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City of Big Spring, Salvation Army provided water distribution



Courtesy photos
 In an effort to help meet the needs of those residents who were without water for extended periods of time, due to recent water main breaks, the City of Big Spring and the Salvation Army held several distributions this past week. Residents were able to stop by and grab a case of water.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

agement and the State of Texas held water distributions the past couple of days. In addition, through the support of Delek, the Salvation Army was also able to hold a couple of

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Coahoma recognizes 212 students

Special to the Herald.

Coahoma Junior High would like to present our 212 Students! These students were chosen by their teachers for great leadership qualities!

Areyanna Loe is a 6th grader who likes volleyball, sewing, and drawing. Her favorite food is mexican. Areyanna would like to become a lawyer after high school.

Robbie Gonzales is a 6th grader likes to play football and considers sports to be his hobby. He loves porkchops and would like to attend college to play sports after high school.

Jayden Henderson is a 7th grader who loves playing sports! His favorite food is chicken strips, and he would like to attend the University of Oregon after graduating high school!



Courtesy photo

Arreyanna Loe, Jackson Best, Jayden Henderson, Mikey Hernandez, Robbie Gonzales, and Sandra Montoya were recently recognized at Coahoma Junior High as the 212 Students.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center anticipating vaccine reallocation

Herald Staff Report

Vaccine clinics have been taking place across Howard County, on a fairly routine basis for the past month or so. Scenic Mountain Medical Center received the first round of vaccines - about 800 - to be distributed and since then has not received an allocation.

Through the support of Midland Health, SMMC received a re-allocation of vaccines were more Howard County residents were able to take advantage of the vaccines. Due to the recent unusually low temperatures and snow, the second dose distribution was rescheduled.

As of Tuesday afternoon, SMMC announced that they are currently expecting a reallocation of vaccines from Midland Memorial within the week. A community clinic could be held Thursday and Friday if the

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This Day in History: Looking at a moment in Big Spring



Special to the Herald

Col. Allen Morris

It was on February 24th, in 1908, that the U.S. awarded its first airship contract to Capt. Thomas S. Baldwin. The request for bids on a lighter-than-air airship had been made by the Chief Signal Officer several months earlier.

Baldwin received this government contract just 3½ years after he had made the first successful U.S. made airship flight in his California Arrow, which he had exhibited at the St. Louis World's Fair on Halloween in 1904.

It was not too long before the US military had a small fleet of airships and one, the USS Shenandoah, made a cross-country display of her abilities in October of 1924. In the photo, you

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Upcoming Events

Large Item Pick Up District 2 Today

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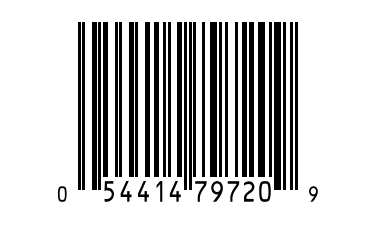
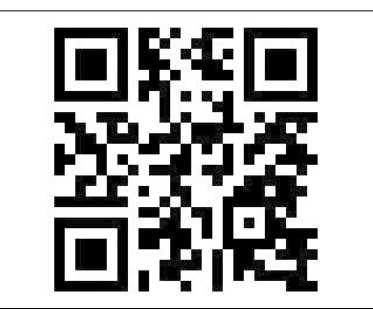
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Obituaries

Peggy Joyce "Burnett" Christian

Peggy Joyce "Burnett" Christian, 79, of Big Spring, passed away, Feb. 21, 2021, surrounded by her family.

The family will be having a gathering at their home Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 after 12 p.m. at 5712 Ranch Road 33 in Big Spring.

She was born Sept. 7, 1941 in Stanford, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Ethel Burnett; husband; brothers.

Survivors include sons: Johnny D. Christian of Stewart, Tennessee, Ted Christian of Llano, Texas, Billy W. Christian of Big Spring, Texas, Donny R. Christian of Portland, Oregon, Tommy G. Christian of Big Spring, Texas; 11 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and counting; as well as numerous other family members and friends.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **EDDIE WHITE**, 28, of 1512 Stallings Road, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **NEZIAH XAVIER TURNER**, 22, of 2607 Dow Drive, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana greater than four ounces and less than or equal to five pounds, warrant from other agency (x2).
- **DAVID WAYNE OBRIEN**, 41, of 5807 Walter Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700; 1400 block of E. 18th Street.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 600 block of S. Lancaster Street; 2600 block of Barksdale Drive.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1200 block S. Gregg Street; 1600 block of Stadium; 100 block of S. Main Street.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of W. FM 700; area of NW 12th Street and Hwy 87.
- **ALARM** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster Street.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 100 block of E. FM 700.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors.

Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Dow. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in 1700 block of S. Lancaster. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Princeton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 600 block of Lancaster. No transport required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Stadium. No transport was required.

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Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony Association has kicked off the 39th season. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, but patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at www.bigspringsymphony.org or local ticket vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum, The Karat Patch or the CVB office. Students are admitted free. Performance adjustments have been made due to Covid-19 to assure the health and safety of everyone. Patrons are asked to arrive early and ushers will seat them in six foot social distance format. Everyone needs to wear a mask upon entering the facility. There are still two performances left: March 20 will be the Music of Queen 'Bohemian Rhapsody' featuring Jeans n' Classics and April 24 will be Pops Extravaganza The Texas Tenors

• The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request that individuals holding events and persons attending

events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.

• All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021. We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.

• West Texas Centers will be hosting the 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes in February. Adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place

Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.

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

• The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

WATER

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distribution days as well.

The Big Spring Emergency Management Team along with the City of Big Spring requested the water support from the State of Texas. Due to the current situation of the city being under a boil notice, the distribution of water was one way the City could provide a little bit of relief for the residents.

The Big Spring Fire Department opened up Fire Station 1 as the distribution location for the Tuesday event, and residents were able to get water cases from the Big Spring Police Department/Law Enforcement Center and each of the fire stations on Monday.

"Each car that drove through was able to get two cases of water if they wanted," Fire Chief Craig Ferguson said. "The water distribution came as a support effort from the State of Texas, after we requested due to the current water situation."

The Salvation Army - through a partnership with Delek - was able to hand out six pallets of water, which broke down to 300 cases of water to residents. Each family that came through was able to pick up a case of water for free. The distribution took place over a two day period in order to try to make it accessible to the community.

"We knew it would be helpful for the community," Charlsie Godwin, Lt. at the Salvation Army of Big Spring, said. "Delek offered the water and we wanted to help. We teamed up and together we were able to make it happen."

Volunteers from the Boys and Girls Club, as well as the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County gathered to help distribute the water, in a Covid-19 safe manner.

The Howard County Resource Center also distributed water on Tuesday afternoon.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

HISTORY

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can see the USS Shenandoah as she visited Big Spring. The photographer was at the corner of South Main and Third street looking northeast. The Staked Plains Masonic lodge is

visible in the right side of the photo and this "Cleaned Up" photo is in the museum collection of the Freemasons, who are still active in the building shown.

Your comments and questions are always welcome, encouraged, and appreciated. You can write to me at Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@gmail.com

Jerry Read, 67, Big Spring, died Friday, February 19, 2021. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10:30 AM Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Nancy Brownfield, 85, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity.

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Jackson Best is a 7th grader who loves burgers, basketball, and soccer! He plans to join the Air Force when he finishes high school.

Sandra Montoya is an 8th grader whose favorite food is ramen noodles! She enjoys listening to music, drawing, playing soccer, and just having fun! After high school she plans to attend college but has not decided which one yet.

Mikey Hernandez is an 8th grader who loves chicken nuggets! His hobbies include football, track, and basketball. He truly loves football! His dream is to go to college and make it in the big league or to pursue real estate.

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reallocation comes through. More information will be distributed through local media channels.

The CDC continues to recommend people receive a second dose of Covid-19 vaccines as close to the recommended interval as possible; Pfizer-BioNTech should be around 3 weeks and Moderna about 4 weeks. The CDC's updated guidance was recently revised to allow for a second dose administration up to six weeks after the first if it is not feasible to adhere to stay within the recommended guidelines. CDC is not advocating people to delay getting their second dose if possible, but data from the clinical trails support this range, according to SMMC administration.

SMMC does not currently have vaccines on hand, but is expecting more to arrive this afternoon. When another allotment from DSHS or a reallocation from regional partners occurs, information will be distributed through the community. More information can also be found at <https://www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine>.

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The Coahoma Bulldogs faced Midland Classical Academy on opening night



HERALD photo/Dustin Pope

Kobe Cervants fires a pitch for the Bulldogs against Midland Classical.

By Dustin Pope

Herald Sports Writer

It was Opening Night for the Coahoma Bulldog Baseball team this Tuesday, Feb 23.

The Bulldogs would take on Midland Classical Academy. The game would take place at the Bulldogs' home field.

Kobe Cervantes would take the mound for the Coahoma bulldogs to start the 2021 season. Cervantes was throwing heat from the first pitch of the game; The bulldog had a very efficient first inning of work, striking out two and only allowing one run. It was now time for the Bulldogs to have their turn at the plate. Billy Baily would lead off the game by taking a walk. Two batters later, Kobe Cervantes would come to the plate and drive in the first run of Coahoma's season. That tied the game at 1 to 1. Nick Gonzales would take a base on balls, as would the next batter Billy Star. With the bases loaded, it would be Bryan Martinez who stepped into the box and knocked in a 3run bases-clearing double, increasing the lead to 4 to 1 after the first inning.

Cervantes would return the mound in the second, enjoying the benefit of a three-run lead. He had a tremendous 2nd inning of work, keeping Midland Classical swinging and missing as he would strike out the side. The Bulldogs would pick up right where they left off with the bats. They would match the scoring from the first inning by again scoring four runs stretching the lead to 8 to 1 after two innings.

The third inning would go much like the first two for the Bulldogs pitcher as Cervantes would

once again not allow a run to cross the plate. The Bulldogs would end the third inning keeping the same score of 8 to 1.

The fourth inning would be Cervantes last inning of work, and he would keep his momentum rolling, not giving up a run once again. The Bulldog pitcher would finish the night with four innings pitched, Striking out eight on the night. The Bulldogs failed to add to the total in the bottom of the fourth, carrying a lead of 8 to 1 into the fifth.

As the fifth inning began, Midland Classical worked the walks and got men on base. The walks turned out to be costly for the Bulldogs. Midland would score six runs in the inning, closing the gap to a 7 to 8 lead for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs kept trying showing effort and determination but would end the inning maintaining a one-run lead.

To start the sixth, the bulldogs would settle down, getting through the first two batters of the inning.

Unfortunately, Midland would once again push over a run tying the game at eight all. The Bulldogs would get their chance in the bottom of the sixth; they would be able to get a runner on but could not push him across the plate. Keeping the game tied up at eight.

Both teams would head into the seventh inning, knowing that the game was in the balance. The Bulldogs were not going to give up the young



HERALD photo/Dustin Pope

Brenner Gartman giving a thumbs up for the Bulldogs.

team showing the grit and determination you have grown accustomed to if you are a Bulldog fan. Coahoma would not give up a run, leaving a chance to win the game heading into the bottom of the seventh. The Bulldogs would do a great job making the pitcher work extra hard in the seventh, but they could not get a runner on, and the inning would end with a tie score of 8 to 8.

This would mean that it was on to extra innings to find out who would win this game. Heading into the eighth inning, it was Midland who was able to get a runner on. That runner would eventually go on to steal home plate. That steal of home would go on to be the game-winner for Midland Classical Academy. Even though the result may not have been what the Bulldogs would have wanted, it was a learning experience for the young team. I am sure the young men on this team will rebound and have a fantastic season in front of them.

Big Spring Powerlifting teams compete in Eldorado

By Dustin Pope

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Steers powerlifting teams traveled to Eldorado this past weekend Sat, Feb 21.

Both the boys and girls team would compete.

After a week full of frozen temps and school closures, it was time for the Power Lifting teams to take the stage. The lady steers have finished in the top three in every event of the year, and this would be no different as the young women would finish third. In the 132 could Division, Gisselle Holguin would take seventh place, and Valerie Hernandez followed tenth. The 145-pound class featured Alandra Juarez, who came in fourth. Melanie Aguilar followed right behind her with a fifth-place finish.

The 165 division would be April Caldwell capturing a fifth-place finish, followed by her teammate Adali Hernandez who finished in sixth. Amaiya Hernandez rounded out the division by finishing ninth. The lady steers had three competitors in the 181-pound class and would have all three young lady's finish in the top five. Xylanase Walker came in second, Abewi Delgado finished fourth, and Kayen Johnson would finish in fifth. Rebecca Rodriguez would finish third in her class of 220. It was Jhaniah Johnson who would win her 259 division, taking the top spot.

The lady Steers ended up with nine qualifiers for the Regionals. Jocelyn Gonzales, Jhaniah Johnson, Ashlin Calvino, Xilanae Walker, Gisselle Holguin, Rebecca Rodriguez, Kayen Johnson, Abewi Delgado, and Valerie Hernandez will all get their chance to compete in Monahans on Mar 6.

The Boy's team would take first place in the

meet. Making it the third team Championship of the year. Conner Andrae finished first in his weight division of 132. Josh Lopez continued the hot streak taking the top position in the 148 divisions. He would be followed by Kenny Richardson with a second-place finish. Phillip Martinez would come in third, and Jack Hamby would round out the steers competitors at that division, finishing fifth. In the 181 class, the Steers had three competitors in this division. Shawn Mendoza took second place, Karl Karabanoff placed fifth, and Anthony Gonzalez placed eighth. That would bring up Rogelio Cervantes, who came in the second spot in his division of 198. Kyle Warren finished fourth. Raleigh Eddington rounded out the Steers's dominance by taking a second-place finish in his class of 242.



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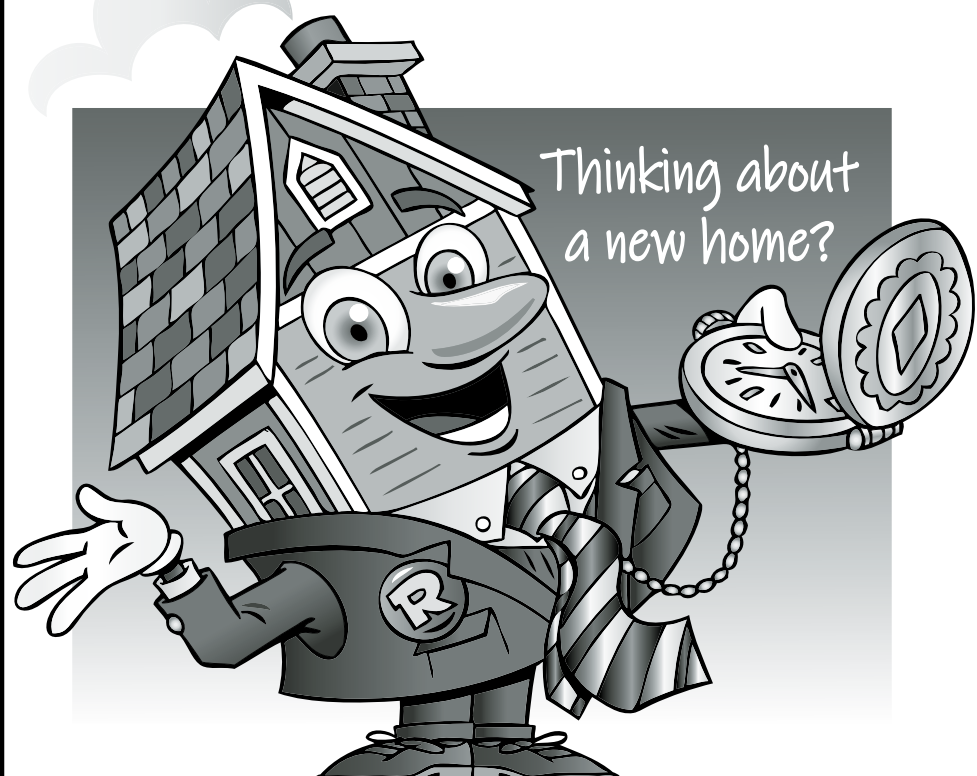
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Gain versus loss

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 5
♥ 8 2
♦ A J 9 6 4
♣ A 10 3

WEST
♠ K 8 3
♥ 10 7 4
♦ 8 3
♣ 9 7 5 4 2

EAST
♠ J 10 9 4 2
♥ J 9 6 3
♦ K 5
♣ K 8

SOUTH
♠ A Q
♥ A K Q 5
♦ Q 10 7 2
♣ Q J 6

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — four of clubs.

Experience shows that when a side has 26 points or more in the combined hands, a game can nearly always be made. But mere possession of these points doesn't mean the game is automatically awarded to the side that has them. There is first the question of selecting which game to bid, and then there is the question of how declarer manages his assets.

Take this case where West led a club and declarer played low from

dummy, losing the finesse to East's king. Back came the jack of spades, the queen losing to the king, and a spade continuation drove out the ace.

When declarer then tried his third finesse — this time in diamonds — East won and cashed his spades to put South down two.

The hand shows how easy it is to fall victim to habit. It is admittedly tempting to finesse West's opening club lead, but declarer should put up the ace more quickly than he can say Rumpelstiltskin. Taking the ace assures the contract, while taking the finesse jeopardizes it. The finesse should therefore be rejected.

If South were dealing only with the problem of winning the maximum number of club tricks, he would of course finesse. But that is not his assignment. He is trying to make three notrump, and he should not allow himself to be diverted from that goal by the opportunity to take a club finesse. Instead, he should take the ace of clubs, cross to the ace of hearts, lead the queen of diamonds and finesse.

If the diamond finesse loses, South has nine tricks. If it wins, he has at least 10 tricks. The 30 points he may gain by winning a club finesse are a drop in the bucket compared to the value of making a game.

Tomorrow: A positive approach.

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SUDOKU

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

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

ANSWER:

Mars/Pluto Earth Sign Trine

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone is expecting you to pull a rabbit out of your hat, and can you blame them? You've done this trick before to astonishing effect. Now for the key question: What's in it for you?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll get props. These are probably deserved, but you won't feel that way. Even if you think you haven't earned this respect and admiration, don't deflect it. A simple thank you is all that's needed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Go with the momentum. Resist the urge to make a thing perfect or start over the "right" way... this is just fear talking. Keep going; you'll be able to build on what you have. Work what's working.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's the reason why you like each other, and then there's the (SET ITAL) real (END ITAL) reason why you like each other, and they are seldom the same reason. The relationship will thrive in awareness and service of the real reason.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The title of a poem by Paige Lewis reads, "In the Hands of Borrowers, Objects Are Twice as Likely to Break." The notion holds true today, so be neither a borrower nor a lender.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are

needed for your talents. In some ways, you are indispensable. And while it feels good to do something that another cannot, it's also a lot of responsibility that could get burdensome if held for too long.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's absolutely brilliant to have something, and it's absolutely brilliant to not have it. Each is its own kind of brilliance. Not worrying about a loss or gain... that's liberation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Now, more so than last week, you get attached to the thing you do routinely. Use this to your advantage by adding that one thing you want to be a part of your daily life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone you admire is having a regular roller coaster of a time lately. Following someone so unpredictable is an adventure that, in a weird way, makes you feel grounded by comparison.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What clear and poignant observations have you -- and now for someone to tell them to... it's true they

Tomorrow's Horoscope



would be wasted on someone close to you. For now, preserve and save them just for you.

excitement. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 18, 44, 38 and 9.

COSMIC QUESTION: "Do you think it's unreasonable to ask the teen I hire to babysit my 7-year-old not to use her cellphone while she's working? My other friends don't seem to care. My husband says it's just how things are now. But I can't stand for my daughter to have that kind of example to look up to. And I'm an Aquarius!"

Your Aquarian ease and love of technology stops right at the point where technology interferes with human interest. Your child deserves to have a distraction-free interaction with the babysitter. Your babysitter is also a child, and you are not doing her any favors by teaching her that it's fine to be constantly on her cellphone in a professional setting. As an employer, it's your responsibility to communicate your expectations. Here's some verbiage you might try: "We have a no-phone policy for babysitters, except, of course, in the case of an emergency or to talk with your parents or us. Our child looks up to you, and we are counting on you to set an example of being fully attentive to others."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are aspects of you, caused by your sensitivity, that you sometimes want to change. There's nothing wrong with these parts of you, but they make certain situations more difficult. Instead of changing, create workarounds.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 24). You didn't think it was a burden at the time, and yet a responsibility will come to its natural ending place, and suddenly, you're free to enter an era of discovery and exploration. It's as though the color dial has been turned up in your worldview and life comes at you with overdue vividness and

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Annie's Mailbox

When Sharing Reconnects People

Dear Annie: My husband has been insulin dependent for 56 years and must avoid COVID-19, so I have stayed at home during the past 10 months, away from people as well. One morning, I wrote how I felt and then decided to post it on Facebook. I was right -- many people were feeling the same way. The responses I received were so heart-warming. The ones from my son, who is 40, and from a friend for 50 years were my favorites. Here's my post:

"Where did I go? I was here a minute ago.

I seem to have lost myself. After 70 years of hard work I found myself and now, poof, I'm gone. Figures, it's like everything else -- I get the house clean, I get all the laundry done, and a couple of days later I have to do it all again. But I really wasn't prepared to lose myself.

"Where's the laughter? Where's the fun? Where's the helper, the creative one? Where's the thinker? The funny girl? The leader, the organizer? Gone, like that.

"After almost a year of isolation, I realize that I am defined by my family and by my

friends. Without them, I can't find me. If you see me, will you let me know, please, before I am gone forever."

My friend's response: "Oh, I found you, Glynda. You were in my heart the whole time!"

My son's response: "I see you every day. Even when I'm not looking. I see your humor in my kids when they make each other laugh. I am reminded how lucky I am when I watch Katie mother them because I know I was shown the same love as a child. I know the value of good cooking because you are an amazing cook. I have solid values and integri-

ty because you showed me that it is important. I see me and see you, even when I'm not looking and that makes me smile."

What more can I ask for?! -- Feeling Grateful

Dear Feeling Grateful: Thank you for sharing your reflection during this very difficult time. Your feelings of isolation are shared by millions around the world. But as you point out, though we might be physically distant from our loved ones, we are never truly alone. People are always connected through love and communication with

others. Remember, this isolation will not last. It is only temporary, and we are on the road to recovery.

Dear Annie: Your recent letter about charities sending thank-you notes along with a solicitation for more money prompted me to write. Not only am I frustrated with that, but also I am frustrated with the almost weekly mail I get asking for donations. I am tempted to stop sending any money if they are only going to use my donation to send out more solicitations. I prefer to make one suitable donation a year. Yesterday, I received three letters from the same

charity. I am tired of filling the trash with their letters. -- Tired of Solicitations

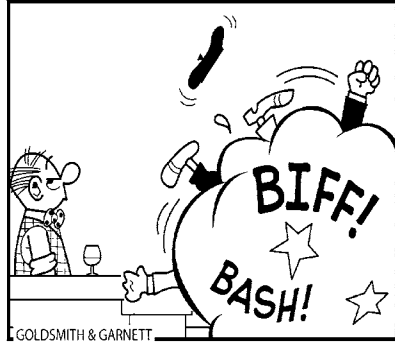
Dear Tired of Solicitations: Many of you wrote in with similar complainants. No one likes to be bombarded with solicitations after you have recently given. I'm printing your letter so that charities take note of their contributors' frustrations. It has to be said that most of these charities are doing wonderful work. Try and keep the end goal in mind: to help those in need.

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

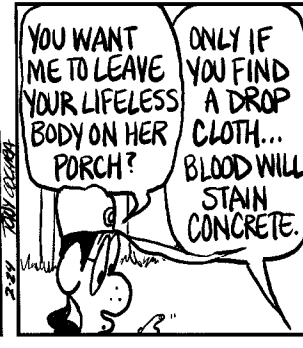
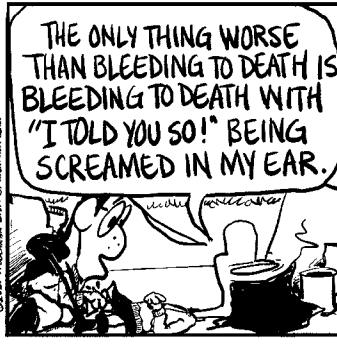
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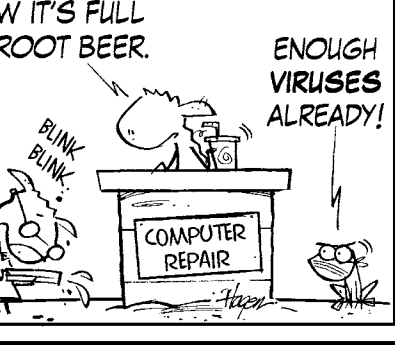
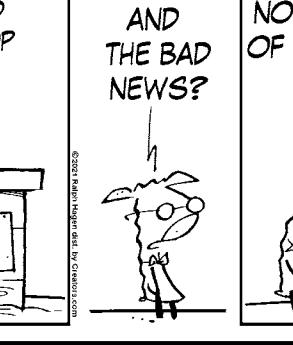
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2021. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson by a vote of 126-47 following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date:

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1815, American engineer and inventor Robert Fulton, credited with building the first successful commercial steamboat, died in New York at 49.

In 1938, the first nylon bristle toothbrush, manufactured by DuPont under the name "Dr. West's Miracle Toothbrush," went on sale.

In 1942, the SS Struma, a charter ship attempting to carry nearly 800 Jewish refugees from Romania to British-mandated Palestine, was torpedoed by a Soviet submarine in the Black Sea; all but one of the refugees perished.

In 1961, the Federal Communications Commission authorized the nation's first full-scale trial of pay television in Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1981, a jury in White Plains, New York, found Jean Harris guilty of second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower. (Sentenced to 15 years to life in prison, Harris was granted clemency by New York Gov. Mario Cuomo in December 1992.)

In 1988, in a ruling that expanded legal protections for parody and satire, the Supreme Court unanimously overturned a \$150,000 award that the Rev. Jerry Falwell had won against Hustler magazine and its publisher, Larry Flynt.

In 1989, a state funeral was held in Japan for Emperor Hirohito, who had died the month before at age 87.

In 1993, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (muhl-ROO'-nee) resigned after more than eight years in office

In 1996, Cuba downed two small American planes operated by the group Brothers to the Rescue that it claimed were violating Cuban airspace; all four pilots were killed.

In 2008, Cuba's parliament named Raul Castro president, ending nearly 50 years of rule by his brother Fidel.

In 2015, the Justice Department announced that George Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watch volunteer who fatally shot Trayvon Martin in a 2012 confrontation, would not face federal charges.

Ten years ago: Discovery, the world's most traveled spaceship, thundered into orbit for the final time, heading toward the International Space Station on a journey marking the beginning of the end of the shuttle era.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama nominated Carla Hayden, longtime head of Baltimore's library system, to be the 14th Librarian of Congress; Hayden became the first woman and the first African-American to hold the position. An Indianapolis man was convicted of murder, arson and insurance fraud for his role in a 2012 house explosion that killed two neighbors and devastated a subdivision. (Bob Leonard was sentenced to two consecutive life prison terms without parole, plus 70 years.) Surgeons at the Cleveland Clinic performed the nation's first uterus transplant on a 26-year-old woman, using an organ from a deceased donor. (However, the transplant failed.)

One year ago: The White House sent lawmakers a \$2.5 billion plan to respond to the coronavirus; it was immediately slammed by Democrats as insufficient. Wall Street endured its worst session in two years, with the Dow industrials slumping more than 1,000 points on fears that the viral outbreak would weaken the world economy. Police manned checkpoints around sealed-off towns in northern Italy. Former Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein was convicted in New York on charges of rape and sexual assault against two women. Friends and family of Kobe Bryant joined 20,000 fans in mourning the NBA superstar at the

Los Angeles arena where he played for 17 seasons. Kobe Bryant's widow sued the companies that owned and operated the helicopter that crashed and killed Bryant and the couple's 13-year-old daughter in January. Katherine Johnson, a mathematician who calculated rocket trajectories and earth orbits for NASA's early space missions, died at 101; she'd been portrayed in the 2016 film "Hidden Figures," about pio-

neering Black female aerospace workers. Adventure novelist Clive Cussler died at the age of 88.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Dominic Chianese (kee-uh-NAY'-see) is 90. Opera singer-director Renata Scotto is 87. Singer Joanie Sommers is 80. Actor Jenny O'Hara is 79. Former Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., is 79. Actor Barry Bostwick is 76. Actor Edward

James Olmos is 74. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 74. Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 71. Actor Debra Jo Rupp is 70. Actor Helen Shaver is 70. News anchor Paula Zahn is 65. Baseball Hall of Famer Eddie Murray is 65. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 63. Actor Mark Moses is 63. Actor Beth Broderick is 62. Actor Emilio Rivera is 60. Singer Michelle Shocked is 59.

Movie director Todd Field is 57. Actor Billy Zane is 55. Actor Bonnie Somerville is 47. Jazz musician Jimmy Greene is 46. Former boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. is 44. Rock musician Matt McGinley (Gym Class Heroes) is 38. Actor Wilson Bethel is 37. Actor Alexander Koch is 33. Actor Daniel Kaluuya (Film: "Get Out") is 32. Rapper-actor O'Shea Jackson Jr. is 30.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
1 Charitable donations
5 Most unfavorable
10 Stop up, as a drain
14 Manner of walking
15 Just ___ (very slightly)
16 Tortoise racer in a fable
17 Actress Watson or Thompson
18 Command to an attack dog
19 "Victory is mine!"
20 Take a batter out of a lineup
23 "With all ___ respect..."
24 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
25 Point opposite WSW
26 Org. for tooth pros
29 Historical period
31 Keeps from happening
33 Lion's comment
35 "The way things stand..."
38 Lead a committee session
44 Brought about
45 Operatic solo
46 Not for kids, as a film
49 Swampy ground
52 Program downloaded
53 Ostrich's Aussie cousin
54 Contents of printer cartridges
57 Unruly crowd
59 Reduce unpleasant effects
64 Alternatively

- 65 Fast-spreading, as a Web video
66 Assist in wrongdoing
68 Auction off, say
69 Send in a paperless return
70 Apple's center
71 A ___ in the right direction
72 Transplant, as a houseplant
73 Well-honed
DOWN
1 Ripen
2 Young sheep
3 Nonspeaking performer
4 Get off a sofa
5 Laundry appliance
6 Leave out
7 Nouveau ___ (recently wealthy group)

- 8 "Stainless" alloy
9 Preset document format
10 Plant growing on a ceramic "pet"
11 Attorney
12 Show the ropes to
13 Literary categories
21 Theater signal
22 What you might say after "C'est"
26 Curved line
27 Homer Simpson's shout
28 Small cylindrical battery
30 Oohs and ___
32 "¿Cómo ___ usted?"
34 Sukiyaki side dish
36 Meet with
37 Website with film facts

- 39 Halves of diameters
40 Fruity pastry
41 Keogh plan alternative
42 Tiny bite
43 Narrow opening
46 Courtroom break
47 Lucky charm
48 Rough struggle
50 Egggy brunch order
51 Wad of gum
55 Steak-cutting implement
56 Plane's landing area
58 Chess piece color
60 Assistance
61 Angelic light
62 Woodwind instrument
63 Used to be
67 Low card in a royal flush

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-73 indicating starting positions for clues.

Answer to previous puzzle
BERET BLY SKIES
ALAMO RAY TOOTH
KITTYHAWK ISTOO
ESS WOW ENCHANT
KILNS IKE
SANITY PONYRIDE
CLOTH PIPE FLAX
ROTC FADES ROMA
UHOH AGED RAVEL
MAKEOVER HONEST
NCO STEAK
MAESTRO HAD TAT
ASPIE KEEPTRACK
STINT RAM AUDIO
SOCKS ARE READS
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