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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Pajama Day at the White Settlement Senior Center



Participating at the event were Bruni Rizera, Lucille Manini, Lee Holley, Anita Pavilla, Sharon Chandler, Hector Soria, Cynthia Barnhardt and Manny Almanza.

From the Sports Desk with John English

Brewer Soccer Teams Beat Northwest; Basketball Teams Win Again

The Brewer boy's soccer team defeated Northwest by a score of 3-0 last week. Jonathan Cortez, Damian Merida and Helio Flores all scored in the game for the Bears.

On the girl's side, Brewer defeated Northwest by a score of 4-2 last week.

On the court, the Brewer boy's basketball team improved to 8-1 in district competition last Tuesday with a 51-45 victory over Aledo.

The Bears improved to 25-5 on the season with the victory over Aledo, and coach Jason Porostovsky said (continued on page 2)



Playing Skip-Bo (l-r) Maria Hernandez, Darlene Broad and Marie Dase.



Eckley enjoyed the event.



Margaret Duffey, 63 years Maggie Clark and Valerie old, dons her matching scarf that went perfectly with her pajamas.

The White Settlement Senior Center hosted a Pajama Party at the facility recently. Music, lunch and games were offered to individuals that participated and they all enjoyed a wonderful time visiting with others. Each Senior received a homemade scarf to take home to keep them warm on Texas' cold weather days.

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Community Invited to WSISD Fine Arts Festival Feb. 12

WSISD invites students of all ages and their families to our free Fine Arts Festival on Monday, Feb. 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Brewer High School, located at 1025 W Loop 820 N, Fort Worth, TX 76108.

The event will include: free hot dogs and popcorn; puppet shows; performances by Tannahill, Fine Arts Academy, Brewer Middle and Brewer High School band, theatre, choir, dance and color guard students; art displays from every school; arts and craft stations; a mini dance camp; a karaoke and dance station: and more!

The event will also include performances by West Elementary kindergartners, Liberty Elementary third and fourth graders, and the Fine Arts Academy "Finding Nemo Kids" cast.

From the City of White Settlement One Stop Recycle Drop

The City of White Settlement will host a One Stop Recycle Drop on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Municipal Complex Parking lot.

Residents may bring acids, aerosol cans, antifreeze, fertilizer, herbicides, brake fluid, oil, paint, chemicals, degreaser, batteries, electronics, computers, laptops, tires, and private documents to shred.

This event is for White Settlement residents only. You must bring a copy of water bill or drivers license. For questions, call 817-246-4971 ext. 859.



Sports Desk (continued from page 1)

game.

went through a cold stretch in the second having." going into half down 25-21," Porostovsky said. "During the third quarter, we continued our struggles and had a deficit of 11 going into the fourth quarter. We managed to get going in the fourth, closing the gap a hard-fought win 51-45."

Julian Perez led all scorers with 21 points against the Bearcats, while Tyren Mitchell had 11 and JJ Johnson had 8, "including a huge 3 in the fourth quarter."

Rayanne Lomboto had 6 "with 3 impressive dunks."

Porostovsky said he is pleased with the level at which his team is competing as the playoffs approach.

"I feel like we are gelling at this time, which is always the point of the season," Porostovsky said. "You like to see that. We are senior-heavy, and they understand the importance of this time of the year."

Brewer had it's bye on Friday, and Porostovsky said he and his coaching staff accomplished their major objectives for the off date.

"The bye week was great," Porostovsky

his team was kind of up and down in the said. "Our coaches got to go watch some possible playoff opponents and at practice, "We led after the first quarter 12-9, but we got to iron out some flaws we are still

> On the girl's side, Brewer defeated Aledo by a score of 75-46 last week to improve to 11-0 in district competition and 27-4 on the regular season.

The Lady Bears wrapped up the regular with pressure defense to allow us to pull out season against Azle on Tuesday night after the paper had gone to press.







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Local Coin Show Draws Crowd







Jim Fitzgerald, organizer of the function, displayed his paper money.





Several event attendees inspect the wares.

A Coin Show event was held at the Pecan Grove Convention Center recently. Twenty four dealers and collectors bought, traded and sold various coins. One vendor sold paper money as well as books and tokens to fill individuals' collections.

The show hall was arranged with several tables to display the many coins where participants reviewed an overwhelming array of pieces to observe.

Local residents and visitors to the community came out to enjoy the afternoon.

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Spice Up Superbowl Sunday with Mouthwatering Recipes

It's Superbowl time and there's only one thing to make game day a bigger win: delicious game day food!

Looking to add some kick to kick-off? Whether you're tailgating or hosting from home, Frank's RedHot Original Cayenne Pepper Hot Sauce, made with a premium blend of aged cayenne peppers, is a must-have ingredient.

Classic Buffalo Chicken Wings

If you're someone who agrees that no tailgate or watch party is complete without wings, you're in good company. According to Chef Jordan Carfagno of Frank's RedHot, chicken wings are the brand's most searched recipe during football season. Anyone looking to kick their wings up a notch can try this mouthwatering recipe for a classic take on wings, and it can be made in the oven at home, or in an air fryer if you're tailgating.

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- •1/2 cup Frank's RedHot Original Cayenne Pepper Hot Sauce
- 2 and 1/2 pounds chicken wing pieces

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Mix butter and RedHot Sauce in medium bowl; set aside.
- 2. Arrange wings on large foil-lined pan. Bake on lowest oven rack for 30 minutes or until crispy, turning once.
- 3. Toss wings in sauce mixture until well coated. Serve with blue cheese and celery, if desired.

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Chef Carfagno says dip recipes are gaining popularity this year, and this spicy creamy Buffalo chicken dip is the MVP of them all. Make it in the oven at home or plug in an instant pot or slow cooker for on-the-go prep.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cups Frank's RedHot Original Cayenne Pepper Hot Sauce
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 1/2 cup blue cheese crumbles

Directions:

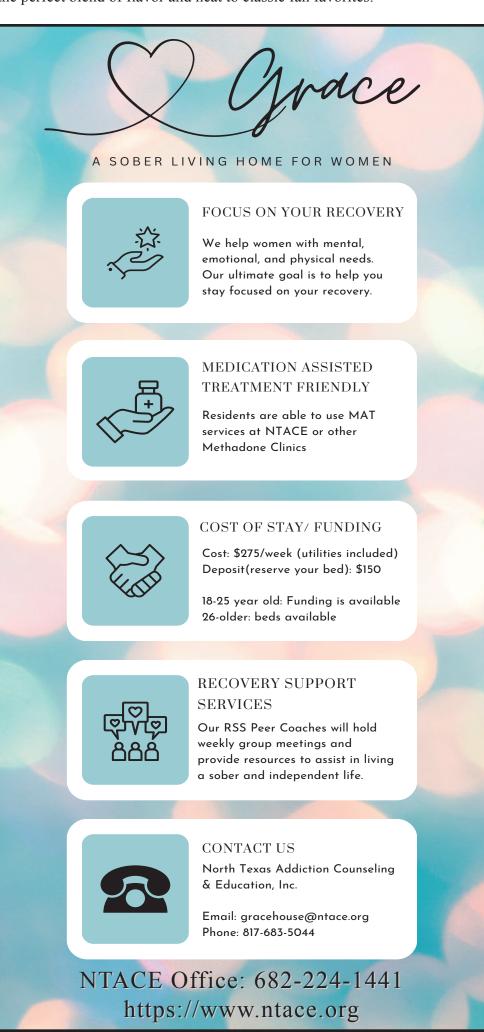
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Spoon into a shallow 1-quart baking dish.



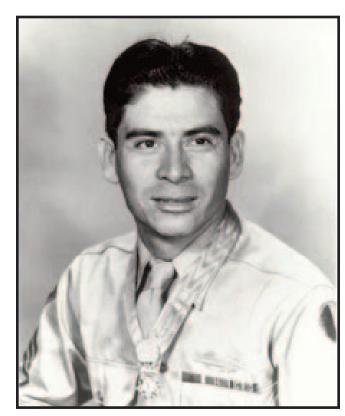
2. Bake 20 minutes or until mixture is heated through; stir. Sprinkle with green onions, if desired, and serve with chips, crackers and cut up veggies.

Check out franksredhot.com for more game-day recipes and inspiration.

This football season, bring your A-game to your tailgate spread by adding the perfect blend of flavor and heat to classic fan favorites.



Medal of Honor Recipient, Staff Sargeant Macario García



A young man escaping the poverty of a foreign land, dreaming of a better life, and becoming a hero for his adopted nation may seem too fantastic for a jaded age, but it is the true story of Medal of Honor recipient Macario Garcia, an immigrant and World War II veteran. Like many of his generation, he fought with courage on the battlefield and at home to defend the United States and its ideals to build a better nation.

He was born Jan. 2, 1920, in Villa de Castano, a tiny village in Mexico. Garcia was one of 10 children born to destitute farm workers. In 1923, to improve their fortunes, they came to the United States, like so many other immigrants from so many other lands. They settled in the Sugarland area, just outside Houston. As soon as he was old enough, Garcia joined his parents working in the fields. Like many other farm workers, he worked hard, but his education was sporadic.

In 1942, Garcia enlisted in the army. America had become his home, and his home had been attacked. He was determined to serve in its defense. An infantryman, he was wounded at the Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day in 1944. Awarded the Purple Heart, he soon returned to duty. He later earned the Bronze Star as well.

In November 1944, as American troops were beginning to push into Nazi Germany, Garcia and his men found themselves in a Honor recipient. Former Gov. James Allred desperate battle. They were pinned down by machine gun fire, and Garcia was wounded. He carefully crawled to a position near the machine gun nest, hurled a grenade, and shot three enemy troops to take out the gun. A second machine gun opened fire, and Garcia again crawled over to also take it out single-handedly. The men were saved, and the army's position was secured. For his actions, he was given the Medal of Honor.

President Harry S. Truman presented him with the medal in a White House ceremony on Aug. 23, 1945. Shortly afterward, his native land of Mexico awarded him the Merito Militar, one of the highest awards in the Mexican Army, for his valor. Garcia was honorably discharged in 1946, leaving with the rank of staff sergeant.

For many veterans returning home, it is often difficult to fathom how much they have changed because of their experiences while so little has changed for those they left behind. Such was often the case for World War II veterans. Garcia himself would discover this much to the horrors of center was named in his honor. himself and the nation when he stepped into a restaurant in Richmond, just outside Houston, in September 1945 – not even one month after the war ended and his White House appearance.

Garcia's face had been in newspapers all over the Houston area. His story was wellknown by this point. In spite of his service, in spite of his heroism, in spite of saving the lives of his fellow soldiers on multiple occasions – putting his own life at risk to save others -- the restaurant owners refused to serve him because his skin was not the right color. Insulted, Garcia began arguing with the owner. The owner then beat him with a baseball bat. To make matters worse, police arrested Garcia and charged him in the incident.

Garcia had shed blood defending his adopted country and the freedoms for which it stood. Now his blood was shed because of bigotry. Journalists across the nation condemned the treatment of the Medal of

stepped up and served as his attorney. Through his powerful defenders, Garcia was able to win delays for a trial. In 1947, prosecutors quietly dismissed the case.

Afterward, he was able to get his American citizenship in 1947 and worked with civil rights groups to fight segregation and other unjust laws. He returned to school and earned his high school diploma in 1951.

He eventually landed a job as a counselor with the Veterans Administration. Here, he spent the rest of his career helping his fellow veterans. He remained active in his support of civil rights. He spoke to various veterans groups, schools, and civil rights groups as the years passed. On Nov. 21, 1963, he met President John F. Kennedy at a reception in Houston the day before his tragic death in Dallas.

In December 1972, Garcia was critically injured in a car wreck. He died on Christmas Eve at the age of 52.

In the years after his passing, the Medal of Honor recipient was further honored.

In 1983, Houston's new army reserve

In 1994, a middle school was named for him in Sugarland, and Houston later named an elementary school and renamed a street after him. Honor led to a life well-lived.



From the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office

Spring 2024 Citizen Prosecutor Academy Now Taking Applications

is an 11-week program designed to give citizens an in-depth understanding of the criminal justice system in Tarrant County. We are now taking applications for our 2024 Spring Academy classes. The Spring Academy begins Thursday, March 7, and graduation will be Thursday, May 23. You can find applications here.

With our Assistant Criminal District Attorneys and Investigators as instructors, parprosecutorial process to gain an insider's perspective on how the system works. Classes are held on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Graduation will be hosted upon completion of the Academy program.

The topics of the past academy classes have included: Adult Sexual Assault; The Civil Division; Conviction Integrity; Digital Forensic and Technical Services; Diversion

The Citizen Prosecutor Academy (CPA) Programs; Felony: An Overview; Gang Unit; Grand Jury; Intake; Intimate Partner Violence; Intoxication Manslaughter, DWI and No Refusal; Introduction to a Trial; Introduction to the Criminal Justice System/Criminal District Attorney's Office; The Juvenile System; Mental Health & Protective Orders; Misdemeanor Crimes; Special Victims Unit; Victim Advocates and White Collar/Public Integrity Crimes.

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From the Trinity Regional Water District

TRWD Flyfest Returns to the Trinity River in Fort Worth Saturday, March 9

TRWD Flyfest, an annual celebration of urban trout fishing, will be held on March 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the River Park 3100 Bryant Irvin Road, on the day of the event. Trailhead 3100 Bryant Irvin Rd. Fort Worth, TX 76109. This family-friendly event, sponsored by the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), will take place in and along the Clear Fork of the Trinity in southwest Fort Worth. Admission is free.

To create an optimal experience for anglers, TRWD will stock the river with 1,800 lbs. of rainbow trout prior to the event just north of Bryant Irvin Road.

Whether you are an experienced angler or have never touched a fly rod, this fun-filled event will have something to hook the whole family. Anglers will compete in the contest to catch the biggest trout or the most fish in the time allotted. Patrons can also learn new tricks and methods from professional fly tiers. Open fishing for fly and bait fishing will also be available in designated areas.

The event will also feature children's activities, including a mini stocked tank for fishing and a rock climbing wall. Food trucks, wine and craft beer and many outdoor vendors will make it a fun day for everyone!

Parking will be available for \$5 at the River Park Trailhead,

services, or other care as appropriate.

For other important event information, visit www.trwdflyfest.com.



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Weekend Forecast



Friday, Feb. 9:

AM - Cloudy, with a high near 71. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

PM - A 20% chance of showers after midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 52. Southwest wind around 5 mph.



Saturday, Feb. 10:

<u>AM</u> - A 50% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the morning.

PM - A 40% chance of showers, mainly after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. East wind around 10 mph.



Sunday, Feb. 11:

AM - Showers likely, mainly before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

PM - A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

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