark said in a statement.

Manfred pledged "maybe to more regularly get to the bottom of player concerns so that they don't build up."

"I spoke to Tony after their ratification vote. I told him that I thought we had a great opportunity for the game in front of us," Manfred said. "One of the things that I'm supposed to do is promote a good relationship with our players. I've tried to do that. I think that I have not been successful in that. I think that it begins with small steps."

Players' pictures that had been scrubbed from the league's website were restored. Teams tweeted videos and statements celebrating the lockout's end and sharing info about tickets for the new opening day.

The 184 games canceled by Manfred were instead postponed, and the regular season was extended by three days to Oct. 5. Approximately three games per team will be made up as part of doubleheaders.

With pitchers Max Scherzer and Andrew Miller taking prominent roles as union spokesmen, players

let three management deadlines pass — Manfred called them "the art of collective bargaining" — before accepting an agreement before the fourth.

While the union's executive subcommittee voted 8-0 against the deal — all earned \$3.5 million or more last year — player representatives were in favor by 26-4.

"Time and economic leverage. No agreement comes together before those two things play out," Manfred said. "I think we made an agreement when it was possible to make an agreement."

After narrowing the economic gap this week, MLB made another offer Thursday afternoon, saying this was the absolute, final, last moment to preserve full salary and service time.

"The deal pushes the game forward," Yankees pitcher Gerrit Cole, a member of the union's executive subcommittee, said in a telephone interview with the AP. "It addresses a lot of the things that the players in the game should be focused on: the competitive integrity aspect of it."

The union especially wanted to boost pay of young players and encourage teams not to delay their debuts in order to push back free agency.

Under the new postseason format, two division winners from each league receive first-round byes and the remaining four teams play in a best-of-three wild card round.

The deal allows teams to have advertising on uniforms and helmets for the first time and established a fast-track MLB-dominated rules committee that could recommend a pitch clock and limits on defensive shifts starting in 2023. Tiebreaker games for playoff berths have been eliminated, replaced by mathematical formulas.

The luxury tax threshold rises from

\$210 million last year to \$230 million this season, the largest yearly increase since that restraint began in 2003. The threshold rises to \$244 million by 2026, a loosening for the biggest spenders such as the Yankees, Mets, Dodgers and Red Sox. The 3% annual growth is well over the 2.1% during the expired contract and the 1.2% in the 2011 deal.

Tax rates remain unchanged at the initial threshold, second and third thresholds. A new fourth threshold, aimed at billionaire New York Mets owner Steve Cohen, starts \$80 million above the first and has rates of 80% for the first offender, 90%, for the second and 110% for the third.

The minimum salary rises from \$570,500 to \$700,000 this year, a 22.7% rise that is the highest since 2003, with \$20,000 annual increases each season.

A new \$50 million bonus pool was established for players not yet eligible for arbitration, a way to boost salaries for young stars.

While the sides preserved a full regular season, the cost was rancor that cast both owners and players as money obsessed. Spring training was disrupted for the third straight year following two exhibition seasons altered by the coronavirus pandemic.

"People can go to the ballpark. That will help," Cole said. "Maybe some people will go to the ballpark to tell us know how they feel negatively. That's their right to do as well. I will say that nobody wants it to go this way. And some of the hurdles we've had to jump through over the last few weeks have not necessarily been ill will but just due process."

"It's just a very democratic process and some of these sorts of things take some time. But I think everybody is tremendously excited to get back and tremendous excited to get back in front of the fans."

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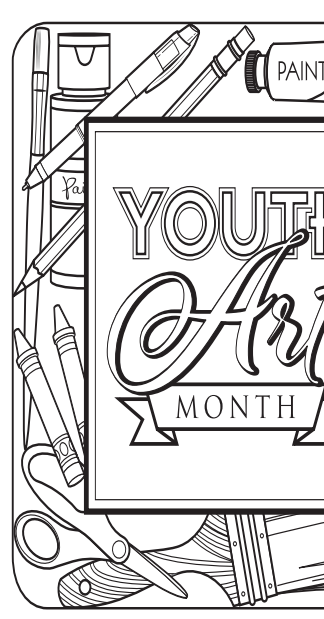
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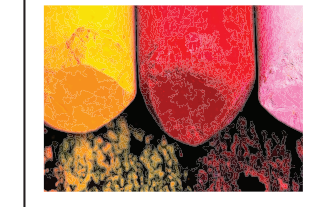
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Today is Friday, March 11, the 70th day of 2022. There are 295 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 11, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Lend-Lease Bill...

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## Horoscopes By Holiday

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### Mercury Humor Warning

In the early days of the word "sarcasm," the term referred to a bitter, harsh mockery. In its modern usage, sarcasm is softened by a touch of irony, humor or both. Still, communicating in this way comes with risks to be aware of, especially with today's climate of sensitivity. Avoid dry or ambiguous humor. Stick with warmth and authenticity.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The one you love can hurt you with so much as a look. Knowing this, you recognize the similar power you hold and will wield that power with gentle compassion.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Talent is everywhere and what you witness will get the wheels of your mind whirring. People are doing the unimaginable, though once you experience it, imagining certainly gets easier.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have many interests. Even if the people around you don't share the same passions as you, they appreciate your wide range. For your sake and theirs, keep on exploring!

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Some people listen; others just wait for the chance to talk again.

You're an attentive listener who deserves the same. Today it's better to just avoid the known offenders who can't or won't connect.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The day has a confessional quality, including admissions you'd rather not hear. As for your own information, you like to keep it on a need-to-know basis. Later you'll leverage all the mystery you've cultivated.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The potential for tedium is too high for your liking, so whatever you can do to keep things interesting is strongly favored. Elements of humor, mischief, creativity... even chaos... can help.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Saying "sorry" doesn't put things back the way they were before, but it can give the closure necessary to start again. Do they deserve your forgiveness? Debatable. Forgive anyway. You deserve the peace.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being around different styles will make you appreciate your own. It will also inspire you to change a few things. You're the best kind of impressionable right now.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The answer will involve putting people to work. This is more effective than any other way of starting a relationship. Through work, bonds are woven, loyalties forged.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People say it's not about the cards you're dealt, but how you play them -- not entirely true. Good cards win. Bad cards can win too, but only if you bluff. Today's game will be tricky; perform and prevail.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The secret to success is... there is no secret. It's the same thing everyone knows. Work and try. Improv. Try again. When your offer is what they need and want -- success!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone has a self-image and a public image. These two images will align in a curious way. Whatever you do, do it for you. Please yourself and don't look for validation from any other.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 11). You'll take part in a race. Many will drop out before the finish line, but not you. You'll eventually end up among the winners. Your tenacity will also net lucrative arrangements and gloriously beneficial relationships. Avoid attracting unwanted jealousy; remain low-key about your abundant blessings. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 19, 30 and 45.

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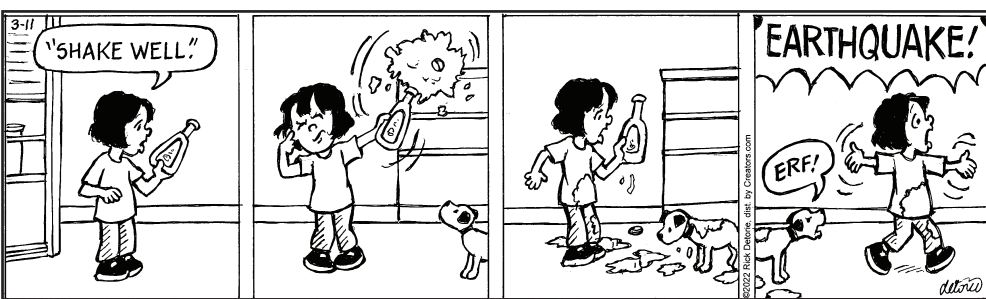
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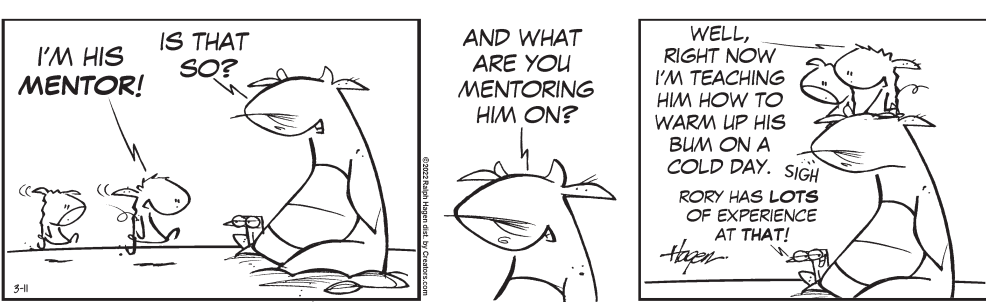
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## Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bartlett kin
  - 5 Concocted, as a tall tale
  - 9 Avaricious
  - 14 Horror film helper
  - 15 "Not so fast!"
  - 16 Fawn over
  - 17 Bookbinder's buy
  - 18 Alehouses
  - 19 Unwelcome weather
  - 20 Wives of marquises
  - 23 "Hello" or "Goodbye"
  - 24 Unleash
  - 27 Furniture artisans
  - 29 DC's Dupont or Grant
  - 31 Surveyor's calculation
  - 32 English racetrack town
  - 34 Computer mode
  - 35 Error-finding apps
  - 40 Cute little crosswords
  - 41 Bit of a zipper
  - 42 \_\_\_ *raison* (sensible: Fr.)
  - 43 SpaceX regulator
  - 44 Six-legged buzzer
  - 49 Electronic dance music genre
  - 51 Mouselike mammal
  - 52 Church's hemispherical roof
  - 57 Sushi bar eel
  - 59 Seeping slowly
  - 60 Apple voice

- 61 Flower fragment
  - 62 Classmates.com user
  - 63 Ceaselessly
  - 64 Carol septet
  - 65 The MTV Generation
  - 66 "Holder" of highlights
- DOWN**
- 1 Whopper alternative
  - 2 Certain Sioux
  - 3 Grow to dislike
  - 4 December display
  - 5 The US joined it in '41
  - 6 Lamentful comment
  - 7 American downhill Olympic champ (2010)
  - 8 No trouble at all
  - 9 In no longer
  - 10 Babbling
  - 11 Gets sprung
  - 12 Common B-school prerequisite
  - 13 Despite that
  - 21 Wings of Muslim palaces
  - 22 Kind of camera
  - 25 Unwelcome look
  - 26 Pup squeaks
  - 28 Cucumber buyer and mud maker
  - 29 Oreo ingredient
  - 30 Texter's preface
  - 33 *Chica, brevemente*
  - 34 Religious rift
  - 35 Common B-school prerequisite
  - 36 Paris' \_\_\_ *Gauche*
  - 37 Unconfirmed facts
  - 38 State said to resemble a mitten
  - 39 Truncation indication
  - 43 Dandy dresser
  - 45 One in a posse
  - 46 Attain prominence
  - 47 Judicial mandate
  - 48 Rotating rapidly
  - 50 On-hand group
  - 53 Prankster's project
  - 54 Portrayal
  - 55 Sky blue, to Richelieu
  - 56 Boxers' hangouts
  - 57 Boosts
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Level: Advanced

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## CROSSWORD

Today's Answers

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### Today's Answers

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9	6	2	4	7	5	8	1	3
7	1	7	8	9	2	6	5	4
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# God searches for those who drift away

By **BILLY HOLLAND**

Special to the Herald

No matter where we come from or how we have been taught, we are responsible for what we think, what we say, and how we act. As optimism and pessimism are learned behaviors, we know that our conduct and worldviews can be changed and controlled if this is our desire. Our spiritual understanding about who God is and who we are in Him must become more than a hope or a chance of fate. Having a personal relationship with Him is based on knowing that we have been purchased with the blood that Jesus shed on the cross and receiving His grace that transforms us.

Everyone is allowed to decide whatever they want to believe but this does not mean that God approves. When it comes to God's truth, there is our version and His perfection and the decisions we make reveal the type of person we are. We are responsible as to the level we choose to surrender our will to God. There is a legend that talks about an older member of a tribe that is teaching his grandson

about the meanings of life. He said, "There is a fight going on inside of me. It is a terrible conflict between a wolf and a sheep. The wolf is evil and is filled with darkness, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, depression, lies, and pride. The sheep demonstrates goodness and fairness and his light shines bright with joy, peace, love, hope serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. My grandson, this same battle for control is going on inside of you and me and in every other person." The grandson thought about this and after a few moments asked his grandfather, "who will win?" The wise man replied... "the one you feed."

I was talking with a friend the other day about the Christian life and I asked him how he came to know the Lord. He said when he was a child, he went to a Sunday School class where they would listen to Bible stories and sing songs. Sometimes the teacher would ask if anyone would like to receive Jesus as their Savior and if someone raised their hand, they

would be led in a prayer to ask Christ into their heart. These are truly great programs and have been used to help build foundations of faith in the lives of many. However, even though he went through this process, he was not saved that day. As a child he did not understand what Jesus dying on the cross really meant and was just going through the motions. Sadly, he grew up without living for God and it was not until over forty years later he had a genuine life-changing encounter with Jesus and his spiritual eyes were opened to what true salvation means. People can be led to an altar and repeat the sinners prayer, but it is only an emotional experience until God draws and convicts us by his power and transforms our spirit.

When a person is convinced they are spiritually secure, yet they have no desire for God, they have become spiritually lukewarm either or maybe they have never received Christ. If we are truly saved, the Spirit of God within us will relentlessly pursue us until we return to our first love. This subject is much too important than to just assume that everything will be al-

right. We are miserable without God's peace and joy, and I encourage you to call upon him today. He loves you but will never make you love Him. Those who are born again and accept Christ as their Lord, may backslide for a season, but as the great shepherd, God promises that he will find those sheep who have wandered away and always bring them back into the fold. Without being pursued by his endless love and mercy, we would drift out to sea and never return. If you are running from God and trying to avoid him, the Holy Spirit is pleading with you this very moment to be born again or rededicate your life to the one who died to save you. "If you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved" Romans 10:9-10.

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## Why translating 'God's law' to government law isn't easy

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The relationship between certain interpretations of the Bible and public life in the U.S. continues to be in the headlines. During the March for Life anti-abortion rally in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 21, 2022, the Bible featured prominently, with passages from the books of Jeremiah and Proverbs, among others, on display.

The Museum of the Bible in D.C., located near the site of the rally, offered free admission during the March. A prominent speaker at the event was the Catholic priest Mike Schmitz, who hosts a popular podcast called "The Bible in a Year" and has published articles on his website pertaining to the Bible and abortion.

Some religious groups take the relationship between the Bible and American law and society even further. A movement called "dominionism" and a particular version of it called "theonomy" in Christianity have become prominent in part through politicians associated with the movement, such as Michele Bachmann and Sens. Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley.

Many Christian dominionists want, in some fashion, to apply God's law and Christian principles to American politics.

Yet few readers of the Bible realize that the laws then were not practiced in the way many think of laws functioning today.

Legal collections in the ancient world

In my research on the Bible and its legal material, I have come to the conclusion that much of the modern debate about the Bible in American society could be ascribed to mistaken literary genres. Ancient texts that might look like law codes today were not necessarily enforced as the law of the land in biblical times.

For example, laws from the Code of Hammurabi, an often-cited legal collection from King Hammurabi of ancient Babylon, have the familiar structure of modern, practiced law: If someone does something wrong, then that person is guilty according to the details of the law.

However, Hammurabi himself rarely referenced the collection. At times his own royal decrees were in violation of what the inscription says should happen.

The Code of Hammurabi was not simply a reflection of law in everyday Mesopotamia. Instead, it was likely a collection of possible legal cases and scenarios assembled by royal scribes.

These cases demonstrate a range of hypothetical legal responses that could ensure maximal justice in society. They may resemble real law, but they are not a direct representation of what happened in every case.

The laws were placed on a rock monument that contained an image of King Hammurabi seated before the god of justice, Shamash. The presentation of these laws on the inscription was for the purpose of making the king look good through propaganda, but, as research shows, not in order to codify practiced law.

Scholars believe that the Code of Hammurabi influenced some of the legal collections in the Bible, such as in the book of Exodus, the second book of the Bible traditionally attributed to Moses. There is evidence that, like Hammurabi's law code, laws in the Bible were not necessarily practiced.

For example, a law in the book of Deuteronomy, the fifth book of the Bible, also believed to have been written by Moses, says that if a son is persistently rebellious against his parents and gets drunk, the parents will bring the son to the town elders. The men of the town then stone the son to death.

But what counts as "rebellious," and how drunk would qualify the son to be deemed guilty.

The Bible does not say. Ancient rabbis viewed the passage as not able to be practiced at all. The prophet Jeremiah applied the law metaphorically to Jerusalem's destruction in 586 B.C., but there is no evidence that the law was actually practiced.

There is another story of one ancient rabbi, Hananiah ben Hezekiah, who locked himself in his room, burning 300 barrels of oil to keep his light on in order to figure out how the laws of the Bible worked together. This incredible amount of exertion highlights how different these laws actually are and how they cannot be reconciled into one simple legal vision.

Laws, the Bible and ancient Israel

While there is evidence that some sense of legal reality in ancient Israel looked like some of the biblical laws, the relationship was not exact.

It seems, instead, that the genre of legal collections in the Bible functioned according to the literary conventions of its day.

The fact that laws in the Bible look like other ancient Near Eastern laws does not mean that the laws in the Bible have no unique features. Scholars have noted an innovation that occurred in the laws in the Bible: There is no king who acts as the lawgiver.

All of the other laws in the ancient Near East were given by the king. The Mesopotamian god of justice, Shamash, endowed Hammurabi with wisdom, but Hammurabi himself derived the laws.

Yet the earliest legal collection in the Bible, in the book of Exodus, lacks the role of the king as a lawgiver for the first time in the history of the ancient Near East. The biblical laws, instead, come directly from God.

The original intent of some of these legal collections may have been to emphasize the need for freedom against larger dominant imperial forces. They were used as statements expressing convictions about justice, divinity and society, but without recourse to ancient Near Eastern kings.

In fact, one law in Deuteronomy relegates the king to a much smaller role than royalty otherwise occupied in ancient society. This law stipulates that the primary job of a king is to study the legal material in the Bible. It also commands that the king not act arrogantly toward other Israelites.

And given how the distinct collections in the Bible differ and change over time, the legal material shows a remarkably adaptable sense of how ancient Israelite society constantly evolved in its response to historical events.

But one can only see such functions of these laws when understood in their ancient context.

How and when the perception changed

The modern Western sense of law collections and judicial sensibility derives in some manner from the legacy of the Byzantine Emperor Justinian. He inaugurated an expansive legal reform in the Roman Empire in the sixth century.

It included precepts such as "innocent until proved guilty," which would become a maxim for many later legal systems, such as the notion of "proof beyond a reasonable doubt" in America.

Later Christian thinkers tried to identify three enduring uses of the law in the Bible over time into modernity, the second of which applies a civil relevance to these statutes. The idea is that when a civil code that includes God's laws is used in society, it should, in theory, curb evil.

One can find such sentiments in statements by modern legislators, such as Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley's comments at The King's College in New York in a commencement address in 2019.

There, he blamed what in his view is America's current moral bankruptcy on a fourth-century Christian belief called Pelagianism that highlights free will in humanity.

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Hawley claimed that such a Pelagian attitude was at the root of a 1992 court case, Planned Parenthood v. Casey, in which the individual was ruled to have the "right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life."

For Hawley, this sentiment contradicts the belief that all humanity should be subject to God's rule, evidenced in the need for a personal relationship with God.

Yet the Bible, its laws and ancient debates that stem of from its vision of humanity and society were more complex than such a direct application that Hawley and others advocate.

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