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**Weather**

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 39. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast after midnight.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 76. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 77.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

**Today in History**  
**On March 18:**  
**1881:** Barnum and Bailey Circus, aka "The Greatest Show on Earth," debuts at Madison Square Garden in New York City following the merger of two existing circus groups.

**1902:** Italian operatic tenor Enrico Caruso becomes the first well-known performer to make a phonograph record.

**1959:** President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs Hawaii statehood bill.

**Daily Quotes**

"A government for the people must depend for its success on the intelligence, the morality, the justice, and the interest of the people themselves."  
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"The older songs were better songs, because they had lyrics with a story to tell. Aretha and Otis told stories."  
 — Wilson Pickett

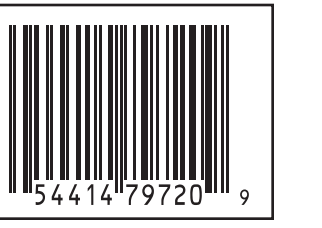
"I would rather stop too soon than too late."  
 — Luc Besson

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## DPS releases names of fatalities and injured in Andrews wreck



The seven individuals shown above are the Hobbs, N.M., teacher and students slain in Tuesday's tragic accident in Andrews. The two students shown at left were critically injured in the accident and flown to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where they are in stable condition. Also killed in the accident were Heinrich Siemens of Seminole and a 13-year old minor male.

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

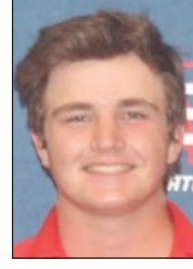
Names of nine people killed and two hospitalized in Tuesday's wreck in Andrews have been released by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The wreck, which occurred at 8:17 p.m. Tuesday on FM 1788 about ½ mile north of the intersection with State Highway 115, nine miles east of Andrews, Texas, involved a Dodge 2500 pickup traveling south on FM 1788, carrying Heinrich Siemens, 38, of Seminole and a 13-year old male whose name has not been released due to his age. According to investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board, the 13-year-old was behind the wheel of the truck at the time of the wreck.

Also involved in the wreck was a 2017 Ford Transit Van traveling north on FM 1788, carrying the University of



**Dayton Price**



**Hayden Underhill**

the Southwest men's and women's golf teams from Hobbs, N.M., driven by Tyler James, 26.

According to the NTSB investigators, the left front tire on the pickup truck suffered a blow-out, causing the young driver to swerve into the northbound lane and strike the college van head on. Both vehicles caught fire and burned. Both occupants of the truck were killed, as were James and six students in the van. Those killed include Siemens and

- his minor passenger; James; and:
- Mauricio Sanchez, 19, of Mexico.
  - Travis Garcia, 19, of Pleasonton, Texas.
  - Jackson Zinn, 22, of Westminster, Colo.
  - Karissa Raines, 21, of Fort Stockton, Texas
  - Laci Stone, 18, of Nocona, Texas
  - Tiago Sousa, 18, of Portugal

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## Big Spring Trade Days to kick off Saturday



At left, Permian High School senior Katherine Ortega will be providing live music for the first ever Big Spring Trade Days this Saturday and Sunday.



Above, vendor Zach Campbell shows off some of the pottery wares he'll be selling at the event.

By **LACHELLE COBB**  
 Herald Staff Writer

The first Big Spring Trade Days are coming up this Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, starting at 10 a.m. each day. The event closes at 5 p.m. Saturday and a 4 p.m. Sunday. The Trade Days will be held at the Howard County Fair Grounds, at 2900 Old State Highway 80 in Big Spring.

The event is being organized by Up Events Trade Days. Up Events have been hosting events for the last six years. The

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## Russia-Ukraine war: Key things to know about the conflict

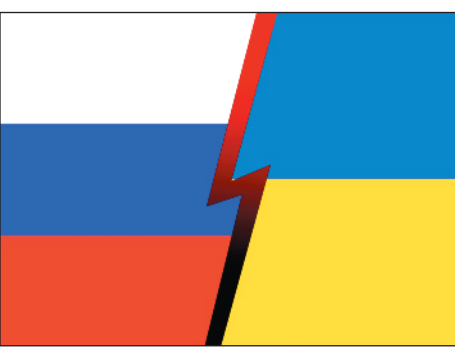
Associated Press

Russian forces largely bogged down outside major cities in Ukraine have turned to shelling them from a distance, including dozens of confirmed attacks on hospitals and health facilities during the war that on Thursday entered its fourth week.

The World Health Organization's director-general said Thursday that the organization had verified 43 such attacks, with 12 people killed and 34 injured.

"The life-saving medicine we need right now is peace," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told the United Nations Security Council in a virtual briefing.

A Russian airstrike just before dawn Thursday killed 21



people and destroyed a school and community center in Merefya, near the northeast city of Kharkiv, officials said.

The governor of the northern city of Chernihiv said it has experienced "colossal losses and destruction" from Russian artillery and air strikes. Viacheslav Chaus told Ukrainian TV on Thursday that the bodies of 53 people had arrived at city morgues over the past 24 hours. A hostel was shelled, killing a mother, father and three of their children, including 3-year-old twins, officials said.

In the besieged southern city of Mariupol, there was an ongoing search for survivors after a Russian airstrike

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## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

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

member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

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

### WEDNESDAY

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, espe-

## Obituaries

### Ernesto "Tito" Gonzales

Ernesto "Tito" Gonzales, 67, died Tuesday March 15, 2022 in Odessa, Texas. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Monday with vigil service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be Tuesday at 1 PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Tito is survived by his wife: Mary Gonzales of Big Spring, 2 sons: Joel Rodriguez (Susie) & Ernesto Gonzales 3 daughters: Lorell Escobedo (Joe), Maria Inez Gonzales, & Janie Gonzales.

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

cially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

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

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

## Take Note

• Big Spring's American Legion Post No. 506 will host a Fish Fry at the American Legion building, 3203 W. Highway 80, on Saturday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call in orders at 432-263-2084. Meals are \$10 a plate. Eat in or carry out are welcome, and deliveries will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist

Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• New Life senior/mature adult dances are held the third Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Music is Western swing style. Entry fee is \$5 and refreshments are provided. For more information call 517-9097.

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across

the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit [www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine](http://www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine).

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

## Sheriff

Howard County Sheriffs Department reported the following activity:

At the time of this report the jail count was 98.

- **JOE BARRON**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief >=\$100<\$750.
- **RODGER HENRY EDDINGTON**, 21, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana <2oz.
- **ELVIS EUGENE LANG JR**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a charge unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, evading arrest det with vehicle, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOE BARRON**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief >=\$100<\$750
- **DOMINIC A CYPERT**, 15, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- **BRITTANY ANN SIMER**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property >=\$100<\$750 shoplifting.
- **ELVIS EUGENE LANG JR**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant from another agency.
- **AUSTIN MICHAEL HENSON**, 23, was arrested by B•SPD on a warrant from another agency.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the first block of Courtney Place.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the intersection of West Third and Bell St.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1100 block of N Lamesa Highway.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 1200 block of Mesa Avenue.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM-700.

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# WRECK

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The two other passengers in the University of the Southwest's van – identified as Dayton Price, 19, of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; and Hayden Underhill, 20, of Amherstview, Ontario, Canada – were transported by helicopter to University Medical Center in Lubbock in critical condition.

The golf teams were returning to Hobbs from a golf tournament in Midland.

The wreck is being investigated by the Texas Highway Patrol's West Texas Region District Crash Team, with assistance from the National Transportation Safety Board.

Those killed in the wreck were taken to South Plains Forensic Pathology in Lubbock for follow-up investigation.

It is unknown whether any of those involved in the wreck were wearing safety belts, according to the DPS report. Weather conditions were listed in the report as clear, and the road condition as dry.

A posting on the front page of the University of

the Southwest's web page reads:

“The USW campus community is shocked and saddened today as we mourn the loss of members of our university family. Last night, the men's and women's golf teams were traveling back to campus from competition in Midland, Texas, when their bus was struck by oncoming traffic. Nine passengers, including the coach, were on the university bus involved in the fatal accident. While the accident investigation is still underway, reports indicate that seven passengers aboard the bus were killed in the crash. Two of the passengers are in critical condition undergoing medical treatment in Lubbock, Texas. USW is coordinating with Texas DPS to assist with the investigation and public information efforts. University administration is communicating with families of the students and coaching staff to provide more information as it becomes available. USW counseling staff and the worship team will be available on campus today to provide support for students, faculty, and staff. Please keep the families of students, coaching staff, and the USW community in your prayers as we come together to support one another during this

difficult time.”

At a press conference Thursday, USW Provost Dr. Ryan Tipton announced that both hospitalized students are in stable condition.

“They are recovering. They're making steady progress,” said Dr. Tipton. “One of the students is eating chicken soup. I spoke with the parents and they are there with them, and they are recovering. It's a game of inches. Every hour leads to...is one step closer to another day, which is one step closer to another day, week, month, year, etc. There is no indication as to how long it's going to take, but they are both stable and recovering, and every day making more and more progress.”

In a post on his Facebook page, Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason wrote: “The prayers and condolences of the citizens of Big Spring go out to the friends and families of those lost in this terrible accident and we pray for the recovery of those injured.”

A GoFundMe account has been set up to benefit the families of the University of the Southwest victims of the crash. Go to <https://gofund.me/6efbda43> for more information.

# TRADE

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company helps small businesses by hosting events throughout the year in different areas. Up Events also support local charities by raising money for them before and during each event.

“We host events throughout the West Texas area each year and are looking to expand into the Austin and San Antonio area here shortly,” Up Events' owner, Willie Jones, said. “This will be our first Trade Days in Big Spring, and we have booked another Trade Days in October here in Big Spring as well. So, if all goes well, we will continue and have two Big Spring Trade Days each year.”

The event will feature more than 100 vendor booths and food trucks. Vendors will have a variety of merchandise, including clothing, jewelry, home décor, garden décor, candles, arts and crafts, make-up, homemade baked goods, Scentsy, woodcrafts, fashion accessories, and many more. The event will also include a barrel train for the kids to ride.

Zach Campbell, a local potter from Coahoma and owner of West Texas Pottery Co., said, “I'm hoping to show and hopefully sell some of my handmade pottery this weekend. I'm happy to be a part of local events like this in the area.”

There will be live music performed by Katherine Ortega, a senior at Permian High School. Katherine has had a love for music since she was young. The

young artist enjoys singing various genres of music, including pop, country, Tejano, and reggaeton. She started out singing in her church choir, and has also been a part of The Voices of the Permian Basin children's choir. She's performed in two plays with the Permian Playhouse. Katherine joined the junior high choir in sixth grade, and, in her eighth-grade year, she was accepted into the middle school honors junior performance in New York and performed at Carnegie Hall in 2018. In 2021, she opened a show for a country singer, Jody Nix.

“Katherine is an awesome singer,” Jones said. “She has performed at several of my events, and I always look forward to watching her.”

Kimberly Beal, Katherine's mother, said she's very proud of her daughter's accomplishments and love of music.

“She has worked hard, taking vocal lessons and performing in various areas to gain experience. That can be intimidating for someone so young,” Beal said. “I look forward to all of her new endeavors and where her music career will go. I especially want her to know how much her family loves her and that we support her dreams of becoming a performer. I would also like to say 'Thank you' to everyone who has helped encourage, teach, promote and donate to Katherine's musical journey.”

Beal said Jones has been a big supporter of Ortega's music.

He “...has been a big supporter of Katherine and bringing her to several venues to perform at his shows,” she said. “These events promoted her talents, introduced her to new people and places, and helped her stage presence.”

# UKRAINE

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Wednesday hit a theater where hundreds of people were sheltering, local officials said. The building reportedly withstood the impact but the entrance was blocked by rubble. Although officials said some people had escaped, the number of casualties remained unknown.

During a video address to German lawmakers, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy condemned Russia for the dire situation in Mariupol, saying: “Everything is a target for them.”

Foreign ministers of the Group of Seven leading economies said in a joint statement that Russian President Vladimir Putin was conducting an “unprovoked and shameful war.” Putin, meanwhile, lashed out at “scum and traitors,” signaling an even harsher crackdown on domestic opposition to the war.

The fighting has led more than 3 million people to flee Ukraine, the U.N. estimates. The death toll remains unknown, though Ukraine has said thousands of civilians have died.

Here are some key things to know about the conflict:

## WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE GROUND?

“Several hundred” residents were sheltering in Mariupol's Drama Theater when it was hit Wednesday, Pavlo Kyrylenko, the head of the Donetsk regional administration, wrote on Telegram. He said the airstrike also hit the Neptune swimming pool complex, burying women and children.

Satellite imagery from the Maxar space technology firm showed the word “CHILDREN” written in large white letters in Russian outside the theater building as recently as Monday.

The Russian Defense Ministry denied bombing any targets in Mariupol on Wednesday.

A fire broke out in an apartment building in the capital, Kyiv, early on Thursday after it was hit by the remnants of a downed Russian rocket, killing one person and injuring at least three others, according to emergency services.

Fighting continued in Kyiv's suburbs, depriving thousands of heat and clean water.

In Chernihiv, the governor said civilians were hiding in basements and shelters without access to utilities in the city of 280,000 people. Close to the borders with Belarus and Russia, Chernihiv was among the first Ukrainian cities to come under attack when the invasion began on Feb. 24.

Britain's Defense Ministry said Russia's invasion “has largely stalled on all fronts” amid stiff Ukrainian resistance. It said Russian forces have made “minimal progress” on land, sea or air in recent days, and are suffering heavy losses.

Ukrainian forces are using inexpensive Turkish-made drones to carry out lethal attacks on the Russian invaders.

## WHAT HAS THE AP DIRECTLY WITNESSED OR CONFIRMED?

The attacks in Mariupol knocked out the windows of apartment buildings and sent smoke rising above the skyline.

Cars, some with the “Z” symbol of the Russian invasion force in their windows, drove past stacks of ammunition boxes and artillery shells in a neighborhood controlled by Russian-backed separatists.

One resident, who only gave her first name of Elena, said she had been trying to call her mother, who was in a town 50 miles (80 kilometers) away. “I can't tell her I am alive, you understand.

There is no connection, just nothing,” she said.

Workers in the city have braved the relentless shelling to dump the bodies of children in a mass grave. Local officials have tallied 2,500 deaths in the siege, but many bodies crushed in the rubble can't be counted because of the assault.

In Kharkiv, doctors are struggling to treat COVID-19 patients as the bombs fall outside. Sev-

eral times a day, air raid sirens wail at a local hospital, sending virus patients — some connected to ventilators and struggling to breathe — into bomb shelters.

“Bombing takes place from morning into night,” hospital director Dr. Pavel Nartov said. “It could hit at any time.”

## WHAT DETAILS HAVE EMERGED FROM NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE?

Both sides are reporting some progress in negotiations.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Thursday that “there should be contacts today” and that negotiators were breaking into working groups.

Zelenskyy's adviser Mikhailo Podolyak said Ukraine is demanding a cease-fire, the withdrawal of Russian troops and legal security guarantees for Ukraine from a number of countries. Ukrainian and Russian delegations held talks again Wednesday by video.

Another official in Zelenskyy's office, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks, said the main subject under discussion was whether Russian troops would remain in separatist regions in eastern Ukraine after the war and where the borders would be.

The official said Ukraine was insisting on the inclusion of one or more Western nuclear powers in the negotiations and on legally binding security guarantees for Ukraine. In exchange, the official said, Ukraine was ready to discuss a neutral military status.

Russia has demanded that NATO pledge never to admit Ukraine to the alliance or station forces there.

Just before the war, Russia recognized the independence of two regions controlled by Russian-backed separatists since 2014 and extended the borders of those regions to areas Ukraine had continued to hold, including Mariupol.

## HOW IS THE WORLD RESPONDING TO THE WAR?

Six Western nations have called for a U.N. Security Council meeting on Ukraine on Thursday. The United Kingdom's U.N. Mission tweeted Wednesday that “Russia is committing war crimes and targeting civilians. Russia's illegal war on Ukraine is a threat to us all.”

The mission said the meeting was requested by six Security Council members and posted their flags — Britain, the U.S., France, Ireland, Norway and Albania. It has not yet been officially scheduled.

Zelenskyy acknowledged in a speech Wednesday to the U.S. Congress that the no-fly zone may not happen. Still, he said the U.S. must sanction Russian lawmakers and block imports, in addition to providing military assistance.

“We need you right now,” Zelenskyy said in remarks livestreamed Wednesday to the U.S. Capitol, which were punctuated with a graphic video showing the grisly aftermath of the invasion.

U.S. President Joe Biden announced that the U.S. is sending an additional \$800 million in military assistance — including anti-aircraft and anti-armor weapons and drones — to Ukraine.



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Ernesto “Tito” Gonzales, 67, died **Tuesday**. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Monday with vigil service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass Tuesday at 1 PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

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# Church News

## NazFamily Church

### This Sunday

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

### Ukraine

We continue to pray for Ukraine and those affected by the ongoing conflict in that country. If you would like to know more about how the church is responding and would like to support families struggling in the midst of this crisis go to: [www.ncm.org/ukraine-crisis](http://www.ncm.org/ukraine-crisis)

### Community Egg Hunt

It is that time of year! Our annual community egg hunt will be at New Hope Christian School on Wednesday, April 13th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Everyone is invited to come for food, games, and family fun.

### Blessings ~ Richard

## College Baptist Church

We welcome you as old and new members through Jesus Christ in salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. Join us as we study about the crucifixion and the victorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our soon coming Saviour at College Baptist Church- **WE ARE OPEN: \*Sunday morning -- 9:15 for Bible Study for all ages. \*Worship time is at 10:45 a.m. \*Girl's Missions meet on Sunday at 5 p.m. \* Wednesday with our praying Youth groups starts at 6 p.m. Fellowship meal between 6 and 6:45 Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. Children meet for King's Kids and Krafts. Nursery and extended care is as needed for all services.**

Come join in the fun as we celebrate during this season, serving our Lord. Services for March 20, 2022, is a great time for families to gather and celebrate our God together. Our services are in the building, live streaming, and on our Face Book page as well. Visitors, it was a such a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us again as we gather in lively and worshipful services. Come to youth meetings to find out about our great love for the youth of our community. We definitely enjoy the worship time as our ministry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God's Word. Come and study with us as we celebrate our God knowing He really cares for us so much He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. Focus on growth in Jesus as we continue in 2022, as our pastor reminds us every Sunday, Jesus is coming SOON! Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning Men's, Ladies' and youth meetings at this great and friendly church. Pray that lives are changed by the power of our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone!

## Cornerstone Covenant Church (aka - CCC)

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

We would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! You can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship on Sunday's (onsite) @9:30AM (onsite & online)@11:00AM & Wednesday's (onsite & online) @7PM.

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

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

**Sunday, March 20th, 2022-** What would happen if you began to purposefully and intentionally "LOVE YOUR CITY" with the love of God. Check out our brand new series starting Sunday, March 6th at 9:30AM & 11:00AM. #CCCFam #loveyourcity #worldchangers

**Starting Tuesday, March 22nd-** Mark your calendars for: Marriage Enrichment meeting @ 6:30PM in the ARC for our Ice breaker gathering. Marriage Enrichment is a 10week course that will encourage, inform, challenge, enrich and strengthen your marriage. If you are married or looking to get married this course is for you. Here is how you can sign up: (1). Call CCC 432-264-0015 (2). CCC Text 432-218-2610 then text Marriage Enrichment (3). [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) (4). Sign up onsite @ kiosk.

**Wednesday, March 23rd-** Jesus command to His followers was very clear; "Go, and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:19). This is one of the most overlooked and forgotten biblical mandates given in all of scripture issued to His Church. Our desire is share biblical, yet systematic training in the areas of Discipleship.

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

### SUGGESTED ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE COURSE:

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

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

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

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

"Loving God, Loving People, Loving Communi-

ties and Changing the world!"  
-Pastor Michael Willard

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BIG SPRING

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

Worship services March 20th will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 55:6-9; Luke 13:1-9. Rev. Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: How Much Fertilizer Do We Need? Organist/music director Gabe Martinez provides music for the service. We will be celebrating Holy Communion.

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

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

Members and non-members alike are invited to take advantage of the spiritual resources available on our website and Facebook page. They include a six day each week prayer podcast, a weekly scripture reading and commentary, a weekly video devotional, and a video release of each Sunday's sermon. All these tools and resources prepare us for the coming Sunday worship.

### DIGITAL SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

#### Church Calendar

- Daily Prayer Podcast (Monday-Saturday)
- Scripture Commentary (Tuesdays)
- Video Devotional (Wednesdays)
- Video Preview of this week's bulletin (Fridays)
- Sunday Sermon Podcast & Video (Sundays)

Website: [fpcbigspring.com](http://fpcbigspring.com)  
Facebook Page: [FPC of Big Spring](https://facebook.com/fpcbigspring)  
YouTube Channel: [FPC of Big Spring](https://youtube.com/fpcbigspring)

The following weekly events are open to the community:

### WEDNESDAY

- The Women's Bible Study meets at 10 a.m.
- The World Heritage Sites Lectures meets at noon.
- The Lectionary Bible Study, meets at 5:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY

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

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

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

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# Don't Pull That Trigger

By Dr. Lillian Bohannon

Special to the Herald

I recently took a concealed weapons handgun class and did really well. I surprised myself after all these years that I could still pull a trigger without shooting myself in the foot. I know a pastor that said he did that one time, but that's a whole 'nother story.

When I was handling a 9 mm weapon, my own pastor was showing me how to hold it, and where to point it, and what to do and not to do for my safety, and I'm sure his own as well. I have been around guns all my life, because my dad took us rabbit and quail hunting when we were kids.

The first thing Dad always taught us was never point a gun at anyone, loaded or unloaded (I'm sure he meant the loaded gun—not the loaded person.) The next thing he told us was to make sure the safety was on even if the gun wasn't loaded. The next thing he taught us was to keep our finger off the trigger until we sighted our target and check the sights. Then he told us to make sure everything and everybody was out of the way before we shot anything. By the time I took all those precautions I'm sure I saved many a rabbit's life because they made it to their hole in the ground before I got around to pulling the trigger.

With all these precautions in mind I taught my son to shoot. He was a marksman in the military. I hope someday to be able to defend myself or those I love in a terror situation. That's the main reason I took the course.

But, there are other triggers in life that can be just as dangerous as any weapon. What triggers are in your life? What triggers a headache—a storm front coming through? What triggers your tears—a loved one's passing? What triggers your anger—dropping something on your foot? And most of all what triggers your love—Someone loving you first?

You know God did that for you on Calvary with His Son. He was the trigger with all the power to target you with His love and forgiveness. He set the target so that only Jesus could make the bull's-eye. Then Jesus hit the target for the whole world. I can only hit the target of His love when I accept Him as my Saviour and ask Him to forgive me for missing that target of His glory. I still fall short so many times. But you know He is always there to help me up again and keep shooting toward the target of His love for me as well as you.

So go ahead and pull that trigger with His hand in yours and you won't miss it near as much as you would doing things on your own.

## Something to think about...

By Richard Schneberger

Special to the Herald

This Thursday was St. Patrick's Day. For Christ-followers this day is about more than wearing green, pinching people, leprechaun lore, and celebrating Irish culture. It is a day that we are challenged to love our enemies and live on purpose. It is a day that we are reminded that we are ambassadors of the Kingdom of God in this world bringing His message of salvation to all.

Patrick was born in Britain in 385 AD. His father was a church leader and his grandfather was a priest. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was kidnapped from his home by Irish invaders

and taken back to Ireland, where he was sold as a slave to a chieftain. After six years of captivity he heard a voice telling him that he would soon go home, and another voice later that said his ship was ready. Fleeing his master, he travelled to a port, two hundred miles away, where he found a ship and persuaded the captain to take him along with them. He finally made his way back home.

After returning home, Patrick devoted his life to serving God. While studying for the ministry, he experienced a recurring vision of a man carrying letters from Ireland, and Irish voices crying out together: "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us." In 432

AD, he returned to Ireland, not to seek revenge, but as a missionary. He shared the Good News of God's love across the land where he was once enslaved.

A whole nation and culture was influenced for generations to come because of one person's radical obedience to the voice of God. This day may we once again commit to love our enemies and follow the voice of the one who loves us.

***May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God direct us.***  
~ St. Patrick

## First Christian Church

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my portion forever.

Psalm 73:25-26

"Whom have I in heaven but you? "The psalmist knows that when we have God, we have everything we could ever need. There is no cause for worry or fretting for a child of God there is nothing this earth can offer that should be of such great desire for us, for He is our portion and we are all sufficient in Him, He meets our strength and portion forever

**First Christian Church has wonderful news:**

Dan Miracle has accepted the position of Resident Pastor for First Christian Church. We are excited and feel truly blessed to have Dan in the pulpit starting March 6, 2022

Assistants will be David Hillger and Bob Gibbs

We are growing, come share our excitement. The Southern Praises Gospel Country Group Music:

Bob and Geri Gibbs, Terry Vanlaningham and Wayne Davis is playing during our worship service along with special solos by Lawrence Thibeault.

We have no "creeds" that are required; there is no set of beliefs about God that you must profess in order to count this as your church community. We strive for a Christian faith which is both socially relevant to our time and intellectually sound., while holding true to Jesus' teachings. No one is excluded from God's grace! Everyone has questions about faith and life, and we celebrate that! At First Christian Church you will find the company of friends eager to help and encourage you as you move forward on your spiritual journey.

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

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

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS Third Sunday in Lent

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

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

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 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 Face-

book page. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. Please come and join us.

The readings for this Sunday are Ezekiel 33:7-20, 1 Corinthians 1: 13, and Luke 13: 1-9.

The psalm is Psalm 85.

Shyrlee Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

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

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

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

## St. Mary's Episcopal 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 brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Shrove Tuesday – March 1st

We will have Shrove Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m. We will be serving Pancakes and bacon, and eating together as a community before the symbolic fasting of Lent begins. All the community is welcome and there is not a charge for the meal.

Ash Wednesday – March 2nd

On Wednesday, March 2nd we start the Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday service. We have a service on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. From that day until Easter we will be into 40 days of Lent. All our services are open to everybody in the community and we hope and pray you will join us as we begin the Lenten Journey.

## Crestview Baptist Church

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

## First United Methodist

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

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

Pastor Ricky started a new Lenten series this past Sunday, it is titled "The Road to the Final Door". This is a spin from the "March Madness" in college basketball. We will be looking at different events in the life of Jesus final days here on earth. Pastor Ricky shared Jesus' intent as he entered the city of Jerusalem, proclaiming He was the Messiah.

Come join us this next Sunday! We pray everyone had a fun and restful Spring break. We will be back to our regular schedule of activities this week.

Join Us for Sunday, March 20, for evening activities

**5:00 P.M. Supper Club**  
**5:30 P.M. Musical Explorers**  
**5:30 P.M. Youth,**  
**5:30 P.M. Men's Bible Study, Open Door Class Room**  
**5:30 P.M. Confirmation classes**

**Join us on Wednesday, March 23, for evening activities**

**6:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery**  
**6:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study**  
**6:00 P.M. Bridge Rehearsal**  
**7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal**  
**For more information on any activity, please visit the web site at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com) or call the church office at 432-267-6394.**



We invite you to join our Worship Service this Sunday!  
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### The Coahoma Bulldogettes stay hot win another district game



Courtesy Photo

Coahoma's Baylor Wright bunts during the third inning of Coahoma's non-district game with Sweetwater on Wednesday, March 18, 2022.

By STEVE BELVIN

Special to the Herald

Coahoma: A lot of times, spring break week is a period for teams to take some time off rest their bodies, Not for the Coahoma Bulldogettes, however. Coahoma mentor Alexander Orosco is just the opposite. He has a highly ranked Coahoma squad playing five games this week. Game two for this week was a 14-1 run-rule against Sweetwater here Wednesday.

No. 12 state-ranked Coahoma, now 14-4-1, started the week Tuesday with a district opening 18-0 win over Crane at home. Thursday's noon home game will be another district contest versus Sonora. Coahoma will then meet highly ranked Class 3A opponent Bushland at Lubbock Christian University. Finally, Coahoma will conclude the week with an afternoon game on the road against Snyder.

This barrage of games doesn't faze the Bulldogettes. in fact, they thrive on it. "Kudos to the girls. They want to play," said Orosco. "It's a mental thing like

today's game (against Sweetwater). The girls are up here at 9:30 (am) taking hitting practice. Then they go out and do fielding practice. So it's a win-win situation. I get to practice and a game out of them. They love to play the game."

In the meantime, Coahoma gets to play good competition. Sweetwater went two rounds in the playoffs last year. Snyder, like Sweetwater, is a Class 4A opponent. Bushland, located in Amarillo, has a 16-6 record, ranked No. 9 in Class 3A.

These are games of interest, good competition. We will travel to meet them if it's a game of interest," Orosco said.

Coahoma had little trouble with Sweetwater on this day. Because of the ten-run rule, it only needed four at-bats to end the game in the top of the fifth.

Makayla Calvio pitched fired a three-hitter in going the distance. She struck out five and walked three. Meanwhile, the Coahoma bats punished Snyder pitching for nine hits. Sweetwater pitchers hurt their cause by walking eight, including walking in two runs.

Coahoma scratched for two runs in the first. Leadoff hitter and shortstop Madison Rodgers pitched for nine hits. Sweetwater pitchers hurt their cause by walking eight, including walking in two runs. She scored on a sacrifice fly by Hannah Wells. Karleigh Burt, who had walked, scored the second run when she came home from third on a wild pitch.

Coahoma padded the lead to 5-0 in the second when Wells' second sacrifice fly platted Maci Green, who had singled. Freshman Avery Rodriguez drove in two runs with a base hit in the inning.

Coahoma put the game out of reach by batting around in the third inning, scoring six runs. The Bulldogettes sealed the deal with three more runs in the fourth.

Burt led all Coahoma hitters by singling three times in three trips to the plate, driving in two runs, and stealing a base. Calvio and Green each had two hits in the game.

Sweetwater's lone run in the third inning came via a Coahoma error. The Bulldogs helped themselves get out of the inning by turning a double play. Jenika Fuentes got two of Sweetwater's three hits.

No sign of fatigue for the Bulldogettes. "Tired? We can't be tired. We've got to be ready to roll," Orosco said.

Coahoma seems to keep rolling and rolling.

Sweetwater - 001-00 - 1-3-3.

Coahoma - 236-3x - 14-9-4.

WP - Calvio, LP - Fuentes; LOB - Sweetwater 6, Coahoma 6; DP - Coahoma 1; Errors - Coahoma (M. Rodgers 2, B. Rodgers, Calvio); Sweetwater (Fuentes 2, Dent); SB - Coahoma (Burt); 2B - Sweetwater (Fuentes); Coahoma (Green); 3B - Coahoma (M. Rodgers)

### Coahoma downs Sonora, 17-0



Courtesy Photos

Left: Coahoma's Hannah Wells and Baylor Wright hold up their home run balls following Coahoma's 17-0 win against Sonora in league play on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Right: Coahoma's Avery Rodriguez throws a strike over the plate during the second inning of the Bulldogettes' district game with Sonora.

COAHOMA — Avery Rodriguez fired off a one-hitter and struck out six to help propel the Bulldogettes past Sonora 17-0 in a district softball match up on Thursday.

It only took Coahoma three innings to secure the victory while playing through a strong dust storm. Coahoma's big bats were lethal, driving in 16 runs in the first inning including a home run by freshman Baylor Wright.

Hannah Wells capped off the Bulldogette onslaught with her seventh home run of the season in the second inning. The game was called after the third due to the mercy rule.

Brynn Rodgers and Madison Rodgers led the Bulldogettes at bat. B. Rodgers went 3-for-3 with two runs scored, one RBI, and two triples. M. Rodgers was 3-for-3 with two runs scored, one RBI, a double, a triple, and two steals.

Wells for 2-for-2 at the plate with three runs scored, one RBI, and a steal. Karleigh Burt was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, two RBI, a double, and a steal. Shae Lang hit a triple, drove in two runs, and got two steals. Wright drove in

two runs and Rodriguez helped her cause by going 2-for-3 with one run scored and one RBI.

Next: The Coahoma varsity Bulldogettes play Bushland at 1 p.m. Friday on the Lubbock Chrisitan University campus.

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W — Avery Rodriguez. L — Shakira Villanueva. 2B: Sonora — Montseratt De La Fuente. Coahoma — Madison Rodgers, Karleigh Burt. Coahoma — Brynn Rodgers 2, M. Rodgers, Shae Lang. HR: Coahoma — Hannah Wells, Baylor Wright. SB: Coahoma — M. Rodgers 2, Lang 2, Burt, Makayla Calvio, Wells Pitches-Strikes: Sonora — Villanueva 59-40. Coahoma — 44-28 .







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INVITATION TO BID

Howard County will be accepting bids for exterior waterproofing and restoration for the Howard County Library.

BID NUMBER: 2022-4

ITEM: Library Exterior Restoration located at 500 S Main, Big Spring, TX

Pre-Bid Meeting: March 21, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. in the Second Floor Conference Room 208

Contact Jimmie Long jimmiewayne@suddenlink.net 817-821-2273

Sealed bids must be submitted by March 28, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., Room 2022, Second Floor Courthouse, Big Spring, TX

See the County's website for bid information: <http://www.co.howard.tx.us>

Specifications and required submittal forms may be obtained by contacting the Howard County Auditor's Office, Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St., Room 202, Big Spring, TX 79720 (432-264-2210). Bids must be sealed and identified on the exterior of the envelope as "Library Restoration" and received at the office of the County Auditor by **March 28, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.**

The subject bids will be considered in the Howard County Commissioner's Courtroom, 3rd floor of the Howard County Courthouse, Big Spring, TX. The Howard County Commissioner's Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept the bid deemed to serve the best interest of the County.

#11230

INVITATION TO BID

Howard County will be accepting bids for Exterior Waterproofing and Restoration for the Howard County 118th District Court Building.

BID NUMBER: 2022-5

ITEM: Exterior Waterproofing and Restoration of the Howard County 118th District Court Building at 312

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#11229

INVITATION TO BID

Howard County will be accepting bids for Vehicular Traffic Coating South Parking Lot of Howard County Library.

BID NUMBER: 2022-6

ITEM: Vehicular Traffic Coating for the South Parking Lot of the Howard County Library located at 500 S Main St, Big Spring, TX

Pre-Bid Meeting: March 21, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. in the Second Floor Conference Room 208

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#11228

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

Rule 37 Case No. 0333905 Status/Permit No. 875515 DISTRICT 08 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 14, 2022 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 4, 2022 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HIGHPEAK ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 385826] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 31 T1S, T&P RR CO / STRICKLAND, W G Survey, A-1097, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 4.9 miles SE direction from COAHOMA, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application

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is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : POWELL 24 - 13 A UNIT Lease/Unit Well No. : D 1H Lease/Unit Acres : 640.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null

Lease Lines : 105.0 F South L, 302.0 F West

L Survey Lines : 105.0 F South L, 302.0 F West

L Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location

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586.0 F WEST L Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 13 Block: 31 T1S Abstract: 110 Survey: T&P RR CO Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 550.0 F WEST L Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 550.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6400 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Mary Crosswell, at (817)3128504.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into San Andres and Glorieta formation, H. N. Zant 29 SWD Lease, Well No. 1SA. The proposed disposal well is located 1.9 miles east of Vealmoor, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Howard County.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3100 to 4770 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Bidding quiz**

You open One Heart, and partner responds One Notrump. What would you bid now with each of the following hands?

1. ♠ A82 ♥ AJ953 ♦ KQ5 ♣ KJ
2. ♠ A4 ♥ AKJ9653 ♦ K6 ♣ KQ8
3. ♠ AKJ ♥ AKJ32 ♦ K107 ♣ 84
4. ♠ KJ ♥ AK8543 ♦ 10 ♣ AK62

**1. Two notrump.** Partner's one-notrump response indicates six to 10 points, and denies holding four or more spades or support for hearts. Since you can't tell exactly how many points he has, the best you can do is to invite him to go on to game in notrump by raising to two notrump. With six or seven points, partner will pass; with eight to 10 points, he will bid three notrump. Partner will know that you have 16 or more points for your two-notrump bid, since with 15 or less you would pass.

**2. Four hearts.** The only real problem is whether to bid three hearts (invitational) or four hearts. Most experts would bid four, realizing that while there is no absolute certainty of making 10 tricks in hearts, it would be the winning bid in the long run.

It is the trick-taking potential of your hand — not the high-card point count — that is the decisive

factor here. You have eight probable winners, and it is not overly optimistic to expect partner to provide the wherewithal to help you make two more.

**3. Three notrump.** A natural concern about your weakness in clubs should not stop you from bidding game. There is an implied likelihood that partner has club length because he lacks spade or heart length. You can't be certain that he will make three notrump, but it would be overly pessimistic to bid only two notrump when you know that the combined hands contain at least 25 points.

**4. Three clubs.** You should assume your side has a game somewhere, and to make sure you get there, you should jump-shift to three clubs, which is 100% forcing. You should not risk a three-heart bid, which would be merely invitational.

It might bother you to bid three clubs when you have such a strong preference for hearts, but you do it for two reasons. One is to make certain that partner bids again; the other is that five (or possibly even six) clubs might turn out to be a better contract than four hearts. This could occur if, say, partner had a singleton heart and four or more clubs.

Tomorrow: An ounce of prevention.

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# The Gift Of God

By Tom Sloan

Special to the Herald

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

A gift is a gift when the receiver pays nothing for that which has been received. Otherwise, that which has been received is not a gift. Such is the case with salvation. The salvation God gives to us is completely free; nothing in return. And when we say nothing in return, we mean, nothing in return; absolutely nothing. Salvation is God's gift to us, not our gift to Him. Salvation is received by grace through faith so that this salvation might be completely free. Romans 4:16 says that it is of faith, that it might be by grace. Faith, together with grace, ensures that salvation is completely free, so much so that Scripture says – and that not of yourselves. Eliminate faith from grace, and salvation is not a gift. Eliminate grace from

faith, and we end up "paying" for our salvation, in which case, we would be doing God a "favor" of sorts by striving to be "good" people "deserving" of salvation. However, "deserving" people tend to feel like they are entitled to brag and boast about how pure, faithful and holy they have become since the day they "believed" on Christ for salvation, because of their outstanding performance in works. But when we brag (boast), we give evidence that we believe that somehow, somewhere, we had something to do with our salvation. When we come to believe that salvation is received by grace through faith, we understand that the only thing we brought to the table was our sinful, hopeless, helpless condition. Consequently, as believers, we are never obligated to "live up" to our salvation by doing the deeds of the Law, or any sort of work. We live up to our salvation the same way we received it – by grace through faith; and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any of us should brag (boast).

## In God we trust with every situation

By Billy Holland

Special to the Herald

Have you known someone who was even-tempered and composed even when circumstances seemed to be falling apart all around them? In times of a serious crisis, somehow these individuals have the type of personality to remain calm and collected, in fact, it's not unusual to see them comforting the very ones who came to help them. So, what is the secret to living in a peaceful and tranquil state of mind? For those who trust in God, I believe we come to a point in our spiritual journey where we simply begin to realize that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and it only makes sense this would include believing what He has declared is true. It may sound rather elementary, but having a passion for knowing Him personally will go a long way toward learning to trust Him.

Life has its share of wonderful seasons where we enjoy the blessings and have delightful experiences and then there are times of disappointment and occasionally these are devastating. Have you noticed that when we are on the mountain-

top, we tend to forget about God because we are so distracted with our pleasures. Then, after the celebration has passed, we find ourselves walking through a dark and discouraging valley, and immediately call out to Him because we want to go back to the good times. A certain amount of fluctuation is indeed a normal part of life but riding on an emotional roller coaster is not exactly the way God intended for His people to live. His perfect plan is for us to become mature in order to have a higher spiritual connection with Him whether we are walking through abundance or adversity.

Paul said in Philippians 4:11-13, "I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." I believe it would help with our anxiety and stress if we could just sincerely place our lives into His hands and rest in the confidence that He knows about our situation

and is working behind the scenes for our best interest. As a counselor, I realize that when someone is desperate for an immediate solution, advising them to keep praying and be patient is not what they want to hear. Proverbs chapter 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all of thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In ALL thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Observing this carefully allows us to comprehend He is simply wanting us to stand on what He has promised. He desires that we trust Him not only in times of crisis but every moment.

One of my favorite verses is Psalm 145:18 and 19, "The Lord is near unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them." The bottom line is that God wants to intervene because He loves you. His answers might not always be what we imagined or when we wanted them, but He will always make the right decision in His perfect time. Many are struggling financially and are stressed to the point of a nervous

breakdown. Others are facing serious health issues, family problems and are afraid of an uncertain future. Worry is the opposite of faith and can steal the joy of our salvation. I do not have specific answers for every issue and neither can I explain why bad things happen to good people, but I do know that whatever type of valley you are walking through today, God hears your prayers and will never forget or forsake you.

I'm reminded of the story in Mark chapter 4, where Jesus and His disciples were in a boat during a violent storm. Jesus was resting comfortably while the men were crying out in fear of sinking and drowning. They woke Him, and He calmly commanded the wind and waves to stop and they did. He is always in total control of every situation and if we are holding His hand, we can always rest in His perfect peace.

*Dr. Holland is a Christian minister, community chaplain, and author. Read more about the Christian life at: [billyhollandministries.com](http://billyhollandministries.com).*

## Russia-Ukraine war: Some pastors wonder about "end of days"

By DAVID CRARY

AP National Writer

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has prompted some of America's most prominent evangelical leaders to raise a provocative question — asking if the world is now in the biblically prophesied "end of days" that might culminate with the apocalypse and the second coming of Christ.

There's no consensus on the answer, nor on any possible timetable.

Megachurch pastor Robert Jeffress, addressing his congregation at First Baptist Dallas, said many Christians are wondering, in the face of carnage in Ukraine, "Why does God permit evil like this to continue? .... Are we near Armageddon and the end of the world?"

"We are living in the last days," Jeffress said, "We've been living in the last days for the last 2000 years. We don't know, is this the end? Is this the beginning of the end, or the end of the beginning?"

The curators of raptureready.com -- which shares commentary about "end of days" prophecies -- suggest things could move quickly. Their "Rapture Index," -- on which any reading above 160 means "Fasten your seatbelts" -- was raised this week to 187, close to its record high of 189 in 2016.

One of the most detailed alerts came from televangelist Pat Robertson, who came out of retirement on Feb. 28 to assert on "The 700 Club" that Russian President Vladimir Putin was "compelled by God" to invade Ukraine as a prelude to an eventual climactic battle in Israel. Robertson said verses of the Old Testament Book of Ezekiel support this scenario.

"You can say, well, Putin's out of his mind. Yes, maybe so," Robertson said. "But at the same time, he's being compelled by God. He went into the Ukraine, but that wasn't his goal. His goal was to move against Israel, ultimately."

"It's all there," added Robertson, referring to Ezekiel. "And God is getting ready to do something amazing and that will be fulfilled."

Also evoking Ezekiel -- and a possible attack on Israel -- was Greg Laurie, senior pastor at a California megachurch whose books and radio programs have a wide following.

"I believe we're living in the last days. I believe Christ could come back at any moment," Laurie said in a video posted on YouTube.

Citing the war in Ukraine and the COVID-19 pandemic, he said biblical prophecies "are be-

ing fulfilled in our lifetime."

"We are seeing more things happen in real time, closer together, as the scriptures said they would be," Laurie said. "So what should we do? We should look up. We should remember that God is in control."

Predictions of an imminent "end of days" have surfaced with regularity over the centuries. Pat Robertson, for example, has inaccurately predicted apocalyptic events on previous occasions.

"One of the characteristics of apocalyptic thinking is that the most recent crisis is surely the worst — this is the one that is going to trip the end times calendar," said Dartmouth College history professor Randall Balmer.

"Now, admittedly, there may be some evidence for that, especially with Putin mumbling about nuclear weapons," Balmer added via email. "But I also remember the urgency of the Six Day War and George H. W. Bush's Persian Gulf War and, of course, 9/11."

The suggestion that God is somehow using the Russia-Ukraine war to fulfill biblical prophecies troubles some Christian scholars, such as the Rev. Rodney Kennedy, a Baptist pastor in Schenectady, New York, and author of numerous books.

"This evangelical insistence of involving the sovereignty of God in the evil of Putin borders on the absurd," Kennedy wrote recently in Baptist News.

"Rapture believers fail to understand that if they assist in bringing about world war, there will be no Superman Jesus appearing to 'snatch' all true believers into the safety of the clouds," Kennedy wrote. "The rapture is an illusion; the rupture caused by Putin is a deadly reality."

Russell Moore, public theologian at the evangelical magazine Christianity Today, said it's wrong to try to connect world events to end-times prophecy, noting that Jesus himself said his second coming would be unexpected and unconnected with "wars and rumors of wars."

"It's not consistent with the Bible and it's harmful to the witness of the church," said Moore, noting that the world has outlived many episodes of end-times speculation.

Moore said most Christians he's talked with are more concerned about Ukraine's well-being.

"I'm surprised at how little I am finding the idea that these events are direct biblical proph-

ecy," he said. "I'm just not seeing that in the pews."

That's a change from the recent past, he noted, when many evangelicals tried to interpret world events as a road map to the apocalypse -- driving sales for hugely successful authors Tim LaHaye ("Left Behind") and Hal Lindsey ("The Late Great Planet Earth").

"It's very rare for me to find someone under the age of 50" preoccupied with such views today, Moore said.

Jeffress said members of his congregation in Dallas are "very troubled by the atrocities being committed against the Ukrainian people and think we should push back forcefully against Putin's aggression."

"However, they are not headed toward their bunkers and preparing for Armageddon -- yet," Jeffress said via email. "Most of our members understand that while the Bible prophesies the end of the world and return of Christ one day, no one has a clue when that day will be."

Laurie, in a written reply to questions from The Associated Press, said his congregation at Harvest Christian Fellowship "isn't fixated on the 'end times.'"

"My message for Christians during this time and really all people in general is don't panic, but pray," Laurie advised. "Live every day like it may be your last."

The war in Ukraine has heightened anxieties for some members of Mercy Hill Chapel, said Oleh Zhakunets, lead pastor of the small Southern Baptist church that holds services in Ukrainian and English in Parma, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb.

Several members have close relatives in Ukraine -- some in more dangerous zones in eastern Ukraine and others who are welcoming refugees in the west, he said.

"It's a bag of mixed feelings," said Zhakunets, citing their worries for loved ones and their hope that God is in control.

Congregation members believe in biblical passages detailing signs of Jesus' return, he said, but they don't see Russia's invasion as fulfilling a specific prophecy.

"A lot of that is just guesswork," Zhakunets said. "We have hope that he's coming, but in terms of specifics, we're not going to give that kind of what we see as a false hope."