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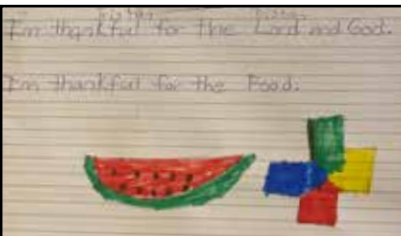
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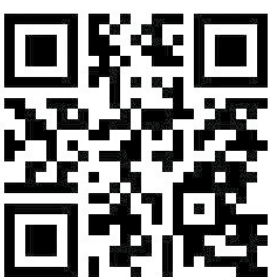


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## Cornerstone Audiology launches 'Hear for the Holidays' giveaway

**Herald Staff Report**

A new initiative has been launched in Howard County by Cornerstone Audiology "Hear for the Holidays." This year three people will have an opportunity to receive complimentary hearing aids; recipients will be determined by nominations and the three recipients will be announced shortly after Nov. 30.

The registration period will run all of November. Those who know someone who they feel can benefit from hearing aids are asked to submit nominations through the Cornerstone Audi-

ology website. This is the first year this idea has been put into place in Howard County, but is only one of the ways Cornerstone Audiology is investing into the community.

"The idea for Hear for the Holidays came to be because many people in our communities may not have access to better hearing. We offer a program year round called Hear Big Spring where people can donate their previously worn hearing aids when they upgrade to new technology," Julie Hubik, Au.D, Cornerstone Audiology owner and founder, said. "Our offices donate our time and

skills to reprogram to those in need who may not have access to better hearing. This year we wanted to expand that for the holidays and give away a pair of hearing aids at all three of our locations."

Cornerstone Audiology services Howard County, Snyder and Lubbock. The winners in each of the locations will visit one of the offices and undergo a comprehensive hearing assessment and personalized fitting.

"The pandemic has been hard on so many families through

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## Small Business Saturday Supporting local initiative, holiday shopping opportunity

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Small Business Saturday is back.

As many small businesses are looking to recover from the previous shutdown due to the pandemic, Small Business Saturday is an opportunity to not only get Christmas shopping done, but to support local businesses who so often support the community.

"If you think about it, every dollar spent at a local business is going right back into the community. Whether it be through sales tax, support of a little league team, or a

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## Student Feature Article: Thanksgiving to me

*Editor's Note: Runnels Academy students were tasked with writing an essay describing what Thanksgiving means to them. Each student had the opportunity to write an essay, share their thoughts and family traditions. After the students had concluded their essay writing, three top essays were chosen. The Big Spring Herald will be featuring those essays for the holiday season. In addition the other essays will also be running throughout the newspaper over the next few days.*



**By Makaya Nichols**

Runnels Academy Student

Thanksgiving can mean a variety of things, but it really just depends on who you ask.

When I think of Thanksgiving, I think of the warm loving glow of family, the sweet, cinnamon smell of pie, and how the leaves look like they were painted with gold.

Thanksgiving is a time when you can make memories with relatives you haven't seen in a long time, visit with your grandparents, and be, well, thankful.

You should be thankful for the family God chose to place you in; the amazing way he painted the leaves, and of course, for the invention of pie. That is what thanksgiving means to me, but what does it mean to you?

Whether it's playing with new members of the family or remembering lost loved ones, Thanksgiving is still a time of love and thankfulness.

## Taking Care of Business is doing just that

**By COLONEL ALLEN M. MORRIS**

The new group in town recently pulled off its first success and is working on the next one. The group was founded by good people who want to be better and who want to do better for others. If you consider yourself to be a good person and you want to be better, then perhaps this active group is for you. After some discussion, the group decided to name itself, "Taking Care of Business" because that is what it does.

The last project was a Candy Maze for Halloween and almost 2,000 people meandered through the child-friendly Labyrinth collecting candy at each one of the twelve kiosks. The next project is a Christmas Party for area tots that might not have a good Christmas otherwise.

If you would like to participate in the planning and execution of the Christmas Party, speak up! Let us know that you would like to put a smile all over the face of a local child. Okay, with the masks on you can easily see them smiling with their eyes...

Taking Care of Business meets each first and third Thursday at 219 south main or you can e-mail for more information. Write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@gmail.com.

Twenty-two people helped pull off the Candy Maze that was in the rooms over some of the downtown businesses that included The Blue-Eyed Buffalo, Queens of the Dude Ranch, Sabrina Flores Photography, and Hair by Jose. The

Freemasons of Howard County sponsored the event as well as they are sponsoring and funding the Christmas party too.

About the Candy Maze a few of the volunteers said, "It was a lot of fun!!! I loved the spontaneity of the event and ingenuity regarding remote candy delivery devices!" Adriana Kocak said. Area Physics students designed and built remote candy delivery devices to comply with social distancing practices.

Everyone entered the Candy Maze by climbing the 120-year-old creepy-creaky staircase between the Blue-Eyed Buffalo and the Queens of the Dude Ranch. The children loved the old staircase and many of the adults would have rather used the elevator. It was the same for the old staircase that was the exit that dumped everyone out by Hair by Jose.

Another volunteer, Ruston Wood said, "I think the candy maze this year was very important because the town needed fun things for kids to do, especially because of the stress Covid has put on our community. I think we were worried people wouldn't show up or wouldn't be interested, but we actually had a really great turn out. There was a line across the street from the time we opened the doors until we closed them."

Ruston went on, "It was nice to be a part of something that the kids enjoyed and the feedback we got from the people that went through the maze was positive. I look forward to expanding on this idea and improving it next year."

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## Obituaries

### Dennis Reynolds

Dennis Reynolds, 52, of Big Spring died Tuesday Nov. 24, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Demitrius Pruitt

Demitrius Pruitt, 53, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Fire/EMS

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was requested in the 1600 block of S. Runnels. No transport was required.

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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Marijo. No transport was required.

## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-

0942.

• 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. The next session being Sept. 3, 2019.

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

### 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.

• 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, or call 432-268-3003.

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

## Take Note

• The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

• After the Thanksgiving break, CISD will follow the below schedule. Nov.30-Dec.3rd In person instruction (Mon.-Thurs.); Dec.4 Remote Learning for all students (Friday); Dec. 7-10 In person instruction (Mon.-Thurs.); Dec. 11 Remote Learning for all students (Friday); Dec.14-17 In Person Instruction. Remote Fridays provide the district with the opportunity to deep clean, separate for 72 hours, and time to be intentional on student learning. Each campus administrator will provide more detailed information. On these remote learning Fridays, lunch will be available for pickup between 10 a.m. and Noon.

• City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at mybigspring.com.

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. There will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee, hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies. There will also be a Best Decorated House Contest for houses in Coahoma City Limits. Deadline for entries is Dec. 9 at Coahoma City Hall. Both events are sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club.

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group.

## Students speak about Thanksgiving

### Thanksgiving

By: Nichole Haddon

Runnels Academy Student

Thanksgiving is really important to me because you get to see a lot of your family that you don't often see. You have a lot of your family that you don't often see. You have a lot of fun with your family like board games, strategy games, or tag. On my mom's side there are a ton of people, so we do those first. Then, we do my dad's side. You also get to eat a lot of food like turkey or ham! Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday in the world. Happy Thanksgiving!

and my family of four. This year it will be the same people plus my dad's mom and some friends who don't have any family in town, but practically we are their family. The guys in the family always have football on two tv's. One in the living room and one in the fun room. Us kids have to play outside. Back to the actual part. My favorite things to eat are turkey and ham, fruit salad, and blueberry pie. What about yours? What Thanksgiving really means to me is that with family prater and a whole lot of food means that there is love somewhere.

### Every Thanksgiving

Shaylee Falcon

Runnels Academy Student

Every Thanksgiving we go hunting for turkey to have it for dinner. We have pumpkin pie with whip cream on top, fruit, carrots and corn. We spend Thanksgiving with our loved ones and give

thanks to the Lord whenever we bless the food. It's a nice way to have a dinner.

### Thanksgiving Tradition

By: Bear

Runnels Academy Student

My family Thanksgiving tradition is my mom's side of the family comes over and eats. We let the ladies go first and then everybody else. Then in a couple more days we go to my grandma's house and we just gobble down. While everybody talks the kids go play games. We usually let the old people go first and then the women and guest go. And mast the men go. We sometimes don't do Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving. Sometimes my mom is at work and we have to do it a couple days before Thanksgiving.

And on my grandma's Thanksgiving we do it after Thanksgiving.

### What Thanksgiving Means to Me

By: Dari Bryans

Runnels Academy Student

On Thanksgiving for the last couple of years, we have done it at my home. Each time there are my grandparents, my cousins,



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# 'Shuggie Bain' writer Douglas Stuart wins Booker Prize

LONDON (AP) — Scottish writer Douglas Stuart won the Booker Prize for fiction Thursday for "Shuggie Bain," a novel about a boy's turbulent coming of age in hardscrabble 1980s Glasgow that was turned down by 32 publishers before being picked up.

Stuart, 44, won the prestigious 50,000 pound (\$66,000) award for his first published novel, the product of a decade of work. He was the only U.K.-born author on a U.S.-dominated list of six finalists for the prize, which is open to English-language novels from around the world.

A former fashion designer who is based in New York, Stuart drew on his own experiences growing up gay in economically ravaged Thatcher-era Glasgow for the story of young Shuggie and his relationship with his alcoholic mother, Agnes. Stuart dedicated the book to own mother, who died when he was 16.

"My mother is in every page of this book, and without her I wouldn't be here and my work wouldn't be here," said Stuart, who declared himself "absolutely stunned" to win.

The novel's sweep, vivid characters and unflinching look at poverty have been compared to the work of Charles Dickens, but Stuart said it was rejected repeatedly before being published by Grove Atlantic in the U.S. and Picador in the U.K.

Stuart told reporters after his victory that publishers praised his book but "didn't know how to connect it with readers."

"Working-class Scotland was difficult for them," Stuart said. He said his victory was a sign that "we are starting to hear and be able to respect diverse voices."

Publisher and editor Margaret Busby, who chaired the judging panel, said "Shuggie Bain" was intimate and gripping, challenging but hopeful in its exploration of Shuggie's burgeoning sexuality and the complex but loving relationship between mother and son.

"It's hard to come away from that book without thinking 'This is going to be a classic,'" she said.

In contrast to last year, when deadlocked judges split the prize between Canada's Margaret Atwood for "The Testaments" and Britain's Bernardine Evaristo for "Girl, Woman, Other," this year's decision was quick and unanimous.

Busby said "there were no tantrums" among the judges, who included poet Lemn Sissay and thriller writer Lee Child.

Stuart was chosen from a shortlist dominated by U.S.-based writers from diverse backgrounds. American contenders included "The Shadow King" by Maaza Mengiste; Diane Cook's dystopian tale "The New Wilderness"; Avni Doshi's India-set mother-daughter tale "Burnt Sugar"; and Brandon Taylor's campus novel "Real Life," which explores racism and homophobia in academia. The other contender was "This Mournable Body," by Zimbabwean writer Tsitsi Dangarembga.

Though there have been many British winners of

the Booker Prize, most of them English, Stuart is the first Scottish victor since James Kelman took the 1994 prize with "How Late it Was, How Late" — a book Stuart has called an inspiration.

Busby said nationality played no part in the judges' considerations.

"We were rewarding the book," she said. "We were not trying to tick boxes or think what people were going to say about us choosing this and not that."

The coronavirus pandemic scuttled the Booker's traditional black-tie dinner ceremony at London's medieval Guildhall. Instead, the winner announcement was broadcast online and on radio from London's Roundhouse arts venue, with virtual appearances by Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, and former U.S. President Barack Obama.

In a video message, Obama praised the power of fiction "to put ourselves in someone else's shoes, understand their struggles, and imagine new ways to tackle complex problems and effect change."

The Booker Prize usually brings the victor a huge boost in sales and profile, and often sparks a debate about the state of the English-language literary scene.

This year's six finalists included four debut novelists — Doshi, Cook and Taylor, as well as Stuart — and omitted high-profile books, including "The Mirror and the Light," the conclusion of Hilary Mantel's acclaimed Tudor trilogy. Mantel won the Booker for both its predecessors, "Wolf Hall" and "Bring up the Bodies," and had been widely tipped

## HEAR

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out West Texas, and we're aware that it has created even more hardships for those with an untreated hearing loss," Dr. Hubik said. "Hear for the Holidays is an opportunity to help those in need this winter, with each of our three clinics giving away a pair of hearing aids and premium care to someone special."

She continued, "If you know a friend, co-worker, or loved one with a hearing challenge, nominate them to receive this life-changing technology. Everyone deserves the chance to hear the people they love for years into the future."

The widespread use of face masks, which prevent lip reading, has led many to realize that they have a hearing loss during the pandemic.

But recently, researchers have highlighted how the coronavirus can impact hearing more directly.

Reports — from the US and the UK also show that the virus has caused some patients to have sudden sensorineural hearing loss (SSHL), where a person loses their hearing almost instantly.

As a result, it's vital that people get a comprehensive hearing assessment after their coronavirus recovery period and seek urgent assistance if they witness sudden deafness.

Cornerstone Audiology is accepting in-person appointments at its Lubbock, Big Spring, and Snyder offices. In addition, patients can take advantage of two non-contact support options — utilizing either, Tele Audiology or Curbside Appointments.

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David Clark said, "I had a great time volunteering at the Candy Maze. We had an unbelievable turnout, there were amazing costumes, and it was really great to be able to give back to the community and do something that put a smile on so many faces."

Morgan Lee said, "It was a really cool experience to be a part of something like this for the commu-

nity. Not only did we give kids and families a fun and safe experience for Halloween, but it felt good to be a part of something in this community. Ruston and I are not from this area, but as we work on settling down here and making this town our home, working the doors and seeing all the faces of this town and meeting members of the community was a really great experience."

"Being our first year, I think things went great. Naturally, I think there are things we can improve upon next time, like establishing a starting point for the line and having more interactive stations.

We had a long line the entire time and had many parents and kids coming back by to tell us how much fun it was.

It was a really rewarding experience. Everything went swimmingly and I'm excited to do something like this again."

If you would like to help put a smile on a child's face for Christmas, let the group, Taking Care of Business hear from you. We meet on the first and third Thursday's of the month at 7 p.m. at 219 South Main or you can write to us at Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@gmail.com

## SHOP

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job, supporting small business translates to supporting a neighbor," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said.

This year, there are 12 local businesses taking part in Small Business Saturday. Whether you are looking for home décor, which is offered by Blue Eyed Buffalo, Dazzling Decor; or a unique custom made piece of jewelry at The Karat Patch, there really is something for everyone.

"Our local boutiques offer an opportunity for Big Spring and Howard County residents to shop right here where they live and avoid the travel and big crowds in larger cities," ValVerde said. "We even have hard to find items like bath bombs at Soothe;

we have a sense of fashion with a flare at Southern Blush, The Crowned Bird or FAMOUSElle, depending on your style."

For those who are wanting to do a little walking while shopping, The Wardrobe and Queens of the Dude Ranch offer that opportunity as they are located Downtown Big Spring. While shopping it would provide an opportunity to swing by and see the work that has been taking place on Main Street and the progression of that project, which is supported by local business owners.

"I know we have heard people say that it's hard to find that special guy a gift, but we have Lula Blu who now offers a men's collection. Then again, if you are buying a special gift for him don't forget to swing by Splurge and make sure you are dressed for the holidays as well," ValVerde said.

Even those who are needing to find that gift for someone who has everything, Crazy Kow has baby and toddler collection, and also offer gift cards as well for numerous different services. In addition to unique gift ideas at the local level, most of the boutiques offer an online presence as well, for those not wanting to venture out, but still want to support local business.

"Before you head over to purchase something on Amazon, visit the local boutiques website or head over to Facebook and see what they have to offer," she said. "Many of local businesses have been posting holiday specials and featuring items on a daily basis through their social media accounts." ValVerde continued,

"Our local shops have supported us in so many different ways and this is an opportunity for us to do the same. These businesses are our neighbors. We need to support each other so we can get through this together. We want to see our shops in 2021 and the best thing we can do right now is offer support this holiday season."

For a complete list of the businesses taking part in Small Business Saturday, visit the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

## An essay about Thanksgiving history

By Paisley Jones

Runnels Academy student

Thanksgiving is one of America's most important and iconic holidays, with the first one being held in 1621. Thanksgiving wasn't a national holiday until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln declared, in the midst of the Civil War, that it would be held every November.

Most modern day Americans have a feast with family and friends that includes foods like turkey, ham, casseroles, and delicious desserts like pies and cobblers. This is far different than how the first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims and Indians. Their menu included lobster, swan, and seal, along with venison, berries, fruits, and many seasonal vegetables.

Over the past several years, Thanksgiving Day parades have become very popular; in New York City, they have a parade that attracts 2-3 million people and spans a 2.5 mile route.

Here are a few facts about Thanksgiving: the average amount of calories consumed is 4,500, a NFL football game is held on Thanksgiving almost every year, and George H.W. Bush established the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.

Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to give thanks to our blessings that surround us. This year I'm grateful for my family, my friends, my teacher, my animals, and all of the activities that I get to participate in.

I hope you have a great Thanksgiving and I hope you remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving and appreciate all of the blessings that God has surrounded you with.

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Gregory Phillippe, 86, died Sunday. 71, died Tuesday. Graveside services with Military Honors will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at The Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Lydia Jojola, 74, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Trudy Louise Sherril, 58, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday, November 27, 2020. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel

Rudolfo DeLeon, Jr.

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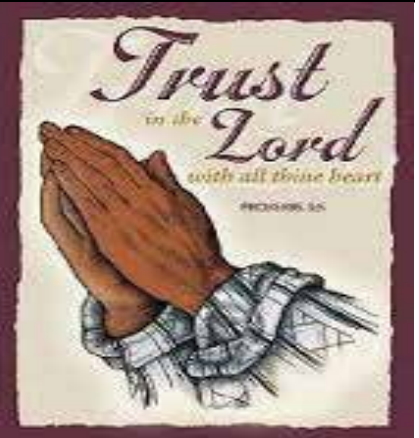
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The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation." Psalm 91: 14-16

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# Church News

## Life Church

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Join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for an experience in the Word and in Worship.

Ladies, the 2020 Holiday event will be taking place on Friday, Dec. 4 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. in the Life Church Sanctuary. Sign up today at the table in the back of the sanctuary. Invite a friend, bring a Christmas ornament and a sweet or savory dish to share with everyone.

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/>

Champion Culture Youth will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm on the Life Church Campus. For more information about Champion Culture and their plans for the summer visit and follow the Champion Culture Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ChampionCultureLifeChurch/>

Champion Culture Youth will be having a Chili Cook Off Fundraiser on Sunday, December 6th. The cost to enter your chili is \$20. All entries will be available for everyone to eat after service for \$5 (all you can eat). For more information please contact a Champion Culture volunteer.

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 5-10. Visit and follow the Life Kids Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Life-Kids-Life-Church-Big-Spring-TX-1654730487977488/> for more information.

Our Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach team will be going to visit our neighbors around our campus on Saturday morning from 10-11:30am. The purpose of this ministry is to find the need and fill it.

For more information about our events or groups please visit our website [www.golifechurch.net](http://www.golifechurch.net)

## 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 and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship.

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

Sunday, Nov. 29 – Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. for our onsite worship service. Our 11 a.m. service will be onsite & online. You can find our CCC Live Worship Experience online at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Join Chosen Generation Student Youth Ministry at their very own 11 a.m. Sunday Service in the Youth Sanctuary. This is a live worship service geared for Senior and Junior High Students. Come experience authentic worship, connect with friends and discover what it means to be accepted, loved and CHOSEN!

Wednesday, Dec. 2 – Join us this Wednesday at our 7 p.m. worship/bible study service. We love seeing what happens in people's lives when they discover God through the study of His Word. We have Bible classes for all stages of life, from toddlers and teens to classes for adults.

Together we explore the Bible and what it tells us about the God who has woven His story through history and is present with us now.

Transportation Ministry – You need a ride to church? CCC offers pick-ups services on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service.

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tact the church office.

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

## First United Methodist Church

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.

On Sunday, Nov. 22, Pastor Ricky Carstensen, shared a Thanksgiving message entitled, "Enter with Thanksgiving", from Psalm 100:1-5. The Psalm gives us several commands, 1. Shout for Joy, 2. Serve the Lord with gladness, 3. Come before Him with joyful songs, 4. Know the Lord is God, 5. Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Even in the midst of these uncertain times, we pray that you and your family have a Blessed Thanksgiving and that you will take the time to heed the commands in Psalm 100 and may your heart overflow with thanksgiving to the Lord. This next week will be the beginning of our Advent season and Pastor Ricky will be sharing his Advent series "And He will be Called!" Come join us this coming Sunday for Sunday school and Worship!

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. "Celebrate Recovery" is being offered in the Youth Hall for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

Wednesday night activities on Dec. 2, 6-8 p.m., will be "Hanging of the Greens". There will be soup and cornbread for supper and then decorating the church. Look forward to seeing you there!

For more information on any activity, please visit the web site at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com) or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

LCMS First Sunday in Advent November 29, 2020 "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 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 join us at our Advent Services on the first 3 Wednesday's in December. They will begin at 7pm. Our first Advent Service will be on December 2.

The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, and Mark 11: 1-10. The psalm is Psalm 80:1-7.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study has restarted. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. We are studying Lutheranism 101. Please come and join us.

Dolline Budke 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.

## NazFamily Church

This Sunday - For many in our culture, Christmas carols have become little more than background music playing while they shop. These deeply meaningful songs have been relegated to the realm of white noise. Webster's Dictionary defines white noise as "1: a constant background noise; especially : one that drowns out other sounds or 2 : meaningless or distracting commotion, hubbub, or chatter." Throughout this season of anticipation, we want to bring these significant songs out of the background and to the center of our attention as they convey the true meaning of Christmas. Don't miss this Sunday as we cry out Come Thou Long Expected Jesus!

34th Annual Live Nativity - On Saturday, December 5th, we will have an all church breakfast @ 8:00am. After the breakfast we invite everyone to stay and help us setup for the Drive Thru Nativity. Our 34th Annual Live Drive Thru Nativity will run December 11th - 13th this year.

Kids Christmas Program - There is something significant about hearing the Christmas story from a child's perspective. They remind us of the wonder and mystery of the amazing moment that Almighty God entered this world as a child. Our NazKids Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 13th. Come hear our children share the greatest story ever told.

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

First Presbyterian wishes everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

First Presbyterian Church now has a Sermon Podcast on iTunes. The sermon from last week may be found at [www.fpcbigspring.com/Sermons](http://www.fpcbigspring.com/Sermons).

For anyone wishing to join in a daily prayer, one may go to [www.fpcbigspring.com](http://www.fpcbigspring.com) and select Daily Prayers. Rev. Allen Cross also posts a Weekly Devotional at that website, which may provide food for thought or help during time of stress or feelings of isolation. The devotional is posted on Wednesdays.

Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to join in the study by Zoom can find the link to the meeting in Faith Notes or online at the First Presbyterian Fellowship group on Facebook.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch meets in Fellowship Hall at 11:30.

The Service Committee is asking for people to bring turkeys to the church kitchen for donations for Christmas.

Presbyterian Women met last week to pack boxes of packaged treats to send to our college students and bags of goodies to take to homebound members, rather than the homemade cookies that have been sent in the past. PW will not have a December meeting.

The Discovery Class begins a study by Adam Hamilton for the Advent season entitled Faithful Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph. This study follows Joseph from humble carpenter through the nativity and will conclude December 27.

The Children's Class begins an Advent study with a lesson on God's Promise to Mary on November 29. Nancy Koger is teaching this class.

The Sunday morning Take Ten fellowship in the parlor between Sunday School and worship has resumed. Paula Farquhar is host for this week.

Lectionary passages for the First Sunday in Advent are: Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8. Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. His sermon topic is "Messengers." The Noisy Offering will be collected during the Children's Moment. Organist/music director Gabe Martinez leads the music on the organ and piano.

Anyone who is not attending worship physically may hear the service on KBST 1490 AM at 11:00 a.m. as usual or online at [www.fpcbigspring.com](http://www.fpcbigspring.com) by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date. A copy of the liturgy for the service may be downloaded from the website or by receiving a copy by calling the church office

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.

## Something to think about...



RICHARD SCHNEBERGER

“Thank You!” It is a simple statement, but a truly powerful sentiment. We intuitively know that gratitude is an important part of life, and yet we take way too much for granted. We live in the world of granted, rather than a world of gratitude. Jesus ran into this issue when He was on His way toward Jerusalem one day. In this encounter, we see the way that God's unmerited grace is poured out but 90% of the time that grace is taken for granted. However, something powerful happens when we recognize what God has done and return with gratitude.

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!'

When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you whole.'" ~ Luke 17:11-19

As these men obeyed the Word they were healed. Walking along the road they sense and see the leprosy leave

their body. What an amazing experience that must have been. They were all ecstatic. I imagine that the nine ran to the priest so that they could be reunited with those loved ones they hadn't seen for so long – to embrace their spouse and children once again. Then they got busy being well. But only one returned before he got busy, before seeing family, before anything else he fell at the feet of Jesus and worshipped and thanked Him. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked, "Weren't all ten healed? Only this Samaritan comes back to say thank you."

Now it is easy for us to criticize the other nine lepers.

We, of course, would have come back to say thank you. Or would we? How often do we live in the world of taking for granted rather than giving gratitude? Here is a question that just might shed some light on that subject. What if you woke up this morning

with only the things that you thanked God for yesterday? Think about it. What would you still have this morning?

Your life, your breath, your sight, your mobility, your family, friends, food, shelter, clothing, transportation, trees, air, beauty, wonder. What gifts and miracles do we take for granted every day? Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote:

"Only they who give thanks for little things receive the big things. We prevent God from giving us the great spiritual gifts he has in store for us because we do not give thanks for daily gifts."

The ultimate tragedy in this story is that the nine lepers got the healing, but only one received the Healer. The nine took what was given but only one got the Giver.

They all got a blessing but missed out on the best blessing of a saving relationship with the Lord.

# Reflections: Thanksgiving During COVID

In a normal year we would all gather with family around a festive table weighed down with turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy and pumpkin pie.

But this is not a normal year.

Many families will forego gathering for Thanksgiving this year. They are choosing a few empty places at the table this year to avoid permanently empty places for years to come.

Our granddaughter was in quarantine last week at college where she tested positive for Covid.

This year the elementary school stages will remain empty. We will miss watching children re-enact the "first Thanksgiving" with flat brimmed pilgrim hats, bonnets, painted faces and feathers. Packed rooms of adoring parents are too risky.

This is a difficult year, which makes Thanksgiving all the more important. The official annual holiday began in 1863 when Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday of November as a day for giving

thanks. He issued his proclamation in the middle of the Civil War. Young men by the thousands lay dead on the battle fields at Antietam, Gettysburg and Chickamauga.

Families were gripped with grief. But a wounded nation found solace for its soul by seeking a grateful heart.

After noting the many blessings of God, in spite of the Civil War with all its suffering and severity, Lincoln wrote in his proclamation: "No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things.

They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. ... I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States ... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

In times of prosperity and peace, in times of war and want, throughout the Great Depression and the Great Recession, we have paused as a nation on this final Thursday of November to be thankful.

For this one day, at least, we make sure that the homeless and the hungry are fed. On this day we give thanks for the goodness with which God has blessed us.

Nothing is more important than cultivating a grateful and thankful heart. We all experience blessing and loss. God sends his rain on the just and the unjust. The same circumstances sow the seeds of bitterness and resentment, thankfulness and gratitude. The fruit is ours to choose. The former leads to death. The latter leads to life.

The Bible is clear about the importance of thanksgiving. "But as for me, afflicted and in pain - may your salvation God protect me. I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving" (Psalm 69:29-30). "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6).

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## The Treasure Within Us

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Corinthians 4:6-7



TOM  
SLOAN

How can we know whether we are fakes or authentic?

We can know by the

presence of the Treasure which we have in our earthen vessels. And this Treasure is the very presence of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ in us.

The presence of this Treasure makes us authentic. We are nothing more than earthen vessels, living in these bodies made of dust.

However, the presence of this Treasure in these earthen vessels (our physical bodies) marks the difference.

This Treasure marks the difference between the light and the darkness.

Sin or no sin, it is all the same to this Treasure because this Treasure is the

light. This light is that which saves and sanctifies us, not the absence of sin. If we say that the absence of sin is that which marks the difference, then, we dismiss this Treasure with all its light and we walk in darkness. If we do not confess our sins or if we say that we have no sin, then, we have not been led by the light of this Treasure because this Treasure always shines bright, revealing the true nature of our own good works. This Treasure's light reveals that all of our righteousnesses (our good works) are as filthy rags.

And when all our righteousnesses are revealed as filthy rags by the pow-

er of this Treasure's light, we come to the realization that we have nothing left to lose because, by the power and riches of this Treasure, we have learned that God has given us every good gift in this Treasure, the Lord Jesus.

The most valuable aspect of this Treasure (Jesus) is the fact that, in Him, everything is free.

Yes, you heard me right, I said - free. There is no need to impress God with our "good works" because, on the cross, Jesus finished all the work in our place.

And do you know what free means? Free means free.

## Life on Thanksgiving Street

Encountering one of the healthiest and happiest men I have ever met, I congratulated him on his appearance.

What he answered startled and amazed me.



RALPH  
ANDERSON

With a beaming face, he attributed his excellent health to the fact that most of his life he had been "living down in Thanksgiving Street.

There are many houses for rent down on Thanksgiving Street. If only we would move out of Murmuring Street, which is overcrowded with thankless, joyless, loveless people and take up residence in the sunny healthy atmosphere of Thanksgiving Street, there would be a remarkable change in our mental and physical states.

A healthy mind makes for a healthy body, and

much else that is good, "for as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). The quality of a man's thoughts has a powerful effect on his health for good or ill.

The Bible declares that "A CHEERFUL HEART IS GOOD MEDICINE" (Proverbs 17:22), and this is equally true of a grateful heart.

He who has learned to see the goodness of God, in both prosperity and adversity, and who gives thanks always and in all things (Ephesians 5:20), has a new outlook on life.

An improved attitude toward life has a wholesome effect of mind and body. We learn by experience the meaning of the words of Nehemiah to a people that were mournful when they should have been thankful and grateful.

"The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

A joy that is truly strengthening.

Begin this life of thanksgiving and praise this

day, THANKSGIVING DAY 2020.

Meditate on God's goodness to you, on His amazing forbearance, on the countless blessings which are ours in Christ Jesus, and on the glorious future which He opens up for all who are redeemed by the blood of Christ.

Then with the Psalmist you will say, "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalms 34:1).

As you experience the blessings which flow from a life of praise, you will know in ver truth that it "is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord" (Psalms 92:1).

As with hearts full of thanksgiving, fill out a change of address and make the move to THANKSGIVING STREET.

Have a great Thanksgiving Day with God, family, and friends as you celebrate life on Thanksgiving Street.

## Heritage Corner

In my home I have what I like to think of as my heritage corner. In it are relics from my childhood home that remind me of my heritage. One item was a cut glass flower vase belonging to my grandmother. She gave it to my mother long before I was born and Mother kept roses from her garden in it as long as the roses were in bloom.



LILLIAN  
BOHANNAN

When mother moved in her later years to San Diego, California, she grew roses and, yes, she

put them in her rose vase.

Mother told me on one visit to choose things I wanted after she was gone, and I asked her to give me things she wanted me to have while she was still alive. She gave me the rose vase, and I took it to my house and put it in my memory corner.

Just recently I was asked to choose something I could contribute to one of my nephews as a wedding present that came from his great grandmother. You guessed it, I sent him the rose vase.

The memories of that vase will linger with me as long as I cut roses from my own garden and now find some-

thing else to put them in.

But this story brings to my mind the roses in Heaven. Can you imagine the vases or Heaven grown roses on our tables in the places Jesus is preparing for us up there? Can you imagine the work that has been put into those places Jesus is preparing for us.

One of these days Jesus is going to be told by His Father,

"You are finished preparing a place for Your Bride. Go get my children and bring them Home."

Then the clouds of heartache and tears of this old world are going to be rolled back as a scroll. The trump will sound loud enough to wake up the

dead. Jesus will step out on the cloud and say at the top of His voice,

"Come up here!" and in the twinkling of an eye, we will be changed and in our new Home.

In I Corinthians 15:52 it states:

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

And again in Revelation 21:4, it says God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes because the former things are passed away.

I'm ready, having asked Jesus to be my Savior from my sins.

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## Vatican investigates papal "like" of barely-clad

ROME (AP) — The Vatican is investigating how Pope Francis' official Instagram account "liked" a photo of a scantily-clad Brazilian model.

A Vatican official said Friday the "like" didn't originate from the Holy See, and as such, the Vatican was working "in close connection" with Instagram to get to the bottom of who liked the photo.

Francis' official Instagram account, which has the username "franciscus," has 7.4 million followers, but doesn't follow anyone. Earlier this month, franciscus was shown as having "liked" a photo of Natalia Garibotto, a Brazilian model whose Instagram account features dozens of photos of her in thong bikinis and provocative poses.

In the photo liked by franciscus, she is dressed as an apparent schoolgirl, wearing a short tartan miniskirt and white garter stockings leaning up against a school locker.

The purported papal endorsement generated smirks and jokes on social media. Late Friday, it even caught the eye of director Paolo Sorrentino, whose "The Young Pope" and "The New Pope" television series have depicted a fictionalized Vatican where Garibotto's poses might not be so out of place.

"It wasn't me," Sorrentino quoted one of his most beloved characters, the fictional Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Voiello, as saying in an Instagram post of his own.

## Big Spring Football team continuing to give thanks throughout community



Courtesy Photo

A group of Big Spring football players get ready to give Thanks.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Building a strong culture is an important aspect of any athletic program from the youth level to the professional leagues. A winning culture is built and started at the top with the head coach and athletic director, then trickles down to the rest of the coaching staff and finally down to the athletes.

Over the past year, the Big Spring Steers football team has been working on their discipline and team identity. The team had adopted the motto "Culture over Talent" for the 2020 season and Head Coach Cannon McWilliams can sense his team moving in the right direction.



Courtesy Photo

Isaiah Holloway walks through the hall with a student.

"The big thing we focused on is instilling discipline and accountability," McWilliams said. "Hopefully, we're leading kids in the right direction and trying to get them to do the correct things both on the field and off of it. The wins will follow, but we had to get that stuff corrected first. We went through some growing pains last year, but this year you can slowly

start to see the shift happening."

Big Spring's players have adapted well to the changes and nothing that the Steers' coaching staff throws at the team seems to shock them. The athletes now know what is consistently expected of them which allows them to play more freely when game-time comes around.

As part of their culture-building process, the Steers' coaching staff came up with a creative way for their players to be more involved with the community over several weeks during this past season. A few football coaches took groups of around six to seven players to different locations

around Big Spring to either show their appreciation or to show their faces to young students who look up to the players that they watch suit up under the lights on Friday nights at Memorial Stadium.

McWilliams took a group of players over to Washington Elementary, where the players read some stories to the students and left a valuable impression on the youngsters that look up to them. Meanwhile, defensive coordinator Brad Harman took his group to deliver breakfast to Big Spring's first responders. Wide receivers' coach Eric Tuttle had his small group deliver snacks and drinks to the wonderful maintenance staff at Big Spring High School. Lastly, assistant coach Michael Felton took his group to pick up trash throughout the city. They continued this throughout the fall and visited the elementary school locations several times.

"The idea behind it is just a 'Thank You' that does a lot for us and also supports us," McWilliams said.

Small things like these trips to the elementary school or to the police station help in building the foundation for a successful and locally-loved football program. While the Steers have not been the most successful team over the past five years or so, the trajectory of the program under McWilliams' leadership appears to be sky-high as they just completed their first winning season since 2014.

The team took their new-and-improved culture onto the gridiron this past season, putting together several great as Bi-District Champions. The players have now had two full seasons under the new coaching regime and McWilliams believes that his squad has slowly turned the corner in terms of their culture. The coaches and players will continue to work on the small details so that the team can proceed with moving in the right direction towards being a consistent winner and community difference-maker.

The Steers have been receiving a lot of support from the community this year, even with the threat of the coronavirus, and it was shown by the filled bleachers at each Big Spring home game during the regular season. Big Spring's football

program also had a Booster Club whose primary goal is to raise money for the team for the first time since McWilliams' arrival.

In addition to that, there are many young student-athletes throughout Big Spring's elementary schools that look up to the current players as their role models. The Steers become local celebrities whenever they enter an elementary school classroom and all eyes become fixated on them. While the Varsity players might have been caught off-guard by that overflowing attention, they all seemed to be enjoying themselves by the end of the day.

"There was a cool story that came from going and reading to those elementary school kids," McWilliams said. "I don't think (our players) understood how those kids really looked up to them. We tell them that there are a lot of eyes on you, but when they would walk into a classroom and see the excitement on the kids' faces just to have a Steer football player in their classroom... it really opened their eyes and they enjoyed it. Some of them were really nervous about getting up in front of a group of kids, but once they settled down, they loved it."

The Steers will be looking for other opportunities for these team-building events that do a great job of giving

back to the community at the same time. Even though it is now the off-season, McWilliams wants to continue the activities like this one so that the team can be even together next time that they hit the field together. Being able to give back to the community is one of the main factors behind the Steers culture change and McWilliams knows that the support they receive back from the community is a driving force towards the success of



Courtesy Photo

Players spend some time reading to the younger students.

the team.

Big Spring's change in culture started at the top and has taken time



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A Big Spring player and a young student work through a book.

to spread down to the players over the past two years. Now, the team's identity has begun to take shape with coaches, players, and fans all knowing that when it comes to the Big Spring Steers football team, culture matters more than talent.

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## Ryen Terrazas named VB District Offensive Player of the Year

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

In a year where the Big Spring Lady Steers more than doubled their win total from the previous year, a star has emerged.

Ryen Terrazas is only a junior, but she lit the district on fire this year with her powerful kills that sometimes seemed to take all of the air out of the building and leave only the sound of distant gasps and questions asked by stunned fans such as, "Did you just see that?"

After leaving an imprint on every game that she played this season, Terrazas has officially been named District Offensive Player of the Year. It is a great honor bestowed upon her by a vote of coaches around the district and it even caught the junior by surprise.

"It was actually so funny," Terrazas said. "My friend Jocelyn texted me congratulations and I just asked her, 'About what?' I didn't even know yet. Coach Braswell had texted us and told us about what Honors everyone got. It was a really cool experience."

Terrazas' Head Coach, Kaityln Braswell, was very proud of the way her star player performed on the floor this past season and knows that there are even better moments to come along next fall. For now, the player and coach can reflect back on a season that changed the tides for the Lady Steers and brought the small town another top-notch athlete that is here to light up the court for one more season.

"She had an awesome season and she definitely deserved that honor," Braswell said. "I'm so proud of her. She's our go-to in the front row or back row offensively. It was a very well-deserved honor."

Terrazas is very talented and humble, and when asked how she personally feels that she performed



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Terrazas shows off her power when she attempts to spike the ball in a game earlier this year. She was named OPOY as a junior.

in volleyball this year, she deflects the attention to her entire team and how happy she was with the improvement from her sophomore season.

"We gave a lot more love and effort this season," Terrazas said. "I feel like we could've gone even farther but there's going to be obstacles that every team has to overcome. All of us loved each other and it was a fun season."

The Lady Steers' heart and effort had people taking notice and they well-represented as a team on the All-District Honors lists. Senior Jocelyn Gonzales and junior Kalyn Whitehead were both named to the First Team All-District, while senior Ashlin Calvio was the lone Lady Steer named to the Sec-

ond Team All-District. Fellow senior Jacqueline Belew was named an All-District Honorable Mention after her strong last season in the black and gold.

In addition to those Honors - Calvio, Belew, Mya Blanco, Gonzales, Gissele Holguin, Kortney Moore, Tristan Smith, Terrazas, and Whitehead were all named as members of the Academic All-District team. The Lady Steers not only showed off their skills on the hardwood this year, but also in the classroom.

"We have a great group of kids," Braswell said. "The fact that they can be successful academically and athletically is great. Not everyone has that. It says a lot about them and their work ethic."

Terrazas will be back to lead the Lady Steers Volleyball team next year and there is one main thing that she wants to improve upon this offseason. She has the ability to continue to play at the next level, but Terrazas will not grow complacent and instead wants to continue building her game. She hopes to improve more on the defensive side of the ball and also expects to take on some more responsibility as a team captain next year.

"I really want to work on my leadership towards my team since I'm going to be a senior. I need to help take in and build up those younger girls," Terrazas said.

If those younger players know what is best for them, they will spend time taking notes and following the lead of the defending District Offensive Player of the Year.

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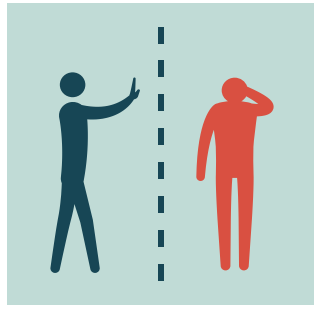
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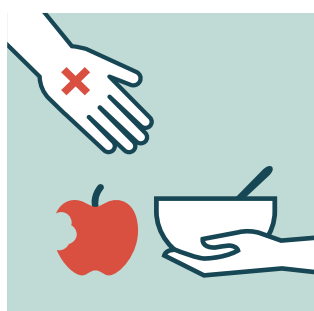
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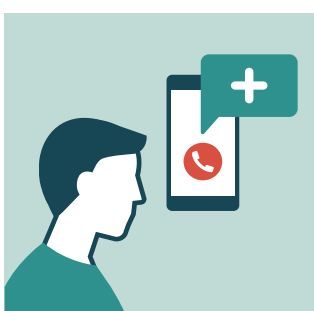
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

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1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass

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

- 1. ♠85♥10♦AKQ942♣KJ83
- 2. ♠Q94♥92♦AK8653♣K4
- 3. ♠1083♥KQ♦KJ9542♣A9
- 4. ♠9♥Q82♦AKQ1073♣Q93

**1. Five clubs.** The value of a hand rises or falls as the bidding progresses. Thus, when partner responded one heart, your hand depreciated in value. The two-diamond bid warned partner that you had minimum values (about 12 to 15 points in high cards) and could not support hearts.

Partner's three-club bid is forcing, since it is a new suit named by responder. Now, with the newly found fit in clubs, your values suddenly appreciate, and you should enthusiastically inform him of this reappraisal of your net worth.

If you were to bid only four clubs, partner might think you are raising him only because you had to, and you might miss an excellent slam. The jump to five tells partner that you have the best hand you can have under the circumstances and encour-

ages him to consider bidding further.

**2. Three diamonds.** Here you should react cautiously by rebidding your diamonds again. Your original values have not improved as partner bid hearts and clubs, and you should resist the temptation to say three notrump. Your hand would be unlikely to take more than its bare high-card tricks, and your spade "stopper" is tenuous at best. If there's a game in the cards, it's up to your partner to do still more to get you there.

**3. Three hearts.** Although you have only a doubleton in each of partner's suits, thus suggesting a misfit, the fact that you have three high honors in hearts and clubs more than makes up for your shortness in both suits. You should therefore willingly show a preference for hearts, even though you have only two of them. Besides, you can't repeat diamonds again with such a moth-eaten suit.

**4. Four hearts.** This time, with a reasonable fit for both of partner's suits and a much better hand than you might have had, you give partner a jump-preference. This cannot be misread as showing a huge hand in the light of your previous minimum rebid of two diamonds. Your leap to game might prove to be the catalyst that induces partner to undertake a sound slam contract.

Tomorrow: Innocent-looking, but fatal.

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# SUDOKU

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

ANSWER:

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



A step-by-step guide will lead you exactly where you want to go.

PI-SCES (Feb.

be comfortable with admiration, which you can give naturally and lavishly. Your awareness and restraint smooth the way. VIRGO: It's your party, and you get to make the rules. LIBRA: Some thrive on drama and discord, and you may play along for a while without getting too swept up in it, as you're aware of the game. SCORPIO: Though you're confident in what you bring to the table, you're also as vulnerable to loss as any -- and this is a most loveable quality. SAGITTARIUS: In small ways, you reward people for the attention they give you. A smile, an encouraging word, a playful tease -- these gestures go far. CAPRICORN: Being open to different styles of having fun will exponentially increase the excitement flowing through your world. AQUARIUS: You and a friend do not share the same taste in love and will inform and entertain one another with your differences. PISCES: The love you give in one direction comes back to you from another.

### COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:

Taurus and Sagittarius bring out a hedonistic side of one another this weekend. Taurus is the sign of appetite and Sagittarius is the sign of "more." It's not difficult to work that math. The trick here is to focus on things that are not too dangerous to have in excess such as joy, respect and love. And even if this couple finds themselves neck-deep in surplus, the weeks to come will shake off the overages.

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### Cosmic Opposition Suggests Temperature Taking

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Happiness may be the best revenge; no one said it was the easiest. Today, you attempt to grab some and it runs off. Let it go. Stick with your path and goals. Happiness will catch up just when the right people are watching.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You are the type of friend who comes early to the party and stays late to help clean up a mess you didn't make. You have friends who would do the same -- if you'd let them. No parties are happening today, but let them help anyway.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It will be liberating to recognize the difference between infatuations, pre-occupations and actual love. Love isn't about the amount of time you spend thinking of someone; rather, it's the home you make for someone in your heart.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Relationships are co-created, so no one is completely in control. You can manage your end of things, but that in and of itself may not be enough to get a thing headed where you want it to go. It's a day for realistic assessment.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There's no reason to judge yourself now. Nor should you subject yourself to the judgment of others. It's a time to accept your right to create your precious life to whatever extent you can.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Run your day through your mental projector before you launch into it. As you

picture each responsibility you will tend to, you will get ideas as to what would make the experience even better.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Attention to detail saves the day. You like to know for certain that your being on the scene made things different. When you doubt your impact, you'll speak up, touch people, do and change something.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You can't control other people's reactions, but you can predict them. Knowing more about your audience helps you predict more accurately. This is why time spent in research and observation is invaluable.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your desires make themselves known to you, usually obviously but sometimes subtly. Today is a subtle one in which your wants speak in whispers, nudges and inklings.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You prize self-sufficiency, but it may be worthwhile to pay someone to fix the problem of the day. Even so, you'll try to learn as much as you can from the process.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** One solution doesn't work for everyone, but it will probably work for you, especially because you're so excellent at following instructions.

Please thoroughly wash your hands to keep us healthy!

## Annie's Mailbox

### Husband Doesn't Want Me Talking to Family

**Dear Annie:** My husband tells me that I'm cheating on him by talking to my friends and family. He talks to people on the phone who I don't even know, but I don't ever worry about it or get on his case about it. What can I do? -- Needing Help in Virginia

**Dear Needing Help:** Your husband's controlling attitude is not just toxic but may constitute emotional abuse. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, two hallmarks of abusive behavior are showing extreme jealousy and

preventing and discouraging you from spending time with friends, family members or peers. I encourage you to call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233 or chat with someone via their website (<https://www.thehotline.org>) for further perspective as well as resources. Partners are meant to lift each other up.

**Dear Annie:** The letter from "Sad Mom" (regarding her son's upcoming wedding, to which she is not invited due to coronavirus precautions) struck a chord with me.

My son and his then-fiancee in 2013 decided to marry in

Alaska and had only the immediate wedding party in attendance. They wanted to keep it small, and families were not invited. Not my choice, but it was what they wanted, and we respected their wishes and sent champagne and good vibes.

Several months later, we held a party for them, and those who couldn't go to Alaska were able to celebrate. This is not unlike what is happening now, in so many quarters. Parties can be delayed but important life events still must occur.

The most positive and loving thing "Sad Mom" can do is to focus on the fact that

her son has found someone he loves and to celebrate and honor that. It is time for them to take this step as a couple and for themselves. For "Sad Mom" to focus on her feelings is to add to the stress over the decisions they are forced to make and to bring heaviness to their wedding day. Giving the couple open and full support will be appreciated by the couple for years to come and will give them a model of good parenting of adult children. -- Missed the Wedding But Love the Couple

**Dear Love the Couple:** Your signature says it all. I appreciate your perspective and positivity.

**Dear Annie:** Your advice to "Strained Communication" was perfect: "Run, run, as fast as you can." Our son married a charmer who wanted to get married quickly. She had a great reputation and nice family, but things aren't always as they seem. Shortly after marriage, we began to see the real person who was extremely controlling, crying uncontrollably, emotional meltdowns/tantrums and vindictive behavior, just to name a few bad behaviors. She ruined every holiday, family get-together and vacation we had as a family. No doubt, she has a mental issue, but she was refusing to try

and improve herself, and, instead, blaming everyone else. Please, please don't marry quickly. In our situation, she had to get married before we saw the real person; otherwise, the marriage never would have happened. Our son and family learned the hard way. They've since split up. -- Wiser in Tennessee

**Dear Wiser:** I appreciate your sharing the wisdom, though I'm sorry to hear how it was earned.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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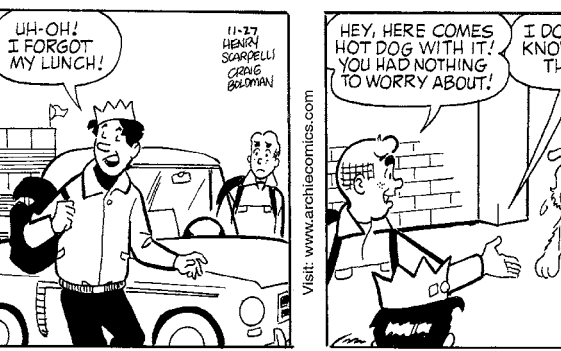
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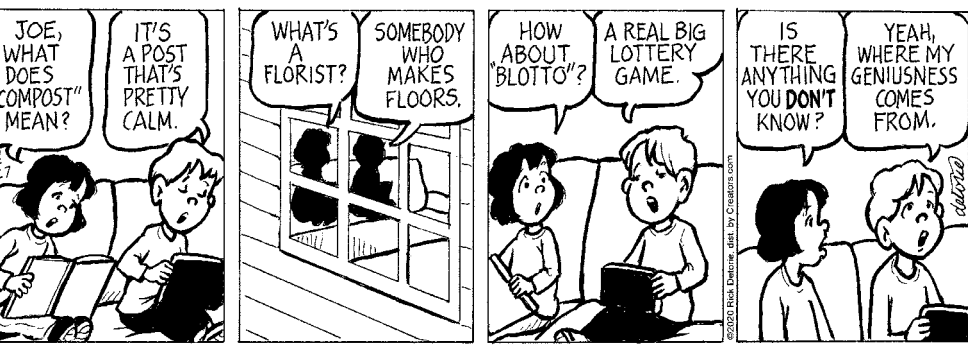
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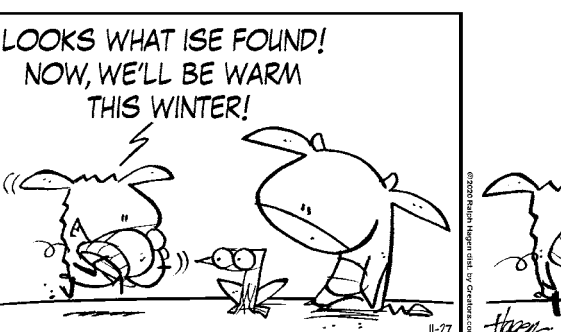
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, Nov. 27, the 332nd day of 2020. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 27, 1924, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade — billed as a "Christmas Parade" — took place in New York.

On this date:

In 1701, astronomer Anders Celsius, inventor of the Celsius temperature scale, was born in Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station officially opened.

In 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy scuttled its ships and submarines in Toulon (too-LOHN) to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone (mah-SKOH'-nee) and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White. (White served five years for manslaughter; he committed suicide in Oct. 1985.)

In 1998, answering 81 questions put to him three weeks earlier; President Clinton wrote the House Judiciary Committee that his testimony in the Monica Lewinsky affair was "not false and misleading."

In 1989, a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground.

In 1999, Northern Ireland's biggest party, the Ulster Unionists, cleared the way for the speedy formation of an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic administration.

In 2000, a day after George W. Bush was certified the winner of Florida's presidential vote, Al Gore laid out his case for letting the courts settle the nation's long-count election.

Ten years ago: The State Department released a letter from its top lawyer to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, warning that an expected imminent release of classified cables would put "countless" lives at risk, threaten global counterterrorism operations and jeopardize U.S. relations with its allies.

Five years ago: A gunman attacked a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, Colorado, killing three people and injuring nine. (Suspect Robert Dear was sent to a psychiatric hospital after being deemed incompetent for trial.) A subdued France paid homage to those killed in the Paris attacks two weeks earlier, honoring each of the 130 victims by name as President Francois Hollande pledged to "destroy the army of fanatics" who had claimed so many young lives.

One year ago: Two explosions, 13 hours apart, at a chemical plant in East Texas blew out windows and doors of nearby

homes and prompted an evacuation order for more than 50,000 people; three plant workers sustained minor injuries.

Today's Birthdays: Footwear designer Manolo Blahnik is 78. Academy Award-winning director Kathryn Bigelow is 69. TV host Bill Nye ("Bill

Nye, the Science Guy") is 65. Actor William Fichtner (FIHK'-nuhr) is 64. Caroline Kennedy is 63. Academy Award-winning screenwriter Callie Khouri is 63. Rock musician Charlie Burchill (Simple Minds) is 61. Actor Michael Rispoli is 60. Jazz composer/big band leader

Maria Schneider is 60. Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty is 60. Rock musician Charlie Benante (Anthrax) is 58. Rock musician Mike Bordin (Faith No More) is 58. Actor Fisher Stevens is 57. Actor Robin Givens is 56. Actor Michael Vartan is 52. Actor Elizabeth Marvel is 51.

Rapper Skoob (DAS EFX) is 50. Actor Kirk Acevedo is 49. Rapper Twista is 48. Actor Jaleel White is 44. Actor Arjay Smith is 37. Actor Alison Pill is 35. Actor Lashana Lynch (TV: "Still Star-Crossed") is 33.

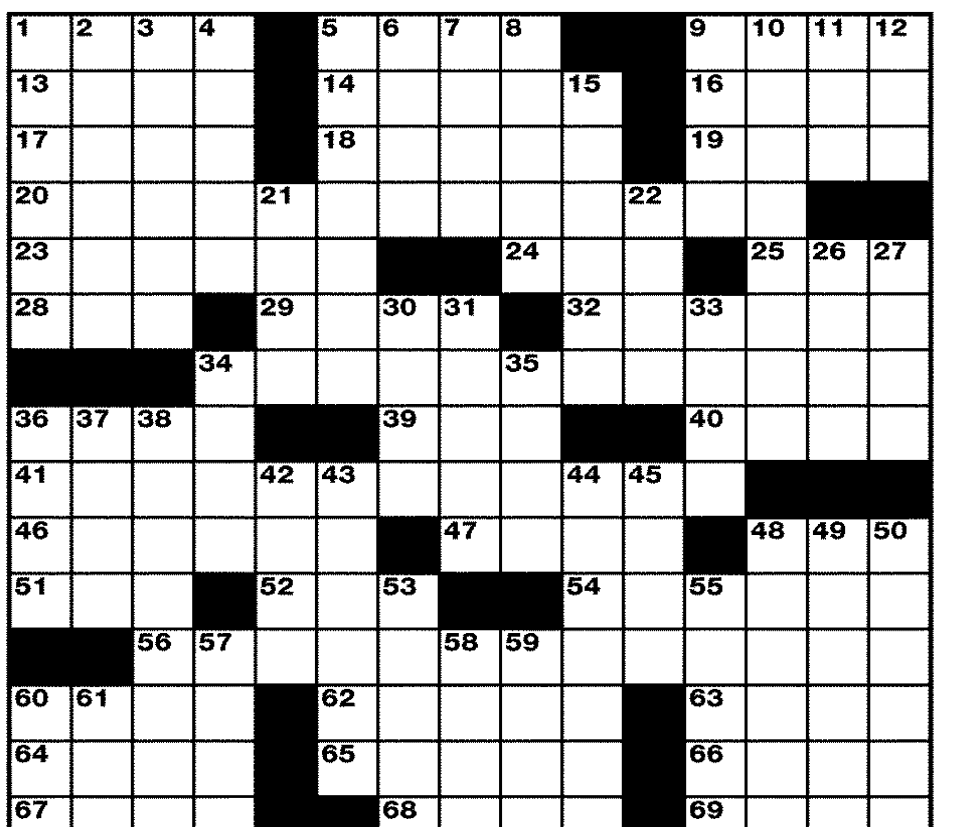
Newsday Crossword

BELIEVE IN YESTERDAY by Billie Truitt

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- ACROSS**
- 1 An Illinois water border
  - 5 Things learned first
  - 9 "Tomorrow's Saturday!"
  - 13 Millionth of milli-
  - 14 Wool source
  - 16 Pentagonal plate
  - 17 Not legit
  - 18 Addams dad
  - 19 Bunches
  - 20 SEETITLE, orally speaking
  - 23 Boston nickname
  - 24 Diversions, for short
  - 25 Mouth health org.
  - 28 Attack a course
  - 29 Many a Greek goddess group
  - 32 School kid's assignments
  - 34 SEE TITLE, orally speaking
  - 36 Ancient horse's destination
  - 39 Org. once led by Bush 41
  - 40 Very dark
  - 41 SEE TITLE, orally speaking
  - 46 Vodka, in part
  - 47 On its way
  - 48 MIT measure
  - 51 Sanctions, in a good way
  - 52 FDR agency
  - 54 Easygoing
  - 56 SEE TITLE, orally speaking
  - 60 Press one's luck, perhaps
  - 62 Foolishness
  - 63 Pamphlet's purpose, often
  - 64 Chief

- DOWN**
- 1 Not remotely
  - 2 Response to sarcasm
  - 3 Worked up
  - 4 Extra energy
  - 5 Unknown subject
  - 6 Coalition
  - 7 Negligee jacket, for short
  - 8 Tainting tactic
  - 9 Cuisine using oyster sauce
  - 10 "No time to talk!"
  - 11 Texting qualifier
  - 12 Wetland
  - 15 Ancient Mesoamericans
  - 21 Female name of a Biblical book
  - 22 Repeat, as another's sentiment
  - 26 Knock down
  - 27 Light gray
  - 30 Make slow progress
  - 31 Folks from Muskogee
  - 33 Leave unsaid
  - 34 TV host Banks
  - 35 Kemo
  - 36 Copyeditor's catch
  - 37 Castle alias
  - 38 Best in competition
  - 42 Erupter of 2020
  - 43 Mexican sandwiches
  - 44 Make secret, in a way
  - 45 Legal deferral
  - 48 It's in four UN members' names
  - 49 Sauté
  - 50 Big name in dystopian fiction
  - 53 Help a Horse Day founder
  - 55 Doesn't attend
  - 57 Female pheasants
  - 58 Sink or swim
  - 59 A Michigan water border
  - 60 Where Korea's Truce Village is: Abbr.
  - 61 Highly rated, as a bond



Answer to previous puzzle

HOBBS BRAS IBM  
OPERA SLANT POE  
DECAY HOSTA HUN  
NOTANOTHERWORD  
HMM YOW ANNE  
ARISEN TAKEHEED  
MINK KIWIS  
GIVEITAREST  
ALLAY EIRE  
ROTATION ARAMIS  
ORAL AGE BBQ  
BITEYOURTONGUE  
ROT ASSAM TOKYO  
OLE PLANS ENTER  
YER SOFT REUSE

11/27/20

# Big 12 title game could have a familiar look or 1st-timers

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

With a month to go before the Big 12 championship game, No. 18 Oklahoma and No. 22 Texas both have paths to another Red River rivalry matchup in December.

There are also plenty of ways to mix things up for a title game that has long ended bathed in crimson and cream, with sprinkles of burnt orange.

Kansas State, one of five teams with either one or two conference losses, was the last team other than the Sooners or Longhorns to win a Big 12 championship game — in 2003. No. 14 Oklahoma State (5-1, 4-1 Big 12) and No. 17 Iowa State (5-2, 5-1), currently the top two teams in the standings, have never played in the game that dates to the league's 1996 debut season.

Or there could be more of the same Dec. 19 at AT&T Stadium, the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

If Oklahoma (5-2, 4-2) and Texas (5-2, 4-2) both win the rest of their games, they could meet for the Big 12 championship for second time in three seasons. That would be assured if they finish in a four-way tie with Iowa State and Oklahoma State, or a three-way tie with only the Cowboys. A three-way tie with the Cyclones would trigger another round of tiebreakers that would depend on how other teams finish.

Oklahoma has won eight of the last 10 championship games, including all three since the Big 12 was able to reinstate its title game following a six-season hiatus.

The other two during that 10-game stretch were won by the Longhorns, who won the Big 12's last national title during the 2005 season with Vince Young, and were national runner-ups four years later.

During those six seasons without a title game, five different teams won or shared Big 12 championships. Oklahoma State was the champ in 2011, then Kansas State shared with Oklahoma in 2012. Baylor won the 2013 title and was co-champion in 2014 with TCU before the Sooners won the outright titles in 2015 and 2016, starting their current streak of five consecutive league titles.

Kansas State (4-3, 4-2), which has lost two in a row since winning its first four Big 12 games, plays Saturday at Iowa State.

Since starting 0-2 in the conference for the first time since 1998, two years before their last national championship, the Sooners have a four-game winning streak. That started with a four-overtime win over Texas in mid-October, the last loss by the Longhorns, whose scheduled game Saturday was pushed back to Dec. 12 because of virus issues in the Jayhawks program.

Oklahoma State is the only team with four regular-season games left, starting Saturday with Bedlam on the road against the Sooners. The Cowboys

then have games against Texas Tech and TCU before going to Baylor on Dec. 12 to make up a game postponed Oct. 17 after the Bears had positive COVID-19 tests.

West Virginia (5-3, 4-3) has alternated wins and losses all season, but the Mountaineers still could have a chance to get into the Big 12 title game if they win their remaining games against Oklahoma and Iowa State — and then get a lot of help.

Out-of-contention Baylor (1-5, 1-5) could still have an impact on who plays in the title game with an upset or two over its remaining games against Kansas State, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. The Bears' last three losses are by a combined 18 points.

Some of the potential scenarios to determine the Big 12 title game matchup, though the league is pretty much already out of contention for a spot in the College Football Playoff:

### TOP TWO WIN OUT

Iowa State vs. Oklahoma State. No tiebreakers would be needed to figure out a matchup of first-timers if the Cyclones and Cowboys both win the rest of their games. That would include Iowa State beating Texas, and Oklahoma State winning Bedlam for only the third time in the last 18 meetings.

### WIN OUT AND MISS OUT

Oklahoma can win its last three games (Oklahoma State, West Virginia and Baylor) and miss out on the Big 12 title game. If the Sooners ended up in a four-way tie at 7-2 with Kansas State, Iowa State and Oklahoma State, they would be left out on a tiebreaker because of their back-to-back losses to the Wildcats and Cyclones to start conference play. Same as if Oklahoma, Iowa State and Kansas State finished in a three-way tie.

### BUNCH OF 6-3 TEAMS

Iowa State, Kansas State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas and

West Virginia could all finish with 6-3 conference marks. There are different ways for that to happen, leading to multiple levels of tiebreaker scenarios, including different round-robins. There is even the possibility of a 6-3 team finishing alone atop the standings, with as many as six 5-4 teams vying for a spot in the Big 12 title game.

## NCAA Football Schedule

### Friday

Away Team		Home Team	Time of Game
#13 Iowa State (6-2)	@	#17 Texas (5-2)	11:00 a.m. (ABC)
UMass (0-3)	@	Liberty (8-1)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN3)
Nebraska (1-3)	@	#24 Iowa (3-2)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
#2 Notre Dame (8-0)	@	#19 North Carolina (6-2)	2:30 p.m. (ABC)
UCF (5-3)	@	South Florida (1-7)	2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Wyoming (1-2)	@	UNLV (0-4)	3:00 p.m. (FS1)
Stanford (0-2)	@	California (0-2)	3:00 p.m. (FOX)
Central Michigan (2-1)	@	Eastern Michigan (0-3)	3:00 p.m. (CBSN)
#15 Oregon (3-0)	@	Oregon State (1-2)	6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

### Saturday

Away Team		Home Team	Time of Game
#4 Ohio State (4-0)	@	Illinois (2-3)	11:00 a.m. (FS1)
Kentucky (3-5)	@	#6 Florida (6-1)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN)
Maryland (2-1)	@	#12 Indiana (4-1)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN2)
Texas Tech (3-5)	@	#23 Oklahoma State (5-2)	11:00 a.m. (FOX)
Penn State (0-5)	@	Michigan (2-3)	11:00 a.m. (ABC)
Northern Illinois (0-3)	@	Western Michigan (3-0)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN+)
Bowling Green (0-3)	@	Ohio (1-1)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN+)
Kent State (3-0)	@	Buffalo (3-0)	11:00 a.m. (CBSN)
Ball State (2-1)	@	Toledo (2-1)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN3)
SMU (7-2)	@	East Carolina (2-6)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN+)
Georgia Southern (6-3)	@	Georgia State (4-4)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN3)
North Carolina State (6-3)	@	Syracuse (1-8)	11:00 a.m. (ACCN)
Vanderbilt (0-7)	@	Missouri (3-3)	11:00 a.m. (SECN)
UTEP (3-4)	@	Rice (1-2)	12:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Miami (OH) (1-1)	@	Akron (0-3)	12:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
#20 Coastal Carolina (8-0)	@	Texas State (2-9)	2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Louisiana (7-1)	@	UL Monroe (0-8)	2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
North Texas (3-3)	@	UTSA (6-4)	2:00 p.m.
South Alabama (3-6)	@	Arkansas State (3-6)	2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
#22 Auburn (5-2)	@	#1 Alabama (7-0)	2:30 p.m. (CBS)
Pittsburgh (5-4)	@	#3 Clemson (7-1)	2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
#8 Northwestern (5-0)	@	Michigan State (1-3)	2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Colorado (2-0)	@	#18 USC (3-0)	2:30 p.m. (ABC)
Florida Atlantic (5-1)	@	Middle Tennessee (3-6)	2:30 p.m. (CBSN)
#7 Cincinnati (8-0)	@	Temple (1-6)	3:00 p.m. (ESPNU)
San Jose State (4-0)	@	Boise State (4-1)	3:00 p.m. (FOX)
Mississippi State (2-5)	@	Ole Miss (3-4)	3:00 p.m. (SECN)
Rutgers (1-4)	@	Purdue (2-2)	3:00 p.m. (FS1)
Louisville (3-6)	@	Boston College (5-4)	3:00 p.m. (ACCN)
LSU (3-3)	@	#5 Texas A&M (5-1)	6:00 p.m. (ESPN)
Duke (2-6)	@	Georgia Tech (2-5)	6:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Kansas State (4-4)	@	Baylor (1-5)	6:00 p.m. (ESPN2)
Memphis (5-2)	@	Navy (3-4)	6:00 p.m. (CBSN)
#9 Georgia (5-2)	@	South Carolina (2-6)	6:30 p.m. (SECN)
#11 Oklahoma (6-2)	@	West Virginia (5-3)	6:30 p.m. (ABC)
TCU (3-4)	@	Kansas (0-7)	7:00 p.m. (FS1)
Virginia (4-4)	@	Florida State (2-6)	7:00 p.m. (ACCN)
Troy (4-4)	@	Appalachian State (6-2)	7:00 p.m. (ESPNU)
Arizona (0-2)	@	UCLA (1-2)	7:00 p.m. (FOX)
Utah (0-1)	@	Washington (2-0)	9:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Nevada (5-0)	@	Hawai'i (2-3)	10:00 p.m.

## UTPB Basketball Back in two weeks as LSC Releases 20-21 Schedule

Special to the Herald

In just under three weeks, UT Permian Basin Basketball will return to the hardwood for the first of a 20-game Lone Star Conference schedule following approval from the league's Executive Committee. The Falcons will play 10 home and 10 road games in the newly formatted schedule.

The Falcons open the season on December 11 as they'll travel to take on UT Tyler. The teams go right back at it on December 12 as part of a back to back. The Falcons return home the next week, welcoming Cameron on December 18 in the first official on campus games since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The conference has a slightly different look this season after the departure of Tarleton to Division I and Eastern and Western New Mexico opted out over COVID-19 concerns. This season now features three five-team divisions. The Falcons are a part of the West Division which includes geographic rivals Angelo State, Lubbock Christian, Midwestern State, and West Texas A&M.

As part of the newly formatted schedule, the Falcons will play on different nights of the week depending on the opponent. During weeks in which the Falcons play a divisional opponent, they will have one contest at home and one on the road. When they faces an opponent from outside the division, both crossover games will be played at the same site on back-to-back days.

The modified "bubble" schedule format enhances student-athlete safety with regard to COVID-19 and reduces the amount of contact amongst teams by playing the same opponent twice during the week.

The conference tournament will consist of the

top eight men's and women's teams with first-round games on-campus on Tuesday, March 2 followed by the four winning teams advancing to the final site at the highest remaining seed on Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6.

Last season, the Falcons had an overall record of 16-16 for a .500 record and competitive record. They also went 9-13 in conference play and will be trying to get back to their winning ways on the court this season.

The Falcons will be playing a couple of exhibition games before the start of their regular season. They will play UTEP and UTSA this month before turning the page to their regular season schedule.

The women's team had an overall record of 10-18 last season and were 7-15 in conference play. They have been improving over the past few years and will look to continue that trend this winter.

Both teams return to the court on Dec. 11 at UT Tyler.

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