



## Obituaries

### Jo Ann Cook

Jo Ann Cook, 87, of Stanton, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020 at her residence. Memorial services will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Benji Van Fleet, pastor, officiating. The service will live stream at [www.stantonumc.com](http://www.stantonumc.com)

Jo Ann built a beautiful life with Wayne and loved and cared for him and their 5 children. If you were around her for very long, you would know how proud she was of her children and grandchildren. She only wanted the best for them and always looked forward to seeing them.

Jo Ann had a way of making Christmas a magical time and always made sure her trees were decorated to perfection. She always made sure everyone at her table had enough to eat. She had a servant's

### Dell McGuire

Dell McGuire, 93, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 in Midland, Texas. He will lie in state Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 from 9 a.m. until

### Richard Mills

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### Alvin Marin

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### Armando Salgado Jr.

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### Josefa "Josie" Salgado

Our dear mom, grandma, and great grandma Josie has gone to her heavenly home. Josefa "Josie" Salgado, 88, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020. She will be in state at Myers & Smith Funeral Home until 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2020. Services will be Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Life Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive.

Josie was born on May 5, 1932 in Lockhart. She married Armando Salgado in 1948 in Lamesa. They were married 71 years. She lived in the community for 60 years and was a member of Life Church. She was a beloved employee of the YMCA and was such an asset to her job.

Josie loved to sew, read the Bible, and sing. She loved to garden and loved animals. She loved teaching children bible stories and song. She taught kindness and love by example.

She is survived by her husband: Armando Salgado, Sr. of Big Spring; two daughters: Margaret Sumner of Big Spring and Olga Williamson of Dallas; one

heart and loved the Lord. She made the Cook house a home and her presence will live on through all of those she loved.

Jo Ann is survived by her daughter Ann Prough and husband Sam, Mike Cook and wife Liz, son Steve Cook and wife Trica, son Ronny Cook and wife Jana, and daughter Kimberly Baker and husband Lester.

Jo Ann had 16 grandkids and 14 great grandkids. She has one brother, Burlly Polk and wife Mary Polk and numerous nieces and nephews. Jo Ann is preceded in death by husband Wayne of 59 years and her parents Bill and Lorena Polk.

The family suggests memorials to the Martin County Convent, P. O. Box 1435, Stanton, Texas 79782, Martin County Animal Advocates, P. O. Box 818, Stanton, Texas 79782, First United Methodist Church, Family Life Center, P. O. Box 1193, Stanton, Texas 79782, St. Jude Children's Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org), or to a charity of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid Obituary*

9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

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son: Armando Salgado, Jr. and his wife Suzanne of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren: Robert Sumner and wife Jovena of Ft. Worth, Jason Williamson and spouse Rich of Dallas, Kendra Nichols and husband Eddie of Dallas, Mandi Salgado and partner, Annie, of Big Spring, Adrienne Salgado of Big Spring, Samantha Rodriguez and husband David of Big Spring, Danielle Alcantar of Big Spring, Zoie Granados and husband John of Kerrville, Chelby Porras and husband Marcus of Big Spring, and Zack Salgado and fiancé Isha; several great grandkids; several nieces and nephews; one brother: Patricio Rodriguez of Big Spring; and two sisters: Victoria Rodriguez of Big Spring and Magdalena Rodriguez Lopez of Big Spring.

She is preceded in death by her daughter: Becky Salgado; Brandon Sumner, Joshua Williamson, Bobby Sumner, Landon Leal, and her parents: Mateo and Agustina Rodriguez.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Verma Lea Enfield

Verma Lea Enfield, 91, of Bonham, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Monday, Dec. 14, 2020. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

Verma was born July 18, 1929 in Anacoco, Louisiana to Nancy Davis Sandell and Ester Lee Sandell. Verma was very active in her church and the community. She served as Airport Elementary PTA president, Big Spring Associational Director for GA/Acteens, and president for the Howard County Extension. She also taught Sunday school and sang in her church choir for many years. She was a long-time member of Airport Baptist Church and Berea Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Verma loved spending time in the kitchen, making delicious meals for her family, friends, and church. She was an excellent seamstress and created quilts, pillows, and clothing for family and friends. She was a fierce 42 domino player and liked to win! She was also an avid reader. She loved to work the daily newspaper crossword puzzles. She never gave up the etiquette of sending letters, cards, and thank you notes. Verma loved to sing and was an alto. She often sang specials in church accompanied by her family and friends. Verma wrote two books about

her life that are cherished by her family, The Way We Were and Stories of Laughter and Happy Times.

Verma survived an abduction in 2014 and almost died. She often shared her courageous story and testimony to both large and small groups, including a video, crusade, conferences, church gatherings, and a graduation. She was known as a strong woman of faith in Jesus Christ and His Word. She had enduring love for family and hosted many family reunions. Her life was full of love and laughter and she will be missed by her family and a myriad of friends.

Surviving children are daughter, Cynthia McCullough and husband John, daughter Tracy Hodges and husband Jay, son, Paul Decker, and sister, Virginia Meek. Grandchildren are Joel McCullough, Julie Davis, Crystal Ramirez, Laura Carrillo, Holly Little, and Amanda Abel. She has 12 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in Death by Husband, P. B. "Buddy" Enfield, parents, Nancy and Ester Sandell, brother, Vaughan Sandell, sister, Alphreida Wilson, and daughters, Omenda Lea Decker and Carolyn Abel, and the father of her children, Omer Decker.

Pallbearers will be Jay Hodges, Calvin Meek, Richard Meek, Joel McCullough, Sean Davis and Abiel Carrillo.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

*Paid Obituary*

## Sheriff

*The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity: Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.*

- **DIEGO ADRIAN DEHOYOS**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of motion to adjudicate/evading arrest detention with vehicle.
- **AMANDA MICHELLE HARKINS**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft property (\$100 to \$750).
- **JACKIE DOLE RICHEY**, 58, was arrested by BSPD on charges of criminal trespass, assault causes bodily injury, no driver's license (when unlicensed), ride not secured by safety belt, operate motor vehicle without financial responsibility, and violate promise to appear (uniform act).
- **ASHLEY L. WARD**, 39, was

arrested by HCSO on charges of aggravated assault with deadly weapon and resist arrest search or transport.

- **JESSICA CASSANDRA BAIRD**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.

- **AMANDA MICHELLE HARKINS**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft property (\$100 to \$750).

- **RODOLFO HERNANDEZ**, 61, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft material aluminum/bronze/copper.

- **MARK HICKMAN JR.**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).

- **KEITH PAUL LANCE**, 52, was arrested by DPS on a charge of forgery instrument.

- **LESTER DALE PITTMAN**, 49, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams).

- **GABRIEL GEORGE QUINTANA**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid (DWLI), driving while license invalid, ride not secured by safety belt, violate promise to appear (uniform act), assault causes bodily injury, and family member.

- **KATHERINE DELORES SCAGGS**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on charges of criminal trespass, possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams), and possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DIEGO ADRIAN DEHOYOS**, 26, of 606 Caylor, was arrested on a charge of warrant - other agency.
- **JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY JR.**, 58, of 700 E. 15<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on charges of no drivers license - when unlicensed, safety belt rode without being secured, failed to maintain financial responsibility, bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only, criminal trespass - property/building/aircraft/vehicle, and assault causes bodily injury.
- **ASHLEY LYNN WARD**, 39, of 1609 Oil Mill Road, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault - with deadly weapon and resist arrest search or transport.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn Drive.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 7100 block of Center Point.
- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 1300 block of S. Nolan Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the area of Totem Pole and San Miguel.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 200 block of Becker Road.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Oil Mill Road.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 2000 block of N. Monticello Street.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 700 block of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Anderson Road. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Steakley. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. (x2)
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. (x2)
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Apron Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5200 block of Longshore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of MM 191. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 2300 block of Rickanaugh. The fire was contained.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Wood Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Langley. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N. Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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# Take Note

• A gofund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail [jessemonica1234@gmail.com](mailto:jessemonica1234@gmail.com) or call 432-517-7675.

• Isaiah 58's last distribution will be Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The food pantry will be closed for the holiday season, through the end of the year beginning Dec. 21. through January 5, 2021.

• The City of Big Spring recently announced that due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, all indoor city-owned rental facilities including our venue, The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, will be closed for the rest of the year. With this announcement and with no other venue options that will properly social distance our musicians, we will be unable to kick off our season on Dec. 19 with our "Holiday Spectacular" Concert. Be watching our Facebook page, Symphony website (Bigspring-symphony.org), the Big Spring Herald, KBYG and KBST for further details and a new kick-off date for our season, appropriately entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony". Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through these unusual times. We hope to see you very soon. May you and your family stay safe and healthy through the rest of this Holiday Season!

• 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.

• City of Big Spring offices have moved to by ap-

pointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at [mybigspring.com](http://mybigspring.com).

• 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](mailto: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. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a

five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at [garylteagle1987@gmail.com](mailto:garylteagle1987@gmail.com).

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship?

## Weather



**Today:** Partly sunny, with a high near 64. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming clear, with a low around 33. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northwest after midnight.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 56. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 32.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 61.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 33.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 67.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via [forecast.weather.gov](http://forecast.weather.gov))

## BOOK

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There were some days it turned into 12 to 14 hours at home by myself with three kids and we were all adjusting to this new way of life."

She continued, "It was complete chaos, and I was out numbered. Yes, while it was wonderful, and what we wanted, I felt like I was drowning."

Fast forward almost 11 years later and Covid hits and King saw other moms who felt like they were drowning. All of a sudden working moms are working from home with their kids not able to go to school and trying to navigate virtual learning.

"When Covid hit, life changed overnight, just like my life changed almost over night it felt like. I just wanted to be a source of encouragement because it can be lonely when you have all this responsibility on your shoulder," King said. "Moms, wives and women in general carry a heavy weight when it comes to the family and Covid has, in a way, highlighted all that mothers do for us. A lot of times mothers and wives put themselves last in order to ensure everyone is taken care of, and that can become exhausting in its own way."

As the nation began to try to navigate

## PLAY

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• Morgan Griffith/Morganator: Smash Texas Playoffs (seeded 4/60 active players)-Advanced to FINALS: TBA

• Steer 6: Rainbow 6 Siege PS4 Playoffs (seeded 4th, 17 teams) Semi-Finals: Thursday

• Jayson Primrose, Joshy Mireles, Austin Dever, Tristan LeBarre, Mason Patterson, Jaysena Roberts (sub: Toby Phillips)

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Lenora Mancha, died Saturday. Memorial Services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Myers & Smith Chapel and the family will receive friends from Noon until 1:00 PM Saturday

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love has not been perfected in us.*  
1 John 4:18

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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  
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Psalm 91: 14-16

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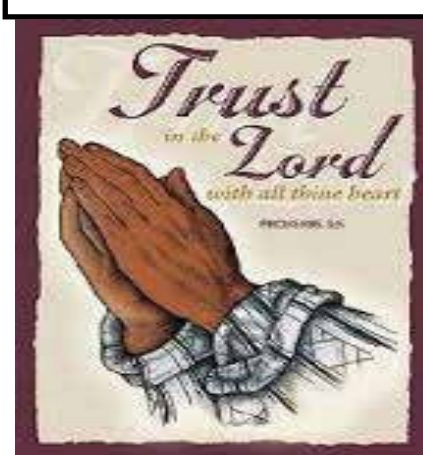
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# Church News

## 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 proclaim Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee!  
New Hope Preschool Program & NCA Christmas Concert

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. You won't want to miss our New Hope Preschool Program this Wednesday @ 6:30pm and come out Thursday at 6:00pm for our NCA Christmas Concert.

Annual Ornament Exchange  
December 19th is our NazLadies Annual Ornament Exchange at 6:00pm. It will be a great time of food, fun, and fellowship. Don't miss it!  
Christmas Eve  
On December 24th @ 6:30pm we will have a special Christmas Eve Service. It will be a simple service of story and song focused on the true reason for the season. We hope you will invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate together.  
Food Boxes  
Every Tuesday & Thursday we make food boxes available in our church office from 10am - 12pm for anyone in need. If you know someone who needs an extra blessing they can come by the office at that time or contact us at (432) 267-7015.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

Facebook - Live Streaming  
Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's will be Live Streaming their service on Facebook, website - [www.facebook.com/StMarysBigSpring/](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysBigSpring/). What a great way to listen OR participate in the service at the comforts of your home or wherever you may be at that time of day.  
Upcoming Event  
\*\*Christmas Eve service will be on Thursday, December 24th at 10:30 p.m. Please come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. All our Welcome.

## College Baptist Church

Christmas is fast approaching - the day set aside to celebrate the birth of Jesus! What will we give to our Saviour this season? What an opportunity to serve Him! Just praising God at College Baptist Church, as we welcome new members through salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. We are open on Sunday morning at 9:15 for Bible Study for all ages. Worship time is at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday activities begin at 5:45-6:30 p.m. for a fellowship meal. Youth activities start at 6 p.m. and adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. with children meeting for King's Kids and Krafts. Girl's Missions meet on Sunday at 5 p.m. Come join in the fun as we prepare for the celebration of our Lord Jesus' birthday.

Services for Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020 are in the building. We are live streaming and on our Facebook page as well. Come catch God's perfect 2020 vision. We have face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer available and we are practicing social distancing. Families are sitting together. Visitors, it was a joy to welcome new faces and old alike. Our services are lively and worshipful. College Baptist Church has set our Lottie Moon Christmas offering a goal. This goal is a challenging one that will reach to the foreign mission field as we continue on mission for our Lord.

We definitely enjoy the worship time as our ministry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God's Word leading us as Jesus lives through us. Come study the makings of a Godly family founded on the Rock Solid foundation of Jesus. Keep your spiritual 2020 vision on as we near the end of this age, as our pastor remind us every Sunday. Jesus is coming soon. Take a part in these joyful activities and exciting worship, praising the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning Men's, Ladies, and youth meetings at this great and friendly church.

## Crestview Baptist Church

At Crestview Baptist Church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit for a body of believers is not entertainment, gimmicks, or programs. The most fulfilling pursuit for a follower of Christ is to know Christ and His Word, so that we may live for Him. If you believe that, please come and worship the King with us! Sunday School starts at 10 AM, Worship begins at 11 AM, and our Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are at 6:30 PM. We are studying the book of Acts. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd., Big Spring.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

"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 [aliveinchristx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristx@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 Christmas Eve Service on the 24th of December. It will begin at 7pm.

The readings for this Sunday are 2nd Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Romans 16:25-27, and Luke 1:26-38. The psalm is Psalm 89:1-5 (19-29).

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study will take a 2 week break. We will resume on January 6, 2021. 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.

Judy Roeever 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.

## First Christian Church

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

This coming Sunday.... Pastor Michaelz sermon will be: The Greatest Gift....The Gift of Love  
John 3:16

There was a time in America when the Church was the focal point of a community. Families would make it a priority to attend services and functions every time the churches "doors were open", times have certainly changed. Factors for the decline in church attendance are varied but include the availability of online services and other activities for families.

There are powerful reasons we should attend Church weekly. Worship in a church is a weekly dramatic re-creation of drawing near to God through Christ by faith. By doing this Christians are reminded that worship is not a time to "call down God" or a religious "experience" rather it is an invitation by God for his people to draw near him in communion through Christ by faith.

The church is important to God so it should be important to us. The church is God's idea and His plan for the ages. God's word instructs us to be involved in the church.

Worshipping Jesus together is powerful Matthew 18:20 "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them" He not only lives in us by his Spirit, but He is in the "midst" of us when we gather to worship Him.

All of us long for community and connections with others. Christian TV, podcast, books and conferences are wonderful additions to our spiritual lives, but nothing can take the place of consistent Christian community through a local church.

The church is where God's people are taught God's word so they can grow spiritedly. We grow stronger together rather than alone. By gathering regularly with other believers, we help each other and encourage each other. It is truly a beautiful thing, Christian life was never intended to be a "solo" act. The church is God's avenue for believers to utilize their spiritual gifts. God never intended the church to be for spectators who just show up for a performance.

Streaming services and Zoom groups are great, however they do not give the same level of encouragement as when we are physically present with each other. The encouragement of each other includes the encouragement of our pastors. They desperately need it. The stress and responsibility they have had during the pandemic have been especially challenging.

The pandemic and quarantines have been transformational moments for our world and our churches. We now have an incredible opportunity to hit the reset button. God is reminding us how really important the Church is.

Don't let excuses stand in the way of what you know God is calling you to do. God will strengthen you and empower you to do what he has called you to do.

First Christian Church is a place where you can belong, meet some great friends and experience a new beginning in life.

To find out more information about First Christian Church or to see the online service join Facebook Group at [www.facebook.com/group/fccbig-spring](http://www.facebook.com/group/fccbig-spring)

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

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

Sunday morning Social Time - pre-Worship Service - starts approximately 9:30 a.m. in the Sitting Room by the office. Donuts, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Hot Tea and Bottled Water.

Worship Service starts at 10:50 a.m. Hope to see you there!!

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

David and Susan Wilson and Kendyl and Kayly lit the Advent Candle on the Third Sunday of Advent, and Kay Kennemur was the Psalm reader for last Sunday.

The Christmas Eve Service, a service of scriptures and carols, will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 24.

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. There will not be a Lunch Bunch on December 24.

The Service Committee has food bags in the Narthex to be picked up by members to put in one's car to give to someone in need.

Committee meetings for the month: Communications, Monday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. in the parlor; Worship, Friday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m. in the parlor; December Session meeting is Thursday, the 17th, in Fellowship Hall.

The Discovery Class began 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 Youth Bible Study, led by Tom Koger, meets in the Youth Room.

The Children's Class continues the Advent study with a lesson on "A Baby Is Born" for December 6. Nancy Koger is teaching this class.

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

Lectionary passages for the Fourth Sunday in Advent are: Psalm 89: 1-4; 2 Samuel 7:4-11, 8-11; Luke 1: 26-38.: Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. His sermon topic is "God's Favor.". 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.

## 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, December 13th, The Children presented our Christmas program, "The birth of Jesus". In this season of giving and receiving let us never overlook the Most Precious Gift of All. JESUS!!

This next week will be the fourth week of our Advent season, Pastor Ricky, will continue with his series in Isaiah 9:6-7 "Prince of Peace", Come join us this coming Sunday for Sunday school and Worship!

On Wednesday December 23, 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. No Wednesday night activities on December 23.

We will be celebrating our Christmas Eve service on Thursday, December 24, at 5:30 P.M. We will also be live streaming the Christmas Eve service through Facebook.

Merry Christmas!!!  
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.

# Reflections: The Christmas Journey

Normally, Christmas is a family event. Brothers, sisters, parents and children go to great expense to see each other. They drive hundreds of miles, fly across the continent or around the world to celebrate the holidays together. But, for many families, like ours, not this year. We have postponed our family gathering until later, when the vaccine has taken effect and it is safer.

Nevertheless, our tree is decorated with ornaments created by little hands that grew into manhood and womanhood. Decorations, unboxed from Christmases past, remind us of those we love as we look to a brighter future.

That first Christmas was a family event with its own difficulties. When we rehearse the Christmas story, we conjure up images of Joseph trudging along the Jordan valley leading a donkey with Mary balanced on its back, almost full-term in her pregnancy. A look of admiration and love must have played upon Joseph's face,

mixed with worry.

Faith, above all, propelled them in their journey in circumstances not of their choosing. They were on the road at this most inconvenient and vulnerable time because Caesar required it. They were making the arduous journey to Bethlehem so Joseph could enroll for the Roman tax. Even young couples about to deliver a baby were not excused.

They did not know the future. They believed God was in it, but they had no way of knowing where they would sleep, or how they would make their way after the child was born. Like all fathers, Joseph was concerned about how he would care for his wife and child. Mary's thoughts were about the baby that kicked within her.

Joseph's fears would have been multiplied if he had known, while trudging along the stony path, that there would be no place for them to stay, that the child would be born in a common stable. A trough for the animas would serve for a crib. As far as we know, they were alone. But his faith in God sustained him. His hope for the future lifted his face.

Christmas is like that for us today. We are all on

a journey. Some are more difficult and precarious than others. Our minds are filled with hopes, dreams, anxiety, worry and faith. Some have been laid off and are searching for a job. Some are starting their careers, uncertain about what the future might hold. Some have suffered tragedy, pain and loss. Some are battling illness. Some are celebrating a new birth.

When God sent His Son, He blessed our human experience. He entered into our journey. When He sent Jesus, he identified with our weaknesses, our fears, our hopes, our dreams and our faith. He blessed us as families: mothers and fathers loving one another, finding our way, caring for children in challenging circumstances and believing that, somehow, God is in it all. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He will accomplish His purposes on the earth.

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## Memories of Christmas Pt. 2

When my son was a child, we went home from Southern California to Northern Nevada to spend Christmas with my family. My son was three and a handful to his single divorced momma. We got home in the dead of night, dead tired and went straight to bed. In the morning before we dressed for the day, I told my son there was nothing in my mother's house he could play with or touch under any circumstances. He looked at me with almost a tear in his eye. He didn't realize I had packed his toy bag and he would have something to play with.

He ran out of the room in his footie orange pajamas, and I dressed for the day in the warmest things I owned. When I entered the living room, my mother was standing in the doorway taking picture after picture of my son. He was leaned over slightly, hands behind his back, gazing at the beautiful decorated Christmas tree, loaded with gifts. It was a white tree with red Christmas decorations, with blinking lights and silver tinsel.

I laughed at the scene because my son had taken me at my word, "Don't touch anything in Grandmother's house." My son just stood there gazing at that tempting tree and saying in his three year old voice, "Oooooohhh!" We had a great Christmas that year and I will never forget the look on my son's face as he gazed at that beautiful tree.

Can you imagine how Mary and Joseph must have felt as they looked on God's only begotten Son, lying there in the manger? Can you imagine how the Shepherd's must have felt as they gazed on this Son of God that the angels told them about? Can you imagine what it will be like when we get to the place Jesus has been preparing for us for 2,000 years? I can't even imagine what Christmas will be like up there? But it will be awesome to spend Christmas with Jesus any year He decides to take us home.

## Trump eases rules for religious social service providers

(AP) — The Trump administration on Monday moved to loosen Obama-era restrictions on religious organizations that receive federal money to provide social services.

In new rules coordinated across nine federal agencies, the administration said it was clearing barriers that make it difficult for religious groups to participate in federal programs.

Chief among the changes is the elimination of a rule requiring faith-based groups to tell clients about their religious affiliation and to refer clients to a different program upon request.

It also removes a rule telling religious groups to give clients written notice about their rights, including that they can't be forced to participate in religious activities.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie said the changes will "remove unfair obstacles" standing before groups that seek to contract with the agency to help veterans.

"VA partners with hundreds of groups across the country that are looking to support our Veterans," Wilkie said. "Making it harder for faith-based groups to deliver this support never made sense."

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said the policy ensures that faith-based groups "do not give up their First Amendment rights as a condition of participating in taxpayer programs."

The new policy applies to funding from nine agencies including the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Education Department and the Department of Health and Human Services. Together, the agencies award billions of dollars a year in grants and contracts.

Proposed last January, the policy follows through on an executive order President Donald Trump signed in 2018 aiming to put religious groups on equal footing when they compete for federal grants and contracts.

The executive order was one of several overtures Trump made to his evangelical Christian base around the presidential campaign. Trump also vowed to protect prayer in public schools and bolster the rights of religious groups on college campuses.

Civil rights group blasted the new changes, saying the previous rules

were meant to protect LGBTQ people, religious minorities and others who may face discrimination from religious groups. If they don't know they have the option to get help elsewhere, advocates say, they might choose to forgo services they need, including medical care or housing assistance.

Advocates raised concerns about substance abuse programs that include religious counseling, for example, and faith-based homeless shelters that refuse to house transgender women with other women.

"Some faith-based agencies provide services in a way that is discriminatory," said Jennifer Pizer, law and policy director for Lambda Legal, an LGBTQ rights group. "They think being an LGBTQ person is not legitimate, so they include religious proselytizing or provide services in a way that doesn't respect people's identity. And that drives people away."

Pizer sees the policy as a last-ditch effort to remove civil protections before Trump leaves office. The policy will take effect Jan. 16, days before President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration.

They are doing their best to lift as many nondiscrimination rules as they can before the new administration comes in," she said.

The American Civil Liberties Union called on the incoming Biden administration to reverse the rule as soon as possible.

## Something to think about...

As we invited our community to gather around that sacred manger in Bethlehem this weekend, it reminded me of another one of our favorite Christmas Carols. In 1865, shortly after the Civil war, the Pastor of Trinity Church in Boston, Massachusetts, was helping with a Christmas Eve service in Bethlehem. He later wrote about his feelings as he descended from Jerusalem into Bethlehem on horseback.

Brooks said, "I remember standing in the old church in Bethlehem, close to the spot where Jesus was born. The whole church was singing hour after hour splendid hymns of praise to God, it was as if I could hear angelic voices telling each other of the Wonderful Night of our dear Savior's birth."

Two years later, in 1867, this Pastor, Phillips Brooks, put his pen to paper and wrote one of our favorite Christmas songs, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." I find the words of this song especially meaningful and still relevant for our world today.

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in thee tonight  
For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels sleep  
Their watch of wondering love

O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And Peace to men on earth  
How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given

So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven  
No ear may hear His coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive him still

The dear Christ enters in  
O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel  
May the One born in that obscure  
little town of Bethlehem reign in our  
hearts today.



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## CHURCH

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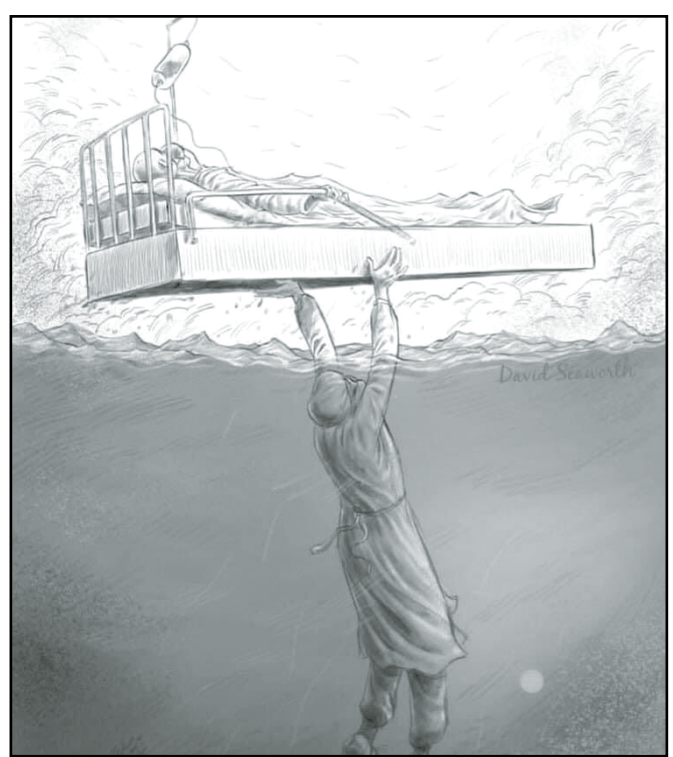


Joseph Chavez

“When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.” These are the words that

I came across during my daily inspirational reading. I came across this picture on Facebook of this health care worker holding up a dying sick patient and it made me think of all you. I know that when you come in on your shift you feel like you are drowning and you get those feelings of doubt and maybe wonder if you are making a difference. There are people who call you managers and administrators and complain to you that you are not doing enough. That you are failing. Well let me tell you right now that the fact that you are here now and have not walked out during these hard times speaks volumes how resilient and amazing you are. These patients in this hospital today re-

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the greatest version of yourself. In closing if you haven't heard it already, I want to thank you for all the service you have done and will do for this community. You are made to be an amazing and beautiful person and this world needs you today to live to your best life now.

The Postscript

Midcentury Modern Christmas

“I’ve forgotten the funny name of the tree you helped us pick out,” my mother said. “Our tree this year is named Melinda.”

The greenhouse where my parents get their Christmas tree every year has festive tags hanging from the trees with their names and prices. These are not inexpensive trees, so it's fitting they are all individually christened. My mother likes to support this local business -- and they do have nice trees.



Carrie Classon

“Caleb. The tree I picked out with you was named Caleb.”

We both agreed Caleb was a silly name for a Christmas tree, although I wasn't sure Melinda was a whole lot better.

Christmas trees are a matter of strict personal taste. I know people who had one-too-many years of needles in the carpeting and became artificial tree owners forever after. Then there are people who insist you need a live tree -- but it doesn't count unless you cut it yourself.

My husband, Peter, bought the house we live in before we met. It was built in 1955 and Peter was born in the '50s, so when I moved in, both the house and its owner had a mid-century modern vibe, and I was fine with that.

We have midcentury modern dishes and lamps and furniture. But I draw the line at a midcentury modern Christmas tree.

Peter has a Christmas tree from the '50s that is made entirely of aluminum. It is pokey and shiny and Peter thinks it is wonderful. “It matches the house perfectly!” Peter says.

That may be, but it doesn't look like Christmas to me.

So, last year, I went downtown looking for a tree. There was a lot filled with perfectly coiffed trees that would have put Melinda or Caleb to shame, but they were exorbitantly priced -- and they didn't even have names. The fellow selling them seemed to have come from a background in car sales.

“So, what kind of tree did you have in mind?” he asked me. “One that doesn't cost more than two weeks' worth of groceries!” I wanted to say.

Instead, I went looking for the second, less-fancy lot in town, but it was hard to find. I got directions twice and drove around in circles until I finally saw a half-dozen straggly trees poking up over an embankment.

I drove down into the deserted parking lot and there was a spindly bunch of trees, all of them over 10 feet tall. A sign was posted nearby. “Family Emergency -- Pay at Hair Salon.”

I went across the street and, sure enough, the proprietor of the tree business had been called away and the trees were all being sold for a fixed price -- any size. I gave my money to the hairstylist, picked out a gangly tree, and strapped it to my car.

When I got home, I cut four feet off the bottom, put it in the tree stand and saw ... it was perfect.

This year, once again, we will be home for the holidays and, unlike last year, I don't expect anyone will see our tree except Peter and me. And I don't care.

I'm headed downtown today, to the lot with the disreputable-looking trees. Peter will cluck his tongue and say something about the perfectly good aluminum tree he has stashed away in a box somewhere.

But he'll be a good sport (as he always is) while I decorate my midcentury modern home for Christmas and smell the fresh spruce.

This year, I might even give my tree a name. I'm thinking of naming it Peter.

Till next time,  
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](http://CarrieClasson.com).

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# John Ishee preparing to lead resurgence of Howard Lady Hawks basketball

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

John Ishee has been here before.

No, not as Head Coach of the Howard Lady Hawks basketball team – the job he took over last week following the retirement of longtime coach Earl Diddle earlier this year. Rather, he has been at the forefront of a program needing a breath of fresh air several times throughout his 32-year coaching career.

Ishee sits in his new office at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and it is obvious that he has already begun transforming the space into his own. He is surrounded by pictures of past teams and players that he has coached, motivational phrases that mean a lot to him, and his Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year Award on the desk behind him that pokes out from just behind his left shoulder.

He describes his coaching style as hard-nosed and his philosophy as simply as, “just trying to figure out how to win.” Following a down 7-22 finish to the season last year for the Lady Hawks, Ishee is looking forward to leading the turnaround of the red and black.

“We have a great group of kids here right now,” Ishee said. “(Assistant Coach) Meesha Wade has done a good job of keeping everything together. I think that we have a really great group of kids and they’ve been very receptive to me. I told them, they didn’t pick me, but I picked them. Most of the kids at the community and college level are here for books and the community they want an opportunity to play at a higher level. We have some talent and we’re just going to work at getting better every day.”

Ishee arrives to Howard after three seasons leading Pratt Community College in Kansas back to relevance. In his first year there, the Lady Beavers won only three games. Fast-forward to his second year at Pratt, and the Lady Beavers were a 20-win team that won a team record 12 conference games. He has shown a knack for getting his players to the next level and is proven to be a great nationwide recruiter.

“I had eight Texas kids on my team,” Ishee said. “So part of my thinking is, if I can get kids from Texas to go to Pratt, Kansas, then I can get them to come to Big Spring, Texas.”

The coach that got his start as a Graduate Assistant for Southern Miss after constantly pestering the coaches to hire him is now moving onto his sixth head coaching position at the collegiate level. While they may not have all been the most presti-



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Ishee poses with one of his old players while he coached at Pratt.

gious of positions – Ishee’s first head coaching position was at Life University, a school that defunded the basketball program for most of the 21st century – the coach has always made an impact wherever his coaching journey has taken him.

“There’s so much more to being a head coach than just coaching on the court. I’ve had to learn how to deal with the media, how to deal with the community, how to manage people, and the entire peripheral of things that a head coach has to deal with,” Ishee said.

Ishee applied for the position earlier this year and had not heard anything for months. The country was in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic and no one seemed in any rush to hire a new coach without even knowing if a season was going to happen. Then, he spoke with Athletic Director Mike Yeater over a Zoom interview and became the Howard Lady Hawks’ new basketball coach soon thereafter.

The longtime coach does have some history with Howard College from when he was an assistant coach at Ole Miss. At the time, the Lady Hawks were ranked first in the nation and had two very strong players that Ishee tried to recruit to the Rebels. He ended up signing one of the players, Latasha Moore, but whiffed on the other. He has also been close friends with past coaches that have worked at Howard and has learned about the school and

program through them. Now that he is the leader of the program, he is ready to bring his philosophy to the Howard hardwood and make the Lady Hawks into conference contenders.

Ishee grew up in the Mississippi Delta and learned to play basketball from his mother and father. His father played junior college basketball at East Mississippi Community College and his mother was the rover on her high school basketball squad. In coaching, Ishee credits the late M.K. Turk for being his main influence and the coach that shaped his own philosophy.

He first knew that he wanted to be a basketball coach when he was still a junior in high school. Ishee’s mother wanted him to attend law school but the young athlete had different ideas. Ishee had always looked at sports as something that helped keep him out of trouble and gave him something to belong to. His father was a truck driver that was not home often, and therefore the coaches that Ishee had while growing up were his main influences and are the ones that formed his sense of being apart of something that is greater than yourself. After diving in as an assistant coach fresh out of college, Ishee never looked back and is now coaching at his 14th school of his career.

“I’ve never been married. I’ve basically been married to coaching basketball for most of my life. In coaching, there is not one right way to do it, and you go where opportunities present themselves,” Ishee said.

Ishee’s newest opportunity has brought him to Big Spring and the humble coach is ready to take on his newest turnaround project. The Lady Hawks were once a national powerhouse that junior colleges around Texas and the country feared to face. Howard College is hoping that the hiring of Ishee will help them get back to that prestigious level, and the longtime coach is already hard at work preparing his team for the upcoming season.

“The best thing about Howard that I’ve been told my entire life is the people,” Ishee said. “The program has great tradition and has been to five national tournaments. We have good facilities, we have a good town, we have a great league, and we have good scholarships. We’re just going to see where this first year leads us and continue to upgrade the talent.”

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# Booker, Democratic lawmakers introduce NCAA reform bill

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Sports Writer

A bill introduced Thursday by four Democratic lawmakers would grant college athletes sweeping rights to compensation, including a share of the revenue generated by their sports, and create a federal commission to oversee college athletics.

The College Athletes Bill of Rights is sponsored by Sens. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), and Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.). If passed, it could wreak havoc on the NCAA’s ability to govern intercollegiate athletics and the association’s model for amateurism.

The announcement of the bill comes a day after the Supreme Court agreed to review a court ruling the NCAA says blurs the “line between student-athletes and professionals” by removing caps on certain compensation that major college football and basketball players can receive.

The NCAA has received Congress for help as it works toward permitting athletes to earn money from endorsements and sponsorship deals, while also trying to fend off myriad state-level bills that would undercut any attempt to create uniform rules for competing schools.

Last week, Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, introduced a bill that would allow college athletes to be paid for their names, images and likenesses, with oversight from the Federal Trade Commission. The bill also protects the NCAA from future

antitrust challenges to its compensation rules.

Booker and Blumenthal’s bill, however, goes way beyond NIL rights for athletes and is not nearly as NCAA-friendly.

“As a former college athlete, these issues are deeply personal to me,” said Booker, who played football at Stanford. “The NCAA has exploited generations of college athletes for its own personal financial gain by preventing athletes from earning any meaningful compensation and failing to keep the athletes under its charge healthy and safe.”

The legislation would allow college athletes to earn money off their names, images and likenesses with minimal restrictions, through either individual or group licensing deals.

It would also require schools to share 50% of the profit from their revenue-generating sports such as football and basketball with the athletes who play them, after the cost of scholarships are deducted.

Some of the biggest athletic departments in the country, such as Ohio State, Alabama and Texas, generate more than \$100 million in revenue annually, the bulk of which comes from football and men’s basketball. Almost all of that revenue typically gets sunk back into the athletic departments to pay for not just those programs, but all the other non-revenue sports.

The concept of schools directly paying athletes has been a nonstarter for the NCAA and would be considered a radical change. Iowa point guard Jordan Bohannon told AP Thursday night that he doesn’t understand why

such a structure would be thought of as controversial.

“Well, there’s college coaches across the country making millions of dollars and that’s not controversial, making off the backs of college athletes that are unpaid,” Bohannon said in a phone interview. “We have a game on Christmas Day and our families can’t even go to the game and we have to play, theoretically making money for these TV contracts that (conferences) signed. It blows my mind.”

Bohannon said during the pandemic college athletes, who are tested multiple times a week for COVID-19, have become essential workers.

The bill also would:

- Create what it calls “enforceable” health and safety standards for athletes developed by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Schools would subject to fines that could be worth millions if standards are not met.

- Establish a medical trust fund athletes can access for five years after leaving school.

- Guarantee college athletes’ scholarships for as many years as it takes them to receive an undergraduate degree and ban coaches and staff from influencing academic choices such as majors and courses.

- Remove restrictions on athletes who transfer from one school to another and penalties for breaking a national letter of intent, and allow athletes to return to school after entering a draft within seven days of that draft.

- Require athletic departments to annually disclose revenues and ex-

penditures, including salaries of department personnel.

- Establish a nine-member Commission on College Athletics, appointed by the president, that would include at least five former college athletes and individuals with legal expertise. The commission would take over much of the job of overseeing college sports from the NCAA, enforcing rules laid out in the law with subpoena power to investigate violations.

The NCAA will vote next month on legislation that will permit athletes to be compensated for their names, images and likenesses for the first time, but with some restrictions.

Athletes would not be allowed to use school logos and marks in their commercial ventures; an individual’s endorsement deals could not conflict with those of his or her school; and athletes will not be permitted to enter into financial arrangements with companies that provide services or sell goods that conflict with NCAA legislation — such as gambling, alcohol or banned substances.

NCAA president Mark Emmert said last week the association can’t move forward with legislation until it has a “legal framework within which to do it.”

“So we need Congress to act, but we’re also trying to signal to everybody that we’re ready for this and we’re going to move forward if we possibly can,” Emmert said. “It’s the right thing to do, but we need to do it in a way that supports college athletics and it’s not destructive.”

# Also-ran Cowboys, Niners get rivalry booted from prime time

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dallas and San Francisco were moved out of prime time, which says it all about what became of a late-season matchup between one of the NFL’s ratings darlings in the Cowboys and the defending NFC champion 49ers.

Injuries top the list of reasons for both teams. Both starting quarterbacks — Dak Prescott and Jimmy Garoppolo — have missed most of the season. The running games have been hobbled by knee and ankle issues for San Francisco’s Raheem Mostert along with a cascade of injuries on the offensive line for Dallas (4-9).

Toss in about 20 other players of varying degrees of significance and length of absence, and you have two teams on the brink of playoff elimination going into Sunday. A loss by the 49ers (5-8) would make them the second Super Bowl runner-up in the past 13 seasons to finish with a losing record the next year.

“For sure, definitely want to play on prime time,” said Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott, a two-time rushing champion at risk of falling short of 1,000 yards in 16 games after never having fewer than 1,357 in his three previous full seasons.



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uals gather with friends  
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nents of New Year's  
Eve gatherings, no mat-  
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- 2 eggs, lightly  
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- 1/3 cup chopped  
fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons  
fresh lime juice
- 4 cloves garlic,  
minced
- 1 4-ounce can chi-  
potle peppers in adobo  
sauce, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt,  
divided
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1/3 cup chicken  
broth
- 1/3 cup tomato  
paste
- 1 tablespoon lime  
juice
- 2 teaspoons Dijon  
mustard
- 2 tablespoons  
vegetable oil, divided
- 1. Line two baking  
sheets with parch-  
ment paper. Combine  
chicken, eggs, bread

- crumbs, cilantro, lime  
juice, garlic, 1 table-  
spoon adobo sauce,  
and 1 teaspoon salt in  
medium bowl; mix well.  
Form mixture into 48  
meatballs. Place meat-  
balls in single layers on  
prepared baking sheets.  
Cover with plastic wrap;  
chill 1 hour.
- 2. Combine remaining  
1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 to 3  
chipotle peppers, hon-  
ey, chicken broth, toma-  
to paste, lime juice, and  
Dijon mustard in blend-  
er or food processor.  
Process until smooth.  
Pour sauce into slow  
cooker. Set aside
- 3. Heat 1 tablespoon  
oil in large skillet over  
medium-high heat.  
Working in batches,  
cook meatballs, turning  
to brown on all sides,  
transferring batches to  
slow cooker as they are  
finished. Add addition-  
al tablespoon of oil to  
skillet as needed for  
second and subsequent  
batches.
- 4. When all meatballs  
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	?		

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

- ♠ J5♥ AQJ10♦ Q94♣ AQ83
- ♠ AQ6♥ 95♦ K7♣ AKQ874
- ♠ 10♥ KQJ3♦ KQJ943♣ A5
- ♠ AQ8♥ J94♦ AJ6♣ AK97

1. **Pass.** Your double of one spade announced a hand of opening-bid proportions. Partner's non-jump response to the double does not indicate any strength at all and might well be made with a very poor hand.

Once the meaning of the double and the response are understood, the doubler should know what to do next. With a minimum double, he should pass a minimum response by partner. With more than a minimum double, he should bid again in a manner consistent with whatever extra values he has.

In this case, there is almost no chance for game after partner's minimum response. You have losers galore and can't even be sure that partner will make eight tricks, let alone nine or 10. With a good hand (nine points or more), partner would have bid three hearts rather than two, and because he failed to do so, game

should be regarded as extremely unlikely. Change the queen of diamonds to the ace, and you might then bid three hearts.

2. **Three notrump.** Admittedly, this is risky, since partner might not have a single point. But with eight probable tricks, assuming a spade lead, it's not too much to hope that he has the diamond queen or a heart trick. Not every contract is underwritten by Lloyd's; reasonable risks are part of the game.

3. **Four hearts.** It would be cowardly to bid less, even though it might turn out that there are four unavoidable losers. A raise to three hearts would be much too conservative, since partner might pass holding the ace of hearts or king of clubs and nothing else. Either one of these cards would practically assure 10 tricks.

4. **Two notrump.** This is a very strong bid in the given sequence since you are bidding two notrump single-handedly opposite what might be a worthless hand. Partner should carry on to game with just a smattering of values.

It would be reckless to leap to three notrump at this stage because partner has at least partially covered your weak spot, hearts. You'll need substantially more than just four hearts from him to make nine tricks.

Tomorrow: Step-by-step reasoning.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



that you do so. People will be better for it. Just don't expect a re-

sticking with the focus and topics that inspire, entertain, forward the action, engender trust and feel all-around wholesome and healthy.

even between those who are extremely set in their ways. LEO: The power of one is unmistakable, the power of two unexpectedly exponential. VIRGO: Do not assume to understand people's social status. Words like "single" mean something different to each individual. LIBRA: Matching up on some random aesthetic or minor minutia -- you can take it as a fortuitous sign. SCORPIO: When the chemistry is good, the margins of tolerable error generously expand. SAGITTARIUS: Singles find fulfillment with someone off-type. Couples bond over an unusual challenge. CAPRICORN: The importance of common courtesy cannot be overstated. Do not interrupt or allow others to interrupt you. AQUARIUS: Every relationship has its tradeoffs and finds equilibrium in its own way. PISCES: Even very independent people with no interest in partnering up may still want to connect on deeper levels.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Sagittarius and Aquarius are two bold souls. Sagittarius loves to explore, and Aquarius loves to experiment. These two motives are often satisfied within the same activities, so it is pretty easy for this couple to strike on fun dating activities even in times of quarantine. Sagittarius loves the chase and Aquarius is difficult to pin down, especially when it comes to love. It's a relationship of ongoing excitement.

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### Great Conjunction Pre-Show

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You call yourself "easy-going" because you're pretty accepting of situations and people. Although, when it comes down to it, you're not so easily won. It takes a special combination to light you up, which happens today.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** If life's a journey, then follow the rules of a savvy traveler; don't overpack. If you bring half as much as you want to, you'll be unencumbered. Rule two: Take twice as much money as you think you'll need.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** If you have a choice, it's better to copy someone who is already doing the work than to gather up theoretical knowledge. You could spend hours learning and still not have the practical experience necessary to do the job.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You've got the sense that you're getting ready for something, though you may not be sure what. The vision is as faint as a drive-in movie played in the dead of noon. Don't you worry. Dusk comes soon enough.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** If the best you can say of a connection is that it's easy, then you've said a lot. Sometimes the best camaraderie is lighthearted, breezy and even somewhat insubstantial, as it gives you a break from the burdensome side of life.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You have the urge to share what you know, and it's important

response. This is new information, will need to be repeated and will take time to soak in

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Charm may be your go-to, but it won't be your bread and butter. (Man does not live by bread alone.) Give extra attention to the tangible takeaway. What are you really offering?

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You successfully resist the urge to react to frustrating circumstances. Cool people keep their cool. Also, the calm allows your mind to move easily into problem-solving mode.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your attitude impresses others and makes your life a lot more pleasant. It boils down to this: No matter what you encounter, you turn it into something good.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** No matter how spectacularly enticing the deal is, it still isn't worth chasing after. If the other people involved get that your offering is valuable, they'll come after it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Much of your success hinges on

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Fear can topple you, or you can topple fear. When you think about all the things you do now that you couldn't do before, you realize just how effective you are when you face fear head-on.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 18).** You make decisions to support long-term relationships, finances and health. The action required may not be as convenient or fun as some options, and yet your choice will still be intensely satisfying. This is a pleasurable journey to a prosperous future. In May, you'll be paid-off and use the money for a new venture. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 7, 11 and 20.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: Graciousness is overlooking mistakes in order to keep a connection intact. TAURUS: Your resources are well-spent on making yourself and what you're offering extremely attractive. GEMINI: The way you talk will intrigue, challenge and delight. CANCER: There is always a negotiation to be made,

## SUDOKU

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## Annie's Mailbox

### Fiancee's Fishy Friendship

**Dear Annie:** I am about to get married to a woman I am still madly in love with, five years after we first met. Within two months after our first date, we told each other we were in love with each other and wanted to date each other exclusively. Yet, within four months, she was lying to me, going off for a night here and a night there, claiming to visit her sister, but actually staying with a married man she's known since high school -- a man with whom, she has admitted to me, she cheated on her late husband.

reassuring me that it's "emotional, not physical." Is that supposed to be better?! I told her she knows how I feel, and I'd appreciate her not talking to this man, at this point.

Yet, one day she was showing me something on her phone and accidentally showed me photos of them together. I looked at her phone later and saw the photos were dated recently. She lied to me about her whereabouts on those days. I have confronted her about her ongoing relationship with this man. She refuses to admit they still see each other.

We have lots of years and dating histories under both our belts.

I realize that. I am not trying to control her, but I am also not willing to share her -- not in this way. Is it wrong to ask to see her phone records to see if she is still talking and texting with him before I say "I do"? Is just having the question in my head enough that I should call it off? -- Looking for Information

**Dear Looking for Information:** Reviewing her call logs might provide you with temporary relief, but it wouldn't actually heal the fractured trust. In fact, in the long term it could just make things worse, by reinforcing a dynamic where you feel compelled to play private investigator to quell any suspicions.

Unfortunately, it does sound as though your suspicions are well-founded. It's OK for our significant others to have friends of the opposite sex or even to be platonic friends with exes. But there is a difference between a friendship and an emotional affair. It sounds like your fiancee is swept up in the latter and has been for some time. Given her history with this man, it's reasonable that you would feel uncomfortable with her spending time with him. It's hurtful that she continues to do so after you've expressed your discomfort. And the fact that she lies about seeing him -- that is indeed major cause for pause.

Unless you can say "I do" with all your heart, then it's better not to say it.

**Dear Annie:** I have always been a giver and enjoy making people happy. I remember everyone's birthdays with cards and gifts. My Christmas list seems to grow longer every year. Most of the recipients are out of town, which means expensive mailing postage. I live in constant credit card debt. How can I cut back on or eliminate gifts altogether without offending anyone? Do I send a "notice" at the beginning of the year as a heads-up so they won't send me anything throughout the year? Please help me. -- Broke Not Cheap

**Dear Broke:** The point of a gift is to let someone know you were thinking of them. Toward that end, a thoughtfully written card is just as good -- and often even better -- than a material present.

I don't think it warrants an official notice. When you talk to close friends and family on the phone, be honest with them: Let them know you're trying to pay off some debt and will be cutting back on gift-giving this year. Those who mind don't matter and those who matter won't mind.

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

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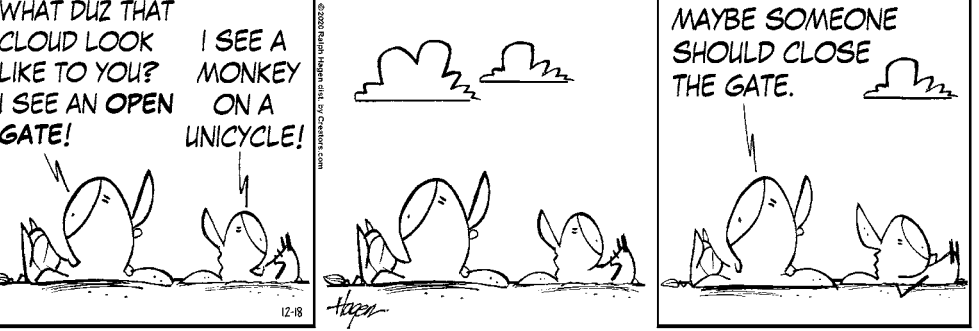
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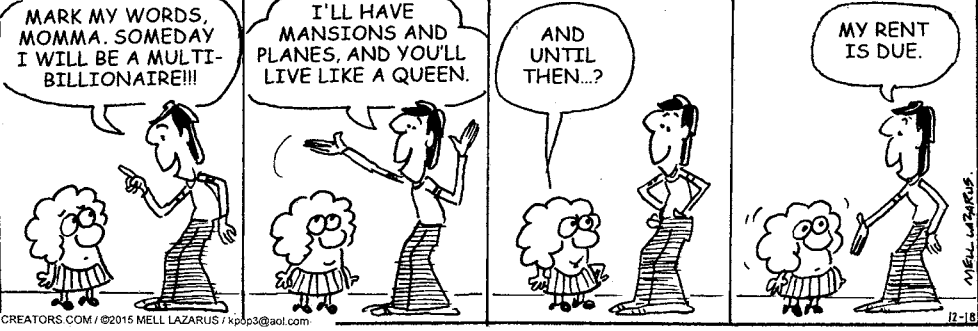
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This Date In History

Today In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 18, the 353rd day of 2020. There are 13 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.  
 On this date:  
 In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson, whose first wife, Ellen, had died the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt, a widow, at her Washington home.  
 In 1917, Congress passed the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting "the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors" and sent it to the states for ratification.  
 In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)  
 In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the government's wartime evacuation of people of Japanese descent from the West Coast while at the same time ruling that "concededly loyal" Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained.  
 In 1956, Japan was admitted to the United Nations.  
 In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)  
 In 1987, Ivan F. Boesky was sentenced to three years in prison for his role in a major Wall Street insider-trading scandal. (Boesky served about two years of his sentence.)  
 In 1998, the House debated articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton. South Carolina carried out the nation's 500th execution since capital punishment resumed in 1977.  
 In 2000, the Electoral College cast its ballots, with President-elect George W. Bush receiving the expected 271; Al Gore, however, received 266, one fewer than expected, because of a District of Columbia Democrat who'd left her ballot blank to protest the district's lack of representation in Congress.  
 In 2003, two federal appeals courts ruled the U.S. military

could not indefinitely hold prisoners without access to lawyers or American courts. In 2008, W. Mark Felt, the former FBI second-in-command who'd revealed himself as "Deep Throat" three decades after the Watergate scandal, died in Santa Rosa, Calif., at age 95. In 2018, the Trump administration banned bump stocks, the firearm attachments that allowed semi-automatic weapons to fire like machine guns, and gave gun owners until late March to turn in or destroy the devices. The president authorized the Defense Department to create a new Space Command, an effort to better organize and advance the military's operations in space. Ten years ago: The U.S. Senate approved repeal of the military's 17-year "don't ask, don't tell" ban on openly gay troops in a 65-31 vote. (President Barack Obama later signed it into law.) Skier Lindsey Vonn was named the 2010 Female Athlete of the Year as chosen by members of The Associated Press. Five years ago: Congress ended a chaotic year on a surprising note of bipartisan unity and productivity as it overwhelmingly approved a massive 2016 tax and spending package and sent it to President Barack Obama, who promptly signed it. United Nations Security Council members unanimously approved a resolution endorsing a peace process for Syria. One year ago: The U.S. House impeached President Donald Trump on two charges, sending his case to the Senate for trial; the articles of impeachment accused him of abusing the power of the presidency to investigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election and then obstructing Congress' investigation. At a Michigan rally that took place as the House voted to impeach him, a defiant Trump declared that the vote was a "suicide march" for the Democratic Party. Trump also suggested that the late Democratic Rep. John Dingell was "looking up," rather

than down, from beyond the grave; some Republicans joined Democrats in calling for an apology. Today's Birthdays: Actor Cicely Tyson is 96. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 93. Actor Roger Mosley is 82. Rock musician Keith Richards is 77. Writer-director Alan Rudolph is 77. Movie producer-director

Steven Spielberg is 74. Blues artist Rod Piazza is 73. Movie director Gillian Armstrong is 70. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 70. Rock musician Elliot Easton is 67. Actor Ray Liotta is 66. Comedian Ron White is 64. R&B singer Angie Stone is 59. Actor Brad Pitt is 57. Professional wrestler-turned-actor "Stone Cold" Steve Austin is 56. Ac-

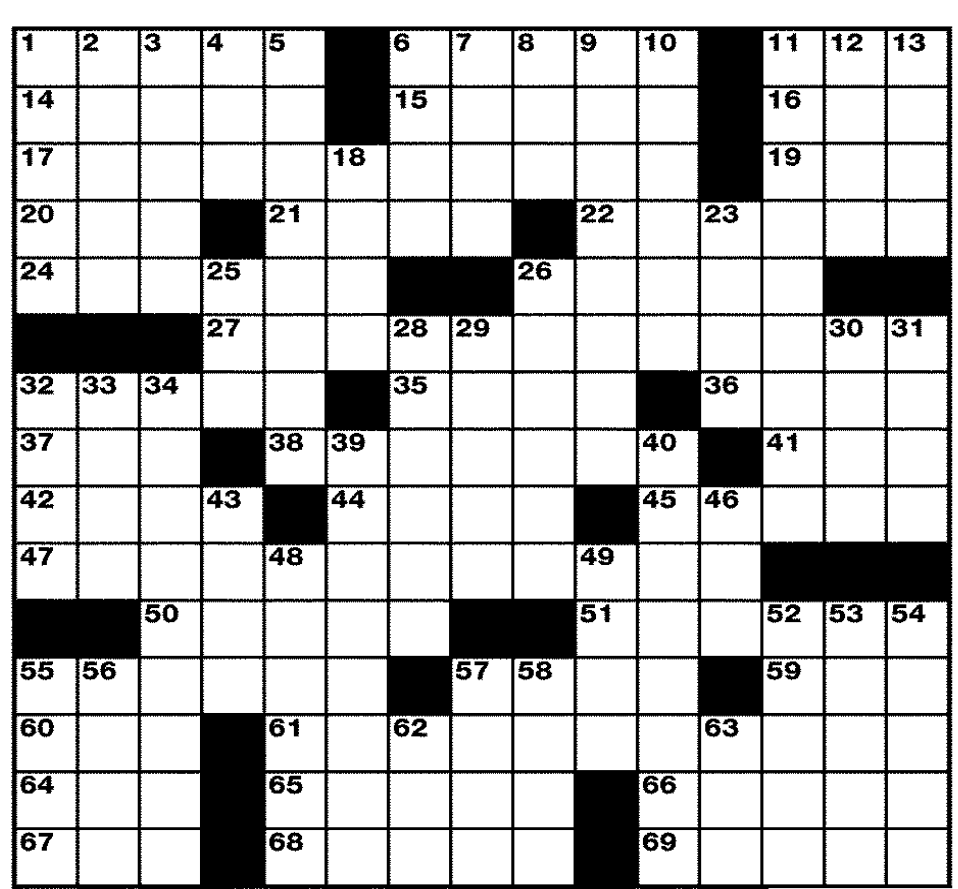
tor Shawn Christian is 55. Actor Rachel Griffiths is 52. Singer Alejandro Sanz is 52. Actor Casper Van Dien is 52. Country/rap singer Cowboy Troy is 50. Rapper DMX is 50. International Tennis Hall of Famer Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is 49. DJ Lethal (Limp Bizkit) is 48. Pop singer Sia is 45. Country singer Randy Houser is 44. Actor Josh Dal-

las is 42. Actor Katie Holmes is 42. Actor Ravi Patel is 42. Singer Christina Aguilera is 40. Actor Ashley Benson is 31. NHL defenseman Victor Hedman is 30. Actor-singer Bridgit Mendler is 28. Atlanta Braves outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. is 23. Electro-pop singer Billie Eilish is 19. Actor Isabella Crovetti is 16.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 English Derby site
  - 6 Loved ones
  - 11 Cotillion honoree
  - 14 Actress Tierney
  - 15 On the highest shelf
  - 16 Out of sorts
  - 17 Dairy case item
  - 19 Flightless bird
  - 20 Approx. figure
  - 21 Threat ender
  - 22 Masthead word
  - 24 Crave
  - 26 Fall guy
  - 27 Landscapers' machines
  - 32 Domed home
  - 35 Denny's rival
  - 36 Gush
  - 37 Low in a lea
  - 38 Joan Rivers' daughter
  - 41 Mermaid's milieu
  - 42 Oaxaca water
  - 44 Taft's alma mater
  - 45 Patterned blanket
  - 47 Word for something tangible
  - 50 Raise a stink
  - 51 Cereal morsel
  - 55 Singer Easton
  - 57 Corner space in Monopoly
  - 59 Star pitcher
  - 60 Photo
  - 61 Twangy musical instrument
  - 64 Letters between names

- DOWN**
- 1 Fix firmly
  - 2 Dissect, in a way
  - 3 Befits
  - 4 Tolkien creature
  - 5 Scoot over, perhaps
  - 6 Head slappers' cries
  - 7 Summer Olympics event
  - 8 Put away
  - 9 Fruits of a flower
  - 10 Hit the gas
  - 11 Coca-Cola Zero alternative
  - 12 Sesame Street regular
  - 13 Become fuzzy
  - 18 Royal role for Liz
  - 23 Little rascals
  - 25 \_\_\_ Jima
  - 26 Singled out
  - 28 Widen
  - 29 Easter Island's owner
  - 30 Totter
  - 31 Powerful blow
  - 32 Apple for the teacher, maybe
  - 33 Energetic
  - 34 Luxury train feature
  - 39 Pirate costume accessory
  - 40 Diving apparatus
  - 43 Farm parcel
  - 46 Half of bi-
  - 48 Kitchen helper
  - 49 Not a dup.
  - 52 Overfills
  - 53 Defeatist's cry
  - 54 Hardly hip
  - 55 Unwanted email
  - 56 Boost
  - 57 French dramatist Racine
  - 58 Choir part
  - 62 44 Across student
  - 63 Debt reminder



Answer to previous puzzle  
 BARA LIAR MADAM  
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# Rivers' revival has Colts surging as Texans rematch looms

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Philip Rivers has settled nicely into his new home.

He's completing passes, avoiding turnovers and developing a rapport with four-time Pro Bowler T.Y. Hilton. The wins are adding up, too, and a few more could put Rivers and the Indianapolis Colts back in the playoffs.

So, naturally, the 39-year-old Rivers sees Sunday's AFC South showdown with Houston as another chance to show everyone he's still got it.

"To be in December and to have a chance and to be playing meaningful football, I don't know if that was the expectation but that was certainly the hope and the desire," Rivers said, explaining why he signed with Indy in March. "Here we are."

The Colts (9-4) are tied with Tennessee for the AFC South lead, but the Titans hold the tiebreaker because of current division records. Indy also is tied with Cleveland for the top wild-card spot but the Browns hold the tiebreaker based on their October win over the Colts. Indianapolis leads Miami and Baltimore by one game and Las Vegas by two.

For the 39-year-old Rivers, this is familiar territory — making a playoff push and a potential Super Bowl run. But the Texans (4-9) understand something else: Indy might be playing its best football, as they learned two weeks ago in Houston. The Colts have won two straight and four of six, while the Texans' lackluster performance last week against

Chicago creates concern for interim coach Romeo Crennel.

"They're playing for the division lead, so they'll bring all of their guns into this game and they'll be ready to go," he said. "As far as the way that we will respond, I hope we will respond like we did two weeks ago and play a tremendous game."

Rivers has been hot, too. In the last eight games, he has thrown four interceptions and 16 TD passes, including four straight games with at least two scores. If he gets three more in his 238th consecutive start, he would tie Hall of Famer Dan Marino (420) for fifth on the league's career list for TD passes.

And Rivers has plenty of help around him.

Rookie running back Jonathan Taylor has rushed for 90 or more yards in four consecutive games and Hilton has three straight games with 80 yards receiving, including an eight-reception, 110-yard, one TD performance at Houston.

To Rivers, it's no surprise. "We're on a mission and we have our mindset and goals for what we want to accomplish," he said. "It's what we've been hired to do for lack of a better word. But it's the people (in the locker room) that make it special."

**PROTECTING WATSON**  
Houston's offensive line has struggled all season, especially the last two weeks.

After giving up five sacks to the Colts, Chicago had six last week. Deshaun Watson has gone down 39 times, third most in the NFL, and each of the last two opponents have recorded a safety.

"I'm definitely concerned about that because one, you don't want to give up sacks," Crennel said. "You talk about your quarterback getting beat up — you don't want that to happen. Everybody is involved, but most of it is on the offensive line because they're the ones who are tasked with the responsibility to protect the quarterback."

**SAFETY VALVE**  
When the teams last met, Colts defensive end Justin Houston made three sacks and got the fourth safety of his career to tie a league record.

Houston, the 2014 NFL sacks champ, begins this week needing three sacks for 100 in his career. And if another safety would not only give him the all-time record, it would also give him a record-breaking third this season. Nineteen players have two in one season.

Watson won't make it easy, though. "He's pretty special," defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus said. "We just have to stay after him, do some different things with games and stunts, and maybe bring some more pressures."

**GROUNDING**  
RB David Johnson returned to practice this week and is expected to play after missing the last game.

## COWBOYS

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"Like everything this year, so many different things that we kind of just have to move and adapt to the year. Just another little wrinkle the year's thrown at us."

Andy Dalton is set for his seventh start in place of Prescott, out for the season with a broken ankle, after going through his own disruption with a concussion that kept him out of a game and a half and a positive COVID-19 test that sidelined him for one more.

The former Cincinnati starter seems to be finding a groove through four straight starts, with Dalton winning twice and coming off a season-high 122.6 passer rating in a 30-7 win at the Bengals.

San Francisco coach Kyle Shanahan waited until midweek to commit to an eighth start for Nick Mullens in a season marked by a pair of ankle injuries that have limited Garoppolo to six games.

While Mullens has the third-most yards passing through a QB's first 15 games with 4,186, the undrafted fourth-year pro has 12 turnovers, including an interception and fumble returned for touchdowns in last week's 23-15 loss to Washington.

"I was a little antsy from the start on Sunday," Mullens said. "So just staying calm in the pocket, I think that's the biggest thing. If I stay calm in the pocket and go with my reads, and then everything else takes care of itself."

**ANOTHER DEPTH TEST**  
While most of the attention has been on Prescott and the offensive line with the Dallas injuries, depth at cornerback has been tested almost all season.

Saivion Smith and Rashard Robinson were late-season adds to the rotation, and both left the Cincinnati game with injuries before returning. If both play against the 49ers, they could be rejoined by rookie Trevon Diggs (broken foot) and Anthony Brown (ribs).

Chidobe Awuzie also has missed significant time with a hamstring injury. Jourdan Lewis has been available every week since missing the opener after injuring an ankle during training camp.

**AWESOME AIYUK**  
While star tight end George Kittle and No. 1 receiver Deebo Samuel have struggled to stay on the field because of injuries, rookie Brandon Aiyuk has emerged as San Francisco's most dependable target.

Aiyuk has 36 catches for 495 yards and three TDs over his past five games after catching 10 balls for 119 yards last week. His five straight games with at least five catches and 75 yards receiving are the second most for a rookie since the merger. Odell Beckham Jr. had a nine-game run with the New York Giants in 2014.

**PLAYOFF HISTORY**  
Last January was the 25th anniversary of the most recent playoff meeting between these once-frequent postseason rivals, won 38-28 by the 49ers on the way to their most recent Super Bowl victory.

That meeting in a third consecutive NFC championship game was the seventh playoff tilt overall, which is the third most for both clubs. Dallas has faced the Los Angeles Rams nine times and Green

Bay eight, while San Francisco has faced the Packers and New York Giants eight times apiece. It will all be a distant memory Sunday.

"You hear about the rivalry," Elliott said. "I think it was the '90s, right? San Fran had a couple of Super Bowls. Cowboys had a couple of Super Bowls. It goes back to the '90s and probably farther than that."

**MCGLINCHEY MISHAPS**  
The Niners have been dealing with injuries all season at center and right guard, causing issues in protection. Another problem has been the spotty pass protection by right tackle Mike McGlinchey.

The 2018 first-round pick has struggled at visible times, including getting a holding penalty that wiped out a big play on a potential tying drive last week. He was beaten again on the next play and the Niners had to give up the ball on downs.

"I get the attention he got, especially getting that holding call on the last play and getting beat in protection there, but also going against a good rusher. That doesn't give an excuse of it, but I'm not going to sit and make a huge judgment off of that," Shanahan said. "McGlinchey played very good winning football for us last year. I do not think he's the reason we're struggling."



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