



### DPS arrests 35 in joint human trafficking operations

### Special to the Herald

In January 2022, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Criminal Investigations Division (CID) conducted multiple Adult Prostitution Operations and Online Solicitation of Minor **Operations throughout the West Texas** Region. The goal of the operations was to target individuals seeking to exploit trafficking victims, as well as to identify and apprehend individuals suspected to be involved in human trafficking by using various websites to solicit sexual acts from minors.

Multiple agencies assisted in these investigations including; DPS' CID and Texas Highway Patrol, Homeland Security Investigations, El Paso Police Department, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Fort Bliss Army CID, Odessa Police Department, Reeves County Sheriff's Office and the DPS Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Divi-



sion.

As a result of these operations, 35 suspects — including one from Big Spring - were arrested and are now facing charges. Special Agents were also able to identify and open investigations into additional suspects.

The following individuals were arrest-

• Joshua Daniel Rochelle, 40, of Big Spring — Solicitation of Prostitution;

• Dakota Beal, 25, of Andrews — Online Solicitation of a Minor, Resisting Arrest/Apprehension, Possession of Controlled Substance Drug Free Zone;

• Leroy Montes, 24, of Midland - Online Solicitation of a Minor;

• Jesus Alfredo Zarrazula Macias, 25, of Odessa — Online Solicitation of a Minor:

 Julio Barajas, 24, of Odessa — Solicitation of Prostitution;

 Marcos Miguel Zaragoza, 39, of Odessa — Solicitation of Prostitution;

 Eddy Payen, 33, of Odessa — Solicitation of Prostitution;

• Jay Mack Britten, 49, of Andrews -Solicitation of Prostitution;

• Jorge Luis Fuster, 36, of Hollywood,

Fla. — Solicitation of Prostitution;

Hector Soto, 25, of Odessa –

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### New BSHA offices on Council agenda Tuesday **By ROGER CLINE** Feb, 6, 2022 Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members will officially begin looking into a new home office for the Big Spring Housing Authority when they meet Tuesday evening.

The meeting – scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St. - will feature an emergency reading of a resolution allowing City Attorney Andrew Hagen to act as an intermediary between the two entities regarding lease of city-owned office space for the BSHA.

According to a resolution included along with the meeting's agenda for consideration at the meeting, the BSHA has requested "legal services" from Hagen regarding the lease.

The resolution also states: "The Big Spring Housing Authority has been told to vacate its current premises on or before February 23, 2022, therefore it desires to move into a new office and be operational by that date, and therefore time is of the essence and the City Council hereby considers this as an emergency measure." While regular city council measures require two successful votes at separate meetings for approval, items designated as "emergency" measures may pass on a single reading, if the vote for passage is unanimous. As Herald readers may remember, the BSHA's current office is owned by Crossroads Housing Development Corporation. In January, Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason held a hearing during which he removed BSHA board member Margaret Cervantes from the board for reportedly failing to exercise oversight of BSHA Director Sharon Fritz, and for reportedly failing to file required reports of its activities with the City. In response to the Mayor's action, Fritz resigned from her post as director. When Fritz resigned, Crossroads Housing changed the locks on the office, located at 201 N.E. Seventh Street.

roads or BSHA – are given keys to the building. At a January meeting of the BSHA, City and Crossroads officials voiced a difference of opinion over who should be issued keys. Thomason voiced the city's position that BSHA board members, who are not paid employees, should also be issued keys.

"They're saying they only want Housing Authority employees to have keys, but the Board is the Housing Authority, not the employees," Thomason said in an interview following the meeting. "I'm not denying that they could make those (rules). But, the thing is that there is a verbal lease, I guess."

During the meeting, Scott told the board: "We own the building. We're renting it to them very cheap. If the board have keys, then y'all have to find a different building."

During an interview following the meeting, Scott explained that Crossroads has many clients and store sensitive files on their cases in the building, which must be kept secure.

"Sharon (Fritz), on Monday, she resigned as the executive director," she said. "On Thursday, my boss asked me to change the locks, because Sharon had the keys for 15 or 20 years and we don't know if she had copies, and one of their board of directors members got ahold of the keys and, just kind of a precaution for them and us, we had the locks changed." As usual, Tuesday's meeting will begin with the Call to Order, Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags, and public comment both in person and by phone at 432-264-2411. Big Spring YMCA Director Dathan Jones will give a presentation regarding that organization, followed by City Manager Todd Darden's regular report. Darden will address the upcoming Large Item Pickup for District 2, scheduled Feb. 16; closure of city offices Feb. 21 for the Presidents Day holiday; bond refunding; and Vector Profit Sharing. Next, the council will consider a four-item Consent Agenda, including: approval of City Council minutes from the regular

### Weather



Monday Night: Clear, with a low around 28. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the evening.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 66. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 32. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north after midnight.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 63.

Source: weather.gov

COVID-19 in Howard County: Confirmed Cases: 3,627 Probable Cases: 2,829 Fatalities: 163 Source: dshs.texas.gov

### **Daily Quotes**

"Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own; and from morning to night, as from the cradle to the grave, it is but a succession of changes so gentle and easy that we can scarcely mark their progress."

- Charles Dickens

"When I hear people talk about juggling, or the sacrifices they make for their children, I look at them like they're crazy, because 'sacrifice' infers that there was something better to do than being with your children."

- Chris Rock

"Home is the nicest word there is."

Laura Ingalls Wilder

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Crossroads Housing employee Anna Scott said that company's policy is that only company employees - of either Cross-

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### A Moment in History Wacker's Five and Dime Variety Store

### By TAMMY SCHRECENGOST

Heritage Museum of Big Spring

Downtown Main Street was lined with five and dime variety stores. Most opened in 1930 and remained open through the '60s. There were Wackers, Woolworth, Dudleys and McCrorys. Grants and Lewis Five and Dime opened in the new College Park Shopping Center. Regardless of the location, Big Spring had a variety of stores to shop at before anyone heard of the Dollar Stores.

"What Texas Makes – Makes Texas" was G.F. Wacker's slogan. Wacker's opened at 210 Main in 1929. The store quickly grew and as soon as the neighboring side of the building at 210 Main had vacated, Wackers quickly expanded into the space. This gave the store an additional 2,000 square foot with a total

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**Courtesy photo** Main Street Big Spring, showing G.C. Wacker's on the right.



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### **Support Groups**

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

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

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is

### Obituaries

### Beth Roman

Beth Roman, 83 of Sand Springs died Friday, February 4, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased 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.

### Take Note

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

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

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@ sprhs.org

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. • Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytxdems@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057. • The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors

in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Jacqueline Roland at 432-213-1221.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500

Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.



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Solicitation of Prostitution;

- Richard Cordova, 50, of Trinidad, Colo. Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Noah Christopher Robinson, 25, of Albuquerque, N.M. — Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Jorge Juarez-Rangel, 40, of Odessa Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Keontay Acbuefonzo Herman Bluford, 26, of Boron, Calif. — Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Carlos Flores, 30, of Odessa Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Waymond Brown IV, 26, of Odessa Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Jesse Lee Flores, 35, of Odessa Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Jaime Monrreal Jr., 35, of Schertz Solicitation of Prostitution;

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- meeting of Jan. 25; final readings of two ordinances, one allowing the council to establish service charges for use of credit or debit cards to make municipal payments, and the other allowing the City Manager to waive established fees for video productions that "advance a public purpose"; and final reading of a resolution calling the upcoming General Election on May 7. City offices up for election include Mayor and City Council member for District 5, currently held by Troy Tompkins.
- The Council will consider approval of vouchers including \$764,108.63 for Jan. 27, and \$389,968.68.
- Two bid proposals are up for consideration. Low bid on a proposal for 10 30yard trash containers is \$71,256 from Roll-Offs USA of Durant, Okla. Two other bids on the containers were received, one for \$80,186 and another for \$92,970. The second item involves a lease purchase of a sanitation truck in the amount of \$350,000.
- In a memo to the city council and city manager dated Feb. 4, Finance Director Sandy Smith noted "We found out that because of supply chain issues, orders for the truck chassis from Rush Manufacturing have been pushed to July 2023, and we have not been able to get a time for the building of the unit...."
- In the memo, Smith advocates rejecting all bids and reissuing the request for bids.
- The Housing Authority item is first up in New Business, followed by consideration of amending the City's budget to accept a \$10,000 donation from Oxy Petroleum and using the funds to purchase "...additional equipment within the Fire Department."

• Ramsey Sterling Bass, 21, of Palestine — Solicitation of Prostitution;

- Thomas Matthew Fricke, 48, of Midland Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Paul Davis Clark, 46, of Hattiesburg, Miss. Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Steven Mata, 30, of Midland Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Luis Ramiro Gonzalez, 25, of Midland Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Juan Silva III, 25, of McAllen Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Steven Anthony Pacheco, 42, of Odessa Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Guy Rock Hutson Jr., 41, of Odessa Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Miguel Hinojoza, 27, of Andrews Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Eli Martin Castro, 44, of El Paso Solicitation of Prostitution;
- Erick Torres, 33, of El Paso Solicitation of
- have information about this type of criminal activity, please contact the National Human Trafficking

Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

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Alexandro Beato Torres, 45, of El Paso — Solici-

Gilbert Kieth Martinez, 37, of El Paso — Solicita-

• Benjamin Bernard Atkins Jr., 28, of Pensacola,

These investigations highlight the partnership

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Next, the council will consider transferring \$80,000 from an expense account to a capital account, both within the Sanitation Department to pay for an unforeseen cost increase on garbage containers.

The council will consider a plan to appoint seven "alternate members" to the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment. According to the proposed ordinance: "An alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall only serve in place of a regular member upon (1) the absence of the regular member of the board who was nominated from the same Council Member seat as was the alternate, and (2) the request of the Mayor or the City Manager."

The Council will next consider an ordinance to rename Buffalo Pavilion, also known as "2nd Pavilion" in Comanche Trail Park, to "Stewart Pavilion" in memory of Howard and Vicki Stewart.

The Council will consider action on a public water line easement located at 1409 Harding Street, and consider action on an interlocal agreement with the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) for the Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Program Grant Award.

The council members and mayor will have the opportunity to offer input on other topics before they adjourn into executive session to discuss the City's agreements with the GEO Group regarding the Big Spring Correctional Center. Items listed for possible discussion, along with the city's attorney, include (1) pending or contemplated litigation, and (2) the City's rights, duties, privileges and options arising out of existing leases, operations agreements and other matters governing the City of Big Spring's agreements with the GEO Group regarding the Big Spring Correctional Center.

As usual, if the council chooses to take action on matters discussed during the closed session, they will return to open session to do so.

The meeting is open to the public, and can also be viewed on Local Channel 17 through Suddenlink or at http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live.

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### of 7,000 square foot.

Once the additional space was completed and stocked in 1941, a New Grand Opening was held. A new feature was a sixty foot "Fountainette" that was added that accommodated thirty stools. The new dining counter/soda fountain required sixteen "girls" to serve the customers adequately. Wackers was not only well known for their lunch counter but for their candy department. Barber Pole Peppermint sticks were five cents, Peanut Cocoanut Flakes were twenty cents a pound and were described as pure white ribbon coconut with Texas grown Spanish peanuts, sugar, and syrup. Peanut patties were 3 for ten cents. They were proud to announce that all candy was served in wax paper type sleeves that kept them clean and fresh. Wackers encouraged customers to stop for lunch at the counter and then do some quick lunchtime shopping.

fire was detected in the building and halted the stores success. November 7, 1951, a fire raged in the attic and roof of the Wacker Building. Flames billowed high in the sky as Big Spring citizens watched in dismay. The surrounding stores had firewalls which kept the fire from spreading to the other buildings.

Most of the damage was toward the north side of the second floor and centered around the attic and ceiling of the structure. The building was owned by T.S. Currie and was covered by insurance. The Wackers organization quickly had a fire sale and begun the rebuilding of the store.

On May 15, 1952, G. F. Wackers had another Grand Opening. The building at 210 Main was completely remodeled and restocked. The fire had taken Wacker's Christmas season for 1951 however, things were looking up with the reactivation of Webb Air Force Base.

Wacker's had originally been organized and es-

In August 1960, Wackers opened their 62nd store for the corporation on Eleventh Place, the second for Big Spring. Wacker's number 2 was built on Eleventh Place and had a new spacious setting. The store

Included new metal shelving and over twenty departments.

The downtown store closed their doors on July 3 1965, as it was announced that L.B. Edwards, had sold his holdings in the Wacker Company.

The Eleventh Place Wacker's was never as successful as the one on Main, but it continued to operate until 1980 until the Wacker's Corporation dissolved on October 31st.

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Just as things were booming, an early morning

### tablished in Hugo, Oklahoma in 1917 by G.F. Wacker. He built over 70 stores in Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

### **Take Note**

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Feb. 19 winter concert entitled "Thank you, Maestro John," celebrating the career and retirement of frequent BSSO Guest Conductor Maestro John Giordano, to be held at Big Spring High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.; and Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, on at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

• The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be February 10 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At the event, the annual Five under 55 Awards, the Russ McEwen Community Award and the 2021 Man and Woman of the Year will be announced. For sponsorship information, call 263-7641.

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank.

People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. https://www.facebook.com/ healthynuggetsofgold44.

• New Life senior/mature adult dances are held the third Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Music is Western swing style. Entry fee is \$5 and refreshments are provided. For more information call 517-9097.

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

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are

held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard

The vaccination is free. more information, For visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.

Jacqueline "Jackie" 78, died Whetsel, Sunday, January 30, 2022. Private graveside service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Service.

Allen Parrish, 73, died February 1, 2022. The family will receive friends Monday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Smith Myers & Funeral Home. Graveside service will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Andres Perches, 78, died Wednesday, February 2, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Glynn Harrell, 73, died Thursday, February 3, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Beth Roman, 83 died Friday, February 4, Services are 2022. pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.





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### The Coahoma Bulldogettes basketball team clinched a share of the District 5-3A championship title on Saturday.

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes finished the regular season with a share of the District 5-3A championship title after defeating Reagan County, 46-22 on Saturday.

With the win, Coahoma finished 9-1 in league play and tied with the Stanton Lady Buffs to share the title. The last time a Coahoma girls team brought home the district trophy in basketball was in 2008, according to available records.

The two rivals will meet for a third time this season to decide the district's No. 1 seed before heading into UIL playoffs. Game time is 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, at Garden City.

On Saturday, senior Madison Rodgers led the Bulldogettes to victory over third place Reagan County by earning eight points including two 3-point goals. Hannah Wells and Isabella Cox contributed seven points to the Bulldogettes victory. Tied at 26-20 at half, Coahoma kept the Lady Owls to two points for the second half.

Before the game, the Coahoma team and fans honored seniors Madison Rodgers, Katelyn Johnson, and Delia Rawls along with their families for their years of dedication and work. **Coahoma**: 14, 12, 12, 8 -- 46 **Reagan County**: 11, 9, 1, 1 -- 22

**Coahoma** — Merick Alvarez 2, Shae Lang 6, Baylor Wright 5, Isabella Cox 7, Katelyn Johnson 6, Analyse Mendoza 3, Brynn Rodgers 2, Madison Rodgers 8, Hannah Wells 7.

**Reagan County** — Jennifer DelaCruze 8, Abigail Narvaez 1, Shyann Darr 8, Kennedy Roberts 3, Glynneath Bishop 2.

Free Throws — Coahoma 5-13, Reagan County 5-15; 3-Point Goals — Coahoma 5 (M. Rodgers 2, Wright, Cox, Johnson), Reagan County 3 (Darr 2, DelaCruze); Fouls — Coahoma 18, Reagan County 15.

### **Final District 5-3A Standings**

- 1. Coahoma
- 1. Stanton
- 3. Reagan County
- 4. Crane

### Miserable day on slopes for American stars Shiffrin, Gerard

### **By BERNIE WILSON**

AP Sports Writer

BEIJING — It was a miserable day on the mountains outside Beijing for American stars Mikaela Shiffrin and Red Gerard.

Shiffrin's opening race in the Beijing Olympics ended quickly with a rare mistake and a rare DNF — Did Not Finish. Favored to defend her gold medal in the giant slalom, Shiffrin instead crashed out a few seconds and five gates into the race. She lost control coming around a left-turn gate and fell onto her hip on a course known as The Ice River at the Yanqing Alpine Skiing Center.

The missed gate meant she was done early in the opening run of the two-leg event.

While Shiffrin is expected to have four more chances to add to her collection of three Olympic medals, including two golds, she said Monday's wipeout will always stick with her.

"I won't ever get over this," Shiffrin said. "I've never gotten over any."

Her stunning exit was her first DNF in a GS in more than four years, a streak of 30 races. Her last one was three weeks before she won the gold at the 2018 Pyeongchang Games.

"That's what drives me to try to keep working and improving, so I can try to make it (so) those things don't happen," she said. "But sometimes they still do happen and, unfortunately, it happened today. I felt like there was a lot to look forward to, but, well, now we need to reset."

Shiffrin plans to race again Wednesday in the slalom, which she won as an 18-year-old at the 2014 Sochi Games. It'll be her next chance to become the first Alpine ski racer from the United States to win three Olympic golds across a career.

"I'm not going to cry about this because that's just wasting energy," she said. Sara Hector of Sweden won the gold with a two-run time of 1 minute, 55.69 seconds. Federica Brignone of Italy took silver and Lara Gut-Behrami of Switzerland earned bronze.

On the slopestyle course, Gerard not only failed to defend his gold medal, but he was knocked off the podium entirely. A run by Canadian rival Mark McMorris dropped Gerard into fourth.

"There's nothing you can really complain about and I don't want to be a judge or anything," Gerard said. "There were a lot of landed runs out there, and it's hard. But yeah, I would've liked to have been up there for sure."

#### CANCER SURVIVER WINS GOLD

Three years after feeling a cancerous lump in his neck, Canadian snowboarder Max Parrot completed an inspiring comeback by winning the gold medal in men's slopestyle on a course that includes replicas of the Great Wall of China.

Parrot's victory run was highlighted by his second jump, when he approached the kicker from an angle instead of straight on — the only competitor to do so — and flipped backward for 1440 degrees of spin, then stomped the landing.

"By far, the biggest run of my entire career," he said.

Just like his battle back from being diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma 10 months after winning the silver medal at the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics. He

underwent 12 chemotherapy treatments during the span of six months.

"I had to stop everything to fight," he said. "I went through hell. It was the first time I ever put my snowboard in the closet. I felt like a lion in a cage." Su Yiming of China earned the silver and Mark McMorris of Canada took the bronze.

McMorris was happy for his countryman.

"Max beat (expletive) cancer and it's pretty sick to see him do well," McMorris said. "And he didn't come to any slopestyle this year. It's not his strong suit. Big air is, and he just won slopestyle today." MEN'S DOWNHILL

Beat Feuz of Switzerland won the gold medal in the men's downhill, the one major victory that was missing from his impressive career accomplishments.

"I can't think of anything more beautiful than flying home with a gold medal around my neck," said Feuz, the four-time reigning World Cup downhill

champion who won the silver medal in super-G and the bronze in downhill at the 2018 Olympics.

The diminutive downhiller edged 41-year-old Johan Clarey of France, with two-time Olympic champion Matthias Mayer of Austria getting bronze.

American skier Mikaela Shiffrin's boyfriend, Aleksander Aamodt Kilde of Norway, was fifth.





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### SPORTS

# Bulldogs fall to Regan County Owls in close fought game



Coahoma's Billy Bailey looks for an open teammate during the Bulldog varsity game with Reagan County on Saturday.

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - The Coahoma Bulldogs held off the Reagan County Owls as long as they could, but in the end the Owls had too much athleticism and Coahoma had too much foul problems as Reagan County managed a 65-55 win here Saturday afternoon.

The win gave the 8-0 Owls the District 5-3A championship with two game left. Coahoma remains in third place with a 4-4 record.

The Owls had to work hard to clinch this championship. Coahoma jumped on them early, building a 22-11 first quarter lead. Coahoma came out bombing, getting a barrage of threes from Devon Bennett,, Ky Kemper and Austin Perkins. The Bulldogs made 6 of 11 shots in the quarter.

Reagan County battled back the first six minutes of the second quarter, outscoring Coahoma 19-7 to take its first lead of the game 30-29. Coahoma however finished the quarter with a Raheem Ashford bucket and a steal and layup by Perkins to go into halftime leading 33-30.

The second half

things started to go Reagan County's way thanks to the freshmen brother duo of Jarrett nailed a three from the corner to tie the game. at 45-apiece at the start of the quarter. The Owls promptly went on a 13-2 run the next four minutes to salt the game away. Kemper had a strong game for Coahoma with

14 points. Shifflett scored nine points and Ashford was 3 of 5 from the floor to finish with six points and five rebounds.

Coahoma coach Brandon Lucas was second guessing himself after the game. "Now i feel like I should have taken them out earlier, especially Ryen," he said of his players fouling out. I think we played disciplined defense. Devon Bennett and Ky Kemper played really good games."

The Bulldogs will be at home Tuesday against Odessa Compass at 7:30 p.m.

COAHOMA - (10-20, 4-4) - Raheem Ashford 3 0 6; Ky Kemper 5 3 14; Ryan Shifflett 4 0 9; Austin Perkins 2 1 6; Billy Bailey 2 1 5; Devon Bennett 5 3 16; totals 23-52, 6-15 55.

REAGAN COUNTY (20-11, 8-0) - Angel Flores 1 1 3; Edurdo Encias 0 1 1; Ray Saldibar 3 0 7; Elijah Gonzales 4 0 11; Jarrett Brown 3 9 18; AJ Avalos 3 0 6; Dylan Odom 3 0 6; Kason Brown 3 7 14; totals 20-42, 18-30 65.

Coahoma - 22-11-09-13 - 55.

R-County - 11-19-15-20 - 65.

Turnovers - Coahoma 19, RC- 12; Three Pointers; Coahoma (Bennett 3, Kemper 2, Shifflett 1, Perkins 1); RC (Gonzales 3, J. Brown 2, K. Brown 1); Rebounds - Coahoma 16 (Ashford 5); RC (J. Brown 6, K. Brown 5); Assists - Coahoma (Bailey 3); RC (J. Brown 5); Steals - Coahoma (Bailey 2); RC (J. Brown 4); Blocked Shots RC (Encias 1).

### The Lady Hawks basketball team fights hard but falls to South Plains

and Kason Brown. Jarrett ran the point and Kason

played down low. Jarrett scored 18 points and Ka-

son finished with 14. Both were very good at the

men Ashford and Ryan Shifflett got into foul trou-

ble. Shiflett fouled out with 1:22 left in the third

quarter and Ashford fouled out with 4:45 left in the

quarter. Bennett, who finished with 16 points,

Coahoma only trailed 45-42 entering the fourth

game.

What also hut Coahoma was that its two big

foul line making a combined.16 of 22 free throws.





Courtesy Photos/ Tony Claxton

### Left:Daysha Tijerine takes a shot against the South Plains Lady Texans. Right: Jasmine Elder Goes for block.

Howard College Lady assistant coach Meesha Wade said "all we can ask is for the them to compete."

The Howard College Lady Hawks left it all out there on the court. They fought as smart and hard as they could but it just wasn't enough to get by the South Plains Lady Texans, falling 55-47 here Friday. For 36 minutes this Howard squad fought for would have been its first conference win. Tough foe. South Plains is a half game out of first place behind Midland College.

Howard played a tough game. They hit timely shots, won a lot of loose ball battles and fought on the boards. The Lady Texans pulled away with four minutes left. Howard cut the lead to 44-40 with six minutes left in the game. South Plains went on a 5-0 run and the sealed the deal with four minutes left. Howard, Like it did all game, HC battled back behind two Jasmine Elder buckets to trim the lead to with 3:28 left. Keona Marquez made a three for Howard for one last try, but it was too little too late.

Marquez played well for Howard, finishing with 16 points, 5-of-10 from the field. Elder battled hard all night, scoring 11 points and grabbing seven rebounds. Three point specialist Daysha Tijerina had a tough night, going 2-of-



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### 11 from the field, 2-of-8 from three.

Looking at the records a lot of people probably thought this would be a wash. We're short. but we blocked out on the glass. All that we can ask is they play hard. They did today."

Howard will be in non conference play Monday at Cisco at 6:30 p.m.

SOUTH PLAINS (13-6, 7-1) - Celia Sumbane 4 08; Viktoria Ivanova 7 1 15; Raija Todd 1 2 5; 5; Ewa Kielar 5 2 12; Ashala Moseberry 3 1 8; Martyna Czescik 2 1 7; totals 22-59, 6-8 55.

HOWARD (7-16,0-10) - Marquez 16, Elder 11, Perdomo 4, Green 8, Tijerina 6; Oakley 2; totals 18-51, 4-8 47,

Howard College - 18-10-09-10 - 47.



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### **Famous Hand**

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and Richard Freeman, and Brazil's Gabriel Chagas, Marcelo Branco, Ricardo Janz, Miguel Villas-Boas, Joao-Paulo Campos and Roberto de Mello.

The final was a virtual runaway for the Americans from the very outset. Today's deal resulted in a 12-IMP pickup for the winners.

At the first table, Meckstroth, plaving in four hearts, won the king-of-diamonds lead with the ace and led the spade four to dummy's king. East won and returned a club to West's ace, whereupon West cashed the queen of diamonds and continued with the deuce.

Meckstroth trumped the diamond with dummy's king and ruffed a spade, felling West's queen. Declarer then drew trump, crossed to the club queen and discarded his remaining diamond on the spade jack to make his game. At the other table, Chagas, one of the world's great players, became declarer at the same contract. He had played nearly every deal for two weeks and showed signs of his fatigue by making the fatal mistake of drawing three rounds of trump after taking the diamond ace at trick one. He then guessed the spade position correctly, playing the jack after West followed low. But East took the ace and returned a club to his partner's ace, and West's Q-10 of diamonds set the contract one trick.

Qualities to look for in a postretirement job

The notion of relaxing on a beach all day in one's golden years is still a retirement dream for millions of adults across the globe. But many individuals also harbor a desire to keep working after retiring.

travel or spend time with their families whenever they choose.

So flexibility is something to look for in a post-retirement job. This is what makes consultant work so attractive to retirees. In-person hours may not be required of consultants, who can then offer their input while visiting their grandchildren or traveling the world.

er adult is a great way to fend off loneliness. In addition, one study published in 2007 in the journal of the American Public Health Association found that social support networks have a positive effect on cognition among older adults. So a post-retirement job that enables retirees to socialize could delay or reduce the severity of age-related cognitive decline.

 Engagement: A job seniors find engaging also is more likely to provide the types of benefits seniors are looking for in post-retirement work.

For example, researchers at Boston College's Sloan Center on Aging and Work found that seniors who find a job or volunteering opportunity truly engaging are more likely to benefit psychologically from those experiences than those whose post-retirement work is not engaging. If seniors find themselves simply going through the motions with their post-retirement work, they can look for opportunities that they can be more enthusiastic about.

· Pressure-free: Regardless of what retirees did for a living prior to calling it a career, chances are they dealt with work-related stress. In fact, the American Stress Institute reports that 83 percent of workers in the United States suffer from work-related stress, while Statistics Canada reports that 62 percent of Canadian workers say work is their main source of stress.

After a lifetime of confronting work-related stress, individuals who want to work in retirement should look for pressure-free opportunities. This is an important quality, as the ASI indicates that stress has been linked to increased rates of hear attack, hypertension and other disorders.





Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The United States scored the most lopsided victory in the 70-year history of the Bermuda Bowl, routing Brazil 506-288 in the final of the 2000 world team championship. The margin (in International Match Points) and the winning team's IMP total were both records for the event.

The 16-day competition, which started with 20 teams, came down to a showdown between the U.S. squad, composed of Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Nick Nickell

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Whether it's a volunteering gig or a part-time job retirees are looking for, certain qualities can make an opportunity uniquely suited to a post-retirement job.

 Flexibility: Retirees may be looking to contribute to their communities or simply earn a little spending money, but they will likely still want the freedom to

· Socialization: Though the ability to work from home can make it easier for retirees to earn some extra money, some seniors aren't concerned about their finances but want to work so they can get out of the house. In that case, look for a job that offers the opportunity to socialize and meet new people.

Socializing as an old-

The right post-retirement job may differ from what individuals looked for during their careers. Various qualities can combine to make for a post-retirement gig that benefits seniors in myriad ways.

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# FEATURES

Today is Monday, Feb. 7, Year. (Rationing was lif the 38th day of 2022. There are 327 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1964, the Beatles arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to begin their first American tour.

#### On this date:

In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary.

In 1943, the government abruptly announced that wartime rationing of shoes made of leather would go into effect in two days, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person per

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year. (Rationing was lifted in October 1945.)

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as U.S. Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk, which lasted nearly six hours.

In 1985, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

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agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was kidnapped in Guadalajara, Mexico, by drug traffickers who tortured and murdered him.

In 1991, Jean-Bertrand Aristide (zhahn behr-TRAHN' ahr-ihs-TEED') was inaugurated as the first democratically elected president of Haiti (he was overthrown by the military the following September).

In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah (ab-DUH'-luh).

In 2009, a miles-wide section of ice in Lake Erie broke away from the Ohio shoreline, trapping about 135 fishermen, some for as long as four hours before they could be rescued (one man fell into the water and later died of an apparent heart attack).

In 2014, the Sochi Olympics opened with a celebration of Russia's past greatness and hopes for future glory.

In 2020, two days after his acquittal in his first Senate impeachment trial, President Donald Trump took retribution against two officials who had delivered damaging testimony; he ousted Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a national security aide, and Gordon Sondland, his ambassador to the European Union.

Ten years ago: In a setback for Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum swept GOP caucuses in Minnesota and Colorado and a non-binding primary in Missouri. A federal appeals court ruled California's ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional, but gave gay marriage opponents time to appeal the decision before ordering the

state to allow such weddings to resume.

> Five years ago: Charter school advocate Betsy DeVos won confirmation as education secretary by the slimmest of margins, pushed to approval only by the historic tie-breaking vote of Vice President Mike Pence.

> One year ago: After moving south to a new team and conference, Tom Brady led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a 31-9 Super Bowl victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on the Buccaneers home field. Despite an order from Tampa Mayor Jane Castor requiring masks at Super Bowl parties, videos went viral on social media showing throngs of mostly maskless fans and packed sports bars as the hometown Buccaneers won the championship. Pope Francis resumed greeting the public in St. Peter's Square, seven

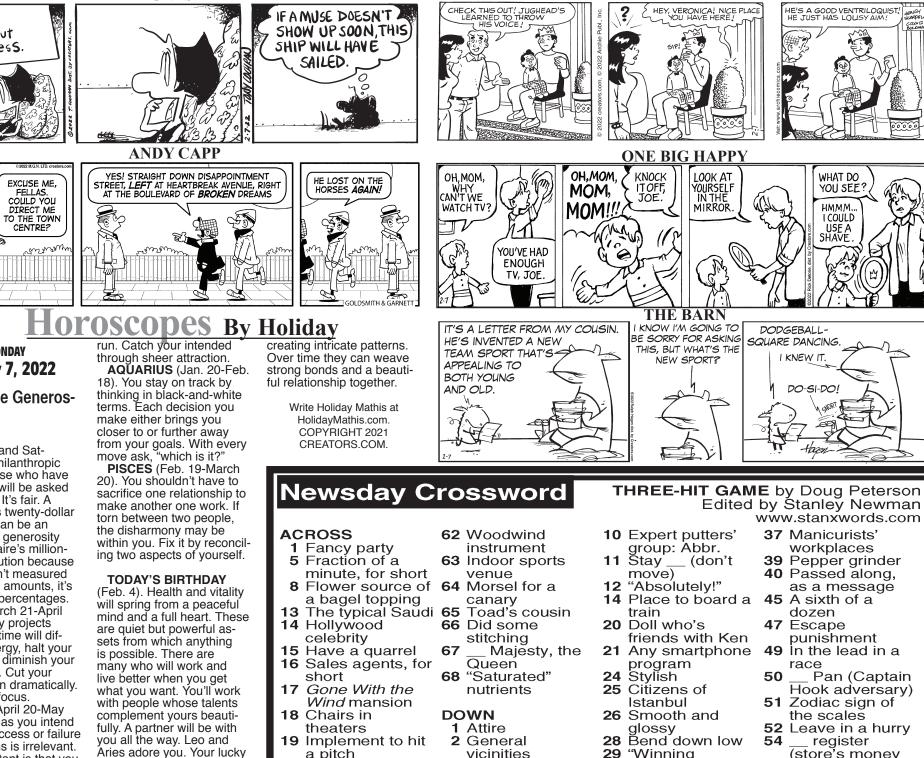
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weeks after he interrupted the Sunday noon ritual to discourage crowds from gathering during the COVID

Today's Birthdays: Author Gay Talese is 90. Former Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., is 87. Sen. John Hickenlooper, D-Colo., is 70. Comedy writer Robert Smigel (SMY guhl) is 62. Actor James Spader is 62. Country singer Garth Brooks is 60. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 60. Actor-comedian Eddie Izzard is 60. Actorcomedian Chris Rock is 57. Actor Jason Gedrick is 55. Actor Essence Atkins is 50. Rock singer-musician Wes Borland is 47. Rock musi-cian Tom Blankenship (My Morning Jacket) is 44. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 44. Actor Tina Majorino is 37. Actor Deborah Ann Woll is 37. NBA player Isaiah Thomas is 33. NHL center Steven Stamkos is 32.

### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Monday, February 7, 2022

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Monday FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Conjunctive Generosity

As the sun and Saturn align in philanthropic Aquarius, those who have more to give will be asked to give more. It's fair. A poor person's twenty-dollar contribution can be an act of greater generosity than a billionaire's milliondollar contribution because generosity isn't measured in bottom line amounts, it's measured in percentages.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Too many projects going at one time will diffuse your energy, halt your progress and diminish your effectiveness. Cut your to-do list down dramatically. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll do as you intend to do. The success or failure of your actions is irrelevant. What's important is that you follow through, honoring your strong convictions. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The uniqueness of individuals is apparent. You're different from your friends. Honor that. For now, stick with what works best for you and don't invite inquiry or advice CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you're around people who completely accept you for who you are, vou have more energy. It's because you don't have to waste any in the self-monitoring and editing, which get exhausting. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll create wonders using scraps, leftovers and the raw materials no one else can figure out what to do with. You're incredibly entertaining too, so you'll have an audience. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your attraction secret: a one-track agenda. The multi-tasking person is not only less effective, but also less appealing. Charisma is intentional and focused, not diffused and distracted. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your trepidation causes you to be aware of possibilities and choose your course carefully. But don't agonize over heavy stuff. You're supposed to climb the mountain, not carry it. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A focus of the early hours will have a disproportionately favorable impact on the rest. Whatever you can do to make your morning routine smooth will set you up for success all day. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New endeavors come with fresh frustrations but keep working through them and before you know it, those small daily efforts will add up to the results you desire CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While "chase" is a fun game for the elementary school playground, those who chase make others

- Pan (Captain
  - Hook adversary)

Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 50, 2, 24 and 35.

WEEKEND LOVE

FORECAST: ARIES: Ignore the glitches as you look at the big picture. There's a lot that works about your current love life. TAURUS: Decide your own value because any assessment others make will be wrong. GEMINI: Stay focused on the good traits of those close to you and they will compound before your eyes. CANCER: You'll celebrate the ups, help with the downs and find ways to make all the in-betweens a bit more memorable. LEO: You'll share in another person's dream and still inhabit your own. VIRGO: You want people to feel free to express themselves around you, so you are unconditionally supportive. LIBRA: A psychic experience is in store, as unexplainable as it is personal. SCORPIO: You'll get evidence of your unique connection to someone. SAGITTARIUS: It's rare and beautiful, the astute observer who can read your mood and respond accordingly. CAPRICORN: Lavishing another person with attention fulfills you. It's not quite as easy for you to be on the receiving end. AQUARIUS: Unusual problems require unusual solutions found in strange places. PISCES: You've no shortage of charisma; your fan club will grow exponentially.

### COUPLE OF THE

WEEKEND: Aries and Aquarius see the world in different ways and approach accordingly. Aries charges in with instinct and physical confidence. Aquarius dives with the intellect first, mentally exploring and visualizing the possibilities before ever making a move. Their connection seems unpredictable at first, but their rhythms match up consistently this weekend,

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

#### Today's Answers

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### CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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