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Weather

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 80. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 53.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 90.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Forsan Jr. High students recognized for Math/Science meet excellence

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Contributing Writer

Forsan Junior High recognized a group of students, during a special ceremony on Thursday, who will be competing at the state level for TMSCA (Texas Math and Science Coaches Association). Over the past several months, these students have been competing at the local and regional level. Based

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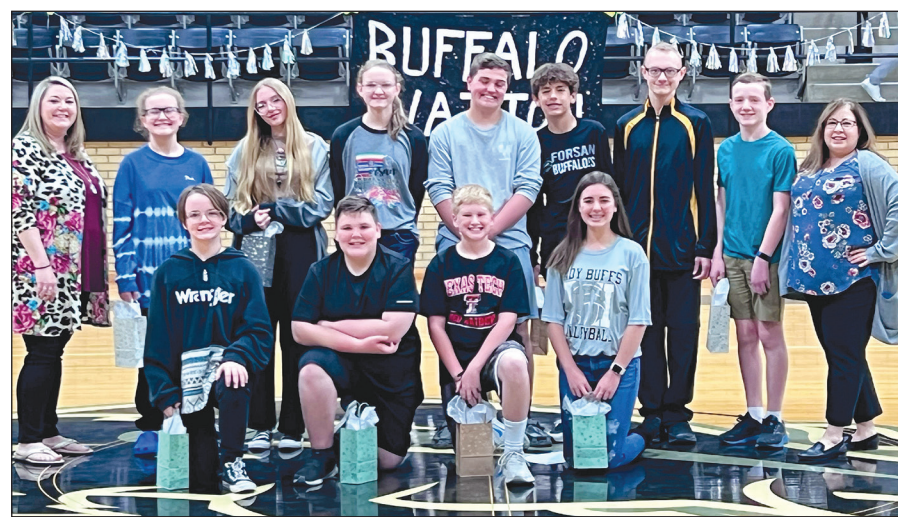


Photo courtesy Amanda Duforat

Forsan Junior High School paid homage to a brainy group of students Thursday - 11 math and science whizzes who will represent their school in the State level Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) meet.

Secretary Scott reminds Texas voters to register by April 7 to vote in May 7 Constitutional amendment, local elections

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Texas Secretary of State John Scott today is reminding all eligible Texas voters who have not already done so to register to vote by Thursday, April 7 to vote in the May 7 statewide Constitutional Amendment election, as well as local elections for municipalities, school districts and other local entities holding elections. While not every local entity holds elections on May 7, every Texas county will be holding elections on two proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution approved by the 87th Texas Legislature during the second and third special sessions of 2021.

"In the upcoming May 7 election, every Texas voter will have the opportunity to vote on two proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution concerning property taxes, and many Texas voters will also be voting on mayoral, city council, and school board candidates as well as local propositions," Secretary Scott said.

"I encourage every eligible Texas voter to not only get registered by April 7th, but to educate yourself on the candidates and measures that will appear on your ballot. This is an important opportunity to determine the direction of your community and our state, so make sure to register and prepare to cast your ballot in the upcoming election!"

Proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members of both the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives. Ballot language is written by the legislature, not the Texas Secretary

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CORRECTION

In Wednesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald, the headline of the story about this weekend's Cars and Stars fundraiser incorrectly stated "Cars & Stars coming Friday." The event is actually scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday. The Herald regrets any confusion the error may have caused.

Daily Quotes

"It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt."
 — *Mark Twain*

"Any woman can fool a man if she wants to and if he's in love with her."
 — *Agatha Christie*

"A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools."
 — *Douglas Adams*

"Who's more foolish? The fool, or the fool who follows him?"
 — *Alec Guinness as Obi-Wan Kenobi*

AAA Texas: Statewide average gas price falls another four cents as demand falls from last week

Special to the Herald

The statewide gas price average in Texas is \$3.85 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is four cents less than on this day last week and is \$1.24 more per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in El Paso are paying the most on average at \$3.99 per gallon while drivers in Amarillo are paying the least at \$3.56 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$4.22, which is two cents less when compared to this day last week and \$1.35 more than the price per gallon at this same time last year.

In Big Spring, prices Thursday ranged between \$3.79 per gallon at the ALON station at 1701 E. Marcy Drive and at Murphy USA next to WalMart, to \$3.89 elsewhere in town.

Regionally, fuel averages \$3.95 per gallon in Midland and \$3.93 in Odessa. Abilene drivers pay \$3.83 per gallon, Lubbock drivers pay \$3.73. Fuel in San Angelo averages \$3.93 per gallon.

Pump price averages decreased all around the Lone Star State as demand dropped, and crude prices were on a roller coaster. Averages may be heading toward a dip with the news of a potential release from the strategic petroleum reserve. According to the Oil Price Information Service, President Biden is expected Thursday to announce plans to release up to 180 million barrels from the U.S. strategic petroleum reserves to help reduce energy prices, which have been skyrocketing since Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24.

"Oil and gas prices have been subject to daily headlines – sending prices on a roller coaster," said AAA Texas spokesperson Daniel Armbruster.

"The latest trend has been in a downward direction for a number of reasons, including falling demand from the prior week."

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Texas Crop and Weather Report

Egg prices climbing as Easter approaches

By **ADAM RUSSELL**
 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Egg prices continue their seasonal upward trend heading into Easter, but a looming threat of avian influenza could exacerbate long-term costs at grocery stores, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture retail egg price report showed a dozen large Grade A eggs reached \$2.01 a dozen compared to \$1.60 per dozen last year, a 25.5 percent increase. Egg prices typically trend higher and peak around the Easter holiday.

David Anderson Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist of Bryan-College Station, said higher production costs, especially feed, and lower production volumes are likely triggering rising prices. Retail egg prices were the highest per dozen for this time of year since 2016.

Higher seasonal demand for eggs is driven by traditional Easter activities, including dyeing eggs and baking, Anderson said.

"It's worth mentioning that we've had higher prices than this in the past, but it is clear that feed costs are higher," Anderson said. "Then it is a matter of those higher production costs being passed on to consumers."

Egg prices and beyond

Beyond the typical holiday demand and price spike, Greg Archer, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension poultry specialist, Bryan-College Station, said higher prices for feed components like soybeans and corn could keep prices higher.

Another threat to long-term egg prices could be the ongoing spread of a highly pathogenic avian flu that has been found in more than a dozen states from Maryland to South Dakota.

Outbreak reports have mostly occurred in backyard flocks, according to the USDA, but almost 12 million commercial chickens and turkeys, including more than 1 million laying hens, have been destroyed to control the spread. Outbreaks have been reported in two major egg-producing states – Iowa and Minnesota. There are more than 300 million egg-producing hens in the U.S. poultry flock.

In 2015, egg-laying operations were devastated by major outbreaks of avian influenza. Around 50 million chickens and turkeys were culled from the nation's flocks as a preventive measure to halt the disease's spread. The outbreak impacted more than 10 percent of the nation's egg production capacity and caused egg prices to double.

"There is concern among Texas producers, but hopefully,

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Obituaries

Jerry Downing

Jerry Downing, 63, died Monday, March 28, 2022.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday with family receiving friends from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be 3 p.m. at Sonora Cemetery in Sonora.

Survivors include seven children, Megan Downing, Augustus

Downing, Tyler and Jen Gwin, Ashley Chesnut, Colby and B Mueller, Richard and Alyssa Harrell, and Cheyenne and Coty Reeves; 22 grandkids; parents, Joe and Elsie Downing; one sister, Treva; three brothers, Anthony, Jason, and J.T.; and 2 GREAT ex-wives: Nancy and Deanna.

Jerry was preceded in death by ex-wife, Darla Jean; two brothers, Karl and Allen; son-in-law, Justin; mom, Dorthy Chesnut; and dad, Fritz.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriffs Department reported the following activity:

Note—Officials at the Howard County Jail reported 99 inmates at the time of this report.

- AARON JOHN BRICE JOSEY, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke-possession of a controlled substance PG greater than 2 grams but less than 4 grams, and motion to revoke-assault on a public servant.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium Avenue. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster Avenue. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of North Birdwell Lane. No transport was necessary.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Northwest Second Street. No transport was necessary.

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Monmouth. 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.

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, hab-

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

- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features na-

tionally 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 Grief-Share 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@Big-springherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Take Note

- The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

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

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-2227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

- The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

- Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-

mail Covid19@sprhs.org

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

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

- St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

- Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

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

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You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check.

Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities.

More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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on their performance at the meets, there are three sixth graders, two seventh graders and six eighth graders who have advanced to the state competition.

6th Grade:

Khynlyn Leonard--Math and Science
Ozzy McWilliams--Calculator
Kynlyn Leonard--Math and Science
7th Grade:
Emily Austin--Calculator
Lexie McWilliams--Calculator
8th Grade:
Kenzli Caudill--Calculator and Science

Kennadee Dawson--Number Sense and Math
Jasiah Flores--Math and Science
Corey Holt--Science
Kendal Jones--Science
Jack Nichols--Math and Science
The team is coached by Chelsea Wells and Sheila Jones. The state competition will be held on Saturday in San Antonio.

REGISTER

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of State.

Proposition No. 1 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the person's homestead from the preceding tax year

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad va-

lorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."

Proposition No. 2 proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."

Early Voting for the May 7th Election runs from April 25 to May 3.

For more information about voting in person and voting by mail in Texas, visit www.votetexas.gov.

REPORT

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we can avoid major outbreaks here," he said.

Anderson said higher production costs and subsequent higher retail prices for consumers would only be exacerbated by major outbreaks in egg-production operations. The highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks have implications for all forms of poultry production, including broiler chickens that provide meat and turkeys.

"In the short term, the trend is upward, and the price of production is higher, so we can expect higher prices. But if the outbreaks become a major problem, we could see prices really climb," he said. "The last time this happened, it did worsen through the spring before it got better, so this could impact us beyond eggs and cause issues with turkeys this coming fall."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

WEST CENTRAL

Conditions were dry and windy. The forecasted rain did not deliver, and high winds worsened conditions. Wheat remained in very poor condition. Some producers started to turn on irrigation to build some soil moisture for corn acres. Producers reduced livestock inventory as feeding costs were higher than potential price gains.

CENTRAL

Some severe weather was reported. Very little rain was reported, but straight-line winds damaged barns and grain bins. Soil moisture was very short in nearly all counties. Crop, rangeland and pasture conditions were poor in nearly all counties. Crops were in poor condition due to drought. Dryland wheat and oats were not doing well and may fail. Livestock were in fair condition and being supplemented with feed and hay. Fires were being reported daily.

ROLLING PLAINS

Parts of the district received up to 1 inch of rain, and several areas reported trace amounts of rainfall up to half an inch. Rain should help rangeland and wheat conditions. Most wheat under irrigation looked good. No cotton was planted yet, but some fieldwork was being done. A few corn and sorghum fields were planted. Pastures remained in poor condition. Cattle were provided supplemental feed, and few native grasses were available for grazing. Calving was underway, and cows were in fair to good condition. Ponds were drying up. Several wildfires were reported.

COASTAL BEND

Central and northern parts of the district received some rain. High winds coupled with low humidity continued to create a fire threat. Corn and most grain sorghum emerged but needed rain. Cotton planting was underway, but most cotton plant-

ing should start when soils warm up and wet areas dry enough for producers to get equipment into fields. Rice producers were planting. Pastures were starting to green up in areas that received rain, but there was still not much growth. Spring calving was underway. Livestock body conditions were declining, especially for cows with calves. Producers continued to supplement herds with protein and hay. Hay inventory levels were still adequate, and market prices remained very high.

SOUTH PLAINS

Dry conditions continued across the district. Green chop triticale was rapidly maturing under pivot irrigation. Fieldwork, including cleaning fields and preparing beds for planting, continued. Producers were continuing to pre-water fields. Winter wheat needed moisture. Cattle were on supplemental feed. A grassfire was reported. Farmers were busy getting fields ready for spring planting.

PANHANDLE

Soil moisture levels were very short to short. Some general rainfall and snow provided some moisture, but much more was needed to restore soil moisture and crop conditions to normal. Producers with irrigation were watering wheat to get some growth for stocker cattle. Rangeland and pasture conditions were very poor to poor. Cattle diets were being supplemented on rangeland.

NORTH

Soil moisture was mostly adequate. Decent rains amounted to between 0.5-1 inch of rainfall. Winter wheat and oats were in fair to good condition. Corn was being planted. Pasture and rangeland were mostly in poor to fair condition.

FAR WEST

Conditions were windy with no precipitation. Temperature highs were in the low- to middle-70s, with lows in the high 30s to low 40s. Rangeland conditions were extremely dry. Only irrigated wheat fields remained. Pre-irrigation for cotton continued, and some pecan orchards and alfalfa fields were receiving water as well. There were reports of hickory shuckworms in pecan trees. The Lower Valley was being irrigated with effluent from the City of El Paso, some private wells, and some El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 wells. Water quality issues were a problem during this critical time. The Upper Valley was irrigating crops with private wells, but the water quality was very good. Some fires reached West Texas, and due to the high winds, ranchers were forced to move the cattle to different sections of their ranches. Forage producers were unable to spray fields with pesticides due to high winds. Producers continued to feed wildlife and livestock.

SOUTHEAST

Temperatures were up and down with cold fronts and a high of 87 degrees. Pasture and rangelands were in very poor to good condition, but a burn ban was in effect. Some areas reported decent rainfall,

and more rain was in the forecast. Subsoil moisture was very short to adequate as corn planting wrapped up, and cotton planting started. Some wind damages were reported from recent storm systems. Rice planting was progressing. Warm-season grasses were showing signs of growth.

SOUTHWEST

No measurable rainfall was reported. Risk of fires increased as low moisture and windy conditions continued. Rangeland and pasture conditions were in short supply of adequate forage. Wheat looked good under irrigation. Hay producers began irrigating. Planting of corn, cotton and sorghum continued. Producers provided heavy supplemental feed rations and culled livestock inventories, but markets were steady. Livestock looked fair to good overall.

SOUTH

Most areas reported short soil moisture levels, but some parts of the district reported very short or adequate soil moisture conditions. Some counties reported brief thunderstorms and trace amounts of rainfall. Most farmers continued to wait for significant rainfall before planting, but some had already planted corn and sorghum and were preparing to plant cotton. Some planted sorghum acres failed to create stands. Sunflowers, corn and grain sorghum looked good in some areas but will need rainfall soon. Some corn was under irrigation. Onions, vegetables, sugarcane and citrus were being harvested. Rangeland and pasture conditions were poor. Ranchers continued to provide heavy rations of supplemental feed to livestock. More producers were looking for hay as supplies continued to dwindle. Feed and hay prices continued to rise. Stock tanks were low, and some producers were hauling water. Some producers will be forced to cull deeper if drought conditions persist. Cattle prices were steady for all classes, and sale volumes were normal. Some hay fields were being irrigated. Fire activity was rising across the district, with more than 4,000 acres reported burned in two counties. Fires have caused widespread damage to ranching operations. Wildlife were browsing along roadsides.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Henrietta Chapman, 80, died Tuesday. Funeral service 11 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jerry Downing, 63, died Monday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service 3 PM at Sonora, TX.

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Take Note (cont.)

• 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.

• 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.



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Living On Purpose

Without a burden, we will not pray

By WILLIAM F. HOLLAND JR.

Contributing columnist

The key to being a good soldier is listening carefully and being obedient. No one, especially God, wants a servant that decides to be absent without leave or that is rebellious and always wants to do things their way. Every effective military has strict discipline for a purpose and this is for making sure the soldier is focused on what the leader is saying. One reason for going through boot camp is to learn certain skills while training the individual to build strength so they are in excellent physical condition. Going into battle is very strenuous and demands for each team member to be strong and confident. But even more important than building physical endurance, their minds must be educated, transformed, and renewed to follow orders and to be ready to respond without fear under the most terrifying and difficult situations. To have someone's attention, the person must trust and respect the one who is in command and these components are crucial to being victorious. As we can see, the concept of awareness and perseverance cannot be over-emphasized in our relationship with our Lord and King.

In the summer of 2021, I began asking God to help me develop a deeper level of awareness of His presence along with more discipline, wisdom, and discernment. I wrote down a few positive statements to confess in my prayers and whenever it would

cross my mind. I do not want to be lukewarm and continued to ask for a revelation of more fire and passion to consume me. Information is only a gathering of knowledge until it becomes quickened as divine truth and wisdom to our mind and conscience. Many people know a lot of facts, but until truth energizes and activates conviction within our hearts, it will not change our destiny. I have also asked Him to help me recognize errors so that I might know the correct interpretation of His Word. I desperately need a higher level of sensitivity to His voice so that I can comprehend what He is saying. These opportunities are critical components of the Christian experience and will be accomplished or ignored according to our level of desire.

Knowing God is based on communication, but evidently, many who call themselves a Christian are either not convinced this is true or they are not interested in participating. The overwhelming percentage of these people avoid prayer simply because this is something they do not want to do. They have convinced themselves that God does not care if they pray or not because they believe that whatever they do or choose not to do will not make any difference as far as their good standing with Him. As long as He has prepared a beautiful heaven for them after this life, all is good even if they do nothing. The truth is they are held accountable for not praying, along with other duties such as personal Bible research and worship, witnessing and praying for a burden for the lost, developing

an awareness of God's presence, and being ready to respond to divine appointments such as laying hands on the sick and confronting evil, being filled with the Holy Spirit, walking in reverential fear of who He is and demonstrating His nature and character, just to name a few.

So, what is the secret to having an exciting and effective prayer life? We must first decide if this is something we really want. If we desire to invest our time into knowing God He will provide everything needed to make it happen. I wonder how many believe yielding our will to Him is just too extreme and radical? For any of us to enter into a walk of faith and love, we must discern His voice as He tells us what He wants us to pray about. Dwelling in the secret place with Him is not based upon systematic theology or a proper scriptural exegesis. It's simply a lifestyle of discipline where listening and obeying becomes more important than pleasing others or our own agenda. How often do you ask Him for a fervent passion to pray? Without love and a burden we will not care and this no doubt explains the enormous lack of interest. It's not that we are begging to suffer, but when we choose to obey God, suffering will probably be included. Charles Spurgeon is quoted as, "A little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul."

Read more about the Christian life at billyholandministries.com

A Little Slumber

By DR. LILLIAN BOHANNAN

Contributing Columnist

Getting ready to go on a trip is always exciting and a bit stressful, especially if you want to make sure you have everything you need and you don't want to pack for a three day trip like you were going to a month.

So you are all packed the night before. You make sure you put a huge empty bag by the front door with the other entire luggage, in case you can think of something else you want to take. You go to bed, set the alarm, and hope you don't oversleep.

When the alarm goes off in the morning, you lay there wondering why you set it so early. Then you turn over and start to go back to sleep. A little more slumber and you wake up again realizing you have a trip to make.

By the time you leave out the front door, being sure it's locked of course, that empty bag is full to overflowing. Then you wonder if you left anything out. You unlock the door and go retrieve your pills or whatever. After reassuring yourself that you have everything, you think to yourself, "Did I lock the back door?" You unlock the front door, feed the cat and dog, put the trash in the dumpster, and remember to lock the back door.

Finally you are all ready. You get in the car ready to go. Then you remember you forgot to turn off the coffee pot. This can't be old age because I remem-

ber Mother doing this at forty. It must be a genetic thing.

There was a man and his wife headed out on vacation with their family. The wife would always have to go back to turn off the iron. Finally the man wised up and began taking the iron with him.

When God in His infinite wisdom, set up the rapture of the church, He made it so we wouldn't worry about what we forgot to take with us. We don't even have time to set an alarm to make sure we don't miss it. The trip is coming up soon and very soon. It will happen when no one expects it. We won't have time to plan or pack. We won't take suitcases with us, or large empty bags full to overflowing with last second items. We won't even worry whether we left the coffee pot on or fed the cat. We will just go, and "...in the twinkling of an eye..." according to God's Love Letter to His children, "...we will all be changed."

So my question is: are you ready for that great gittin' up morning, when we meet Him in the sky? Have you packed your spiritual bags with Jesus, the power of the Mighty Holy Spirit of God, and are taking a few precious souls with you? My greatest desire is to be witnessing to someone when the Rapture happens. To witness the saving of his soul, and then to see the look on his face after accepting Jesus into his life, boom the Rapture happens and we are immediately standing before his new found Lord. What a thrill that will be!!!

Church News

First Church of the Nazarene

Have you ever had that light come on the dash indicating your are almost out of gas? That is probably happening more and more these days with the high prices at the pump. Some of us immediately start looking for a place to pull off and refuel. Of course, others will keep driving convinced that they've still got 50 miles left in the tank. They like to live on edge and want to see how far they can go. What do you do when your spiritual fuel light comes on? Do you look for an opportunity to refuel? Or do you keep pushing forward on an empty tank?

I believe that this is a significant spiritual struggle for many Christ-followers today. We're trying to keep going, serving, doing the right thing "outwardly", but inside we are empty. You cannot pour from an empty cup. And, when we're empty for too long we'll start looking for other things to fill us, but it doesn't keep us going long and never satisfies our soul. We need to stop and reconnect with the Source of Life! I love what David expresses in Psalm 23:

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul." ~ Psalm 23:1-2

I don't think it is an accident that David said the Lord makes him lie down. Some of us will never slow down unless someone or something else makes us. If the Lord is leading us He will force us to lie down, to be still so that we can be refilled. All the noise and activity in our world drains us and damages our inner life. We need restoration and renewal. It is beside the still waters that our Good Shepherd restores our soul. We cannot live as a genuine follower of Christ if our spiritual life is on empty.

A friend once told me of a time he went with a group to Florida on vacation. They arrived late and it was dark when they checked into their hotel. The first morning as they looked out their hotel room window, they were expecting to see the beautiful sunrise over the beach, but instead they saw a huge sinkhole. Trees and even vehicles had fallen through the pavement. Needless to say, it was concerning. After checking into it, they discovered that there were underground rivers that flowed throughout the area. During the dry season, with all the development on the surface, there wasn't enough water getting

under the surface to keep the rivers flowing. When they completely dried up the ground could no longer support the weight of everything. Stuff started to fall in leaving a huge hole.

When the river of God dries up within, when His presence is no longer flowing in us, we're left with a big sink hole. We might keep it together for a while, but soon the surface starts to crack and things begin falling in.

Are you empty? Have the underground rivers dried up in your life? Take a moment to pull off the road to refuel. Let the Lord make you lie down and restore your soul. Connect with Him and get refilled today. Don't wait until things start to fall apart. If you spend some quality time with Him, I believe you will be able to declare like David: "You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows! Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!" ~ Psalm 23:5-6

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 wrap up our series on 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

Men's Breakfast

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17) All men are invited to join us on Saturday, April 2nd @ 8:00am for our Men's Prayer Breakfast as we sharpen and strengthen one another. You won't find a better breakfast anywhere in town.

Area Pastors Breakfast

The next community pastors breakfast will be held at Templo Belen on Tuesday, April 5th @ 9am.

All pastors and ministry staff in our area are invited to join us. Pray as we seek to build connection and collaboration among the churches in our community.

Community Egg Hunt

Our annual community egg hunt will be at New Hope (118 Cedar Rd.) on Wednesday, April 13th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Everyone is invited to join us for this family fun event.

Breakfast with the Bunny

The Bridge is hosting breakfast with the Bunny on Saturday, April 16th @ 10am at New Hope (118 Cedar Rd.). There will be a free breakfast, pictures, fun activities, and an egg hunt. You can reserve a spot through the NazFamily - The Bridge facebook page. Join us for this family friendly event.

Good Friday

"Amazing love, how can it be, that You, My King, would die for me!" We will have a special Good Friday service on April 15th @ 6:30pm. All are invited to join us for this meaningful time of reflection, worship, and prayer.

Easter Sunday

We are planning a powerful worship gathering on Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We will begin with a sunrise prayer time @ 7:00am (which will be LiveStreamed), followed by all church breakfast at 9:00am in the gym. Our Worship Gathering at 10:00am. This is a great time to invite friends, family and neighbors to come worship with us. You won't want to miss out on this meaningful time together. He is risen indeed!

College Baptist Church

What a glorious season for God's church to celebrate the Resurrection! 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

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Dad's Truck

By **JAMES LOCKHART**

Contributing Columnist

My dad worked for the Kansas City Southern railroad for almost forty years. We lived in Heavener, Oklahoma which is where the train crews would swap out. Some crews went north to Watts, Oklahoma and others went south to Dequeen, Arkansas.

When I was three years old I can remember my dad getting a brand new Chevy pickup. I remember this because he set me in the bed and it was so hot it burned my bare feet. That was in the summer of 1977.

My dad never got another new truck. The entire time I was school and college he drove either that pickup or another one that wasn't much better. Several times I witnessed other men ask my dad why he drove such a junky old truck. Dad always said I've got kids in college. Once my sister and I were out of college and married dad finally got a decent pickup to drive.

Now, I guess the shoe is on the other foot. My daughter is in medical school and she took the only car we own. All of our other vehicles are diesel pickups. The other day I met a fellow at the gas station driving a 1997 Lexus. We got to

talking and he said he'd sell it cheap, so I bought it. It has become my work car.

When I drove it home my wife turned her nose up at it. One mirror has duck tape holding it on. Someone put ugly black rims on it and the back of the front seat is tore wide open. I told her I didn't care about none of that. What's important is that the guy drove it to work everyday and it gets thirty miles per gallon. The heat and ac work on it as well. That's all I cared about, it gets me to and from work and the heat and ac work. Plus gas is way cheaper than diesel right now too. She still moans about having to be seen in it around town.

As I've been driving it to work each day I have thought about my dad a lot and all of the years he drove an old truck in order to put us through college. My daughter brought me a bumper sticker from her college the other day. I put it on the back of that ugly car. I think it's a fitting tribute to my dad, shoot I'm proud to drive that ugly car.

James Lockhart lives near the Kiamichi mountains in southeast Oklahoma. He writes cowboy stories and fools with cows and horses.

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- Worship time is at 10:45 a.m.
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- 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 April 3, 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 Facebook 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 Savior, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone!

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

The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 43:16-21, Phillipians 3:(4b-7) 8-14, and Luke 20:9-20.

The psalm is Psalm 126.

Dolline Budke 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. We have begun a new bible study called "Witnesses for Christ". We will be talking about the seven 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 as we hear about "Witnesses To Christ: People From His Passion."

We will have our Easter Eggstravaganza on April 16 from 10-noon at the church. Please make plans to join us.

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.

Ukrainian archbishop: Minority faiths at risk if Russia wins

By **PETER SMITH**

Associated Press

The top-ranking Ukrainian Catholic cleric in the United States warned Thursday that religious minorities in the Eastern European country stand to be "crushed" if Moscow gains control, as fighting raged on more than a month after the Russian invasion began.

Groups at risk include Catholics, Muslims and Orthodox who have broken away from the patriarch of Moscow, Archbishop Borys Gudziak said. He also cited reports that Russian forces have damaged two Holocaust memorials and Moscow's false portrayal of Ukraine, which overwhelmingly elected a Jewish president in Volodymyr Zelenskyy, as a "Nazi" state.

"What is at stake for the people of faith is their freedom to practice their faith," Gudziak said during an online panel discussion on the war, hosted by the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University.

"Ukrainian Catholics, over the last 250 years, every time there's been a Russian occupation where they live and minister, they've been strangled," he continued.

Gudziak is head of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and president of Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. He also oversees external relations for the Kyiv-based Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. The name of the church, whose members account for an estimated 10% of Ukraine's population, refers to its loyalty to the pope and its use of Greek or Byzantine liturgy, which is similar to that of Ukraine's majority Orthodox population.

The archbishop predicted that the Orthodox Church of Ukraine — which broke from the Moscow Patriarchate and was recognized in 2019 by the Ecu-

menical Patriarch of Constantinople over fierce opposition from Moscow — "will undoubtedly be crushed if there's a Russian occupation."

Gudziak did not specifically mention the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which is separate from the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and has remained loyal to Moscow Patriarch Kirill, a strong supporter of Russian President Vladimir Putin. Despite that historic fealty, Ukrainian Orthodox Church leaders have fiercely denounced the Russian invasion and in some cases are refusing to mention Kirill's name in public prayers, a ritually potent snub.

Kirill has backed Putin's justifications for the war, saying both countries are part of a "Russian world" and alleging that the U.S. and other foreign forces have sought to foster enmity between them.

Gudziak also cited the plight of Muslim Tatars who "have been persecuted for these last eight years" since Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula in southern Ukraine in 2014.

The U.S. State Department has similarly denounced intimidation and harassment of Tatars and other religious groups in Crimea and areas of eastern Ukraine under control of Russia-backed separatists. The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom said this month that Moscow's "aggression toward religious freedom (in those territories) is an indicator that much worse will follow ... as Russia expands into Ukraine."

Gudziak rejected Russia's claims that it is on a mission to denazify Ukraine, where the Jewish Zelenskyy won election with 73% of the vote. Such altruistic assertions also ring hollow, he argued, given the reported damage to the Holocaust memorials in Kyiv and near Kharkiv.

"All those who desire to live in freedom will lose a lot or everything. If there is an occupation, that is what is at stake for Ukrainians," Gudziak said. "What is at stake for Europe, for the broader world, is will there be an advance of systems, ideologies and worldviews that crush people?"

First Nations meet with pope over Canada school abuses

By **NICOLE WINFIELD**

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Drums pounded through the frescoed halls of the Apostolic Palace on Thursday and out into St. Peter's Square as Pope Francis welcomed a First Nations delegation seeking an apology for the Catholic Church's role in running Canada's notorious residential schools.

Francis met privately for two hours with the representatives of the Assembly of First Nations, following his meetings earlier in the week with delegations from the Metis and Inuit communities of Canada.

"I feel the pope and the church have expressed a sentiment of working toward reconciliation," said Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty of the Creen Nation, after the audience.

The trip was years in the making but gained momentum last year after the discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves outside some of the residential schools.

More than 150,000 native children in Canada were forced to attend state-funded Christian schools from the 19th century until the 1970s in an effort to isolate them from the influence of their homes and culture. The aim was to Christianize and assimilate them into mainstream society, which previous Canadian governments considered superior.

Even before the grave sites were discovered, Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission specifically called for a papal apology to be delivered on Canadian soil for the church's role in the abuses against the Indigenous.

Francis has committed to traveling to Canada, though no date for such a visit has been announced.

The Vatican said Thursday's meeting was held "in a climate of listening and closeness" and would be followed by Francis' audience with all three groups on Friday, when he is to deliver a public address.

"If you were to ask me am I optimistic leaving our discussion with the Holy Father, I am," said Phil

Fontaine, who was national chief of the Assembly of First Nations in 2009 when he led an Indigenous delegation to meet with Pope Benedict XVI.

At the time, Benedict only expressed his "sorrow at the anguish caused by the deplorable conduct of some members of the church." But he did not apologize.

"It's 2022, I'm back, for another shot at ... convincing Pope Francis to apologize," Fontaine told reporters in St. Peter's Square, wearing a feathered headdress. "A full apology for all that he heard today and probably heard from the Metis and Inuit delegations about the horrible experience of too many of our people that attended residential schools."

"Our preference is for the Holy Father to come to Canada and apologize on Canadian soil, and do it on one of our territories," he added. "That is our hope and wish and we made that very clear to the Holy Father."

Weekly Bible Verse

"He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

—Isaiah 53:5-6

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BSHS' Terrazas signs with Odessa College

By LACHELLE COBB
Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring High School senior Ryen Terrazas has played volleyball since she was in third grade. Today Ryen signed her letter of intent to play volleyball for Odessa College.

"Having my friends, family, and coaches here today is such a joy. I am so thankful and blessed and I thank God that I get to continue on to the next level," said Terrazas. "I will be working on my basics while I decide what I want to major in, and then hopefully go to University of Texas of the Permian Basin with my sister, and we will get to play together."

Terrazas thanked those who have helped her achieve her goals.

"I want to thank everyone for being here, including all my friends, family and my coaches," she said. "I wouldn't be here and be signing this without each and every one of y'all. So thank you all so very much."

Coach Eric Tuttle expressed excitement for Terrazas' collegiate opportunity.

"She is such an amazing human being through and through," he said. "She is such a genuine person and I really feel like that's why she excels in everything she does. She is true, wholesome, and just simply amazing. I'm very blessed I get to coach her not only in volleyball, but basketball also. Thank you for making my job so easy. You are definitely going to be



Big Spring High School volleyball standout Ryen Terrazas (third from left) poses with (from left) sister Logan, mother Brenda, and father Trey Terrazas before signing her letter of intent to play for Odessa College this fall. She said she would like to transfer to UTPB after completing some of her basic coursework.

missed here at Steer Nation, and I just so glad that she gets to continue on this journey. Thank you and I

wish you nothing but the best in your journey."

Terrazas' mom Brenda Terrazas ex-

pressed pride in her daughter.

"Wow! There is so much I could say about her. She is one of the hardest workers I have ever seen. She loves the sport and hopefully this will give her a chance to play with her sister," she said. "She's excited and can't wait to start this journey, and we are just as excited to keep watching her play and reach her dreams and goals."

Ms. Terrazas said she has faith her daughter will succeed at whatever she tries.

"She has a good head on her shoulders so I know she is going to succeed with anything she decides to do," she said. "She's my last baby, its gonna be hard to see her go but I'm glad she will still be fairly close so we can still go watch her play."

Trey Terrazas, Ryen's father, said, "I am happy and excited to see what she is going to do at the next level of this journey. I think I'm more proud of the young woman she has become. She has played with her best friends since third grade and its pretty exciting to see her be able to continue on this path. I am super proud of her, but my baby is leaving, but I know things are going to be okay and she will only be 60 miles down the road, so we can still go and watch her compete."

Congratulations Ryen Terrazas, keep up your hard work and dedication, and wish you nothing but the best in your future.

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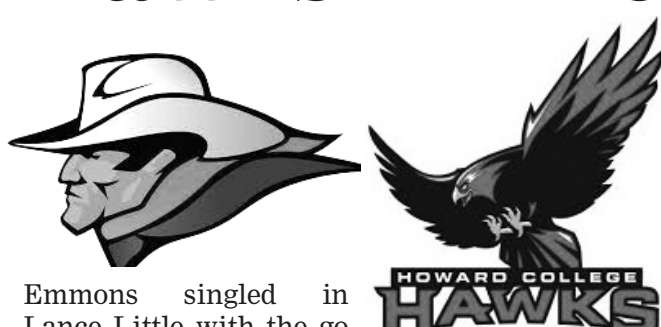
WTC defeats Hawks 12-2 on 10-run rule

By STEVE BELVIN
Contributing Writer

The wheels fell off on the Howard College baseball team's wagon in the seventh inning against the Western Texas Westerners in non-conference action Tuesday at Refinery Field. It led to the Westerners drubbing the Hawks 12-2 via the seventh-inning 10-run rule.

The Westerners erupted for seven runs in the seventh inning, and sealed doom for the Hawks, who are now 9-18 for the season. WTC moved its record to 16-11 thanks to the monster inning by Pudge Carlisle, who scored two run-producing hits in the inning. First, he hit a two-run shot off Hunter Davis, and then followed it up with a three-run blast off Tanner Dawe.

The game was tied at 2-2 after five innings. In the fifth, the Westerners went up by one when Graden



Emmons singled in Lance Little with the go ahead run. That score set the stage for the big seventh inning.

The Hawks used five pitchers in the game. Starter Caleb Cassie went the first three innings for Howard and gave up two runs on three hits. Jack Quinn then pitched two scoreless innings. Quinn was followed by Chris Brown, who allowed one run in one inning of work. After that, things fell apart

for Howard as WTC mounted its lead against HC hurlers Davis and Dawe.

The Hawks took a 2-0 lead in the second inning thanks to a two-run double by designated hitter Durst. The hit scored Keenan Spence and Aaron Manias, who had both singled.

The Hawks will be in action again at home when they host Clarendon in doubleheaders Friday and Saturday. Starting times are 1 p.m.

WTC - 002-027-0 - 12-7-2
HC - 020-000-0 - 2-6-3

WP - Schrader, LP - Brown; LOB - HC 6, WTC 5, DP - WTC 1; Errors - WTC (Garza, Munoz), HC (Difiglia 2, Dawes); SB - WTC (Bautista); HC (Spence, Manias); 2B - WTC (Garza), HC (Durst); HR - WTC (Carlise 2).



Photo courtesy Linda Kaye Stallings

The Forsan Buffaloes Boys' and Girls' Tennis teams dominated the recent District Championships in Mertzon. Fifteen players placed in the Top 3 of their events, 12 of whom qualified for the Regional Championships April 11-12.

Forsan Buffaloes find success on the court at District Championships

By ROGER CLINE
Herald Staff Writer

Fifteen Forsan Tennis players placed inside the top three at the recent District Championships March 30 and 31 in Mertzon. Both the boys' and girls' teams earned Team District Champions titles, and the school won the Overall District Champions title, as well as the JV Division District Champions title.

For the second consecutive year Boys' Doubles team Sawyer Stallings and Thomas Gabehart earned the District Champs title in their event. Ella Hoff and Lilly Hoff also took first place in the Girls' Doubles team event.

Buffaloes also took second place in Boys' Doubles thanks to the team of Cayden Morgan and Josh Cervantes; in Girls' Doubles thanks to Hannah Hillger and Joanna Gato; in Mixed Doubles thanks to Trevor Cole and Reagan Phillips; in Boys' Singles thanks to Rylee Yanez; and in Girls' Singles thanks to Morgan Miller.

Rorgan in third place in the District meet were Nick Bacigalupo and Kristen Schafer in Mixed Doubles; and Kade Nichols in Boys' Singles.

All Buffaloes who placed first or second in their events qualified to proceed to the Regional Championships April 11-12.

Congratulations, Forsan Buffalo Tennis!

Grizzlies edge Spurs 112-111, clinch No. 2 seed in West

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tyus Jones scored 25 points and the Memphis Grizzlies edged the San Antonio Spurs 112-111 on Wednesday night to capture the Southwest Division title and clinch the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

The Grizzlies claimed their first division title in franchise history and accomplished the feat with All-Star point guard Ja Morant watching from the sidelines.

"Definitely a big milestone," Grizzlies coach Taylor Jenkins said. "I told the group, a special accomplishment for a special group, but we've got more

work to do."

Memphis never trailed, even as Morant missed his sixth straight game with a sore right knee. The Grizzlies improved to 19-2 without Morant this season.

"A gutsy win," Jones said. "Those are the wins that show you it's not always going to be a pretty game. It's not always going to be every shot falling and we win by 20. Sometimes you're going to have to grind it out and go win a game down the stretch on the offensive end or maybe the defensive end. We need those games down the stretch here."

The loss halted San Antonio's four-game winning streak, the Spurs' longest of the season. They

dropped a half-game behind the Los Angeles Lakers for 10th in the West and the final berth in the play-in tournament.

San Antonio closed within a point, at 112-111, on a tip-in by Keldon Johnson with 27.8 seconds remaining. Following a miss by the Grizzlies' Desmond Bane, Johnson missed a layup contested by Bane with 2.7 seconds remaining.

"What a brilliant (play call)," Jenkins said. "They probably knew that we were going to switch before. They got exactly what they wanted, a shot right at the rim. It just didn't go in."

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governors "flexibility" to respond to the coronavirus. Under growing pressure, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis joined his counterparts in more than 30 states in issuing a stay-at-home order. Ten years ago: A coalition of more than 70 partners, including the United States, pledged to send millions of dollars and communications equipment to Syria's opposition groups.

that the city of Charlottesville could take down two statues of Confederate generals, including one of Robert E. Lee that became the focus of a violent white nationalist rally in 2017. Seven pro-democracy advocates in Hong Kong were convicted on charges of organizing and participating in massive anti-government protests. North Carolina said Hall of Fame basketball coach Roy Williams was retiring; the decision came two weeks after Williams closed his 18th season with the Tar Heels.

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FEATURES

Horoscopes By Holiday

FRIDAY
APRIL 1, 2022

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! No, that's not an April Fool's joke. Many ancient cultures celebrated the start of the new year on or around April 1, which closely follows the vernal equinox. The new Aries moon adds delightful immaturity to the merry mix of foolish pranks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your power won't grow from shunning the parts of you that you don't like, but from integrating all parts of you and accepting the polarities: good and bad, strong and weak, yin and yang.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). From the outside it may seem that everyone on the inside gets along famously, but groups are more typically held together by tension than by harmony.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You might think that people who are a little like you will follow the same lines of thought, but they won't. Your mind is more unique than you know. No one is you; don't forget it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's not that you have some burning piece of information to share, it's just that sharing anything is so

important right now. Satisfy your craving to connect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Attractions aren't always mutual, and even when they are it's not always so easy to make the connection. When it happens, it's something to celebrate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You see the opportunity in a situation but you're not an opportunist because what you notice is the opportunity to give, to help and to take an action that will raise everyone up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People appreciate what you do for them, and it feels good to be around people who don't take you for granted. Just know that you are also loved, not for what you do, but just for being you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're sensitive to the energetic reality around you. You feel the shadows and either do something to lighten them or avoid them altogether. Be spiritually generous, but also know your limits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Negativity can be literally cleared away as you clean the environment. You'll be amazed at how much better you feel when everything is in its place and the surfaces are cleaned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just as the wind moves stagnant energy outside, new

influences move the stagnant energy of the mind. Reading, conversation and intellectual experiences are key to optimal health.

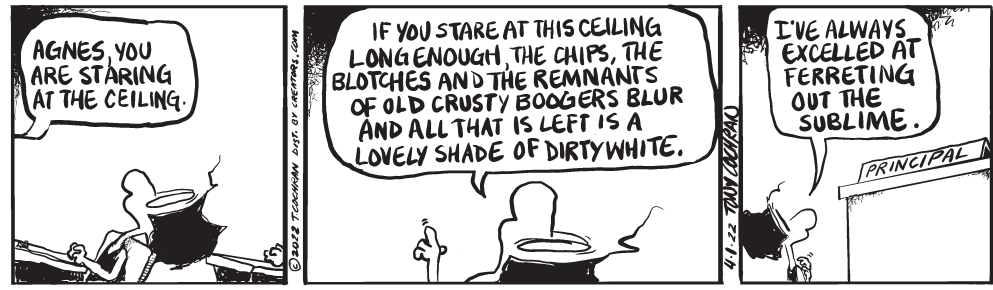
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone is thinking of you and in just the way you would most prefer. This is no accident; rather, you've shown people how you like to be treated and they've done as you wanted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've wanted something for a long time. The way to get it is to stop trying. Change the focus for a while. Do other things that delight you. Take yourself out of the normal setting so there's no choice but to deal with elements unknown.

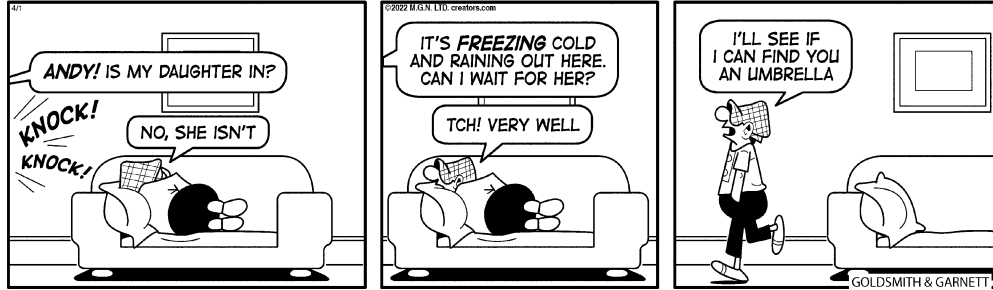
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 1). You give yourself more space and more grace this year. You let yourself have plenty of time to do what you want. You are kind to yourself inside your head, allowing for the mistakes that are a natural part of being human. A seemingly counterintuitive approach will solve a problem. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 14, 28, 31 and 18.

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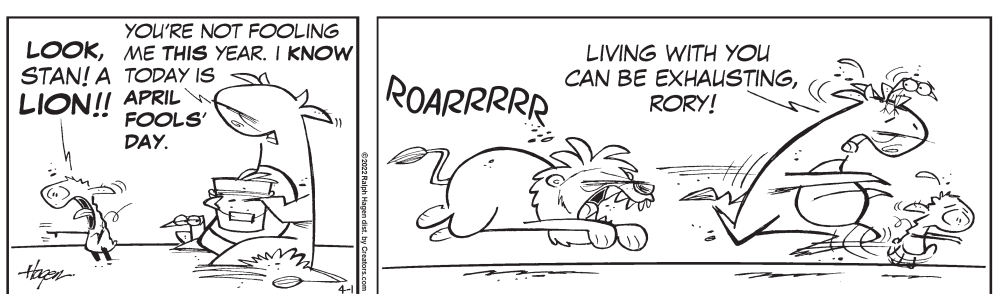
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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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SPURS

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Jenkins said it was "stressful" matching basketball wits with San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, who he considers a mentor. Jenkins spent six seasons with the Spurs, including head coach of their G League affiliate.

Memphis withstood San Antonio with a balanced effort, as it has done for much of the season.

The Grizzlies had five players score in double figures and shot 48% (44 for 91). Dillon Brooks scored 21 points and Bane and De'Anthony Melton each added 16.

Dejounte Murray had 33 points, matching the career-high he set Monday in Houston, and added 13 rebounds. Johnson scored 23 points.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Murray and Lonnie Walker IV and a video review that disallowed a basket by Jarren Jackson Jr. cut Memphis' lead to 93-86 entering the fourth, the first time San Antonio was within single digits in the second half. The Spurs scored the first five points of the fourth, pulling within 93-91 and setting up the tense final seconds.

"I was really proud of them," Popovich said. "But I am proud of them, it was great. Good stuff. Great growing experience for them against a hell of a

team. Like I said before, Taylor and his staff have done a fantastic job. That team competes hard, they execute really well, maybe better than most anybody in the league, so that is a fine performance for us tonight."

Jackson scored the game's first five points, including his only 3-pointer. The Grizzlies and Spurs were a combined 10 for 23 on 3-pointers in the opening quarter.

GO DUKE!

With Memphis having the weekend off, Jones is considering traveling to New Orleans on Saturday to see Duke play North Carolina in the Final Four.

Jones played for the Blue Devils under Mike Krzyzewski, who is retiring at the close of the tournament after 41 seasons as the team's head coach.

"I'm not nervous, I'm excited. I'm excited," Jones said.

The fact that Duke is facing rival North Carolina for the first time in the NCAA Tournament only makes this moment more meaningful for Jones and the Blue Devils.

"It's kind of fate that the first time ever playing UNC would be in his last year in the Final Four with the chance to go to the championship game," Jones said. "Everything lines up. I'm excited for him."

TIP-INS

Grizzlies: Morant was shooting 3-pointers minutes before pregame warmups after his teammates had left the court. Morant didn't show any signs of discomfort during his workout. He was bouncing around the court as he attempted numerous half-court and three-quarter court shots before sprinting off the court. ... Jackson played 25 minutes after being a game-time decision because of a sore right thigh. ... Jones injured his left hand in the first half after the ball bounced back and jammed his fingers. He returned in the third quarter with his middle and ring finger taped together. ... Memphis' bench averages a league high 98.5 minutes per game.

Spurs: San Antonio has lost six straight to Memphis and five straight at home. The Spurs last home victory against the Grizzlies was Jan. 5, 2019, and their last win overall as Dec. 23, 2020. ... Walker had six points and played 14 minutes in his return from a four-game absence. Walker injured his back March 18 after a blind screen from Willy Hernangomez on March 18.

UP NEXT

Grizzlies: Host Phoenix on Friday night.
Spurs: Host Portland on Friday night.

Doncic's 35 points, 13 assists send Mavs past Cavs 120-112

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — With a large, loud contingent of Slovenia fans on hand, Luka Doncic wanted to give his countrymen a show.

The Cavaliers couldn't stop it.

"When all the people come to see you, you want to put on a show," Doncic said.

He didn't disappoint.

Doncic scored 35 points, added 13 assists and just missed another triple-double, leading the Dallas Mavericks to a 120-112 win on Wednesday night over the Cleveland Cavaliers, who were without star rookie forward Evan Mobley.

Dorian Finney-Smith added a career-high 28 points — many of them off passes from Doncic — for Dallas, which came in fourth in the Western Conference and locked up one of the top six playoff spots.

Doncic scored 20 with ease in the third, when the Mavericks took control by outscoring the Cavaliers 39-22.

With Cleveland still hanging around in the fourth, the do-it-all All-Star forward, who finished one rebound short of his second triple-double in two nights, put the Cavs away with a deep, dagger 3.

"We talked about there being a large Slovenian contingent in Cleveland on the plane," Mavericks coach Jason Kidd said. "He wanted to put on a good show and came to work. He comes to work every night.

"He knew when to pass the ball and when to attack. Luka will have two (guys) on the ball and he trusts his teammates to make plays."

Caris LeVert had his best game with Cleveland, scoring 32 points. Darius Garland added 25 points and 10 assists for the Cavs, who have dropped four of five and are trying to hang onto a home game in the play-in tournament amid some major injuries.

Mobley, one of the Rookie of the Year frontrunners, missed the game with a sprained ankle suffered Monday night and will miss at least two more.

One of the game's most complete players, Doncic dominated in the third to help the Mavericks erase a six-point halftime deficit and take an 11-point lead into the fourth.

Doncic did it almost effortlessly as the Cavs couldn't figure out how to stop him from splitting high screens and driving down the lane for either a short bank shot or an assist to an open teammate.

Dallas closed the third with a 15-2 run, highlighted by Doncic feeding Finney-Smith with a behind-the-back pass for a 3-pointer.

"He does a great job of playing at the right tempo and the right speed," Cavs coach J.B. Bickerstaff said of Doncic. "Tonight it was a pick your poison because his teammates were making shots. He does a great job of finding them and setting them up."

"He's a wizard with the ball in his hands."

Mobley's loss is a huge blow at the worst possible time for the Cavs. He will not travel to Atlanta and New York in the next few days so he can get more treatment and hopefully be back for the final few games.

Bickerstaff said Mobley's not in a walking boot, perhaps an encouraging sign the injury isn't long-term.

The Cavs have been forced to maneuver around injuries all season, and because of that Bickerstaff was confident his players would respond.

"It's a test of character and that our guys have passed time and time again," he said. "Our guys don't quit."

Another positive for Cleveland was LeVert, who has struggled with his role and confidence since coming to the Cavs in a deadline trade.

"This is who Caris is," Bickerstaff said. "It was just a matter of time."

TIP-INS

Mavericks: G Spencer Dinwiddie sat out the second night of a back-to-back as part of planned maintenance for his surgically repaired right knee. ... G Frank Ntilikina (right ankle sprain) and G Theo Pinson (right finger fracture) were also unavailable. ... G Sterling Brown and G Trey Burke remain in the NBA's health and safety protocols.

Cavaliers: Allen has missed 12 games since getting hurt on March 6. ... G Rajon Rondo (sprained ankle) was downgraded from doubtful to out and was sidelined for his ninth consecutive game. ... C Moses Brown made his first

TEAM PLAYERS

Cavs forward Kevin Love and Mavs center Boban Marjanovic are among the 12 finalists for Twyman-Stokes Teammate of the Year Award.

A year ago, it would have been impossible to imagine Love being considered. He was frustrated and vented toward teammates on the floor more than once. But he's changed and his turnaround has had a major impact on Cleveland's success.

"He's a guy who has truly been supportive of the guy (Mobley) he had to pass the torch to, and in sports that's not always the case," Bickerstaff said.

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