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Special meeting called by City Council to be held Tuesday at 4 p.m.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

A special meeting of the Big Spring City Council has been called for Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m.

The special meeting can be seen on Channel 17 through Suddenlink or on mybig-spring.com/224/Channel-17-Live.

wishing to address the council may do so in person by attending the meeting, which will be held inside City Council Chamber at 307 E. Fourth Street, or by calling in on the Comment Line at 432-264-2411. Each person wishing to address the Council has five minutes to speak.

As part of new business the Council will looking to

consider an agreement with Dude Solutions for the purchase of Smartgov Software and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents.

An Emergency Reading will be brought by Adam Czajkowski on an ordinance amending Number 029-2020 which adopted the Annual

Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 by increasing the General Fund Budget for the purchase of a new software system to assist code enforcement and applying for reimbursement from the coronavirus relief fund from the State of Texas Care Act.

Upcoming Events

County Commissioner Meeting
3:30 p.m.
Today

BSEDC Meeting
5:15 p.m.
Dec. 15
215 W. Third

Special Council Meeting
4 p.m.
Dec. 15
City Chambers

Comanche Trail Festival of Lights is open until Dec. 25

Operation Love Letter is accepting letters to be distributed to area nursing home residents. Drop off locations are located throughout town.

City offices available by appointment or electronic communication only

Angel Trees are out in the community. Deadline: Dec. 15 for angel adoption.

A Moment in Time

The Jewish Community in Big Spring

Editor's Note: The Heritage Museum has partnered with the Big Spring Herald to highlight Big Spring history each week. Through the vast knowledge of Curator Tammy Schrecengost, Big Spring history pieces are able to be featured in our newspaper weekly. Those looking to dig deeper into Big Spring history are encouraged to stop by the Heritage Museum. For those with Big Spring History that you feel should be preserved, call the Heritage Museum and speak with them about how to help preserve the history. This week's submission will run as Part 1 of 2. Next week will conclude the 2nd part of this particular piece of businesses in the Jewish Community.



Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum

The picture above takes our readers back in time to an old view of Main Street during the time period of the early 1900s.

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**
Heritage Museum

The image of America as a land of promise attracted people from all over the world. On the East Coast, El-

lis Island welcomed new immigrants, largely from Europe. America was "the golden door," a metaphor for a prosperous society that welcomed immigrants. Asian immigrants, however, didn't have the same experience as European immigrants.

The trip across the Atlantic Ocean lasted one to two weeks. The ships divided

passengers by wealth and class. First and second-class passengers stayed in staterooms and cabins while the third class, stayed in steerage. Steerage was a large, open space at the bottom of the ship. As many as 3000 people were crowded together in that compartment. They were from different countries, belonged to different religions and spoke different languages. After the long trip to America, the first thing most passengers would joyously see was the Statue of Liberty in the New York Harbor.

From 1900-1930, many were forced to escape their war-torn home countries. If there was not enough money for the family to come to America, money was raised to send their children for a better opportunity and often for a chance to live out their lives.

Big Spring became the "melting pot" for many. The railroad attracted immigrants from the United Kingdom however, before WWI., Eastern and Western Europe were starting to immigrate

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Trinity Baptist Church hosting Loss of a Spouse Seminar this Tuesday

Special to the Herald

Trinity Baptist Church

Holidays are supposed to bring joy and laughter as the year draws to an end, but not for everyone. For Those dealing with the loss of a loved one the holidays can be a difficult time to get through. Trinity Baptist Church has an avenue to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Trinity Baptist Church to host Loss of a Spouse Seminar, December 15th

Dealing with the loss of a loved one is a process that takes time, and having a support system around can help ease the journey in that process. As a way of providing that support system, Trinity Baptist Church is going to host "Loss of a Spouse" - a two-hour seminar for people grieving a spouse's death - Tuesday, December 15th from 6 to 8 pm. There is no charge for the seminar.

"This is a stand alone session that anyone dealing with the loss of a husband or wife is welcome to attend," Vivian Gordon said.

The seminar features a video

with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small-group sharing time. Attendees will learn what to expect in the days ahead, how to handle the loneliness, what to do with your spouse's belongings, and how to find the strength to go on. Everyone who attends receives a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life.

"For those wanting more information there are the GriefShare seminars to follow. This two-hour session does not allow enough time to cover everything but we do encourage people dealing with the loss of a loved one to join the GriefShare program. The program is not restricted to Trinity Church members, but is open to the entire community," Gordon said.

The GriefShare program is a 13 week program that can be joined at any point. Our next 13 week series will begin on Tuesday, January 7th. For more information, call or text Vivian Gordon at 466-3583 or log into GriefShare.org and search for our seminars.

Big Spring EDC to convene Tuesday

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation will convene for a regular meeting Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the EDC Board Room located at 215 W. Third Street.

Once the meeting has been called to order and the invocation and pledge are recited, the floor will open for public comment.

Once the public comment has concluded, the Board will move into approving minutes from the Nov. 17, 2020 Regular Meeting and Investment Report and Financials for November.

EDC Executive Director Mark Willis will deliver the Director's Report along with updates on

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Obituaries

Billie Jean Mitchell



Billie Jean Mitchell, 86 years of age, passed from this life on Dec. 9, 2020, in Lubbock, Texas.

Billie was a homemaker and a partner in business with her husband, Horace Mitchell for over 20 years at

Horace Mitchell's Restaurant. She was a vital part of Greenlawn Church of Christ where she taught many lady's classes, hosted many groups, and was deeply involved in the benevolent program which evolved into The Blessing Center as it is now known. One of her main joys was not only handing out sacks of household goods to those in need, but, introducing them to Jesus and to their greater purpose for their lives.

She is preceded in death by her husband Horace Mitchell, her son-in-law Donald Dawes, and her brother, Perry Walker.

Survivors include-- Children--Melody Dawes of Weatherford, Texas; Lawana Martin (married to Keith Martin) of Winters, Texas; and Kayla Parkey (married to Rickey Parkey) of Olton, Texas.

Grandchildren -- Rachel Dawes Sawyer (married to Caleb Sawyer) of Aledo, Texas, Rebekah Dawes Porter (married to Kevin Porter) of Abilene, Texas, Marcus Dawes (married to Amber Dawes) of Austin, Texas, Beau Martin of Lubbock, Texas, Meredith Martin Schaffner (married to Ryan Schaffner) of Winters, Texas, Tad Martin (married to Jennifer Martin) of Tuscola, Texas, Ashley Parkey

Hayton (married to Ryan Hayton) of Panhandle, Texas, Josh Parkey (married to Brittnee Parkey) of Olton, Texas, and Madison Lancaster (married to Chance Lancaster) of Pampa, Texas. They called her MaMa and spent hours and hours singing with her as well as cooking in the kitchen, or playing games around the table.

Nieces and Nephews-- Terry Walker of Hobbs, NM; Vickie Eoff of Early, Texas; Sheryl Walker of Weatherford, Texas; and Greg Mitchell of Pecos, Texas.

She loved them all as her own and cherished the relationships that continued to develop over the years.

She is also survived by 23 great-grandchildren.

Special Acknowledgement-- Billie considered the residents and staff of Raider Ranch her family and we will forever be grateful for the love and care they provided for her, especially in the last two years of her life. A special friend that she also claimed as a daughter the last few years is Debbie Yoeman of Lubbock, who aided the family in caring for Billie and became a very close friend.

Memorials may be sent to The Blessing Center through Greenlawn Church of Christ, Paul's Project, or the South Plains Food Bank.

A visitation be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Grave-side services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 at Bluff Creek Cemetery, CR 194 Bradshaw, Taylor County, Texas with Dr. Dale Mannon officiating. Online condolences may be offered on our website at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com

Paid obituary

Ricardo "Rick" Arguello

Ricardo "Rick" Arguello, 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charles S. Burks, Sr.

Charles S. Burks, Sr., 85, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Santos Lopez

Santos Lopez, 52, of Big Spring died Friday, Dec. 11, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Odessa Police make arrest in murder investigation Sunday

Special to the Herald

OPD

Odessa Police have made an arrest in connection to a murder that occurred early this morning in North Odessa. Joseph Grondahl, date of birth 05/01/1989, has been charged with Murder "1st Degree Felony". Natalee Lassiter, date of birth 11/11/1982, has been charged with Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution "3rd Degree Felony".

On December 13, 2020 at approximately 0028 hours, Odessa Police and Odessa Fire Rescue responded to the 4300 block of North Dixie in reference to a stabbing victim. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the victim, identified as a 35-year-old male. The victim was transported to a local hospital but later pronounced deceased by medical personnel.

Investigation revealed that after a disturbance had occurred, a Joseph Grondahl stabbed the 35-year-old male and fled the scene before police arrived. Based on the facts and circumstances presented during the investigation, a murder warrant was obtained for Grondahl and a hindering apprehension or prosecution warrant was obtained for Lassiter.

Both Grondahl and Lassiter were charged and arrested accordingly and transported to the Ector County Law Enforcement Center. The investigation continues.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive.

These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

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Take Note

• A gofund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail jessemonica1234@gmail.com or call 432-517-7675.

• Isaiah 58's last distribution will be Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The food pantry will be closed for the holiday season, through the end of the year beginning Dec. 21 through January 5, 2021.

• The City of Big Spring recently announced that due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, all indoor city-owned rental facilities including our venue, The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, will be closed for the rest of the year. With this announcement and with no other venue options that will properly social distance our musicians, we will be unable to kick off our season on Dec. 19 with our "Holiday Spectacular" Concert. Be watching our Facebook page, Symphony website (Big Springsymphony.org), the Big Spring Herald, KBYG and KBST for further details and a new kick-off date for our season, appropriately entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony". Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through these unusual times. We hope to see you very soon. May you and your family stay safe and healthy through the rest of this Holiday Season!

• The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

• City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at mybigspring.com.

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

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

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. 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 Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2nd Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.

• Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. Please bring a form of identification with you to pick up food. Masks are required and those receiving food boxes will need to place boxes in their own vehicles until further notice. All these efforts are being put in place to help slow the spread and ensure the safety of those volunteering and those receiving services.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

• 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.



Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau is honored with Convention South's Annual Readers' Choice Award

Special to the Herald

CVB
It is with honor that the publishers and editors of Convention South, the national multimedia resource for planning events in the South, present Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau with a 2020 Readers' Choice Award.

"Convention South readers and fans have voted to decide the best meeting sites in the South, and it is no surprise to us that Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau has been selected to receive our annual Readers' Choice Award," said Convention South Associate Publisher Ashleigh Osborne. "The value in receiving this prestigious recognition is that it comes from the United States'

top meeting professionals who hold events in the South. These planners demand the highest level of customer service and quality facilities, and they have contributed in determining that Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau indeed displays the commitment to professionalism, creativity and service that they require."

Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau is among 380 convention and visitor bureaus (CVBs), meeting facilities and hotels located across the South to receive this year's Readers' Choice Award.

Throughout the year, meeting professionals nominated the meeting sites they believe provide exemplary service for group events.

The nominated sites are then compiled onto an online ballot where

meeting professionals and fans are asked to vote for the best of the best. With over 8,000 voters participating in the selection process and the highest social media interaction to date, this has

been the most successful and engaging year yet!

Since creation in 2001, this is the first time that Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau has received the award, making it an even greater honor to present it with a 2020 Readers' Choice Award. Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau will be featured as an award recipient in the December 2020 Awards Issue of Convention South magazine. This exciting issue will also showcase some of the most talented meeting professionals in the nation as Convention South

also presents planners with its annual "Meeting Professionals To Watch" designation.

"Featuring peer advice and trade secrets from our Meeting Professionals to Watch in 2021, our Awards Issue is one of the most popular must-read resources within the meetings industry," Osborne said.

Celebrating almost 40 years as a leading meeting planning resource, Convention South magazine is based in Gulf Shores, Ala., and is distributed to more than 18,000 meeting professionals located across the country who book meetings held within the South, according to Osborne.

A complete list of award winners can be found online at: <https://conventionsouth.com/2020-readers-choice-award-winners-announced/>

HISTORY

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to America, escaping political and religious intolerance. Big Spring was a small town on the verge of great things especially with the discovery of oil. Jewish merchants began arriving opening stores along Main and 3rd Streets. They relied on each other for guidance, help, and familiar companionship.

Some of those Jewish merchants sat up their first shop at the spring in the 1870's while waiting for the railroad to be built.

The first mention of a formal Jewish religious service was the Temple Israel. Joseph and William Fisher, founders of the J&W Fisher Mercantile, were Jewish brothers from Czech Republic. Jewish ordinances were observed in their homes until a formal organization of Temple Israel was made in 1927. Not all of the Jewish immigrants continued to follow Judaism. Some married and joined their spouse's religion but, the comradery continued within the circle of family, friends, and business partners. Each one proved that through hard work, diligence, and careful saving, the American dream can come true.

J&W Fisher Store, Corner of 1st and Main

Joseph Fisher was born in Shintlin Austria in 1845. His brother William was born in 1857. Joseph and William's father had immigrated to the United States aboard a lumber ship. Once he arrived in America he sent for his family. They made their home in Indiana. Soon after serving in the Civil War under the Union forces, Joseph and William left Indiana and moved to California to start a mer-

cantile but promptly returned back to Indiana. After hearing about the vast growth in the southwest, Joseph decided to try his hand at setting up a mercantile store in Texas. Joseph arrived shortly before the railroad had pushed through to Big Spring in 1881 and opened a tent store at the springs. Once the railroad was established, he moved to the corner of First and Main. His first store burned and Joseph rebuilt it in brick/stone. Business was such a success that Joseph asked his brother William to join him in 1884. Joseph and William enlarged the store with the two-story structure that still stands today.

Albert M. Fisher Store 214-216 Main

Albert M. Fisher was the son of Joseph Fisher. In 1923, Albert started his own successful department store on Main Street. Albert died after suffering from a heart attack in 1938 and Albert Jr. ran the store until it was sold to Hemphill Wells in 1946.

Mellinger's Mens and Boys Store 3rd and Main
Victor Mellinger immigrated to the United States from Czechoslovakia at the age of 15. Victor had a sister in New York and a brother Samuel who was a prominent merchant in Menard, Tx. After immigrating to New York as a young boy, Victor went to work as a cigar marker. Working as many as 16 hours a day for \$2 a week. While in New York, young Victor worked hard and learned the English language. He married a young girl named Rose and the two of them started their adventure by heading to Texas.

The family moved to Lockhart, Texas where Victor was able to save a small amount of money to purchase a "pack and a small stock of merchandise." He received "saddle sores" from the pack he carried but he continued to persevere. Victor worked

hard and saved as much money as he could. He then purchased a mule team and cart. Subsequently, he was able to open his first store in Blanco, TX. Victor and his family arrived in Big Spring in 1917 where he opened a small shop in the 200 block of Main street. In 1939, he purchased Levine's and then opened up his business at 223 Main. By 1958, Victor Mellinger had employed both his sons in the business and hired local Architect, Daryl Hohertz, to design the bottom floor of the Masonic Lodge building at 3rd and Main. Mellinger's Mens and Boys Wear was a success.

Fishermen's Clothing, 213 Main

Sam Fishermen was born in Lotz, Poland in 1885. He immigrated to the United States as a young man and married Pearl Guisberg from Poland Russia. The couple moved to Goldthwaite Texas and opened a grocery store. Sam wished to continue on west and so they sold their business and moved to Big Spring where he opened up a dry goods business on the lower end of Main on January 1, 1917. In 1955, Sam declared that after thirty-eight years in the business, it was time for him to retire, as he closed out the store at 213 Main he said "There have been a lot of merchandise changes since I started. When I began all, we had was a few tables and boxes for display. We did a lot of piece goods business and then came Ladies Ready to Wear and it practically hit it on the head." Sam said that now (1955) there were chemists working with more durable fabric in the clothing industry. He said "The fabrics seem to be lasting longer, wearing better, and look nicer than many of the natural fabrics we had in the past." He predicted that soft goods would be for the big or small operator but nowhere in between. Sam and his wife resided at 1400 Runnels.

Forsan 3rd Graders receive new dictionaries from Big Spring Rotary



Courtesy photo

Thanks to the generosity of the Big Spring Rotary Club, the Forsan Elementary Third Graders received a special surprise. Every student received their very own dictionary. The third graders enjoyed looking through their dictionaries and truly appreciate the Big Spring Rotary Club investing in their education. Pictured above is Mrs. Kelso's class showing off their new books.

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the coming year and any projects that are currently taking place or upcoming. The Board will also have an opportunity to deliver comments after Willis has concluded his report before the meeting adjourns.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Josefa Salgado, 88, died Thursday. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday December 19, 2020 at Life Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Lenora Mancha, died Saturday. Memorial Services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Myers & Smith Chapel and the family will receive friends from Noon until 1:00 PM Saturday

Maria Recio, 90, died Sunday. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Maria Greene, 79, died Sunday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Ricardo "Rick" Arguello, 62, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Weekend Howard County Basketball Wrap-Up for all three local schools



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Above left: Eric Tuttle speaks with his team during a timeout. Above right: Coahoma's Raheem Ashford makes his way up the court.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

SHOWTIME STEERS

Following a 55-39 loss to Hereford on Friday night, the Big Spring Showtime Steers bounced back with a 53-48 victory over District 4-5A Lubbock Coronado.

"It was a good one," Head Coach Kris Hise said. While Martinez led Big Spring with 14 points while fellow guard Gavin Greathouse chipped in 12 points. The entire team had a great day shooting from beyond the three-point arc, with Greathouse, Martinez, and Kaegen Mitchell all converting on two from downtown. Big Spring played an outstanding second quarter that built their lead to 28-19 at halftime before they finished the game by holding off a comeback attempt by the Mustangs.

Big Spring now gets back on track following two straight losses. Hise has challenged his team at the start of this season by scheduling tough opponents and for the most part they have not looked out of place at all. The Showtime Steers are a competitive bunch that play with high energy for all 32 minutes of each time they take the court.

The next time that they take the hardwood will be the last home game they have until January. Big Spring will play host to the Lubbock High Westerners on Tuesday night inside Steer Gym for a chance to extend their winning streak to two. On Friday night, they will travel to Fort Stockton to take on the Panthers in their final game before Christmas Break.

LADY STEERS

The Big Spring Lady Steers (5-6) dropped their Friday night matchup last week on the road to Midland Lee 63-30.

"We played hard," Head Coach Eric Tuttle said. "They had great size and that made it tough for us in some spots. Overall, I was proud of the way we played and I think we can learn a lot from a loss like this one."

The next challenge for Big Spring will be playing against a very talented Lubbock Cooper (9-2) team

on Tuesday night on the road. The Lady Pirates are ranked as the No. 1 5A team in the state of Texas and are ranked as the No. 5 team overall. Lubbock Cooper is coming off of a two-game losing streak and will be looking to put that behind them with a strong performance against the Lady Steers.

Big Spring and Tuttle have done a great job scheduling tougher opponents this season that serve as a good measuring stick for the team and program.

The Lady Steers have won three of their last five games and will be looking to pull off the big upset on Tuesday night.

FORSAN BUFFALOES

The Forsan Buffaloes (3-4) extended their winning streak to three games on Saturday when they defeated the Grady Wildcats 49-24.

In their last three victories over Coahoma (59-27), Grape Creek (63-36), and Grady (49-24), the Forsan Buffaloes have outscored their opponents by a total score of 171-87. This also means that after beginning the season 0-4, Forsan has won three straight and improved their current overall record to 3-4.

Head Coach Cory Richardson will lead his team against Stanton (2-4) at home this Tuesday night for a chance to make it four straight wins.

LADY BUFFS

The Forsan Lady Buffs (8-2) also picked up a win over the weekend when they defeated Sterling City 51-28.

Forsan controlled the game from the opening tip and they led at halftime 33-14 before slowing down some in the second half. The Lady Buffs played tremendous team defense throughout the entire game and it showed in the box score.

Rylee Evans was the leading scorer for Forsan with 13 points while Reagan Phillips pitched in 10 points from her front court position.

The next time the Lady Buffs take the court will be Tuesday night on the road against the Winters Lady Blizzards (2-9).

COAHOMA BULLDOGS

GAIL — The Coahoma Bulldogs fell to No. 7 Borden County on Friday night 59-17.

D'Kota Harrison had a team high of eight points followed by Raheem Ashford with four. Coahoma (1-5) will take on Colorado City on Tuesday night.

BULLDOGETTES

The Bulldogettes split a pair of games this weekend losing a road game against Borden County on Friday and earning a hard-fought victory against Snyder at home on Saturday.

After two straight losses, Coahoma got its pre-season back on track with a close 60-56 victory against the 4A Snyder Lady Tigers at the CES competition gym.

"We got ahead by the end of the first half and then we lost some intensity and allowed them to come back in the third," said Bulldogettes Head Basketball Coach Jim Kinnear. "It's a good trait for our girls to have that when we are down we can do things right, bring the intensity up, get the tempo back up, regain the lead, and hang on to get the win."

Senior Julia Cox led Coahoma with 20 points including three 3-point goals. Overton had 14 points, and Isabella Cox had 11 and nailed two three-pointers. Brynn Rodgers rounded out the top Coahoma scorers with seven points.

On Friday, the Bulldogettes set No. 10 Borden County Lady Coyotes on their heels in the first quarter racking up a 10 point lead. However, the Lady Coyotes regrouped and nailed two 3-pointers and a field goal within the last minute of the first to end the quarter. When the two teams resumed after the short break, Borden County effectively worked a pressured offense and defense to win 66-51.

Overton was on fire during the game. She netted an impressive 30 points for Coahoma.

"The first quarter we played extremely well," Kinnear said. "We were up, but their pressure just wears you down and makes you do things you wouldn't do before. Losing by 15 points to a 10th ranked state team, I'll take that."

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Eli Cranor's Athletic Support: "Coach isn't coaching"



By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: My daughter's basketball coach isn't coaching. Which sounds weird, right? But I'm serious. She just sits in the chair the entire game and randomly substitutes players. I swear I think she's just going down the line and subbing whoever's chair is next. Why would a coach do this? Surely there are other jobs she could do within the school district if she's no longer interested in actually coaching. Is there anything I can do to have her removed from this position?

—Pitiful

Dear Pitiful: Coaching is no different from any other profession. People get burned out. But I'm

with you. A past-her-prime coach can have a huge (negative) impact on her student athletes.

I coached for five years, and I can honestly say I gave one-hundred percent during that time. Then, one day, we're at a team camp in the summer, and I knew, right then, I was done. A week or so later, I had resigned from coaching and accepted a position as an English teacher.

Any coach who really cares about the players knows they can't do their job halfway. However, there's not much you, personally, can do to remove a coach for being lazy, besides stirring up trouble with administrators and school

board members, which I wouldn't advise you to do.

Dear Athletic Support: There is a player on my son's high school basketball team who starts but isn't very good. Not only does he start, but he also plays most of the game. He doesn't have a shot. He's not even that great at defense, but he's still out there. The only reason I can come up with is that this kid's dad is a teacher at the high school. The dad is one of those "cool" teachers and has a lot of local support. Would a coach really play politics like that and start a player just because his dad is respected within the district? I hope not. If that is what I'm up against here, what can I do?

—Wish I Were "Cool"

Dear Wish: I've heard of coaches' kids getting special treatment, but I've never heard of a teacher's child getting extra playing time. This doesn't mean it never happens, but it just seems like a stretch to me.

I guess I might be wrong. Maybe there are some teachers who've been in a school district forever and carry more clout than I can imagine. But in the end, coaches want to win. Period. So unless this "cool" teacher has some serious blackmail on your coach, I seriously doubt the juice would be worth the squeeze.

If this coach is playing favorites and the team starts to lose, he'll have a lot more to worry about than a disgruntled "cool" teacher on his hands; his boss might come calling for his job.

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Lamar's Big Night Leads Falcons to Weekend Sweep, Newman Earns Milestone Victory

Special to the Herald

UT Permian Basin Men's Basketball trailed by as many as nine in the second half, but a late surge carried the Falcons to a tight 82-80 victory over UT Tyler. The Falcons (2-0) got huge second half performances by Trevion Lamar, who finished with a team-high 22 points including 14 in the second half, and Jordan Horn, who scored 13 of his 16 points in the second half. The win was the 200th NCAA win in the career of Head Coach Josh Newman, and his 270th at the collegiate level.

Lamar came out firing, and the Falcon offense

started fast. The Division I transfer got the Falcons on the board with a three-point play, then followed with a three-pointer and a layup to give the Falcons an early 10-point lead. After a three by the Patriots (0-2), Horn answered with a three to push the lead to 12 before the Patriots made a run of their own. The Falcons held the lead for the whole first half, but a late run and three at the buzzer by the Patriots tied the score at 38 heading into the locker rooms.

It was the Patriots who started the second half strong, but a three by freshman Quinntez Grimes

kept the Falcons within a score. Lamar drained a three to regain the lead at 50-49, but with a lot of basketball to be played. With eight-and-a-half minutes to play, the Falcons trailed by nine. Once again it was Lamar and Horn sparking a rally. Lamar hit a layup and Horn followed with a pair of free throws to cut into the lead. Malik Brikat's layup answered a Patriot basket to keep the deficit at five.

The teams traded blows, but it was the Patriots ahead with just over three minutes to play.

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Annie's Mailbox

Hunger Has No Season

Dear Annie: Your responders are showing the wonderful ways they are illustrating generosity and care this season, even at the expense of their own enjoyment of the holidays. A suggestion for making those benefits available past Jan. 1 would be to adopt a school or family or shelter, and to continue that commitment. Hunger has no season. Compassion has no limits.

Dear Compassion: I love your letter. The more we can give to others, the better we

feel about ourselves. It is a beautiful circle of joy. Thank you.

Dear Annie: I read the article about grown children living at home and disrespecting their parents. I, too, had to apply the "tough love" strategy to one of my children. In a nutshell, my oldest son left for college at 18, finished his freshman year, found a girlfriend and, at 19, decided to switch colleges. He moved into an apartment with a couple of high school friends and began his sophomore year at the university. I soon began to notice that whenever I called the apartment, he was never there. His

friends would tell him to call home, which he would. I soon caught on that he was no longer living at the apartment I was paying for. He had moved in with his girlfriend, dropped classes so he could work to pay rent and run up every credit card he applied for. We finally had a family discussion about all this, and it was decided he would move home, get a full-time job and start paying off his debts. His girlfriend did the same.

The problem was, once he returned home, he didn't find a job. He worked part time once in a while and kept hours well beyond our curfew. He

was given an ultimatum: three strikes and you're out. After the third time he came home at 3:00 a.m. after partying, I knew what I had to do. I packed up all of his belongings, put them out on the driveway and told him he could no longer live under our roof. I also told him I loved him so very much and that was THE HARDEST decision I ever had to make. I cried all night the first night and hardly slept for a week. He bounced around from friend to friend for about a month.

Then, he got a job; he got an apartment; and he started turning his life around. Two years

later, he told me that he never blamed me for kicking him out and said that it was probably the best thing I had ever done for him. We have a great relationship. He is nearly 40 now, married with kids, and he has a solid career. I should note that our other children took notice and did not follow in his footsteps. -- Tough-Love Mom

Dear Tough-Love Mom: Congratulations on doing one of the hardest and kindest things you could do for your son. You are correct that if you enable bad behavior, there really is little incentive to change. What you did

for your son changed the trajectory of his life forever. Your tough love paid off. Kudos.

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With Hugh Ross of the U.S. South, four hearts was reached as shown. West led a spade to dummy's king, and Ross played two rounds of trump, West ducking both. Declarer then led a club to the jack, also ducked, and lost a diamond finesse to West's king.

West's spade return was taken by the ace, and a club was conceded to the ace. West saw that a diamond or heart return would make it easy for South to score 10 tricks, so he returned a spade, hoping declarer would slip. But Ross did not falter.

He discarded dummy's third club while ruffing in his hand, cashed the diamond ace and then played clubs, rendering West helpless. If West ruffed with the eight, dummy would overruff and play good diamonds until West scored his trump ace; if West did not ruff either club, declarer would discard both diamonds from dummy and then lead the diamond ten to achieve the same result. Either way, the contract was home.

When Brazilian star Gabriel Chagas held the South cards at the other table, the play to the first few tricks was essentially the same. But after West took the diamond king and returned a spade to dummy's ace, Chagas erred by playing a third round of trump instead of driving out the club ace.

West, Chip Martel, made no mistake. He won the heart and returned a heart, drawing Chagas' last two trumps in the process. With no stopper left in spades and the club ace still outstanding, Chagas could not score a second club trick and so finished down one, giving the U.S. a 470-point gain on the deal.

Tomorrow: A team effort.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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(Aug. 23-Sept. 22).



BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

vidual, you play a role in the trajectory of human evolution. Advances will occur, as they always have -- sporadically at first, with individuals at the forefront. Why not you?

How to Work the Solar Eclipse

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To you, seeing someone you love mess up or experience loss or pain is far worse than experiencing those things yourself. And yet, when you think about it, you wouldn't trade the lessons you've learned for anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Good-fortune move: Drum up gratitude for the unchanging pillars of your current day to day. Like statues you can visit any time, under varying weather and light, they remain, faces fixed on the same horizon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is not selfish to focus on your own satisfaction. It is also not easily accomplished, as real satisfaction is highly personal and takes introspection and work to accomplish -- all well worth the effort.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). They were doing the best they could when they made those mistakes that harshly affected you. Turn a soft heart and a kind eye their way, and then welcome the divine fuel injection that will power your next act of grace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Feelings of grandeur (which all are sometimes prone to) can inspire fantasy, provide momentary escape and point the way to your next move. Even so, they are best indulged briefly, kept private and then brought down to Earth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is a difference between retreating to hide out and retreating to regroup. You are not afraid of what's going on, but you need time to process it and come up with a plan.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll deal with a complicated situation. You haven't struck the answer yet, but you will. Keep trying to put yourself in the shoes of different people involved. This one will unravel with patience and empathy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Surround yourself with the sacred and the day takes on a hallowed tone. It's worth dipping into, but don't be surprised if you have a low tolerance for the gravity. When it's time, let the pendulum swing, guilt-free into stupidity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though you are a single indi-

COSMIC QUESTION: "I'm a Virgo; he's a Gemini. I love him. He kinda-sorta seems like he might love me, too. Now what? To me, the next step would be to define the relationship, but I'm not sure how to go about it."

As the sign of growth and nurturing, you're a big fan of relationships coming together organically. But when they don't seem to fall naturally into place the way you imagined, you're willing to nudge them in your desired direction in the manner of a gardener with a bonsai tree, training, trimming, waiting... Goal-oriented, you can't totally relax until you know where things are headed.

You're both ruled by Mercury, the communication planet, and when you learn to speak each other's preferred love language, much can be accomplished. Your Gemini, an air sign, is well known for a certain casual charm and is unlikely to share your need for definition, though if he's fond enough of a person, he'll do his best to fulfill their expectations and lend the sense of security they crave.

Stay lighthearted and emotionally flexible as you state your own status in the relationship, and then see what happens. Don't emotionally lean. Don't chase. Just tell him what's going on inside of you without requiring anything of him; see how it resonates; and go from there.

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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!

Here's How It Works:
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ANSWER:

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WORDS

- AMBIANCE
- APPETIZER
- CATERING
- CELEBRATE
- COCKTAILS
- DECOR
- DINNER
- ENTERTAIN
- EVENING
- EXCITEMENT
- FAVOR
- GUEST
- HOLIDAY
- HOSTESS
- LEFTOVERS
- MENU
- PARTY
- PLAYLIST
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- SETTING
- SILVERWARE
- VENUE
- WELCOME

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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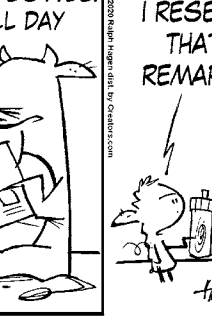
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 14, the 349th day of 2020. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 14, 2012, a gunman with a semi-automatic rifle killed 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, then committed suicide as police arrived; the 20-year-old had also fatally shot his mother at their home before carrying out the attack on the school.

On this date: In 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Virginia, home at age 67.

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died at Windsor Castle at age 42.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen (ROH'-ahl AH'-mun-suhn) and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson vetoed an immigration measure aimed at preventing "undesirables" and anyone born in the "Asiatic Barred Zone" from entering the U.S. (Congress overrode Wilson's veto in February 1917.)

In 1961, a school bus was hit by a passenger train at a crossing near Greeley, Colorado, killing 20 students.

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States, ruled that Congress was within its authority to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against racial discrimination by private businesses (in this case, a motel that refused to cater to Blacks).

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1988, President Reagan authorized the U.S. to enter into a "substantive dialogue" with the Palestine Liberation Organization, after chairman Yasser Arafat said he was renouncing "all forms of terrorism."

In 2005, President George W. Bush defended his decision to wage the Iraq war, even as he acknowledged that "much

of the intelligence turned out to be wrong."

In 2006, a British police inquiry concluded that the deaths of Princess Diana and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, in a 1997 Paris car crash were a "tragic accident," and that allegations of a murder conspiracy were unfounded.

Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun died in New York at age 83.

In 2016, Yahoo said it believed hackers had stolen data from more than one billion user accounts in Aug. 2013 (in Oct. 2017, Yahoo raised that figure to 3 billion).

Ten years ago: The White House insisted the implementation of President Barack Obama's landmark health care law would not be affected by a negative federal court ruling, and the Justice Department said it would appeal. Gunman Clay A. Duke fired at school board members in Panama City, Florida, but hit no one before fatally shooting himself.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi scraped through two parliamentary votes of no confidence.

Five years ago: Bill Cosby fired back at seven women who were suing him for defamation, accusing them in a federal countersuit of making false accusations of sexual misconduct for financial gain. Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred announced that Pete Rose, serving a lifetime ban for betting on baseball, would continue to be banned from working in the sport.

Lillian Vernon, 88, creator of a multimillion dollar catalog business that sold specialized gifts and home goods, died in New York.

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" had its world premiere at Hollywood's TCL Chinese Theater.

One year ago: French New Wave film star Anna Karina, an icon of the cinema in the 1960s, died at the age of 79.

The bat that Babe Ruth used to hit his 500th home run

was sold at auction for more than \$1 million. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner defeated Tony Buzbee in a runoff election to win a second term; Turner had highlighted Buzbee's prior support of President Donald Trump.

LSU quarterback Joe Burrow won the Heisman Trophy in a record landslide vote.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-

actor Abbe Lane is 89. Actor Hal Williams is 86. Actor-singer Jane Birkin is 74. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 74. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 74. Actor Archie Kao is 51. Actor Natascha McElhone is 51. Actor-comedian Michaela Watkins is 49. Actor-comedian Miranda Hart is 48. Rhythm-

and-blues singer Brian Dwyer (Soul For Real) is 45. Actor KaDee Strickland is 45. Actor Tammy Blanchard is 44. Actor Sophie Monk is 41. Actor-singer-musician Jackson Rathbone is 36. Actor Vanessa Hudgens is 32. Rock/R&B singer Tori Kelly is 28.

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Newsday Crossword

AT THE RODEO by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 USO visitors
 - 4 Solemn promise
 - 8 Drastically reduce, as prices
 - 13 "Spoiled" tot
 - 14 "Not guilty," for one
 - 15 Vowel quintet
 - 16 Letterhead illustration
 - 17 Long periods of time
 - 18 Brief in one's words
 - 19 Gain a position by hard work
 - 22 Scornful smile
 - 23 Race car's circuit
 - 24 For each
 - 27 U-turn from NNW
 - 28 Moon cavity
 - 32 Boyfriend
 - 33 Chicago airport
 - 34 Ships' docking spots
 - 35 At a job again
 - 40 Trophy or medal
 - 41 Wipe away, as chalk
 - 42 The Dalai ___
 - 43 Bakery loaves
 - 45 To the rear, on a boat
 - 48 Potato bud
 - 49 Before, poetically
 - 50 Come next
 - 52 Get properly trained
 - 57 Layers of paint
 - 59 Wrench or hammer

- DOWN**
- 1 Reactions to bad jokes
 - 2 "Okay with me!"
 - 3 Pebble or boulder
 - 4 Unlock
 - 5 Moisturizer ingredient
 - 6 Change for a \$20 bill
 - 7 Big bother
 - 8 Stopped slouching
 - 9 Impolite look
 - 10 Jet's velocity
 - 11 Mariner's call for help
 - 12 Shade of color
 - 13 Sanctify
 - 20 Corsage flower
 - 21 Golfer's goal
 - 25 English nobleman
 - 26 Sneaky scheme
 - 29 Competed in a marathon
 - 30 Mural or sculpture
 - 31 Childish giggle
 - 32 ___ one's time (wait)
 - 33 Gumbo veggie
 - 34 Quarterback, throwing a ball
 - 35 Hay package
 - 36 Not in the office
 - 37 Didn't arrive on time
 - 38 Historical period
 - 39 Unhappy
 - 43 "It's c-c-cold!"
 - 44 Leased
 - 45 Have ambitions
 - 46 Filled the gas tank
 - 47 Lab experiments
 - 49 Flip-chart holder
 - 51 Emphatic turndown
 - 53 Suffix for major garment
 - 55 Owl's call
 - 56 "If all ___ fails . . ."
 - 57 NBC rival
 - 58 Not in the office

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Dalton returns to Cincy, leads Cowboys over Bengals 30-7

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cowboys quarterback Andy Dalton put an exclamation point on his return to Cincinnati with a short touchdown pass late in the game to pile some more points on top of the woeful Bengals.

Dalton wanted this win badly. He was the starting quarterback for the Bengals for nine seasons and was unceremoniously released after the team took Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow with the top pick in the NFL draft last spring.

Back in Paul Brown Stadium as the Cowboys starter on Sunday, he was good enough to help lead his new team to a 30-7 win over his old one.

"This one was special," Dalton said. "A lot of range of emotions, from being back in the city, being in the stadium, being on the other side, all that kind of stuff. Good to have the emotion at the end of being very happy that we got this win."

The Bengals greatly contributed to the cause of their former QB. They fumbled the ball away on their first three drives — one fumble returned for a touchdown — leading to 17 first-half points by the Cowboys (4-9). That was all they needed.

The homecoming for Dalton was the storyline leading up to a game between two injury-plagued teams having disappointing seasons. Dalton finished 16 for 23 for 185 yards and two TDs, as the Cowboys stayed in contention in the weak NFC East. He threw an 11-yard, second-quarter touchdown to Amari Cooper, and hit Tony Pollard for a 7-yard score with 2:00 left in the game. Afterward, coach Mike McCarthy presented him with the

game ball.

"Definitely special for him," McCarthy said. "Make no bones about it. He wanted to win this game, and more importantly, everybody in this locker room wanted to win it for him."

The Bengals (2-10-1), whose offense has struggled mightily since Burrow was lost to a knee injury on Nov. 22, got in a hole early and couldn't dig out.

On the first Cincinnati drive, running back Giovani Bernard fumbled for the first time in 830 carries, leading to a Dallas field goal. The Bengals were driving on the next series when running back Trayveon Williams' fumble was recovered by linebacker Aldon Smith and returned 78 yards for a touchdown.

On Cincinnati's third drive, receiver Alex Erickson lost the handle after a hand-off. The recovery by Jaylon Smith set up a 53-yard Dallas drive capped by the Dalton-to-Cooper TD pass.

"It makes you sick to start the way we started today," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said.

Cincinnati got within 10 at the end of the first half when Brandon Allen threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Green, but that was it.

Greg Zuerlein also added two second-half field goals for Dallas.

ANDY COME HOME

Dalton was the face of the franchise, led Cincinnati to the playoffs from 2011-15, and holds most of the team's passing records. After his release, he signed with the Cowboys as a backup, and stepped in when Dak Prescott suffered a season-ending an-

kle injury. He missed time with a concussion and COVID-19, but improved to 2-4 as the starter with the win over his former team.

After he threw the late TD pass Sunday, he signaled to his wife J.J. in the stands, and the two shared an unspoken moment.

"I think after the touchdown, knowing that we were going to win this game, I'm not the only one that was dealing with some emotions," he said. "I think she was probably dealing with some more emotions of everything. That's a moment that I think both of us will never forget, knowing that we were going to win this game and got to share that."

FOILED AGAIN

The Bengals hurt themselves again in the fourth quarter when a 13-yard touchdown run by Samaje Perine was nullified by a holding call. The threat ended when Allen overthrew Tyler Boyd on a fourth-down pass from the Cowboys' 10.

"We're just hurting ourselves," Allen said.

INJURIES

Cowboys: CB Saivion Smith left with a hand injury in the fourth quarter and didn't return.

Bengals: Allen injured his right leg late in the game and didn't return. Ryan Finley replaced him on the last two drives. Allen said he couldn't predict his status for next week.

UP NEXT

The Cowboys host the 49ers next Sunday.

The Bengals get a Monday night home game against the Steelers on Dec. 21.

Trubisky outplays Watson, Bears stop skid, beat Texans 36-7

CHICAGO (AP) — All Mitchell Trubisky cared about was helping the Chicago Bears get back to winning. He insisted the other story that got most of the attention during the week wasn't on his mind.

Trubisky threw three touchdown passes to outplay Deshaun Watson in their first meeting since they entered the NFL, and the Bears snapped a six-game losing streak with a 36-7 victory over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

David Montgomery ran for an 80-yard touchdown on Chicago's first play from scrimmage, helping the Bears stop their worst skid since the 2002 team dropped eight in a row to match a franchise record. Chicago (6-7) sacked Watson seven times, including a safety by Khalil Mack, to tie a career high for the Texans quarterback.

General manager Ryan Pace's decision to draft Trubisky with the No. 2 overall pick in 2017 when he could have gone with Watson or Patrick Mahomes drew even more buzz than usual during the week. But on Sunday, Chicago's quarterback delivered.

"I was just so focused on what I needed to do for my team that it really allowed me to block everything out," Trubisky said. "Just the situation that we were in, being on that little losing streak, that makes you sick to your stomach. I was willing to do whatever

it took for the team today, just go out there and get a win. ... It was just easy to block out because I knew what I was focused on doing today."

Trubisky buried the Texans (4-9) in the first half, throwing for three TDs as the Bears grabbed a 30-7 lead.

Facing one of the NFL's worst defenses, he completed 24 of 33 passes for 267 yards. He posted a 126.7 rating in his third start since returning to the lineup with Nick Foles (hip and glute) injured.

Montgomery tied the fourth-longest run in franchise history and finished with a season-high 113 yards on 11 carries.

Allen Robinson caught nine passes for 123 yards, matching a season high and giving him 1,027 for the season. It's the second straight year he has reached 1,000 yards.

Mack went four games without a sack before he got Watson for a safety in the second quarter. He also recovered a fumble by Duke Johnson in the first period and deflected a pass in the second.

Roquan Smith had two sacks. And the Monsters of the Midway came away with their first win since they beat Carolina in Week 6.

"It's just a start," coach Matt Nagy said. "It's been a while. But when you go through moments like this, you stay resilient and you stay persistent

and you trust in one another. That's what we've done."

'EMBARRASSING' PERFORMANCE

For the Texans, it was a rough afternoon.

Five-time All-Pro defensive end J.J. Watt called it "embarrassing" and added: "It's just the facts." Watson sure wasn't about to argue.

"I agree," he said after the Texans were mathematically eliminated from playoff contention.

The NFL's second-leading passer behind Mahomes, Watson was 21 of 30 for 219 yards after three straight games with more than 300.

Watson exited for a play after he was hit by Smith and Mack, throwing an incomplete pass on a third down near the goal line late in the third. AJ McCarron got sacked, ending that threat. Watson returned on the next drive.

BIG RUN

Montgomery wasted no time giving the Bears a lead when he broke through the line and burst up the left side. It matched Chicago's longest run of the Super Bowl era, with Neal Anderson going for 80 yards against Green Bay on Nov. 27, 1988.

"Just being able to have that line move and push the way they did and create that amazing hole, it's crazy," he said. "I just seen it and I hit it. I had

Allen Robinson blocking on the outside. If it hadn't been for him, I probably would have gotten caught."

Trubisky made it 14-0 early in the second quarter with a 5-yard touchdown to Jimmy Graham. But the Texans quickly answered. A 48-yard reception by Johnson set up Watson's 5-yard pass to Keke Coutee, making it a seven-point game.

Mack followed a 10-yard sack by Bilal Nichols by taking down Watson for a safety. The Bears went 66 yards on the next drive, with Darnell Mooney scoring from the 12 on a swing pass to make it 23-7 with 3:22 remaining in the half.

Trubisky added a 3-yard TD to Robinson in double coverage in the closing seconds, sending Chicago to the locker room with a 23-point lead

INJURY REPORT

Texans: S Justin Reid hurt his hand in the first half, and DT Brandon Dunn (hip) was injured in the fourth quarter. ... WR Brandin Cooks was inactive because of foot and neck injuries, sidelining one of Watson's top targets.

Bears: CB Jaylon Johnson hurt his shoulder.

UP NEXT

Texans: Play at Indianapolis next Sunday.

Bears: Visit Minnesota next Sunday.

AP Top 25: Coastal breaks into top 10; Alabama still No. 1

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

The first top-10 shakeup in more than a month pushed Coastal Carolina to No. 9 in The Associated Press college football poll Sunday.

Alabama was a unanimous No. 1, followed by Notre Dame, Ohio State, Clemson and Texas A&M as those teams held their spots for a sixth straight week.

Surprising losses by Florida and Miami shuffled the rest of the top 10. No. 6 Cincinnati and No. 7 Indiana each moved up one spot and No. 8 Iowa State jumped two.

Then come the unbeaten Chanticleers (11-0), the first Sun Belt Conference team to crack the AP's top 10.

Georgia landed at No. 10 ahead of Florida at 11. The Gators dropped five spots after losing in bi-

zarre and dramatic fashion to LSU in the fog Saturday night.

Miami plummeted 10 spots to No. 19 after getting blown out by North Carolina. The Tar Heels moved up four spots to No. 16.

POLL POINTS

Alabama has been ranked in 211 consecutive polls, matching Florida State (1989-2001) for the second-longest streak in poll history.

The Crimson Tide will likely move into second all by themselves after the Southeastern Conference championship game next week. To pass Nebraska's record of 348 consecutive poll appearances from 1981-2002, Alabama will need about eight more seasons in the Top 25.

IN-N-OUT

This pandemic-altered season has helped create some opportunities for teams that have not been

finished with 10 points and four rebounds. Once again, the Falcon defense gave the Patriots trouble, forcing 25 turnovers.

"I thought Trevion really picked us up on both ends," said Newman. "We've challenged him to impact the game on every play and thought he really did that tonight. It wasn't pretty, but our guys showed a lot of toughness and never quit. We have a lot to fix, but a seven hour bus ride is a lot easier after a road sweep."

The Falcons return home on Tuesday for a non-conference match-up with Western New Mexico with tip-off scheduled for 4 PM. The Falcons then welcome Cameron University for a weekend series to wrap-up 2020 and head into winter break.

ranked in a while — or ever before, like Coastal Carolina — to get into the Top 25.

No. 25 San Jose State is this week's upstart.

UTPB

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Brikat's free throws followed by a pair from Lamar cut the deficit to one. After a stop on the defensive end, Brikat hit a layup to give the Falcons their first lead of the second half. The Patriots answered with a three, but it was Horn who calmly answered with one of his own to give the Falcons a lead they wouldn't relinquish down the stretch.

Along with his 22 points, Lamar grabbed seven rebounds and had a team-high five assists. Brikat went for 16 points and 11 boards, a night after coming one rebound shy of a double-double. Grimes

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