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Trash Off
April 10
9 a.m. - Noon
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Stand Up For Children
April 15
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SMMC front lawn
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April 15
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Take a moment and say Thank You for the sacrifices made by these brave men and women

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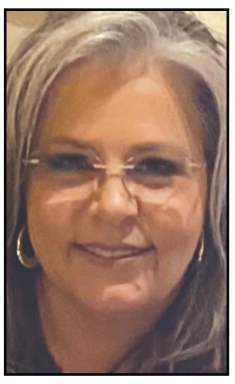
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May election to include Big Spring, Coahoma City Council seats, BSISD

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

The May Election is less than a month away, with early voting set to begin April 19. The deadline for those who were needing to register to vote or update information before the May election has now passed. For those who are registered to vote, early voting will run from April 19 through April 23 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse. The extended hours will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on April 26 and April 27. Absentee ballots must be received no later than April 20 by mail or hand delivered to the Howard County Elections Office.



Jodi Duck
Elections Administrator

"Local elections are extremely important because they are the people that will vote on or make policies that will affect our communities in real time. It is up to the voters to select the people they feel will represent them," Jodi Duck, Howard County Elections Administrator, said.

Seats for the City of Big Spring City Council include District 2, currently held by Doug Hartman and District 4, currently held by Gloria McDonald. District 2 candidates on the ballot will include Diane Yanez and Willie Rangel Jr. District 4 will see McDonald running for re-election challenged by David A. Scott.

The May election was set to have the seat for District 6 on the ballot, but due to an unopposed race, newly elected Councilman Maury Smith will remain in the seat. Smith was recently elected through a special election and the term he is completing is set to expire in May.

The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees has two seats – District 2 and District 4 – up for election. These seats are currently held by Maria Padilla (District 2) and Melissa Miller (District 4). During registration, Michell Dawn Garcia registered for District 2 and Tommy Jason Martinez registered for District 4. Both will be running unopposed. Due to the seats being unopposed there will be no election held.

Forsan school board will not have any contested races for the May election. There are two open seats up for re-election and the two incumbents – Lewis Boeker and Chris Olson – are the lone candidates for the open seats.

Forsan City Council has three at-large seats open for the May election. According to Jenny Sayles, there were no new candidates who filed for the positions, which means no election will be held.

City of Coahoma has two at-large seats on the ballot, as well as the mayor seat. Currently, Warren Wallace holds the mayoral seat. The two at-large seats will not be on the ballot since the races were not contested. The mayoral race will see Wallace on the ballot running against Lori Gonzales.

Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees had three open seats to be filled this coming election, but due to only three applications being turned in, no election will be held and the three submitted will fill the seats. The new official board members for Coahoma ISD for May 2021 will be Michael Brooks, re-elected member; Odis Franklin, re-elected member; and Ryan Rechichar, a new member to the board.

Due to the May election only including certain seats – districts – on the ballot, only residents living in those areas will be able to cast a ballot. Those who live in precincts with numbers ending

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Keep Big Spring Beautiful taking part in 2021 Texas Trash Off this Saturday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

Temperatures are warming up, the wind is blowing and that means Spring has arrived and it's time for the annual Texas Trash Off event. Toasty Tuesdays have officially kicked off on a weekly basis and continue drawing in volunteers; and now, Keep Big Spring Beautiful is taking it up another notch by taking part in the 2021 Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off. The Trash Off will be taking place this Saturday and dumpsters will be located at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum parking lot between 9 a.m. and noon.

"You can pick up bags on April 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce." Susan McLellan, President of Keep Big Spring Beautiful, said. "On the day of the Trash Off there will be trash containers provided at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum parking lot."

You can pick where in Big Spring to pick up trash, and at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum parking lot.

all trash can be delivered to the containers that will be set up at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum parking lot. You can bring anything that can go into the landfill, including sofas and mattresses. Electronic items will be excluded from the list of items that can be dropped off in the trash containers. The City of Big Spring recently held an E-waste collection day where residents were able to dispose of electronic waste; however, the Trash Off will not be an opportunity to dispose of those items.

"You don't have to wait until this event to do a trash pick up," she said. "Those who want to pick up are encouraged to do so anytime. Those who pick up trash as part of the Trash Off can drop off trash bags at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum parking lot."

Texas Trash Off is the biggest litter pick up day of the year and all residents in the State of Texas are encouraged to

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center reopens to visitors, announces new visitation hours

Special to the Herald
SMMC

On Wednesday, Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) will reopen its facility to visitors. Visitors for patients admitted with COVID-19 will still be restricted, but will be allowed to visit other patients during set visiting hours.

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"Decreasing positivity rates and hospitalization rates in our community related to COVID-19, as well as more people receiving the vaccine, makes us feel more comfortable opening up for visitation. It is also the right move for our patients and their families," said Rohith Saravanan, Chief Medical Officer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center."

Visiting hours at Scenic Mountain Medical Center are:

Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The reopening also applies to non-patient areas of the hospital including the Yellow Rose Café and the Scenic Mountain gift shop.

"Restricting visitation has been a critical need to keep hospital staff and patients safe, but we are pleased to see that our numbers are now in a place where we can welcome back the friends and families of our patients," said Stacey Brown, President of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "We understand how difficult it has been for them not to have access to see each other during such a vulnerable time."

Visitors are required to self-screen upon entrance and to wear a mask at all times while in the facility.

Visitors are asked to look for the posted signs at our entrances to self-screen for symptoms, and also familiarize yourself with the infection prevention etiquette. The new visitor policy and hours went into effect Wednesday, April 7.

SMMC has taken every precaution and made the necessary preparations to care for patients in a safe, controlled and professional way.

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Obituaries

Shirley Gene Isler



Shirley Gene Isler, 78, of Albuquerque, NM, passed away Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Friday, April 9. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 2021, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, TX. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, Texas. A memorial service will be held in Albuquerque, NM at a later date.

Shirley was born March 13, 1943, in Big Spring, Texas, to Leo and Laura Hinson Lawson.

Survivors include her husband, Randy Isler of Albuquerque, NM; two daughters, Christie Wente of Albuquerque, and Laurie Terpening of Hobbs, NM; three grandsons; and many cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, aunts and uncles.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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

Beverly "Mamaw" Grant

Beverly "Mamaw" Grant, 67, of Coahoma, died Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

Viewing and visitation will be Thursday, April 8, 2021, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral service will be Friday, April 9, 2021, at 3 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church with ministers Billy Guy and Mike Seay officiating. Burial will be at the Coahoma Cemetery.



Beverly was born June 20, 1953, in Borger. She married Robert "Jeters" Grant on July 1, 1972, in Big Spring at the Midway Baptist Church. She was a lifetime resident of Howard and a member of the Big Spring Full Gospel Fellowship.

She is survived by her husband: Jeters Grant of Coahoma; three sons: Alan Grant and wife Angela of Sand Springs, Rodney Grant and wife Brandy of Big Spring, and Russell Grant and wife Amy of Coahoma; one sister: Pearley Meacham and husband Dan of Junction; three brothers: Roy Mansfield and wife JoJo of Trinity, Benny Mansfield and wife Jayne of Big Spring and Joe Mansfield and wife Donna of Sand Springs; and 10 grandchildren: Alex, Macee, Kynzler, Hailey, Caitlyn, Shae, Reagan, Peyton Heath, Peyton (Peanut) and Char'leigh.

Pallbearers will be Daniel Meacham, Orrin Mansfield, Seth Mansfield, David Wood, Ronnie Grant, Jeremy Grant, Joey Grant, Michael Grant, and Kassi Meacham.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Peggy and Harvey Mansfield.

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

Paid Obituary

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. The next session beging Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ANGELA DIANE DIGBY**, 52, of 5200 Parkway Road, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **SAM THOOMPSON,** 34, of 1201 College Avenue, was arrested on a charge of warrant from other agency.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild Drive; 3300 block of E FM 700.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of 4th and Owens; 700 block of E I-20.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.

• **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 700 block of W. FM 700.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1200 block of Angela Road.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ANGEL CHAVEZ**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass (x2).

• **ANGELA DIANE DIGBY,** 52, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated second offense.

• **DAVID MEDELLIN**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SAM THOMPSON,** 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bond forfiture/assault causes bodily injury.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Ann Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of W. Leatherwood. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 85. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast in the evening.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 89. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 77.
Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 55.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 89.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 75.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

Tuesday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 71.

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

3-vehicle accident Wednesday afternoon

HERALD photo/Roger Cline



Big Spring Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Services work a three-vehicle accident that occurred shortly before 2 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of S. Gregg Street and 21st Street According to the Big Spring Police Department, a vehicle was travelling south-bound when another vehicle traveling north-bound, failed to yield right of way left turn and was struck. The vehicles then struck a vehicle that was stopped at the stop sign. There were two minor injuries that went to the hospital via personal vehicles and two minor injuries that were transported via medics. A citation was issued for fail to yield right of way turning left.

Take Note

• AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation every Monday through Monday, April 5, 2021, from 8 a.m. until Noon at the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center. The Senior Center is located at 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring, Texas. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income. Covid protocols will be observed: masks required, appointments required and no children allowed. Taxpayers need to bring: a photo ID, social security card for every person on tax return; last year's tax return and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2020. Free electronic e-filing will be available for faster refunds.

• April Mental Health First Aid classes will be taking place: April 8 In-person MHFA Public Safety - Gaines County; April 9 Youth Mental Health First Aid; April 16 - In-person Adult MHFA - Howard College; April 26 - Youth Mental Health First Aid; April 28 - Adult Mental Health First Aid
April 29 - Youth Mental Health First Aid

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

• The Howard County Library meeting rooms will be opening up – at limited capacity – on Feb. 1. There will only be five people allowed in the small room and 15 in the large room and can only be used by appointment only by community organizations. No parties or social gatherings will be allowed at this time. For more information, call the Howard County Library.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Margarita Munoz, 75, of Big Spring, died Saturday. Viewing and visitation will be Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with a Vigil at 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be Thursday at 10:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Beverly "Mamaw" Grant, 67, died Wednesday. Viewing and visitation will be Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with family receiving friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be Friday at 3:00 PM at Midway Baptist Church with burial at the Coahoma Cemetery.

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with a 2,4 and number 207c, will be eligible to vote.

"We have just shy of 6,200 voters registered for this election," Duck said. "A 10% turnout would be good, but 50% of 3,100 would be outstanding."

Duck continued, "Voting is fast, easy and secure."

The countywide polling locations will be used for the May election and the voters will be able to cast their ballot at any of the listed locations: Ryan Hall, First Baptist Church, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and the Coahoma Community Center.

For more information, contact the Howard County Election office.

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TRASH

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participate. This year, there will be a social media contest taking place. This year the Trash Off efforts will be taking part from April 1 through April 30. Those wanting to take part in the social media contest are encouraged to post photos of themselves at their designated Trash Off event on their social media platform of choice and use the hashtag #2021TrashOff and #KeepItCleanTX. According to the Keep Texas Beautiful website, there will be 10 winners selected.

If you would like more information, please follow Keep Big Spring Beautiful on Facebook or contact Susan McLellan at 432-816-1966. For those wanting to get involved with more clean up efforts, Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets the first Monday of the month at Noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

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Texas, Louisiana sue US government over deportation holds

By JAKE BLEIBERG
Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas and Louisiana sued the federal government Tuesday alleging immigration authorities have declined to take custody of people who have been convicted of crimes and could be subject to deportation.

In a complaint filed with a federal court in Houston, the states contend that changes in immigration policy by President Joe Biden's administration allow immigrants who have been convicted of crimes to be released at the end of their sentences rather than being held for deportation proceedings.

The lawsuit claims U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents have not requested or dropped requests that state prisons hold such people rather than releasing them into the community. "Dozens" of these requests have been rescinded in Texas and people subject to deportation have been released in Louisiana, according to the suit, which does not cite specific cases. It asks a judge to declare some of the Biden administration's executive actions on immigration to be illegal.

"Law and order must be immediately upheld and enforced to ensure the safety of our communities," Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement. "Dangerous and violent illegal aliens must be removed from our communities as required by federal law."

ICE and the Department of Justice declined to comment.

The lawsuit comes less than two months after Texas officials said ICE had been prepared to release three men convicted of sex offenses against children, in an apparent misapplication of Biden's enforcement directives.

The men were not ultimately released, but Jason Clark, chief of staff at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said in February that they were among 26 people for whom ICE had dropped "detainer" requests. Most of the 26 were convicted of drug charges or drunken-driving offenses, according to state records.

Immigration authorities issue detainers to local or state law enforcement agencies holding someone who might be subject to deportation. When an immigrant makes bail or completes a sentence for a crime, ICE can seek to take them into custody.

On Biden's first day in office, the Department of Homeland Security issued a memorandum directing immigration agencies to focus their enforcement efforts on three categories: threats to national security, threats to public safety, and immigrants who entered the U.S. illegally on or after Nov. 1. The memorandum was a departure from practice during President Donald Trump's administration, when immigration agencies were given wide latitude on whom to arrest, detain, and deport.

But people convicted of sex offenses against minors still qualify for enforcement. The memorandum defines public safety threats as incarcerated people "who have been convicted of an 'aggravated felony'" as defined in immigration law. The relevant portion of the law begins: "The term aggravated felony means ... murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor."

Police identify 6 people dead in Texas murder-suicide plot

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities have identified six people found dead in a suburban Dallas home in what police said was an apparent murder-suicide plot.

The Allen Police Department said investigators believe brothers Tanvir Towhid, 21, and Farhan Towhid, 19, made a pact to kill their parents, sister and grandmother before killing themselves. The bodies were found early Monday by officers performing a welfare check, Sgt. Jon Felty said.

"It appears that the two brothers had entered into an agreement," Felty said.

The victims were identified as Altafun Nessa, 77; Iren Islam, 56; Towhidul Islam, 54; and Farbin Towhid, 19.

Felty said the younger brother wrote a lengthy post on social media in which he said he and his brother had a plan to kill their family members and then themselves. He also wrote that all of his decisions were based on weighing pros and cons, including the decision to kill his family.

Several members of the Bangladesh Association of North Texas gathered near the home Monday after news of the family's death was released, the newspaper reported. Ahmad Hossain, who lives about a block away, told the newspaper that the family moved to the area about seven or eight years ago from New York.

Hossain said Nessa, the grandmother, was visiting the family from Bangladesh. He said she was scheduled to return home last week but couldn't because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fazia Rahman, who graduated Allen High School last year with Farhan and Farbin Towhid, said the family was welcoming and the parents "treated everyone like they were their own kids."

"We don't want this to be their family legacy," she said. "They were such great people, they genuinely touched the lives of everyone who they came in contact with. ... They were good people who had bright futures ahead of them."

Reaching out neighbor to neighbor



Courtesy photo

Life Church has been hosting a new outreach program called "Neighbor to Neighbor" for the past several months. On Easter weekend, the team went out to distribute Easter Baskets to those in surounding neighborhoods. The project was made possible through volunteers at Life Church and a special partnership with Isaiah 58 Food Pantry.

Congressman Arrington visits U.S.-Mexico Border

Herald Staff Report

Congressman Jodey Arrington recently visited the U.S.-Mexico Border, along with a 13-member delegation from Texas. The group went to get a first-hand look at the border crisis that has been occurring over the past several months.

"Not only is this a heartbreaking, humanitarian crisis, Biden's border policy crisis is a constitutional crisis," Congressman Arrington said in a recently released newsletter. "The border is burning out of control with absolute chaos because of this administration's policies."

Congressman Arrington, alongside law enforcement from the area and South Texas landowners, held a press conference at Anzalduas Park in Mission, Texas during the tour. During the press conference, Arrington and others who spoke at the event demanded the Biden Administration start prioritizing the security and safety of the American people.

One of the speakers at the press conference was a local rancher, Richard Guerra. During his speech, Guerra spoke about the fear he has experienced leaving his family alone at home due to the increased crisis.

" … so many illegal immigrants are coming across the property daily," he said.

According to Congressman Arrington, more landowners are finding their fences cut and their property destroyed, and dead bodies and abandoned firearms in increasing numbers.

During the visit, Congressman Arrington, along with a few of the Representatives, had an opportunity to sit down and visit with migrant children, and also witnessed families who crossed over the river into Texas.

"I had the opportunity to speak with unaccompanied migrant children in Carrizo Springs, Texas. These young boys between the ages of 14 and 17 acknowledged they came to America because they knew the Biden Administration would not turn them away," Arrington stated in the release.



Courtesy photo

South Texas rancher Richard Guerra speaks at the press conference during Arrington's visit to the border.

Judge orders release of ex-Dallas cop arrested in killings

DALLAS (AP) — A judge on Wednesday ordered the release of a former Dallas police officer who was arrested on capital murder charges for allegedly ordering two killings in 2017 after prosecutors agreed that they don't have enough evidence to move forward with the case.

After listening to more than three hours of testimony by a Dallas homicide detective, Dallas County Criminal Court Judge Audrey Moorehead said there was no probable cause and ordered the release of Bryan Riser. The 13-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department was fired after his colleagues took him into custody in March, when he was charged in an alleged murder-for-hire scheme.

During Wednesday's hearing, prosecutors disagreed with the police detective's assessment that they had enough evidence to prosecute.

"Where we stand as a district attorney's office right now today, we do not feel there's sufficient probable cause for this case," Dallas County prosecutor Jason Fine told the judge.

A spokesman for the Dallas County sheriff's office said Riser would be released once the jail receives the paperwork for his case from the court.

Riser, 36 was arrested in the unconnected killings of Liza Saenz, 31, and Albert Douglas, 61, after a man came forward in August 2019 and told police he had kidnapped and killed them at Riser's direction, police Chief Eddie Garcia said last month. The former officer's lawyer, Toby Shook, has maintained his client is innocent and said that the evidence against Riser is little more than the word of a man already convicted in other killings.

Authorities have alleged that Riser offered to pay three men to kidnap and kill Douglas and Saenz. The men were later charged with capital murder and one of them came forward and implicated Riser in 2019, according to an affidavit for the officer's arrest.

Shook previously said Riser knew one of the men charged in Saenz's killing, Emmanuel Kilpatrick, from high school and that they reconnected in 2017 after a chance encounter. Kilpatrick, 34, is now serving life in prison for the killings of a father and son.

The defense attorney described Kilpatrick as someone who has "all the reason in the world to lie and try to gain an advantage by trying to implicate a police officer."

In announcing Riser's arrest, Garcia had said the officer became a "suspect" in 2019 and sought to distinguish that from being "a person of interest." But Dallas detectives took an interest in Riser as early as 2017. In September of that year, a detective said in court that Riser was the "subject" of an investigation into the killing of Saenz, according to a transcript of the proceeding.

The detective also said Saenz lived with Riser's father and that before her death she had been a witness in another murder case. The testimony came during a detention hearing in a federal drug case against Riser's dad, Byron Riser.

Shook said Saenz lived with the elder Riser at one point, but that his client "didn't have a relationship with" her and didn't know Douglas.

Spokespersons for the Dallas Police Department and mayor did not immediately respond to requests for comment after Wednesday's hearing.

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Coahoma rolls past Colorado City, 11-2



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Coahoma's Karleigh Burt slides into second for the steal during a non-district game against Colorado on April 6, 2021, in Coahoma.

Special to the Herald

Christian Everett went 3-for-4 at bat, scoring two runs, a triple, and two RBI in Coahoma's 11-2 win over former district rival, the Colorado Lady Wolves on Tuesday.

Coahoma tallied 12 hits during the game. Shae Lang was 2-for-4 at bat with a triple, three runs scored, and one RBI. Karleigh Burt went 2-for-3 with one run scored and two RBI.

MaKynlee Overton led Coahoma to victory in the circle. She went seven innings, sacrificed two runs from four hits and struck out three.

Next: Coahoma (5-0, 14-5) at Forsan, 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Booker, Paul lead Suns past Jazz in OT in top NBA showdown

By The Associated Press undefined

Devin Booker scored 35 points, Chris Paul added 29 and the Phoenix Suns beat the Utah Jazz 117-113 in overtime Wednesday night in an entertaining matchup between the top two teams in the NBA.

The Suns scored the first five points in overtime and never trailed again to pull within 1 1/2 games of league-leading Utah.

Booker had a couple of clutch mid-range jumpers to keep the Jazz behind and Paul made a 3-pointer with a minute left that pushed Phoenix ahead 114-108.

Utah pulled to 114-112 on Mike Conley's layup with 21 seconds left, but could never tie it. Paul hit two free throws with 7.8 seconds left to finally seal it and wrap up the season series with a game left. Phoenix has won seven in a row.

The Suns pushed ahead 100-96 in the fourth quarter on a 3-pointer by Jae Crowder with two minutes left. Donovan Mitchell made a contested 3-pointer with 10.4 seconds left for Utah to tie it at 102.

Booker's 3 at the buzzer was off the mark.

Mitchell led Utah with 41 points. Bojan Bogdanovic added 20 points, and Rudy Gobert had 16 points and 18 rebounds.

Phoenix's Deandre Ayton added 18 points and 12 rebounds.

NETS 139, PELICANS 111

NEW YORK (AP) — Kevin Durant returned from a 23-game absence to spark Brooklyn's most explosive half of the season, finishing with 17 points and perfect shooting in the Nets' blowout victory over New Orleans.

Durant came off the bench with about 7 1/2 minutes left in the second quarter and by the time the period ended the Nets had 79 points and a 20-point halftime lead. Brooklyn was a sizzling 14 for 18 (78%) in its 43-point quarter.

Durant went 5 for 5 and added seven rebounds and five assists in 19 minutes in his return from a strained left hamstring. He was originally listed in the starting lineup, but was removed in a revised lineup distributed minutes before his first game since Feb. 13.

The All-Star forward got an ovation from the first home crowd he'd played in front of with the Nets. Barclays Center only began allowing limited crowds on Feb. 23.

Kyrie Irving scored 24 points and LaMarcus Aldridge had 22 in the Nets' ninth straight home win.

Eric Bledsoe had 26 points for the Pelicans before being ejected in the third quarter. Zion Williamson had just 16 on 4-for-12 shooting, ending his streak of 25 straight games with 20 points and 50% shooting. That tied Shaquille O'Neal for the longest such streak since 1954-55, when the shot clock debuted.

WIZARDS 131, MAGIC 116

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Bradley Beal returned from a five-game absence to score 26 points, Russell Westbrook had his 20th triple-double of the season and Washington made a season-best 19 3-pointers to beat Orlando.

Washington snapped a four-game losing streak, but not before it blew most of a 21-point third-quarter lead. The Wizards also had a second-half meltdown Monday night, when they coughed up a 19-point lead in a loss to Toronto.

Out since March 27 with a hip contusion, Beal was added to the starting lineup just prior to tipoff and showed no signs of rust. He made 11 of 19 shots and 4 of 6 3s.

Westbrook had with 23 points, 15 assists and 14 rebounds in 26 minutes. He has five triple-doubles in his past six games and is the NBA's only player averaging double digits in points, rebounds and assists.

Terrence Ross scored 24 points for Orlando.

NUGGETS 106, SPURS 96

DENVER (AP) — Nikola Jokic had 25 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds to help the surging Denver beat San Antonio.

Jokic just missed 13th triple-double of the season. Michael Porter Jr. added 18 points and 10 rebounds in the opener of the two-game set in Denver.

Denver has won seven in a row and has yet to lose in six games since Aaron Gordon and JaVale McGee came over in trade-deadline deals. Gordon had nine points, and McGee provided energy off the bench in the second half.

Derrick White and Dejounte Murray scored 18 points each for San Antonio.

The teams will meet again Friday night.

PACERS 141, TIMBERWOLVES 137

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Aaron Holiday scored 22 points, brother Justin Holiday had 21 and short-handed Indiana beat Minnesota.

The Pacers were without All-Star forward Domantas Sabonis and three other injured starters, and had lost nine of 10 home games.

Karl Anthony-Towns led NBA-worst Minnesota with 32 points. Anthony Edwards had 27.

ROCKETS 102, MAVERICKS 93

HOUSTON (AP) — John Wall had 31 points and seven assists in his return from injury and Houston beat Dallas to snap a five-game skid.

Wall missed the previous four games with swelling in his right knee. Christian Wood added 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Rockets.

Kristaps Porzingis had 23 points and 12 rebounds in his return for Dallas after missing a game with a sprained right wrist. Luka Doncic also had 23 points.

CELTICS 101, KNICKS 99

BOSTON (AP) — Jaylen Brown had 32 points and 10 rebounds and Boston rallied in the fourth quarter to beat New York.

Jayson Tatum committed eight turnovers but finished with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Marcus Smart added 17 points, 14 in the fourth quarter, and nine assists for the Celtics.

Tristan Thompson had seven points, eight rebounds and three blocks in his return after missing 12 games due to the league's health and safety protocols.

RJ Barrett scored 29 points for New York.

GRIZZLIES 131, HAWKS 113

ATLANTA (AP) — Grayson Allen scored 17 of his season-high 30 points in a dominant third quarter, leading Memphis past short-handed Atlanta.

Ja Morant added 14 of his 19 points in the Grizzlies' decisive third quarter. Memphis outscored Atlanta 43-23 in the period to break open a close game.

Jonas Valanciunas had 19 points and 11 rebounds in the Grizzlies' fourth consecutive win. Bogdan Bogdanovic led Atlanta with 24 points.

HORNETS 113, THUNDER 102

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Jalen McDaniels had a career-high 21 points in his second career start to help Charlotte beat Oklahoma City.

McDaniels also had six rebounds and three assists. Terry Rozier scored 17 points, Miles Bridges had 16 and Devonte' Garaham and Cody Zeller added 15 each, and Zeller had 14 rebounds.

Carlos Correa's 9th-inning homer puts Astros past Angels 4-2 pushing early season record to 5-1

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

Carlos Correa hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the ninth inning and the Houston Astros split a short series against the AL West rival Los Angeles Angels with a 4-2 victory Tuesday.

Kyle Tucker and Aledmys Díaz hit back-to-back homers in the second inning for the Astros, who went an impressive 5-1 on their six-game road trip to start the season amid the incessant booing and jeering they'll hear indefinitely as fans react to their sign-stealing scandal in the 2017 and 2018 seasons.

"They seem unfazed by all the jeers and all the booing," Houston manager Dusty Baker said. "It helped them concentrate even more at the start of the year. This team is very secure in their abilities, and they're secure on and off the field."

Mike Trout hit a 464-foot homer in the first inning and Shohei Ohtani had two hits, but the Angels dropped to 4-2 and failed to match the best six-game start in franchise history.

After starting pitchers Zack Greinke and Dylan Bundy traded strong innings early, Yordan Álvarez singled in the ninth off new Angels closer Raisel Iglesias (1-1).

Correa then crushed an 0-2 fastball off the low video board above the right field wall at Angel Stadium for his first homer of the season.

"You want to get all of these close wins that you can," Correa said. "I don't know how many walk-offs I've got in my career, how many in the ninth inning, but I like hitting late in the game, when the game is on the line. That's when I feel sexy."

Iglesias has already given up two homers this season — one more than he allowed in all of 2020 with Cincinnati.

"I definitely believe my stuff is still there," said Iglesias, who also has a win and a save for Los Angeles. "My confidence is still there, too. I'm going to keep going up there even if they hit 20 homers off me."

Ryan Pressly (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for Houston, getting Justin Upton to ground into a game-ending double play.

"The guys are seeing the ball really well," said Pressly, who approached Baker before the game to ask for more work. "We're pitching really well and playing really good defense. We're kind of clicking all around. You're not going to win the season in April, but you can definitely lose it, so it's been great to see, for sure."

Angels fans again serenaded the Astros' veterans with choruses of boos, showing most baseball fans' anger over Houston's sign-stealing scandal. Although nobody threw a trash can onto the Angel Stadium field as they did in the series opener, the day crowd included a fan in a full-size Oscar the Grouch costume.

Trout homered in both games against Houston, and the three-time AL MVP's long homer Tuesday was traveling 113.2 mph off the bat.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: OF Michael Brantley might have been available to pinch-run or to play defense, Baker said. Houston is hoping he'll return from his right wrist injury for its home opener Thursday.

Angels: Anaheim native José Rojas made his first major league start, filling in at third base in place of Anthony Rendon, who got a rest day. Rojas went 0 for 2, but reached base for the first time on a seventh-inning walk, Greinke's first of the season.

STARTERS DUEL

Greinke followed up his six scoreless innings on opening day with seven strong innings of five-hit ball for the Astros. His only major mistake was the low slider that was clobbered by Trout.

"Pretty much every part of the game has gone good," Greinke said. "Pitching has been good. Defense and hitting has been amazing. It won't continue like this the whole year, but it's a really good start."

Greinke worked to a stalemate with Angels opening day starter Bundy, who struck out 10 over six innings of four-hit ball in another strong outing.

After the Astros' back-to-back homers, Bundy allowed no other hits over his first five innings while racking up nine strikeouts.

"That's what the game is turning into, is how many homers can you not give up that day," Bundy said. "After that, it definitely makes you focus a little bit more and bear down."

UP NEXT

Astros: They'll face far fewer boos Thursday in their home opener when Cristian Javier (0-0, 4.91 ERA) faces Oakland.

Angels: Griffin Canning will make his season debut Thursday in Dunedin, Florida, when the Halos open a four-game series with the displaced Toronto Blue Jays. Canning's first start was pushed back from Tuesday when he had to warm up in the bullpen last Sunday during a close game with Chicago.

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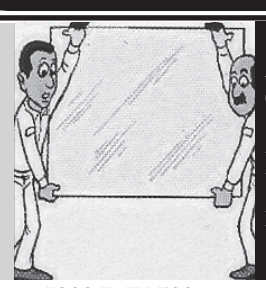
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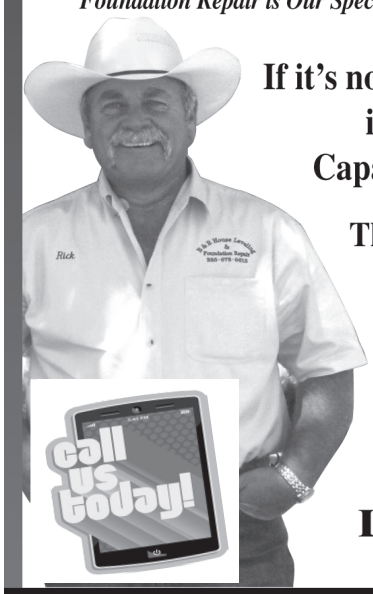
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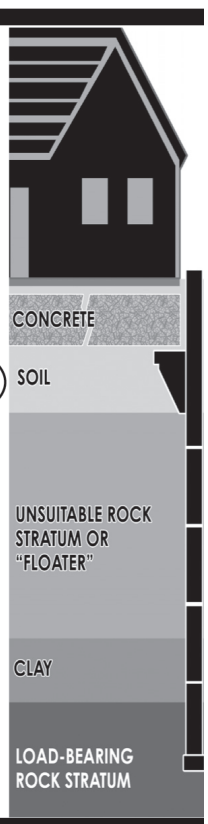
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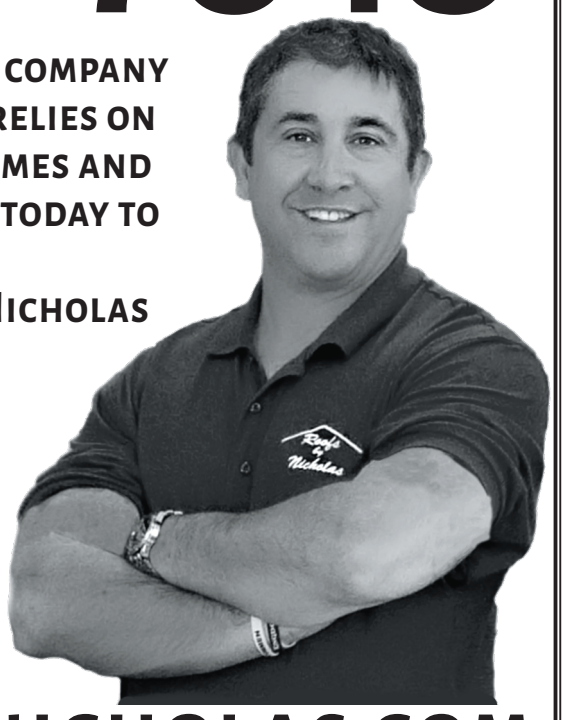
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The almighty deuce

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 9 2
♥ 7
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q J 10 6

WEST
♠ 8 5
♥ A K Q J 10 9 5 2
♦ 8 5 3
♣ —

EAST
♠ 6 3
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 4
♣ 9 7 5 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 7 4
♥ 4
♦ A 10 9 6 2
♣ A 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	4 ♥	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠	

Opening lead — ?

One of the best gadgets ever devised is the Blackwood Convention, which enables a partnership to learn how many aces and kings it has. The great disadvantage of Blackwood is that players tend to overuse it. They show such an abiding interest in aces and kings that they lose sight of the main objective — namely, how many tricks can be made.

Blackwood should be used only in cases where knowledge of how many aces and kings partner has will determine the best final contract. If other factors are more relevant — such as distribution, secondary controls, intermediate cards, trump length and so on — the convention should not be used.

For a clear case of the proper use of Blackwood, consider North's four-notrump bid in this deal. If partner has two aces, North wants to be in six spades; if South has three aces, North can consider undertaking seven spades; and if South has only one ace, North can stop at five spades. Blackwood is therefore entirely appropriate in this case.

When the deal occurred, South responded to four notrump with five hearts, showing two aces. North correctly leaped to six spades, an excellent slam that ordinarily would have been easily made. But West, who had listened attentively to the bidding, decided that normal defense would not stop the contract.

It seemed to West that if he led a high heart and it won, that would be his side's only trick. His opponents had bid much too confidently for him to expect his partner to come up with a second trick. So West decided to stake the outcome on the possibility that East had the eight of hearts.

Accordingly, he led the heart deuce! When East, much to his surprise, won the trick with the eight, he had no trouble whatsoever finding the killing club return.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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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!

ANSWER:

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

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



ARIES (March 21-April 19). Insecurity sometimes causes people to claim skills and competencies beyond the scope of what they've earned. You'll overlook these exaggerations and other faults in the name of social grace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're constantly challenging your own thinking along moral and ethical lines. What you consider to be a minimal act of kindness goes above and beyond what others would do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been unaware of the subtle pressures around you that were influencing you to be one way and not another. But something happens today to wake you up and help you better understand the dynamics affecting you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You want to feel another person's pain so they won't have to. Scientists, spiritual gurus and co-dependent experts agree that it's not possible. But can they prove it? Your solution may be counterintuitive or ill-advised, but it's yours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The thing has been broken for a while now -- like a vehicle that won't take you where you want to go. Still, there's hope. Tinker. Keep jiggling the parts and poking around for the problem. You'll hear the whir of this engine yet!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As soon as you think you cannot do a thing, that's when you must embark. This isn't really about proving yourself wrong. In fact, you may be quite right. Failure may be inevitable. Even so, who will you become by trying?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because you're such a hard worker, you sometimes get right to work whether or not that's what the situation needs. Today, there's a good chance that what's really needed is more awareness, which can prevent wrong action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Conversational skill will have little to do with saying things the right way. Choose a relatable topic where interests are likely aligned and let that do the work for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll pay more attention to your thoughts, partly because they are so loud today and opaquely color your moods. Some of these thoughts need to be taken on, reasoned with and calmed down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Discipline is follow-through. Whether you are in charge of making the rules for children, employees or yourself, you have to follow through with what you said you'd do or it's not going to work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stress reduction starts with noticing the actualities of the moment. Thoughts are the biggest problem source. Culprits like, "This all has to be done immediately," can be dismissed as untruths.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your way of relaxing is different from those around you and that's just the nature of relaxation. One size doesn't fit all. Even twins will have different ways of reaching a place of calm. Ask yourself what you need, and then provide it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 8). Two things make this year's opportunities stellar. First off, you proactively create many of them. And secondly, you actually follow through. You and your team will take home an award. You'll do something creative with the bonus money. Finally, in June, the words you want to hear from the one you want to say them. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 49, 2, 28 and 11.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I'm a Cancer woman with an active imagination. I love to fantasize about fairytale romance with a guy who happens to be a celebrity, which lately for me is preferable to the pain of real-life dating. Please contribute to my fantasy life. So which celebrities would I have an awesome time with?"

I believe that astrologically there are no inherently bad couple matches. All signs have the potential to get along and live happily ever after with any one of the other signs. However, some matches are just an easy-breezy fit. For instance, Cancer is fantastic with a fellow water sign, which are Scorpio and Pisces. Two water signs have emotional resonance and a natural simpatico that makes for an effortless connection. Water signs can be brooding, it's true -- Scorpio broods in a mysterious, sensual kind of way that Cancer finds irresistible. Pisces broods like a poet, and has been known to seduce Cancer types with artistic talents, including musical. I offer up these celebrities as fodder for your fantasy life.:

Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Mother Inferior

Dear Annie: My ex and I got married when I was 19. We stayed together for 10 years, during which I was dealing with untreated depression. That did not make life easy for either of us. Eventually, he left, leaving me to care for the kids. He gave us some financial support but was not present in their lives.

Unfortunately, I did not give my kids the attention I know now they badly needed. I was preoccupied with my worry about being alone forever. I have tried to make up for this since, but my daughters still harbor a deep resentment for me. I have told them numerous times how much I regret my behavior and offered to hear all their sadness as a consequence of my actions without trying to defend myself. But they have both cut me out.

My son, the youngest, is still in my life and has reassured me that I was not a terrible mother. He also suffers from depression, and for years he abused drugs. I blame the fact that he had no father in the home for those important first years.

Even after all these years, I am still preoccupied with my time married to my ex. Random thoughts are always about him -- what could have been -- and I always feel on the verge of tears.

I'm about to turn 70. Is there a way to finally put this behind me? I've had much therapy over the years but still revert to the pain and sadness about the childhood I was unable to give my kids and the loss of my marriage. I think that if I go into therapy again, nothing will change. But should I try again? -- Regretful Mom

Dear Regretful Mom: To the question of whether to try therapy again, my answer is always yes. In your case, especially so. You've been dealing with clinical depression since you were a teen. That black dog, as Winston Churchill called it, can't just be shaken off. Therapy won't wash away all your pain and regret, but it can help make your feelings more manageable and life more enjoyable.

Additionally, in light of your son's drug abuse, you might benefit from a support group such as Nar-Anon (www.nar-anon.org), LifeRing Secular Recovery (www.lifering.org) or Families Anonymous (www.familiesanonymous.org).

Dear Annie: I don't believe it is impossible for "In a Quagmire," who was "unable to use computers," to learn.

When I taught farmers how to use computers, I started out with how to turn the computer on and log on. After that, they played Solitaire until they learned how the mouse worked. Then let them do email until that is natural to them. The above process might take weeks. The important thing is to do something basic and not introduce other things until they are comfortable. It is not necessary to learn everything at once. It is overwhelming.

I learned that everyone learns differently. I had one user who took forever to learn anything, but once they had it down, they never made mistakes. I am 73 and have been working with computers for 55 years. If you want to learn, keep looking for an instructor who understands. Remember: One thing at a time. -- Wanda S.

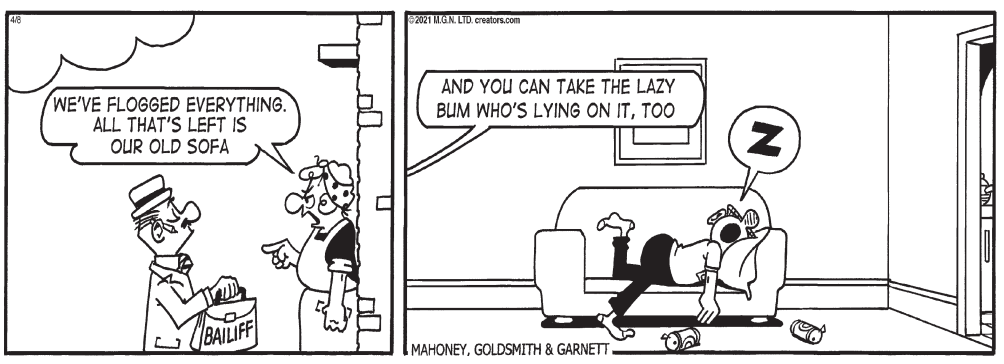
Dear Wanda: "One thing at a time" is good advice across the board. And I received a few follow-up letters to "In a Quagmire" that recommended playing Solitaire and other simple games to become more comfortable with the basics -- smart tip.

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

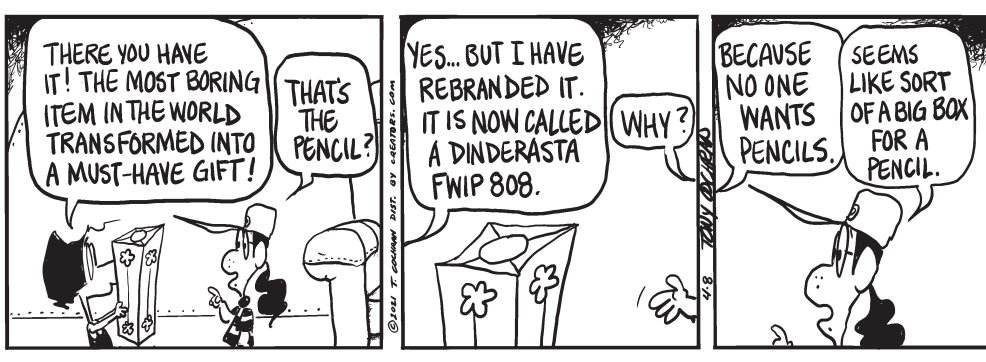
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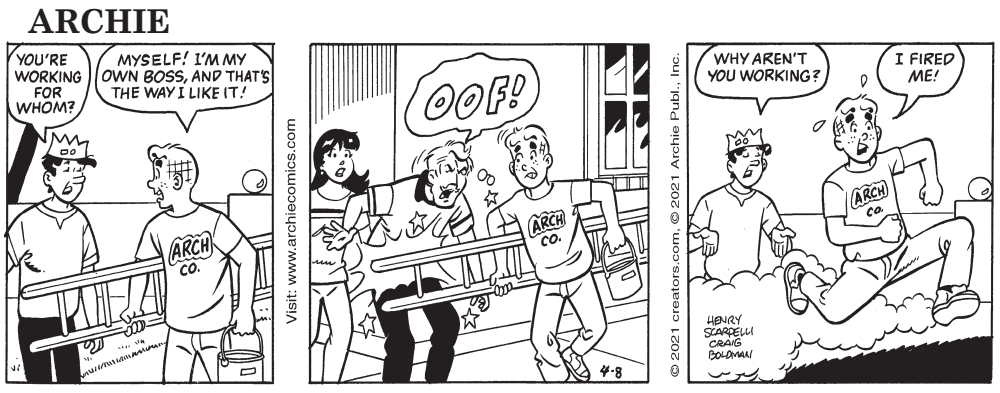
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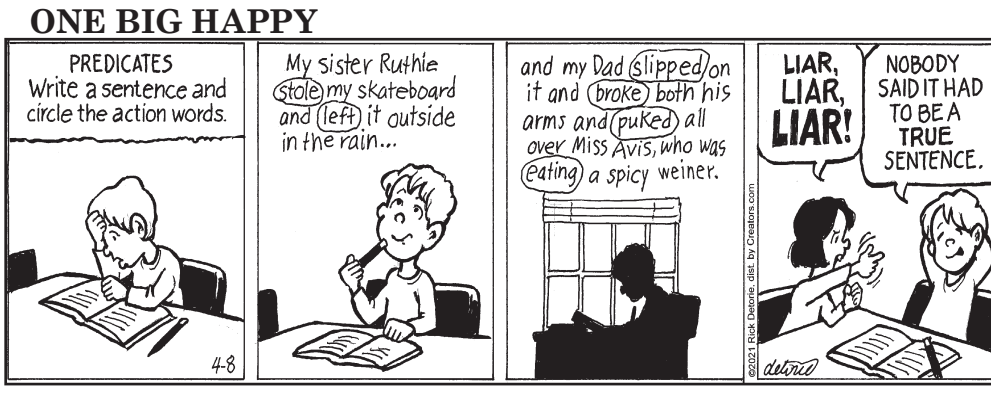
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 8, the 98th day of 2021. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 8, 1864, the United States Senate passed, 38-6, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishing slavery. (The House of Representatives passed it in January 1865; the amendment was ratified and adopted in December 1865.)

On this date:

In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition began exploring the Florida coastline.

In 1820, the Venus de Milo statue was discovered by a farmer on the Greek island of Milos.

In 1911, an explosion at the Banner Coal Mine in Littleton, Alabama, claimed the lives of 128 men, most of them convicts loaned out from prisons.

In 1913, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for popular election of U.S. senators (as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified. President Woodrow Wilson became the first chief executive since John Adams to address Congress in person as he asked lawmakers to enact tariff reform.

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman seized the American steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority, opening the way for a seven-week strike by steelworkers.)

In 1963, "Lawrence of Arabia" won the Oscar for best picture at the Academy Awards; Gregory Peck won best actor for "To Kill a Mockingbird" while Anne Bancroft received best actress honors for "The Miracle Worker."

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

In 1987, Al Campanis, vice president of player personnel for the Los Angeles Dodgers, resigned after saying on ABC's "Nightline" that Blacks might lack some of the "necessities" for becoming baseball managers.

In 1990, Ryan White, the teenage AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance had gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In 1993, singer Marian Anderson died in Portland, Oregon, at age 96.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

In 2009, Somali pirates hijacked the U.S.-flagged Maersk Alabama; although the crew was able to retake the cargo ship, the captain, Richard Phillips, was taken captive by the raiders and held aboard a lifeboat. (Phillips was rescued four days later by Navy SEAL snipers who shot three of the pirates dead.)

Ten years ago: Congressional and White House negotiators struck a last-minute budget deal ahead of a midnight deadline, averting an embarrassing federal shutdown and cutting billions in spending.

Five years ago: In a sweeping document on family life that opened a door to divorced and civilly remarried Catholics, Pope Francis insisted that church doctrine could not be the final word in answering tricky moral questions and that Catholics had to be guided by their own informed consciences. Bruce Springsteen canceled a scheduled concert in Greensboro, North Carolina, citing the state's new law blocking anti-discrimination rules covering the LGBT community. N.W.A. entered the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame during a ceremony at Brooklyn's Barclays Center with 1970s-era rock acts Cheap Trick, Chicago, Deep Purple and Steve Miller.

One year ago: A 76-day lockdown was lifted in the Chinese city of Wuhan, where the global pandemic began; residents would have to use a smartphone app showing that they had not been in recent contact with anyone confirmed to have the virus. Sen. Bernie Sanders ended his presidential bid, making Joe Biden the presumptive Democratic nominee to challenge President Donald Trump.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Shecky Greene is 95. Author and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Seymour Hersh is 84. "Mouseketeer" Darlene Gillespie is 80. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 80. Songwriter-producer Leon Huff is 79. Actor Stuart Pankin is 75. Rock musician Steve Howe is 74. Former House Republican leader Tom DeLay is 74. Movie director John Madden is 72. Rock musician Mel Schacher (Grand Funk Railroad) is 70. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., is 66. Actor John Schneider is 61. "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch is 60. Rock musician Izzy Stradlin is 59. Singer Julian Lennon is 58. Actor Dean Norris is 58. Rock singer-musician Donita Sparks is 58. Rapper Biz Markie is 57. Actor Robin Wright is 55. Actor Patricia Arquette is 53. Actor JR Bourne is 51. Rock singer Craig Honeycutt (Everything) is 51. Rock musician Darren Jessee is 50. Actor Emma Caulfield is 48. Actor Katee Sackhoff is 41. Actor Taylor Kitsch is 40. Rock singer-musician Ezra Koenig (Vampire Weekend) is 37. Actor Taran Noah Smith is 37. Actor Kirsten Storms is 37. Actor Sadie Calvano is 24.

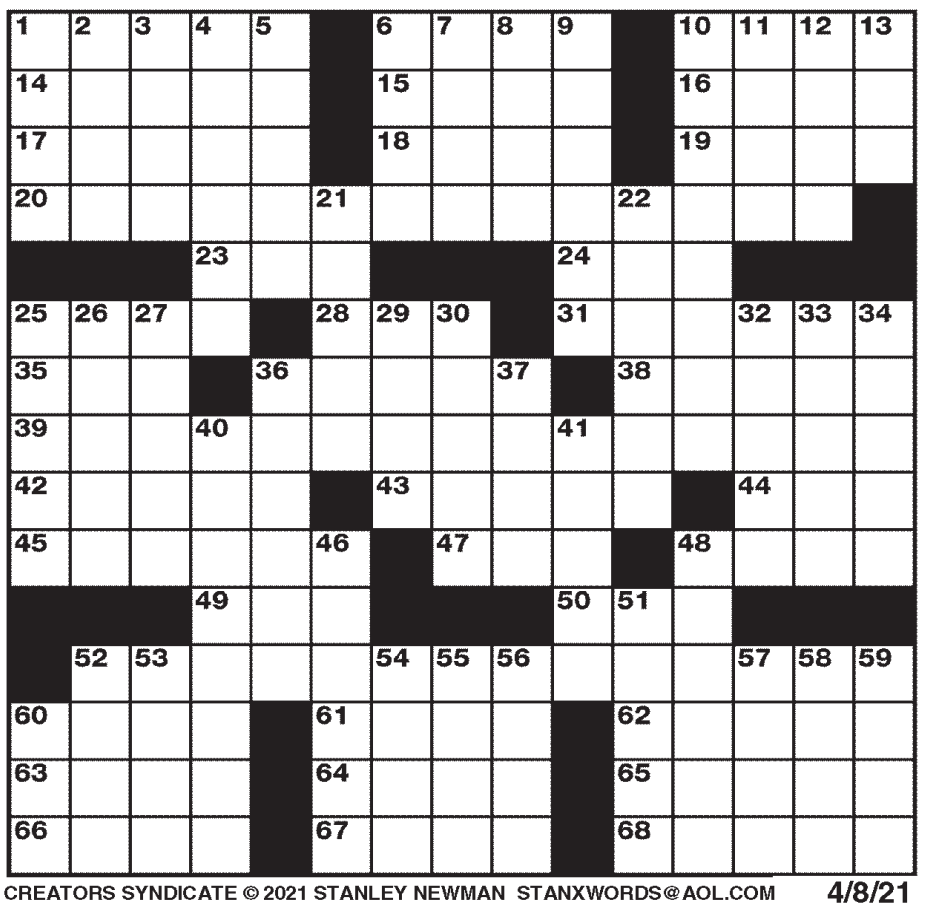
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1 What Iranians speak
6 Creator of Marge and 24 Across
10 Fruit category
14 Restaurants serving stacks
15 US Open finals stadium
16 Object of adoration
17 Hydropower source
18 Part of GSUSA
19 Dairy aisle display
20 Oscar film about a mathematician
23 Have in one's grasp
24 Toon bartender
25 Curved entryway
28 Sorority letter
31 Big name in American literature
35 Opposite of paleo-
36 Slow cooker creations
38 Put forth
39 Check out quickly
42 Makeup mishap
43 Artistry
44 Eternally, in poetry
45 High-heels holder
47 Agency concerned with MPG
48 "Excellence in Sports" award
49 Palermo possessive
50 Atom with a charge
52 Query of concern
60 Burn a bit
61 Travel plan
62 Plumbing or welding
63 Sway gently
64 As a consequence
65 Had no use for
66 Rattles on
67 Not as intense
68 Goes across

DOWN
1 World Cup org.
2 Fictional whaler
3 Portrayal
4 Flashy impression
5 Put forth
6 New Testament trio
7 "In your dreams!"
8 Via, briefly
9 "I'm all ears!"
10 Olive stuffing
11 Valhalla host
12 Shape to suit
13 Bull with antlers
21 Oral exam focus
22 Tasty bit
25 Uneasy feeling
26 French Champagne city
27 Long for
29 Casual tops
30 Came alive
32 Spots for icicles
33 High-priced
34 Washcloth fabric
36 Narrow passage
37 Delicate cut
40 Sets aside
41 Allege
46 Soft shade
48 Lure into trouble
51 Trial declarations
52 "Not so fast!"
53 Remove rashly
54 Pulled asunder
55 Warm greetings
56 Winged matchmaker
57 "Later!"
58 What Nod was east of
59 Much lipstick
60 Loud outburst



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Answer to previous puzzle

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4/8/21

Lowe homers twice, pads RBI record as Rangers beat Jays 7-4

By SCHUYLER DIXON AP Sports Writer

Nate Lowe homered twice and padded his franchise record for RBIs to start the season with four more, leading the Texas Rangers to a 7-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night.

Lowe was the first Texas player to go deep in front of the home fans at Globe Life Field, driving in Isiah Kiner-Falefa when he lined a two-run shot into the Toronto bullpen in left-center field in the first inning.

Ronald Guzman and Jonah Heim also went deep for the Rangers in their first four-homer game in their year-old ballpark. It was also the first six-homer game in the regular season, with Toronto's Bo Bichette connecting twice.

There were 18,585 fans a day after the Rangers welcomed 38,238 for their home opener, becoming the first major American pro sports team to fill a stadium since the coronavirus shutdown of sports more than a year ago. Texas opened the $1.2 billion retractable roof stadium last season, when fans weren't allowed in during the regular season.

Lowe's third homer of the season was a two-run drive to center in the third. His 14 RBIs through five games are the most in franchise history and the most in the majors since Chris Davis had 17 for Baltimore in the first five games of 2013.

"I feel like I'm a product of this team being a team," said Lowe, who is hitting .381. "I don't feel like I get RBIs if (David) Dahl's not in scoring position, if (Joey) Gallo's not on base, if Kiner's not leading off the game with a hit, if (Guzman) doesn't go deep there and provide another run."

Dane Dunning (1-0) retired his last 10 batters in his Texas debut, allowing Bichette's first-inning solo homer while striking out six in five innings.

"From what we've seen in spring training and also leading into this game is that he gets better as he goes," manager Chris Woodward said. "When he gets between the lines, he's better than he is outside the lines, in bullpens. As he gets more comfortable in games, he gets better and better."

Toronto's Tanner Roark allowed three homers — the other was by Guzman leading off the second. The right-hander has surrendered seven long balls in his past two starts against Texas. Roark (0-1) gave up five runs in three innings, dropping to 0-5 in his career against the club that drafted him in 2008.

"Nothing was working," Roark said. "Three home runs in three innings, not very good. So nothing was working."

Bichette's second solo shot came off Matt Bush to get Toronto within 6-4 in the eighth before Ian Kennedy pitched a perfect ninth for his first save with Texas.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Blue Jays: C Danny Jansen didn't start but was available off the bench a day after taking a foul tip off the inside of his right knee in the series opener. Manager Charlie Montoyo said the hope is for Jansen to return as the starter Wednesday.

Rangers: RHP Brett Martin (lower back tightness) is expected to pitch two innings Wednesday in an alternate-site game against the Astros at the Rangers' Triple-A home in Round Rock. ... 3B Brock Holt left in the eighth inning with right hamstring tightness after sprinting around first and stopping on a single to left-center field.

SPRINGER UPDATE

Center fielder George Springer, who started the season on the injured list with a strained left oblique muscle, remains on schedule to make his Toronto debut Thursday in the Blue Jays' home opener against the LA Angels in Dunedin, Florida. The former Houston star took live batting practice early Tuesday.

"It's a big step for me both physically and in my own mind," said Springer, the 2017 World Series MVP who signed a $150 million, six-year contract in the offseason. "Obviously I have to see what happens, see how my body responds."

TANDEM SUCCESS

The Rangers are using pitching pairs they call tandems for two spots in the rotation. Those games have produced both of the club's victories. Jordan Lyles allowed two runs in 5 2/3 innings, a longer outing than expected, in a 7-3 win over Kansas City. Wes Benjamin followed with 2 1/3 scoreless innings. They combined to strike out 11.

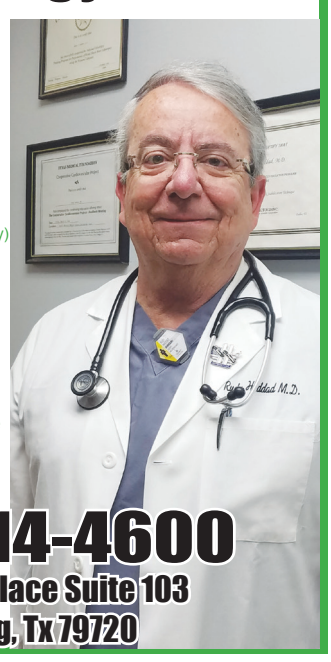
Lefty Taylor Hearn replaced Dunning and allowed two runs in part because of two wild pitches but struck out two in two innings to give him and Dunning eight Ks.

UP NEXT

The series finale Wednesday is a matchup of opening-day starters in Toronto's Hyun Jin Ryu and Kyle Gibson of the Rangers. Both got no-decisions. The lefty Ryu allowed two runs in 5 1/3 innings. Gibson got just one out in the shortest opening-day start in Washington/Texas franchise history and the shortest in the majors in 39 years. The right-hander allowed five runs after taking the mound with a 5-0 lead.



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