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Weather

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. East wind around 10 mph.

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Source: weather.gov

Council to consider downtown TIRZ

By ROGER CLINE
Herald Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will consider creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) in Downtown Big Spring when it meets Tuesday evening.

The item, which leads off the “New Business” portion of the Tuesday night’s meeting (5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street), would establish the zone, to be named “Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1”, and bounded by South Gregg Street, Goliad Street, West First Street and East Sixth Street.

According to the proposed ordinance, “Improvements within the TIRZ No. 1 will significantly enhance the value of all the taxable real property in the Zone and will be of general benefit to the City of Big Spring.”

The ordinance asserts that the area meets the legal requirements of a TIRZ because “...the dilapidated condition of

its property impairs the sound growth of the City and is not, in present condition, the highest and best use to foster public health, safety, morals, or welfare of the community.

Landmarks within the area include Big Spring City Hall, the Howard County Courthouse, the 118th District Court-house, the Heritage Museum of Big Spring, the Howard County Library, and the Settles Hotel.

According to the Texas Comptroller’s website, “A TIRZ project jumpstarts

development to get things moving a bit faster and, ultimately, to generate new tax revenue. The benefits of a TIRZ include: • builds needed public infrastructure in areas lacking adequate development to attract businesses; • encourages development, thereby increasing property values and long-term property tax collections; and • reduces the cost of private development by providing reimbursement for eligible public improvements.

In addition to the New Business item regarding the TIRZ, the meeting will feature a public hearing on the TIRZ following the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

After the Public Hearing, Finance Director Sandy Smith will present a Budget Review.

City Manager Todd Darden will present his regular report, which will include information on the Large Item

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Today in History

On March 7:

1926: First transatlantic telephone call from London to New York.

1929: First nonstop flight from America to Asia, across the Bering Strait (Nome, Alaska, to North Cape, Russia, by Noel Wien and Calvin Cripe).

1936: Germany under Adolf Hitler breaks the Treaty of Versailles by sending troops into the Rhineland.

Check it out at the Library this week

By SANDRA VERDIN
Howard County Library

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Be prepared for Spring Break visit the library and check out an Activity Kit, STEAM Kit, Launchpad, and more. Plan some family fun with an Activity Kit such as Game Night, The Great Outdoors, or plan some down time with the Treat Yo’ Self Kit or the Mom’s Night In Kit. Keep the learning happening with a STEAM Kit, check out the All About Dinosaurs Kit, Robotics and Coding Kit, or Letters and Numbers Kit. We also have Launchpad Reading Academy, which is designed to help improve reading skills as well as Launchpads on different subjects. Launchpads do not need internet access and they check out for a seven day period. Come check out these and other resources at the library. Come join us in the children’s room, for stories, play and crafts, Tuesday and Thursday at 10:15 for Babytime and

Storytime.

This week’s review are fiction titles.

Three weeks after his 23rd birthday, Ethan missed the chance to save his brother’s life when he was murdered on the steps of the courthouse in Jacksonville, Fla., in *Burden of Proof* (F BUN D) by Davis Bunn. Ever since that fateful day, Ethan has sensed a deep disconnect between the man he should have been and the one he has become. His days play out a beat too slow, his mind replaying the scene of his failure again and again. But when his brother’s widow appears, asking for his help in uncovering what was really behind his brother’s death, Ethan is stunned to hear that she and her late husband were involved in a much larger case than he knew, one that threatens the global power structure. As Ethan joins the search for answers, he will enter into his own past, and discover a means of redeeming his future.

After years of tragedy, Gwen Kellerman now lives a quiet life as a botanist at an idyllic New York college in *Carved in Stone-The Blackstone Legacy Bk 1* (F CAM E) by Elizabeth Camden. She largely ignores her status as heiress to the infamous Blackstone dynasty and hopes to keep her family’s heartbreak and scandal behind her. Patrick O’Neill survived a hardscrabble youth to become a lawyer for the downtrodden Irish immigrants in his community. He’s proud of his work, even though he struggles to afford his ramshackle law office. All that changes when he accepts a case that is sure to emphasize the Blackstones’ legacy of greed and corruption by resurrecting a thirty-year-old mystery. Little does Patrick suspect that the Blackstones will launch their most sympathetic family member to derail him. Gwen is tasked with getting Patrick

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out the All About Dinosaurs Kit, Robotics and Coding Kit, or Letters and Numbers Kit. We also have Launchpad Reading Academy, which is designed to help improve reading skills as well as Launchpads on different subjects. Launchpads do not need internet access and they check out for a seven day period. Come check out these and other resources at the library. Come join us in the children’s room, for stories, play and crafts, Tuesday and Thursday at 10:15 for Babytime and

Daily Quotes

“I did my work slowly, drop by drop. I tore it out of me by pieces.”
— **Maurice Ravel**

“I knew I was outspoken when I was a kid because, whenever my parents had company coming over, they would pay me to leave. ‘Go see your grandmother. Get out of here.’ That was my first paying gig.”
— **Wanda Sykes**

“In L.A., unless you’ve just won an Oscar or you’re Mr. Studio Head, no one talks to you. Even at parties.”
— **Rachel Weisz**

Ukraine says Russia steps up shelling of residential areas

By YURAS KARMANAU
Associated Press

LVIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian forces stepped up shelling of cities in Ukraine’s center, north and south, a Ukrainian official said, as a second attempt to evacuate besieged civilians collapsed. With the Ukrainian leader urging his people to take to the streets and fight, Russian President Vladimir Putin shifted blame for the war to Ukraine, saying Moscow’s invasion could be halted “only if Kyiv ceases hostilities.”

The outskirts of Kyiv, Chernihiv in the north, Mykolaiv in the south, and Kharkiv, the country’s second-largest city, faced intense shelling late Sunday, presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovich said. Heavy artillery hit residential areas in Kharkiv and shelling damaged a television tower, according to local officials.

The attacks dashed hopes that more people could escape the fighting in Ukraine, where Russia’s plan to quick-

ly overrun the country has been stymied by fierce resistance. Russia has made significant advances in southern Ukraine and along the coast, but many of its efforts have become stalled, including an immense military convoy that has been almost motionless for days north of Kyiv.

Food, water, medicine and almost all other supplies were in desperately short supply in the southern port city of Mariupol, where Russian and Ukrainian forces had agreed to an 11-hour ceasefire that would allow civilians and the wounded to be evacuated. But Russian attacks quickly closed the humanitarian corridor, Ukrainian officials said.

“There can be no ‘green corridors’ because only the sick brain of the Russians decides when to start shooting and at whom,” Interior Ministry adviser Anton Gerashchenko said on Telegram.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy rallied his people to remain defiant, especially those in cities occupied

by Russians.

“You should take to the streets! You should fight!” he said Saturday on Ukrainian television. “It is necessary to go out and drive this evil out of our cities, from our land.”

Zelenskyy also asked the United States and NATO countries to send more warplanes to Ukraine, though that idea is complicated by questions about which countries would provide the aircraft and how those countries would replace the planes.

He later urged the West to tighten its sanctions on Russia, saying that “the audacity of the aggressor is a clear signal” that existing sanctions are not enough.

The war, now in its 11th day, has caused 1.5 million people to flee the country. The head of the U.N. refugee agency called the exodus “the fastest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.”

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MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is 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

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

- Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

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

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

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpa-

tients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

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

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

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

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

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be

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

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis interven-

Obituaries

Andrew "Pugs" Armstrong,



Andrew "Pugs" Armstrong, 49, died Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Tuesday with the family receiving friends from 5 PM until 7 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 11 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive.

Andrew was born on June 10, 1972 in Monahans, TX to Wendell & Johnie Armstrong. He was lifetime resident of Big Spring, TX.

Andrew loved to garden and enjoyed collecting antiques. He was very much involved with his kids and family. He helped others who needed help, always ready to pitch in where he was needed. He was funny and patient in ways other people weren't.

Andrew is survived by 2 sons: John Blake Armstrong & Douglas Daniel Armstrong; 2 daughters: Andi Renae Armstrong & Ashlan Paige Armstrong; 1 grandson: Gabriel Olive Armstrong; father & step-mom: Wendell & Marissa Armstrong; 1 sister: Angie Faye Brooks; and several nieces, nephews, aunts & uncles.

Andrew was preceded in death by his mother: Johnie Faye Armstrong & 1 brother: Daniel Morris Armstrong.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Westmoreland, Luke Westmoreland, Mathew Westmoreland, Caleb Wasson, Riley Brooks, James Headrick, Russell Dugan, & Joshua Acuff.

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Take Note

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytcdems@gmail.com.

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COUNCIL

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Pickup planned for District 3 on March 16; an update on the timeline for rollout garbage containers, which include a three-year plan with distribution of the containers in 2022, 2023 and 2024; an update on the City Manager's Team Award Luncheon; and an update on recent Aeronautical Activity at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport.

The meeting's Consent Agenda features four items: Approval of City Council minutes for the regular meeting of Feb. 22; final reading of a resolution adopting the Drainage Design Criteria Manual for the design and construction of stormwater drainage systems within the city and its extra-territorial jurisdiction; final reading of an ordinance increasing the city's budget by \$16,500 to fund lighting replacements at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex; and final reading of an ordinance increasing

the budget by \$77,857.44 for purchase of equipment including a batwing mower for the Street Department (\$24,892.28); a zero-turn mower for the Parks Department (\$10,952.48); and a greens mower for the Golf Course (\$42,012.68).

The council will consider vouchers for Feb. 24 in the amount of \$812,296.46 and for March 3 in the amount of \$194,094.41.

In New Business, following discussion and action on creation of the TIRZ No. 1, the council will consider approval on first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to waive landfill fees for people who take on the task of picking up and disposing of litter and illegal dumping inside city limits.

The council will discuss and consider authorization of an interlocal agreement with Howard College for seal coat services in 2022.

The council will also consider action on an agreement with Spectrum VOIP for fax, SIP telephone services and rental equipment.

The council will also consider nominations to boards and committees, including: Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board: Jay Patel (nominated by Council Member Gloria McDonald — District 4); and Zoning Board of Adjustments: Jeremy Longoria Sanchez (nominated by Council Member Diane Yanez — District 2).

Council members will each have the opportunity to offer input on issues important to them, before they adjourn into executive session to consult with an attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation; to deliberate (according to the agenda) "...a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act; and to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Any action arising from the closed session will be taken when the council returns to open session.

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to drop the case, but the old mystery takes a shocking twist neither of them saw coming. Now, as they navigate a burgeoning attraction and growing danger, Patrick and Gwen will be forced to decide if the risk to the life they've always held dear is worth the reward.

Luke Delacroix has the reputation of a charming man-about-town in Gilded Age Washington, D.C. in *Prince of Spies*-Hope of Glory series Bk 3 (F CAM E) by Elizabeth Camden. In reality, he is secretly carrying out an ambitious agenda in Congress. His current mission is to thwart the reelection of Congressman Clyde Magruder, his only real enemy in the world. But trouble begins when Luke meets Marianne Magruder, the congressman's only daughter, whose job as a government photographer gives her unprecedented access to sites throughout the city. Luke is captivated by Marianne's quick wit and alluring charm, leading them both into a dangerous gamble to reconcile their

feelings for each other with Luke's driving passion for vital reforms in Congress. Can their newfound love survive a political firestorm, or will three generations of family rivalry drive them apart forever?

As a police officer in Table Rock, Oregon, Leah Radcliff puts her life on the line to help others every day in *Breach of Honor* (F CAN J) by Janice Cantore. But at home, Leah's battling her own personal nightmare: Brad, her abusive husband, a fellow officer, celebrated hero, and beloved son of a powerful prominent family. Brad's violent outbursts and suspicious activities have left Leah physically and emotionally scarred, until one desperate action to put a stop to his abuse results in deadly consequences. Though public opinion seems ready to convict Leah, Officer Clint Tanner is one of the few to believe she acted in self-defense. As he works with Leah's attorney to produce the evidence they need, new truths about Brad's dark side come to light and reveal a deep-rooted problem in Table Rock. There are some who have breached their sworn duty to serve and protect and they'll do anything to keep their secret safe.

"We read in bed because reading is halfway between life and dreaming, our own consciousness in someone else's mind." - Anna Quindlen

UKRAINE

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A senior US defense official said Sunday that the U.S. assesses that about 95% of the Russian forces that had been arrayed around Ukraine are now in the country. The official said Russian forces continue to advance and attempt to isolate Kyiv, Kharkhiv and Chernihiv, and are being met with strong Ukrainian resistance.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss military assessments, said the convoy outside Kyiv continues to be stalled.

As he has often done, Putin blamed Ukraine for the war, telling Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Sunday that Kyiv needed to stop all hostilities and fulfill "the well-known demands of Russia."

Putin launched his invasion with a string of false accusations against Kyiv, including that it is led by neo-Nazis intent on undermining Russia with the development of nuclear weapons.

The Russian Defense Ministry on Sunday announced that its forces intend to strike Ukraine's military-industrial complex with what it said were precision weapons. A ministry spokesman, Igor Konashenkov, claimed in a statement carried by the state news agency Tass that Ukrainian personnel were being forced to repair damaged military equipment so that it could be sent back into action.

Zelenskyy criticized Western leaders for not responding to Russia's latest threat.

"I didn't hear even a single world leader react to this," Zelenskyy said Sunday evening.

Putin and French President Emmanuel Macron spoke about the nuclear situation in Ukraine, which has 15 nuclear reactors at four power plants and was the scene of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

The men agreed in principle to a "dialogue" involving Russia, Ukraine and the U.N.'s atomic watchdog, according to a French official who spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with the presidency's practices. Potential talks on the issue are to be organized in the coming days, he said.

Putin also blamed the fire last week at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, which Ukrainian officials said was caused by Russian attackers, on a "provocation organized by Ukrainian radicals."

"Attempts to shift responsibility for this incident onto the Russian military are part of a cynical propaganda campaign," he said, according to the French official.

International leaders, as well as Pope Francis, appealed to Putin to negotiate.

In a highly unusual move, the pope said he had dispatched two cardinals to Ukraine to try to end the conflict.

"In Ukraine, rivers of blood and tears are flowing," the pontiff said in his traditional Sunday blessing.

After the cease-fire in Mariupol failed to hold Saturday, Russian forces intensified their shelling of the city and dropped massive bombs on residential areas of Chernihiv, a city north of Kyiv, Ukrainian officials said.

About eight civilians were killed by Russian

shelling in the town of Irpin, on the northwest outskirts of Kyiv, according to Mayor Oleksander Markyshin. The dead included a family.

Video footage showed a shell slamming into a city street, not far from a bridge used by people fleeing the fighting. A group of fighters could be seen trying to help the family.

The handful of residents who managed to flee Mariupol before the humanitarian corridor closed said the city of 430,000 had been devastated.

"We saw everything: houses burning, all the people sitting in basements," said Yelena Zamay, who fled to one of the self-proclaimed republics in eastern Ukraine held by pro-Russian separatists. "No communication, no water, no gas, no light, no water. There was nothing."

British military officials compared Russia's tactics to those Moscow used in Chechnya and Syria, where surrounded cities were pulverized by airstrikes and artillery.

"This is likely to represent an effort to break Ukrainian morale," the U.K. Ministry of Defense said.

Zelenskyy reiterated a request for foreign protectors to impose a no-fly zone over Ukraine, which NATO so far has ruled out because of concerns such an action would lead to a far wider war.

"The world is strong enough to close our skies," Zelenskyy said Sunday in a video address.

The day before, Zelenskyy pleaded with American lawmakers in a video call to help get more warplanes to Ukraine.

U.S. officials say Washington is discussing ways to get the planes to Ukraine in a complex scenario that would include sending American-made F-16s to former Soviet bloc nations, particularly Poland, that are now members of NATO. Those countries would then send Ukraine their own Soviet-era MiGs, which Ukrainian pilots are trained to fly.

But because of production backlogs on the U.S. warplanes, the Eastern European nations would essentially have to give their MiGs to the Ukrainians and accept U.S. promises that they would get F-16s as soon as that was possible. Adding to the difficulties is the fact that the next shipment of F-16s is destined for Taiwan, and the U.S. Congress would be reluctant to delay those deliveries.

The Russian military has warned Ukraine's neighbors against hosting its warplanes, saying that Moscow may consider those counties part of the conflict if Ukrainian aircraft fly combat missions from their territory.

The death toll remains lost in the fog of war. The U.N. says it has confirmed just a few hundred civilian deaths but also warned that the number is a vast undercount.

Ukraine's military is greatly outmatched by Russia's, but its professional and volunteer forces have fought back with fierce tenacity. In Kyiv, volunteers lined up Saturday to join the military.

Even in cities that have fallen, there were signs of resistance.

Onlookers in Chernihiv cheered as they watched a Russian military plane fall from the sky and crash, according to video released by the Ukrainian government. In Kherson, hundreds of protesters waved blue and yellow Ukrainian flags and

Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years.

The final show of the season will be the Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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The West has broadly backed Ukraine, offering aid and weapon shipments and slapping Russia with vast sanctions. But no NATO troops have been sent to Ukraine, leaving Ukrainians to fight Russian troops alone.

Russia has become increasingly isolated in the days since the invasion began, closing itself off to outside sources of information as sanctions bite deeply into its economy. The ruble has plunged in value, and dozens of multinational companies ended or dramatically scaled back their work in the country.

On Sunday, American Express announced it would suspend operations in Russia, as well as in Russian-allied Belarus. A few hours later, TikTok said Russian users would not be able to post new videos or see videos shared from elsewhere in the world. The company blamed Moscow's new "fake news" law, which makes it illegal, among other things, to describe the fighting as an invasion. Netflix also cut its service to Russia but provided no details.

Facebook and Twitter have already been blocked in Russia, along with access to the websites of a number of major international media outlets. TikTok is part of the Chinese tech company ByteDance.

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MLB reacts angrily to locked-out players, season still off

By RONALD BLUM
Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball reacted angrily to the latest offer by locked-out players when bargaining resumed Sunday, accusing the union of backtracking and showing no sign of a breakthrough to get the derailed season back on track.

The squabbling sides talked for 95 minutes on the 95th day of the lockout, largely restating their positions to each other. Talks broke off Tuesday after nine days of negotiations in Jupiter, Florida, and Commissioner Rob Manfred canceled the first two series of the season for each team, a total of 91 games.

If Manfred cancels two additional series through April 13 and 14, he would wipe out 93 more games and increase the total to 184. That would move to the verge of threatening players with the loss of service time and delayed free agency.

This was the first meeting since Tuesday. Manfred was in the MLB offices Sunday but did not attend the bargaining session, aimed at starting the first season delayed by labor strife since 1995.

The union followed the four-day recess by putting many of its proposals in writing.

"We were hoping to see movement in our direction to give us additional flexibility and get a deal done quickly," MLB spokesman Glen Caplin said. "The players' association chose to come back to us with a proposal that was worse than Monday night and was not designed to move the process forward. On some issues, they even went backwards. Simply put, we are deadlocked. We will try to figure out how to respond, but nothing in this proposal makes it easy."

Trying to resolve baseball's second-longest labor stoppage, the sides remained far apart on luxury tax, minimum salaries and the proposed bonus pool for pre-arbitration eligible players. The union lowered its starting point for the bonus pool by \$5 million to \$80 million but left its proposals for the luxury tax and minimum salary unchanged.

Players declined to publicly respond to MLB but have maintained they withdrew their proposals

for expanded free agency and arbitration and decreased revenue sharing while reducing their request on the bonus pool from an original \$120 million. They also have offered to agree to uniform and helmet advertising.

After the main session, Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem and union chief negotiator Bruce Meyer held a one-on-one meeting. Players suggested the sides meet again Monday, and MLB told the union it would get back with a decision on whether to meet.

Among the few areas with new proposals, players said a fast-track competition committee should include four union appointees, six management members and one umpire. The group would consider changes for no earlier than 2023 covering a pitch clock of 14 seconds with no runners on base and 19 seconds with runners on, limiting defensive shifts and using larger bases, and it would be able to recommend changes during the offseason with 45 days' notice for implementation.

MLB last week proposed that the committee include six management officials, two union representatives and one umpire. Currently, management can only change rules with union consent or unilaterally with one year of notice.

Players said they will not allow the committee to consider one topic MLB asked to be included: robots to call balls and strikes.

The union offered to increase the postseason from 10 teams to 12 but said they are willing to discuss management's desire for 14 if MLB would consider a "ghost win" in the first round, which management isn't interested in. The higher seeds would open the best-of-five playoff with a 1-0 series lead.

Players want to raise the luxury tax threshold from \$210 last season to \$238 million this year, \$244 million in 2023, \$250 million in 2024, \$256 million in 2025 and \$263 million in 2026. MLB is at \$220 million in each of the next three seasons, \$224 million in 2025 and \$230 million in 2026.

Tax rates would remain unchanged and direct amateur draft pick compensation for free agents would be eliminated.

The union lowered its plan for the pre-arbitration bonus pool from \$85 million but asked for \$5 million annual increases over the remainder of the deal. MLB last offered \$30 million, up from \$25 million, with no annual increase, and suggested the union had orally floated a figure of lower than \$80 million when the sides discussed possible trade-offs Monday night.

As part of an overall agreement, players agreed to withdraw their proposed expansion of salary arbitration for players with at least two years of service but less than three.

Players maintained their proposed minimum salary at \$725,000 this year, \$745,000 in 2023, \$765,000 in 2024 and increases during the following two years based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners. Owners have offered \$700,000, with \$10,000 annual increases.

For players assigned to the minors and signing a second or later big league contract, MLB is at a \$99,400 minimum this year, \$101,400 in 2023, \$103,400 in 2024, \$105,500 in 2025 and \$106,600 in 2026, while players are at \$118,200, \$121,400 and \$124,700, followed by cost-of-living increases.

For those in the minors on a first big league contract, MLB is at \$49,800 with \$1,000 annual increases, while players are at \$59,500 for this year followed by \$61,100, \$62,700 and cost-of-living increases.

Players rejected MLB's proposal for an international draft and remained at the top six picks for the proposed amateur draft lottery, one more than MLB.

Players also want to cut back on MLB's proposed international games that include Mexico City; Melbourne, Australia; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and South Korea.

If more than 15 days are lost in the 186-day season and players do not receive service time for them in the eventual settlement, free-agent eligibility would be pushed back for many players, including Shohei Ohtani from 2023 to 2024, Pete Alonso from 2024 to 2025, Jake Cronenworth from 2025 to 2026 and Jonathan India from 2026 to 2027.

Duke's Coach K turns focus to next steps after UNC loss

By AARON BEARD
AP Basketball Writer

DURHAM, N.C. — Mike Krzyzewski's final home game at Duke had just ended in an unexpected defeat to the Blue Devils' fiercest rival. The time had come for the school to hold its postgame on-court ceremony in Krzyzewski's honor.

Only, the retiring Hall of Famer was still thinking about Saturday's 94-81 loss to North Carolina.

"I'm sorry about this afternoon," he began, then waved off cheers from the fans. "It was unacceptable. Today was unacceptable, but the season has been very acceptable. And I'll tell you: this season isn't over, all right?"

It was a slightly awkward moment to start of the ceremony, yet a sign that the 75-year-old coach was already thinking and driven about what's still to come: a maximum of nine games left for the No. 4 Blue Devils with chances to win the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament and a sixth NCAA championship.

"It's not my last game — it's my last game in Cameron," he told reporters afterward. "But it seemed like it was your last game. ... So many people are saying great things about you and whatever, and you say, 'It's not over yet.'"

The focus had been on Krzyzewski all week leading up to the rivalry game that was an even bigger spectacle than usual.

It drew more than 90 former players who participated in a pregame photo with their coach, taken from the Cameron rafters. And there were other celeb-

rities in the building.

According to the school, the guest list for Krzyzewski's going-away party included comedian Jerry Seinfeld, actor/comedian Ken Jeong, NBA commissioner Adam Silver, Apple chief executive officer Tim Cook, quarterback Kyler Murray of the NFL's Arizona Cardinals, former NFL players Terrell Owens and Todd Gurley, record producer 9th Wonder and coach Nick Nurse of the NBA's Toronto Raptors.

There was also a sighting of retired NBA great Dirk Nowitzki, who took a walkthrough of the Duke practice facility earlier Saturday and ran into current player Wendell Moore Jr. Moore quickly asked for a photo with the former world champion.

The buzz turned to disappointment by the end of the game as Krzyzewski left the court to talk to his team in the locker room. But the seats in Cameron remained full as fans awaited his return for the school's postgame ceremony, which included Krzyzewski holding his wife Mickie's left hand while everyone watched a presentation on the videoboard about Krzyzewski's long run of success in Cameron.

The ceremony ended with Krzyzewski's family, children and grandchildren included, at midcourt as he addressed the crowd a second time.

"For my entire family, all these munchkins here, thank you," Krzyzewski said. "This has been so ..."

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Today in History

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Today's Highlight in History:
On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was violently broken up at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, by state troopers and a sheriff's posse in what came to be known as "Bloody Sunday."

ators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.
In 1994, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that a parody that pokes fun at an original work can be considered "fair use." (The ruling concerned a parody of the Roy Orbison song "Oh, Pretty Woman" by the rap group 2 Live Crew.)

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In 1999, movie director Stanley Kubrick, whose films included "Dr. Strangelove," "A Clockwork Orange" and "2001: A Space Odyssey," died in Hertfordshire, England, at age 70, having just finished editing "Eyes Wide Shut."
In 2005, President George W. Bush nominated John Bolton to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, an appointment that ran into Democratic opposition, prompting Bush to make a recess appointment.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place between New York and London.
In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') and the Locarno Pact.
In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.
In 1975, the U.S. Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 sen-

In 2016, Peyton Manning announced his retirement after 18 seasons in the National Football League.
In 2020, health officials in Florida said two people who had tested positive for the new coronavirus had died; the deaths were the first on the East Coast attributed to the outbreak.

demanding that the United States broaden its approach to energy. The Indianapolis Colts released injured quarterback Peyton Manning, who went on to play for the Denver Broncos.
Five years ago: WikiLeaks published thousands of documents described as secret files about CIA hacking tools the government employed to break into users' computers, mobile phones and even smart TVs from companies like Apple, Google, Microsoft and Samsung. The Commerce Department reported the U.S. trade deficit jumped in January 2017 by 9.6 percent to \$48.5 billion, the highest level in nearly five years as a flood of mobile phones and other consumer products widened America's trade gap with China. A freight train smashed into a charter bus at a rail crossing in Biloxi, Mississippi, leaving four people dead.

One year ago: In an interview with Oprah Winfrey, their first since they stepped aside from royal duties, Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, spoke of racism and mistreatment from within the royal family; Meghan, who is biracial, said the palace had failed to help her when she had suicidal thoughts, and that a member of the royal family had raised "concerns" about the color of her baby's skin when she was pregnant with her son, Archie. Pope Francis wrapped up a historic whirlwind tour of Iraq that sought to bring hope to the country's marginalized Christian minority. Team LeBron romped to a 170-150 win over Team Durant in the NBA's 70th All-Star Game.

Today's Birthdays: International Motorsports Hall of Famer Janet Guthrie is 84. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 82. Entertainment executive Michael Eisner is 80. Rock musician Chris White (The Zombies) is 79. Rock singer Peter Wolf is 76. Rock musician Matthew Fisher (Procol Harum) is 76. Pro Football Hall of Famer Franco Harris is 72. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Lynn Swann is 70. R&B singer-musician Ernie Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 70. Rock musician Kenny Aronoff (BoDeans, John Mellencamp) is 69. Actor Bryan Cranston is 66. Actor Donna Murphy is 63. Actor Nick Searcy is 63. Golfer Tom Lehman is 63. International Tennis Hall of Famer Ivan Lendl is 62. Actor Mary Beth Evans is 61. Singer-actor Taylor Dayne is 60. Actor Bill Brochtrup is 59. Author E.L. James is 59. Author Bret Easton Ellis is 58. Opera singer Denyce Graves is 58. Comedian Wanda Sykes is 58. Actor Jonathan Del Arco is 56. Rock musician Randy Guss (Toad the Wet Sprocket) is 55. Actor Rachel Weisz (vys) is 52. Actor Peter Sarsgaard is 51. Actor Jay Duplass is 49. Classical singer Sebastien Izambard (Il Divo) is 49. Rock singer Hugo Ferreira (Tantric) is 48. Actor Tobias Menzies is 48. Actor Sarayu Blue is 47. Actor Audrey Marie Anderson is 47. Actor TJ Thyne is 47. Bluegrass singer-musician Frank Solivan is 45. Actor Laura Prepon is 42. Actor Bel Powley is 30. Poet and activist Amanda Gorman is 24. Actor Giselle Eisenberg (TV: "Life in Pieces") is 15.

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FEATURES

Horoscopes By Holiday

MONDAY
MARCH 7, 2022

Cosmic Game Changer

Yesterday, Venus and Mars switched signs to connect in Aquarius, followed by a lunar shift. The omen sets the stage for novel interests and the rumbling of different appetites. It's just enough change to make things interesting. Stay confident. Affirm your ability to handle things. Take it on like a game. It's supposed to be fun.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your brain lights up with all you learn today. If you happen to make mistakes along the way, consider yourself lucky. It's a sign that you're taking chances, living boldly and trying new things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). More regulations and requirements mean fewer possible answers to the problem. When you're stuck for the solution, take away some of the limits. What will ultimately work may be something outside your current set of rules.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In your imagination, you should be able to do anything, even fly. Will you let yourself? Don't clip your own wings. Allow yourself the pleasure of visualizing what you desire.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll think the best of people, and they'll exceed your expectations. And when you're wrong, this is a kinder way to be wrong. Later, you'll be proud of how you treated people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When it comes to your favorite thing, your enjoyment is multidimensional. The more you know about

the inner workings, the more you appreciate it. As your comprehension grows, so does your pleasure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People stir your curiosity. Because you seem open, they'll tell you their stories unbidden. Has life brought you both to this place for a reason? You'll certainly feel enriched by the intersection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your life is rife with lucky misunderstandings, fortuitous mistakes and enjoyable inconveniences. No event is "good" or "bad." All events are merely "happening."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The treasure map in your hand doesn't technically make you richer, even if you happen to be standing right where "X" marks the spot. You'll get richer after you get your hands dirty with the dig.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are many options you haven't tried that you really don't have to try to know they are not for you. When you think about your options, you push all of your senses into them, including your common sense.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Can you get a trial run before you commit? It will be easier to change your mind in the early stages of an idea, and extremely complicated to do so once you've signed on the line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Keep track of interesting things that occur throughout the day so you can remember to bring them up later in social discourse. You'll find that the more amusements you take note of, the more will come into view.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Wisdom does not al-

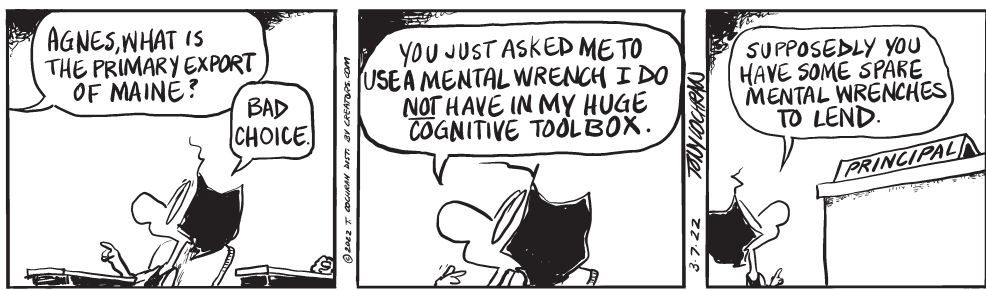
ways seem practical in the moment. Today's insights won't make sense until after you've gotten some distance on the situation. Do something else for a while. Things will be different upon your return.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 7). You'll do what you set out to do -- remarkable considering your ambitious goals. Since you'll be flying high, it's important to check yourself; surround yourself with those strong enough to provide honest, quality feedback. You'll benefit from a sale at the end of the spring. A new chapter begins with an alliance. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 2, 15, 30 and 16.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: You know Jenna Fischer as the darling of "The Office" but did you also know she produced 23 episodes of the mega-hit series? In this way and more, Fischer embodies the versatility Pisces are famous for. Mercury, Venus and Jupiter in Aquarius speak to her charitable nature. Fischer shines on her avid support of animal rescue missions, for which she lends both hands-on help and fundraising support.

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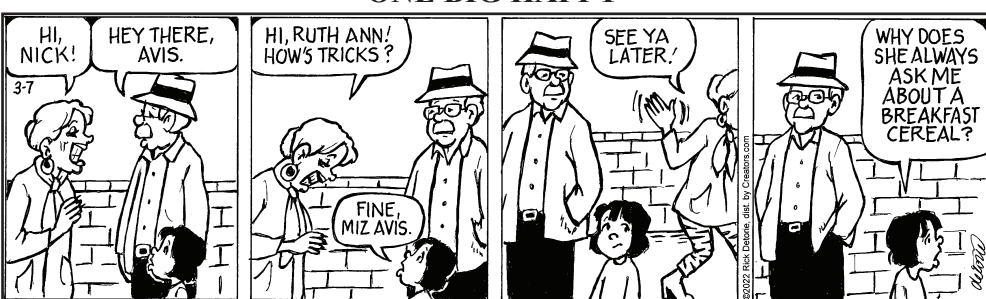
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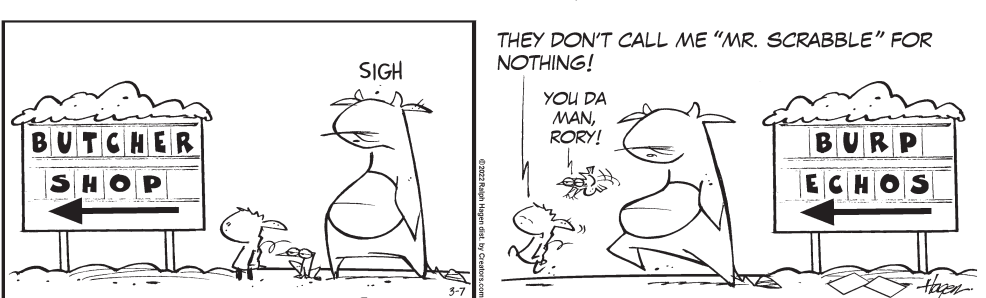
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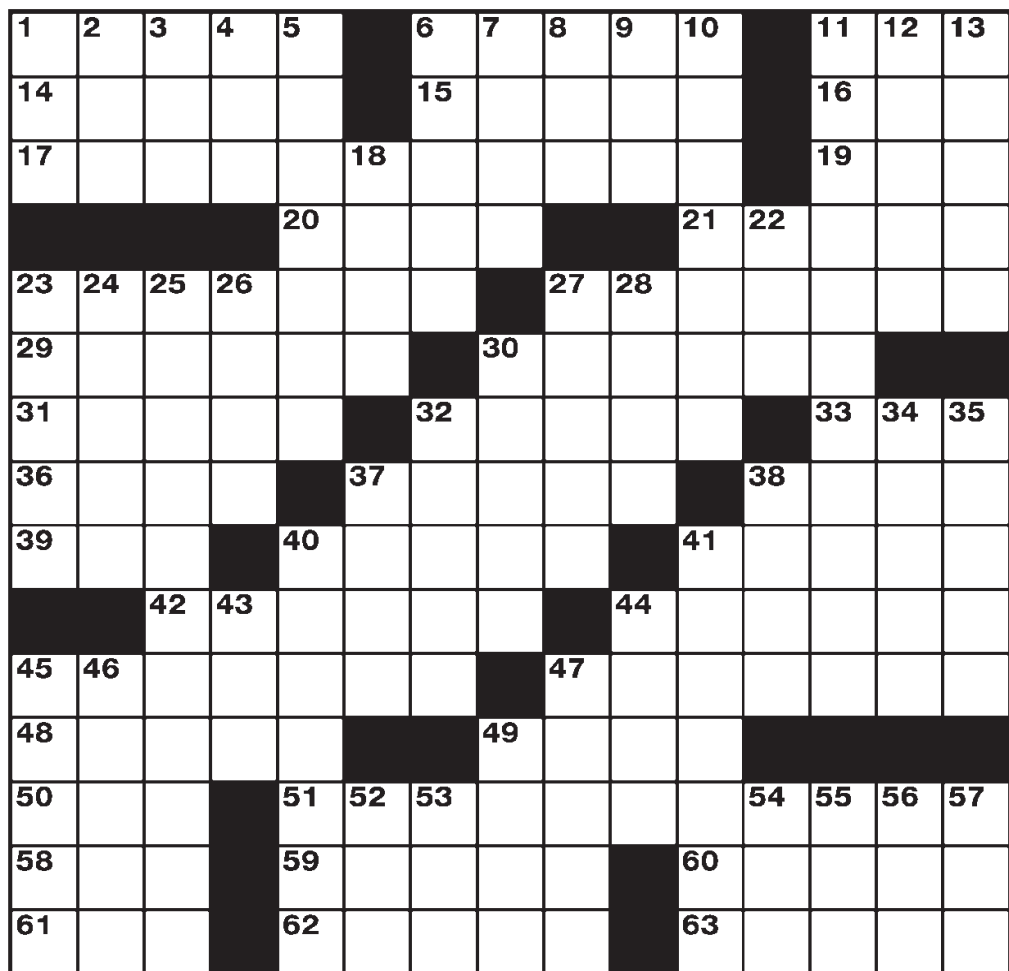
COUNTING THE SECONDS by Sally R. Stein

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- ACROSS**
- 1 ___ of measure (miles or pounds)
- 6 Vapor from a teakettle
- 11 "Let me think . . ."
- 14 Mount climbed by Moses
- 15 Pretentiously creative
- 16 Winning tic-tac-toe line
- 17 They buzz to wake people up
- 19 Internet address: Abbr.
- 20 Actor ___ Damon
- 21 Brief in one's words
- 23 Strong grasp of a subject
- 27 Comes out of hiding
- 29 People playing roles
- 30 Decorated with blossoms
- 31 Sandals and sneakers
- 32 Old ___ (American flag)
- 33 Software download
- 36 Clumsy one's cry
- 37 Gray stocking shade
- 38 Largest continent
- 39 At this time
- 40 Traditional Indian dwelling
- 41 Lazy ___ (revolving tray)
- 42 Has the same opinion
- 44 Tranquil
- 45 Surprise greatly
- 47 Umbrella to block the sun
- 48 Treaties
- 49 Play friskily

- 50 "What did you say?"
- 51 What the other three long answers all are
- 58 What glaciers are made of
- 59 Wipe off a blackboard
- 60 Still sleeping
- 61 ___ Moines, IA
- 62 Missiles thrown in pubs
- 63 In a grouchy mood
- DOWN**
- 1 Nation north of Mexico
- 2 Nothing at all
- 3 Once ___ while (occasionally)
- 4 Goo for paving
- 5 Keeps just below a boil
- 6 Tasting like many pretzels
- 7 Jogger's pace
- 8 And so on: Abbr.
- 9 Inquire
- 10 Suspense novel
- 11 Sand-filled counters of seconds
- 12 ___ code (telegraphy system)
- 13 Burrowing lawn pests
- 18 Sedans and coupes
- 22 Historical period
- 23 Bricklaying expert
- 24 Sound of a sneeze
- 25 Counters of seconds for races
- 26 Tips of slippers
- 27 Run off to wed
- 28 "The ___ the merrier"
- 30 Chimney ducts
- 32 Stared with dropped jaw
- 34 "Baby grand" instrument
- 35 Group of experts
- 37 Adolescent
- 38 Eerie glow
- 40 Had confidence in
- 41 Tempter of Eve
- 43 Obtained
- 44 By the ___ token (similarly)
- 45 Rosebush pest
- 46 Marinara or pesto
- 47 Finger jabs
- 49 Take a break
- 52 Keogh plan alternative
- 53 Scratch up
- 54 Edgar Allan ___
- 55 Sci-fi beings, for short
- 56 Monotonous routine
- 57 Secret agent



SUDOKU

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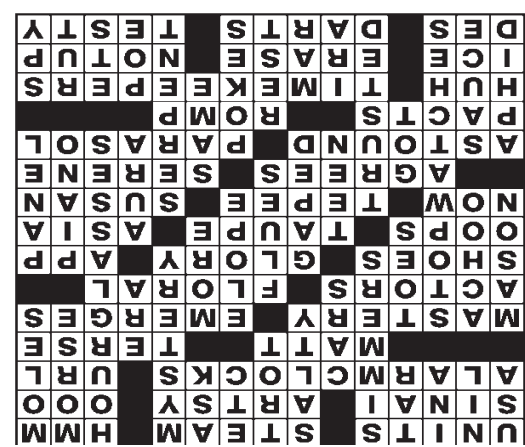
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Here's How It Works:

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

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Today's Answers



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