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Food 2 Kids continues to serve up meals to Big Spring students

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The pandemic has caused a lot of events to be cancelled, reduced fundraising opportunities and even resulted in decreased business for many locally owned shops. However, one thing Covid was not able to cancel was the need that exists in a community and desire for the community to meet that need. Food2Kids - like many others - had to make some adjustments with the pandemic, but the mission to ensure Big Spring students don't go hungry over the weekend continues.

"Just because we aren't gathering to prepare the food sacks the students are still getting food sacks," Pam Steel, President of Food2Kids Big Spring, said. "The food is distributed on Friday's to help ensure the students have meals over the



Food 2 Kids may look a little different this ship with Big Spring ISD has past year, but the purpose is the same - to been an important foundafeed kids - and the mission is being completed tion for the program's success. through the support of donations.

weekend while out of school."

Food2Kids began their mission in Howard County in 2013 and have been expanding their reach since. The program currently serves 354 students across five campuses Moss, Marcy, Goliad, Kentwood and Big Spring Intermediate - in the Big Spring school district. While the Forsan and Coahoma campuses are not serviced through this program, Forsan ISD recently opened a Food Pantry and one is in the works at Big Spring High School, to help

According to Steel, the number of students served has decreased over the past year. The Courtesy photo Food2Kids program's partner-Through the support of BSISD administration and staff at each of the served campuses, the students

further meet the need.

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safe haven in a topsy turvy world



ously, at Trinity Baptist Church in an effort to mains the same though. The ones who come enjoy the games stay active and socialize, even in the midst of a and fellowship for a few hours one afternoon a week. Somepandemic.

By DEANNA BURNETT

Herald Contributing Writer

In addition to Worship services and weekly ministries, Trinity Baptist Church also has a place for its members and their friends to come and relax during the week. There is a gamesters' room where they go on Tuesday afternoon to play Mexican Train dominoes. The gamesters have been meeting for a number of years since before 2000. are many ways to play Mexican Train Dominoes but the ones who play at Trinity play the same version they have for years. A woman named Louise Griffin started the gamesters in the old church on Eleventh Place.. There was a room

in the old church where tables were set up and at that time games were on Thursdays. It was a great way for the older generation (and some younger) to have a way to fellowship and play games. Many of the ones who started with Louise have now gone on to Heaven. In addition, the gamesters used to get together with another group call Finished Strong at Trinity Baptist which was headed by Bob Underwood. They would take trips and have big dinners, and celebrate holidays together. Some of the trips taken were to the apple orchard in Ida Lou, the Ragtown Gospel theater in Post, and trips with others in the church to Branson, Eureka Springs and Dollywood. Those were good days and many attended. Many gamesters have come and gone through the years. Courtesy photo They have either moved away, had conflicting interests, CO-A group of card players meets, and has continu- VID break, or were promoted to a higher place. One thing re-

> one volunteers each week to bring some kind of food or dessert.

At some point after the church moved to their new location on FM 700, some of the gamesters decided to move down the hallway to a new room and play Canasta. They found new people who liked to play the card game and they also meet on

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Covid-19 update

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has seen a drastic decline in Covid-19 testing and positive results. More vaccine clinics are being scheduled for those wishing to receive the vaccine or are needing to receive the second dose. More information can be obtained by visiting scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.

> Howard County has reported as of 03/24: • 2997 positive cases

- 100 Covid-19 fatalities
- 46 Active cases
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Gregg Street Clinic 2301 South Gregg St Big Spring, Texas 79720 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m, Monday - Friday

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center issues April Covid-19 vaccines dates

Special to the Herald

Shannon Clinic

SMMC

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will host three drive-thru vaccination clinics in April for 1st doses on the following dates:

1st Doses - Monday, April 12 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. 1st Doses - Monday, April 19 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. 1st Doses - Monday, April 26 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

The drive-thru clinics will be held at Scenic Mountain Medical Center - Whatley Plaza (North Driveway Entrance on Martin Luther King Blvd) located at 1601 W. 11th Place in Big Spring. In addition to the drive-thru vaccine clinic dates above, those eligible may also schedule 1st doses by appointments. To schedule, call 432-268-4729. If you reach the voicemail, please leave a message regarding your interest in sched-

uling a COVID-19 vaccine and a staff member will follow up to schedule a date and time for your vaccine.

Effective March 29, all adults in Texas are eligible to receive the vaccine. The Texas Department of State Health Services expects vaccine supplies to increase next week, and providers in multiple parts of the state have made great strides in vaccinating people in the current priority groups. The state's Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel recommended opening vaccination to everyone who falls under the current Food and Drug Administration emergency use authorizations to protect as many Texans as possible. For more information, visit www.scenic-

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Obituaries

Nancy "Mamas" Ashley, 79, Nancy "Mamas" Ashley, 79,



died Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be Thursday, March 25, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Services will be Friday, March 26, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Snyder Cemetery in Snyder, Texas.

Nancy was born on July 14, 1941 in Correll.

She is survived by two daughters: Kimberly Moss and Ann Llorente; one son: Larry Fletcher; one brother: Sonny Adams: two sisters: Claudie Anderson and Cynthia Cole; 19 grandchildren; and 44 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Ruby Lee and J.R. Adams, she was preceded in death by her husband: Darrell "Tinker" Ashley; one son: Russell "Pug" Fletcher; and one daughter: Becky Terry.

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

grandchildren. Susan was a devoted Christian; she enjoyed reading her Bible, participating in church activities and listening to gospel music.

Survivors include her husband Rodney Mc-Clintock of Merkel; daughter Beth Borrego and husband Pablo of Merkel; grandchildren Gilbert, Trubi, Olivia, and Witten Borrego all of Merkel; brother David McNary and wife Pat of Tool, TX; brother-in-law Arden Jemmott and wife Liz of Reed's Spring, Missouri; sister-in-law Sheryl Mc-Clintock of Irving, TX; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

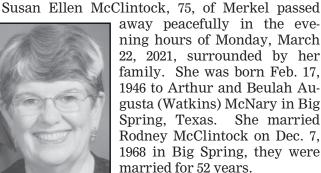
Susan was preceded in death by her son Jamie McClintock; her parents; and her brother-in-law Kenneth McClintock.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, 2021 at Starbuck Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at First United Methodist Church in Merkel at 1:00PM Saturday, March 27, 2021. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Dr. Joseph L. Tadvick, Dr. Hayan Moualla, the staff at Hendrick Medical Center and Hendrick Hospice Care for all of their love and kindness shown toward Susan.

Paid Obituary

Susan Ellen McClintock



Susan attended school in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High in 1964. She went on to graduate from Hardin Simmons University in

1969 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music. In 1986 Susan became a Teacher's Aide in Special Education at Merkel High School and later went back to Hardin Simmons where she received a Special Education Certificate, she went on to teach Special Education for 20 years at Merkel High School. She retired

Susan loved singing, playing the piano, directing the choir at church and spending time with her

Stephen "Steve" Milikien Stephen "Steve" Milikien, 76, of Big Spring, died

Sunday, March 21, 2021. View-



1944 in Anthony. He began a career with the Federal Bureau of Prisons at La Tuna in Anthony. He advanced and later retired as a purchas-

ing agent with the Federal Correctional Institution in Big Spring. After his first retirement, he worked as a purchasing agent for the City of Big Spring and retired a second time. He loved working on trucks, rebuilding comput-

ers and fixing all appliances. He was an all-around handyman. He loved to work with his hands and was the "king of honey do's".

He is survived by his wife: Sandra Milikien of Big Spring; two sons: Woodrow "Woody" Milikien and wife Joyce of Alabama and Steven Webb and wife Keitha Webb of Gilmer; four daughters: Melissa "Mel" "Missy" Granberry of Tyler, Jessica Marada "Raider" "Baby Girl" Walker and Troy Wilson of Granbury, Robbie Mitchem of Big Spring, and Christie Jackson of Gilmer; 16 grandchildren: Breanna McEwen and husband Cody McEwen, Christopher "Chris" Milikien, Autumn Taylor Gray and husband Kerry Gray, Alora "Grace" Granberry, Elyssa "Faith" Granberry, Terrin Walker, Kanyon Walker, Kassidy Walker, Tori Hughes, Alex Hughes, Nolan Hughes, Sam Griffith, Sydney Griffith, Nicole Griffith, Kendall Webb, and Henry Webb; two siblings: Loy Dell Doty of El Paso and Timothy "Tim" Bert Milikien and wife Diana Milikien of El Paso; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his first wife: Barbara Ernesteen Mason Milikien of Shallowater. He was preceded in death by his parents: JL and

Hazel Milikien of El Paso; and one sister: Norma L. Milikien of El Paso.

Pallbearers will be Woodrow "Woody" Milikien, Troy Wilson, Christopher "Chris" Milikien, Kanyon Walker, Timothy "Tim" Bert Milikien and Curtis Milikien.

Paid Obituary

Larry Steen, Sr.

Larry Steen, Sr., 79, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 19, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021. Funeral service will be at Myers & Smith Chapel at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Larry was born Feb. 7, 1942, in Rowland, NC to Edith and Ellard Steen.

He is survived by his two children: Jack-

ie Steen of Big Spring and Larry Steen Jr. of Portland; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; five sisters: Daphne Moser, Pennie Steen, Tela Brooks, Mary Vargas, and Susan Locklear.

He was preceded in death by two brothers; and two sisters; and one great granddaughter.

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Walton Scott Lyte

Walton Scott Lyte, 76, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 9, 2021. At Walton's request, no funeral services will be held.

Walton was born on Aug. 8, 1944 in Chicago, IL.

He is survived by three sons: Marcell Shields, Shawn P. Fisher, and Walton Lyte, Jr.; and four daughters: Latrice Hughes, Temple Smith, Tiffany Boyd, and Shaniqua Rideaux; and 17 grandchildren.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the area of NW 12th and N. Lamesa.
- HIT AND RUN was reported in the 1400 block of S. Owens Street.
- ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the area of 15th and Gregg.
- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the LEC • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the
- 1100 block of N. Bell Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.

• FRANK ANDREW MONTEMAYOR, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of burglary of habitation (x3).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity: • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 800 block

- W. I-20. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block
- of N. Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2600
- block of Ent Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2400
- block of Morrison. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block of Jeffery Road. One person was transported
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of Kinsey Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- OUTSIDE STORAGE was reported in the area of E. I-20. The fire was contained.



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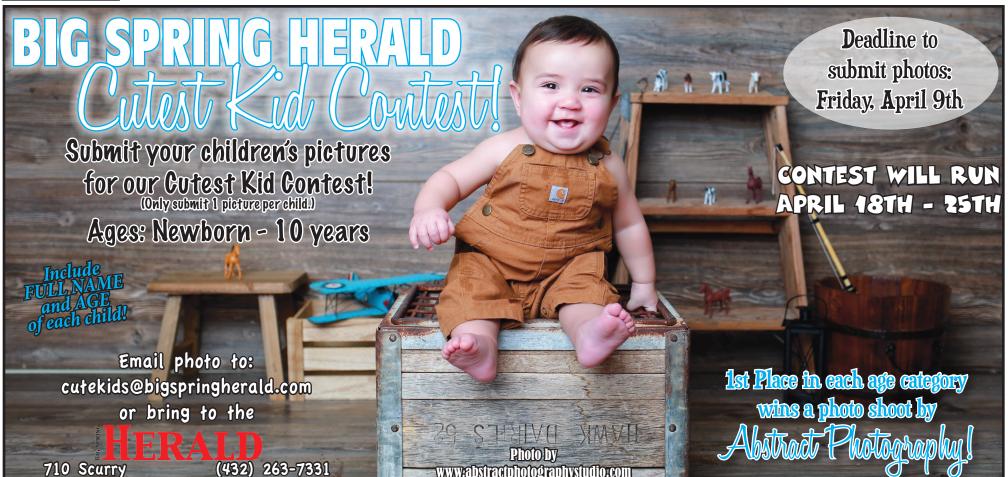
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Today: Sunny, with a high near 70. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 48. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east in the evening.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 81. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 48.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 78.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

Sunday: A slight chance of rain after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

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

FOOD

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are able to be identified and food sacks are able to get where they are needed. "We will get with

West Texas Food Bank

over the summer and discuss a plan moving forward for the next school year," Steel said.

She added, "We miss our community involvement. We miss getting together with our community and making this a community wide effort."

Donations to Food 2 Kids Big Spring are used to purchase the pre-packaged food sacks from West Texas Food Bank. Each sack costs about \$6 and ordering is done a month at a time. The West Texas Food Bank serves as the most efficient and economical way to provide weekend food sacks to the elementary-age children served in Big Spring. Every dollar donated to Food 2 Kids Big Spring is used to help the children of Big Spring.

At the onset of the 2020-2021 school year, the West Texas Food Bank informed Food2Kids Big Spring program and other surrounding programs, that there was a distributor who was willing to put the sacks together to help alleviate the issue of not being able to gather volunteers. The sacks are distributed directly to the campuses and teachers distribute to the students. For those who would

like to find out more about Food2Kids or

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know a child who is in need of a weekend food sack not currently receiving one, more information can be found online at www. food2kidsbigspring. com. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 1641, Big Spring, TX 79721

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Larry Steen, Sr., 79, died Friday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Stephen Milikien, 76. died Sunday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will be 1:00 PM Friday at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Nancy Ashley, 79, died Tuesday. Visitation is 9:00 AM until 9:00 Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2:30 PM Friday at Snyder Cemetery, Snyder, Texas.

Marcos G. Rocha, 90, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Walton Scott Lyte, 76. died Tuesday. No funeral services will be held.

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Marcos G. Rocha

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- 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.
- · 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 topics presented (with workbook support);

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Card players gather together for laughter and fun to keep a routine amidst a pandemic.

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Tuesday afternoon. Everyone chips in to bring food and desserts. Although the numbers fluctuate there is much fun and laughter to be found at Trinity on Tuesday afternoon whether you like dominoes or Canasta. Trinity Baptist also allows a bridge

club to come on Thursday afternoon and use the gamester's room. Before COVID came along, there were 3 ½ to 4 tables on most Thursdays. There is now 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and it is slowly building back up. There is a signup sheet for the weekly dessert or snack. It gives a place for these ladies to meet and enjoy an afternoon of relaxation and getting away from anything go-

ing on in their world. Although this group has also been depleted from moves, death, and COVID, the ladies are looking forward to getting it back together in 2021. There is another bridge club in town but the one at Trinity Baptist has incorporated beginners and the people who have been playing bridge for a number of years teach them. The group is always open to someone coming in to see if this would be a good fit whether they are new at it or have played bridge for years. Nevertheless, Trinity Baptist is a safe haven, in an otherwise chaotic world, where people can talk, laugh, and play a game that a lot of them have enjoyed for years. All of these groups have friendly faces that welcome you in.

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HHSC updates visitation rules for long-term care facilities expands in-person visits at nursing facilities

AUSTIN - The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is expanding visitation statewide in nursing facilities and other long-term care settings, effective today. Per federal guidance issued March 10 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, fully vaccinated nursing facility residents are now allowed close, in-person visits with family members and friends who are not designated essential caregivers, as long as proper safeguards

"Safely visiting with family and friends is vital to the mental health and well-being of long-term care residents," said Victoria Ford, HHS chief policy and regulatory officer. "We are so pleased these new rules will allow residents to enjoy in-person visits with a wider circle of loved ones.

For nursing facilities, these updated visitation rules give providers additional flexibilities in accordance with the new federal guidelines.

While continuing to follow all protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including the wearing of face masks, Texas nursing facilities can now permit: • close/personal contact during any visitation for fully vaccinated residents.

 outdoor visitation at all facilities, even when the facility has an outbreak.

• up to two essential caregivers at the same time to visit a resident with any COVID-19 status.

 all visitation without time limits, while adhering to infection prevention and control measures.

 end-of-life visits for all residents regardless of their COVID-19 status in all nursing facilities, with an expanded definition of end-of-life visits that now includes all residents receiving hospice services; residents at or near the end of life, with or without hospice services; and residents whose prognosis does not indicate recovery.

Nursing facilities no longer need to:

- · monitor visits or escort visitors to and from the
- visitation area. limit indoor visitation to areas with a plexiglass barrier or booth.
- require documentation of a negative COVID-19 test result for essential caregiver or salon services

In addition to nursing facilities, HHSC expanded visitation allowed in assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, and Home and Community-based Services providers. The new rules also remove certain administrative requirements for providers, such as the rules to have staff monitor certain visits and escort visitors to and from a vis-

For more information about how HHSC is helping Texans affected by COVID-19, visit the HHSC

Texas Water Action Collaborative formed to invest in impactful conservation efforts along the upper Trinity River

Special to the Herald

In celebration of World Water Day, a coalition of industry, nonprofit, and governmental organizations today announced the launch of the Texas Water Action Collaborative (Tx-WAC). The group will work to invest in efforts along the Upper Trinity River that yield positive return for water quality and quantity.

"Texas' population of 29 million people is expected to double by 2050, putting pressure on the state's land, water, wildlife, and infrastructure. Now more than ever, innovative and collaborative partnerships between industry and conservation organizations are critical to conserve, restore, and maintain Texas' diverse and bountiful natural resources as well as economic leadership," said Joni Carswell, CEO at Texan by Nature.

Leading conservation organizations for the collaborative include Texan by Nature (TxN), Trinity River Authority (TRA), Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"NRCS helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners conserve the nation's soil, water, air, and other natural resources. All programs are voluntary and offer science-based solutions that benefit both the landowner and the environment. Working side by side with our partners and customers, we identify natural resource concerns, such as water quality and quantity issues, soil erosion, air quality, wetlands, and wildlife habitat, and develop unique solutions for restoring and protecting these resources," said Kristy Oates, NRCS state conservationist for Texas.

Molson Coors Beverage Company is joining as a corporate partner and using its previous work with NRCS as a template to guide corporate funding opportunities and develop proposals for conservation organizations' projects and programs that need further development and funding in the Upper Trinity River region.

"Clean water is a critical element to human health, a balanced environment, and, as it turns out, great tasting beer," said Kim Marotta, senior director of Global Sustainability for Molson Coors. "That's why Molson Coors has been involved in restoring water to the Trinity River basin for the past decade. Since 2012, Molson Coors, Tarrant Regional Water District, and the NRCS have been able to provide close to \$9 million in collective funding assistance to Texas farmers and ranchers to improve the water supply for more than 45 percent of state users. Through collective partnership, we have restored an estimated eight billion gallons of water to the watershed, and we look forward to scaling our impact by working with more organizations through this collaborative."

Along with Molson Coors, Coca-Cola and Bonneville Environmental Foundation's (BEF) Business for Water Stewardship Program have worked together to bring many of the private-sector funders to the table that are listed below, with additional companies interested in joining Tx-WAC.

"To balance the water contained in our beverages, we support more than 60 replenishment projects in watersheds and communities throughout the U.S.," said Jon Radtke, Water Sustainability Program manager at Coca-Cola North America. "As part of our 2030 Water Strategy, we are prioritizing action in the areas with the highest risks and vulnerability to our shared water resources, such as the Upper Trinity River Basin. This collaborative will allow us to leverage collective expertise and support to achieve greater results at scale while securing a sustainable water future for the region."

"The Brazos-Trinity basin is home to several of PepsiCo's food and beverage manufacturing sites, which

ply. We remain invested in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and other regions across Texas to provide future water security, and this group will allow us to share best practices among our peers to help meet our shared goals for water sustainability," said David Allen, vice president, Sustainability, PepsiCo Foods North America.

Founding TxWAC companies and conservation organizations include:

- Molson Coors Beverage Company Frito-Lay North America and Pep-
- siCo Beverages North America Coca-Cola North America and Co-
- ca-Cola Southwest Beverages Keurig Dr Pepper
 - LimnoTech
 - EcoLab
- · Bonneville Environmental Foun-
- Natural Resources Conservation Service - Texas
 - Tarrant Regional Water District
 - Trinity River Authority

Texan by Nature

The Trinity River Basin extends 715 river miles and drains 18,000 square miles before emptying into Trinity Bay near Anahuac. Approximately 7.5 million people in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex depend on the Trinity River water supply for domestic, industrial, and agricultural use. In addition, the downstream population of 6 million people, including the city of Houston, depend on this water source and are directly impacted by the actions of upstream users. The desired result efforts is a win-win for conservation and business and will catalyze impactful conservation

efforts throughout the region. The collaborative is currently sur-

and investment matching methodology that will create a model which can be replicated along the entirety of the Trinity River and other river systems across the state. additional corporate partners, con-

veying interested parties, developing

best practices, metrics, proposals,

Texan by Nature will work with servation organizations, and local communities on developing project proposals as well as the matching process for partners.

Businesses and conservation organizations that operate in the Trinity River Basin that would like to get involved should contact Taylor Keys at taylor@texanbynature.org for more information.

A small prayer by K.Rae Lord, may we focus on our friendship with you.

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The announcement by state health officials Tuesday adds Texas to the rapidly growing list of states that are making the vaccine available to all adults. The drastic expansion for the state's nearly 30 million residents will begin Monday.

"We are closing in on 10 million doses administered in Texas, and we want to keep up the momentum as the vaccine supply increases," said Imelda Garcia, chairwoman of the state's Expert Vaccine Allocation

For the past two weeks, Texas has been the nation's largest state with no coronavirus restrictions after

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott repealed a mask mandate that has divided businesses and lifted limits on restaurant and retail occupancy. Hospitalizations in Texas have plummeted to their lowest levels

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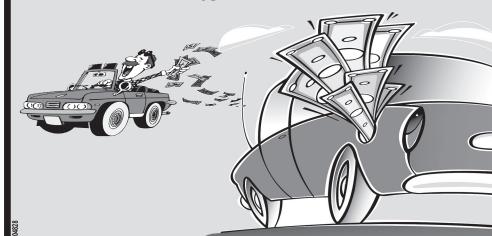
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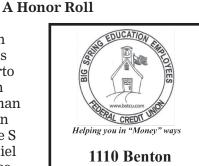
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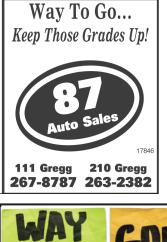
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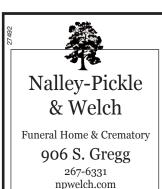
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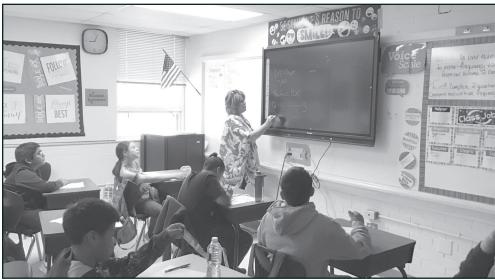


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West Texas VA Health Care System announces stakeholder listening sessions as part of ongoing effort to guide the future of VA health care

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The West Texas VA Health Care System announced today that it will hold a virtual listening session with stakeholders April 23, 2021 to hear from Veterans and the communities VA serves.

This is one of 50 public virtual listening sessions across the country from March through June 2021 to hear from Veterans on how to design a health care system of the future and grow services for Veterans in a way that reinforces VA's role as a leader in the U.S. health care system.

"We want to hear from Veterans and other stakeholders in the communities VA serves, and understand their vision for VA health care," said Jason Cave, Director WTVAHCS "VA's goal is to collaborate closely with Veterans and other stakeholders to build the best VA health care system that meets the needs of Veterans today and for generations to come."

These listening sessions represent an exciting opportunity for Veterans to help VA reimagine how VA delivers care in an equitable, high quality, Veteran-centered manner and develop a plan for investing in VA's aging infrastructure. The feedback will be used to develop the recommendations VA submits to the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission in January 2022. The AIR Commission will also conduct public hearings as part of their review of VA's recommendations before submitting its recommendations to the President and Congress for review and approval in 2023.

To register for the WTVAHCS listening session, please visit https://www. va.gov/HEALTHPOLICYPLANNING/ listening.asp.



Courtesy photos

Pictured above left: Ms. Klug teaching her 5th grade math students integrating tech-

Pictured above right: Ricky Rodriguez, Baleigh Denton, and Catalina Armour doing planks in 5th grade PE being encouraged by their PE coaches. They were competing to see who could last the longest. Coach Cody had to call it at almost 10 minutes since neither of the three were willing to throw in the towel.

Pictured at left: Alexandria Montelongo is our BSI inclusion support. She created a hands on game to review Ecosystems. She is pictured here with a group of Mrs. Edmondson's 5th grade science kids play-

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Howard College Lady Hawks win twin double headers to push record to perfect 14-0

By DUSTIN POPE

The Howard Lady Hawks opened up Conference play this past weekend at Howards' home field, March 19-20. The Lady Hawks took on The Midland Chaparrals in a doubleheader Friday, followed by a doubleheader Saturday against the Odessa College Wranglers. It would not matter who the Hawks played; they went on to sweep all four games over the weekend, bringing their season record to a perfect 14-0 on the season.

The Ladies would open play Friday afternoon

facing Conference rival Midland Chaparrals. They made easy work of Midland, winning by a final score of 14 to 1.

Sophomore pitcher Kristen Martinez took the circle for the opening game of the doubleheader. She had a good first inning. only giving up one run on a solo Home Run by the Chaps. She would then go out to strike out the side. The lady Hawks jumped on the Midland Chaparrals early and often in the first inning, putting up nine runs. Barbora Saviola opened the game in a super-style fashion with a leadoff Home Run. Laela Minnich then worked a walk. She would be followed by Olivia Vargas, who had a hard-hit single. Teyana Timai kept the momentum moving with a double drive in Minnich, giving the Hawks a 2 to 1 lead. Kirsten Martinez then helped her own cause as she had a single driving in another run. Daphne Gregory kept the hit train moving with another single driving in yet another run, making the score 4 to 1. The Hawks were not done as Alyssa Rundell then grounded into a

fielder's choice allowing another run to cross the plate. Barbora Saviola stepped up to the plate for the second time in the inning. She came through with a double to center field, scoring another run to bring the score to 6 to 1. Sasha Willems added on a monster three-run Home run to finish the inning

Enjoying a nine-run lead, Martinez would again strike out the side showing complete control in the Lady Hawks circle. The Hawks continued right where they left off when Treyana Timai started things off with a single to start the second inning. She eventually came around to score when the Chaps committed an error allowing Kristen Martinez to reach base and score. A few batters later, with two runners on, Macey Meraz stepped to the plate and belted another three-run Home Run for the Hawks, extending the lead even further to 14 With a 13 run lead, the Hawks would call off the

dogs, and the game would end in five-inning by the same score of 14 to 1. Martinez would have herself a day as she finished with five innings pitched, giving up one run on four hits and striking out nine on the day.

After a dominant game one, it was time for the second game to kick-off for the Lady Hawks, This game would be a little closer, but the Lady Hawks would still cruise to a 9 to 5 victory.

It would be Sophomore pitcher Jasmine Blizzard getting the start at Pitcher for the Hawks in the double-dip's final game. Midland started this game similar to the first by scoring an early run on the Hawk pitcher, taking an early 1 to 0 lead. The Hawks kept the early inning pressure on the Chaps once again. Leadoff batter Barbora Saviola reached base on an error. Sasha Willems then earned a walk; she was followed by Laela Minnich, who hit a fly ball to Center, where the ball was misplayed, allowing both Saviola and Willems to come across the plate, giving the Hawks a 2 to 1 lead. Olivia Vargas came to the plate with one on and blasted a two-run Home Run to increase the Hawk lead to 4 to 1.

Opening the second inning, the Hawk pitcher

work of Midland, and sat them down in order. Howards hot bats would cool off in the bottom of the second as they could not get much going in the inning, keeping the score at 4 to 1 after two innings

Midland would kind of get things going in the third inning as they could push across two runs in the inning, tightening the game up at 3 to 4. The lady Hawks did get a few runners on board in the bottom of the third, but the offense stalled out



again, leaving the game as a tight one-run lead at 4 to 3 after three innings play.

The game would remain a close, hard-fought game. Howard was able to score a run in the bottom of the fifth inning, giving the Hawks a 3 to 5 lead. In the top of the sixth, the Midland Chaps tied up the game with a two-run sixth inning to make it a 5 to 5 game. In the bottom of the sixth, the Hawks would answer back and score four runs to push the lead to 9 to 5, and it was a lead they would not relinquish as the Hawks would close out the doubleheader by sweeping the Midland Chaps.

The Lady Hawks came back to work the very next day as they had another doubleheader scheduled, this time against another district foe, the Odessa College Wranglers.

Game one of this doubleheader took place Saturday also on Howards' home field. This game became a classic back-and-forth low-scoring battle that came down to the Hawks' final at-bat as they pulled out a victory by a one-run lead of 3 to 4.

Kirsten Martinez received another start after her gem of a game against the Lady Chaps a day earlier. The Sophomore pitcher once again shined in her first inning of work as she worked through the Wranglers lineup with little trouble escaping the first inning with no runs. Leadoff batter Barbora Saviola started this game. She started the first Midland game with a leadoff Home run, giving the Hawks an early lead of 1 to 0.

Her second inning of work for the young Lady Hawk was even more dominant when she struck out the side. The hawks also went down in the order I the bottom of the second, leaving the score at

Martinez had to pitch around some traffic in the top of the third, but once again, she buckled down and did not let the Wranglers piece together any runs. At the bottom of the Third, the Lady Hawks sat down in order again, showing how good the pitching was for the Wranglers to stifle this potent offense.

The Sophomore pitcher showed her grit in the fourth as she sat down the Lady Wranglers in order. Keeping the score at 1 to 0. Laela Minnich leads off the bottom of the fourth with a solo Home

Blizzard enjoyed a three-run lead, made quick Run making the lead 2 to 0 after four innings.

The Wranglers finally were able to get to the young Hawk pitcher in the fifth inning as they scored two runs tying the game up 2 to 2. The Lady Hawks couldn't answer back in their half of the fifth as the game remained tied up at two-all. Heading into the sixth inning of play.

The sixth inning is where this tight game turned into a classic. The Wranglers put up an important run in their half of the sixth inning, taking their first lead of the day by a score of 3 to 2. the Hawks

found there self in a place they haven't been a while heading into the bottom of a sixthinning down in a game. Showing the hawk spirit they always have, they were able to score a crucial run to tie the game at 6, heading into the seventh inning.

So it would come down to this the last inning of the game all knotted up at three apiece. The Hawk's undefeated recorded wained in the balance. The Lady Hawks rode Kristen Martinez's arm in the critical inning, and the star pitcher came through for the Hawks setting down the Wranglers in order. Setting the scene for the Lady Hawks bats to win this game. The inning would not start how the Hawks wanted as the first two batters of the inning both struck out. Immediately down two strikes may be a daunting task for some teams, but not these Hawks. They a resilient. After the first two strikeouts, Macey Meraz reached what could have been an inning-ending error by the Wrangler Second Baseman, allowing the first runner of the inning. Barbora Saviola then stepped into the box and showed amazing

patience by earning a walk to put runners o first and second with two outs. Sasha Willems was next to the plate, and she was hit by a pitch loading the bases for the Lady Hawks. In the bottom of the seventh, two out in a tied game 3 to 3, Laela Minnich stepped up to the plate. She would swing and miss at the first pitch to take strike one. The next pitch was a ball evening up the count at one ball and one strike. Minnich then took a second ball of the atbat, moving the count to two balls and one strike, again, all with the bases loaded. The next pitch would be a called strike evening, the count to two balls and two strikes. Down to her last strike, the Lady Hawk was hit by a pitch from the Wrangler pitcher to walk across the game-winning run and keeping the Hawks unbeaten record alive. This was a close, hard-fought game on both sides, an instant classic.

As if all that wasn't enough, the teams still had one more game to play on the day. This game was good, with the Lady Hawks winning this game by a 10 to 6.

The game would remain scoreless until the bottom of the fourth inning when the Lady Hawks scored 4 runs in the inning; Odessa College answered back with 3 runs of their own in the top of the third, making it a 3 to 4 lead for the Hawks. The Wrangler added two more runs in the top of the fourth, giving them their first lead of the game at 5 to 4. The Lady Hawks answered right back in their half of the fifth inning, scoring three runs of their own, giving the Hawks the lead at 7 to 5. Odessa scored one more run in the top of the fifth, tightening the game, giving the Hawks just a onerun cushion at 7 to 6. The Hawks put up three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to seal the victory

with a final score of 10 to 6. With the win, the Hawks completed the Wranglers' sweep and the Lady Chaps on the weekend. The win gave the Lady Hawks a record of 14 and 0 on the season. The lady Hawks are ranked number 4 in the NJCAA softball rankings.

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Lawyer: Texans QB's assault suits followed blackmail attempt

By JUAN A. LOZANO **Associated Press**

An attorney for Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson, who's accused of sexual assault and harassment in lawsuits filed by 16 women, on Tuesday questioned the allegations against the NFL player, claiming they were made following a failed attempt to blackmail his client for \$30,000.

The women, in lawsuits filed in state court in Houston, accuse Watson of exposing himself, touching them with his penis or kissing them against their will while he got a massage. All of the women who have sued Watson are either licensed massage therapists or worked in a spa or similar business.

Rusty Hardin, Watson's attorney, alleged in a statement that his legal team has "strong evidence" an accusation made by a woman they believe filed one of the lawsuits is false.

In her lawsuit, the woman alleged Watson forced her to perform oral sex during a massage in December and that she "blacked out for a few minutes from the fear" of her encounter with Watson, which left her "terrified."

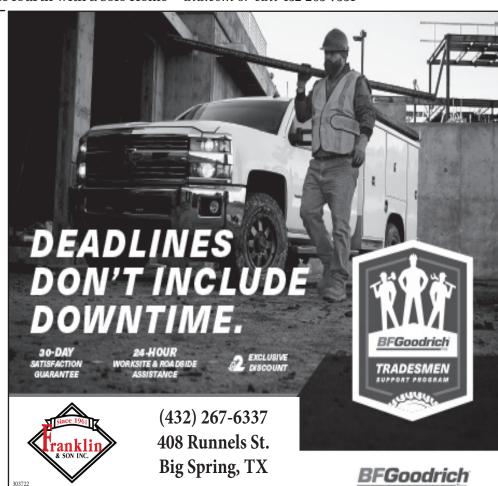
Hardin alleges that in January, the woman demanded \$30,000 in exchange for her "indefinite silence" for a consensual encounter she had with Watson.

Hardin provided a sworn affidavit from Bryan Burney, Watson's marketing manager, who alleged he spoke with the woman, who told him she needed to be paid for her "silence."

In his affidavit, Burney alleges he also spoke with the woman's "business manager" and told him the de-

mand for money "was extortion." "He responded, 'It's not extortion, it's blackmail," Burney said.

Hardin said the attempt to blackmail Watson "calls into question the legitimacy of the other cases as well. "



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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.

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#10832

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Notice of Application for Oil and Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

HighPeak Energy Holdings, LLC. Is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced saltwater or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation which is not productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger Formation in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field of the Mann SWD #1H well, surface location at 325' FSL and 1020' FWL of Section 13, Block 25, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Abstract 754, Howard County, Texas with the Ellenburger Penetration Point at 300' FSL and 1070' FWL same section, block, survey and abstract, Howard County, Texas, and having a final bottom hole location at 2203' FNL & 467' FWL, same section, block, survey and abstract, Howard County, Texas. The surface location of the proposed disposal well is located approximately 13 miles northeast of Coahoma, Texas, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field of Howard County, Texas. The wastewater will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8774 feet to 9460 feet.

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#10829

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic **Beverage Commission for** a Wine Only Package Store Permit (Q) and Beer Retail Dealer's Off- Premises Permit (BF) by Baila Con Dinero LLC DBA Horseshoe #3 to be located at 3315 E FM 700, Big Spring, Texas, Howard County. Officers of said LLC is Dylan Burns, Managing Member.

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0329243 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 19, 2021 Status/Permit No. 867808 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 9, 2021 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: **Drilling Permit Unit** P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV **NOTICE OF APPLICATION** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SABALO OPERATING, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 741939] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit

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A-281, SPRABERRY

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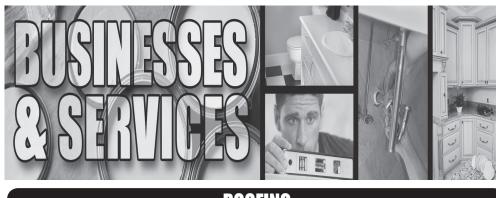
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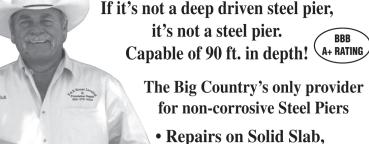
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#10830

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL OIL & **GAS WASTE DISPOSAL** WELL PERMIT

> OGX Operating, LLC P.O. Box 2604, Midland, TX 79702

is applying to the Railroad

Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Formation in its Pasadena SWD, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 6 miles Northwest of Elbow, TX in the Moore Field, in Howard County, Texas. The wastewater will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2610 TVD (2610 MD) to 3345 TVD (7491 MD) feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas

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Emotional Cancer Moon

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things,

21-April 19). Just as the light of the sun encourages the flowers to open up, people take your warmth as an invitation to share their stories, experiences and all the beauty inside to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your instincts, like knives, will be sharpened by scraping the hard, flinty surface of an interesting, immobile-seeming problem. This is the kind of invaluable training that can't be bought.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't have a problem with biting off more than you can chew because you have the equivalent of utensils at your disposal. You have the tools to take a big chunk, and then cut it down the perfect manageable size.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are those you know who seem averse to work and yet still come out ahead. You don't mind working but observe the "lazy strategists" anyway to be sure you're putting effort in where it's necessary and will matter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Often the line between adversary and ally is surprisingly fine. Conflict doesn't an enemy make. Your team is stronger when you include people whose ideas conflict with yours. Diversify for might.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've a creative way of explaining

Tomorrow's Horoscope kindness

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By Holiday Mathis always. and people love to listen to the way you share what you know. Who else needs to know this? Your gift of teaching will augment your fortunes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't worry about pleasing others. They may think they know what they want. Yet, it's something else entirely that will make them happy. You're better off pleasing yourself and letting them catch up later.

24-Nov. 21). Make your presentation smooth and glossy. Getting the extra shine will take about the same amount of time as it took to build the thing to

SCORPIO (Oct.

the level of "pretty good," but it will be worth it to attain that wow factor. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. **22-Dec. 21).** You're an excellent judge of charac-

ter, so follow your sense

about people to determine who will inspire you to stay on-task and in the optimal mood. CAPRICORN (Dec. **22-Jan. 19).** Some would

say you are kind when

but they don't know your

moral code commands

you don't have to be,

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sometimes, the rocky road leads to a beautiful vantage, and sometimes it's a hard road to nowhere. This is something to figure out before you embark. Consult the maps and the seasoned hikers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things can get better on their own, but perhaps not in the time frame you'd like them to. Besides, it's more fun when you know you've had a hand in the improvement.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (March 25). You're inventive and will solve a problem that vexes many. In this regard, you'll carve out a niche for yourself and get a golden ticket to a new realm. It's not a one-shot opportunity though, so don't be too quick to make a deal or be exclusive. Family successes make you proud, too. You'll have plenty to celebrate together! Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40,

1, 11 and 42.

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LIBRA SECRET SUPERPOWERS: Every sign has 'em. For LIBRA:

The Obvious: Libra is a diplomat who can iron out differences between people Libra doesn't even know. This sign has a lightness of view that inspires others to step out of their fixed opinion and consider a less harsh approach to problems.

The Uncanny: Libra can turn anything into art -food, hardware supplies, garbage. Finding the mos interesting arrangement of raw materials is like a compulsion for this sign.

The Weird: Libras are the visual equivalent to supertasters. Instead of having more tastebuds on the tongue, Libra's ocular receptors gather more information from the colors and shapes of the world. That's why this sign tends to have an exceptional sense of style. A lot of what is style has to do with understanding the subtle differences between things.

The Extremely Useful: Libra doesn't easily take offense and can think of argument as a kind of game. It's what makes Libra so good in a courtroom, boardroom or political scenario.

The Quietly Helpful: There is a gentleness to the sign of the scales that comes from believing at a very deep level that no person is more deserving than any other.

> Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.

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Friend Being Abused

Dear Annie: I have a friend, "Raphie," with a wife, "Diana," who has abused him physically and verbally over the years and is very controlling. Many times, I've witnessed dismissive and demeaning ways that Diana treats him.

I know he is not happy and never will be as long as he is married to her. Even if she were to consent to attend marriage counseling with him, I would guarantee that she would never be truthful to the therapist. I know he stays with her because her public image is stellar

and he fears the stigma of divorce.

He and I have never discussed his situation between the two of us, but we have a mutual friend whom he confides in, and this friend has shared some things with me. I'm wondering how I can help Raphie. Any advice? --Frustrated Friend

Dear Frustrated

Friend: Your feelings are understandable. Few things are more frustrating than watching a loved one mistreated by his or her partner. Unfortunately, we can't "save" our friends, but we can support them. Reach out to have more

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one-on-one conversations with Raphie to see how he's doing. This will create a space for him to tell you about his marriage, if he so chooses. You can even try gently steering the conversation toward that topic -- but don't force it. Let him open up or not. Even if you and he aren't talking about the abuse, your presence in his life is important. It reminds him that he's not alone. For more guidance, you can visit thehotline.org or call 1-800-799-7233 to speak with a specialist trained in navigating dynamics around emotional and verbal abuse as well as physical abuse.

Dear Annie: Until the end of last summer. my wife and I had been married 58 years. I lost her very suddenly due to kidney failure. We had many years together of happiness, but I wish it could have continued. For many years, I would pick up after work on Fridays \$5 worth of blooming flowers at the grocery store on the way home. They would last for a week, bring much happiness to our home and sure stop a lot of arguments about nothing. I have attempted to pass this on to my children and grandchildren, but none have taken me up on it so far. I guess it's just too old school. -- Still Missing Her **Dear Still Missing**

Her: I'm so sorry for your loss. Your letter hits on an important point: Little gestures can go a long way in creating a harmonious household. Everybody wants to feel appreciated.

It's a shame that your kids and grandkids haven't followed your advice. Hopefully, someone reading this will.

Dear Annie: I am a cancer survivor of three years. I have a cousin who is a cancer survivor for 10 years. Recently, she was told her cancer has metastasized to her liver. It is stage 4. I have sent three private messages to family back East informing them about the situation.

Two of them sent short replies back, but the third said nothing.

I experienced the same thing concerning myself. I had a mastectomy and one year of cancer treatment. I sent private messages to several cousins and only one responded. It always surprises me when people do that. I think some people don't know what to say, so they say nothing. Personally, I would say something. It can be short but at least acknowledge that they heard me. Just wondered what your feelings are concerning this subject .--Thanks for Listening

Dear Thanks: My feelings are the same as yours. When a friend is grieving, sick or dying, it's not about saying the right words. There are no right words. It's about acknowledging their pain -- and being ready to listen.

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

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less successful. This, of course, is not true. Over a period of time, luck is distributed evenly for everyone. The big difference, though, is that those who win are better at taking advantage of good fortune when it arises. Consider this deal from a team-of-

four contest where both North-South pairs reached four hearts. At the first table, the club ten was covered by the king and ace, and South ruffed East's club continuation. He then played the A-K of trump, ruffed dummy's remaining club and led a spade to the

East had followed these proceedings with a watchful eye and realized that if he played low on the ace of spades, he would next be thrown into the lead with the king. This would force him to return a diamond into dummy's A-Q or else yield a ruffand-discard by returning a club. Either way, South would gain his 10th trick. And so, when the ace of spades was played, East dropped his king on it! **Declarer did the best** he could by

continuing with a spade, but West won, cashed another spade and shifted to a diamond to put the contract down one. At the other table, the play to the

first two tricks was exactly the same, but this time declarer led a spade to the ace at trick three. This made it very difficult for East — who had far less information at his disposal than his counterpart at the first table — to get rid of the king, and in practice he simply followed low. South then drew trump and ruffed a club before exiting with a spade to East's king to make his contract. There is no question that some

luck was needed to make four hearts on this deal, but an equal measure of skill also was required to take full advantage of it.

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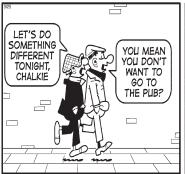
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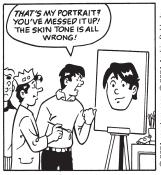
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, March 25, the 84th day of 2021. There are 281 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 25, 1911, 146 people, mostly young female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

On this date:

In 1634, English colonists sent by Lord Baltimore arrived in present-day Maryland.

In 1776, Gen. George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, was awarded the first Congressional Gold Medal by the Continental Congress.

In 1915, the U.S. Navy lost its first commissioned submarine as the USS F-4 sank off Hawaii, claiming the lives of all 21 crew members.

In 1931, in the so-called "Scottsboro Boys" case, nine young Black men were taken off a train in Alabama, accused of raping two white women; after years of convictions, death sentences and imprisonment, the nine were eventually vindicated.

In 1947, a coal-dust explosion inside the Centralia Coal Co. Mine No. 5 in Washington County, Illinois, claimed 111 lives; 31 men survived.

In 1954, RCA announced it had begun producing color television sets at its plant in Bloomington, Indiana.

In 1963, private pilot Ralph Flores and his 21-year-old passenger, Helen Klaben, were rescued after being stranded for seven weeks in brutally cold conditions in the Yukon after their plane crashed.

In 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 people to the Alabama state capitol in Montgomery after a five-day march from Selma to protest the denial of voting rights to Blacks. Later that day, civil rights activist Viola Liuzzo, a white Detroit homemaker, was shot and killed by Ku Klux Klansmen.

In 1985, "Amadeus" won eight Academy Awards, including best picture, best director for Milos (MFF'-lohsh) Forman and hes

actor for F. Murray Abraham.

In 1987, the Supreme Court, in Johnson v. Transportation Agency, ruled 6-3 that an employer could promote a woman over an arguably more-qualified man to help get women into higher-ranking jobs.

In 1988, in New York City's socalled "Preppie Killer" case, Robert Chambers Jr. pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter in the death of 18-year-old Jennifer Levin. (Chambers received 5 to 15 years in prison; he was released in 2003 after serving the full sentence.)

In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raced through an illegal social club in New York City.

Ten years ago: Canadian opposition parties brought down the Conservative government in a no-confidence vote, triggering an election that gave Prime Minister Stephen Harper a clear Conservative majority in Parliament.

Five years ago: A suicide bomber believed to be a teenager blew himself up in a soccer stadium south of the Iraqi capital, killing 29 people and wounding 60. The Rolling Stones unleashed two hours of thundering rock and roll on an ecstatic crowd of hundreds of thousands of Cubans and foreign visitors in Havana; the free concert came two days after President Barack Obama concluded his historic visit to Cuba.

One year ago: The Senate unanimously passed a \$2.2 trillion economic rescue package steering aid to businesses, workers and health care systems engulfed by the coronavirus pandemic; the largest economic relief bill in U.S. history included direct payments to most Americans, expanded unemployment benefits and \$367 billion for small businesses to keep making payroll while workers were forced to stay home. The number of U.S. deaths from the pandemic topped 1,000. Spain's death toll rose past 3,400, eclipsing China's, after a one-day spike of 700 fatalities. Royal officials said Britain's Prince Charles had tested positive for the coronavirus. Pennsylvania lawmak-

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ers voted to delay the state's primary by five weeks to June 2. With Broadway theaters dark, the Tony Awards, set for June 7, were postponed.

Today's Birthdays: Film critic Gene Shalit is 95. Former astronaut James Lovell is 93. Feminist activist and author Gloria Steinem is 87. Singer Anita Bryant is 81. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 78. Singer

Sir Elton John is 74. Actor Bonnie Bedelia is 73. Actor-comedian Mary Gross is 68. Actor James McDaniel is 63. Movie producer Amy Pascal is 63. Rock musician Steve Norman (Spandau Ballet) is 61. Actor Brenda Strong is 61. Actor Fred Goss is 60. Actor-writer-director John Stockwell is 60. Actor Marcia Cross is 59. Author Kate DiCamillo is 57. Actor Lisa Gay Hamilton is 57. Actor Sarah Jessica Parker is 56.

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Baseball Hall of Famer Tom Glavine is 55. TV personality Ben Mankiewicz is 54. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Debi Thomas is 54. Actor Laz Alonso is 50. Singer Melanie Blatt (All Saints) is 46. Actor Domenick Lombardozzi is 45. Actor Lee Pace is 42. Actor Sean Faris is 39. Comedian-actor Alex Moffat (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 39. Former auto racer Danica Patrick is 39. Actor-singer Katharine

McPhee is 37. Comedian-acto Chris Redd (TV: "Saturday Nigh Live") is 36. Singer Jason Castro i 34. Rapper Big Sean is 33. Ra DJ-producer Ryan Lewis is 33 Actor Matthew Beard is 32. Actor singer Aly (AKA Alyson) Michalk (mish-AL'-kah) is 32. Actor Kiow Gordon is 31. Actor Seychell Gabriel is 30.

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Newsday Crossword

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- 17 Arrangement at the line of scrimmage
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- 20 Southern region
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- 22 Self-evident
- **26** Huge quantity
- 29 Noble symbol
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- 46 Agile ones in stables
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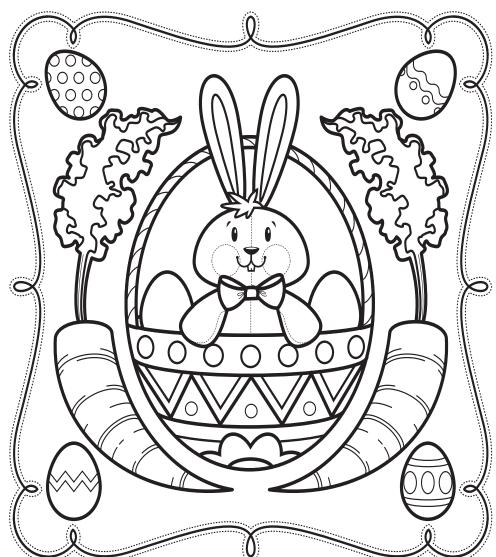
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Porzingis scores 29, Mavericks beat Timberwolves 128-108

By TYLER MASON Associated

Kristaps Porzingis had 29 points and seven Dallas players scored in double digits as the Mavericks ran away with a 128-108 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday

Tim Hardaway Jr. added 21 points off the bench for Dallas, and Luka Doncic finished with 15.

Rookie guard Anthony Edwards led Minnesota with 29 points, including 18 in the fourth quarter. Karl-Anthony Towns had 22.

Dallas has won two games in a row, while Minnesota dropped its third straight. "If we want to be the best team that

we think in our mind that we can be, then these games are must-wins, Porzingis said. "These are the types of games that we cannot let slip."

The Mavericks are 14-5 in their last

With Doncic quiet in the first half, Porzingis carried the scoring for Dallas. He had 17 points on 6-of-13 shooting as the Mavericks took a 56-55 lead into halftime.

Doncic, who averaged 39 points in

his previous three games, was held to

five in the first half on 2-of-9 shooting.

His second basket came with 8.2 seconds left in the half, giving the Mavs a one-point lead. Dallas struggled from the floor in the first half, connecting on just 37.5% of its shots (18 of 48). But the Maver-

icks' offense clicked in the third quarter and they shot 52% from the field to push the lead to double figures. "The start to the game was rough, but we hung in," coach Rick Carlisle said. "We had a rough start to the sec-

ond half and then got our bearings,

got our footing." A three-point play by Jalen Brunson

in the final minute of the third put the Mavericks up 85-73, their biggest lead to that point. Porzingis followed with a 3-pointer, his third of the night.

Minnesota led by 13 in the first quarter, fueled by big outputs from Towns and Edwards. But that lead slipped away and Dallas tied it at 33 early in the second.

It was great in the beginning. Then it just kind of fell apart on us," Timberwolves coach Chris Finch said. Porzingis didn't play in the fourth quarter. He came within one point

"Defense was great in the first half.

and one rebound of his 10th career 30-point, 10-rebound game. Dallas grabbed 14 offensive boards and outrebounded Minnesota by a 52-

37 margin. "It's disappointing," Towns said. "They got a lot of offensive rebounds,

and it hurt us." After his 11-point first quarter, Edwards didn't score again until a pair of free throws early in the fourth.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: James Johnson rejoined the team after missing five games for personal reasons. He was available off the bench but did not play. ... Doncic and Hardaway both picked up technical fouls.

Timberwolves: G Josh Okogie was originally scheduled to start but was placed on the health and safety protocol list shortly before tip-off. ... In the first quarter, Towns extended his franchise record of consecutive games with a 3-pointer to 59.

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Return home for a game Friday against Indiana before heading back out on the road for five

Timberwolves: Host the Houston Rockets for back-to-back games beginning Friday.

Terry Rozier scores 25 points, Hornets cruise past Rockets personal reasons. Oladipo has been heavily menrest of the half."

Terry Rozier scored 25 points, Devonte' Graham added 21 and the Charlotte Hornets beat the Houston Rockets 122-97 on Wednesday night.

The Rockets quickly returned to the loss column after snapping a 20-game losing streak Monday night. It was the NBA's longest skid since Philadelphia's record-setting 28-game rut across the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons.

Charlotte won in Houston for the first time since Dec. 22, 2004, snapping a 15-game losing streak.

The Hornets were still adjusting their rotation in the second game without LaMelo Ball after the rookie suffered a fractured wrist that is expected to sideline him for the rest of the season. Graham started at point guard, hitting 6 of 9 from 3-point

"This is the Devonte' we know," Hornets coach James Borrego said. "We all know it's in there. This is the guy we know, believe in and trust. We all believe in him, and tonight, he proved why he's on this roster and why he's such a big part of our group. He was fantastic."

Malik Monk added 19 points off the bench for Charlotte.

"If things aren't going right with the second unit, it's all on me," Monk said. "With LaMelo hurt, I take great pride in bringing a lot of ener-

The Rockets were without Victor Oladipo, who

tioned in trade rumors this week, leading up to Thursday afternoon's deadline.

For Houston, John Wall had 20 points and seven assists, and Christian Wood added 11 points and 10

"We just have to play basketball and look at the film," Wall said. "We have to play hard for 48 minutes to try to give ourselves a chance to win the Following a 26-26 tie at the end of the first quarter,

Charlotte took a 58-55 lead into halftime, thanks in large part to 9-for-19 shooting from 3. The Hornets finished 18 of 38 from 3 in the game, good for 47.4%, just under their season-high 51.2%.

Charlotte opened the third quarter on a 10-2 run and entered the fourth with a 93-70 lead after outscoring the Rockets 35-15 in the third.

"We just knew we had to tighten up our defense," Borrego said. "We talked a lot about our defensive effort, and the guys responded. The starters were fantastic. They came out with urgency and were making shots, but it started on the defensive end. They set the tone, and we rode that wave for the

The Rockets closed out a seven-game homestand going 1-6 and will play four of their next five games on the road where they have lost nine straight.

"Right at the beginning of the third quarter, (the deficit) went from 3 to 10 right away," Rockets coach Stephen Silas said. "It went downhill from

In their previous meeting in Charlotte's 119-94 win on Feb. 8, the Rockets scored just seven points in the fourth quarter.

TIP-INS

Hornets: C Cody Zeller, who missed the last two games with left shoulder bursitis, entered the game listed as probable and played 16 minutes off the bench, scoring eight points and grabbing seven rebounds.. Charlotte outrebounded Houston 50-39.





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