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United Way Campaign Kick-Off slated Aug. 20-21

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Contributing Writer

Howard County, it's time to Rock-N-Roll with the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. The annual kick-off event date is set for Aug. 20 and 21. The golf balls will start rolling on Aug. 20 and continue through Aug. 21. The rockin' will take place on Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. as William Clark Green takes the stage at the Howard County Fair Barn.

"We are excited to be hosting William Clark Green for our annual kick off. Kick off weekend is going to be packed with something for everyone, whether you are a golfer or just enjoy some good ol' country music," Christian Fair, Executive Director at the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, said.

The golf tournament is set up as a four-man scramble with an entry fee of \$400 per team. The tournament will be taking place at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. There will be an opportunity to take home some cash money and runner up prizes.

"This year we are giving out a 75/25 payout and are hoping to draw more teams in," Fair said.

"The golf tournament is a great way for local businesses, families, friends and even our local youth to get involved with the cause."

Sponsorships are available for the golf tournament and teams are still able to sign up for play. There is an opportunity to sponsor a team for those who would like to contribute and are not wanting to get out on the golf course.

This year's benefit concert will be opened by Spur 327 and feature Texas Country artist William Clark Green, who is most well known for songs such as "Still Think About You", "Stay" and "Next Big Thing".

"Being able to feature an artist like William Clark Green is a big deal for the United Way, for Big Spring really. We were lucky to get the right pieces in place and dates lined up for this to happen," Fair said. "Benefits, fundraisers and other types of support concerts are one of the things that he enjoys doing to give back and we are blessed to have him agree to add our event to his list this year."

Tickets for the concert can be

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AUGUST 20 & 21, 2022 TWO EVENTS ONE CAUSE!
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Cuero man dies in Howard Co. wreck Special to the Herald

A one-vehicle accident at the intersection of County Road 48 and FM 669 Tuesday claimed the life of John Thomas Hardin, 33, of Cuero.

According to a Department of Public Safety press release, Hardin was driving a 2020 Hyundai Elantra west on CR 48 when he disregarded a stop sign at the FM 669 intersection and lost control of the vehicle, went

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Weather



Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 77. Southeast wind around 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

Saturday: Mostly Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 77.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History On July 15

1789: Storming of the Bastille in Paris. This event escalates the widespread discontent into the French Revolution. Bastille Day is still celebrated annually in France.

1874: The Chicago Fire of 1874 burns down 47 acres of the city, destroying 812 buildings and killing 20.

Daily Quotes

1799: The Rosetta Stone is discovered in Rosetta, Egypt, by French Captain Pierre-Francois Bouchard during Napoleon's Egyptian Campaign.

2006: Online social media platform Twitter is launched.

2012: South Korean rapper Psy releases hit single "Gangnam Style."

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AAA Texas: Gas demand dips while supplies increase; prices keep falling

Special to the Herald

The statewide gas price average in Texas is \$4.14 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is 19 cents less than on this day last week and is \$1.31 more per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in Bryan/College Station are paying the most on average at \$4.27 per gallon while drivers in Laredo are paying the least at \$3.79 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$4.60, which is 15 cents less when compared to this day last week

and \$1.45 more than the price per gallon at this same time last year.

In Big Spring, prices for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline ranged between \$3.69 at Murphy USA to \$3.92 at several other locations in town.

According to the latest information from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, demand for gasoline dropped by around 14% this prior week after a very busy Independence Day Holiday weekend. Regional gasoline supply also increased. Helping further decrease the cost of retail fuel are falling crude oil prices, which have been below \$100 the past few days as mar-

ket analysts weight concerns about a possible economic slowdown.

"The statewide price average for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel has dropped 56 cents per gallon since the record-high

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Luna wanted in connection with Aggravated Assault

Special to the Herald



LUNA

The Howard County Sheriff's Office has issued a Wanted notice for a local woman for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to the notice, Malory Marie Luna, 31, is wanted out of Howard County in connection with an aggravated assault. Those with information about her whereabouts can call the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 432-264-2244, or any local law enforcement agency.

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13-year-old not driver in Andrews County wreck, DNA test shows

Special to the Herald

National Transportation Safety Board investigators have reviewed DNA testing results provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety and found that the driver of the pickup truck involved in the fatal March 15, 2022, head-

on collision between the pickup truck and a transit van carrying student athletes near Andrews, Texas, was not the 13 year-old male in the truck but his 38-year-old father, according to the preliminary report issued today.

During an on-scene media briefing on March 17, the NTSB stated that

the driver of the pickup truck that crashed into the transit van was the 13-year-old male, based on information available at the time. In addition to the DNA test results identifying the father as the pickup truck driver, NTSB postcrash toxicological testing revealed

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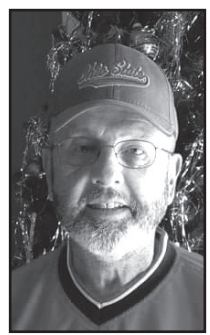
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Obituaries

Gary E. Cunningham



Gary E. Cunningham passed away on Monday, July 11, 2022. He was 72 years old.

Gary was born on June 21, 1950 in Columbus, Ohio. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1969 and served his country for 22 years. He completed Air Force Basic Training in San Antonio, then moved onto Aircraft Maintenance training in Wichita Falls. His first base assignment was Webb AFB in Big Spring, Texas. While stationed in Big Spring he met his "Always and Forever," Mary (Ester). They met in the Webb NCO club and danced the night away. They knew then that they were meant to be and, after a brief engagement, married in Big Spring on July 24, 1971. Before leaving Big Spring they welcomed their first daughter, Jennifer Denise. They moved to Columbus, Ohio, and from there they went on to Altus, Oklahoma, where they welcomed their second daughter, Erin Danielle. While in Altus, Gary transitioned from aircraft maintenance to Public Affairs/Public Relations. The family of four then moved to Okinawa, Japan, and from there they moved on to Carswell AFB in Ft Worth, Texas, where they welcomed their third daughter, Cencia Mariko. While in Texas, he completed a one-year deployment to Korea and upon his return, the family moved to Williams AFB in Arizona. While there they welcomed their fourth daughter, Liann Kari. While in Arizona, he completed another one-year deployment to Korea. Upon returning the now family of six then moved to Hickam AFB in Hawaii. While in Hawaii, he completed a one-year deployment to Thailand. The last

base they were stationed at was the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Retiring from the USAF in 1991, they then moved to Ohio where he worked as Military Contractor out of Wright-Patterson. In 2014, Gary and Ester left Ohio and settled into Ester's home town of Coahoma, Texas, to become full-time retirees. Although he lived in Texas, he was always an avid Ohio State Buckeye fan. Go Bucks!

In addition to his wife Ester; daughters Jennifer (Chris) of Colorado, Erin (Dean) of Colorado, Cencia (Jeremiah) of Ohio and Liann (Cory) of Nevada; Gary is survived by his sisters, Beverly (Ernie), Cheryl (Daryl), Brenda (Bill); his brother, Roger (Vicki) all of Ohio; and his honorary sister Alfalene Walker of Georgia; along with his 10 grandsons, Dylan, Andrew and Conner (Jennifer and Chris), Brandon and Ian (Erin and Dean), Carson, Dawson and Peyton (Cencia and Jeremiah), Landon and Westin (Liann and Cory); and a bonus family, Manuel and Lori Martinez (Coahoma) and their children. Additionally, he leaves behind a large amount of extended family members to include in-laws, nieces and nephews. Thanks to his military career, he always leaves behind friends all across the globe. He was predeceased by his mother, Phoebe Cunningham, and his honorary son, Donny Walker.

A small family gathering will take place on Friday, June 15, 2022, in Coahoma, Texas. Gary's final resting place will be in the Pikes Peak National Cemetery in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with a burial date to be determined.

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

Paid obituary

Rocky Torres



Rocky Torres, 60, of Big Spring, Texas, died on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at his residence.

A vigil service will be held Friday, July 15, at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be held Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Rocky was born on January 20, 1962, in Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He came to Big Spring in 1975 with his family, graduated in 1980 from Big Spring High School, and joined the United States Marine Corps. Rocky completed U.S.M.C. basic training at the top of his class and was stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii, until his discharge in 1983. He welcomed his first child in 1986 with his high school sweetheart Linda Rangel and earned his License Vocational Nursing certification from Howard Community College in 1990.

Rocky was a devoted father, brother, uncle, grandfather, and public servant. He held a distinct level of pride in country, community, family, and Big Spring Steer Football under the Friday Night Lights. Rocky dedicated his life to helping others. He placed the welfare of those who could not do for themselves above all else. He held his position as a Nurse in the highest regard, evident in his 17-year career at Big Spring State Hospital, caring for adolescent and geriatric residents. Continuing on to his greatest honor of having the opportunity to care for Veterans at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Nursing Home for an additional 15 years.

Rocky was a remarkable soul guided by honor, duty, respect, and service to those less fortunate. In his final years, Rocky found peace and joy in helping care for his grandchildren and spending time with his family. Survivors include three sons, Christopher Martinez of Lubbock, Texas, Camron Torres of Colorado City, Texas, and Rocky Torres of Goodyear, Ariz.; two daughters, Clarissa Torres of Big Spring and Hali Trevena of Conroe, Texas; two brothers, Marco Torres of Laredo, Texas, and Valentin Torres III, of Plymouth, Mass.; four grandsons; nine granddaughters and was a loving uncle to several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Valentin Torres Jr. and Amelia Ochotorena Torres; sister, Debra Molina; brother, Ricky Torres; and daughter, Monica Rubio.

Pallbearers will be Mark Anthony Torres, Sergio Torres, Marco Torres Jr., Joaquin Torres, Seve Watson, Vincent Marcheselli, Eddie Gonzales and Sonny Larez. Honorary pallbearers will be Brocky Jones, USA Capt. Daniel Torres, Michael Dutchover, Jose Vasquez Jr., Gus Ochotorena Jr., Nolberto Ochotorena Jr. and Matthew Martinez.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.myersandsmith.com

Moses Cruz Canales



Moses Cruz Canales, 34, died Monday, July 11, 2022, in San Angelo. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Monday at Cornerstone Covenant Church.

Moses was born on February 5, 1988, to Jeannie and Lee Canales in Stanton. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School.

Moses was employed by Elite Supply.

Moses is survived by his wife, Veronica Canales of Big Spring; two daughters: Kloe Canales and Peyton Canales, both of Big Spring; one son,

Gamble Canales of Big Spring; parents, Jeannie and Lee Canales of Big Spring; three brothers and one sister, Lee Canales IV (Teri), Yvette Lozano, Gregory Canales, and Thomas Canales (Lissie) all of Big Spring; maternal grandmother, Mary Mireles of Big Spring; one nephew and three nieces, Logan Canales, Julianna Canales, Lexus Lozano, and Zylee Lozano; his in-laws, Leticia Lopez, Rickey Lopez, and Robert Ruiz; five brothers- and sisters-in-law: Alyssa Ruiz, Kaden Ruiz, Kolby Ruiz, Jaycee Lopez, and Ethan Lopez; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Moses was preceded in death by his grandparents, Clara and Librado Canales Jr. and Demetrio (J.R.) Mireles.

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

Retha Taylor



Retha Taylor, 65, of Big Spring died in her home on July 6, 2022.

Born Sept. 15, 1956 in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Delbert and Elizabeth Hope, they soon made their home in Washington State where Retha Taylor would meet and marry her soulmate, Jack Taylor, on October 5, 1973.

Retha is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Taylor; father, Delbert Hope; mother, Elizabeth Watson; two sisters, Robin Hope and Deborah Updegraff; and one brother, Larry Hope.

She is survived by two daughters, Belinda Hall of San Angelo and Salena Taylor of Big Spring; four grandkids; and two brothers, Vern Harding and wife, Vicki, of Palmer, Alaska, and Del Hope Jr. of Tacoma Wash.

Retha worked as a waitress many years before ending that at Herman's restaurant and becoming a Loan officer for two company's before having to retire due to health issues.

As Retha's last and final wishes there will be no services.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 1400 block Johnson St. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block Albrook Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on 100 block NW 9th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200

block Frazier. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 19th St and Gregg St. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4100 block Dixon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6100 block N Service Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block W Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with Howard County Jail reported 93 inmates.

• **MATTHEW LOUIS ALMAZAN**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family violence.

• **AARON DANIEL BLANKENSHIP**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JAMIE HERNANDEZ**, 55, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• **JUAN ANGEL MADRID**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of resist arrest search or transport.

• **CARLOS BURROLAS MARQUEZ**, 62, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief more than \$100 less than \$750.

• **DENNIS WAYNE NOGGLER**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of illegal dumping more than 5lbs less than 500lbs.

• **JAVIEL SOLIZ**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of mail less than 10 addresses.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

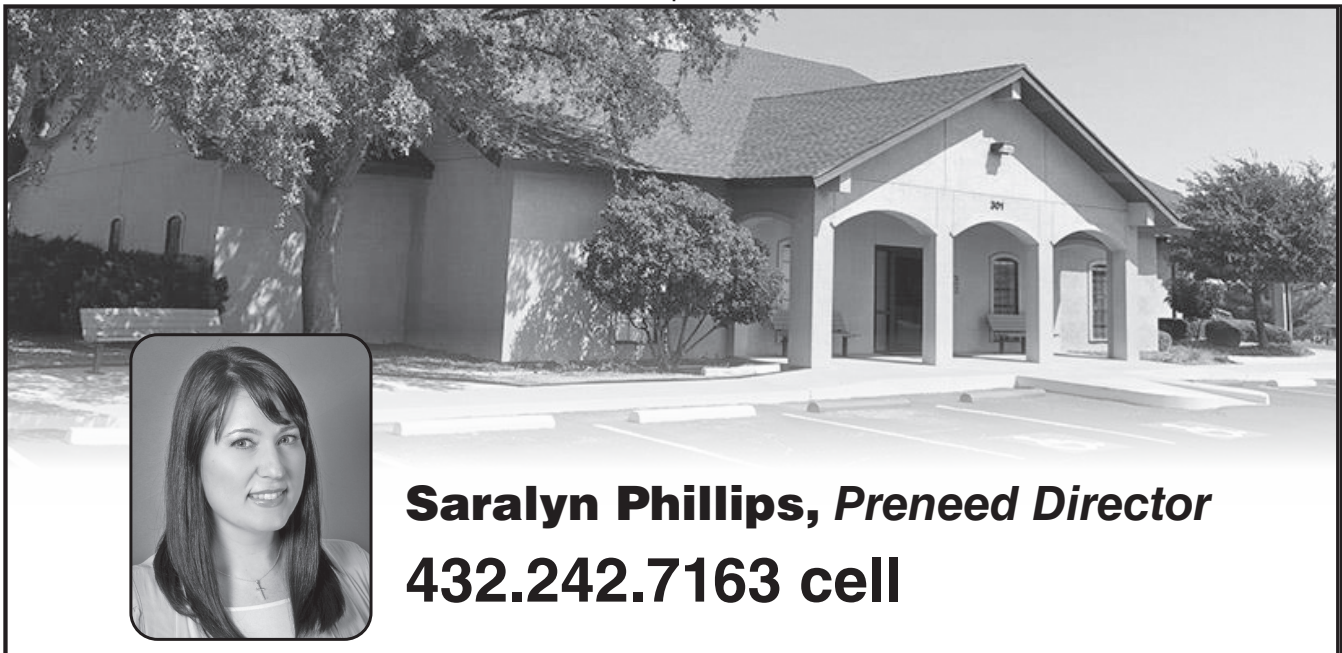
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open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



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purchased at the United Way office, located at 215 W. Third or at Expedition Royalty, Lone Star Bank or OC Farm and Ranch. There is advanced pricing for those who want to purchase before the night of the concert, but tickets will also be available at the door. Those wanting to secure their tables can also purchase a VIP Table in advance as well. Tables are limited.

"Community support is the driving force behind

what we are able to do at the United Way. The support that is provided to the local agencies is only possible because of the support we receive from the community throughout the year," Fair said. "Whether it is attending an event, spreading the word about what we do, or even volunteering at one of the supported agencies, it takes a community to make it happen."

Funds raised at the Rock-N-Roll Kick Off will benefit the 2022-2023 supported agencies. This year there are 15 local agencies who will be receiving support. Those agencies include: Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts, CASA of West Texas, DAV

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off the roadway, and rolled over. He was taken to UMC Lubbock, where he succumbed to his injuries.

According to the DPS report, weather conditions were clear and dry at the time of the wreck. The investigation determined Hardin was not wearing his safety belt at the time of the crash.

AAA

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set in June," said AAA Texas spokesperson Daniel Armbruster. "Regional fuel supply levels have increased, and crude oil prices have dipped recently due to concerns of a possible economic slowdown. Nonetheless, demand for leisure travel remains strong as July is one of the most popular months for vacation road trips in the U.S."

Drivers in Texas are paying the fourth lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile drivers in California are paying the most at \$5.99 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded.

Prices up to date at press time using market prices posted at 3:41 a.m. Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free and revamped AAA App for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route and learn traffic conditions along that route, find discounts, locate parking, book a hotel and request and track AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at www.AAA.com/mobile.

Take Note

- Big Spring's American Legion Post No. 506 will hold a Fish Fry this Saturday. Plates are \$10 each, and are available for delivery from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will be served at 3203 W. Highway 80 for dine in or carry out from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

- Homecoming for Big Spring High School is set for September 9 and 10, 2022.

The class of 1962 is celebrating its 60th anniversary and is looking for missing classmates, listed below. Please send names, addresses and/or contact information to: Susan Zack Lewis at ts@crcom.net

Jimmie Atkins, Cecil Baker, Elnora Baker, Joetta Barnes, Idalina Barraza, Alice Bedwell, Kenneth Billings, Cal Boardman, Bill Bonner, Gayle Bratcher, Leahmon Bryant, Joe Cagle, Kay Carter, Mildred Cawthron, Janice Chandler, Clementeen Chatman, Charles Clay, Sue Cole, Suzanne Compton, Ronnie Cox, Larry Deighton, Rexie Denton, Ann Drinkard Sinclair, Lonnie Evans, Paula Faubion, Owen Frost, Lana Fulbright, Margaret Fuller, Yolanda Gamboa, David Garcia, Richard Gibbs, James Gilbert, Norma Graves, Thomas Green, Gloria Greenwood, Edith Gregory, Michael Halverson, Jan Hamilton, Gerald Harrison, Preston Harrison, Sam Hartfield, Don Heath, Billie Henderson, Jerry Henderson, Clarence Henkell, Roger Henry, Rosemary Herrera, Jimmy Hinds, Connie Hinojos, Caroline Holder, Virginia Houchin, Claudie Horn, Ronnie Jeter, Diane Jones, Nancy Jones, Karen Kendrick, Carey King, Rick King, R.C. Knightstep, Jimmy Knous, Ola Mae Lane, Tommy Leslie, Caroline Lewis, Peggy Lewis, Pat Martin, Ed Martinez, Ernest Mata, Dorinda Medford, Ray Minks, Donald Mitchell, Cruz Montanez, Jerry Moore, Virginia Morris, Harold Morrison, Linda Morton, Carol McCullough, Virginia McKee, Bettie McPherson, Betty McWhorter, Skipper Neill, Rita Nelson, Sandra Nichols, Sandra Nixon, Margaret Oliver, Shirley Osborn, Linda Page, Judy Parker, Dexter Pate, Judy Pate, Gene Patton, Johnny Paul, Greg Peay, Elton Perkins, Iva Mae Perkins, Jim Pierce, Bobby Prior, Mary Puga, Claudia Richardson, Winnora Richborough, Teresa Rocha, Mary Roger, George Ryan, Carolyn Seago, Carla Smauley, Chap Smith, Chester Smith, Danna Smith, Wyetta Smith, Marcus Sweatt, Jimmy Thomas, Robert Thomas, Perry Thompson, Guadalupe Tovar, Earlene Trantham, Margaret Turnbow, Jan Turney, Leola Vance, Leonilda Webb, Richard West, Lynda Whiteside, Troy Wilhite, Diane Womack, Margaret York, Jeri Cain.

- 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.

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

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

- Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janssen – 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 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.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

- 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 or a box, and answer a few questions - such as how many people live in the household - to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

- Everyone welcome! Western swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. The last dance for the summer will be this Friday, June 17 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments are provided. For more information call 432 517-9097.

- Ready for Home School or individualized education in school? Maranatha Baptist Academy, located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for the 2022-23 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Ac-

celerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, published in Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20 is our startup date, and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

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the presence of methamphetamine in the pickup truck driver's blood.

The fatal collision happened when a 2007 Dodge pickup truck, occupied by a driver and one passenger, crossed the centerline on Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and crashed head-on into a 2017 Ford transit van occupied by a driver and eight passengers. The van carried golf team members from the University of the Southwest, located in Hobbs, New Mexico. The van driver was their coach. As a result of the crash, both pickup truck occupants died. The driver and six student passengers in the transit van were also fatally injured, and two student passengers were seriously injured.

The information in the report is preliminary and subject to change as the NTSB's investigation progresses. To date, the investigation has not found evidence of a sudden or rapid loss of tire air pressure or any other indicators of catastrophic failure of the pickup truck's front left tire. The crash remains under investigation, and analysis of the crash facts, along with conclusions and a determination of probable cause, will come at a later date, when the final report on the investigation is completed.

Parties to the investigation include the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Texas Department of Transportation, and Texas Department of Public Safety.

The preliminary report is available online at <https://go.usa.gov/xSTKB>.

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.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Advocates are available 24 hours a day to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Lynn Creswell or Chavonna Parker at 432-263-3312.

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Rosa Gamboa, 86, died Saturday. A celebration of Rosa's life Saturday, July 16, 2022 by Zoom.

Rodney Lewis, 92, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rocky Torres, 60, died Saturday. Visitation Friday 9 AM until 9 PM with vigil service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass Saturday 10 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive.

Lonnie Grice, 97, died Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gary Cunningham, 72, died Monday. A gathering in Gary's memory Friday at 4 PM at 113 Echols St in Coahoma, TX.

Moses Canales, 34, died Monday. Visitation Sunday 9 AM until 9 PM with a prayer service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service Monday at 10 AM at Cornerstone Covenant Church.

Retha Taylor, 65, Wednesday. No formal services will be held at this time.

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Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

“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 Roeveer or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristx@gmail.com.

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 Genesis 18:1-10a (10b-14), Colossians 1:21-29, and Luke 10:38-42.

The psalm is Psalm 27: (1-6) 7-14.

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is continuing. A meal is served at 5:30 p.m. and our bible study begins at 6. Please come and 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.

College Baptist Church

Come see what God is doing on Sunday at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. Join us as we study about Jesus and what we really believe at College Baptist Church

Our Youth are back from camp. Pray for them as the Lord sends a revival, and thanks to all who prayed for them as they return to school next month to witness as to what God does in their lives!

Times on the Sign:

- Sunday:
 - 9:15 a.m.: Bible Study for all ages.
 - Worship time is at 10:45 a.m.
 - Girl’s Missions meet at 5 p.m.
 - Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday:
 - Our praying Youth groups starts with a Family Fellowship meal between 6:30 and 6:55 p.m.
 - 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 summer season, serving our Lord. Services for July 17, 2022, is a great time for families to gather and

celebrate our God together.

Our services are in the building, livestreaming, 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 exciting and worshipful services. Come and 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 Summer 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!

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church (aka - CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ.

We would love the opportunity to connect with you! You can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit-filled praise and worship on Sundays onsite @ 9:30 a.m., onsite and online @ 11 a.m.; and Wednesdays onsite and online @ 7 p.m..

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

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

Sunday, July 17: Join us as we continue with our series entitled: Split. Take this journey with us as we find biblical answers through scripture. Join us at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 20 for our MDWK service. We offer classes for all ages at 7 p.m. Adults meet in the

Main Sanctuary. Youth: High Schoolers meet in ARC and Junior High meet in Youth Sanctuary. Children’s church are divided in two locations with multiple age appropriate classes: Kovantville (first grade through sixth grade); Tiny Land (Newborn through Kindergarten).

Friday, July 22: Parents, we are delighted to announce we will be offering a Vacation Bible School

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can register now at check-in as well as Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. We will have water activities so have your child in clothes that they will be able to get wet in, and bring a towel.

Sunday, August 7: Mark your calendars. Starting on August 7, our service time will change from 9:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. This will allow our teachers to attend 9 a.m. service and time for them to prepare to receive children in children’s church at the 11 a.m. service.

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

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“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32) Be kind! Two simple words, but in a cruel world kindness can be revolutionary. You won’t want to miss this Sunday as we continue to discover what it means to be Rooted in the Spirit and grow the fruit of kindness in our community.

Making Waves VBS
Join the fun August 2 to 5 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. In this wet and wild VBS, kids learn that what they do today can change the world around them. When we put your trust in Jesus, we can “make waves” because of His Spirit living inside us. Through fun activities, engaging lessons, and God’s Word, we’ll help kids understand how they can share God’s love with the people around them. You can find the registration link on our website: www.nazfamily.org or our FaceBook page.

Back to School Drive
We are partnering with Tate’s Place for a community wide back to school event that will take place on August 7. They have asked our church to collect hair care and toiletry products that can be handed out to families on that day. You can drop those items off in the foyer or at the church office.

WOW
Our District Women of Worth conference will be on July 28 - 30 in Wichita Falls. You can go to this site to find out more information and register today: <https://www.westexnaz.org/women-of-worth-conference>

First Presbyterian Church

Worship services July 17 will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Eighth and Runnels. Organist/Music Director Gabe Martinez will be leading music this week. Reverend Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled Unexpected Heroes. Scripture readings for this Sunday are: Psalm 15; Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 10:38-42.

Sunday School is on summer break until Labor Day however, Take Ten fellowship will continue in our parlor at 10:20 on Sunday mornings.

Two Wednesday events are on summer hiatus. The Women’s Bible Study will resume August 3. The video series will resume after Labor Day and will be about the history of the American West.

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 Video (Sundays)
- Website: fpcbigspring.com
- Facebook Page: FPC of Big Spring
- YouTube Channel: FPC of Big Spring

The following weekly events are open to the community:

Wednesday
The Women’s Bible Study meets at 10 a.m. – on hiatus until August 3rd.

The World Heritage Sites Lectures meets at noon – on hiatus until September.

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 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.

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 Wednesdays 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.

Reflections

A Matter of Perspective...

Our nine-year-old granddaughter went on a trip with her family and left in our charge her prized pet, a hamster she has nurtured into a fat little rodent. She wrote out a long list of instructions of how we are to take care of the hamster.

The little critter reminds my wife of a rat. She is deathly afraid of rats. So, it has fallen to me to take care of the hamster, lovingly named Aspen. I studied the instructions, did my best to assemble the cages, including the tubes through which the hamster can crawl to his delight. I turned off the light and went to bed.

During the night, I dreamed that my assembly of the cages was faulty, that somehow the tubing came apart and the little creature escaped, running on the loose in our house. Worse still, I dreamed that our dog tracked it down and ate it. It was a nightmare. How would I explain this to my granddaughter upon her return?

Before I climbed out of bed, I had already decided that if what I dreamed actually happened, I would make a dash to the local pet store and buy another hamster to replace Aspen. I told this to my wife. She said our granddaughter would notice, since Aspen is fat.

When I looked in, all was well. Aspen was quietly

sitting in his little burrow staring at me with his beady little eyes. I fed him and watered him, just the way my granddaughter instructed me to do. I checked the cage. Everything was secure. So, I relaxed in my recliner beside the window that looks out on our back deck. That is when I spied Freddie, another rodent much larger than the little vermin I am guarding for my granddaughter, a local squirrel.

A few weeks ago my wife bought a bird feeder and hung it from a branch of the aspen in our back yard. Freddie learned to hang by his hind legs and eat all the bird seed from the feeder, scaring away the birds in the process.

In a previous house we had squirrels in the attic. Someone told me they were afraid of owls, so I bought a Styrofoam owl and placed it in the attic. They ignored the owl. Maybe they couldn’t see the owl, I thought, so I added lights. They still came. Someone suggested noise. I added a boom box. They invited their friends and had a party.

Aspen is a pet. Freddie and his friends are pests. So, what makes the difference? The difference, I guess, is not in the hamster or the squirrel. The difference is in how we choose to view them. Maybe the same thing is true about people. Some we see as “pets.” We treasure them and want to be around them. Others we view as “pests.” We find them a nuisance and try to avoid them. How do I view my neighbors? Are they “pets” or “pests.”

When Jesus was asked to define the term “neighbor” he told the story of the Good Samaritan. When he chose the Samaritan to illustrate the definition of a neighbor, he chose someone the Jews considered a “pest.” That is how he defined the commandment, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsley-center.com.



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Something to think about...



RICHARD
SCHNEBERGER

“Mine! Mine!” If you grew up with siblings, this was one of the first words you learned. And if you spend much time around young children, there is a good chance you will be forced to become a referee and intervene in a conflict over possession of some object.

“Mine” has become a pretty predominate word in our kids’ vocabulary. That drive to possess and control never leaves us, it just takes different forms in our life as we get older. Sharing is a difficult lesson to learn. And yet, Scripture teaches us that God is the only one who truly has the right to say “Mine!”

over anything. “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” (Psalm 24:1) Giving aligns our life with this fundamental reality and opens us up to a deeper experience of His Presence.

I believe that the Kingdom journey is about learning to let go. At the heart of it letting go is a matter of trust. Do you really trust God with your finances, family, relationships, job... with your life? This passage was part of my devotional reading this morning: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also

may be where I am.” ~ John 14:1-3

Jesus gives himself fully for us. He demonstrates the extent of God’s love and makes room for us in the house of God so that we might learn to trust Him and let go of the things that have us bound. As we let go... we make space in our life for God... that He might work in us and through us to build His Kingdom. We stop storing up treasures on earth and instead we begin investing in eternal things. We trust that every offering we make in His Name has lasting significance.

What are you holding on to with all your life? What you are grasping after? Do you trust Him? Let’s be a people who learn to let go and receive the freedom and peace that He wants to give us so that we can participate in His Kingdom work this week.

Taking a Closer Look at Psalm 23

Psalm 23 is one of the most popular chapters in the Bible and many have said it is one of the wonders of the literary world. It is so deep that scholars are perplexed and yet so simple that children can enjoy it. However, in all of its beauty and profound wisdom, we should pray that we do not lose our reverence for its interpretation. It is easy to allow familiarity to make us cold and indifferent to chapters such as this and others like John 3, Romans 8, and First Corinthians 13. Being spiritually lukewarm is deceptive and it simply means we are not on fire and have allowed our fervent excitement to become as smoldering embers. When we come to the place where we begin to roll our eyes and say that we have heard something a thousand times and think that we know all there is to know about it, then we have lost our passion and love for it.

Let us consider the first verse.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” We notice the passage does not ask if the Lord is our shepherd, but rather it states that He already is. I personally see this beautiful Psalm as a prayer confession of faith. As a minister, I’ve asked many people to say this chapter with me especially at funerals because they are comforting, but they are also words that publicly declare that we are His sheep and we follow His voice. I wonder how many people have read these words and have never given serious thought as to what they really mean? It’s common for pastors to ask gatherings of people to quote this chapter with them and this includes those who are not a Christian, but what about those who claim to be a Christian and yet are not actually following Him? Let’s look carefully at each word of the first verse.

The first word is THE. God is not A God or just another God, He is The God. Believing He is the Lord of Lords and the King of all Kings is something we need to settle in our hearts in order for us to comprehend who He is and who we are. LORD is the term

used over 600 times in the New Testament to identify Jesus Christ which means master, and supreme authority. So the shepherd is Jesus. Many today want to be free and independent and do not like the idea of anyone being their lord, but these are the same ones who accept the idea of a Savior, and free salvation. For those who are truly God’s sheep, they are dedicated to love and serve the one who died on the cross and rose from the dead so they could spiritually live with Him forever. Jesus said in John 10: 27, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

IS might be a small word but it’s extremely powerful and means “current” which God has always been. He is infinite, from the beginning and has no end, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. He is loving and listening to you right now. MY is our next word and it may seem elementary but this is what separates having a personal relationship with Christ from just another collection of words we are familiar with like Amazing Grace or the Star-Spangled Banner. Shepherd means someone

you completely trust, you strive to hear every word He says, you love and worship and are always ready to do everything He tells you to do. Who is Jesus to you? Are you committed to living with Him and loving Him even if everyone else chooses not to? Jesus is quoted again, “I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine” John 10:14. The Great Shepherd loves you where you are, but will never leave you like He found you.

In closing, the verse ends by saying, “I shall not want.” What does this mean? We all have things we desire. I believe this is saying that when we are the sheep of His flock, His presence alone is more than enough to fulfill us far beyond what the world can offer. Many have vast amounts of riches and blessings, yet are not satisfied, grateful, or filled with spiritual joy. God is the only one who can saturate our souls with His peace and contentment.

Read more about the Christian life and Dr. Holland’s new book about miracles, “Receiving Our Healing” at billyhollandministries.com



WILLIAM F.
HOLLAND

Jesus Did It

When I was a child, Momma would ask her six children who did so and so, or this or that. Most of us would answer, “Not me.” Or “Someone else did it.” Or “Why do you always think I did it?”

There should have been one more child named Not Me in our family, because he always got the blame when something went wrong. I’ll never understand the workings of a child’s mind when he or she really did do it, but they deny it to their dying day.

My mother was a very wise woman. One day when we all denied breaking something of value, she made us take a piece of paper and write yes or no on it to indicate whether we did it or not. We didn’t know whose handwriting she recognized but someone admitted it on their piece of paper. No one got

punished that day. But it taught the one who did it, that it was better to tell the truth than to tell a lie.

Even in our world today adults as well as children deny their wrongdoings. They will deny they did anything wrong because they are either embarrassed about the wrong, or they don’t know how to shoulder the blame. When my brother got caught lying about something, it was just to deny it and for no other reason. My mother knew he did it, he knew he did it, and all of the rest of us kids knew he did it. But his first reaction was to deny it. He got in worse trouble then because he wouldn’t tell the truth. In God’s Word, Jesus says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh to the Father, but by me.” He teaches us to tell the truth. He told Pilate the Roman governor who condemned Jesus to the cross, that He was the truth, and Pilate asked the ageold question, “What is truth?” Then he sent Him to the cross.

When Jesus died upon that cross, He became all the lies, thievery, adultery, profanity, immorality, and every other sin we can think of, so I would be set free from all of the guilt and wages of that sin. No wonder He died of a broken heart. It burst within Him because of the weight of my sin. Now if anyone accuses me of my sin, I truly can say Jesus did it. He was my sin paying my penalty for me on my cross of shame.

The Way, the Truth, and the Life died on the Cross for me, to pave the Way to God, the Truth of God, and New Life in Him, so I could one day be in Heaven with Him. He rose again according to the Scripture which can never lie. Jesus is guilty because He did it all for me so I could be free. Then He conquered it all for me and forgave me, and I don’t have to feel guilty anymore. Yep, Jesus did it all.”

Pope: I wouldn't live in Vatican or Argentina if I retire

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis said he would not live in the Vatican or return to his native Argentina if and when he ever retires, but would instead like to find a church in Rome where he could continue hearing confessions.

“I’m the bishop of Rome, in this case the emeritus bishop of Rome,” Francis said in an interview segment with Spanish-language broadcaster TelevisaUnivision that aired Tuesday.

Francis, 85, denied he was planning to retire any time soon but repeated that “the door is open” after Pope Benedict XVI in 2013 became the first pope in 600 years to step down.

While having a retired pope on hand has gone well, the Vatican needs to better regulate the figure of an emeritus pope, Francis said in the interview.

Some cardinals and canon lawyers have long questioned Benedict’s decisions in retirement, including his continuing to wear the white cassock of the papacy and keeping his papal name, Benedict, rather than reverting back to his birth name, Joseph Ratzinger.

They say those choices and Benedict’s continued presence in the Vatican created confusion among the faithful and enabled Francis’ tra-

ditionalist critics to use Benedict as a conservative point of reference, threatening the unity of the Catholic Church.

“The first experience went rather well because he’s a saintly and discreet man, and he handled it well,” Francis said of Benedict in the interview. “But in the future, things should be delineated more, or things should be made more explicit.”

“I think for having taken the first step after so many centuries, he gets 10 points. It’s a marvel,” Francis added.

Francis said he would also step if the time was right before he died while still serving, “if I survive.” He answered “surely no” when asked if he would live in the Vatican as a retired pope or would return to Argentina, and said “maybe” when it was suggested that he might take up residence in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the traditional seat of the bishop of Rome.

He recalled that he had planned to retire as archbishop of Buenos Aires at the time of the 2013 conclave that resulted in him becoming pope. Francis said he had prepared a nice apartment in Buenos Aires where he could continue hearing confessions at

a nearby church and visiting the sick at a hospital.

“This is what I thought for Buenos Aires. I think this scenario, if I survive until a resignation – it’s possible I might die before – ... I’d like something like this,” he said.

The interview covered other topics. On whether Catholic politicians who support abortion rights should continue receiving the sacraments, Francis repeated it was a matter of conscience for elected officials to work out for themselves.

While the Catholic Church opposes abortion, Francis added that priests and bishops should remain pastors.

“When a pastor loses the pastoral dimension, he creates a political problem,” Francis said, referring to the “polarized” debate in the United States concerning President Joe Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, both Catholics who support abortion rights.

U.S. bishops considered rebuking Biden for his support of abortion

rights, but ultimately backed off a formal rebuke.

Pelosi’s bishop, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, has barred her from receiving Communion in his archdiocese, though she recently received Communion during a papal mass at the Vatican’s St. Peter’s Basilica.

Asked what such Catholic politicians should do, Francis said: “I leave it to his conscience and that he speaks to his bishop, his pastor, his parish priest, about that inconsistency.”

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Nine Coahoma softball players earn TSWA All-State honors



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The Texas Sports Writers Association recently announced its Class 3A All-State softball teams. Nine Players from Coahoma received All-State honors which included starting top/bottom (L-R): Christian Everett-1st team second base, Avery Rodriguez-1st team designated hitter/flex, Hannah Wells-3rd team pitcher, Karleigh Burt-3rd team catcher, Makayla Calvio-honorable mention pitcher, Brynn Rodgers-honorable first base, Madison Rodgers-honorable shortstop, Shae Lang-honorable mention outfield, and Neveah Kerby-honorable mention outfield. Congratulations to all the players that received TSWA All-State honors.

By PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer

The honors just keep coming in for Coahoma softball, as nine players recently received all-state honors. Earlier this week, The Texas Sports Writers Association released their All-State teams for classes 1A through 6A. Players that were selected were nominated and then selected by coaches and sports writers across the entire State of Texas.

Christian Everett and Avery Rodriguez led the way for the Bulldogettes as they were selected to TSWA Class 3A All-State First Team. Everett was selected as the first team second baseman, while Rodriguez was selected as the first team's designated hitter/flex.

Hannah Wells along with Karleigh Burt were selected to the TSWA Class

3A All-State Third Team. Wells who dominated on the mound this season was selected as the third team pitcher. Burt who excelled behind the plate and was one of the leaders of this years team was selected as the catcher for the third team.

Rounding out the all-state honors for the Bulldogettes were Makayla Calvio (Pitcher), Brynn Rodgers (first baseman), Madison Rodgers (shortstop), Shae Lang (outfield), and Neveah Kerby (outfield). All five players received honorable mention. Coahoma led the way with the most players receiving TSWA All-State honors. Hallettsville, who won the state title, had only a total of four players who received all-state honors. Hallettsville head coach Callie Kresta received the Coach of the Year award.

Congratulations to all the Coahoma players that received all-state honors and for all that you've accomplished this season!!

Ohtani wins 6th straight start, triples in Angels' 7-1 win

By JOE REEDY

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Shohei Ohtani is putting to rest any doubts anyone might have had about whether he could exceed what he accomplished during last year's AL MVP campaign.

The two-way Japanese phenom won his sixth straight start by striking out 12 in six innings and also hit a two-run triple in the Los Angeles Angels' 7-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Over his last six starts, Ohtani has allowed only three runs (two earned) and 20 hits in 39 2/3 innings with 58 strikeouts and 11 walks. The right-hander is 9-4 with a 2.38 ERA in 15 starts this season.

"The last few starts, unfortunately we've lost a couple going into it and he takes that personally. He understands how important his day is," manager Phil Nevin said after the Halos snapped a five-game losing streak.

"His last three or four times, he has put the team on his back."

It's the third time this season Ohtani has had double-digit strikeouts and multiple RBIs in a game. The only other pitchers to accomplish that are Atlanta's Kevin Millwood in 1999 and Hal Newhouse with Detroit in 1946.

It was Ohtani's final start on the mound before next Tuesday's All-Star Game just up at the road at Dodger Stadium.

The reigning AL MVP was selected to his second straight All-Star Game as a hitter and a pitcher.

Houston manager Dusty Baker, who is managing the AL squad, said it's a possibility Ohtani could start on the mound for the second straight year.

"I mean, as a starting pitcher, it is a special spot to start in the All-Star Game," Ohtani said through his interpreter.

"That's something that I shoot for and I would like to do, but I'm sure there's other pitchers that have better numbers than me at this point. I tried my best to try to match up with them tonight and ultimately it's up to Dusty Baker."

Ohtani also became the fifth pitcher to have at least 50 strikeouts and allow one or fewer earned runs over a five-game span since earned runs be-

came an official statistic in 1913. The others were Chris Sale (2018), Clayton Kershaw (2014-15), R.A. Dickey (2012) and Randy Johnson (1997).

Ohtani also hasn't made a final decision about participating in Monday's Home Run Derby.

Seven of the eight participants have been announced, but the deadline to decide is Thursday because ESPN will be releasing the bracket.

"I haven't really discussed how I'm going to be used in the game with anyone. I don't really have an answer," Ohtani said. "It's really gonna depend on how many innings I pitch or how many at-bats I'm gonna get. If it is going to be too much, then I've got to balance at this point."

Luis Rengifo had three hits and drove in a pair of runs with a bases-loaded single in the sixth for the Angels. Mike Trout sat out with back spasms.

Houston's Christian Javier, who struck out 14 Angels on July 1, went only 3 2/3 innings and allowed three runs but had 10 strikeouts.

The last time a major league starter went less than four innings and recorded double-digit Ks was Cleveland's Danny Salazar in 2014.

"He threw the ball well, he just didn't have the command. They fouled off a bunch of pitches too," Baker said of Javier.

Yuli Gurriel's RBI single in the fourth inning drove in Kyle Tucker and was the first earned run Ohtani allowed in 31 2/3 innings.

It was the longest run by a Halos starter since John Lackey went 30 2/3 innings in 2006.

Ohtani equaled Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan in two areas Wednesday.

He's the first Angels hurler since Ryan to post double-digit strikeouts in four straight games.

Ohtani's two-run triple into the right-field corner in the second inning, which extended the lead

to 3-0, made him the first Angels starter since Ryan in 1972 to hit a three-bagger.

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There were a combined 32 strikeouts by both teams, an American League record for a nine-inning game. The Angels struck out 17 times and the Astros 15.

SMALL BALL

Two of the Angels' 12 hits came on bunt singles, including Brandon Marsh's down the third-base line to bring home Jonathan Villar in the third inning for the game's first run.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: RHP Jimmy Herget (right shoulder impingement) threw a bullpen session Tuesday with another planned at the end of the week.

ROSTER MOVE

With Trout sitting out, outfielder Jo Adell was called up from Triple-A Salt Lake. This is Adell's third stint at the major-league level this season. Monte Harrison was designated for assignment. Adell had two hits, including an RBI single during a four-run sixth inning that put the game away.

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FRIDAY JULY 15

Grid of TV listings for Friday, July 15, 2022, including channels like KMLM, KWBK, KJRH, etc., and programs such as The View, Jeopardy!, and various sports events.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

Hand analysis for a Contract Bridge problem. Includes NORTH, WEST, EAST, and SOUTH hands with cards and a detailed explanation of the 'double-dummy' problem.

This is a double-dummy problem. The contract is Seven Spades, and West leads the ten of hearts. You may look at all four hands in attempting to find the solution. How would you play the hand?

Tomorrow: Cutting the Gordian knot. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Today in History

Today in History: July 15, designer Gianni Versace shot dead

Today is Friday, July 15, the 196th day of 2022. There are 169 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 15, 1916, Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products Co., was founded in Seattle.

On this date: In 1834, the Spanish Inquisition was abolished more than 3 1/2 centuries after its creation.

In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union.

In 1913, Democrat Augustus Bacon of Georgia became the first person elected to the U.S. Senate under the terms of the recently ratified 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, providing for popular election of senators.

In 1975, three American astronauts blasted off aboard an Apollo spaceship hours after two Soviet cosmonauts were launched aboard a Soyuz spacecraft for a mission that included a linkup of the two ships in orbit.

In 1976, a 36-hour kidnap ordeal began for 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver as they were abducted near Chowchilla, California, by three gunmen and imprisoned in an underground cell. (The captives escaped unharmed; the kidnapers were caught.)

In 1996, MSNBC, a 24-hour all-news network, made its debut on cable

and the internet.

In 1997, fashion designer Gianni Versace (ver-SAH'-chay), 50, was shot dead outside his Miami Beach home; suspected gunman Andrew Phillip Cunanan (koo-NAN'-an), 27, was found dead eight days later, a suicide. (Investigators believed Cunanan killed four other people before Versace in a cross-country rampage that began the previous March.)

In 2002, John Walker Lindh, an American who'd fought alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan, pleaded guilty in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, to two felonies in a deal sparing him life in prison.

In 2016, Donald Trump chose Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, an experienced politician with deep Washington connections, as his running mate.

In 2018, President Donald Trump arrived in Finland for a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Earlier, in an interview with CBS News, Trump named the European Union as a top adversary of the United States.

In 2019, avowed white supremacist James Alex Fields Jr. was sentenced to life in prison plus 419 years for killing one and injuring dozens of others when he deliberately drove his car into a crowd of anti-racism protesters during a rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In 2020, George Floyd's family filed a lawsuit against the city of Minneapolis and the four police officers charged in his death, alleging the officers

violated Floyd's rights when they restrained him and that the city allowed a culture of excessive force, racism and impunity to flourish in its police force. (The city would agree to pay \$27 million to settle the lawsuit in March 2021.)

Ten years ago: Syria's 16-month bloodbath crossed an important symbolic threshold as the international Red Cross formally declared the conflict a civil war, a status with implications for potential war crimes prosecutions. A Russian Soyuz craft launched into the morning skies over Kazakhstan, carrying three space travelers, including NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, to the International Space Station. Oscar-winning actor Celeste Holm, 95, died in New York.

Five years ago: After twice being rejected for U.S. visas, an all-girl robotics team from Afghanistan arrived in Washington for an international competition after President Donald Trump used a rare "parole" mechanism to sidestep the visa system; the case had become a flashpoint in the debate about Trump's efforts to tighten entrance to the U.S. Two former high-ranking Penn State administrators surrendered to serve jail sentences for how they responded to a 2001 complaint about assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky showering with a boy. Garbine Muguruza (GAHR'-been moo-gah-ROO'-thuh) beat Venus Williams 7-5, 6-0 to win the Wimbledon title. Oscar-winning actor Martin Landau died at the age of 89.

One year ago: A jury

found gunman Jarrod Ramos criminally responsible for killing five people in the newsroom of the Capital Gazette newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland in 2018. (Ramos would be sentenced to more than five life sentences without the possibility of parole.) Amid a sharp increase in coronavirus cases, officials in Los Angeles County said masks would again be required indoors, even for people who'd been vaccinated.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Patrick Wayne is 83. R&B singer Millie Jackson is 78. Rock singer-musician Peter Dinklage is 77. Singer Linda Ronstadt is 76. Rock musician Artimus Pyle is 74. Arianna Huffington, co-founder of The Huffington Post, is 72. Actor Celia Imrie is 70. Actor Terry O'Quinn is 70. Rock singer-musician David Pack is 70. Rock musician Marky Ramone is 70. Rock musician Joe Satriani is 66. Country singer-songwriter Mac McAnally is 65. Model Kim Alexis is 62. Actor Willie Aames is 62. Actor-director Forest Whitaker is 61. Actor Lolita Davidovich is 61. Actor Shari Headley is 59. Actor Brigitte Nielsen is 59. Rock musician Jason Bonham is 56. Actor Amanda Foreman is 56. R&B singer Stokley Carmichael (Mint Condition) is 55. Actor-comedian Eddie Griffin is 54. Actor Reggie Hayes is 53. Actor-screenwriter Jim Rash is 51. Rock musician John Dolmayan is 50. Actor Scott Foley is 50. Actor Brian Austin Green is 49. Rapper Jim Jones is 46. Actor Diane Kruger is 46. Actor Lana Parrilla (LAH'-nuh pa-REE'-uh) is 45. Rock musician Ray Toro (My Chemical

On it. Ending racial injustice requires all of us to work together and take real action. What can you do to help? Educate yourself about the history of American racism, privilege and what it means to be anti-racist. Commit to actions that challenge injustice and make everyone feel like they belong, such as challenging biased or racist language when you hear it. Vote in national and local elections to ensure your elected officials share your vision of public safety. Donate to organizations, campaigns and initiatives who are committed to racial justice. Love has no labels. Let's come together to take action against racism and fight for racial justice for the Black community. Visit lovehasnolabels.com/forthefreedom ad COUNCIL

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Horoscopes By Holiday

FRIDAY
JULY 15, 2022

The Warrior's Contradiction

Today's tension recalls the contradiction of a samurai warrior. Though they spend years honing deadly skills, they are also trained not to fight unless they absolutely must. The question arises: Should you display your power? To flex will give an advantage to your opponent. An Aquarian lunar conjunction to Saturn favors reaching an agreement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your social sophistication helps you find common ground with just about anyone. You'll keep things light and stay on the surface of conversation. You'll establish the rapport that starts relationships rolling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you may have doubts as to whether you can accomplish what's being asked of you, believe in yourself anyway. Training or instinct will kick in just when you need it the most.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People further along in the endeavor than you may have you thinking you should have embarked sooner, but the important thing is that you're doing it now. Just maybe, your timing is perfect. Love and support are all around you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Difficult people abound. Thank goodness for them be-

cause otherwise you wouldn't know if you were really kind or just doing the socially acceptable thing. The truly kind don't need to be incentivized to treat others well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you first tried to add a skill to your arsenal, you had low hopes. You just didn't want to be terrible at it. Now you've gained proficiency. Do you dare go for mastery? You're well within the realm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your genuine interest in a subject makes learning about it very easy. This is also true of an intriguing person. With your curiosity in the lead, you've a knack for taking the conversation right where you want it to go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People are drawn to your wow factor. It's not about what you look like or say; rather, it's the curiosity and drive that burns in you causing you to unselfconsciously involve yourself in the fascinating world around you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is clear that you are operating on multiple levels at once. You'll think of someone, then cross paths, or you'll have an idea and resources show up as though by magic to help you develop it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you feel constricted, you'll get out of the situation before it can trap you. You know what you want. You seek relationships that will expand you: give you new perspective, different insights and a wider array of options.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have taken on a burden of guilt over something that wasn't your fault at all. Your understanding at the time was limited. There were factors in play that were beyond your knowledge or control. Let that all go. Be light.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A negotiation is in order. Asking for what you want may feel uncomfortable but do it anyway. It will seem easier to just give the other person what they want, but it's better for both of you to meet somewhere in the middle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It will be better to have nothing in the space or no one in the role than to fill it with a subpar alternative. Find the real thing. It will be worth the quest. There will be no suitable substitutes for the genuine article.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 15). Family bonds will be braided beautifully this year. You'll travel for love. You'll make a sale that helps you move to a new stage in your career. For a long time, you have been wanting to be able to give someone a particular gift and you'll finally have the chance. Go all out with the presentation! Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 2, 21, 28 and 40.

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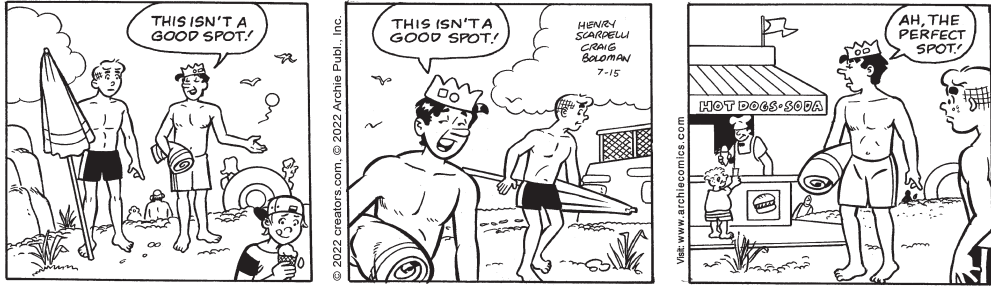
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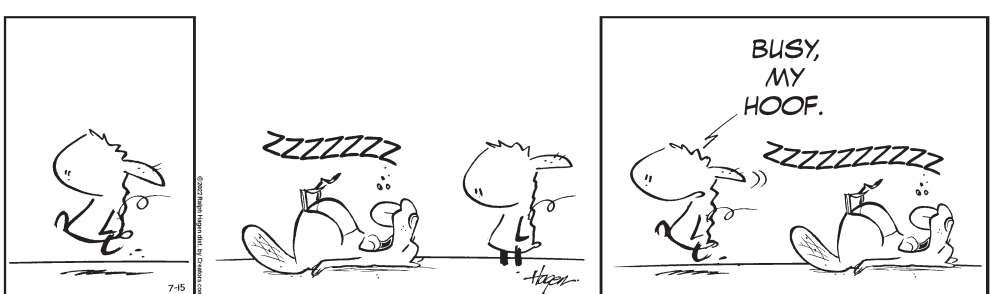
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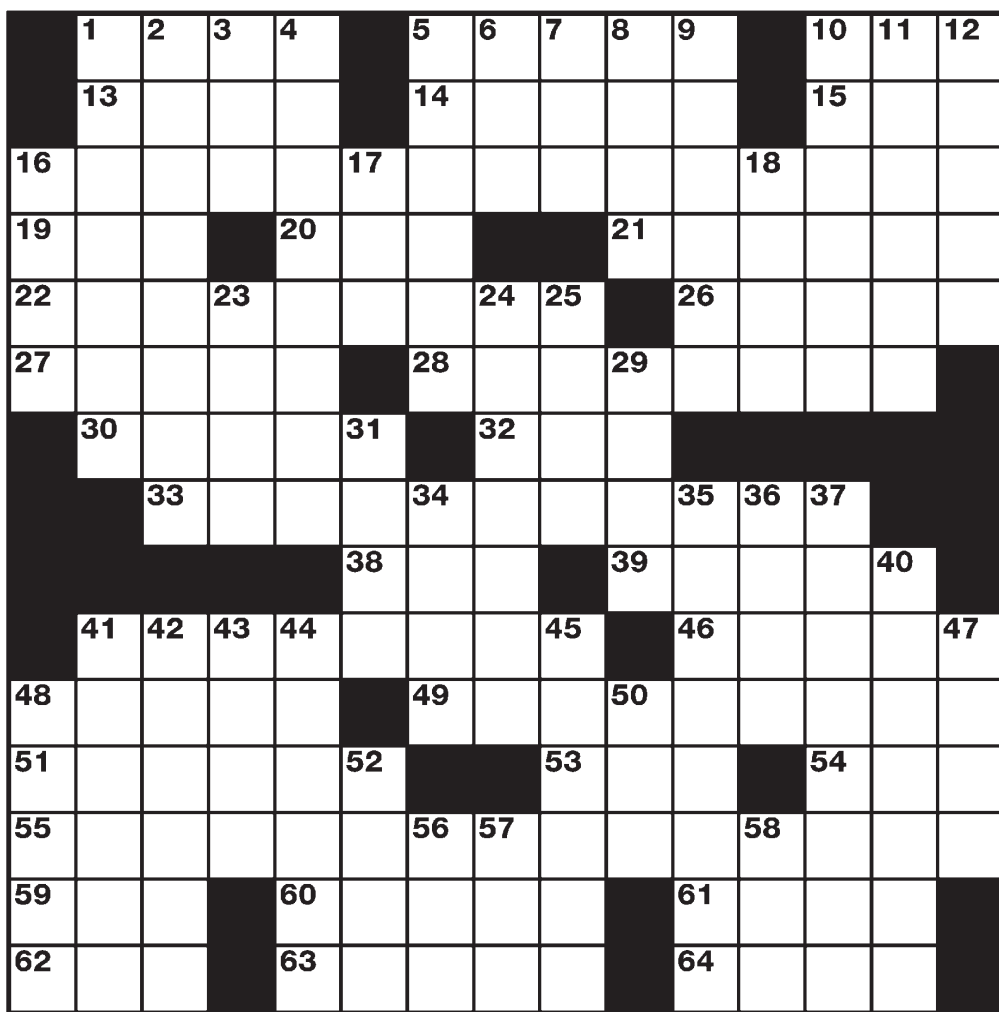
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- ACROSS**
- 1 ___ 1869 (Heinz label line)
 - 5 Common Mexican surname
 - 10 Half follower, in a morning order
 - 13 Dip ___ in the water
 - 14 Savory taste
 - 15 Canine care org.
 - 16 ONE ELEMENT
 - 19 "Beats me" text
 - 20 Modern bookmark
 - 21 Looks villainous
 - 22 ONE ELEMENT
 - 26 Exclamation after a revelation
 - 27 ___ nova (samba cousin)
 - 28 Subscription protectors
 - 30 Asked of
 - 32 Word on the Asian nation list
 - 33 ONE ELEMENT
 - 38 Cop show broadcast
 - 39 Wobbly table levelers
 - 41 From whom you might get tired
 - 46 Party crasher of British fiction
 - 48 "Open ___!" (Popeye shout in an Arabian Nights spoof)
 - 49 ONE ELEMENT
 - 51 Gets ready to rumble
 - 53 Chi preceder
 - 54 "Pale" potato
 - 55 WHAT THE ELEMENTS ARE
 - 59 *Schindler's* ___ (basis for a Spielberg film)

- 60 Bond on the run
 - 61 "Absolut nicht!"
 - 62 Bowl goals
 - 63 "Message received"
 - 64 What should be sent with an autograph request
- DOWN**
- 1 Canal cleanser
 - 2 Fuels, as a furnace
 - 3 Way up a slope
 - 4 Bare
 - 5 Relay conclusion
 - 6 "Heavens me!" text
 - 7 Non-PC
 - 8 Whiny teens
 - 9 It's last in many a floral index

- 10 Lead voice in *Despicable Me*
- 11 Latter-day "How cute!"
- 12 Not to be believed
- 16 Relative of romaine
- 17 Second-qual.
- 18 Tip off
- 23 Starry starter
- 24 "Don't expect free drinks"
- 25 Actress Sedgwick
- 29 Takes it
- 31 Anthem opener
- 34 Risky biz
- 35 Abu ___ (some 37 Down)
- 36 Rhythmic swing
- 37 Some Middle Easterners

- 40 Trig adjective
- 41 ___ Manley Hopkins (Victorian poet)
- 42 What you'll see while in Branson
- 43 Do without
- 44 More impenetrable
- 45 "Buzzsaw" guy on *The Chase*
- 47 Watchful one
- 48 March VIP
- 50 Pol painted by Warhol
- 52 Go it alone
- 56 Metaphor for memory
- 57 What the largest arboreal animal is
- 58 Lunar region



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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!

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Today's Answers



Today's Answers

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



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