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Tuesday, March 9

at 5:30 p.m.

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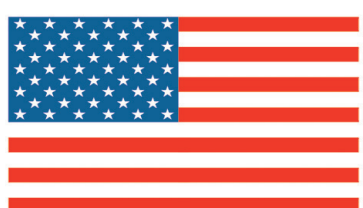
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Upcoming Events

Governor Greg Abbott announces businesses to re-open at 100% capacity next Wednesday, March 10

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

Governor Greg Abbott was in Lubbock, Texas on Tuesday afternoon for an announcement regarding the re-opening of businesses in the State of Texas. After recognizing a few key players at the State level, Lubbock government officials and the venue host of the press conference, Gov. Abbott went on to make the big announcement. As of next Wednesday, March 10, businesses in the State of Texas will be allowed to re-open at 100% capacity. In addition, the Statewide mask mandate is also being rescinded.

“... Because of people like Rudy, Texas remains the economic engine of The United States of America. Texas has been ranked #1 for business for 16 straight years. Texas had led the nation in exports for 19 straight years, and if Texas was its own country we

would now have the 9th largest economy in the entire world,” Governor Abbott said. “Even with this past year of Covid, Texas has remained the number 1 state in the United States for economic development. Yesterday, Texas received the Governor’s Cup.”

According to Gov. Abbott, Texas has received the Governor’s Cup every year under Governor Abbott’s leaderships. The award is presented to the state that ranks #1 in the United States for job creation and capital investment.

The economic success outlined by Governor Abbott came in the midst of the global pandemic. For almost half a year, the majority of businesses in Texas have only been open at 50% or 75% capacity and during that time jobs have been lost in masses.

“Too many Texans have been sidelined from employment opportunities; too many small business owners have struggled to pay their bills,” Governor Abbott said. “This must end. It is now time to open Texas 100%.”

Abbott continued, “Everyone who wants to work should have that opportunity. Every business that wants to be open should be open.”

Texas has been dealing with Covid precautions, closures and recommendations for the past year. The first Executive Order by Abbott was issued in March 2020, and the last Executive Order was made in October. Since the onset of the pandemic, more Texans are aware of PPE (personal protection equipment), have access to testing and are familiar with precautions to help slow the spread. Texas is now equipped to do more than 100,000 Covid tests per day due to available resources. In

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USDA NRCS offers technical, financial assistance in response to Texas winter storm damage

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USDA

In response to the winter storms that hit Texas in February 2021, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is offering farmers and ranchers technical and financial assistance to repair and replace certain damaged conservation practices.

NRCS is accepting applications for its Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for the recovery measures listed below:

- Animal Mortality and Animal Mortality Facility
- High Tunnel Systems
- Irrigation System and Irrigation Pipeline
- Livestock Pipeline
- Obstruction Removal
- Pumping Plant
- Roofs and Covers
- Waste Storage Facility

Water Well
Watering facility

NRCS accepts conservation program applications year-round; however, applications for 2021 winter storm recovery funding must be submitted by one of three deadlines: March 5, March 19, or April 2, 2021. After each deadline, applications will be ranked and approved as soon as possible so conservation work can begin. Producers must submit a separate application by one of the ranking deadlines for this disaster sign-up to be considered.

Farmers and ranchers negatively impacted by winter weather are encouraged to contact their local NRCS office to seek assistance. Find contact information for local NRCS offices at www.farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

Gem and Mineral annual show slated for this upcoming weekend at Howard County Fair Barn

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

The Gem and Mineral Show is returning to Howard County to continue a tradition for a that was started 51 years ago. The show will return to the Howard County Fair Barn on March 6 and run through March 7. Doors will open at 9 a.m Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday; both days the show will end at 5 p.m.

“We feel the show is important because it brings the world of gems and minerals from around the world into one place so the public has the opportunity to view nature’s wonders,” Lola Lamb, Gem and Mineral Show representative said.

The magic began in 1969 with the first Gem and Mineral Show, just one year after the Big Spring Prospector’s Club got its start.

“The club formed in 1968 with six men who were interested in artifacts and old bottles and metal detecting. Hence the name ‘prospector’s,’” Lamb said. “The first show was held in 1969 in the Highland Shopping Center. They just brought the bottles and the treasures that they’d found with their metal detectors. Then in 1970, a meeting was called because there was a lot of people who were interested in that, too, but they were more interested in the lapidary, cutting the rocks and things. So it was decided to add a lapidary section to the original club. By 1971, the club had grown to 43 members from the six that started it out.”

The Gem and Mineral Show includes exhibits from area club members featuring articles that have been collected, jewelry pieces and more. There are activities and exhibits for all ages. The past few years there has also been live music, and this year, that will once again continue. According to Lamb, the Apache Creek Fiddlers from Colorado will be playing during the show.

While many of the previous vendors will be returning, this year will feature a few new exhibits and dealers. Once again attendees will be able to purchase whole geodes and break them open to see the wonders never seen before. Food vendors will also be available for those wanting to enjoy a meal while at the event.

“This is important for the community as it is a chance to enjoy and see the beauty that surrounds us,” Lamb said. “Hopefully it will encourage people to protect and appreciate the wonders of nature’s bounty.”

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Courtesy photo

The annual Gem and Mineral Show is set for this weekend. The community is invited to attend; free admission at the Howard County Fair Barn.



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Obituaries

Gladene Fields Cate

Gladene Fields Cate, 91, of Olden, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2021, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 2, 1929, in Big Spring to Robert and Tryphena Walters Fields. She married Rollen J. "June" Cate and he preceded her in death July 23, 2009.

Gladene was a longtime resident of Big Spring and had worked for Big Spring ISD in the high school cafeteria for over 20 years. She moved to Olden in 2015.

Nadine Walker Cates

Nadine Walker Cates, 95, of Corinth passed away on Feb. 11, 2021 in Denton, Texas.

She was born Jan. 6, 1926, in Tuscon, Arizona to Vera Brown Walker and Aubrey V. Walker. The family eventually moved to Ackerly, Texas where Nadine met Marshall Cates, the love of her life. They were married in 1944 and celebrated 74 years of marriage prior to Marshall passing in 2019. They resided in Big Spring, Texas for most of the married life and while living there raised two children, a daughter, Carolyn and a son, Keith.

Nadine was a homemaker and mother. She also sold real estate and taught art classes. Nadine was well known for her incredible talent of painting in oils. She was very prolific and probably painted

Survivors include her daughter, Laverne Boyett of Olden; her son, Larry Cate and wife, Terri, of Lake Leon; nine grandchildren, Shannon Scarlett and wife, Jannet, Sonia Hicks and husband, Cliff, Richard Neefe and wife, Wendy, Teria Cate, Dana Cate and husband, Shane Shults, Bubba Cate and wife, LaRea, Jennifer Cate, Kevin Cate and Erica Cate; 25 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Glenn Cate; and eight brothers and sisters.

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thousands of beautiful landscapes and florals during her lifetime. She painted not only for herself but, for friends, family and she sold many paintings as well. She will long be remembered because of her paintings will live on in many homes of family friends and neighbors.

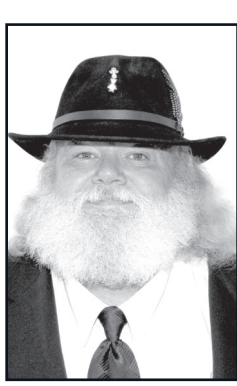
Nadine was preceded in death by her parents, Vera and Aubrey Walker, her sister, Evone Lightner, a brother Dick Walker and her son, Keith Cates. Nadine is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Cates Johnson and her husband, K. Frank Johnson of Corinth. By grandsons; R. Lance Cowley and wife, Kymberly Elizondo-Cowley; Justin M. Johnson and wife, Kimberly W. Johnson. She was Great-Grandmother to her seven great-grandchildren Avery Cowley, Olivia Cowley, Carly Johnson, Reese Johnson,, Brighton Wilson, Jillian Wilson and Bonham Wilson.

Nadine will be remembered by her family in the Spring, when landscapes are the most beautiful.

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Arthur C. Graves III

Arthur C. Graves III, 69, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, passed away Feb. 28, 2021.



He is preceded by Arthur C. Graves Jr. and Lula Jo Graves (Peeples), and his birth mother, Dorothy Katherine Graves (Tissue).

He is survived by his wife Delia Natnat Graves (B.S.N., R.N.C.) (Pascua), son Arthur C. Graves IV (B.S.E.E.), daughter Dorothy Graves McEwan (Ph.D.) (Graves) and her husband Colin McEwan, and his grandson, Samuel T. Graves McEwan.

He is further survived by his siblings Robin Tallant (Graves) and Robert Graves, their spouses Harvey and Suyapa, respectively, and their children as follows: Angela, Purity, and Amber; and Daniel, Cindy, and Benjamin, respectively.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 5, 2021, at 9 a.m., followed by funeral services at 10 a.m., at Oakridge Cemetery in Malvern, Arkansas. All condolences and tributes can be made at www.atkinsonfuneralhome.net.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DANIEL ELIAH BLACKWELL**, 21, of 504 S. Lancaster, was arrested for public intoxication (x2).
- **RICHARD LEE PENA**, 18, of 2613 Ent Drive, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER JR**, 41, of 812 S. San Antonio Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ**, 29, of 1601 Stadium, was arrested on a charge of theft of firearm.
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 37, of 509 S. Johnson, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use motor vehicle.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd Avenue.

- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place; 1500 block of Sycamore Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the area of 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 20th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 900 block of N. Scurry.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3100 block of W. Hwy 80; 1400 block of S. Johnson.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **TELEPHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 600 block of E. 15th Street.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 87 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DANIEL ELIAH BLACKWELL**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication (X2).
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- **JEREMY CARL MIZE**, 45, was arrested by BSPD, on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **RICHARD LEE PENA**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 9000 block of N. 37. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of E. 22nd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

cially 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

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– Joni Hires

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Albert "Albo" Smith



Albert "Albo" Smith, 65, passed away Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2021, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

Home.

Albert was born November 30, 1955 in Big Spring to J. D. Smith and Irma Williams.

Survivors include his wife, Fern Smith of Big Spring; four children, Rashonda Miller of Charlotte, NC, Albert Smith, Jr. and Jason Smith all of Big Spring, and Meosha Jackson of Lubbock; 10 brothers and sisters, Tommy Dean Samuels, Beanie Samuels, Ethel Washington, Janice Howard and Edward Samuels all of Dallas, John Smith and Larry Smith all of Temple, Alvin Williams of Big Spring, Debra Williams of Midland and Dana Williams of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; one sister, Ruthie Smith; and a grandson.

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

Fannie Price

Fannie Price, 79, of Big Spring died Wednesday March 3, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Reynaldo Soto

Reynaldo Soto, 54, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist the family.

J. Roger Ridgway

J. Roger Ridgway passed away Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at the age of 86. A memorial service for Roger will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6 at the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring Texas.

Roger was born in Joplin, MO. to John Leroy Ridgway and Margaret Hargis Ridgway on Dec. 17, 1934.

Roger was preceded in death by his father, mother and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, three children: Patti La Bombard, Nancy Collins and John Ridgway; eight grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that you send donations to the Cherokee Home for Children in Cherokee, Texas or the Manuelito Navajo Children's Home in Gallup, New Mexico.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Carey. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Pickens. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. No transport was required.

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- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- 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, espe-

Take Note

- Cornhole Tournament benefitting the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) will be taking place at Star Doge on March 27. Registration is from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Food vendors will be on site.
- Back in Motion and West Texas Injury Prevention is hosting a St. Patrick Day Wounded Warrior fundraiser on March 17. There will be brisquet plates for sale between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The meals will be served at 1113 S. Scurry Street.
- 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.
- The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request

- that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.
- All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021. We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.
 - West Texas Centers will be hosting the 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes in February. Adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.
 - 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.
- Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and 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 is being sponsored by the local Masons and it 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 Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.
 - 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.

New

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In addition, vaccines have been distributed to or readily available to all counties throughout the state. Antibody therapeutic drugs are now available to treat those diagnosed with Covid and help to prevent hospitalizations.

“Most importantly now, in Texas and across the country, we now have the vaccines,” Governor Abbott said. “More than 5.7 million vaccine shots have been administered to Texans.”

The announcement was made as Texas experienced the record for vaccines being administered, 216,000 in one day alone. There are about 1 million vaccines being administered in a week. The projection is that by next Wednesday, when the mandate will expire and businesses will be allowed to open at 100% capacity, 7 million vaccines will have been given to Texans.

“We are getting the vaccines to those who need them most... By next Wednesday over half of our seniors will have received a vaccine shot and by the end of the month every senior who wants a vaccine shot will be able to get it,” Abbott said.

A statewide program “Save Our Seniors” has been implemented and National Guard has been deployed to further insure local organizations have the ability to provide the vaccines to seniors in the communities. The number of vaccines is projected to increase rapidly with additional supplies of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, as well as the new vaccine by Johnson and Johnson. The first dose of the Johnson and Johnson one shot vaccine was issued the same day as the press conference. With additional vaccines being pushed out, the State of Texas will soon expand the categories of people able to get them and some medical professionals say within a few months every Texas who wants the vaccine will be able to receive it.

Hospitalization numbers were sitting the lowest they have been in the past four months, on Tuesday. The number of active cases is at the lowest since November and is less than half of what it

was a month ago. The lowest positivity rate in four months was also marked, with positivity rate sitting under 10% for the past several days.

“Make no mistake, to be clear, Covid has not suddenly disappeared. Covid still exists in Texas, the United States and across the globe, but it is clear from the recoveries, the reduced hospitalizations, and from safe practices Texans are using, the State mandates are no longer needed,” Abbott said.

Tuesday afternoon Governor Abbott issued a new Executive Order rescinding earlier executive orders. All businesses will be able to open at full capacity and the mask mandate is ending.

“Despite these changes remember this, ending state mandates does not end personal responsibility or the importance of caring for your family members, friends and others in your community. Personal vigilance to follow safe standards is still needed to contain Covid; it's just now state mandates are no longer needed.”

In instances that hospitalizations should rise above the 15% hospitalization rate in any of the 22 hospital regions for seven straight days, County Judges will have the ability to use Covid mitigation strategies in the County. The mandate does prohibit County Judges from placing citizens in jail for not following Covid orders or fining for failing to wear a mask. In addition, all businesses will still be allowed to operate at a 50% capacity. Any business choosing to limit capacity or implement additional safety protocols will have the right to do so.

As the announcement was made, Texans took to social media to express their opinions. While the consensus has not yet been made clear, the decision brings strong feelings on both sides of the aisle.

“Love the fact that we can choose for ourselves and our families,” Kimberly Bingham Clare stated on the Big Spring Herald Facebook poll question.

Another Big Spring resident, Jennifer Schafer Holt stated, “Wonderful news on Texas Independence Day.”

While there were those who spoke in favor of Governor Abbott's decision, there are those who expressed their concerns and their decisions to

continue to protect themselves by wearing masks.

“I am still wearing my mask,” Shelly Scott-Marquez stated.

Another resident, Hayley Mou, stated, “So good!!! Don't live in fear.”

While the announcement was made Tuesday afternoon, the opening of businesses fully does not get implemented until March 10. In addition, the TEA has announced a decision will be made soon regarding the guidance for Texas schools.

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Feliciano Gonzales, 76, died Thursday. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Roy Lee Metcalf, 66, died Sunday. Graveside service will be at 3:00 PM Thursday at Coahoma Cemetery.

Reynaldo Soto, 54, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist the family.

Fannie Price, 79, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

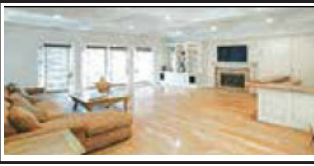
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Texas power grid CEO fired after deadly February blackouts

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' power grid manager was fired Wednesday amid growing calls for his ouster following February's deadly blackouts that left millions of people without electricity and heat for days in subfreezing temperatures.

Bill Magness, CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, becomes the second senior official to depart in the wake of the one of the worst blackouts in U.S. history. The state's top utility regulator resigned Monday.

Magness was given a two-month termination notice by ERCOT's board in a meeting Wednesday night. The move came as the grid operator is now under investigation by the House Oversight Committee.

"During this transition period, Bill will continue to serve as President and CEO and work with state leaders and regulators on potential reforms to ERCOT," the organization said in a statement.

Magness, who made more than \$876,000 in salary

and other compensation in 2019, was the target of much of the outrage over the blackouts that began Feb. 15 when a winter storm plunged temperatures into single digits across Texas, causing skyrocketing demand for electricity to heat homes.

Grid operators unplugged more than 4 million customers as the system buckled, which Magness has said was necessary to avert an even more catastrophic blackout that could have lasted months.

But the power did not flip back on for days for millions of residents, and the prolonged outages quickly escalated to a crisis of tragic proportions, as people trying to keep warm died of carbon monoxide poisoning and others froze to death.

The storm and resulting blackouts have been blamed for more than 40 deaths in Texas, but the full toll may not be known for months.

At the Texas Capitol last week, lawmakers investigating the outages laid into Magness for his handling of the storm.

Over hours of testimony, Magness defended actions that he said kept the grid that serves most of

Texas' 30 million residents intact.

"It worked from keeping us (from) going into a blackout that we'd still be in today, that's why we did it," Magness said last Thursday. "Now it didn't work for people's lives, but it worked to preserve the integrity of the system."

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has accused ERCOT of misleading the state about the readiness of the grid, placing blame for the outages almost singularly on the grid operators. His outrage has not extended to the state's Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT and is led by Abbott appointees.

But the commission has also increasingly come under fire. Chairwoman DeAnn Walker resigned after struggling in two lengthy appearances before lawmakers following the blackouts, but said others should also accept responsibility for the outages.

At least six ERCOT board members have stepped down in the aftermath of the blackouts. Many of them lived out of state, a fact that only intensified anger toward ERCOT as the crisis unfolded.

Cuomo addresses harassment claims, vows to stay in office

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Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday rejected calls for his resignation in the face of sexual harassment allegations that have threatened his hold on power and damaged his national political standing.

The Democrat, speaking somberly in his first public appearance since three women accused him of inappropriate touching and offensive remarks, apologized and said that he "learned an important lesson" about his behavior around women.

"I now understand that I acted in a way that made people feel uncomfortable," Cuomo said. "It was unintentional and I truly and deeply apologize for it."

Asked about calls for him to step aside, the third-term governor said: "I wasn't elected by politicians, I was elected by the people of the state of New York. I'm not going to resign."

Cuomo acknowledged "sensitivities have changed and behavior has changed" and that what he considers his "customary greeting" — an old-world approach that often involves kisses and hugs — is not acceptable.

But the allegations against the governor go beyond aggressive greetings.

Former aide Lindsey Boylan accuses Cuomo of having harassed her throughout her employment and said he once suggested a game of strip poker aboard his state-owned jet. Another former aide, Charlotte Bennett, said Cuomo once asked her if she ever had sex with older men.

Both women rejected Cuomo's latest apology, doubling down on their disgust after he issued a statement Sunday attempting to excuse his behavior as his way of being "playful."

"How can New Yorkers trust you @NYGovCuomo to lead our state if you 'don't know' when you've been inappropriate with your own staff?" Boylan tweeted.

Cuomo said he will "fully cooperate" with an investigation into the allegations overseen by the state's independently elected attorney general. Attorney General Letitia James, also a Democrat, is selecting an outside law firm to conduct the probe and document its findings in a public report.

Cuomo addressed the allegations during a news conference that otherwise focused on the state's response to the coronavirus pandemic, the kind of briefings that made him a daily fixture on TV and a national star among Democrats. Before that, Cuomo last spoke to reporters during a conference call on Feb. 22. His last briefing on camera was Feb. 19.

Two of the women accusing Cuomo worked in his administration. The other was a guest at a wedding that he officiated.

Bennett, 25, said Cuomo quizzed her about her sex life, asked if she felt age made a difference in relationships and said he was fine dating "anyone above the age of 22." Bennett said she believed he was gauging her interest in an affair. Cuomo has denied making advances on Bennett.

Boylan, 36, said Cuomo commented on her appearance inappropriately, kissed her without her consent and went out of his way to touch her on her

lower back, arms and legs. Cuomo has denied Boylan's allegations.

Anna Ruch told The New York Times that Cuomo put his hands on her face and asked if he could kiss her just moments after they met at a September 2019 wedding in Manhattan.

Cuomo didn't answer directly when asked by a reporter if he could assure the public that there were no other former aides who would come forward.

"The facts will come out" in the attorney general's investigation, he said, reiterating his position that he "never knew at the time" that he was making anyone feel uncomfortable.

Bennett's lawyer, Debra Katz, said the governor's news conference "was full of falsehoods and inaccurate information."

She said Cuomo's claim that he was unaware he had made women uncomfortable was disingenuous, considering that Bennett had reported his behavior to her boss and one of Cuomo's lawyers.

"We are confident that they made him aware of her complaint and we fully expect that the Attorney General's investigation will demonstrate that Cuomo administration officials failed to act on Ms. Bennett's serious allegations or to ensure that corrective measures were taken, in violation of their legal requirements," Katz said.

The harassment allegations follow accusations that Cuomo covered up the true COVID-19 death toll on nursing home residents. Cuomo's support has plummeted amid the one-two punch of scandals, and even some Democrats have called on him to step aside.

"I don't think it's in his DNA to resign or back down," said Queens Assembly member Ron Kim, a Democrat who accused Cuomo of bullying him over the nursing home issue. "I think he will do whatever it takes to fight this."

Cuomo said he inherited his gregarious way of greeting people from his father, the late former Gov. Mario Cuomo, and that he intended to be welcoming and make people feel comfortable.

Speaking about the allegations, Cuomo initially said he was apologizing to "people" who were uncomfortable with his conduct, but he didn't make clear as he continued which of the women he was referring to.

At one point, he said he was apologizing to "the young woman who worked here who said that I made her feel uncomfortable in the workplace." That description could apply to both Boylan and Bennett.

Asked what he was saying to New Yorkers, Cuomo said: "I'm embarrassed by what happened... I'm embarrassed that someone felt that way in my administration. I'm embarrassed and hurt and I apologize that somebody who interacted with me felt that way."

The governor, who has touted a law requiring all workers in New York to receive sexual harassment training, said he felt at the time that his behavior was innocuous but now acknowledges that sexual harassment centers on how the victim is impacted — not the offender's intent.

"If a person feels uncomfortable, if a person feels pain, if a person is offended, I feel very badly about that and I apologize for it. There's no but — it's, 'I'm sorry,'" Cuomo said.

Widow of Dallas officer slain by Lee Harvey Oswald dies

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Marie Tippit, the widow of the Dallas police officer killed by Lee Harvey Oswald about 45 minutes after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, has died. She was 92.

Tippit died Tuesday at a hospital in the East Texas city of Sulphur Springs after being diagnosed with pneumonia following a positive test for COVID-19, said her son, Curtis Tippit, 62. He said his mother also suffered from congestive heart failure.

Stephen Fagin, curator of the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, which tells the story of Kennedy's assassination in downtown Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, said Tippit was "one of our last direct links to the personal pain and tragedy of the assassination."

"She was this quiet reminder that the assassination, the pain of that memory, can still be felt right up to the present day," Fagin said.

At about 1:15 p.m. that day, Officer J.D. Tippit, was on patrol in a neighborhood just southwest of downtown when he spotted a man walking down the street that met the description of the shooting suspect.

Moments later, Tippit got out of his patrol car and Oswald opened fire, killing Tippit. Oswald, who was arrested a short time later at the Texas Theatre, was killed two days later by nightclub owner Jack Ruby during a police transfer.

Marie Tippit told The Associated Press in 2013 that it was "just remarkable that I kept going" after her husband's death.

"Without God's help, I wouldn't have because I just couldn't picture how we were going to live without him," said Tippit, who was 35 when her husband was killed. "I just couldn't figure that out."

"I had three children that needed their dad, but he wasn't there anymore."

On the day he was killed, J.D. Tippit had broken from his usual routine and ate lunch at home, where his wife fried some potatoes and made a sandwich for him.

"I kissed him bye, not realizing that would be the last time I would see him, but I felt the Lord really blessed by letting him come by that one last time," she told the AP.

J.D. Tippit, 39, had been an officer for 11 years when he was killed. He and Marie, who both grew up in the same area of northeast Texas, were married Dec. 26, 1946, after he returned from World War II, where he served as paratrooper in the U.S. Army.

"He was a great family man," Marie Tippit said. "He loved his work. He felt that he was helping."

Her family said in a statement that "as much as you want to make her life a tragic story, you can't because her countenance was joyful, thankful and generous."

"She wanted to give, not be given to, she wanted to reach out and befriend, not wait to be befriended. She wanted to pray for you, not you pray for her," the family statement said.

Rick Janich, family friend and a retired Dallas police officer, said Marie Tippit helped raise funds for families of officers who had been killed, and also offered

them advice.

"She would always spend time with them and just tell them: 'You're going to be OK. You're going to be OK,'" Janich said.

"She lived 57 years after losing the love of her life," Janich said. "She wanted to keep strong for her family and kept her faith in God."

Marie Tippit married twice after J.D. Tippit was killed. Her second husband died of cancer and her third marriage ended in divorce.



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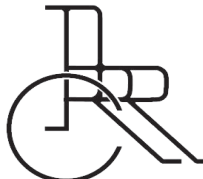
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Harper Hite
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Raegan Marlow
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Peighton Metcalf
Haegyn Phernetton
Caydon Phillips

Kessler Poffenberger
Jake Pritchard
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Austyn Teeters
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Arya Cyphers

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Elioni Gutierrez
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Axel Hart
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Kariana Esparza
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Sydni Sayles
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Zoe Teston
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Kadynce Joyce
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Patricia Yabes

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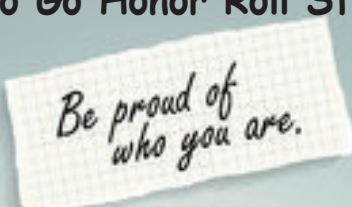
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Julicia Contreras
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Jonathan Alvizo
Lilliana Anderson
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Addison Arguello
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Justine Baker
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Marcy Elementary

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A Honor Roll**

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Rosalie Garcia
Genesis Gonzales
Shawn Hart
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Marcy Elementary

**2nd Grade
A Honor Roll**

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Brian Davis
James Do
Aislynn Duarte
Jacob Favila
Esmi Gomez
Kamdon Griffin
Rylee Hart
Eden Hernandez
Aubrey Kirkham
Karys Kirkland
Bella Martinez
Emmah Moralez
Brody Stagner
Elliott Williams
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Marcy Elementary

**1st Grade
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Mckenzie Cuellar
Gavin Dobek
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Marcy Elementary

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Gabriella Balcazar
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Forsan Junior High recognizes UIL accomplishments			
Forsan Junior High students participated in a UIL academic meet on campus this year. The staff and faculty are proud of their hard work and thankful to the coaches and coordinator for working with students. The results are as follows:	3rd place-Kaydee Kinsey	Calculator Application	
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Big Spring Lady Steers Softball team drops heartbreaker to Colorado City Wolves

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Lady Steers softball team took a short road trip down Interstate 20 to face off against the Colorado City Wolves. In what was an excellent game, the Lady Steers lost a heartbreaker by a score of 10 to 7.

The Lady Steers would come up to bat first to start the game. Jocelyn Gonzales would get the first hit of the day for the Lady Steers with a hard line-drive single to left field. Unfortunately, the Lady Steers could not advance her, and the top of the first would come to an end with no runs scored for the Steers. To start the top of the first, Kalyn Whitehead would take to the circle to pitch for the Lady Steers. After giving up, an early base hit, Kalyn would settle down. She would only allow one run to cross the plate.

Heading into the second inning, the Lady Steers found themselves down early. Brinley Watkins would lead off the inning, reaching on an error on a hard-hit ball to shortstop. The Steers would then play some small ball as Sarah Wood put down a sacrifice bunt to the pitcher, moving Watkins to second and into scoring position. Arielle Nuno then worked a walk, placing runners on first and second. Watkins and Nuno would

then advance a base on a passed ball by the Colorado City pitcher, putting runners on second and third with one out. Gissele Holguin would get hit by a pitch, making the bases loaded. Celi Vela would come step into the box and show great patience at the plate earning a bases-loaded walk, pushing Watkins across the plate. Tying up the game at one-all. The Lady Steers were not done in the inning. Kalyn Whitehead would then show her patience at the plate earning back-to-back walks with the bases loaded, allowing Nuno to score, giving the Lady Steers their first lead of the day 2 to 1. Jocelyn Gonzales would then blast a hard-hit double to center field, driving in two runs. The Lady Steers ended up putting four runs total up in the top of the second inning.

Enjoying a 4 to 1 run lead, Whitehead came back out to pitch. The young Steer allowed two runs tight-

ening up the game from 4 to 3.

After two quick outs to begin to play in the third inning, Kylee Lynch was it by a pitch to allow her a free trip to first. Teammate Gissele Holguin



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pounded a hard-hit fly ball that ended up in a triple-scoring Lynch. That score was the only one of the Lady Steers' inning as they took a lead of 5 to 3, heading into the bottom of the third. Whitehead would head out for her third inning of work; she blew away the Colorado City wolves in the third, only allowing one walk and no base hits, with no runs.

Brinley Watkins would step up to the plate in the fourth, and she hammered a long Home Run to Centerfield, giving the Lady Steers a 6 to 3 lead. Lady Steer Kalyn Whitehead would again do her job shutting down the wolves to not allowing any runs in her half of the inning.

The Lady Steers would go on to put one more run on the board in the top of the fifth when Whitehead would drive in a run on a hard-hit single, moving the score to 7 to 3. The top of the fifth would show that the Colorado City Wolves came to play the ball as they scored three runs in the inning, closing the gap to 6 to 7.

The Lady Steers would keep grinding away at the plate bat after at-bat but could not get anything going. After the top of the sixth, Big Spring clung to a one-run lead 6 to 7. In the bottom of the sixth inning, the Wolves were not done. They would deliver the crushing blow by scoring three more runs in the sixth opening, leading 10 to 7.

The Lady Steers had one last chance in the top of the seventh but could not muster up enough offense. It was a heartbreaking loss by the Lady Steers, but they should not hang their heads; they played hard and battled all game long to show that Steers Spirit. Next up, the Lady Steers take on Brownwood in San Angelo this weekend in tournament play.

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No. 3 Baylor clinches Big 12 title in OT, 94-89 over No. 6 WVU

By JOHN RABY AP Sports Writer

Coach Scott Drew jumped on Mark Vital's back after Baylor clinched the Big 12 championship, pointed a finger to the sky, then raced off the court ahead of his players to prepare for an even more raucous celebration.

"I was able to beat them into the locker room, get the water ready and get them," Drew said. "And I got the COLD water ready for them, too."

Jared Butler scored 25 points before fouling out, Davion Mitchell hit the go-ahead basket in overtime and the third-ranked Bears beat No. 6 West Virginia 94-89 Tuesday for the Bears' first Big 12 regular-season title.

Baylor (19-1, 11-1 Big 12) bounced back in a big way from its only loss of the season at No. 13 Kansas on Saturday. The Bears struggled in their two previous games coming off a three-week lay-off because of COVID-19 issues in the program.

After managing just 58 points against the Jayhawks, Baylor maintained its energy and scoring touch until the very end against the Mountaineers (17-7, 10-5).

"Probably the number one moment ever at Baylor," said Butler, who had fouled out in overtime only to run back onto the court after it was over to hug every teammate in sight.

Drew, whose 18 seasons at Baylor have been spent watching other teams, mostly Kansas, take home the title, joked that he jumped on fifth-year senior Vital's back because "Mark's the only one that's been at Baylor longer than me."

Butler finished with 25 points. Mitchell scored four of Baylor's 13 points in overtime and finished with 20. Matthew Mayer had a season-high 13 points for the Bears.

Taz Sherman came off the bench to score a career-high 26 points for the Mountaineers. Miles McBride added 19 points and Sean McNeil scored 18, including 15 after halftime.

West Virginia managed just one field goal in overtime.

"At the end of the day, they just did more of the little stuff at the end to win the game," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "When you're playing top teams in the nation, every little thing is going to matter."

"Everybody knew this was going to be a great game."

Baylor jumped out to a quick double-digit lead

and for a time the game was looking like a rout. But the Bears went scoreless for nearly six minutes before halftime, allowing West Virginia to keep it close the rest of the game.

"It was a grinder, I'm not going to lie," Butler said. "We're still kind of rusty a little bit. We're still out of shape a little bit, especially me. But we fought through it. We knew it was going to be a tough one. We knew West Virginia was going to give us their best shot."

Butler's layup with 2.7 seconds left in regulation sent the game into overtime tied at 81. But he fouled out with 1:15 remaining in overtime.

"It was extremely difficult," Butler said. "I just couldn't watch the game."

Sherman hit one of two free throws to put the Mountaineers ahead 89-88 before Mitchell's layup with 59 seconds left in overtime put Baylor ahead to stay. Mitchell then took a charge against McBride with 27 seconds left, and Mitchell hit two free throws with 18 seconds left for the final margin.

"I think going into overtime we just lost that fire and energy, and we let it slip away," McNeil said.

FROM LOSS TO TITLE

Going from that loss at Kansas to conference champion in a matter of three days was an instant fix for Baylor's outlook.

"When you lose, it's just like a stormy cloud over your head," Butler said. "Everywhere you go, everything is not the same."

"This win and what we accomplished at Baylor is going to change the whole mood of the program. It gives us our confidence back."

BIG PICTURE

Baylor: It's the first conference title for the Bears since they won the 1950 Southwest Conference championship. The Bears improved to 4-0 against top 10 teams this season. They shot

51% (36 of 70) from the floor against West Virginia. The conference's top 3-point shooting team made 13 of them.

West Virginia: The Mountaineers saw a three-game winning streak snapped but are still looking at a solid NCAA Tournament seeding. West Virginia is 9-5 since big man Oscar Tshiebwe left the team. But the Mountaineers' offense has steadily improved because his exit enabled other capable playmakers to get extra court time while the defense hasn't suffered much. The five losses have been by a combined 17 points.

UP NEXT

Baylor goes for a regular-season sweep of No. 17 Oklahoma State at home on Thursday.

West Virginia hosts TCU on Thursday. The Mountaineers beat the Horned Frogs last week in Fort Worth, Texas.

"Whether you win or lose, you can't dwell on it too long," Huggins said. "And tomorrow we start getting ready for TCU."

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The suit is an action to establish paternity of and to enter appropriate orders for the conservatorship and support of the following child subject of the suit: Name REBECCA JEAN LEAL The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest, which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent- child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adop- tion. No property is involved in the suit. The suit is entitled: CAUSE NUMBER 54181 IN THE INTEREST OF REBECCA JEAN LEAL A CHILD IN THE 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS Other parties to the action: THE STATE OF TEXAS RONNIE LEAL DANIELLE G ALCANTAR #10###
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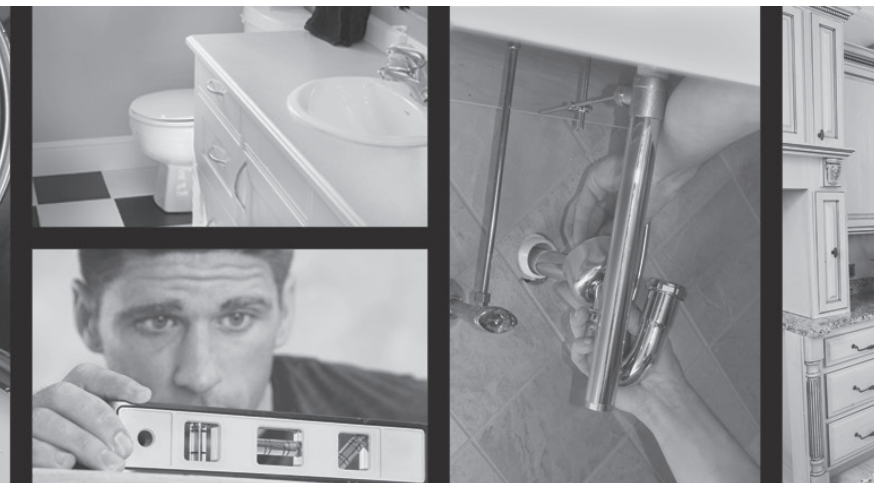
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The resistible impulse

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♣ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — eight of hearts.

If you tend to play impulsively, you often will fail to get the best possible result. There are simply too many built-in traps in bridge for anyone to be able to play first, think later and still come out all right.

Consider this deal where East won the heart lead with the ace and, recognizing that the eight was a singleton, immediately returned a heart. This didn't work out well because, although West got his heart ruff, declarer made the contract. The only trick he lost after the ruff was the ace

of trump. Declarer's diamond loser was eventually discarded on one of dummy's hearts.

East's heart return was not very well thought out. He should have realized that declarer would almost surely make the contract after a heart return, and that the only real chance for an additional trick was to lead a diamond at trick two, hoping to find West with the king (or ace).

South inevitably would have gone down one after a diamond return. If he rose with the ace and returned a trump, East would take the ace and return a heart for West to ruff, whereupon West would cash the king of diamonds for down one. And if South played low on the diamond, West would score the king that much sooner and eventually ruff a heart to set the contract.

In the given situation, it is not enough for East to recognize that his partner's opening lead is a singleton, and so spontaneously return a heart. East must look beyond that one thought and ask himself: "If I give partner a heart ruff now, which will be the third trick for our side, where is the fourth trick going to come from?"

It takes real discipline to stop and ask oneself questions like this before acting automatically at trick two. You can't play impulsively and expect to get the best results.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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SUDOKU

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

Level: Intermediate

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

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

ANSWER:

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!

The Mercury and Jupiter Coffee Clutch

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's hard to say which is more difficult -- the battering down of instinct necessary to resist the temptation your inner animal is lunging for or the consequences that go along with giving in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You think you know what you have, but you really don't. This is why it will be a delight to hear your admirers talk. Bonus: The compliments don't go to your head. You'll use your charms to make other people feel charming.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). First, you were dazzled by the potential in a person, and then later you asked yourself, "What did I see in that person?" The answer: what you wanted to see. Your vision becomes more accurate with every experience.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Anything that pays off intellectually pays off -- period. If you're wondering if you're going to make money, consider that may be an irrelevant question when it comes to pursuits likely to polish your mind and soul.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Context and culture play a huge part in people's decision-making. Your work goes better when you dive deeper into understanding the values and challenges of the people you're trying to serve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes, you are most helped

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



by your supporters, but more often it is your competitors and enemies that are the true MVPs of your life. They inspire your best and sharpest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What is painstaking is also rewarding, and what is rewarding is also painstaking. The two cannot, in fact, be separated as the pain is what gives the reward its value.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No one is born with the stuff that will automatically make them popular or rich. Even those born to the monarchy must earn their status in the eyes of their court and country. You rise to the challenge of creating yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To bring the vision of your mind into a form that others can see, too, you must build a bridge. It will require trial, error and excellent communication with cooperative entities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll ask yourself the questions that matter. How are you contributing? Who is better off because of your involvement, care and presence? And finally, what can you do to step it up a notch?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If people who functioned perfectly fine before they knew you now seem

hopelessly dependent on what you do for them, this is an illusion and one that's healthy to shatter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't forget about the part in the cycle of productivity in which nothing happens. This dormancy is as crucial as sleep, which all living things do in their own way, even the trees and the mushrooms.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 4). Your work won't be easy, but it will be super fun. You'll be challenged with bringing a group to the future. This is perfect for you, as you're not afraid of change and your emotional intelligence is off the charts. Financial incentives keep things interesting, and you maintain that winning spirit that attracts lady luck. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 18, 3 and 17.

COSMIC QUESTION: 10 CRIB NOTES FROM CALLIOPE, MUSE OF STORIES*:

1. The asteroid Calliope (named for the Greek muse but spelled

with a "K") is a large asteroid currently moving through the constellation Ophiuchus.

2. Stories are a staple of humanity.

3. Humans organize the world through stories. Perceptions are ordered through them, and roles are defined by them.

4. The collective and individual human identity is forged in narrative -- stories told to each other and stories told by each human to his or herself.

5. A string of facts is not a story. A string of facts is the raw material for endless stories.

6. What makes a story is not what's in it, but how it's told.

7. If you ever want to change who you are, then change your story. Don't make things up; rather, use what's there and think of it in another way.

8. The first step in changing a story is in realizing that it is one.

9. Humans tell themselves stories all the time (often unhelpful and fear-inducing stories) without realizing that is what they are doing.

10. The best way to test a story is to tell it to different audiences.

*Calliope's realm classically includes epic poetry but for the purposes of aligning with modern sensibilities, liberties of interpretation have been taken.

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Annie's Mailbox

Husband Hygiene

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married one year. Before we got married, he kept himself clean. Gradually, he's changed, and his hygiene has gotten worse and worse. Now he only changes underwear and showers once a week. He has let his hair grow long and messy and refuses to get a haircut. He shaves maybe once a week, at most. He used to be fun to go out with, and now he never wants to go anywhere. Please help. I'm desperate. What can I do? I want the man I married back. -- Stink Has Me on the Brink

Dear Stink Has Me on the Brink: Although only a licensed health care professional can diagnose your husband, it sounds like his poor hygiene is just a symptom of the real problem -- possibly clinical depression or another mental health issue. The good news is that help is available. Let him know, in a compassionate, nonjudgmental tone, that you've been

concerned about him this past year, and urge him to see a therapist. If he is resistant to that, encourage him to see his primary care physician, who will likely refer him to a therapist if he hears these symptoms.

Dear Annie: I'm recently divorced, and I don't know how to approach men to date. How do I talk without embarrassing myself? -- Ready to Mingle

Dear Ready: Since your divorce was recent, take a little time to date yourself. Try a new hobby. Read those books you've always been meaning to read. Dive into a daily exercise routine. Learning to enjoy your own company helps you gain self-esteem -- which is not only good for your soul but also one of the most magnetic traits a person can have. When you're ready, try online dating through sites such as eHarmony and Match.com. They offer a convenient way to dip your toe in and gain further confidence and figure out what you're looking for. Be sure to always

meet people in a public place. (More on that in the following letter.)

Dear Annie: For your readers' safety, please tell them that when online dating, they should never, EVER agree to meet anyone for the first time at any location that is not PUBLIC. You have NO idea what you may be letting yourself in for. Coffee at a Starbucks or another highly public spot is a great idea. -- Ed in Essex Junction

Dear Ed: Agreed. As the virus is still a concern right now, outdoor public spaces are also a good option, provided there are other people somewhat close by for safety's sake. It's also smart to first go on a "date" over video chat to figure out whether there's any chemistry (and to make sure they're the same person as in their profile pictures).

Dear Annie: I just read your column with the letter from "Missing Mom" about the death of her mother and how difficult it has become

to move on. Many of us can identify with her. As a person who has always added poetry to a situation, I found my peace through a simple poem I wrote a couple of years after my mom's passing. If it can be passed on to her, I am more than happy to share it.

Memories used to make us sad,
But now they make us smile.
Alone the first one hundred yards,
But now we've walked a mile.
And now we share how life begins
Then spent with family and friends.
And with the love and times we've shared,
Know now, it never ends." -- Jack Notman

Dear Jack: Your poem is touching, and it reminds me of another quote that I heard recently: "Love is longer than life and stronger than death."

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

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This Date
In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2021. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 4, 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt took office as America's 32nd president.

On this date:

In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

In 1797, John Adams was inaugurated the second president of the United States.

In 1863, the Idaho Territory was created.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated for a second term of office; with the end of the Civil War in sight, Lincoln declared: "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

In 1964, Teamsters president James Hoffa and three co-defendants were found guilty by a federal court in Chattanooga, Tennessee, of jury tampering.

In 1974, the first issue of People magazine, then called People Weekly, was published by Time-Life Inc.; on the cover was actor Mia Farrow.

In 1981, a jury in Salt Lake City convicted Joseph Paul Franklin, an avowed racist and serial killer, of violating the civil rights of two Black men, Ted Fields and David Martin, who'd been shot to death. (Franklin received two life sentences for this crime; he was executed in 2013 for the 1977 murder of a Jewish man, Gerald Gordon.)

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan addressed the nation on the Iran-Contra affair, acknowledging that his overtures to Iran had "deteriorated" into an arms-for-hostages deal.

In 1994, in New York, four extremists were convicted of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing that killed six people and injured more than a thousand. Actor-comedian John Candy died in Durango, Mexico, at age 43.

In 1998, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment at work can be illegal even when the offender and victim are of the same gender.

In 2015, the Justice Department cleared Darren Wilson, a white former Ferguson, Missouri, police officer, in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, a Black 18-year-old, but also issued a scathing report calling for sweeping changes in city law enforcement practices.

In 2018, former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter were found unconscious on a bench in the southwestern English city of Salisbury; both survived what British authorities said was a murder attempt using a nerve agent.

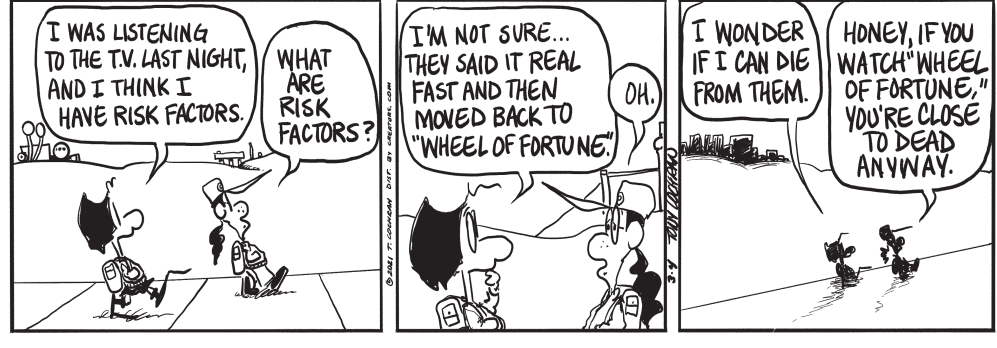
Ten years ago: Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's regime struck back at its opponents with a powerful attack on Zawiyah (ZOW'-ee-yuh), the closest opposition-held city to Tripoli, and a barrage of tear gas and live ammunition to smother new protests in the capital. NASA launched its Glory satellite from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on what was supposed to have been a three-year mission to analyze how airborne particles affect Earth's climate; however, the rocket carrying Glory plummeted into the southern Pacific several minutes after liftoff.

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court blocked enforcement of a Louisiana clinic regulation law placing new restrictions on abortion. Bud Collins, the tennis historian and American voice of the sport in print and on TV for decades, died in Brookline, Massachusetts, at age 86. Pat Conroy, author of "The Great Santini" and "The Prince of Tides," died in Beaufort, South Carolina, at age 70.

One year ago: The House easily passed an \$8.3 billion measure aimed at speeding the development of coronavirus vaccines, paying for containment operations and beefing up preparedness. Federal health officials investigated a suburban Seattle nursing home at the center of a coronavirus outbreak. Italy closed all schools and universities and barred fans from sporting events. The Dow Jones Industrial Average soared more than 1,100 points as governments and central banks around the globe took more aggressive measures to deal

with the virus and its effects on the economy. After spending more than \$500 million of his own fortune in a bid for the presidency, former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg dropped out of the Democratic race, but pledged to keep spending in an effort to defeat President Donald Trump. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general who brokered a historic cease-fire between Iran and

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ACROSS

- 1 Join a group
- 6 Delegates, for short
- 10 Link up with a space station
- 14 Clog-clearing brand
- 15 Liver product
- 16 Crucifix letters
- 17 Hip-hop headgear
- 18 Cut short
- 20 "No more worries!"
- 22 __ de parfum
- 23 NY neighbor
- 24 "No more worries"
- 31 Tai __
- 32 Encircle
- 33 Pass, as bills
- 36 Aerie bird
- 39 Stage device
- 40 Artoo-__
- 41 "Simple" one of rhyme
- 42 Fall into an easy chair
- 44 __-Magnon man
- 45 "No more worries!"
- 49 Jargon suffix
- 50 Corn holder
- 51 "No more worries!"
- 58 Suppressed
- 59 "Gotta do it"
- 62 Paper quantity
- 63 Are, to Bolívar
- 64 Show needing saddles
- 65 Bowling center space

- 66 Boardinghouse rental
 - 67 Straight up and down
- DOWN
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 - 2 Paid player
 - 3 Playing field protection
 - 4 Measured two-dimensionally
 - 5 Hockey ref's ruling
 - 6 Texter's "Look for its hidden meaning"
 - 7 Irish Republic
 - 8 Orchard fruit
 - 9 Motion detector, e.g.

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- 10 What's not heard from a cell phone
 - 11 Being broadcast
 - 12 A Canadian First Nation
 - 13 Legendary pirate
 - 19 Pulled a scam on
 - 21 64 Across participant
 - 24 Frozen treats
 - 25 Southeast Asian
 - 26 Sorority letter
 - 27 Get-up-and-go
 - 28 "And here it is!"
 - 29 Orlando-area attraction
 - 30 Keep tabs on
 - 34 Downton Abbey countess
 - 35 Tugboat sound
 - 37 Eager for visitors
- 38 Cancels a project
 - 43 Shoreline structure
 - 46 Not-easy opportunity
 - 47 Dramatic genre
 - 48 Earth mover
 - 51 Bottom-row PC key
 - 52 Ostrich cousin
 - 53 Its flag has Arabic words
 - 54 "I have more to say . . ."
 - 55 Overriding power
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 - 60 Wall St. regulator
 - 61 Daycare drop-off

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Forsan JV and Varsity Tennis teams take the court in the Sterling City tournament



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The Forsan JV and Varsity tennis teams took to the court against Sterling City. The Forsan JV Boys Doubles team of Kade Nicholas And Rylee Yanez took first place. The JV Mixed Doubles team of Toby Jaci Stone finished in second place. JV Girls doubles team of Joanna Gato and Lilly Hoff also took second place. Varsity Boys Doubles team Thomas Gabehart and Sawyer Stallings would take first place honors. Angel McCafferty would win the Varsity girls singles. Hunter Cevallos of the Varsity team came in third in the Boys singles. Jared Gasi would get Consolation Champion for the Boys Singles.

Ledecky returns to competition with time ticking to Tokyo

By BETH HARRIS AP Sports Writer

Like everyone else, Katie Ledecky was forced to shelve her plans when the coronavirus pandemic took hold. Instead of looking far into the future, the five-time Olympic champion swimmer switched to a more immediate mindset.

Forget that the four-year cycle leading to the 2024 Paris Olympics is already underway. Ledecky is still working toward making a big splash at this summer's delayed Tokyo Games.

"In some ways not traveling over the past year and just being able to train has been really good for me and something I hope will pay dividends," she said from Northern California in a recent virtual interview. "I'm someone that really loves training. I kind of like the day-to-day of just going to work and putting in that work in the pool and eventually seeing the results."

Ledecky will take a measure of herself when she returns to national competition on Wednesday for the first time in a year. She's entered in six events at the TYR Pro Swim Series meet in San Antonio, Texas.

Ledecky is among several big names diving back in with three months to go until the U.S. Olympic trials. Caeleb Dressel, Simone Manuel, double backstroke world-record holder Regan Smith, and Ryan Lochte will swim over four days in the first single-site American meet since the pandemic began.

Aiming to make his fifth Olympic team, Lochte is entered in five events.

Ledecky is entered in her usual events: 200-, 400-, 800- and 1,500-meter freestyles. She's also set to swim the 50 and 100 free.

Her Olympic schedule will focus on the 200, 400, 800 and 1,500, plus any relays. The 1,500 is a new women's event in Tokyo.

Last March, when it was announced the Tokyo Olympics were postponed, Ledecky resumed classes at Stanford. She had planned to take the year off from school leading up to the games; instead, she signed up for a full schedule of virtual classes in the spring and fall. She completed her psychology degree with a minor in political science.

"That was a great silver lining," she said.

In the early days of the pandemic, Ledecky scrambled to find a pool to train in after Stanford shut down its facilities. She and Manuel worked out in a backyard pool.

"The main focus for that period of time was just keeping a feel for the water," she said. "We relied on each other and kept each other accountable and kept each other focused on our goals."

Last fall, Stanford and rival California staged small meets that Ledecky swam in. In January, she competed against training partners in a mock meet that included preliminaries and finals to make it resemble a real competition.

"I feel like some of these experiences have built my confidence," she said. "If I can swim fast in that kind of environment, I can swim fast at a big stage like Olympic trials or the games when maybe we won't have spectators."

Ledecky isn't sure what awaits in Tokyo. She wants to know more details on how frequently the athletes will be tested for coronavirus, where they'll be tested, and what the swimming venue will look and feel like.

"Of course, I want everyone to stay healthy," she said. "I guess that would be my biggest fear, that there's a huge outbreak at the games. I'm pretty confident in how Tokyo is managing it so far."

Then there's drug testing.

The U.S. resumed its usual testing procedures

last fall. However, in the initial stages of the pandemic's national shutdown, Ledecky joined the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's Project Believe 2020. It involved high-profile Olympians conducting urine and blood tests in their homes on their own while being observed virtually by USADA personnel.

"I was able to still get tested throughout last year," she said.

But Ledecky wonders about the rest of the world.

"I do have some concern," she said. "There's some uncertainty there, in that I haven't really heard how much other countries are testing."

Ledecky is currently tested for COVID-19 multiple times weekly during training. She practices social distancing and wears a mask — all things she expects to do at a very unusual Olympics.

"Just trying to do as much as I can to prepare for those different things that may happen, the different protocols," she said. "Just trying to learn what that may look like, so that come Tokyo I'm not caught by surprise."

With her college degree in hand, Ledecky has spent time out of the pool visiting virtually with schools, club teams and children's hospitals. She hasn't seen most of her Maryland-based family since Christmas 2019.

Ledecky turns 24 later this month, putting her in the prime of her career. She doesn't feel cheated by losing precious time to a global pandemic, though.

"I don't feel like I missed out on some performances," she said. "I had some good performances last year as we were leading into trials. I feel like I'm carrying that momentum to this year."

Lyles, Murray lead Spurs to victory, snapping Knicks' streak

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ Associated Press

San Antonio has discovered its depth amid the injuries and health problems that have plagued the team all season.

Trey Lyles scored a season-high 18 points, Dejounte Murray added 17 and the Spurs used a balanced effort to beat New York 119-83 on Tuesday night, ending the Knicks' three-game winning streak.

Lyles is the ninth player to lead San Antonio in scoring this season, tying Memphis for most in the league. The Spurs have needed that depth with Derrick White, LaMarcus Aldridge, Rudy Gay and Keldon Johnson among those missing time with injuries or due to health and safety protocols for COVID-19.

"I think it just goes to show Coach that we have a lot of depth," Lyles said. "We're able to play guys that usually aren't playing, but they're ready. Just goes to show that we stay prepared in the gym and are ready for the moment."

San Antonio had eight players score at least eight points, with Patty Mills and Luka Samanic each adding 14 points in the Spurs' seventh straight home victory over New York.

Immanuel Quickley led New York with 26 points. RJ Barrett added 15 and All-Star Julius Randle had 14.

The Knicks had won seven of nine entering Tuesday's game, but were never able to find a consistent rhythm in its most lopsided loss of the season.

"You get what you deserve," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau said.

New York had 16 turnovers while failing to score 100 points for the first time since a 107-89 loss at Orlando on Feb. 17.

"I think it was an impressive win on a back-to-back," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

Coming off a 124-113 overtime loss to Brooklyn on Monday night, San Antonio got off to a slow start but was aided by New York's own troubles.

The Knicks committed four turnovers in the opening six minutes, but the game remained close as the Spurs labored to hit open looks.

"Obviously, we didn't play our best," Thibodeau said. "When you're on the road, you got to play well for 48 minutes. We didn't do that."

San Antonio eventually found its touch, with seven players making at least one 3-pointer. The Spurs finished 18 for 42 on 3-pointers, with Lyles shooting 4 for 6 and Mills going 4 for 8. Samanic was 3 for 5 in scoring his season-high point total.

After averaging less than three minutes in the first two months of the season, Samanic is averaging 17.5 minutes in the past four games as the team has been without Aldridge and Gay.

Keldon Johnson had nine points in his return after having not played since Feb. 14 due to the league's health and safety protocols.

The Spurs are still without Gay, White and Devin Vassell, who were also following the league's mandates for COVID-19.

Aldridge sat out with a stomach ailment.

The Knicks were without Derrick Rose, who missed the game due to health and safety protocols. Taj Gibson also sat out with a sprained left ankle.

TIP-INS

Knicks: Randle was selected to participate in the league's Skills Challenge on Sunday in Atlanta prior to making his All-Star debut that evening. ... The Knicks have not won in San Antonio since Jan. 2, 2014. Carmelo Anthony had 27 points and 12 rebounds as the Knicks held on for a 105-101 victory over a Spurs team that would its fifth NBA title later that year.



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