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**Daily Quotes**

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 — Steve Jobs

"A true champion will fight through anything."  
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# Howard County vets receive Quilts of Valor

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Contributing Writer

A sacrifice that can never be fully repaid is that of a soldier's service to their country. While there is no true form of repayment, it is possible to wrap them in love and gratitude. Recently, two Howard County veterans - Arick Higginbotham and Robin Tijernia - were wrapped in that love as they were presented with a Quilt of Valor.

"We want to remind all of our soldiers that we are proud of their service. We appreciate every one who made the choice to serve their country. No matter what level of combat they saw, their sacrifice is appreciated and served a vital part in our freedom," Mike Tarpley, Quilt of Valor presenter and Chapter 47 Vice Commander, said.

The Quilts of Valor organization is the result of a dream brought to fruition. A Gold-Star Mother, Catherine Roberts, had a dream while she was waiting on her son to return from service. During the recent presentation Tarpley described the dream.

"Katherine described the dream as vivid as real life. She saw a young man sit-

ting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. There was a permeating feeling of despair. I could see his war demons clustered down into an emotional gutter," Tarpley read. "Katherine continued, it was as if in a movie. She saw him wrapped in a quilt and his whole demeanor changed. There was now a sense of hope and well being... quilts equal healing."

Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national organization founded in 2003 by a "Blue Star" mom, Catherine Roberts. The idea of finding a way to provide comfort for veterans came to her while her son was deployed in Iraq. While he was deployed, she constantly felt 10 seconds away from panic and those feelings turned into quilt making.

"I received my quilt one day in the mail and I was lucky to have my wife and my mother around me when I opened it," Quilts of Valor local presenter Mike Tarpley, said. "Since then I guess you could say I have been honored with many quilts that I have been able to present to our veterans."

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Photo courtesy Amanda Duforat  
**Chapter 47 DAV Vice Commander Mike Tarpley, right, wraps Robin Tijernia in a Quilt of Valor during the DAV February meeting.. Looking on is fellow Quilt recipient Arick Higginbotham. The quilts are given in gratitude and recognition of veterans' sacrifices.**

## Crossroads Saloon, Dr. Kilgore recognized for support by DAV at monthly meeting



Photo courtesy Amanda Duforat

Personnel from Crossroads Saloon received a sign honoring their contributions to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47, including to the Bikes Across Big Spring event in 2021.

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Community support is part of the foundation that holds up the Big Spring Chapter 47 Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.). Each month, the D.A.V. takes a moment at the beginning of their meeting to recognize those who have helped the mission of supporting local veterans.

"Our community support is an important part of our success. Whether it be a fundraiser, donations, or simply helping us spread the word, every piece makes a difference," Mike

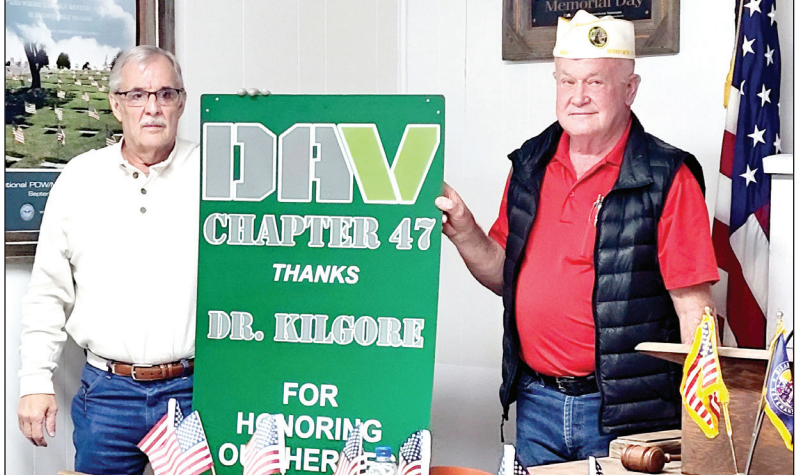


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DAV Vice Commander Mike Tarpley and Commander Ed Meiser display a sign honoring optometrist Dr. Gale Kilgore for his continuing support of veterans in the community. Dr. Kilgore was unable to attend.

Tarpley, D.A.V. Chapter 47 Vice Commander, said. The first recognition of the night was for Crossroads Saloon. One of the most recent contributions was during the Bikes Across Big Spring 2021 event. Crossroads hosted the closing ceremony, which allowed for the announcement of the winners. Crossroads also helped gather items to be used as a fundraiser and once again hosted.

"We were looking for a place to do our presentations after

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### Library receives MLK donation from Power Resources Inc. Special to the Herald

In January, Howard County Library received a generous donation of \$500 from Power Resources, Inc. a subsidiary of BHE Renewables, in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. While the MLK holiday has passed it is always a good time to honor Dr. King's legacy. The library was able to use this donation to purchase books



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### WTC participates in workshop on mental disorders, substance abuse Special to the Herald

Howard County healthcare providers participated in a two-day workshop Monday and Tuesday developing strategies to effectively identify and respond to the needs of justice-involved adults with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders.

Participants from Howard County included West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW; West Texas Centers Special Programs Coordi-

nator Patricia Watlington, LMSW; and members of Policy Research, Inc., (PRI), based in Delmar, New York.

Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) facilitated by Policy Research, Inc., is a workshop designed to assist communities to identify existing community resources, service gaps, and opportunities for improved service coordination and communication between mental health,

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## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 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 faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness

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

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

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

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

## Obituaries

### Letha Kersey Duke



Letha Kersey Duke, 101, of Big Spring passed away on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022. She will lie in state from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2022 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2:00p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at Trinity Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The services will be livestreamed through the YouTube channel Trinity Baptist Big Spring. The service will be available for viewing following the service as well.

She was born Jan. 6, 1921 in Cason, Texas to William D. and Ada Maude Barnard Kersey. Letha was a member of Trinity Baptist Church for 74 years and was a warrior of Christ. She was saved at an early age of 8 years old in the late 1920's. Letha brought hundreds of people to Christ. She made sure every person she came in contact with knew about her Jesus. She taught Sunday school for many years and was very active in missions work alongside her husband until his death in 1992. She still pursued the work of the Lord through missions, traveling on various missions trips to Brazil, Mexico and Honduras. She prayed daily for all of the missionaries and she never missed an opportunity to fellowship with them.

Letha was a World War II nurse. From 1993 until 2008, Letha was a faculty member at Howard College teaching Nurse Aide classes in the Continuing Education Department. She would work individually with nursing students to help them study and pass their state board exam. She also worked for 63 years as a registered nurse in many different locations. She was a hospice nurse for her daughter, her husband and two of her sisters in her home, caring for them in their end of life. Letha was also a certified sign language interpreter. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend. Anyone who knew Ms. Letha loved her and knew she loved them.

Survivors include her grandchildren: Blake Torrence, Lupe Estrada, Margie Martinez, Richard Martinez, Raymond Martinez, Victor Martinez, David Martinez, David Duke III, Rita Robles, Lydia Cardenas, Daniel Duke; close friends, Sandra Henderson Temple and Bob; numerous loving great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank her special friends, Deanna Burnett, Robbie Froman and everyone at Trinity Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Duke, Sr., parents, daughter, Amelia Duke Torrence, sisters, Ruth Kersey and Margaret Hinton.

Ms. Letha's wishes were in lieu of flowers to make donations to Trinity Baptist Missions Fund, 1701 E. FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N Cottonwood. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 3200 block of Wasson and Parkway. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of S Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of E Hwy 350. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Creighton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of S Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Leatherwood. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 101 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JASON LEE BULLARD**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz, criminal trespass.

• **DUVELL BUSH**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.

• **JACOREION CAMPBELL**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family violence, possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

• **GARY CLAYTON**, 65, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

• **CRYSTAL FOLSTAL**, 17, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family violence.

• **GUILLERMO MEDINA GALLARDO**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury.

• **SKYLAR DIAMONTE GILLIAM**, 19, was arrested on a charge of BSPD on a charge of theft of property more than \$100 less than \$750.

• **MAX O GONZALES**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family violence.

• **CHELSIE RAE GRANTHAM**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• **ANTHONY GEORGE HERNANDEZ**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by felon.

• **GENE HERNANDEZ**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than 1g, driving while license invalid.

• **ARCHIE JOE HODNETT**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

• **LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass, possession of controlled substance more than 3g less than 28g.

• **ALYSSA CRISELDA LOPEZ**, 33, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with child, abandon endanger child with intent/knowing

• **MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **ELIZABETH MARIA LUTERA**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of ride not secured by safety belt, violate promise to appear.

• **KURT ANTON MIRANDA**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CARLOS MUNOZ**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance more than 4g less than 200g, unlawfully carrying weapon.

• **KASHELL LYNN MARIE RAYMOND**, 29, was arrested by

HCSO on a charge of manufacturing and delivery of controlled substance less than 1 g, manufacturing and deliver of controlled substance more than 4g less than 200g, bail jumping and fail to appear.

• **CONNALY BRANDI REEVES**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **LUIS CANALES RION III**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JANICE RODRIGUEZ**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of fail to identify giving false, resist arrest search or transport.

• **THADDEUS STRAUGHTER**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property more than \$100 less than \$750, aggravated robbery, violate promise to appear, fail to maintain financial responsibility, possession of controlled substance less than 1g.

• **JOSHUA STEVEN WALKER**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of speeding 10% above posted limit, driving while license invalid, violate promise to appear.

• **JULIENN L WHEELER**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of vehicle.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **GUILLERMO MEDINA GALLARDO**, 26, of 1401 N Hwy 87 Apartment 501 was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

• **CARLOS ANN MUNOZ**, 34, of 1104 Sycamore was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency x2.

• **MICHAEL LOPEZ**, 34, of 411 N Scurry St was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **SKYLAR D GILLIAM**, 19, of 2007 N Monticello was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

• **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the area of Wasson and parkway.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of N Hwy 87.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

• **THEFT** was reported in the area of W CR 1 and FM 818.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of W Leatherwood Rd.



### O'Neal Kunkle Chapter #47

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# QUILTS

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Since the founding of the organization, more than 150,000 quilts have been awarded in the United States, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. With each quilt the mission to honor service members and veterans is fulfilled - one human-being reaching out and touching another without judgement, reaching out with acceptance and with acknowledgement of service to our nation in very trying circumstances.

"The Quilts of Valor Foundation recognizes war demons that plague soldiers from all wars. There are thousands of quilters across the United States

working to make these quilts to cover our warriors, from all conflicts," Tarpley said.

The quilts are made up of three layers: the top with its many colors, shapes and fabrics represent the community and the many individuals we are; the batting - filler - is the center of the quilt, its warmth.

"This second layer represents the hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to the individual who receives it," Tarpley said during the presentation.

The backing is the final layer and it represents strength that supports the other layers. It represents the strength of the recipient, the support of his or her family, communities and nation. Each of

the stitches holding the layers together represent love, gratitude and sometimes the tears of the maker. Each quilt represents the three-part message from the givers to the recipient.

"We honor you for your service. We honor you for leaving all you hold dear and to stand in harm's way in a time of crisis, protecting us from the effects of war," Tarpley said. "Next, we know that freedom is not free. The cost of freedom is the dedication of lives of men and women like you, and this quilt is meant to say thank you for your sacrifice."

He continued, "Finally, this quilt is meant to offer comfort to you and to remind you that although your family and friends cannot be with you at all times, you are forever in our thoughts and hearts."

# DAV

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Bikes Across Big Spring last year, and Crossroads stepped up and allowed us to use their space," Tarpley said.

In addition, Dr. Gale Kilgore was recognized - while unable to attend the meeting - for his continued support of veteran's families in the community. Dr. Kilgore is part of a local outreach that provides veteran's families with monetary support, several times a year. In addition to the family support, he recently made a donation of \$3,000 to the D.A.V. Chapter in Big Spring. The donation is meant to help the D.A.V. in their efforts to meet the day-to-day needs for local veterans.

"Dr. Kilgore has done this before, but recently donated some funds that were not able to be used as the fiscal year closed out," Ed Meiser, D.A.V. Chapter 47 Commander, said. "This is an example of veterans helping support other veterans right here in our community."

As the new year kicks off, the D.A.V. is once again appreciative of the support, and ready to get to work on several upcoming fundraisers. The first fundraiser on the list - the second annual Cornhole Tournament - is set for May 21 at Star Dodge. More information will be released in the coming weeks and registration will open soon. The fourth annual Bikes Across Big Spring, which will once again benefit the D.A.V., is set for Sept. 24. Lastly, Adrienne Green

is once again heading up and organizing the second annual Veteran's Comedy Show. The show is penciled in for Nov. 5 at the VFW. More details will be released as the event date draws near.

"These fundraisers are a great thing. Not only are we able to bring in needed funds that help serve our local veterans, but it gets the word out about the D.A.V. and allows veterans to find out about an organization that is here for them," Tarpley said. "Funds are used to help with utilities, housing, food, and other recognition events."

The D.A.V. was also recently able to start a scholarship at Howard College, for veterans, kids of veterans, and grandchildren of veterans. There are five \$1,000 scholarships available for those seeking to further their education at Howard College of Big Spring.

"Our veterans have given so much to us, and we want to make sure that their service is not forgotten. With these scholarships we extend our gratitude to the soldiers returning and wanting to go back to school, but also to their families who provide so much support."

To apply for one of the D.A.V. scholarships through Howard College, the process begins on the Howard College website.

The D.A.V. meets on the third Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. The meetings take place at 2204 Runnels. To find out how to become a member or find out more information, reach out to Mike Tarpley or D.A.V. Commander Ed Meiser.

# DONATION

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about Martin Luther King Jr. and also African American history. The library purchased items at the beginning of February and most items have arrived at the library and will be soon available for circulation. The books come in time to celebrate African-American History Month and this dona-

tion helped add to the library's overall collection. With this substantial donation we were able to purchase 31 items.

The library purchased 27 non-fiction books to add to the children's, young adult, and adult collection and 4 adult non-fiction audiobooks. Some titles purchased include, Annotated African American Folktales by Henry Louis Gate, Call Us What We Carry: Poems by Amanda Gorman, I Have a Dream by Dr. Martin Luther King with illustrations from Ka-

dir Nelson a picture book with CD, Martin Luther King, Jr.: Voice for Equality! by James Buckley in graphic novel format and She Raised Her Voice!: 50 Black Women Who Sang Their Way Into Music History by Jordannah Elizabeth. The library is grateful for this donation and we encourage everyone to explore this part of the collection. Books will be on display in the children's, young adult, and adult areas where new books are displayed.

# WORKSHOP

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substance abuse and criminal justice professionals.

"West Texas Centers leadership has long been involved in studying this extensive situation plaguing our jail and prison system," Smith said. "This workshop was another opportunity for us to learn and contribute ideas on a local, statewide and national level."

Key agency administrators, staff and consumer advocates from the mental health, substance abuse and criminal justice system in Howard County participated in Sequential Intercept Mapping, which focused strategic planning efforts on cross-systems collaboration and the reduction of system and service barriers with an integrated, local action plan.

"This workshop is a strategic planning session intended to foster systemic change and provide each participating community with the tools necessary to move forward to enhance services for adults with mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders in contact with the justice system," according to Dr. Henry J. Steadman of PRI.

In preparation for the workshop, a County Planning Committee participated in a conference call with the facilitators on Jail Diversion to discuss current practices and potential barriers to systems change.

The SIM Planning Committee included Smith, Watlington and members of PRI.

During the workshop, participants developed a map detailing the flow of criminal justice contact from arrest to incarcerations, referral and access to services, and points for diversion from the justice system across Howard

County.

Strategies for systems change impelled by other communities nationwide also were considered.

Nationally, individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders are an increasing presence within the criminal justice system. Studies have shown that 6.4 percent of men and 12.2 percent of women entering jails nationwide have a severe and persistent mental illness, compared to less than 2 percent of the general population.

Of these individuals, 72 percent live with a co-occurring substance use disorder. This problem is especially pronounced in rural communities, where the availability, accessibility and acceptability of behavioral health services prevent many from receiving the help in they need.

With more than 650,000 individuals returning to communities each year from prisons nationwide and 7 million individuals returning from jails, effective linkage and access to community services for people with a mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorder is critical to reduce an often repetitive cycle of justice involvement, Smith said.

West Texas Centers serves consumers and their families in a 23-county area in rural West Texas. West Texas Centers serves as the designated local authority for mental health and intellectual and developmental disabilities for the 23-county area, which includes: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum counties.

# Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. The final show of the season will be the Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For updates, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to [www.bigspringsymphony.org](http://www.bigspringsymphony.org).

• 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

northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit [www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine](http://www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine).

• 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](mailto:Covid19@sprhs.org)

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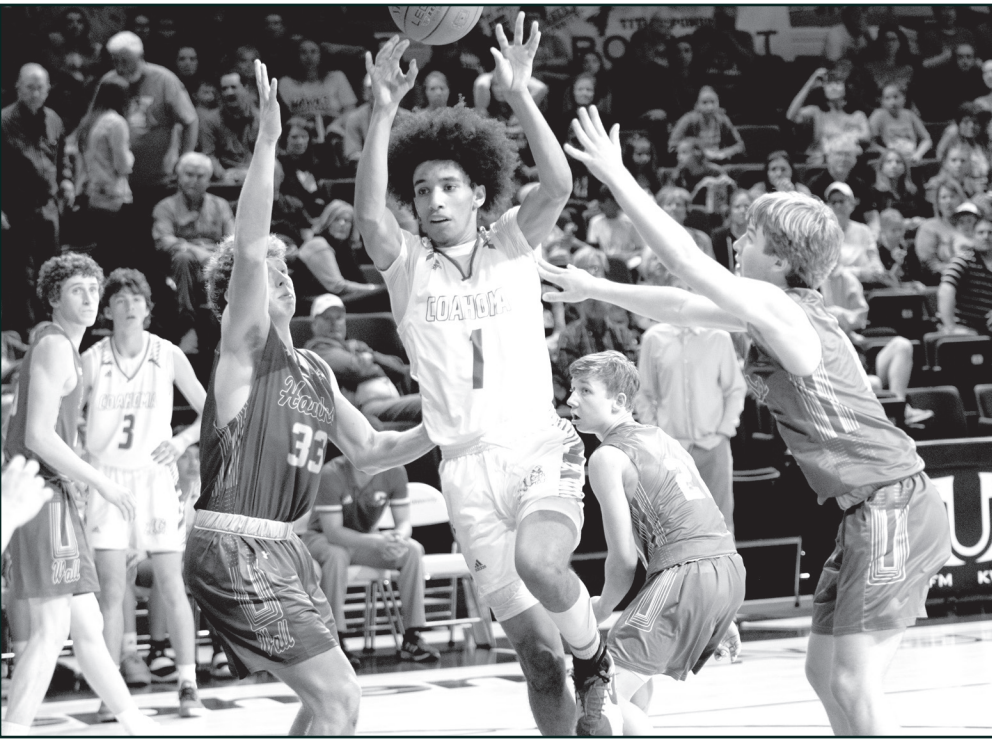
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### Coahoma ends season with loss to Wall



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Left: Coahoma's Raheem Ashford passes to Billy Bailey through a pack of Wall defenders during the Bulldogs UIL Bi-District Championship game with the Hawks on Monday night at the Junell Center/Stephens Arena in San Angelo. Right: Coahoma Bulldogs head basketball Coach Brandon Lucas prepares to speak with his team during a timeout in the UIL Bi-District Championship game held on Monday at the Junell Center/Stephens Arena in San Angelo. Coahoma went on to lose to Wall, 30-69.

Special to the Herald

SAN ANGELO — The Coahoma Bulldogs finished the 2021-2022 basketball season with a 30-69 loss to Wall in the UIL Bi-District Championship game held Monday at the Junell Center/Stephens Arena.

The Bulldogs jumped out into an early lead in the first quarter against the District 6-3A champions, but the Hawks rallied quickly and ended the quarter with an 18-10 advantage. The Wall squad salted away the game in the fourth quarter with a 29-6 run, and held the Bulldogs to only seven points the entire second half.

Raheem Ashford led Coahoma in points. The senior Bulldog had 13, and teammate Devon Bennett netted 10.

The Bulldogs end the season with their second playoff appearance in three years and an 11-22 record. Coahoma loses two varsity members to graduation - Ashford and Ky Kemper.

COAHOMA 30, WALL 69

Coahoma: 10, 13, 1, 6 -- 30  
Wall: 18, 14, 8, 29 - 69

Coahoma — Raheem Ashford 13, Ryan Shifflett 4, Devon Bennett 10, Austin Perkins 3.

Wall — Jacob Richardson 19, Ryan Dusek 2, Augden Hallmark 14, Jacob Felger 16, Mason Snowden 2, Andrew Russell 2, Logan Thomas 8, Justin Allen 4, Lane Stansbury 2.

Free Throws — Coahoma 8-16, Wall 4-5; 3-Point Goals — Coahoma 2 (Perkins, Bennett), Wall 9 (Fledger 4, Richardson 3, Hallmark 2); Fouls — Coahoma 8; Wall 14.

### Sands Lady mustangs keep rolling with another win in playoffs



Courtesy Photos

The Sands Lady mustangs basketball team showed why they are the number 1 team in all of 1A. They have breezed through the first few rounds of the playoffs with minor problems, and this Tuesday, Feb 22, was no different. The Lady Mustangs faced off against the Whiteface Lady Antelopes in the Regional Quarterfinals. As they have been doing all season long, they handled business quickly, dispatching the Antelopes by a final score of 56-27. Next up will be the Regional semifinals, where the Lady Mustangs will take on Nazareth on Friday, Feb 25.

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# Forsan buffaloes basketball team wins first playoff game



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The Forsan buffs basketball team reigned supreme Tuesday night, Feb. 22. The Buffs opened their playoff run, facing off against the Fort Hancock Mustangs. The game was a close back and forth battle, but the Buffaloes were the ones raising the Bi-District gold ball in the end with a 63-58 victory to take home the Bi-District championship. Next for the Buffs in the Area round of the playoffs will be the New Home Leopards this Thursday, Feb. 24, in Garden City. Time TBD at press time.

## Column: Mickelson needing the greatest escape of his career

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES — The commercial slogan associated with Phil Mickelson for years is never more true than it is now, minus the anticipation of something extraordinary.

What will Phil do next?

Whether his true intentions were chasing Saudi Arabian money or gaining more control over how he thinks the PGA Tour should be run, Mickelson has been exposed for manipulating people to get what he wants.

Once seen as leading the charge of players poised to join a breakaway Saudi golf league, Lefty is now on his own among those with real influence.

Dustin Johnson declared his support for the PGA Tour on Sunday, and Bryson DeChambeau quickly tagged along by default. None of the top 12 players in the world — and that doesn't include Brooks Koepka and Jordan Spieth — have indicated any interest.

What's the point of joining a league that doesn't have A-list players?

"I'm sure he's sitting at home sort of rethinking his position and where he goes from here," Rory McIlroy said.

Mickelson's first step in that direction was a lengthy apology on Tuesday in which he claimed his explosive comments about the Saudis and his motivation for joining them were taken out of context and meant to be off the record. He added that the "pressure and stress" of professional golf have taken a toll on his mental health.

"I offended people, and I am deeply sorry for my choice of words," Mickelson said.

But this time, it's not as easy as a simple apology.

That worked when he complained in 2013 about paying too many taxes in California. And when he was involved in an illicit stock trade that led to him giving back to the government the \$931,000 (plus interest) he made in one week.

Mickelson was a relief defendant and never charged, but most telling was

what he pledged when it was over: "I have to be responsible for the people I associate with."

Ahem. This time, he left plenty of wreckage behind him.

Greg Norman and his LIV Golf Investments, which is trying to create a rival league by offering unrivaled riches, have every reason to be furious. Mickelson made it clear in his explosive interview with author and golf writer Alan Shipnuck at The Fire Pit Collective that his threat to join a "Super Golf League" is about getting leverage to change the PGA Tour.

"I'm not even sure I want it to succeed," Mickelson said of the Saudi-financed league. "But just the idea of it is allowing us to get things done with the tour."

And here Norman thought he was using Mickelson to exact his own vendetta against the tour.

As for the Saudis? Imagine the reaction of those who control the purse strings of this proposed league, the Public Investment Fund, chaired by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. In the interview, Mickelson referred to them as "scary mother (expletive)s to get involved with."

Not to be overlooked are the fans he has cultivated over 30 years with thumbs-up gestures, hours of signing legible autographs, six major championships and countless thrills and spills.

This is how he explained his pursuit of the Saudi league in the interview with Shipnuck:

"We know they killed (Washington Post columnist Jamal) Khashoggi and have a horrible record on human rights. They execute people over there for being gay," he said. "Knowing all of this, why would I even consider it? Because this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape how the PGA Tour operates."

How to recover from that?

Would a corporate sponsor want to be associated with that line of thinking? Mickelson issued his apology at

the same time KPMG announced it was ending its 14-year partnership with him, a decision the company called mutual.

This is not as excusable as someone making a mockery of the rules by stopping a moving ball on the green as he did at Shinnecock Hills in the 2018 U.S. Open. This is not someone who thinks California is taking too much of his money.

Mickelson has not played since the Saudi International, where he blasted the PGA Tour for "obnoxious greed" while collecting a seven-figure appearance fee. He is not playing this week and no one is sure where he will show up next, much less what he will do or what he will say.

The PGA Tour does not disclose disciplinary action. Still, there is chatter about whether Mickelson would face suspension for his damaging remarks (where to start?) and for saying in the interview that he and three other unnamed players paid attorneys to write the operating agreement for a rival golf league. He said the players would have control. Of course.

Still to be determined is whether Mickelson has lost the locker room or lost his marbles.

Maybe both.

He hasn't announced he is leaving. There is no evi-

dence he has signed up with the Saudis.

DeChambeau was said to be leaning that way, with a reported \$130 million offer and plenty of tales of his ill will toward the tour. But he said — after Johnson put his cards on the table — that as long as the best players are on the PGA Tour, that's where DeChambeau plans to be.

Anyone who joined the new league risked being banned from the PGA Tour, and by extension, was unlikely to take part in another Ryder Cup. Mickelson has always been looked upon as the natural choice for captain at Bethpage Black in 2025.

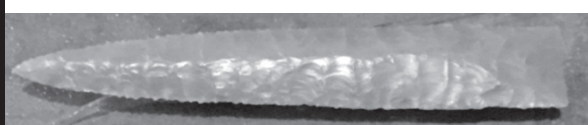
New York has always loved Lefty. Does it still? The bigger question is whether he can regain the respect of the players.

Justin Thomas referred to Mickelson's comments as "egotistical." McIlroy was particularly strong even while trying not "to kick someone while he's down." That was unavoidable.

"Naive, selfish, egotistical, ignorant. A lot of words to describe that interaction with Shipnuck," McIlroy said. "It was just very surprising and disappointing."

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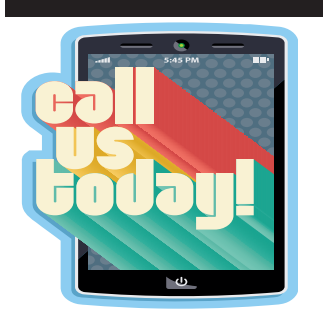
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### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



### Legals

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The executive director has determined the applications are administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the applications.

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### Legals

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Notice Issuance Date: December 16, 2021



00 11 19 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

General Notice

The Colorado River Municipal Water District (Owner) is requesting Proposals for construction of the following Project:

S.W. Freese Dam Repairs CMD20703

This Project includes the following Work:

A. The Project includes blasting and recoating of all 6 Tainter gates and associated superstructure and appurtenances. As part of the recoating structural repairs to the gates will be included, as necessary. In addition to the work at the gates, the project also includes cleaning of the

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drainage gallery, replacing the outlet works vent pipe and appurtenances, and repair of spalling on the bridge deck and spillway.

The Owner's Budget for the Project is \$7,485,000. The Project is to be complete and eligible for final payment in the time filled in by the Contractor on the Proposal Form for Substantial Completion.

Obtaining Proposal Documents

Advertisement and proposal information for the Project can be found at the following procurement website:

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The Contract Documents

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Instructions to Offerors

See Section 00 21 16 "Instructions to Offerors" included in the Proposal Documents for detailed requirements for preparing and submitting a Proposal and award of the Contract.

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THURSDAY

Table with 30 columns (KMID 3, UNI 4, KPEJ 5, KOSA 7, KTLT 8, KWES 9, KMLM 12, KPBT 13, KWWT 14, KOSA2 16, WTBS 33, TNT 34, ESPN 35, ESPN2 36, FSN 38, USA 55, A&E 58, DISC 60) and 24 rows of program listings.

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2022. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1942, the SS Struma, a charter ship attempting to carry nearly 800 Jewish refugees from Romania to British-mandated Palestine, was torpedoed by a Soviet submarine in the Black Sea; all but one of the refugees perished.

On this date:

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

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

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

In 1986, the Supreme Court struck down, 6-3, an Indianapolis ordinance that would have allowed women injured by someone who had seen or read pornographic material to

sue the maker or seller of that material.

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

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

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

In 2002, the Salt Lake City Olympics came to a close, the same day Canada won its first hockey gold in 50 years (the U.S. won silver) and three cross-country skiers were thrown out of the games for using a performance-enhancing drug.

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

In 2011, Discovery, the world's most traveled spaceship, thundered into orbit for the final time, heading toward the International Space Station on a journey marking the beginning of the end of the shuttle era.

In 2015, the Justice Department announced that George Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watch volunteer who fatal-

ly shot Trayvon Martin in a 2012 confrontation, would not face federal charges.

In 2020, former Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein was convicted in New York on charges of rape and sexual assault involving two women. (Weinstein was sentenced to 23 years in state prison.)

Ten years ago: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in Tunisia for a conference on Syria, called Russia and China "despicable" for opposing U.N. action aimed at stopping the bloodshed caused by the Damascus regime's crackdown on an anti-government uprising.

Jan Berenstain, 88, who with her husband, Stan, wrote and illustrated the Berenstain Bears books, died in Solebury Township, Pennsylvania.

Five years ago: Vice President Mike Pence assured the Republican Jewish Coalition meeting in Las Vegas that he and President Donald Trump would work tirelessly on foreign and domestic issues important to the group, such as enacting business-friendly policies at home and supporting Israel abroad.

One year ago: The acting head of the Capitol Police acknowledged to a House panel that the department had intelligence warning of a "significant likelihood for violence" on Jan. 6 but said officers were not prepared for the insurrection that would follow.

Lady Gaga's dog walker was shot and two of the singer's French bulldogs were stolen in Hollywood during what police described as an armed

robbery; the singer offered a \$500,000 reward for the return of her dogs. (The dogs were recovered unharmed two days later; five people would be charged either with carrying out the attack or as alleged accomplices.)

Palm Beach County defied Florida's governor and refused to lower its flags for a day in honor of the late conservative broadcaster Rush Limbaugh; flags at the state Capitol and in the Town of Palm Beach were lowered.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Dominic Chianese (kee-uh-NAY'-see) is 91. Opera singer-director Renata Scott is 88. Singer Joanie Sommers is 81. Actor Jenny O'Hara is 80. Former Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., is 80. Actor Barry Bostwick is 77. Actor Edward James Olmos is 75. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 75. Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 72. Actor Debra Jo Rupp is 71. Actor Helen Shaver is 71. News anchor Paula Zahn is 66. Baseball Hall of Famer Eddie Murray is 66. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 64. Actor Mark Moses is 64. Actor Beth Broderick is 63. Actor Emilio Rivera is 61. Singer Michelle Shocked is 60. Movie director Todd Field is 58. Actor Billy Zane is 56. Actor Bonnie Somerville is 48. Jazz musician Jimmy Greene is 47. Former boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. is 45. Rock musician Matt McGinley (Gym Class Heroes) is 39. Actor Wilson Bethel is 38. Actor Alexander Koch is 34. Actor Daniel Kaluuya (Film: "Get Out") is 33. Rap-actor O'Shea Jackson Jr. is 31.



By Steve Becker A very costly decision

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠A9864 ♥— ♦AKQ643 ♣Q9 WEST ♠52 ♥87 ♦10982 ♣J10753 EAST ♠K ♥J6543 ♦7 ♣AK8642 SOUTH ♠QJ1073 ♥AKQ1092 ♦J5 ♣—

The bidding: North East South West 1♦ 2NT 3♠ 6♣ 6♠ Pass 7♠ Opening lead — eight of hearts.

Percentage plays are not always successful, and sometimes they can prove very costly. Consider this deal played in a World Bridge Olympiad match between Canada and the United States. When the Canadians held the North-South cards, they reached seven spades on the sequence shown, and West led a

heart, won by South with the nine. Declarer played the queen of spades at trick two and, after West followed with the deuce, had to make a critical decision. After giving full weight to all factors — including East's "unusual notrump" — overall promising length in hearts and clubs — South finessed the queen, lost to East's singleton king and so went down one. Of course, had declarer gone up with the ace instead, he would have scored 2,210 points!

South's decision certainly can't be faulted, since he made the play that was likely to win far more often than it would lose. Perhaps the finger of blame can be pointed more correctly at South for his decision to carry on to seven spades, rather than passing six. At the other table, the U.S. North-South pair stopped at six spades. West led the jack of clubs, ruffed by South. Taking no chances, declarer led the queen of spades to the ace, caught the king and so made the slam with an overtrick for a score of 1,460 points. Ironically, the declarer who bid six made seven, while the declarer who bid seven made six.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.



## Horoscopes By Holiday

THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 24, 2022

### Mercury's Unique Call

Mercury and Uranus call on our stores of compassion. Unlike good eyesight or plenty of hair, compassion isn't usually the sort of gift a person is born with. More often it is earned through suffering, enduring injustice or crushing disappointment. These are the experiences that equip hearts to see one another through the dark tunnels of hardship.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Understanding the experience of others is more important than who is right or wrong. If you want to lower the levels of confrontation, use "I" statements instead of "you."  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). When the lightbulb goes out, you change the lightbulb; you don't get a new house. Narrow your focus to the problem area, then zero in on the problem spot and finally the problem source, which will be quite small and fixable.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). No relationship is perfect. Conflict is a fact of life. What matters is the desire to live in harmony. Some things won't be solved, but the intent to solve them counts for a lot.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Those who do wrong will self-punish, while those who do right will self-reward. In light of this, there is no need to condemn or elevate anyone, so avoid the pressures (or pleasures, as the case may be) of judgment.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Ever the entertainer, you don't have to worry about being perceived as boring -- it's just not an option. Behaving in such a way that others will find humorous or fascinating is part of your subconscious plan.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Things have changed. You're no longer sure what you want. The big picture seems overwhelming, but you can put your finger on the following question: In the coming six weeks, how do you think you

can best serve your people?

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe you'll call out the untruth when you hear it; you always hear it. Then again, people need their defenses. A lie can seem very small next to your big, gracious heart. And so, you let it slide.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A long time ago you made a commitment. Do you remember why you made that choice? That answer will be the light that guides you. If it's hard to answer this question, maybe it's time to reevaluate.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The goal seems achievable, yet you haven't. It's not for lack of desire, and you've certainly put in work, but something is just off. Either change the goal or change the plan. An outsider's perspective will help.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It is logical to believe that if you do the right thing, then the next right thing and the next, you will eventually achieve success. This only works if your "right things" are aligned in a row toward the target. Organize your efforts.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Bad habits die hard but die they will for those who keep trying things until something works. Ideally, you'll believe in yourself, but if you don't, that's OK too. Just act "as if" for a while and one day it will be true.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). When a friend needs a listening ear, you'll resist the urge to tell your own story (especially an exciting, glamorous version that few can relate to) and give your full attention.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 24). That great universal force called attraction is working for you. Somewhere between tiny electrons flying around the nucleus of atoms and the grand galactic swirl is you, following the attractions you find meaningful. Your love will be well-placed and reciprocated. What you accomplish in a supportive group will amaze. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 9, 6 and 41.

**COSMIC QUESTION:** "My sister is super mad at me.

What happened was that her boyfriend proposed to her last month, and she said yes, but she complained about the ring he used to propose. When she told me about it, she was worried that he would think she was shallow and superficial. I told her that she is shallow and superficial and that she shouldn't have been such a brat and spoiled the moment for him. Now she's mad at me. I'm married too and my husband didn't even have a ring when he proposed. And he barely even proposed, really. But we've been together for 15 years and I can't see what difference getting a good ring would have made. Anyway, now my sister and her fiancé have found the right ring, and everything is going well for them as they get ready for the wedding; meanwhile, she won't even talk to me. What's a Virgo to do?"

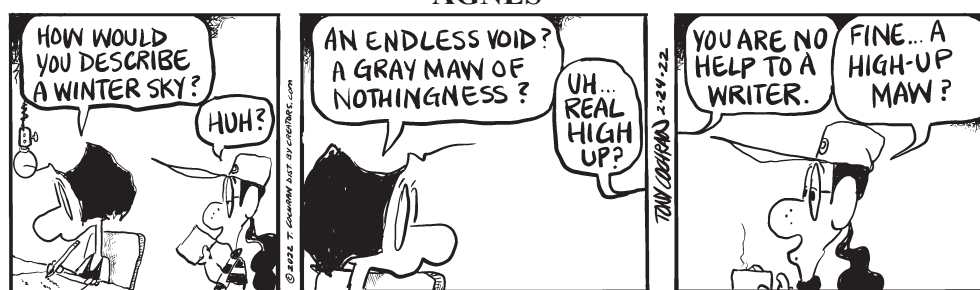
You can't help that you're down-to-earth, just like your sister can't help that she's not. You thought your sister shouldn't have been so blunt and inconsiderate with her husband and you let her know in a similarly blunt and inconsiderate way. Ask for forgiveness and try to be happy for her.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:**

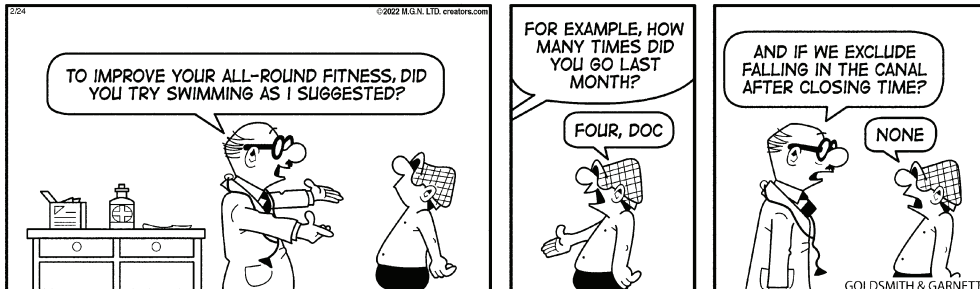
Sometimes he's called "Pretty Boy" and sometimes he's called "Money," but the thing that Floyd Mayweather Jr. is most often called is a champion of boxing with multiple world titles in his undefeated career. Mayweather is a Pisces old soul who comes from a long line of fighters. Known for his lightning reflexes and comedic commentary, three fire sign influences add heat to a well-balanced natal chart.

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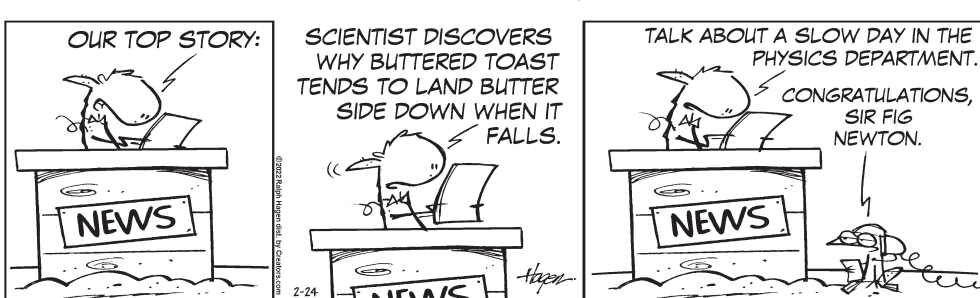
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### ONE BIG HAPPY



### THE BARN



## Newsday Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Small chirpers
- 6 Speak for, for short
- 9 Wallops
- 14 Charge toward
- 15 Go amiss
- 16 Public promenade
- 17 First Lady who penned *Becoming* (2018)
- 18 Castilian kinsman
- 19 Leans to one side
- 20 Start of an "entertaining" adage
- 22 First words
- 23 Prefix that may mean "green"
- 24 Shark's stabilizer
- 25 A way to stand
- 27 Election ender
- 28 Of two minds
- 30 French royal house
- 32 Much valued
- 33 Dawning
- 35 In a sly way
- 37 Middle of adage
- 40 In direct confrontation
- 43 *Battlestar Galactica* star
- 47 Heavy load
- 48 Tough slogs
- 51 Blood bank inventory
- 52 Organic sealant
- 53 Most preferred
- 54 ER readout
- 56 Up-and-down agreement
- 57 Obliterate
- 59 End of adage
- 62 Merchant ship supervisor

### DOWN

- 1 Corresponded with
- 2 Fateful crossing point
- 3 Bewitches
- 4 Roster entry
- 5 Fill with workers
- 6 Pupil's neighbor
- 63 NBC comedy showcase
- 64 Really like
- 65 Completely unfamiliar
- 66 GPS display
- 67 Is acquitted
- 68 Coating on ceramics or sweets
- 69 Run, as a program
- 70 Comic Wanda

### MOVING RIGHT ALONG

by S.N.  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- 7 Water part of four state borders
- 8 Shakespearean sorcerer
- 9 Of two minds
- 10 Reclined
- 11 Company with a Pittsburgh "Tower"
- 12 Stop dreaming
- 13 Expression of regret
- 21 Trucker ID
- 26 One of the Aleutians
- 29 Lizardlike amphibians
- 31 Draft depositor
- 32 Robin Hood contests
- 34 However, in brief
- 36 A way to sway
- 38 Ending like -let
- 39 The Hague's water
- 40 Swag holder, often
- 41 Doing great
- 42 Where most people live
- 44 Family guys
- 45 Satirist P.J.
- 46 Gloom
- 49 Very strong synthetic
- 50 Travel on powder
- 53 Cylinders under sauce
- 55 Mimics a mouse
- 58 Mideast's Gulf of
- 60 Starter like counter-
- 61 Sydney salutation

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Level: Intermediate

### 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!

## CROSSWORD

Today's Answers

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### Today's Answers

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



# Forsan ISD wins appeal with UIL



A happy group! Forsan ISD won its appeal with the UIL. As a result, they have now officially moved from District 6 to District 7 in basketball for two years. That means that they will not travel to Anthony, Fort Hancock, and Wink ... for basketball district play. Instead, Forsan will play Sterling City, Water Valley, Eldorado, Christoval, Big Lake, Ozona, and Sonora.

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- Choose a Ring Bearer
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- Choose Flower Girls
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