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Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest after midnight.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 75.
Source: weather.gov

A Moment in History
Jones Home at 610 Scurry

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**

Heritage Museum of Big Spring
Big Spring was booming in 1910. Mary Zinn said the sounds of hammers could be heard around the clock as homes and businesses continued to build and grow. A two-story stately home had been built by local rancher and director of State National Bank, Biney Jones. It was on the corner of 610 Scurry south of Judge Litter's home. This Jones home was perhaps one of the most beautiful in the city, boasting its beautiful stain glass and large carved columns.



Courtesy photo

The Jones Home at 610 Scurry in Big Spring, shown on the left, was built in 1910. The Boy Scouts of America office is now located on the property where the home once stood.

As soon as they were married, the Jones' moved to Big Spring in 1895. They built their first two story home on the 800 block of West Fourth Street. Biney Jones was noted as the founder of "Jones Valley." He and his wife sold the house to Dr. G.T. Hall for rental property and moved to their newly completed home on Scurry in 1910. The house on West Fourth burned to the ground in 1932.

In 1914, the family left Big Spring with their son and daughter and moved to Greenville, Texas.
The home at 610 Scurry was sold and occupied by several residents including Dora Robert's daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Garrett and their son Horace.

Today in History

On February 28:
1953: Francis Crick and James Watson discover the chemical structure of the DNA molecule.
1983: Final episode of T.V.'s M*A*S*H, a 2-hour special titled "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen," airs; record 125 million watch in the U.S.
1993: Gun battle erupts near Waco, Texas, at Branch Davidian compound after FBI attempts a raid.

Check it out at the Library this week

By **SANDRA VERDIN**

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We are excited to offer in-person Babytime and Storytime beginning Tuesday, March 1. Babytime is recommended for ages 0-3 and will meet Tuesday's at 10:15 AM in the Children's room. Storytime is recommended for ages 4-6 and will meet Thursday's at 10:15 AM in the Children's room. Come join us in the children's room, for stories, play and crafts.

This week's review are fiction titles.
CIA agent Alisa Flynn flaunts the rules by breaking into a mansion in the middle

of the night, she skillfully circumvents alarms and outwits guards only to find herself standing in billionaire Gabe Korgan's study, busted by Korgan himself in Chaos (LP F JOH I) by Iris Johansen. This could cost her job unless, in a split second, she can turn the tables and try to convince him to join her on the most important mission of her life. In a ripped-from-the-headlines plot, schoolgirls in Africa have been kidnapped, and Alisa knows that Korgan has the courage, financial means, and high-tech weaponry to help rescue them. With so many innocent lives hanging in the balance, what she doesn't reveal is that one of those schoolgirls is like a little sister to her. But when the truth gets out, the stakes grow even higher. Calling in

additional assistance from renowned horse whisperer Margaret Douglas, Alisa and Gabe lay their plans, only to see them descend into chaos as the line between right and wrong wavers before them like a mirage. Every path is strewn with pitfalls, each likely to get them, or the hostages, killed. But with the help of a brave team and a horse with the heart of a warrior, they might just get out of this alive.

Riley Wolfe is a master thief, expert at disguise, and not averse to violence when it's needed in *Just Watch Me-Rile Wolfe Series Bk 1* (LP F LIN J) by Jeff Lindsay. It's no accident, though, that Riley targets the wealthiest 0.1 percent and is willing to kill

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Daily Quotes

"Satisfaction of one's curiosity is one of the greatest sources of happiness in life."
— **Linus Pauling**
"If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough."
— **Mario Andretti**
"You've gotta be the original, because if you're like someone else, what do they need you for?"
— **Bernadette Peters**

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Putin puts nuclear forces on high alert, escalating tensions

By **YURAS KARMANAU, JIM HEINTZ, VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV and DASHA LITVINOVA**

Associated Press
KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — President Vladimir Putin dramatically escalated East-West tensions by ordering Russian nuclear forces put on high alert Sunday, while Ukraine's embattled leader agreed to talks with Moscow as Putin's troops and tanks drove deeper into the country.

Citing "aggressive statements" by NATO, Putin issued a directive to increase the readiness of Russia's nuclear weapons — a step that raised fears that the invasion of Ukraine could boil over into nuclear war, whether by design or mistake.

The Russian leader is "potentially putting in play forces that, if there's a miscalculation, could make things much, much more dangerous," said a senior U.S. defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Amid the mounting tensions, Ukrai-

nian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office announced that the two sides would meet at an unspecified location on the Belarusian border, where a Russian delegation was waiting Sunday.

But the Kremlin's ultimate aims in Ukraine — and what steps might be enough to satisfy Moscow — remained unclear.

The fast-moving developments came as scattered fighting was reported in Kyiv, battles broke out in Ukraine's second-largest city, Kharkiv, and strategic ports in the country's south came under assault from Russian forces.

With Russian troops closing in around Kyiv, a city of almost 3 million, the mayor of the capital expressed doubt civilians could be evacuated.

Across the country, Ukrainian defenders were putting up stiff resistance that appeared to slow Russia's advance.

In the southern port city of Mariupol, where Ukrainians were trying to fend off attack, a medical team at a city hospital desperately tried to revive a 6-year-old girl in unicorn pajamas who was

mortally wounded in Russian shelling.

During the rescue attempt, a doctor in blue medical scrubs, pumping oxygen into the girl, looked directly into the Associated Press video camera capturing the scene.

"Show this to Putin," he said angrily. "The eyes of this child, and crying doctors."

Their resuscitation efforts failed, and the girl lay dead on a gurney, her jacket spattered with blood.

Nearly 900 kilometers (560 miles) away, Faina Bystritska was under threat in the city of Chernihiv.

"I wish I had never lived to see this," said Bystritska, an 87-year-old Jewish survivor of World War II. She said sirens blare almost constantly in the city, about 150 kilometers (90 miles) from Kyiv.

Chernihiv residents have been told not to switch on any lights "so we don't draw their attention," said Bystritska, who has been living in a hallway, away

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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 help-

ing 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.

Obituaries

Willie Henry Speaker



Willie Henry Speaker, age 91 of Big Spring, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022. A Graveside Service will be held at 2:00p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2022 at Trinity Memorial Park.

A reception for family and friends to follow at Spring Creek Fellowship.

Willie was born March 7th, 1930, in Indian Gap, Texas, and married Sylvia Cope on May 26, 1953, in Lovington, New Mexico. They enjoyed 68 years of love and happiness together.

Willie was a Christian who loved and depended on the LORD. He prayed daily, especially for his family. He fought on the front lines of the Korean War with the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, also known as the "Red Dragons". Willie was extremely patriotic, and flew his American Flag every day. He retired from his position as the Tire Department Manager at the Howard County Road and Bridge department in 1992, after 28 years. During his retirement, he kept himself busy with his favorite activities: carpentry work, fishing, playing dominoes (especially 42), travelling, visiting casinos, and especially spending time with his beloved family. He loved little kids and animals, and they were attracted to him like a magnet. He had worked as a truck driver in his younger years, and continued to enjoy driving for the rest of his life. At the age of 91, he drove from Big Spring to Flagstaff in one day (750 miles), and got up early the next morning and drove into Reno (730 miles), after which he claimed he wasn't even tired!

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia, daughter and son-in-law Debby and Jim Cook, Grandson Robbi Calley, Grandson & Granddaughter-in-law Mike and Terri Calley, and Great-Granddaughters Brook, Paige, and Abby Calley. In addition, he is survived by several beloved Nieces and Nephews.

He was preceded in death by His parents, Lena and August Speaker, Brothers Herman, R.J., and Walter Speaker, Sisters Minnie Adkins, Edna Grisham, Betty Johnke, and Clara Smith, and Brother-in-law Allen Cope.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a charity of your choice.

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

Paid Obituary

Pedro "Pete" Chavarria

Pedro "Pete" Chavarria, 51, of Big Spring died Saturday, February 26, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bonnie Beeler

Bonnie Beeler, 73, of Big Spring, died Sunday, February 27, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• 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.

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.

• 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 • 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.

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• 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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them when they're in his way, he despises the degenerate and immoral rich and loves stealing their undeserved and unearned valuables. In this series launch, Riley aims for an extraordinary target in a heist that will make history. Riley will try to steal the Crown Jewels of Iran. These jewels are worth billions, but the true attraction for grabbing them comes down to one simple fact, it can't be done. Stealing these jewels is absolutely impossible. The collection is guarded by space-age electronics and two teams of heavily armed mercenaries. No one could even think of getting past the airtight security and hope to get away alive, let alone with even a single diamond from the Imperial Collection. No one but Riley Wolfe. He's always liked a challenge. But this challenge may be more than even he can handle. Aside from the impenetrable security, Riley is also pursued by a brilliant and relentless cop who is barely a step behind him. With the aid of his sometime ally, a beautiful woman who is a master

art forger, Riley Wolfe goes for the prize that will either make him a legend or, more likely, leave him dead"

Ten years ago, sisters Olivia and Melanie Greene were on a backcountry hiking trip when their parents were in a fatal car accident in *All That We Carried* (F BAR E) by Erin Bartels. Over the years, they grew apart, each coping with the loss in her own way. Olivia plunged herself into law school, work, and a materialist view of the world, what you see is what you get, and that's all you get. Melanie dropped out of college and developed an online life-coaching business around her cafeteria-style spirituality, a little of this, a little of that, whatever makes you happy. Now, at Melanie's insistence, and against Olivia's better judgment, they are embarking on a hike in the Porcupine Mountains of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In this remote wilderness they'll face their deepest fears, question their most dearly held beliefs, and begin to see that perhaps the best way to move forward is the one way they had never considered.

Nate Long has always watched over his identical twin brother, Aaron, even when it put him on the

wrong side of the law in *Faith's Mountain Home-Hearts of Montana Bk 3* (F BEL M) by Misty M Beller. When Aaron is wounded in a shootout, the brothers are taken to Settler's Fort to recover. As Nate works to make reparations for their past, he marvels at the nursing Aaron receives under the care of a woman with all the reason in the world to resent him. Laura Hannon knows what it is to start over, and she knows Nate's newfound faith is real. What she can't look past is how far he allowed himself to be led astray by his brother's weaknesses. As a fledgling trust grows between Nate and Laura, they stumble upon a mysterious cave in the mountains that may not be as uninhabited as it seems. While working together to unravel the secrets surrounding the cave, will the new lives they seek for themselves include love, or does too much stand between them?

"When I think about how I understand my role as citizen, setting aside being president...the most important stuff I've learned I think I've learned from novels," President Obama in conversation with author Marilynne Robinson for The New York Review of Books.

PUTIN

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from windows, the better to protect herself.

"The window glass constantly shakes, and there is this constant thundering noise," she said.

Meanwhile, the top official in the European Union outlined plans by the 27-nation bloc to close its airspace to Russian airlines and buy weapons for Ukraine.

"For the first time ever, the European Union will finance the purchase and delivery of weapons and other equipment to a country that is under attack," said European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. The EU will also ban some pro-Kremlin media outlets, she said.

The U.S. also stepped up the flow of weapons to Ukraine, announcing it will send Stinger missiles, for shooting down helicopters and other aircraft, as part of a package approved by the White House on Friday. Germany likewise plans to send 500 Stingers and other military supplies.

Also, the 193-member U.N. General Assembly scheduled an emergency session Monday on Russia's invasion.

Putin, in ordering the nuclear alert, cited not only statements by NATO members but the hard-hitting financial sanctions imposed by the West against Russia, including Putin himself.

"Western countries aren't only taking unfriendly actions against our country in the economic sphere, but top officials from leading NATO members made aggressive statements regarding our country," Putin said in televised comments.

U.S. defense officials would not disclose their current nuclear alert level except to say that the military is prepared all times to defend its homeland and allies.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki told ABC that Putin is resorting to the pattern he used in the weeks before the invasion, "which is to manufacture threats that don't exist in order to justify further aggression."

The practical meaning of Putin's order was not immediately clear. Russia and the United States typically have land- and submarine-based nuclear forces that are on alert and prepared for combat at all times, but nuclear-capable bombers and other aircraft are not.

If Putin is arming or otherwise raising the nuclear combat readiness of his bombers, or if he is ordering more ballistic missile submarines to sea, then the U.S. might feel compelled to respond in kind, said Hans Kristensen, a nuclear analyst at the Federation of American Scientists.

Earlier Sunday, Kyiv was eerily quiet after explosions lit up the morning sky and authorities reported blasts at one airport. A main boulevard was practically deserted as a strict curfew kept people off the streets. Authorities warned that anyone venturing out without a pass would be considered a Russian saboteur.

Terrified residents hunkered down in homes, underground garages and subway stations in anticipation of a full-scale Russian assault. Food and medicine were running low, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said.

Authorities have been handing out weapons to anyone willing to defend the

city. Ukraine is also releasing prisoners with military experience who want to fight, and training people to make firebombs.

"Right now, the most important question is to defend our country," Klitschko said.

In downtown Kharkiv, 86-year-old Olena Dudnik said she and her husband were nearly thrown from their bed by the pressure blast of a nearby explosion.

"Every day there are street fights, even downtown," with Ukrainian fighters trying to stop Russian tanks, armored vehicles and missile launchers, Dudnik said by phone. She said the lines at drugstores were hours long.

"We are suffering immensely," she said. "We don't have much food in the pantry, and I worry the stores aren't going to have anything either, if they reopen." She added: "I just want the shooting to stop, people to stop being killed."

Pentagon officials said that Russian troops are being slowed by Ukrainian resistance, fuel shortages and other logistical problems, and that Ukraine's air defense systems, while weakened, are still operating.

But a senior U.S. defense official said that will probably change: "We are in day four. The Russians will learn and adapt."

Putin hasn't disclosed his ultimate plans, but Western officials believe he is determined to overthrow Ukraine's government and replace it with a regime of his own, reviving Moscow's Cold War-era influence.

The number of casualties from Europe's largest land conflict since World War II remained unclear amid the fog of war.

Ukraine's health minister reported Saturday that 198 people, including three children, had been killed and more than 1,000 others wounded. It was not clear whether those figures encompassed both military and civilian casualties.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov gave no figures on Russia's dead and wounded but said Sunday his country's losses were "many times" lower than Ukraine's.

About 368,000 Ukrainians have arrived in neighboring countries since the invasion started Thursday, according to the U.N. refugee agency.

Along with military assistance, the U.S., European Union and Britain also agreed to block selected Russian banks from the SWIFT system, which moves money around thousands of banks and other financial institutions worldwide. They also moved to slap restrictions on Russia's central bank.

Russia's economy has taken a pounding since the invasion, with the ruble plunging and the central bank calling for calm to avoid bank runs.

Russia, which massed almost 200,000 troops along Ukraine's borders, claims its assault is aimed only at military targets, but bridges, schools and residential neighborhoods have also been hit.

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 and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to 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>.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

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Katelyn Johnson

All-District 5-3A
Academic



Aanalyse Mendoza
Merick Alvarez

All-District 5-3A
Honorable Mention



Katelyn Johnson
Baylor Wright
Shae Lang

All-District 5-3A
First Team



Cayhill Lewis
Brynn Rodgers
Kaedyn Lee
Hannah Wells

All-District 5-3A
Second Team



Courtesy Photos

The Coahoma Bulldogettes were well represented when All-District 5-3A honors were released recently. After an outstanding season, including Coahoma's first district championship since 2008, the team landed 11 members on the All-District 5-3A list.

Two Bulldogettes received superlative honors. Isabella Cox, a sophomore, was named District Offensive MVP. Madison Rodgers, a senior and four-year varsity player, was honored as the District Co-Defensive MVP.

Bulldogette head basketball coach Joe Mireles was named District Co-Coach of the Year. This is his first year to serve as the girls' basketball coach.

The Bulldogettes finished the season with a 23-11 record and made it to the second round of the UIL championship playoffs. Coahoma earned its second straight Bi-District championship with a 49-47 victory against Ballinger on Feb. 15, 2022, in Sterling City.

All-District 5-3A honors (Coahoma only)

Offensive MVP — Isabella Cox
Co-Defensive MVP — Madison Rodgers
Co-Coach of the Year — Joe Mireles
First Team Baylor Wright, Katelyn Johnson, and Shae Lang
Second Team Cayhill Lewis, Kaedyn Lee, Hannah Wells, and Brynn Rodgers
Honorable Mention Aanalyse Mendoza and Merick Alvarez
Academic All-District Katelyn Johnson and Madison Rodgers

MLB: It's deadline day to save opening day, 162-game season

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

JUPITER, Fla. — Major League Baseball negotiations to end the lockout are extending to the limit.

Management says a deal must be reached by the end of Monday's negotiations to salvage a March 31 start to the regular season and a 162-game schedule.

With that in mind, the sides are scheduled to meet starting at 10 a.m., three hours earlier than usual. This will be the eighth straight day of talks at Roger Dean Stadium, the vacant spring training home of the Miami Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals.

The lockout is in its 89th day. MLB has not fixed an exact time to the deadline, which leads to the possibility of bargaining sessions stretching into the wee hours if both sides see a deal within reach.

Sides were still far apart, but pressure is increasing. Players would lose \$20.5 million in salary for each day of the season that is canceled, according to a study by The Associated Press, and the 30 teams would lose large sums that are harder to pin down.

Monday was picked as a deadline because MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred says at least 28 days of training are needed before the season starts. The union has not said whether it agrees, and baseball has shortened spring training to as few as three weeks in the past.

Baseball's ninth work stoppage started Dec. 2. Spring training games were to have begun Saturday and already have been canceled through March 7.

Just three players attended the talks Sunday: Max Scherzer, Andrew Miller and Marcus Semien. Scherzer left the ballpark before bargaining broke for the night. Players and owners did not meet directly.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to weddings.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 8 = E)

A. 21 16 10 11 8
Clue: Woman on wedding day

B. 17 16 13 13 22
Clue: Man on wedding day

C. 6 8 14 8 21 16 3 25 8
Clue: Acknowledge a happy day

D. 7 13 26 15
Clue: Promises

Answers: A. bride B. groom C. celebrate D. vows



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5:30 AM	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	Freedom Master	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg. Meet	Paid Prg. Meet	Matters George	Charmed	(4:30) SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Lit/GIANT Relief	NCIS: Los Angeles	Jeremiah Joyce M.	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
6:30 AM	Good Morning America	Despierta America!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy dia (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Eye on Cowgirl	Peg & Cat Super	Paternity Court	Highway Thru Hell	George George	Charmed	SportsCenter	College Tennis: Baylor at Oklahoma.	College Tennis: Baylor at Oklahoma.	NCIS (DVS)	Parking	
7:30 AM	The 700 Club	Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Rocks M:25	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up	NHL Hockey: Sabres at Stars	Chicago P.D.	Parking	(:10) Fast N' Loud	
8:30 AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso	Today-Hoda	The Counter	Charles Dr. Young	Nick Cannon	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line	Chicago P.D.	Parking	Fast N' Loud	
9:30 AM	Jeopardy!	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Good Dish	News	Wonder	Almas	25 Words	Sheldon	Around Pardon	NFL Live	Jalen	Live on the Line	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Farmtruck and AZN
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11:30 AM	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS	Noticias	News	Families	Wild Kratt	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	College Basketball	Women's College Basketball	WWE Monday Night RAW	Secrets of Playbo	Street Outlaws	
12:30 PM	The Bachelor (DVS)	Soltero con hijas	9-1-1: Lone Star	Neighbor Bob Heart	America's Got Talent: Extreme	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	All American	Big Bang	Snowpiercer	College Basketball: Baylor at Texas Tech.	College Basketball	Texans	Secrets of Playbo	Street Outlaws	
1:30 PM	The Good Doctor	Madre	FOX 24 News at 9	NCIS: Hawaii	Pasión de gavilanes	The Endgame	Light of Southwest	Pink	Friends	Burgers	American	Movie: The Island, Djimon Hounsou (DVS)	SportsCenter	College Basketball: UCLA at Washington.	Ninja Warrior	Last Man	Secrets of Playbo	
2:30 PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Telemundo 20	Tonight Show	Words of Elinor	Friends	Burgers	American	Apex Legends	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Rod.	Last Man	Secrets of Playbo	Street Outlaws	
3:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James Corden	Señora Acero (SS)	News	Creation	Xavier	Forensic	Creek	Go-Big Show	Bones	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Warriors	Life	Law & Order: SVU	Secrets of Playbo	Street Outlaws	
4:30 PM	Extra	Las tontas no van	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Programa	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	More Hair	HairClub	Wipeout	Bones	NBA Basketball: Pelicans at Lakers	SportsCenter	Texas High School Football Classics	Dateline	Accident? Forgetful
5:30 PM	Blink Home Security	Soltero con hijas	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa	Minute	Issues4	Odd	Paid Prg.	Home	Eye	Matters	Bones	Relief				
6:30 PM	(:06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Programa	Minute	Issues4	Odd	Paid Prg.	Home	Eye	Matters	Bones	Relief				
7:30 PM	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	Shepherd	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Brain Fog	Matters							

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

The bidding:
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3 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass
4 ♥

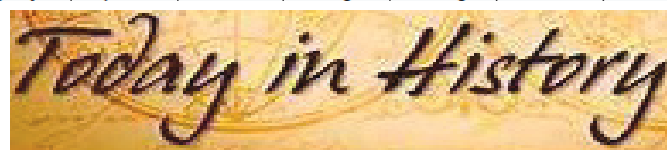
Opening lead — four of hearts.
This deal was played in the 1976 World Bridge Olympiad in the match between Turkey and Denmark. And quite a remarkable hand it proved to be when Danish stars Steen Moeller and Stig Werdelin combined their talents on a super defense to defeat four hearts. Moeller began South's undoing by leading a trump. Declarer took the queen, led a club to the ace and returned a diamond, on which East played the ten, South the king and West the ace.

West led another trump, continuing his assault on South's trumps. Declarer took the king, ruffed a club in dummy and returned a diamond. East bravely followed low, enabling West to win with the nine and lead a third round of trump. Thanks to this inspired defense, South could not ruff a diamond in his hand to score a 10th trick. The remaining play was anticlimactic, even though the Danes had to get over two more hurdles to accomplish their mission. This was the position after South took the ace of hearts:

North	♠ K 9 2	♥ J 10	♦ 7		
West	♠ J 5 3	♥ 5	♦ K 9		
East	♠ Q 8 6	♥ Q J	♦ Q		
South	♠ A 10 7	♥ J 10 7			

South led the jack of clubs, and West correctly followed low. Declarer ruffed in dummy and led the jack of trump, on which East made the crucial discard of a spade to put the contract down one. At 40 of the 44 tables where the deal was played, the final contract was in hearts, but Moeller and Werdelin were the only pair to hold declarer to nine tricks!

Tomorrow: The best way to skin a cat.
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Today is Monday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2022. There are 306 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 28, 1993, a gun battle erupted at a religious compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh on weapons charges; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

On this date:
In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded as the ship was sailing on the Potomac River, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.
In 1849, the California gold rush began in earnest as regular steamship service started bringing gold-seekers to San Francisco.
In 1911, President William Howard Taft nominated William H. Lewis to be the first Black Assistant Attorney General of the United States.
In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.
In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai issued the Shanghai Communiqué, which called for normalizing relations between

their countries, at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.
In 1975, 42 people were killed in London's Underground when a train smashed into the end of a tunnel.
In 1996, Britain's Princess Diana agreed to divorce Prince Charles. (Their 15-year marriage officially ended in August 1996; Diana died in a car crash in Paris a year after that.)
In 2009, Paul Harvey, the news commentator and talk-radio pioneer whose staccato style made him one of the nation's most familiar voices, died in Phoenix at age 90.
In 2013, Benedict XVI became the first pope in 600 years to resign, ending an eight-year pontificate. (Benedict was succeeded the following month by Pope Francis.)
In 2014, delivering a blunt warning to Moscow, President Barack Obama expressed deep concern over reported military activity inside Ukraine by Russia and warned "there will be costs" for any intervention.
In 2018, Walmart announced that it would no longer sell firearms and ammunition to people younger than 21 and would remove items resembling assault-style rifles from its website. Dick's Sporting Goods said it would stop selling assault-style rifles and ban the sale of all guns to anyone under 21.
In 2020, the number of

countries touched by the coronavirus climbed to nearly 60. The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished the week 12.4% lower in the market's worst weekly performance since the 2008 financial crisis.

Ten years ago: Republican Mitt Romney won presidential primary victories in Arizona and Michigan. Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, announced she would not seek reelection, citing what she called the increasingly polarized climate of Washington. Matt Kenseth won his second Daytona 500, holding off Dale Earnhardt Jr. in a post-midnight victory after rain had postponed the start of the race for the first time in its 54-year history from Sunday to Monday.

Five years ago: Heraldizing a "new chapter of American greatness," President Donald Trump issued a broad call for overhauling the nation's health care system and significantly boosting military spending in an hourlong speech to a joint session of Congress. Amazon's cloud-computing service, Amazon Web Services, experienced a five-hour outage in its eastern U.S. region, causing unprecedented and widespread problems for thousands of websites and apps.

One year ago: New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo acknowledged for the first time that some of his behavior with women "may have been insensitive or too personal" and said he would cooperate with a sexual harassment investigation led by the state's attorney general. Former President Donald Trump, addressing a conservative conference in Florida in his first public speech since leaving office, encouraged everyone to get vaccinated against COVID-19. "Nomadland" and "Borat Subsequent Moviefilm" took the top film honors at the Golden Globe Awards, capping a night that featured homebound winners accepting their awards.

Today's Birthdays:
Architect Frank Gehry is 93. Singer Sam the Sham is 85. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 83. Hall of Fame auto racer Mario Andretti is 82. Actor Kelly Bishop is 78. Actor Stephanie Beacham is 75. Writer-director Mike Figgis is 74. Actor Mercedes Ruehl is 74. Actor Bernadette Peters is 74. Former Energy Secretary Steven Chu is 74. Actor Ilene Graff is 73. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman is 69. Comedian Gilbert Gottfried is 67. Basketball Hall of Famer Adrian Dantley is 67. Actor John Turturro is 65. Rock singer Cindy Wilson is 65. Actor Rae Dawn Chong is 61. Actor Maxine Bahns is 53. Actor Robert Sean Leonard is 53. Rock singer Pat Monahan is 53. Author Daniel Handler (aka "Lemony Snicket") is 52. Actor Tasha Smith is 51. Actor Rory Cochrane is 50. Actor Ali Larter is 46. Country singer Jason Aldean is 45. Actor Geoffrey Arend is 44. Actor Melanie Chandra (TV: "Code Black") is 38. Actor Michelle Horn is 35. MLB relief pitcher Aroldis Chapman is 34. Actor True O'Brien is 28. Actor Madisen Beaty is 27. Actor Quinn Shephard is 27. Actor Bobb'e J. Thompson is 26.

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FEATURES

Horoscopes By Holiday

MONDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2022 February's Closing Song

February's final day aligns the moon with Mercury, the communication planet, then Saturn, the planet of lessons. It's a signal to choose your words carefully -- not to avoid trouble or sound smart or open sesame but to honor your own expression. What you want, how you feel and all you do is very specific to you, and your words should be, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What feels arduous and static at the beginning will prove to have its own powerful momentum once it gets going. You're on the right track; you just need to build it out a little more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The one who finishes first is not the winner. The winner will be determined by some other criteria more subtle and strange. For instance, the one who involves the most senses while listening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many times a day, you have feelings you don't act on. Your maturity allows you to separate yourself from your emotions so you can try to understand them without identifying too strongly with them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The minimum you expect from yourself is to add value. Ultimately, your goal is to multiply the good fortune of those around you. You'll do it, especially by spreading a positive message to a large number of people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being brave is your specialty. You'll make the cold call, introduce yourself to a stranger or risk rejection in another way. You'll put yourself out there and create opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The memorized pitch, the skillful presentation... You admire these dis-

plays but are not particularly influenced by them. You prefer people to speak naturally and candidly, which you'll get today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You do not have proof of your ability in a certain field, yet you feel deep down in your being that you can and will do whatever it takes to succeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're good for the morale of a group. You're funny. People lighten up around you. You can make things happen with indirect suggestions of the sort that won't trigger people's defenses.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are no insignificant mysteries in life. Investigate the subject that interests you. An answer to some minor problem might be the solution to what ails the world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one wants to spend their time fake laughing. Luckily, you won't have to. Funny people will solve more than one problem for you today. They keep you from boredom while answering the call of the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Rather than attacking the problem head-on, take a sideways look at it; the new slant leads to a breakthrough. You will be rewarded for your brilliant thinking.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Proceeding through fear takes courage. But sometimes it's better not to give yourself a chance to be afraid. Just move. If everyone pondered the possible consequences, we would have fewer heroes.

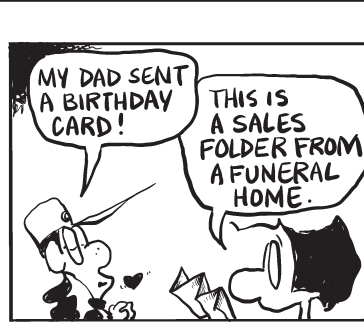
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 28). Welcome to a sociable year of harmonious relationships. Embrace your delights but also the bothersome things, as there's a huge opportunity hiding inside a persnickety problem. As you learn how to change things, you'll pick up valuable skills. Group work is favored. A dream will spring to life. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 17, 8, 33 and 41.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I keep doing tarot card readings and winding up with the card 'the lovers.' I'm married. What does it mean?"

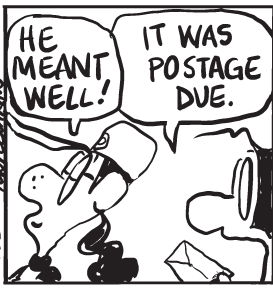
Astrologically, The Lovers relates to the sign Gemini. Drawings of Gemini show two twins side by side, Castor and Pollux, the brothers of one of mythology's most famous lovers, Helen of Troy. The Lovers card also shows two people side by side, usually Adam and Eve. Dig a little deeper and the similarities become even more apparent. Both Gemini and The Lovers represent that old expression, "There are two sides to every story." You may be weighing the pros and cons of a situation, trying to decide between two possibilities. There is a yin and a yang to everything -- give and take -- and The Lovers card asks you to find the energetic balance within these two choices. Gemini is very good at that, being a very intellectual sign. So much so that sometimes they're called "two-faced" or "split personality," but, really, they just naturally see both sides of a given situation. If you pull a reversed (upside down) Lovers card from the deck, you are probably having a hard time making up your mind about something.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Bernadette Peters is a stunning presence in a showstopping moment of Lin-Manuel Miranda's rendition of "Tick, Tick... Boom!" The "Broadway Baby" is a sensitive Pisces with Mars (career), Saturn (lessons) and Pluto (unseen forces) all in the sign of entertainment, Leo. Pisces is an ideal sign for actors because it comes with deeply empathetic abilities to meld the artist with the art.

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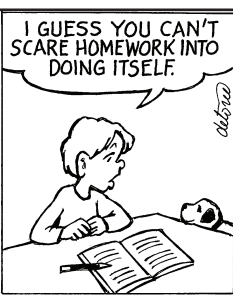
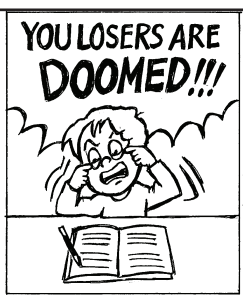
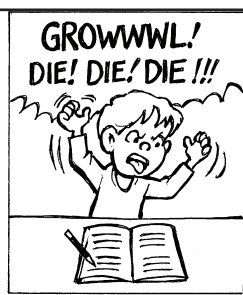
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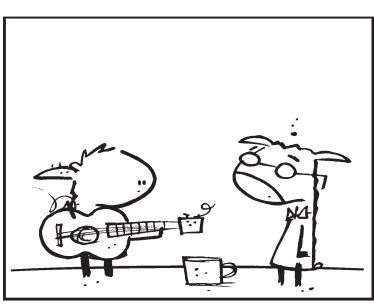
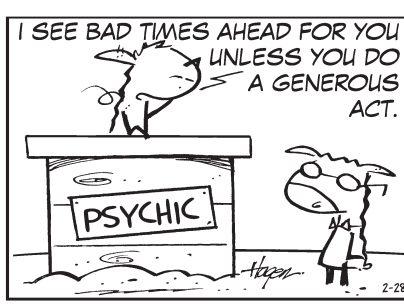
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THE BARN



Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 People with diplomas, for short
- 6 Mix with a spoon
- 10 Unmannerly men
- 14 Trim again
- 15 Despise
- 16 Shaped like a 0
- 17 "... happily ever ___"
- 18 Much-admired celebrity
- 19 Lion's hair
- 20 Person abroad for a religion
- 22 Rats' smaller cousins
- 23 Bank officers' titles: Abbr.
- 24 Egg-and-cheese breakfast
- 26 Shake from the cold
- 30 Fancy napkin fabric
- 32 Bull, in Spain
- 33 Corrosive liquid
- 35 Lines on a checklist
- 39 Heroic tale
- 40 Dwelling places
- 42 Square footage
- 43 Flat-topped hills
- 45 Document in a passport
- 46 Fixes dishonestly
- 47 French flat hat
- 49 Hesitant agreement
- 51 Mentally sharp
- 54 Needless fuss
- 55 Young woman
- 56 Book of definitions
- 63 Creative thought
- 64 And others: Abbr.
- 65 River's flood barrier

- 66 Shakespearean king
- 67 Sicilian volcano
- 68 Indoor sports site
- 69 Small whirlpool
- 70 Rolling stone's lack, supposedly
- 71 Party givers
- DOWN**
- 1 Measure of carbs or protein
- 2 Mortgage adjustment, briefly
- 3 Performs in a film
- 4 Membership fees
- 5 Try hard
- 6 Fronts of the lower legs
- 7 "Look what I did!"
- 8 "Believe ___ not..."
- 9 Put one's trust in
- 10 Explanatory essay
- 11 To no ___ (useless)
- 12 Waltz or tango
- 13 Icy precipitation
- 21 Media mogul Winfrey
- 25 "Don't tell ___ can't do it!"
- 26 Flower stalk
- 27 Optimistic emotion
- 28 Colorful eye part
- 29 All the words you know
- 30 Maximum speed
- 31 "Beware the ___ of March"
- 34 Small sheltered bay
- 36 Cleveland's lake
- 37 "Big" prefix for bucks
- 38 Wide belt
- 41 ___ Arabia (Mideast nation)
- 44 Sink, as the sun
- 48 Cash in, as coupons
- 50 Cash, slangily
- 51 Physically nimble
- 52 One-___ (biased)
- 53 Tire surface
- 54 Book of maps
- 57 "Just leave ___ me"
- 58 Tuna containers
- 59 Infamous Roman emperor
- 60 Wide city streets: Abbr.
- 61 Landlord's income
- 62 Votes like "ayes"

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Level: Beginner

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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