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Big Spring recognized amongst top cities for business growth

LendEDU ranked Big Spring #11 in the state of Texas, #251 in the country

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Business and industry growth has been taking place throughout Howard County over the past few years. According to a study recently conducted by LendEDU using U.S. Census Bureau data. The data showed Big Spring is ranked number 11 in the state and 251 in the country for number of business openings in recent years.

According to data that reflects growth across the nation – business openings and closings – Big Spring netted 13 business openings between 2015 and 2016. This report from the U.S. Census Bureau was released July 31, 2019 and is the most recent report available. Overall, Big Spring had 69 businesses open and only had 56 businesses close during that time.

“Big Spring has netted one of the highest numbers of business openings out of

any place in the country is a testament to the economic environment that has been cultivated,” Teresa Darden, Associate Director at the Big Spring Economic Development Corp., said.

New business is a positive sign of growth in a community, whether it be a large corporation bringing in hundreds of jobs or a small, family-owned business; regardless of the size new jobs brings revenue and economic health to a community. In addition to the busi-

ness profit, there will be additional tax revenue for the local government, increased foot traffic in the area and for other businesses and increased options for local consumers.

According to the BSEDC, each city was ranked according to its net number of business openings, meaning the number of business openings minus the number of business closings over the same period of time.

The data showed that in the state Big Spring has seen more

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Re-Elect Sheriff Stan Parker
Early Voting through Feb. 28
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Gem and Mineral Show returns for 51st year

By **SAVANNAH GEER**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Prospector’s Club will be hosting the 51st annual Gem and Mineral Show on March 7 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and March 8 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you are interested in attending the show, it will be held in the Howard County Fair Barn, 2900 Old State Hwy 80.

This is the Prospector’s biggest fundraising event of the year. Admission to the show is free, and everyone who attends is eligible to win hourly door prizes. At this year’s show you can watch the working demonstrations. This show doesn’t disappoint; there is something for everyone.

Food vendors will be available to satisfy your taste buds



HERALD file photo

Deanna Foresyth looks over several pieces of jewelry designed by Rosemary Siems of Sherman at the 2016 Big Spring Prospectors Club’s annual gem and mineral show. This year’s show will be at the Howard County Fair Barn, March 7 and 8.

month at 6:30 p.m. at 606 E. 3rd St. If interested in joining, stop by. All visitors are welcome.

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Howard College Nursing Program ranked #7

LVN students achieved 100% passing rate on the state Bar earning ranking

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Howard College was recently recognized as one of the Top 10 Best RN Programs in the state of Texas in 2019. The rankings showed Howard College as #7 out of 50 Texas Colleges and Universities. This is the second year that Howard’s Nursing Program has been recognized in the Top 10 by RegisteredNursing.org.

“It is always a bonus to be recognized for the hard work of the faculty, staff

and students as we know there are many high quality nursing programs in the state,” Luci Gabehart, Director of Nursing at Howard College, said.

Other top colleges on the list included LeTourneau University, Texas State University, University of Houston, Texas A&M, Concordia University and East Texas Baptist University. According to Gabehart, Registered Nursing Org looked at all the programs in the state of Texas and compared NCLEX pass rates, program accreditation, program outcomes and graduate satisfaction.

“For our students, it is an honor they

can be proud of and for future students,” Gabehart said. “They can rest assured that they are entering into one of the best nursing programs in the state.”

Howard College - ACEN accredited - offers LVN, RN, LVN to RN programs, in addition to dental hygiene, surgical technology, respiratory care, radiologic technology, medical assistant, emergency medical services and certified nursing assistant. In addition to be recognized in the Top 10 programs in the State of Texas, Howard College LVN students also achieved 100% passing rate on the State Bar Exam.

“I was pleased to hear that Howard College was chosen again and I think the recognition speaks to the quality of

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Obituaries

Armelinda Ornelas



Armelinda Ornelas, 59, Big Spring, formerly of Colorado City, passed away in Lubbock at UMC on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020.

She was born in Colorado City on July 27, 1960, to Eulalio and Cristella Garcia Ornelas.

Armelinda was a person who had a tremendous spirit who would best be described as a firecracker. Her outgoing personality and gift of talk made her the type of person to never meet a stranger. Family and God were the central guidance of her life. She was a very intelligent woman, having earned her bachelor degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 2005. Her intelligence came from her inquisitive nature and the fact that she was not afraid to put herself in situations where she has to learn something. She enjoyed traveling, had lived in Germany for over three years and in Iowa for the better part of 15 years. When living close by family she always had to be around them, making sure not to miss a family gathering or the opportunity to barbecue. At the family functions she was the one responsible for making sure everyone matched, and when they went in public she was always dressed up. In her spare time she enjoyed meeting new people, barbecuing, listening to music, dancing, coloring, watching a good movie, and traveling. She was also a huge sports fan, making sure to root for Texas Tech, the Dallas Cowboys, and Patrick Mahomes. Her charismatic attitude and love of family are a

legacy that will be remembered fondly by her family and friends.

Armelinda is survived by her son, Salvador Ramirez and wife, Amy of Big Spring; by her daughter, Monique Love and husband, Josh of Lubbock; by her grandchildren, Karyssa Ramirez, Makayla Gorman, Hope Cisneros, Alexandra Ramirez, and Kasey Ramirez; and by her great-grandchildren, Jayson Cisneros, Blaine Gorman, Elliot Iturralde, Ivan Ramirez, and Deacon Cisneros. Also surviving is a brother, Gabriel Ornelas and wife, Becky of Colorado City; and three sisters, Adelita Caballos and husband, Ernest of Colorado City, Alicia Moreno and husband, Tanis Moreno Jr. of Colorado City, and Amanda Carrisalez and husband, Carlos of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eulalio and Cristella Ornelas; and by a sister, Angela Ornelas.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Armelinda will be held at Saint Ann's Catholic Church on Saturday, Feb. 29, at 10:30 a.m., with Father Michael Udegbunam officiating. Pallbearers will be Gabriel Ornelas Jr., Avan Ceballos, Eli Ornelas, Daniel Silva, Simon Moreno, and Cordero Carrisalez. The great-grandchildren will be honorary pallbearers.

The family will be present for a visitation on Friday, Feb. 28 from 6-8 p.m. with a Rosary to be performed at 7 p.m. at the Kiker Seale Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to Saint Jude's, an organization that was dear to her heart.

Those wishing may share a memory by visiting www.kikerseale.com.

Paid Obituary

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CLINT BRANDON BOLLIER JR.**, 29, of 7805 N. Service Rd., was arrested on a charge of driving with invalid license.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Scurry St., and the 1200 block of W. FM 700.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on County Road 1584.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in

the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

Sheriff Report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- **CLINT BRANDON BOLLIER JR.**, 29, of 7805 N. Service Rd., was arrested on a charge of driving with invalid license.

- **ER JR.**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license.

- **KENNY WAYNE AOL-COMBE**, 34, was arrested by DPS on a charge of violation of motor fuel tax requirements.
- **TONY CURTIS MCCOY**, 50,

was arrested by DPS on a warrant for failure to identify/giving false or fictitious information.

- **ZACHARY DALE RUCAS**, 33, was arrested by DPS on a charge of violation of motor fuel tax requirements.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of S. Johnson St.. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. No transportation was needed.

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- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1600 block of Owens St. No transportation was needed.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 3rd St. and Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Volunteer Opportunity

Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompani-

ment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Support Groups

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 nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700.

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Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 63. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

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Friday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. South wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 73. South wind 5 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

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

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 78.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Monday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

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the education provided here at Howard College," she said. "This recognition lets the community know there is a Top 10 state ranked nursing school in the community and there are great educational opportunities for people who are willing to pursue a nursing degree in their own backyard."

Gabehart described the ADN program at Howard College as a difficult program that is taught by a compassionate and dedicated faculty who care about the success of their students. Class sizes are small and contain a varied clinical experience. Those seeking to enter the nursing program have the option of two associate degree programs; the generic associate degree is a two-year program and

the one-year transition program for LVN to RN students.

"The faculty at Howard College are continually implementing ways to improve our graduates outcomes," she said. "As a director of the nursing program who resides in Big Spring, I know how important nurses are to this area. Many of our faculty, including myself, have had the opportunity to have our graduates care for own family and loved ones. The value of a nursing graduate can not be overstated."

To view a complete list of rankings or to find out more about the rankings, visit www.registered-nursing.org/state/texas/#rankings

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Take Note

- AARP Driver Safety Course will be taking place on Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Class takes place at the Big Spring Senior Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Why take the AARP Smart Driver Course? Because driving has changed since you first got your license and doing so could save you money. Please call 267-1628 for more information.

- Mitchell County Hospital will be having a Book and Gift Sale on Tuesday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, March 4 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great products at great prices!

Mitchell County Hospital is located at 997 W. Interstate 20, Stanton, Texas.

- Coahoma Lions Club will be hosting their annual pancake supper on Tuesday, March 3. The supper will be held at Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Proceeds from the Pancake Supper help fund scholarship opportunities for Coahoma High School graduating seniors.

- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone, and if you're 50 and older, and can't afford a tax preparation service, AARP Tax-Aide was made especially for you. They understand that re-

tirement or other life changes may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now. With the help of our team of IRS-certified volunteers, we make it easy for you. AARP Tax-Aide Service will be available at the Big Spring Senior Center every Monday, beginning on Feb. 3, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There's no fee and no sales pitch for other services, and AARP membership is not required. Additional information can be found on the AARP web site <https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2004/about-aarp-taxaide.html>

- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New mem-

bers 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.

- Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food.

GROW

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business growth than surrounding areas, including Midland, Odessa and Sweetwater. According to the report, Midland is ranked 29 in the state and 462 nationally; Odessa is ranked 57 in the state and 711 in the nation; and Sweetwater is 17 in the state and 373 in the nation.

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Rosemary Vasquez, 49, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Cindy Salazar-Gonzalez, 45, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Adolfo G. Moreno, 74, died Sunday. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Marvin Wise, died February 6, 2020. A memorial service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at First Baptist Church Chapel.

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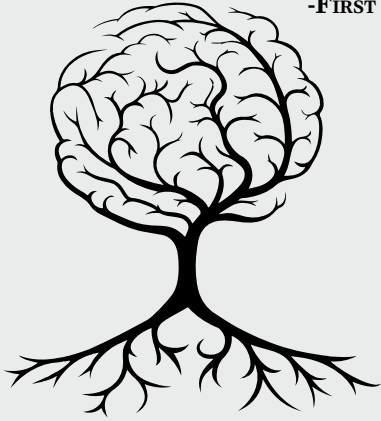
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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, may we concentrate on all the pure and lovely parts of Your world. Amen

What wind energy means to Big Spring

As you've made trips along Highway 87, you may have noticed something new on the eastern horizon – wind turbines. These giants now dot our Howard County landscape and have become a big economic driver for Big Spring over the past two decades.

Since 1999, six wind farms have been built near Big Spring, totaling 195 turbines and a capacity to generate 335 megawatts of energy. Most recently, the Gunsight Wind Farm in northern Howard County, built in 2016, added 67 turbines and 119 megawatts of energy capacity.

This new industry in our area is not only providing an innovative and reliable power source for our state, it is also spurring on our local economy and providing ample new jobs in a growing industry.

New jobs haven't always been easy to come by near Big Spring, and it is great to see the growth the wind industry has brought to Howard County.

Take for example the Ocotillo Wind Farm, which has 28 turbines. At the peak of construction, Ocotillo provided 350 well-paying jobs.

To keep the windfarm operating efficiently, the wind farm has six full-time jobs. Gunsight Wind Farm injects \$2 million each year into our local economy and employs nine full-time workers.

The job influx has even spawned new programs at local Howard College to meet the demand for jobs in the industry.

Big Spring was built on the ranching community. That will never change, but wind energy mingles well with our economy. Our landowners can lease portions of their land to operate wind turbines for a reliable income, while still working the land with West Texas pride.

Not only is it benefiting those

landowners directly, wind is also helping our community through the Texas Economic Development Act.

Also known as Chapter 313, the program acts as a tool that local leaders can use to compete for large scale capital investments, in turn, generating revenue that supports Texas schools.

Forsan ISD and Big Spring ISD are both benefitting from this program and have access to much needed resources for things like infrastructure improvements and technological upgrades.

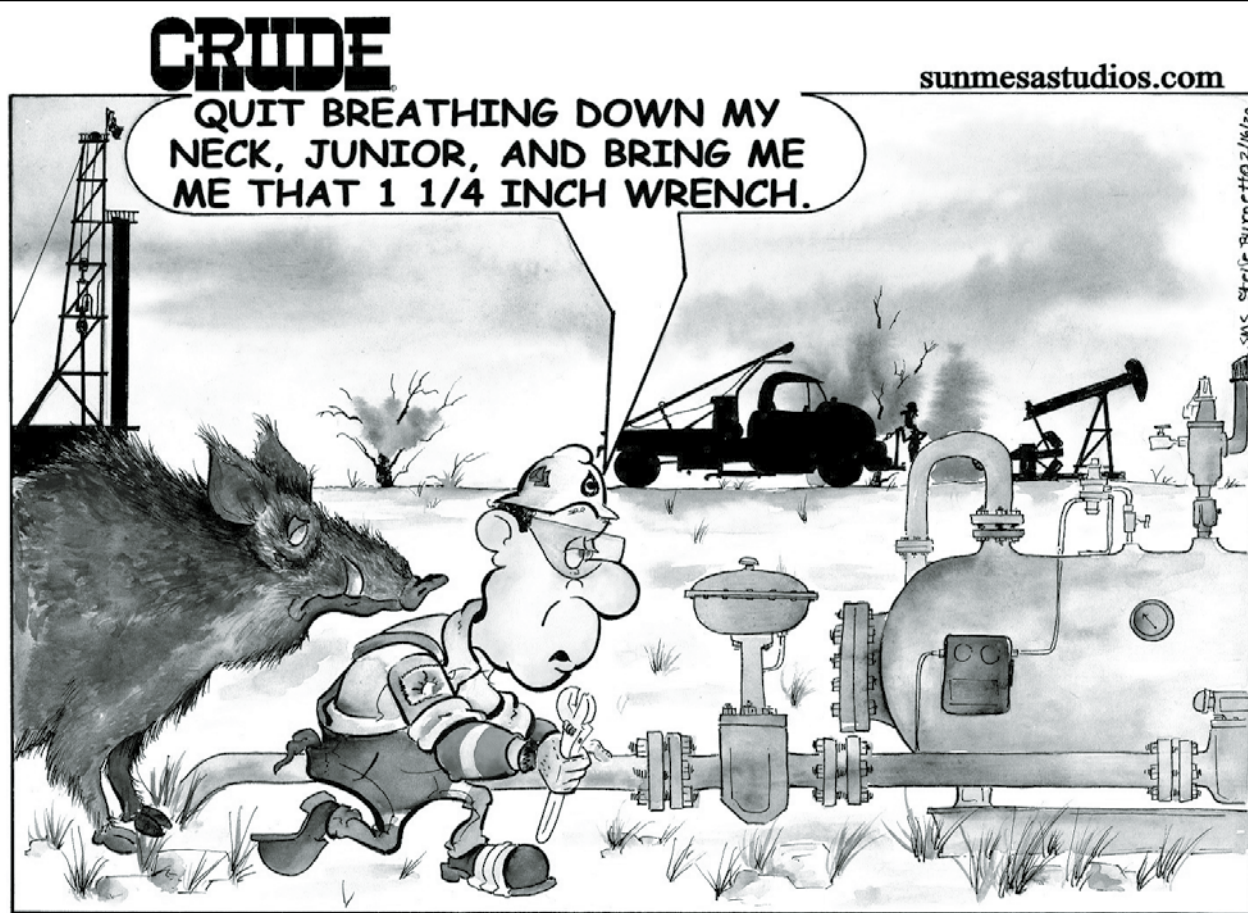
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Terry Wegman is the Executive Director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.



TERRY WEGMAN



The Postscript: An awful lot of cheese

My husband, Peter, likes buying in bulk. Peter hates paying shipping fees. He never wants to run out of anything and he loves a bargain. This is why we buy coffee in enormous bags, crackers by the case, nuts and raisins ten pounds at a time, rice in 20-pound bags, and beans in 50-pound bags. It is sometimes a little alarming when the boxes arrive.

I'm not quite sure how he got this way. Peter was the youngest child of six, but I don't think his family went through any extraordinary hardship. My mother is the ninth of eleven children raised during the depression and she buys in modest quantities that last for no more than a week or fit in a small canvas bag—whichever is less.

Most recently, Peter decided to start ordering cheese direct from his favorite cheesemaker, but when he learned what he was going to be charged for shipping he began to fume.

“Ha! If I buy \$100 at a time, I don't pay shipping!” Peter announced, looking over the fine print on the cheesemaker's website. He spoke with Ricky at the cheese shop and Ricky confirmed there would be no ship-

ping charge if Peter just ordered enough cheese. Ricky recommended a nice gouda in addition to the lacy baby swiss Peter is fond of. Peter was delighted.

“Doesn't \$100 buy an awful lot of cheese?” I asked. Our house is small and our refrigerator generally filled to capacity.

“Oh, it's not that much...” Peter did the calculations. “It's only about twenty pounds!”

I couldn't deny that was a good price per pound, but twenty pounds still sounded like an awful lot of cheese.

Then things were further complicated.

I had used this cheese company to buy birthday presents for my dad and they still had that address on file. Even though Peter made it quite clear this cheese was for us—not my father—we got a phone call from my dad about the time Peter was expecting his big cheese delivery.

“Hey, Peter!” my dad said, “Did you order us a big box of cheese?”

“Oh no!” Peter said. My parents, who buy little tiny blocks of cheese which they cut into little tiny slices and serve on little tiny crackers at precisely five o'clock every evening with a small glass of white wine, were understandably taken aback by the arrival of twenty pounds of cheese.

“That's a heck of a lot of cheese! Should we mail it to you?” my dad asked.

Peter said they should just eat it and my mother expressed doubt that they would ever eat so much cheese in their lifetime.

“Oh! You'll eat it!” Peter insisted.

“That's an awful lot of cheese!” my mother protested.

“We can pick up what you don't eat next time we see you!” Peter told her, and promptly ordered more cheese.

Ricky at the cheese company was appropriately contrite and gave Peter a generous discount on his new order so now we have forty pounds of cheese—twenty here and twenty in storage with my parents. I suspect this situation gives Peter a further feeling of security.

And, while I do shake my head from time to time, I also note that I have never once run out of coffee since I married Peter. We always have plenty of beans and rice to eat and now, I am quite certain, we will never run short of cheese.

In a chaotic world filled with unknowns, uncertainties, and nearly constant change, it's good to know we've got the essentials covered.

Till next time,

Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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Court sides with Trump in 'sanctuary cities' grant fight

By LARRY NEUMEISTER Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Trump administration can withhold millions of dollars in law enforcement grants to force states to cooperate with U.S. immigration enforcement, a federal appeals court in New York ruled Wednesday in a decision that conflicted with three other federal appeals courts.

The ruling by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan overturned a lower court's decision ordering the administration to release funding to New York City and seven states — New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Washington, Massachusetts, Virginia and Rhode Island.

The states and city sued the U.S. government after the Justice Department announced in 2017 that it would withhold grant money from cities and states until they gave federal immigration authorities access to jails and provide advance notice when someone in the country illegally is about to be released.

Before the change, cities and states seeking grant money were required only to show they were not preventing local law enforcement from communicating with federal authorities about the immigration status of people who were detained.

At the time, then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions said: "So-called 'sanctuary' policies make all of us less safe because they intentionally undermine our laws and protect illegal aliens who have committed crimes."

In 2018, the Justice Department imposed additional conditions on the grant money, though challenges to those have not yet reached the appeals court in New York.

The 2nd Circuit said the plain language of relevant laws make clear that the U.S. attorney general can impose conditions on states and municipalities receiving money.

And it noted that the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly observed that the federal government maintains broad power over states when it comes to immigration policies.

In the past two years, federal appeals courts in Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco have ruled against the federal government by upholding lower-court injunctions placed on the enforcement of some or all of the challenged conditions.

"While mindful of the respect owed to our sister circuits, we cannot agree that the federal government must be enjoined from imposing the challenged conditions on the federal grants here at issue," the 2nd Circuit three-judge panel said in a decision written by Judge Reena Raggi.

"These conditions help the federal government enforce national immigration laws and policies supported by successive Democratic and Republican administrations. But more to the authorization point, they ensure that applicants satisfy particular statutory grant requirements imposed by Congress and subject to Attorney General oversight," the appeals court said.

The Justice Department praised the decision, issuing a statement calling it a "major victory for Americans" and saying it recognizes that the attorney general has authority to ensure that grant recipients are not thwarting federal law enforcement priorities.

The department added that the ruling's effect will be limited because other courts have ruled the other way, giving the plaintiffs in the New York case the opportunity to point to those as reasons to ignore the new conditions.

Cody Wofsy, a staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, called the decision a "real outlier," saying he believed the 2nd Circuit was the nation's first court to side with the Trump administration on the issue.

"Over and over, courts have said the Department of Justice doesn't have authority under governing statutes to impose these conditions," he said. "These conditions are part of the administration's attempts to bully, cajole and coerce state and local governments into participating in federal immigration enforcement activities."

Under the Constitution's federalism principles and the 10th Amendment, Wofsy said, states and municipalities "are entitled to decline to become part of the administration's deportation force."

The appeals rulings pertain to the issuance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Created in 2006, it is the vehicle through which Congress annually dispenses over \$250 million in federal funding for state and local criminal justice efforts.

The Byrne Program was named for New York City Police Officer Edward Byrne, who at age 22 was shot to death while guarding the home of a Guyanese immigrant cooperating with authorities investigating drug trafficking.

Virus fears keep guests trapped in sunny 'luxurious prison'

By ARITZ PARRA Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — They signed up for a bit of a beach holiday to break up the winter. Instead, hundreds of holidaymakers, mainly from northern Europe, are set for a two-week lock-down as a result of an outbreak of the new coronavirus.

Holidaymakers in Tenerife, one of the most popular year-round destinations in the Canary Islands, will only be able to have an occasional dip in one of the many pools at the 4-star hotel that has been jokingly termed a "luxurious prison."

There'll be lots of time to watch box-sets or read a series of page-turners. All part of a holiday experience for sure, but this isn't what the guests, a large chunk of whom are from Britain and Belgium, had in mind when they signed up for some winter release in the archipelago that's closer to Africa's northwestern coast than to Spain.

Close physical contact has been discouraged over contagion fears after the virus that originated in China arrived in the Canary Island's resort this week via Italy.

"The situation is improving. Today they reopened the restaurant. We can circulate freely, sunbath. But we can't come out of the hotel," said Paolo Martelli, an 89-year-old Italian pensioner from Milan who is staying at the H10 Costa Adeje Palace Hotel with his wife, Laura.

"There is overall a feeling like we are in a luxuri-

ous prison," the pensioner said, adding that he worries about missing the plane back home next Saturday. "The worse thing is the uncertainty of not knowing what they are going to do with us."

Authorities in Tenerife said Wednesday that 106 of the 723 guests at the resort could be released in coming hours because they had no direct contact with the four holidaymakers who tested positive for the COVID-19 disease.

The infected are a doctor from the northern Italian region where a cluster of the virus has led to hundreds of infections, his wife and two more in the party of 10 Italians vacationing together in Tenerife.

The remaining 600 or so customers from 25 countries, will need to remain quarantined for 14 days, Teresa Cruz, the health regional ministry in the Canary Islands told a news conference.

She added that hotel workers are being allowed to rotate in shifts, and those among the staff who leave the premises will need to remain under official surveillance at home.

The islands are also famous for their carnivals. The H10 hotel had planned celebrations this week, but its website on Wednesday said that the hotel has closed "for the next days" in order to "guarantee the safety of customers and employees."

Juan Cristóbal del Monte, a doctor from France who is also staying at the hotel, told Spain's Ante-

na 3 broadcaster that there was an understanding among the guests that the measures were necessary even though there weren't anymore more suspected cases.

"Our movements are curtailed, yes, but this is something for the common good," he said.

Martelli said that boredom had settled in as Tenerife's Enramada beach, with its palm trees and beer shacks, are out of reach. Instead, they can see the yellow tents of a makeshift health clinic, installed in case anybody falls sick. Authorities also said they would be providing psychological support, masks, latex gloves, thermometers and hydrogel to ensure the guests' hand hygiene.

But barring a group of 35 guests who have been classified as higher risk, those who show no symptoms whatsoever are free to roam the premises — but to keep a safety distance from each other.

"I don't understand what the sanitary authorities have in mind, because there are no more infections here," Martelli said. "From my point of view, the biggest uncertainty is outside the hotel."

Spanish authorities are grappling with a spike in positive cases in the country, from two patients who had already recovered and released from hospital earlier this month to twelve in a matter of 48 hours. All except for the most recent one, confirmed by authorities in the southern city of Sevilla, were cases tied to the cluster in northern Italy.

Bayer Chairman steps down amid weedkiller legal battle

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Bayer AG board chairman Werner Wenning is stepping down from his post at the drug and chemical company, which is facing a major legal battle over its Roundup weed killer.

Wenning, who is 73, said he had planned to leave last year but was asked to stay due to "the company's situation at the time." His current contract runs through 2022.

He will be succeeded at the company's April 28 board meeting by board member Norbert Winkeljohann, 62, the company said in a news release Wednesday.

Wenning has served as board chair since 2012. He joined the company in 1966 and rose to become CEO before moving to the board. He was board chair during the company's 2018 acquisition of U.S. seed and farm chemical company Monsanto.

The acquisition turned into a problem for the company after it inherited exposure to legal troubles involving Roundup. Thousands of lawsuits

filed in U.S. states and federal courts say Roundup has caused cancer in users. Monsanto's owner, Bayer, denies such allegations and says the product is safe.

Groundskeeper DeWayne Johnson was awarded \$289 million by a California jury in the first Roundup case to go to trial. The award was later reduced to \$78.5 million and is currently being appealed.

Shareholders have criticized Bayer management for underestimating the risks when it took over Monsanto.

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THE BULLDOG REPORT



Courtesy photo

Pictured are members of the CHS band who competed in the UIL Solo & Ensemble contest held in Abilene on Saturday along with their piano accompanist Sandy Wallace. The Big Red Band earned 15 medals and qualified three soloists and two ensembles for the state contest.

The Coahoma Big Red Band walked away with 15 medals and qualified three soloists and two ensembles at the UIL Solo & Ensemble contest on Saturday.

Clarinetist Alana Wegner, trumpet player Aaron Turnbough, and flutist Mason Abernathy qualified to advance to state competition on their memorized solos.

The two qualifying ensembles were: Flute quartet —Maggie Guo, Mason Abernathy, Genesis Olivias, and Codi

Edens and Brass sextet — Bailey Wells, Audrey Turnbough, Justin Marsh, Jonah Rayford, Nick Biddison, and Taylor Barnes.

In addition, Maggie Guo, Bailey Wells, and Ethan Yager earned Division I ratings on their individual solos.

The Texas State Solo & Ensemble contest is set for May 30 and June 1 in Pflugerville.

Academic Star Student of the Week Forsan High School Senior, Katie Averette

This week's Academic All-Star Student of the Week is Forsan's own, Katie Averette. Katie is the daughter of Chad and Tamara Averette. Katie is a senior at Forsan High School and has attended Forsan since kindergarten.

When it comes to academics, Katie is a go-getter. She has already taken 9 college classes while in high school, is a member of the National Honor Society, and is in the top 10 of her class. But academics aren't the only thing that Katie is known for.

Katie is currently in One Act Play. She was on varsity track for three years, and is a student council officer. She is also a member of the band. When asked about band, Katie said, "Being in band and being able to participate at a state level has been an amazing opportunity in my life."

Outside of school, Katie can be seen working at local florist, Faye's Flowers, as part of the career prep class at Forsan. Katie is also an active member of the Saturate youth group at FBC Big Spring.

Katie's plans for life after Forsan High include attending Texas Tech University in the fall and majoring in animal science. She plans to go through the pre-veterinary program at Tech, and attend the School of Veterinary Medicine after she finishes her bachelor's degree. With Katie's drive and work ethic, she will accomplish her goals.

Katie says that the quote she lives by is, "Live a life you won't regret, but don't live for things you will regret."

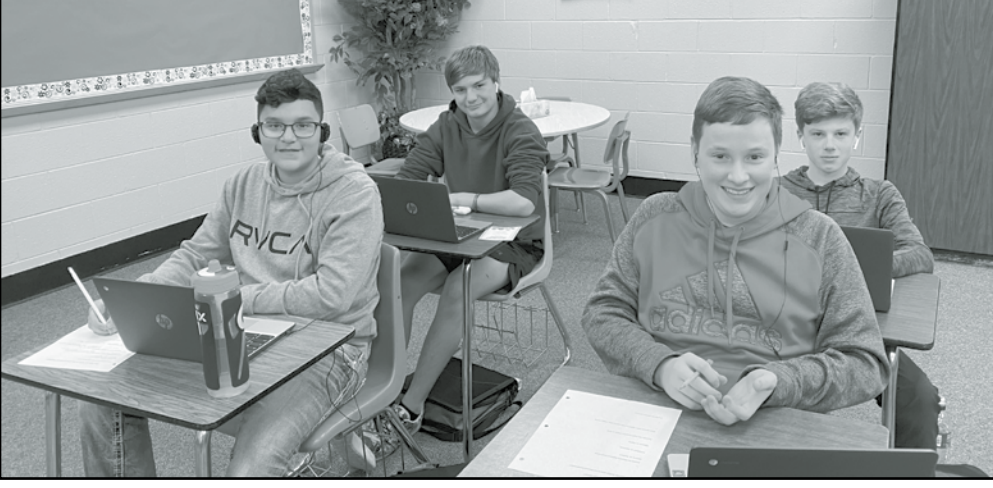
Katie lives life without regret. That is what has taken her so far in life, and that is what will help her to be successful in her future.

Forsan is proud of Katie Averette, and is pleased that she is this week's Academic All-Star Student of the Week.



Congratulations Katie!

The Buffalo Bulletin



Mrs. Stone's US history and ELA classes have been hard at work. In ELA, the students are just about to wrap up their 20Time projects. They chose a topic of interest and have spent the last eight weeks researching and preparing a presentation for their classmates. The topics ranged from digital art, calligraphy, photography, graffiti art, genealogy, endangered animals to career choices such as neurology, welding, and surgery. We are excited to see the student's products as well as listen to their presentations. One goal in our class this year is to help students feel more confident in their communication skills and prepare them for public speaking. They have also just finished informative essays and will branch into an argumentative essay in the next few weeks. History is always an exciting journey and we are in the middle of learning about the Early Republic period in US history. Our focus has been on the presidency of Thomas Jefferson and how the Louisiana Purchase creates that spark that will lead to manifest destiny. They created bubble art to illustrate the importance of 1803 with the Louisiana Purchase and the Supreme Court case of Marbury v. Madison. Excited to continue making this school year a success!!

Little Buffs



Courtesy photos

A variety of activities kept second graders at Forsan Elementary involved in learning this month. Some second graders worked hard to attain their AR goal last semester and earned a bowling party as a reward. Since February is the month of love, character trait awards were given to students who exemplified kindness.

Howard basketball honors sophomores at last home game of the season



Courtesy Photos/Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Pictured above left: (From left) Averie Benson, Jazzeem Bethea, Armani Harris, Makayla Thomas, and Vinyet Garcia show off their personal player plaques that were given to them on Monday night. Pictured above right: (From left) Will Ellis, Jevon Burton, Eric Reed Jr., Klay Brown, and Malik Brikat show off the plaques.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Howard Lady Hawks' season ended on Monday night with a 68-61 home loss to Western Texas. The Lady Hawks finished their season with an overall record of 7-22 and will be losing the five players pictured above heading into next season. Howard will need to do a lot to replace the production that is leaving. Bethea was an every-game starter and her presence from the forward position will be missed. Benson, Garcia, and Thomas are all threats from the perimeter and Head Coach Earl Diddle will need to find solid perimeter shooting in his next group of players. Harris was a role player whose presence in the paint was a big factor later in the 2019-2020 season.

The Hawks still have one game remaining in the season but lost a heart-breaker by one point to Western Texas on Monday night. The team currently

has a 15-14 record and will be looking to finish the season with a win over New Mexico Military. Reed Jr. led the Hawks in scoring this season with 15.7 points per game and is an electric force on the hardwood. He should be playing at the Division I level next season as he has already received multiple scholarship offers. Burton started 17 games this season for the Hawks and had some big performances along the way. Starting guard Brown was a high-volume scorer and could change the game from beyond the arc. Brikat and Ellis were both role players who made their marks on the court whenever they were given the opportunity.

Head Coach Scott Raines will be looking for his current freshmen and incoming players to take over the roles of the five players departing.

Shawn Moran is the sportswriter at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, email sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Coahoma Softball loses to Midland on Tuesday night

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Midland High School got off to an early 6-0 lead in the first inning and went on to beat the Bulldogettes 11-1 in a non-district game on Tuesday.

Macee Grant led Coahoma at bat. She went 2-for-3 and had a triple and one RBI. Sydney Rinard went 1-for-3 and scored a run.

Next: Bulldogettes (5-2) head to the San Angelo tournament, Thursday through Saturday.

Midland High: 600 202 1 -- 11 13 0
Coahoma: 001 000 0 -- 1 4 4

W — Makenah Dutchover. L — MaKynlee Overton. 2B: Coahoma — Macee Grant; Midland — Breigh Houser 2, N. Paul. Cecilia Aleman. 3B: Midland — Alexis Riddle. SB: Midland — Houser, Lilianna Garza. Pitches-Strikes: Overton 148-82,

MIDLAND HIGH 11, COAHOMA 1

Stats from Coahoma vs. Midland

Coahoma	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	
Madison Rodgers	3	0	0	0	0	
Macee Grant	3	0	2	1	0	
Jocelyn Olivarez	3	0	0	0	0	
MaKynlee Overton	2	0	1	0	1	
Caitlyn Corley	3	0	0	0	0	
Kenzi Canales	2	0	0	0	1	
Ashely Romero	3	0	0	0	0	
Sydney Rinard	3	1	1	0	0	
Alex Bailey	1	0	0	0	0	
Christain Everett	1	0	0	0	0	
Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Coahoma Overton	7.0	13	11	8	6	5
Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Dutchover	7.0	4	1	0	2	6

Coahoma has a long weekend ahead of them as they will be taking part in their second tournament of the season.

The Bulldogettes went an impressive 5-0 in the last tournament and will look to replicate that performance at this upcoming tournament in San Angelo.

Overton has had an impressive start to the season and one bad game against a top-level opponent is no reason to worry.

After being shutout against Midland, the Bulldogettes will definitely be looking to put some points on the scoreboard this weekend.

NCAA Baseball Top 25 (D1Baseball)			
Ranking	Team	Overall	Prev
1	Florida	8-0	2
2	Vanderbilt	6-2	4
3	Louisville	4-3	3
4	Texas Tech	7-1	5
5	Arkansas	7-0	7
6	Miami	4-3	1
7	Mississippi St	5-1	10
8	Florida State	6-1	12
9	UCLA	7-0	14
10	LSU	5-3	11
11	Arizona State	5-3	13
12	NC State	7-0	15
13	Duke	6-1	16
14	Ole Miss	6-1	17
15	Michigan	4-3	9
16	Georgia Tech	6-1	19
17	Texas A&M	8-0	20
18	UCF	7-1	NR
19	Auburn	5-3	8
20	East Carolina	6-1	21
21	Oklahoma	7-2	23
22	Dallas Baptist	6-1	NR
23	Tennessee	7-0	NR
24	Long Beach St	5-2	NR

NCAA Softball Top 25 (D1Softball)			
Ranking	Team	Overall	Prev
1	UCLA	15-0	1
2	Washington	15-1	5
3	Texas	15-1	3
4	LSU	13-1	6
5	Arizona	12-3	4
6	Oklahoma	11-3	2
7	Louisiana	11-3	10
8	Florida State	7-4	7
9	Florida	16-2	14
10	Alabama	9-5	9
11	Oklahoma St	8-5	8
12	Oregon	14-0	12
13	Michigan	10-3	11
14	Kentucky	12-3	13
15	Georgia	14-3	20
16	Missouri	12-5	15
17	Arizona State	12-5	17
18	S. Carolina	10-3	21
19	Minnesota	8-6	16
20	Utah	10-2	23
21	Virginia Tech	12-3	25
22	Texas Tech	10-5	19
23	Arkansas	12-2	24
24	Baylor	13-2	NR
25	UCF	13-2	NR

Athletic Support: "Talk to your grandkids, carefully"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: I was an over-the-top father of three outstanding varsity athletes. I was the loudmouth who challenged the referees and overwhelmed my children with endless advice. Fortunately, they succeeded academically and athletically, despite my constant hounding. Some things don't change. My eldest grandson is a superior varsity athlete and student. Recently, he was invited into the National Honor Society. I was beaming with pride until I heard he'd declined the invitation. A tad smarter as a septuagenarian, I refrained from direct intervention. Instead, I appealed to my son (the boy's dad) about the decision. As a former high school teacher, I told him I thought NHS provided a ticket to college entrance, overriding athleticism and top-notch grades. My son explained that after talking to his boy and assessing his reasoning, he was okay with whatever his son wanted to do. I've now stepped out of the conversation, yet this granddad still worries his grandson may be hurting his chances at college

admission. Suggestions please! — Loudmouth Granddad

Dear Loudmouth: First off, let me commend you on your restraint. Grandparents oftentimes find themselves in sticky situations when it comes to their children's parenting decisions. Whether that situation involves sports, academics, or day-to-day discipline—it's always best for a grandparent to let the parent make the final call.

In regard to the National Honor Society, I don't believe membership will matter much when it comes to college admissions. However, NHS does offer scholarships exclusively to its members. So if your grandson is looking for extra dough when it comes time to pay for tuition, he could very well be excluding himself from a shot at more money.

From an athletic-minded side, though, I think I can see where your grandson might be coming from.

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#10479 Feb. 26 & 27, 2020 **NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT**

Park Hill Disposal LLC, 3724 Hulén Street, Fort Worth, Texas, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced saltwater/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the San Andres formation through the TPLT 3 SWD 1 in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field located within Section 3, Block 36 T4S, T&P RR CO Survey, Glasscock County, approximately 13.95 miles to the SW of Garden City, Texas. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3800 to 5000 feet.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512.463.6792).

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are things you shouldn't and won't do because you learned, through the years, that they are behaviors that, while they might have served a purpose once, are now useless and dumb.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's just good marketing to tell people about when the job is starting and when it's finished. As for the middle-bits, people get very bored with those. Best to leave those parts out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have to listen to sentences a few times to truly understand their meaning -- a sign of intelligence. Today, this will be true of verbal, literary and

musical sentences.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's hard to say what is a negative influence. Sometimes a negative influence can be the most positive thing that happens in the situation, especially when the situation involves a wrongheaded crowd.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Deficiencies are something to celebrate. How can people possibly fill in your blanks if you don't leave a blank? Pause. Let others bring the appropriate skill.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The best thing to do with a situation you don't like is to ignore it. Giving time and words to bad situations is like pouring money into an investment that's tanking.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



LI-BRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Self-worth is a tricky area. On days like today we have to wonder, "How much does it really matter whether our opinions of ourselves are low or high?" The group must move forward; find a place in the lineup and mush.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you call things will be really important, as will be the words you choose in

trying to please you, and you'll speak to something else in them -- something more essential to who they really are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a lot of stress involved in looking for things under this Mercury retrograde, but you can avoid it all by simply putting things back where you found them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There is no entertainment value in people being respectful of one another, but there are other worthier values. Things work better. That's something! Question: Do you want "better" or "more interesting"?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). On the lookout for new experiences, you'll think

little of the risk or cost today, which is why you should consider bringing an earth sign along: Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 27). Life doesn't usually come in this contest-style manner, so this is quite exciting. The tension builds through the next 15 weeks, and then there's a chance to prove yourself. You'll rise to the occasion. The payout will be lovely for you. Mostly, this will be personal equity, relationships that buoy you and joyful times. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 25, 19 and 42.

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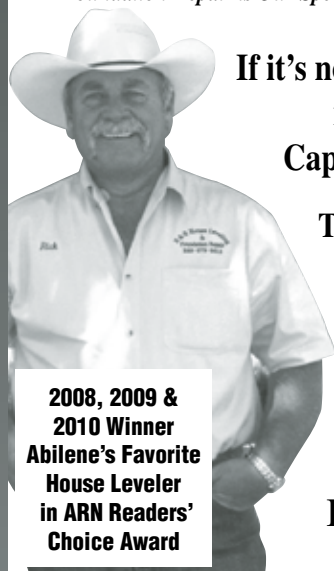
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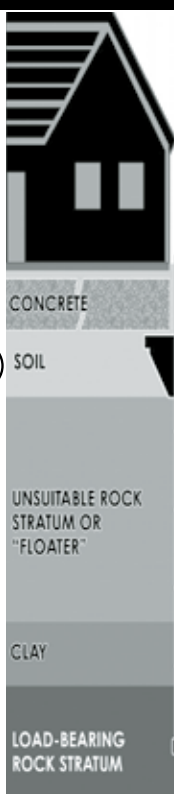
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Annie's Mailbox

**Sleep Deprived to
Sleeping Like a Baby**

Dear Annie: I am a 65-year-old woman who suffers from insomnia. I exercise regularly, limit my caffeine intake and try to wind down at the end of the day with more relaxing books or TV shows.

However, there are still a couple of nights a week when I simply cannot fall asleep. I'm retired, so I don't have to worry about going to work in the morning, but it's still very frustrating to lie awake for hours, tired but not sleepy. I feel lousy the next day, too.

Which is worse for you, lack of sleep or sleeping pills? Both are said to increase the chance of dementia. If both carry the same risk, then I'm inclined to pop a pill to at least stop the tossing and turning, and drop off to sleep. Does anyone have the answer to this? -- Sleepless in Roanoke

Dear Sleepless in Roanoke: There might be a third option here. Melatonin is a natural sleep aid that is con-

sidered safe, with few side effects. Couple that with some breathing techniques and you might find yourself dozing off in as little as five minutes. Here's how to practice the 4-7-8 breathing technique, as reported by Healthline:

- "1. Allow your lips to gently part.
- "2. Exhale completely, making a breathy whoosh sound as you do.
- "3. Press your lips together as you silently inhale through the nose for a count of 4 seconds.
- "4. Hold your breath for a count of 7.
- "5. Exhale again for a full 8 seconds, making a whooshing sound throughout.
- "6. Repeat 4 times when you first start. Eventually work up to 8 repetitions."

Continue your routine of winding down and limiting caffeine, but substitute just reading instead of TV. Any electronic screen can affect your quality of sleep. I also open this up to any readers who have had success falling asleep naturally.

Dear Annie: A few

weeks ago, a letter ran from a person who seems to have tried everything to get in shape, from gym memberships to personal trainers, and asked, "How do people stick with it?"

I don't know how others do, but I'm willing to share how I have. I graduated from high school nearly 50 years ago at 98 pounds. I now weigh 127 pounds. I had a baby in those years, too. So, how have I managed to only gain 29 pounds in 49 years?

Lots of small things: Walk for a mile every night after dinner (it's good for your waistline and your marriage). Park toward the back of the parking lot and walk all the way in. Dance (think "The Twist") while watching an entire 30-minute television program (it's hard to eat while doing this, and it burns a lot more calories than just sitting there). Think "just five minutes" of exercise: Do situps, jumping jacks, pushups, toe touches or rope skipping for just five minutes. It's not a major commitment. ... Think

of it as "I deserve this five-minute break for a tiny bit of exercise."

At a restaurant, ask for a box when your food first comes. Put half of your meal in right then. Once it's in the box, even if you're tempted to clean your plate, you will have only eaten a healthy portion. Get a watch that gives you "stickers" for physical activity. Yes, I know, it sounds silly, but I really wanted those stickers on my paper as a child, and I enjoy earning stickers on my watch now.

None of these are big things. But lots of small things do add up. -- Still Slender 50 Years Later

Dear Still Slender 50 Years Later: Congrats on your continued health. Just about anyone could use your suggestions to jumpstart their wellness routine. That they are playful and provide opportunities to connect with others is especially beneficial.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The percentage play

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 6 5 3
♥ K J 2
♦ A J
♣ A J 8 7 4

WEST
♠ Q 10 2
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K Q 10 7 2
♣ K 3

EAST
♠ K J 7 4
♥ 5
♦ 9 6 5 3
♣ Q 10 9 6

SOUTH
♠ A 9 8
♥ A Q 10 8 6 3
♦ 8 4
♣ 5 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
A player cannot consistently make inferior percentage plays and expect to come out on top. Occasionally an inferior play succeeds, or does no harm, but over the long haul the player who does not abide by percentages will end up on the short side of the score.

Take this case where West led a diamond against four hearts. Declarer saw he would lose four tricks — two spades, a diamond and a club — unless he could find a way to do something about it.

He won the diamond with the ace

and played the ace and another club, hoping to find the suit divided 3-3, in which case he could develop two extra club tricks.

West took the king, cashed the queen of diamonds and shifted to a low spade, East's king forcing the ace. Declarer led a trump to the jack and ruffed a club high, but when West showed out, South had to go down one. Although he could reenter dummy with the heart king and establish dummy's last club by ruffing, there would be no entry to dummy to cash the good club.

Of course, had South gotten lucky, he would have succeeded. The clubs might have divided 3-3 — a 36 percent chance — but they didn't.

The plain fact, though, is that South did not adopt the best percentage play. He should have made allowance for a 4-2 club division as well as the 3-3 possibility. This would have raised his chances to better than 80 percent.

After taking the ace of diamonds, he should have played a low club from dummy, not the ace. Upon regaining the lead, he could then lead a club to the ace and ruff a club high, reenter dummy with a trump and ruff another club high, establishing dummy's fifth club. Declarer would then draw trump, ending in dummy, and discard a spade on the jack of clubs to make the contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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SUDOKU

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		4						1
		9						3
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		8	7					
				6	8			7

Level: Intermediate

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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!

4	1	5	3	6	9	8	7	2
2	6	7	5	4	1	3	8	9
3	8	7	2	5	4	6	9	1
1	2	5	7	8	4	6	3	9
8	7	4	2	1	6	3	9	5
6	5	3	4	2	1	9	7	8
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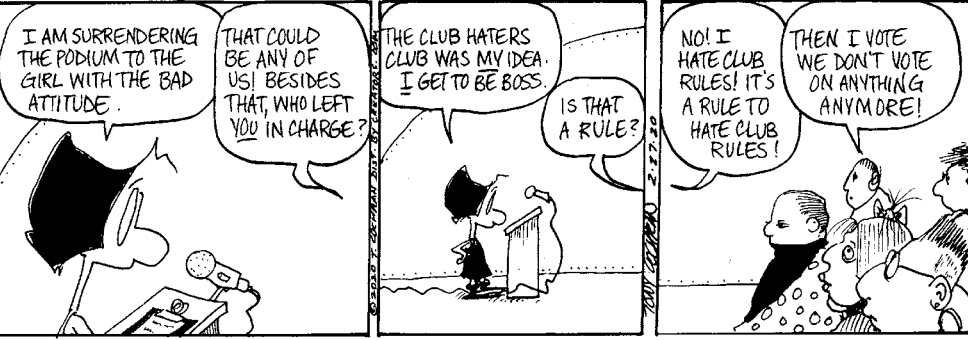
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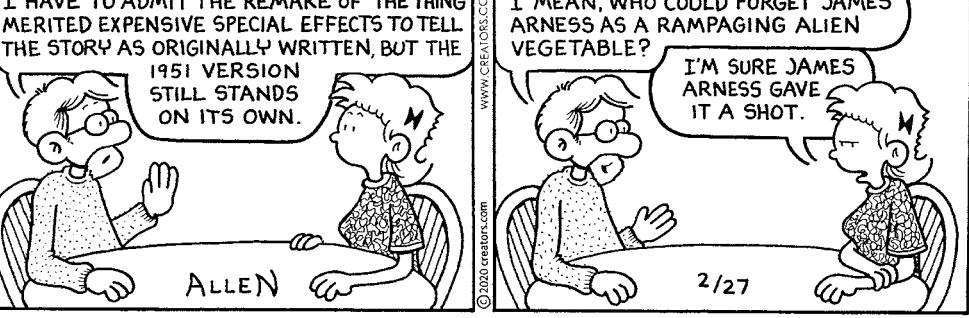
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2020. There are 308 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 27, 1922, the Supreme Court, in *Leser v. Garnett*, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.
 On this date: In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.
 In 1814, Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in F major, Op. 93, was first performed in Vienna.
 In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag (RYKS'-tahg), was gutted by fire; Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties.
 In 1939, the Supreme Court, in *National Labor Relations Board v. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp.*, effectively outlawed sit-down strikes.
 In 1943, during World War II, Norwegian commandos launched a successful raid to sabotage a German-operated heavy water plant in Norway. An explosion inside a coal mine near Bearcreek, Montana, killed 74 miners and one rescue worker. The U.S. government, responding to a copper shortage, began circulating one-cent coins made of steel plated with zinc (the steel pennies proved unpopular, since they were easily mistaken for dimes).
 In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.
 In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)
 In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until the following May.)
 In 1982, Wayne Williams was found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area over a 22-month period. (Williams, who was also blamed for 22 other deaths, has maintained his innocence.)
 In 1991, Operation Desert Storm came to a conclusion as President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, and Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight, Eastern time.
 In 1998, with the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's

House of Lords agreed to end 1,000 years of male preference by giving a monarch's first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first-born son.
 In 2002, at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, Alicia Keys won five prizes, including song of the year for "Fallin'"; Irish rockers U2 won four Grammys, including record of the year for "Walk On"; album of the year went to the "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" soundtrack.
 Ten years ago: In Chile, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake and tsunami killed 524 people, caused \$30 billion in damage and left more than 200,000 homeless. Steven Holcomb drove USA-1 to the Olympic gold medal in four-man bobsledding in Vancouver, ending a 62-year drought for the Americans in the event.
 Five years ago: Actor Leonard Nimoy, 83, world famous to "Star Trek" fans as the pointy-eared, purely logical science officer Mr. Spock, died in Los Angeles. In Tyrone, Missouri, Joseph Jesse Aldridge, 36, a man who authorities said might have been unhinged by the death of his ailing mother, was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after apparently killing seven people in a house-to-house shooting rampage. Boris Nemtsov, a charismatic Russian opposition leader and sharp critic of President Vladimir Putin, was gunned down near the Kremlin.
 One year ago: President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un projected optimism as they opened high-stakes talks in Vietnam about curbing Pyongyang's pursuit of nuclear weapons. In testimony to a House panel, Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former lawyer, cast Trump as a racist and a con man who had used his inner circle to cover up politically damaging allegations about sex, and who had lied during the election campaign about his business interests in Russia. The House approved a measure requiring federal background checks for all firearms sales and transfers, as a handful of Republicans joined Democrats in the first major gun control legislation considered by Congress in nearly 25 years. (The legislation was not taken up by the Senate.)
Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 90. Con-

sumer advocate Ralph Nader is 86. Actress Barbara Babcock is 83. Actor Howard Hesseman is 80. Actress Debra Monk is 71. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 66. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 63. Actor Timothy Spall is 63. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 60. Country singer Johnny Van Zant (Van Zant) is 60. Rock musician Leon Mobley

(Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals) is 59. Basketball Hall of Famer James Worthy is 59. Actor Adam Baldwin is 58. Actor Grant Show is 58. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 55. Actor Noah Emmerich is 55. Actor Donal Logue (DOH'-nuhl LOHG) is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 49. Rock musician Jeremy Dean (Nine Days) is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Roderick Clark

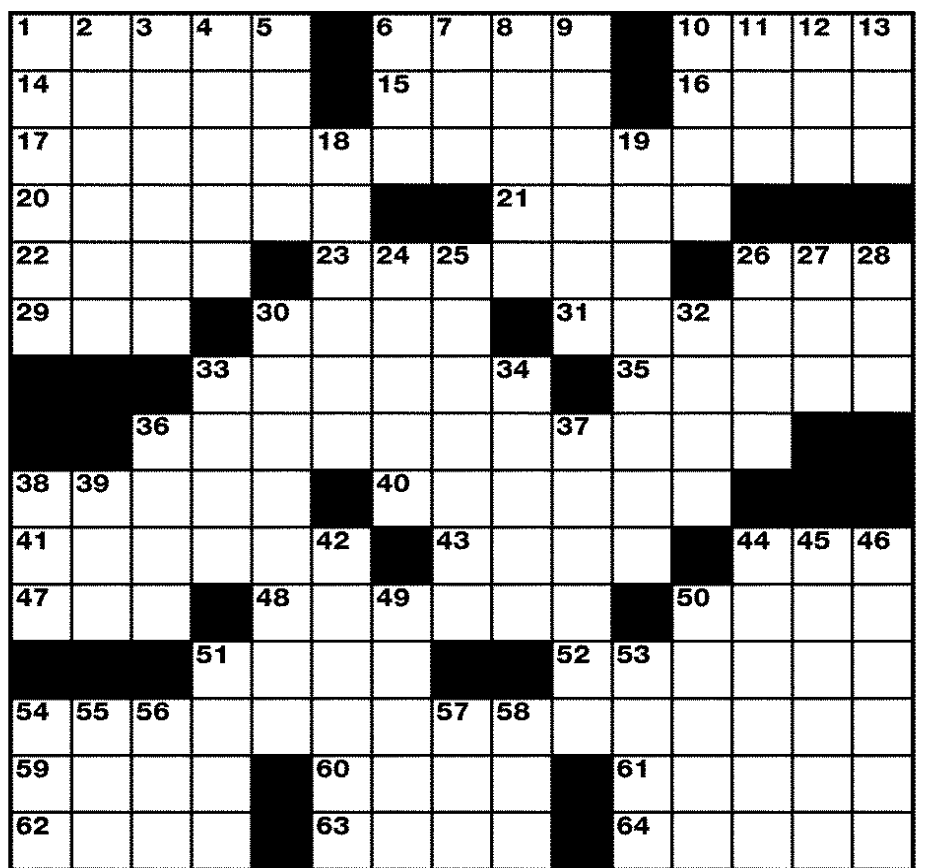
is 47. Country-rock musician Shonna Tucker is 42. Chelsea Clinton is 40. Actor Brandon Beemer is 40. Rock musician Cyrus Bolooki (New Found Glory) is 40. Rock musician Jake Clemons (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobby Valentino is 40. Singer Josh Groban is 39. Banjoist Noam (cq) Pikelnly is 39. Rock musician Jared Champion (Cage the Elephant) is 37. Ac-

tress Kate Mara is 37. TV personality JWoww (AKA Jenni Farley) is 34. Actress Lindsey Morgan is 30.
Thought for Today: "I am indeed rich, since my income is superior to my expenses, and my expense is equal to my wishes." — Edward Gibbon, English historian (1737-1794).
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Newsday Crossword

BREAKING 62 ACROSS by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
 1 Group of species
 6 Peak southeast of Olympus
 10 Setting for a treadmill
 14 Embellish
 15 "If I may speak . . ."
 16 Sailor's salutation
 17 Small plane's power
 20 Poor penmanship
 21 "Why would ___ to you?"
 22 Hippie gathering
 23 With a toothache, say
 26 Wall calendar rectangle
 29 NFL gains
 30 Natural successor
 31 Raiment
 33 Windsor Castle dogs
 35 Standing tall
 36 "Heaven forbid!"
 38 Puppy
 40 Hot right now
 41 Danny of *Do the Right Thing*
 43 Folded fast food
 44 Fleeting fashion
 47 *Fresh Air* network
 48 High-latitude luminosity
 50 One of Agatha's sleuths
 51 Ending like -let
 52 Sicily's highest point
 54 SAT standard equipment
- DOWN**
 1 Fitzgerald antihero
 2 Elicited
 3 Actor encouraged by Bruce Lee
 4 Metropolitan
 5 Put something over on
 6 Gondola accessory
- 7 MAX rival**
8 Old photo tone
9 Bedelia of kiddie lit
10 Errand runner
11 Tuna at a luau
12 Negative aspect
13 Needle hole
18 Nail extractor
19 Home-game giant
24 Bats' prime time
25 Before
26 Restrictive regimen
27 Shape of a smile
28 Nevertheless
30 Dorm cooker
32 Gift horse recipient
33 Honeycomb section
34 Pickle portion
- 36 Oblique glance**
37 Set up tents
38 Tired-looking
39 Femur's upper terminus
42 Left in the dust
44 Big bucks backer
45 Golf pro Sorenstam
46 Merchant
49 Back in style
50 First Daughter before Malia
51 Abba of Israel
53 Part of SAT
54 Opposite of paleo-
55 Diamond authority
56 Montreal Mrs.
57 Verbal deftness
58 Poetic homage



SUPPORT

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Being a member of NHS requires a certain level of time commitment. There are service projects to complete and meetings to attend. I'm not sure how many sports your grandson plays, or what his schedule is like, but maybe he just didn't have enough time in the day.

You're probably screaming, "Time?! This is the National Honor Society we're talking about!" But please, hear me out. One of the best ways for young athletes to achieve the ever-elusive "full scholarship" is by doubling up on athletic and academic money.

Outside of football, basketball, gymnastics and tennis, there's no such thing as a full scholarship in collegiate athletics. And in the smaller classifica-

tions—like Division II and NAIA—it's even hard for those four sports to offer full rides.

So maybe your grandson is hedging his bets. Maybe he's realized there's only so much time in a day, and he's splitting that time between athletics and academics in hopes of earning multiple scholarships. Maybe that's why he turned the National Honor Society down.

Maybe not.

The only way you'll know for certain is if you talk to him about it. Just be sure to choose your words carefully. The last thing you want to do is be a loud-mouth about it.

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Doncic, Porzingis power Mavericks by slumping Spurs, 109-103

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks were not rattled when a disastrous start to the fourth quarter threatened to dismantle a game they thoroughly dominated to that point.

Having Luka Doncic and Kristaps Porzingis on offense tends to ease such tension.

Doncic had 26 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds, and Porzingis added 28 points and 12 rebounds as Dallas powered past the San Antonio Spurs 109-103 on Wednesday night.

Doncic had his 13th triple-double of the season, giving him 21 for his career to tie Jason Kidd for Dallas' franchise record.

Doncic, who turns 21 on Friday, shrugged when told of the record. He was happier the Mavericks overcame a rough start to the final quarter and snapped a four-game skid in San Antonio.

"It's tough to play here," Doncic said. "You can see we're learning. It's not always going to be perfect, but we're learning."

Dallas is 13 games above .500 for the first time this season.

DeMar DeRozan had 27 points, nine assists and eight rebounds to lead the Spurs, who lost for the seventh time in nine games after going 2-6 on their annual Rodeo Road Trip.

The Mavericks scored only one point in the first six minutes of the final quarter, threatening their dubious league record of two points scored in a quarter in 1997.

Trey Lyle's 3-pointer with 6:16 put the Spurs up 90-89, their first lead since the opening minute of the first quarter.

Losing the lead roused Dallas, who outscored San Antonio 18-7 over the next four minutes to regain control.

"They picked up the heat on defense," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "We didn't execute the way we had been earlier in the game, and they made a run. We had to respond, and we did."

Doncic and Porzingis combined for 11 points, five assists and two rebounds in the final six minutes of the fourth.

San Antonio forward LaMarcus Aldridge sat out with a sore right shoulder, missing his bobblehead giveaway night. Marco Belinelli added 14 points and Lonnie Walker IV had 12 points while starting in place of Aldridge.

The Mavericks, Porzingis and Doncic particularly, quickly took advantage of the Spurs' smaller lineup.

"It's just experience playing with each other and getting to know each other and little details about the game," Porzingis said of playing with Doncic. "I feel like also me playing at the five now more I'm more involved with him in the pick and rolls and not standing around on the perimeter as much. I'm more involved rolling, popping (and) then I have the option to pick what I want to do and play off of Luka. We have a better rhythm now."

Porzingis and Doncic combined to score the Mavs' first nine points.

Porzingis scored 16 points in the first quarter on 3-for-4 shooting, including a 27-footer that stunned the crowd. Dallas led 36-20 at the end of the period.

The Spurs shot 29% in the first quarter and finished three points shy of their season low for scoring in the opening period.

"I think the game plan that I came out with was poor, and they took advantage of it in the first quarter," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "And we turned it over nine times in the first half. So, that got us in a hole, but you know they're a hell of a team and I'm really proud of the effort and stick-to-itiveness"

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Dallas' last victory in San Antonio was Jan. 29, 2017. ... Willie Cauley-Stein missed the game for personal reasons. ... Boban Marjanovic shared a long hug with Spurs assistant coach Tim Duncan before the start of the second half. Marjanovic spent his rookie season with the Spurs.

Spurs: Lyles picked up his third technical foul of the season with 6:35 remaining in the third. Lyles yelled and demonstratively demonstrated how he didn't make contact on a foul he was whistled for. ... San Antonio's season low for points in the first quarter is 17 against Miami on Jan. 15.

WORKING ON WALKER

After playing limited minutes to start the season, Walker made his fourth start.

He started the game defending Doncic, who was limited to nine points in the first half.

"He's getting minutes and he's figuring things out," Popovich said of Walker. "He's understanding more and more what it takes, be solid more than anything at both ends of the court. It takes time, but he's guarding a heck of a guy in Mr. Doncic tonight. All those are great lessons for him."

UP NEXT

Mavericks: At Miami on Friday night.
Spurs: Host Orlando on Saturday night.

NFL, players move closer to new CBA, but deal not done yet

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL and its players have moved closer to a new collective bargaining agreement and the next decade of labor peace that would come with it.

If the process is at first-and-goal now, though, there's still work to be done to get into the end zone.

With a late-night vote, on the slim majority approval of the 32 team representatives, the NFL Players Association was preparing Wednesday to send the current CBA proposal to the full union membership for potential ratification. There was no immediate word on how quickly that decisive vote would be conducted.

Last week, the owners flashed their thumbs up with a majority-vote approval of the agreement that's a product of 10 months of negotiations with a 17-game regular season the most significant change.

"There will be white smoke when there is white smoke," NFLPA President Eric Winston told reporters in Indianapolis during the NFL scouting combine. "The one thing we're not doing is rushing through this thing. Every 'I' will be dotted, every 'T' will be crossed, and when that happens, that happens."

The NFLPA's 11-member executive board initially voted down the proposal last week by a slim majority, an indication of mixed feelings within the ranks that count more than 2,000 players. Though a simple majority of votes cast among the membership is the only requirement for ratification, plenty of players have spoken in opposition to the current proposal.

Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, one of the team reps, revealed on Twitter that he cast one of the votes against. The 17-game season needs to come with more workplace and workload concessions to players, he said.

"Although I do see that there are many things in the proposal that improve the lives and care for past, present and future NFL players, there are issues with others," Rodgers wrote on his verified account.

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson sounded the alarm more bluntly.

"We should not rush the next 10 years for today's satisfaction," Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson tweeted Wednesday as he declared he'd vote no and, in a familiar refrain from NFL players over the years, referenced the benefits and protections of NBA and MLB players as benchmarks for the NFLPA to aim for.

Winston responded to Wilson on Twitter: "No one is rushing into anything. We have spent the last 300 days listening to our guys and negotiating this deal."

The owners have so far indicated disinterest in reopening negotiations. The current CBA expires after the 2020 season, but getting a deal done so far ahead of time would give the league better leverage with the various television networks and media platforms in negotiating deals for a new round of broadcast rights.

"The league is doing so well financially that both sides recognize the cost of a work stoppage," said Gabe Feldman, professor of sports law at Tulane University in New Orleans. "In years past, where either the owners or the players were fighting for fundamental changes in league structure, it was worth it to battle to the bitter end and potentially have a work stoppage. But now where the pie is so large and they have an opportunity to grow it even larger, the stakes are a bit different."

When talks stalled during the previous iteration of CBA discussions, the league wound up initiating a lockout at the start of the 2011 league year. Players disbanded the union in order to sue the NFL in federal court, before the two sides ultimately came together that summer and struck the deal for the current CBA without any games lost and just a slight delay for the opening of training camps.

According to a person with knowledge of the negotiations, speaking on condition of anonymity because of their confidential nature, the NFL and the NFLPA agreed Wednesday to operate the offseason for now under the provisions of the current agreement until a new CBA is ratified.

That's important because of certain, unique rules for the final year of the CBA, including how teams can use franchise and transition tags on players whose contracts have expired. The window for tagging will open Thursday, two days later than originally scheduled, and close the week before free agency begins March 18. If a new CBA is enacted before then, the new rules would supersede the old ones.

"If there's a CBA done, we can do certain things, and if there's not, we're going to play under these rules and we can do these things," Detroit Lions general manager Bob Quinn said at the combine. "So we have kind of two scenarios that we always look at. We put potential guys that we might go after, put them in both buckets and kind of see how they kind of shape up in terms of contracts. But as you know, the negotiating period is a couple weeks away, so we'll kind of see what the market is on some of these positions we'll go after."

Cowboys put free-agent plans on hold because of CBA deal

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Stephen Jones continues to play the waiting game — just like every other NFL team executive.

Until they get answers, nobody is ready to move.

While the Dallas executive vice president made it clear Monday he wants a long-term commitment with quarterback Dak Prescott, intends to re-sign receiver Amari Cooper and hopes to bring back cornerback Byron Jones all before they become free agents, the uncertainty over next season's league rules has essentially put everything on hold.

"We're going to have some challenges. And certainly with Dak and Amari and that's going to shrink (cap space) in a hurry," Jones said. "It's going to be something that we're going to have see if there's a CBA or if there's not a CBA. If there's not a CBA, things will get a lot tougher because of the rules."

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