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- City Council Meeting today**
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- Coahoma School Board Meeting**
Feb. 11
2 p.m.
- Big Spring Chamber Banquet and Business Expo**
Feb. 11
1:30 p.m.
Virtual event

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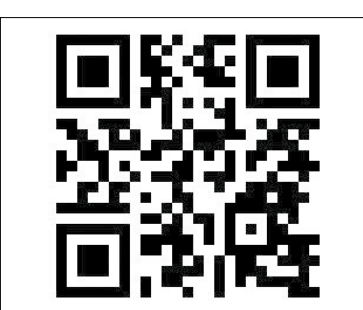
All city offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 15
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 Take a moment to thank a service man or woman for their service.

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Murder suspect, Cuellar, in custody

BSPD issues press release on Fitzgibbons arrest

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Police Department issued two press releases Monday afternoon. One release was in reference to an incident that occurred in January. The victim in the January incident recently succumbed to his injuries and an arrest warrant was issued for murder in the case.

In addition, the Big Spring Police Department issued a press release regarding the arrest of Robert Fitzgibbons Jr. after a multi-month investigation.

The following are the two press releases sent out on Monday afternoon:

nic Mountain Medical Center but later transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock Texas due to the severity of his injuries.



Jessie Cuellar

The Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigation Division began conducting an investigation into the matter. On Jan. 31, 2021, Investigators were notified that Mr. Segundo had succumbed to his injuries.

Detectives with the Big Spring Police Department obtained an arrest warrant for Jessie Cuellar, a Hispanic male 42 years of age, for the offense of Murder, a felony of the first degree.

On Feb. 8, 2021, Big Spring Police Department Detectives arrested Cuellar for the warrant. Jessie Cuellar is currently being held at the Howard County Jail pending arraignment.

This is an ongoing investigation and no further information is available at this time.

The Big Spring Police Department issued the following press release Monday afternoon regarding the arrest of Robert Fitzgibbons. The press release reads as follows:

On Feb. 4, 2021, the Howard County Sheriff's Office obtained a felony warrant for the arrest of Robert F. Fitzgibbons Jr., 61 years of age, for the offense of Misuse of Official Information.

On Feb. 5, 2021, the Big Spring Police Department obtained a felony warrant for the arrest of Robert F. Fitzgibbons Jr., 61 years of age for the offense of Stalking.

These warrants stem from a multi-month long investigation.

On Feb. 5, 2021 at approx. 9:45 a.m., Robert F. Fitzgibbons Jr., turned himself into the Howard County Detention Center at which time he was booked in, posted bail and was released.

These cases have been filed with District Attorney's office for their review. This is an ongoing investigation and no further comment is available at this time.

Special to the Herald

BSPD

On Jan. 18, 2021, Officers with the Big Spring Police Department were dispatched to a residence located in the 2600 block of Langley in reference to an assault which caused bodily injury. The victim identified as Thomas Segundo, a Hispanic male 38 years of age, was initially transported to Sce-

Commissioners reject all bids for 400' tower for the Southbound Tower

By IRIS RANGEL
 Herald Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners met Monday afternoon to discuss an agenda full of updates, reports, and new projects. The meeting was held in the Third Floor County Courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse.

After taking a moment for pledge, prayer, and Citizens Input, Commissioners began discussion with a Howard County Resolution for HAVA Grant Assurances.

According to Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, the HAVA Grant would be in the estimated amount of \$120,000. The HAVA Grant was created to help eligible entities re-

ceive federal assistance under Title I of HAVA and is distributed to local election districts' offices at the state's discretion. The entity being awarded, however, is required to match 20% of funds, which would equal \$16,000 in a matter of two years. Monies would need to be used to "make payments to states for activities to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements," according to eac.gov.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eddilisa Ray and was seconded by Commissioner John Cline. The motion passed in a unani-

mous vote.

County Treasurer Sharon Adams then brought forth an agenda item concerning the authorization for depository bids and personnel considerations. Adams also provided a presentation of the TAC 2020 Employer Rewards Program check.

Commissioners approved both the depository bids and personnel considerations. Concerning the TAC 2020 Employer Rewards Program check, the county received a check in the amount of \$2,240. Commissioner Jimmie Long made a motion to accept the check and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Bailey. The motion

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Marcy Place Senior Living Community receives COVID-19 Vaccinations



Courtesy photos

As vaccines for Covid-19 continue to slowly arrive in Big Spring, nursing home residents and staff are able to be vaccinated. Recently, Marcy Place was able to not only vaccinate their residents, but their staff as well, helping to ensure more protection for those in the facility.

Special to the Herald
 Enlivent/Marcy Place

Senior living residents and staff of Marcy Place, an Enlivent-operated assisted living community in Big Spring received their second dose of COVID-19 vaccinations on January 28th. The Pfizer vaccine was administered on-site at Marcy Place by pharmacy partner, CVS.

Organizations that care for seniors like Marcy Place have been at the front of the line to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, as part of the CDC's "Phase 1a."

"We are happy and relieved that our residents and staff received the vaccine at such an early stage in its national roll-out," says Trystan Hickman, Executive Director of Marcy Place. "This vaccine is our way out of this pandemic."

Residents at Enlivent communities across the United States are also part of the early national rollout. Margaret, a resident of an Enlivent community in Winterville, GA, said, "I see this as our duty as citizens of the United States and to mankind to take

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COVID-19 Updates

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is currently out of vaccines. According to SMMC administration, re-allocation vaccines are expected to be arriving in the next week.

When more vaccines become available the information will be released through local media outlets. More information can also be found online at scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported 2/8/2021:
- 46 Covid-19 positive patients
 - 0 in ICU & 0 vents

- SMMG & SMMC Testing through Feb. 8:
- 3319 tests
 - 795 positives for 24.0% positivity rate
 - 4 pending

From Dec. 2020 - Feb. 8, 1383 patients have tested of which 285 were positive for a rate of 20.7% positivity. 4 tests is pending.

Howard County is reporting:
 2937 confirmed cases
 1493 probable cases
 91 fatalities
 193 active cases
 4146 recovered

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Obituaries

The Rev. John Arthur Lawrence

Words can never be sufficient to fully express the magnitude of collective bereavement at the passing of the Reverend John Arthur Lawrence on Jan. 20, 2021. Having lost his wife of over 30 years only weeks prior, he departed this life surrounded by his children and showered in the kinds of comforts he spent his life conveying so generously to others. Funeral services officiated by the Right Reverend David Deed, Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas, were held for close family on Jan. 28, 2021, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kerrville. His remains were interred beside those of his wife, Waynoka Lawrence, in the columbarium at St. Peters.

Few can lay claim to professional and personal choices of such moment to so many, but only few possess gifts that enable the successful pursuit of two professional careers in divergent fields. Though not without their points of intersection, as banker, priest, financial and parliamentary adviser both within and without the Episcopal Church, his varied interests and aptitudes converged to form a man of God, exceptionally adept in this world yet ever mindful of the next. Self-described as highly spiritual but not very religious, he wore the mantle of his priesthood lightly, although his deep faith and abiding compassion clearly informed his ev-

Emma Lillian Mitchell Staggs

Emma Lillian Mitchell Staggs went to be with her Lord and waiting family on Monday, February 1, 2021 in San Antonio. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lillian was born April 22, 1922, to Samuel Marvin Mitchell and Emma Arrington Mitchell in Lamesa, Texas. She attended schools in Lamesa and graduated in the 1939 class. She always enjoyed going back to the Jubilee Reunions every five years and stayed in touch with her class mates. Her family attended the First United Methodist Church that her grandfather, Rev. Mitchell, help start in about 1907. She gave her life to her Lord on Easter 1932 and joined the church and took the pledge to up-hold it with her prayers, presence, gifts and service. She has agreed to live by that pledge ever since, as well as the Golden Rule. She has been a member of the church in Big Spring since 1945.

She married Martin Staggs on Oct. 18, 1943, and lived in Winter Haven, Florida, where Martin was stationed in the Air Force. They lived there until his discharge in November 1945, after serving five years. They moved to Big Spring and Martin went to work at his brother's auto parts store. He later went to work at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring. Lillian worked as a secretary at the A.A.A. Office before her marriage and had continued to work in Winter Haven. She went to work at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center in Physical Therapy and worked there for twenty-two years. She retired to take care of her sister and did volunteer work after

ery word and deed.

Born during the Depression in Fort Worth, Texas, he graduated from Big Spring High School in 1953. He attended the University of the South in Seawane, TN, attaining a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Economic Theory in 1957, having served both as president of his fraternity, KA, and as president of the Order of Gownsmen. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army and for two years worked in ordnance electronics and missile guidance in New Mexico. Following his military service, he built a successful career specializing in data processing in the banking industry for the National Bank of Commerce in Memphis, TN (1959-1962), and for Louisiana National Bank in Baton Rouge, LA (1962-1968), before a profoundly different path opened before him.

He attended the former Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL., obtaining his Master's of Divinity in 1971, he was ordained into the priesthood on Dec. 21, 1971. He served as Curate at Grace Memorial, Hammond (1971-72), then as Rector of St. Thomas', Monroe, LA (1972-1979). Between 1979 and 1989 he was Rector at St. Augustine's in Metairie, LA, and then became the 11th rector of Grace Church Hinsdale, IL in 1989, serving there until his retirement from active ministry in 1999. He resettled his family in Kerrville, Texas, where he continued to work in varying capacities for numerous parishes in the area, including time as interim rector at St. Christopher's in Bandera.

Over the course of his long career and brief retirement, his community, Diocesan, and National Episcopal Church responsibilities included elec-

tion and appointment to committees, councils, and boards too numerous to mention here. His time as an elected member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South (1974-1980) was a particular point of pride. He worked tirelessly on behalf of both his church and his alma mater. His substantive accomplishments and associated contributions to each congregation and community he served in a professional capacity are dwarfed, however, by the impact he had on the lives of those he touched with his abundant compassion, which exceeds measurement.

Survivors include his daughters, Karen Elizabeth Wall, Melanie Anne Manning, Kelley Anne Morris, Elisabeth West Manning, and Kimberly Clare Brooks, four grandchildren, and a host of nephews, cousins, relatives, friends, former parishioners and colleagues for whom this loss is incalculable. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, and beloved wife, whom he now joins in the comforts of eternal rest. Et lux perpetua luceat ei.

The family offers special thanks to Melissa Stewart and her staff at United Angels, and to Aimee Quarrels and those working with her at Peterson Hospice for their extraordinary care and compassion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be sent via www.grimesfuneralchapels.com. Select the "send condolences" link.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville, Texas.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TIMMIE ROMEO WATSON**, 46, of 524 Crane Circle, Desoto, Texas, was arrested on charges of warrant - other agency and introduction of contraband into correctional institution.
- **HUMBERTO MIER JR.**, 47, of 108 Carey Street, was arrested on a charge of terrorist threat family/household.
- **REBECCA KATIE GARCIA**, 27, of 102 Air base, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRANDY RENEE GREGORY**, 40, of 1104 E. 11th Place, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TRAFFIC STOP** was reported in the 6200 block of Craig Road.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of Kid Zone.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of E. Leatherwood.
- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild Drive.
- **SUICIDAL SUBJECT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther Kind Boulevard.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of E. 3rd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of NW 12th Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. (x2)
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 6th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



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Sheriff

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Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.

- **STEVEN HINOJOSA AGUIRRE**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on charges of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams) and unauthorized use of motor vehicle.
- **CHRISTINA LYNN AVERY**, 43, was arrested by HCSO on charges of bailman off bond/possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams), motion to revoke probation/possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams) (x2), failure to appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **WILLIAM TEL CODY CATER**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation.
- **ROBERT F. FITZFIBBONS JR.**, 61, was arrested by HCSO on charges of misuse of official information and stalking.
- **REBECCA KATIE GARCIA**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

her death. She and Martin enjoyed going to Cloudcroft, New Mexico, where they built a cabin. All the family and friends loved it there too. She was always so happy when she could go there and enjoyed the cool mountains and friends and church.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents and eight siblings and one step-sister: Russell Mitchell and wife Gladys, Leola Mitchell Clarke and husband Bill, Orlo Mitchell and wife Corine, Laurel Mitchell and wife Ruth, Alice Ruth Mitchell Smith and husband Joe, S.M. Mitchell, Jr. and wife Margie, Corda Jean Mitchell Walden and husband Bill, LaVerne Carson Hill Doug Colgin and husband Ben, Martin Staggs and Marcie Gayle Staggs Abbott.

She is survived by her two sons: Martin Tindall Staggs, Richard Alan Staggs and wife Dolores, Tom and Sharla Abbott, son-in-law; grandchildren: Jason Staggs and wife Nadia, Shelly Staggs Gravett and husband Kevin, Richard Staggs, Jr. and wife Vanessa, Megan Staggs, Katie Abbott Keith and husband Seth and Kelsey Abbott Noble and husband Tobin; great grandchildren: Ashley Gravett, Reagan Gravett and Emily Gravett, Sydney Staggs, Kenley Staggs, Kenzie and Jaelyn Speck, Eden and Everly Staggs and many nieces and nephews. She was so proud of each one and was always so glad when they could all be together.

Martin and Lil were always busy taking part in all their activities. They were Girl Scout and Boy Scout leaders as well as being active in Little League.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to the Methodist Children's Home 111 Herring Ave., Waco, TX 76708.

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

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Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony Association has kicked off the 39th season. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, but patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at www.bigspringsymphony.org or local ticket vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum, The Karat Patch or the CVB of office. Students are admitted free. Performance adjustments have

been made due to Covid-19 to assure the health and safety of everyone. Patrons are asked to arrive early and ushers will seat them in six foot social distance format. Everyone needs to wear a mask upon entering the facility. There are still two performances left: March 20 will be the Music of Queen 'Bohemian Rhapsody' featuring Jeans n' Classics and April 24 will be Pops Extravaganza The Texas Tenors

• The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.

MARCY

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the vaccine. I am doing this for my family, friends and the whole human race."

"I got the vaccine for my family,

friends, coworkers and my residents" says Meagan Flarity, Care Services Manager of Marcy Place.

To celebrate the arrival of the vaccine, Marcy Place had a celebration with balloons and goody bags. Vaccines were available at

no charge to residents and staff.

To learn more about Enlivant's COVID-19 precautions to help protect the health and safety of residents and employees visit <https://www.enlivant.com/covid19>.

COUNTY

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passed unanimously.

County Auditor Jackie Olson then provided the approval of invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments to the Court. An update to the notice to bidder's form and the consideration of awarding a bid for erecting and installing a 400' Guy Tower per Standard: TIA-222-H was also given.

All invoices and budget amendments were approved by Commissioners. There was also discussion held regarding a new construction project for the second floor concerning plumbing and ADA compliance. Among discussion, another construction project concerning new flooring for the bailiff's office near the south entrance was discussed. A new HVAC unit for the amount of \$2,160.75 was also brought before the Court for the county jail.

Each new purchase request was approved with a motion from Commissioner Bailey and a second from Commissioner Ray.

Regarding the awarding of bids for the Guy Tower, Commissioner Craig Bailey made a recommendation that all current bids be rejected.

"We have an opportunity for Harris to come in and use that as a change order, which would be to our advantage at multiple levels. So, if we want to go back and do that later, we can or we can recover those bids... I'd be happy to supply Harris with a change order for the work to be done at the rate that they quoted me," Bailey said.

Afterward, Commissioner Bailey made a motion to source Harris to erect the 400' tower for the Southbound Tower and reject all bids. A sec-

ond was made by Commissioner Long. The motion passed unanimously.

For the item concerning notice to bidder's form, the item was tabled due to insurance concerns.

Another item that appeared on last meeting's agenda, which was meant to be discussed at yesterday's meeting, was an MOU between Howard County and Midland Police Department for the use of the Howard County Airport - driving track presented by County Sheriff Stan Parker. This agenda item was tabled again by Commissioner Long stating that at the next meeting the item should be finished.

Commissioner Craig Bailey then discussed Texas Independence Day Fireworks with a deadline of Feb. 14 during the meeting.

"According to the information that we have received, if we do nothing, then the possible sale of fireworks expires. In other words, we would have to act on this in order for anybody to be able to come into the county and sell fireworks. So, it's my recommendation that we stand down," Bailey said.

Commissioner Bailey also said that in talks with Fire Chief Cooper, four to five fires have already been fought since the first of February.

"So, anything that we can do to assist them in any way we can, it's my recommendation that we do not do anything and not allow the sale of fireworks for Texas Independence Day," he said.

An agenda item regarding the County Assistance District was also under consideration with discussion being led by Commissioner Jimmie Long. This item was on the agenda because, according to Long, the Court must decide whether to put it on the May ballot by March.

Long is looking to have the County Assistance

Obituaries

Shirley Copeland

Shirley Copeland, 55, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 5, 2021. Visitation will be Monday from noon until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Coahoma Cemetery with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.



Shirley was born July 19, 1965 in Mason.

She graduated from Garden City High School and had two Associate Degrees from Howard College. She was employed by Howard College

since 1990. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Shirley is survived by her husband: Robert Copeland of Big Spring; father: Frank Clifton of Garden City; one brother: Sam Clifton and his wife Jenny of Garden City; two nephews: Johnathon Young and his wife Katelynn; and Keith Clifton; and one niece: Ashlie Akins and her husband Coby; one great nephew: Carson; one great niece: Kaydence; mother-in-law and father-in-law: Marie and Gary Copeland; brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Michael and Rachel Copeland; and two fur babies: Stella and Tilly.

Shirley was preceded in death by her mother: Betty Clifton; and grandparents: Gladys and Slayden Pike and Marie and Jim Clifton.

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

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District back on the May ballot by bringing more attention to it and informing the public and what it entails. The County Assistance District would add a 2% tax on all retail stores that are not tax-exempt outside of the city limits of Coahoma, Forsan, and Big Spring.

"I'm just trying to find a way to bring in revenue to people who drive through our county," Long said.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long to put the item on the May ballot. A second was made by Commissioner Ray, to pass unanimously.

"It's our hope that we can get this done. We want to use this money to defray property tax. Right now, Howard County gets about \$0.18 on the dollar of the property taxes you owe. So, if we bring that down at

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Shirley Copeland, 55, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Coahoma Cemetery.

Land Office Launches Texas Defense Task Force

Newly formed task force to focus on fighting federal overreach, preserving Texas energy independence

AUSTIN - Today, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the formation of the Texas Defense Task Force within the General Land Office with the mission to identify federal overreach and fend off threats to the Texas oil and gas economy.

The move comes less than two weeks after Governor Abbott's order for state agencies to begin preparing to protect Texas' energy industry from the crippling effects of federal overreach seen in the first weeks of the Biden Administration. As the oldest agency in the state, the General Land Office has a constitutional duty to protect and defend Texas's public and the mineral-rich lands set aside for Texas's school children.

"Texans have a deep-rooted history of defending our livelihoods, and we have every intention to carry on this proud tradition. The unprecedented pace at which the Biden Administration is attempting to wipe out jobs through executive orders

will be met with the full force of the law," said Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "The Texas Defense Task Force is prepared to aggressively pursue every legal avenue to slow down and stop this alarming onslaught of executive orders and defend the hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs and our economy at large."

The Texas Defense Task Force will be led by Commissioner Bush and will partner with other private entities to pose legal challenges to the Biden Administration's policies that directly impact Texas. The Biden administration is already responsible for a record-setting 45 executive orders, actions, and memorandums that include halting construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline, rejoining the Paris Climate Accord, and pausing new leases for oil and gas drilling on federal lands.

A recent analysis shows that

nearly 120,000 Texas jobs are at stake by 2022 should the ban be made permanent. The oil and gas economy is fundamental to Texans' independent way of life and is critical to our state's success. Commissioner Bush has drawn a line in the sand, with a series of lawsuits to be announced in coming weeks.

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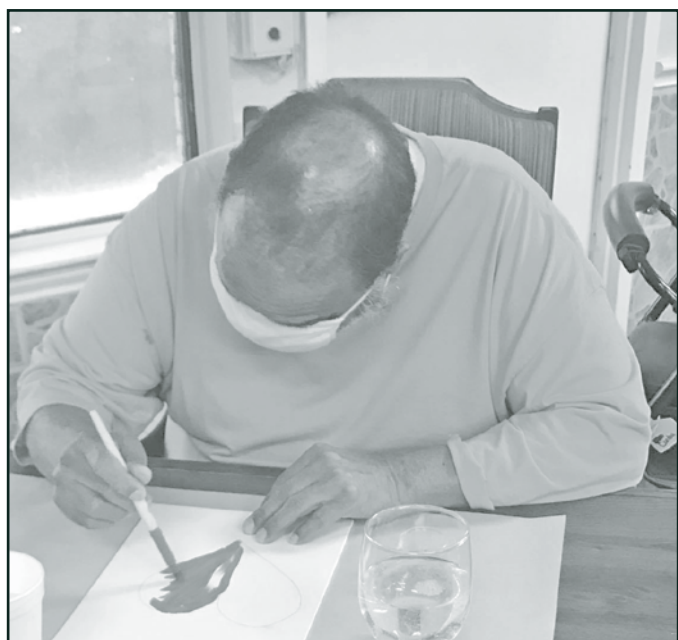
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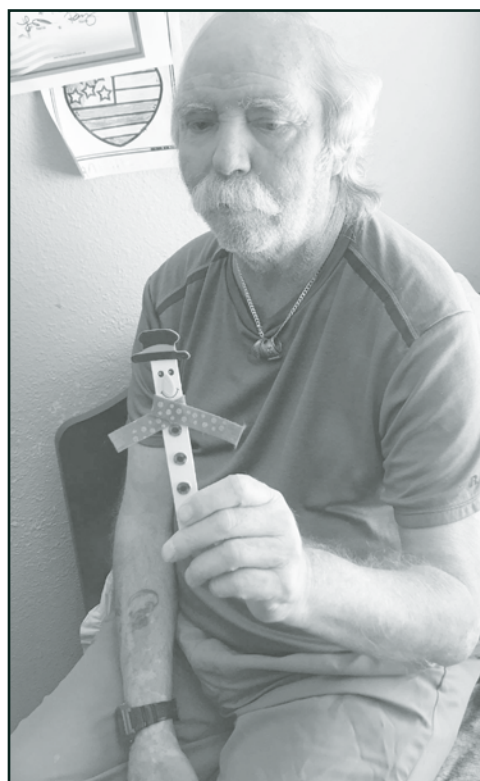
Staying active, whether rain or shine

From wine and canvas events, to creative crafts - Parkview residents know how to have fun



Courtesy photos

When the weather is a little chilly outside, the residents at Parkview still know how to have fun indoors. Over the past couple of weeks, residents have taken part in an indoor "snowball" fight, created snowmen out of crafting supplies, and even taken part in a wine and canvas event. While there are still Covid-19 restrictions in place for the health and well being of the residents and staff, there are still plenty of social distancing activities to take part in on a daily basis.



TSTC students look forward to getting careers off the ground

ABILENE - Students in Texas State Technical College's Aircraft Airframe Technology program are back in the hangar.

Students studying for a certificate in the program began their second semester in January and are ready to learn more about the inner workings of an aircraft.

"This semester, so far, has been really good for me," said Jordan Grisham, of Tyler. "We have been learning a lot of different things, including basic electronics and wood/fabric finishes."

Grisham was drawn to the program after friends told him it would be a good career choice.

"I also like the mechanical side of the job," he said. "I have a lot of family members that are pilots, and I thought I would join the family trade. Planes have always been intriguing to me."

Grisham said he was ready to get back in the hangar after the winter break.

"During the long break, I did not want to leave. I just wanted to stay with it," he said. "I enjoy the hands-on approach offered in the program."

Darwin Binek, who is originally from the Metroplex, said his time in the U.S. Marine Corps flying

missions overseas led him to continuing in the field.

"The semester has been going really well," he said. "This is an extension of what I did in the military for 18 years."

Binek's wife wanted to move back to Texas, and a family member recommended that he look at TSTC. He said TSTC offers one thing the military did not.

"I like going to school. It is a lot easier than getting shot at when I was deployed," he said jokingly.

Binek appreciates being able to work in the hangar while also having to study online.

"Like in the military, I learn more by doing things with my hands," he said. "It is easier for me to get a task done by doing it."

Both Grisham and Binek know that TSTC is preparing them for a career. But they may go different routes after receiving their certificates.

"I am looking forward to getting a job working on planes," Grisham said. "I think at the same time I will start learning how to fly."

Binek would like to return to his roots.

"I think I will try to get on with a defense contractor somewhere," he said.

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Big Spring Steer Cate places 6th at Regionals

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

This past week the Big Spring Swim Team competed in the Lubbock Swimming and Diving Championships in the Boys 1 meter. Smith Cate placed 6th, finishing only six points behind 5th. The talented Diver is a sophomore and second year diver. Thursday the girls swim team were called up and were given the opportunity to swim as first alternates in the Girls 400-yard Freestyle Relay on Friday. The Big Spring girls swim relay team of Jayda Overton, Steffany Pina-Arment, Brooklyne Heffle, and Katherine Greene placed 15th in the prelims Friday morning with a time of 5:25:25, and qualified to swim in finals Friday evening. In the finals the Girls swam a full second faster with a time of 5:24:17, and came in 15th. The Boys team finished the event in 20th place after 24 events, and the girls came in 25th. The winner of the events was Lubbock ISD for both the boys and Girls divisions.



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Steer relay team competed at the Regional Competition in Lubbock. The team is pictured above left. Diver Smith Cate also competed placing 6th in his division.

Dustin Pope is the Sports Writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, email sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Ball's 3-point shooting lifts Hornets past Rockets 119-94

By **STEVE REED**

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Everywhere LaMelo Ball has played basketball, people have tried to change his 3-point shot.

But the 19-year-old has steadfastly refused.

"I stick with it. I say, 'This is how I shoot,'" Ball said. "I'm committed in it and I feel good letting it go. I came here and they tried to adjust it a little, but I'm like, 'Ah, this is how I shoot.'"

And right now, there's no reason to change.

Ball made a career-high seven 3-pointers — most of them from several feet behind the arc — and finished with 24 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds Monday night as the Charlotte Hornets defeated the short-handed Houston Rockets 119-94.

Ball is 21 of 40 from beyond the arc in his last six games.

Miles Bridges had another strong outing with 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Gordon Hayward added 19 points for the Hornets, who opened the fourth quarter on a 19-1 run to blow open a tight game.

Victor Oladipo had 21 points and led the Rockets, who shot 2 of 19 from the field and scored just seven points in the fourth quarter.

Ball's release point is at his chest, not above his shoulders like most shooters. Hornets coach James Borrego said he had some initial concerns about Ball's form prior to the NBA draft.

But Borrego said that ended when he and general manager Mitch Kupchak watched Ball work out in person after a trip to Los Angeles.

"When we went there, there was just a confidence about him and his shot," Borrego said. "As I sat there with Mitch I looked over and said 'he's going to be fine.' The kid is confident and believes it is go-

ing in. And that is at least half the battle."

Borrego said he has been most impressed by Ball's range.

"Whether he's at the line or two feet behind the line, it's the most effortless," Borrego said.

The momentum of the game changed when Malik Monk, who scored 14 points off the bench, knocked down a 3-pointer in the waning seconds of the third quarter to give the Hornets a 90-87 lead.

Charlotte then held the Rockets without a field goal for more than 7 1/2 minutes to start the final quarter. It wasn't until 4:18 remained when Oladipo finally broke the drought with a 3 from the wing.

SHORT-HANDED ROCKETS

Houston played without three of its top four scorers — John Wall, Eric Gordon and Christian Wood. Gordon and Wall were given a night of rest, while Wood missed his second straight game with a strained right ankle. Together, the trio is accounting for more than 59 points per game.

Rockets coach Stephen Silas said he expects Wall and Gordon to play Tuesday night, but said Oladipo will sit out.

"It impacted us a lot," Silas said of playing without Wall and Gordon. "Those guys are good defenders. We're one of the best defensive teams when they're on the floor. They weren't on the floor tonight and I didn't like our defensive approach, so we're going to need them tomorrow night."

TIP INS

Rockets: Ben McLemore had 15 points off the bench on four 3-pointers. ... P.J. Tucker picked up three fouls in the game's first eight minutes and didn't score.

Hornets: Point guard Devonte Graham missed his second straight game with a strained groin. ... Charlotte is 10-0 this season when leading entering the fourth quarter. ... Ball's seven 3s tied a rookie franchise record.

UP NEXT

Rockets: At New Orleans on Tuesday night as the second part of a back-to-back.

Hornets: At Memphis on Wednesday night.

Forsan Freshman defeat Stanton Buffaloes as season wraps up Monday



Courtesy photo/Marci Lusk

The Forsan Buffaloes freshman team wrapped up their season as they faced off in the battle of the buffaloes on Monday night. After a hard fought game, the Forsan Buffaloes came out with a victory in the final game of the season. Jake Myers goes up against a Stanton defender during the game.

Big Spring Little League sign ups are open until Feb. 22

Herald Staff Report

Basketball season across Howard County is wrapping up as teams closed up their 2020-2021 season this past weekend and into Monday night. The Junior High and Freshman teams across the area stepped onto the court one final time Monday. While Big Spring Lady Steers may be moving on to the final games, many other teams have put up their basketball shoes and area gearing up for baseball season.

In addition to the area schools preparing for Baseball season, the Big Spring Little League has opened registration and is looking forward to getting back into the swing of things.

Baseball sign ups have opened up for all divisions. The fee is \$100 and the website - were signs up are being encouraged this year - charges \$3.

All registrations and payments will be online. If you can not pay online please reach out to the Little League Board members and allow them to help make arrangements for you to pay. The League is hoping to have a full season this year, but it could change at anytime. The last day for registration will be February 22. For those wanting to register, visit the following link: <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/BSLLbaseball>

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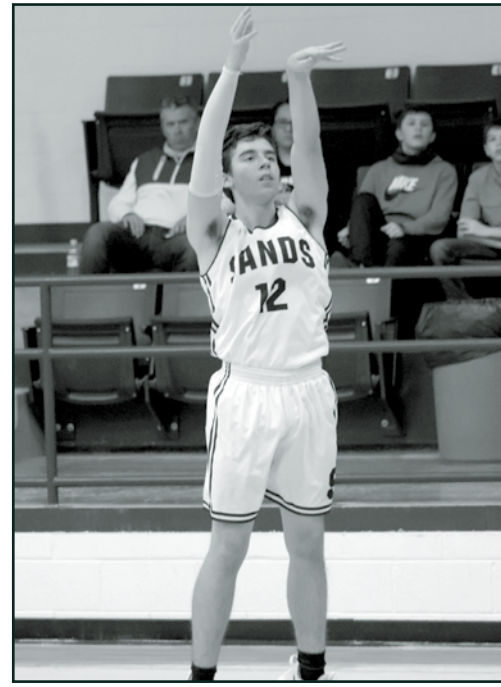


Sands Mustangs take victory over Garden City



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The Sands Mustangs faced off against the Garden City Bearkats. With home court advantage which proved to be helpful, as the Mustangs claimed the victory for the night the final score was 52 to 26.



Elvis leaving Texas: Rangers deal Andrus to A's for DH Davis

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Baseball Writer

Elvis is leaving Texas.

Veteran infielder Elvis Andrus was traded to the Oakland Athletics on Saturday, just over two months after the Texas Rangers said the only player remaining from their only two World Series appearances would no longer be the starting shortstop after 12 seasons in that role.

Texas sent the 32-year-old Andrus, catcher Aramis Garcia and \$13.5 million to the A's for designated hitter Khris Davis, catcher Jonah Heim and right-hander Dane Acker.

"At the beginning it was a little shock but at the same time I understood what was going on in our (Texas) organization, they're rebuilding and that process," Andrus said. "When I found out, the opportunity playing for Oakland opened up, it makes sense for me for my career, for where I'm at right now."

Andrus is owed \$14 million in each of the next two seasons. The \$120 million, eight-season deal he signed in 2015 also includes a \$15 million option for 2023 that now, because of the trade, becomes a player option if he has 550 plate appearances in 2022, or

1,100 combined in 2021-22.

The AL West champion A's, who made the playoffs in each of the last three seasons, recently lost shortstop Marcus Semien to Toronto in free agency.

"Elvis will fit in very well with our infielders. He has a passion for defense as do our other guys," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said via text message. "I've seen his leadership qualities from the opposing dugout for 10 years now."

Rangers president Jon Daniels said the deal had been discussed earlier in the winter, and conversations picked up in the past week. Daniels spoke Thursday night with Andrus, who could have vetoed any trade.

"From a career standpoint, I think he understood it right away," Daniels said. "This is an opportunity for him to play shortstop ... and (he) is very confident in his abilities to do that for a very good club."

The Rangers, whose only World Series appearances came in 2010 and 2011, said in December that Gold Glove-winning third baseman Isiah Kiner-Falefa, who will be 26 when the season opens, would be given the opportunity to be their top shortstop.

Andrus was told then to prepare to play all infield positions.

When Andrus made his MLB debut in 2009 at age 20, the Rangers moved Michael Young — then 32 himself — to third base after he had been an All-Star shortstop the previous five seasons. Young is still the team's career leader and Andrus is second on the list for games played, at-bats and triples. Young is also the career leader for hits and runs, with Andrus third in both those categories.

Andrus has a .274 career batting average, and the two-time All-Star is the only MLB player with at least 10 seasons of 145 games or more since his debut. But he hit .194 last season when limited to 29 games because of lingering lower back issues, and said he isn't sure people realized how difficult it was to play through that.

"I was really hurt, I wasn't physically ready," he said. "Last year took a lot of me. I think the team didn't like what they saw and kind of didn't understand me a little bit. At the end I think it's something that you cannot control as a player. They have a different direction than where I'm at right now."

The 33-year-old Davis led the majors with 48 home runs in 2018, but has since then struggled to consistently find his stroke. Now primarily a DH after once being a regular left fielder,

he has hit .243 with 218 homers and 580 RBIs in 938 big league games for the A's (2016-20) and the Milwaukee Brewers (2013-15). Davis hit .271 with 15 doubles, 32 homers and 80 RBIs in 79 career games against Texas.

"Khris has been a popular favorite of everyone here in Oakland, including mine," Melvin said. "We wish him the best in his new baseball chapter."

Davis, signed for \$16.75 million this season, hit .220 over 133 games in 2019, after a quirky stat of four straight years with a .247 batting average. He appeared in 30 games during the shortened 2020 campaign and hit .200 with two homers and 10 RBIs.

Heim, a 25-year-old switch-hitter, made his major league debut with the A's in 2020, hitting .211 with five RBIs in 13 games. Acker was the A's fourth-round selection out of Oklahoma in shortened MLB draft last summer.

Garcia, acquired from San Francisco on a waiver claim in November, missed all of the 2020 season while recovering from surgery on his right hip labrum.

The Rangers were an AL-worst 22-38 last season, and turned their focus to younger players. They had three 22-year-old rookies in the starting lineup on the final day of the season, a decade after the team's first World Series when Andrus was the youngster.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

North changes his tune

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ K 5 3
♣ A K 10 9 3

WEST
♠ K 5 2
♥ 7
♦ A Q J 9 8 7 4
♣ 6 2

EAST
♠ J 9 8 7 4
♥ 9 8 6 2
♦ 10
♣ Q 7 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q
♥ A Q J 10 4 3
♦ 6 2
♣ J 8 4

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

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

about it," he said. "You lost two finesses, East had a singleton diamond, and West also had to lead a diamond to beat you. I should have doubled four diamonds; they would have gone down three."

After North had finished, East pointed out that declarer could have made the contract by ducking the queen of diamonds at trick two. East said it was obvious from the bidding that the king would be trumped if it was played.

If it was not played, he continued, the defenders would then have found it impossible to stop the contract. If East discarded on the queen of diamonds and West led a third diamond, East could ruff, but South would overruff, draw trump and establish the clubs to bring home 10 tricks. His spade loser would eventually go off on dummy's fourth club.

Nor would it help East to trump the queen of diamonds, because declarer would then still have the king of diamonds in dummy on which to discard his queen of spades. South would lose only a diamond, a diamond ruff and a club on this line of play.

North had listened quietly to East's analysis, which was clearly correct. When East was through, North turned back to his partner and snapped, "Well, how come you didn't play it that way?"

Tomorrow: A choice of finesses.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Being keenly aware of the habits of those close to you, you know how to cater to their preferences or disregard them strategically, depending on the effect you're going for. You've got game today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your smooth manners provide shock absorbers and grease for the wheels of social interaction. You're creative, spontaneous, sensitive and empathetic. Any friend of yours is lucky.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People are more likely to remember those they perceive as having a higher status, not because they are shallow social climbers but because humans are hard-wired for climbing. In a new arena, making yourself memorable is key.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While there are days when it benefits you to stay wide-eyed with your head on a swivel, this isn't one of them. Narrow focus is needed. Put blinders on and march ever forward. You can't stumble over a thing if it's behind you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Pleasant circumstances are delightful, but it's the unpleasant ones that grow you. For instance, had you never been left to fend for yourself, you wouldn't be this self-sufficient. You'll love what you can accomplish alone today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In striving for harmony and happiness, it doesn't hurt to brush up on the rules of etiquette, so long

Annie's Mailbox

In It for the Long Haul

Dear Anne: I'm a 49-year-old who has been dating and living with my girlfriend for almost one year now. I'm madly in love with her, and she says the same. We have talked about marriage, and I would love to, but she keeps saying no.

She went through a 25-year marriage that she thought would last forever. She had been single for a few years, until the time we started dating. When we talk about it, she says her fear is that, one day, I will leave her, too. I can't get her to understand that I'm not like that, and she would have to try hard to push me away.

What can I do or say to ease her mind? -- Confused and In Love

Dear Confused and In Love: It sounds like she is traumatized from the abandonment she suffered during her first marriage. She is frozen with fear, anticipating that what happened to her the first time will happen again.

As a couple, communication is key. Rather than trying to "get her to understand" that you're not like that, listen to her concerns. Then, instead of pressuring her to do something she does not feel comfortable with, try creating some future plans. Continue to express what your needs are, and allow her to express her needs, without trying to change her. And encourage her to seek professional help for her trauma. It sounds like she is hurting.

Dear Annie: This is for "Unheard Girlfriend,"

as you avoid the pitfall of monitoring other people's behavior.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You respect people and their time and their privacy. They sense it; they trust you; and they tell you things you maybe wish you didn't have to know. Discretion takes self-control, but it's important.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be in a position to do a deal. It's appropriate for some visiting, speculation and negotiation to go down. It's a dance. Three times back and forth is acceptable, but not four.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 9). It won't start out as a creative situation, but you'll bring your visions and process to the picture and transform it. This is an attractive thing to watch, and people will gather as you work your magic. Next come the investors. You'll get a proposition in June. Your "yes" is not just an answer; it's a line of action. Sagittarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 44, 41, 9 and 32.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I've been doing EFT tapping during the pandemic, and I

don't know if it's all in my head or what, but I think it's really helped me with anxiety. Have you ever done it? What is your take? I'm an Aquarius, and I try out new stuff a lot."

Also known as psychological acupuncture or tapping, EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) was founded by Gary Craig. It calls on principles of traditional Chinese medicine, specifically acupuncture, to manage the energy of the body through tapping on meridian endpoints found on the top of the head, temples, chin, collar bone and elsewhere throughout the body. Specific phrases are recited while tapping, targeting an emotional component of the physical symptom.

Thousands of people claim achieving life-changing results from this practice, which falls under the umbrella of energy work or energy psychology. Other energetic practices include breathwork, reiki and much more.

My take is what works works. Aquarians like you typically appreciate the scientific aspects of phenomenon, and EFT may fall short in this way. While there may not be empirically sound evidence here, why would there need to be if it's working? Besides, open-minded people who are willing to experiment are typically more fun and interesting, don't you think? They have all the good stories. I'm thrilled for your healing!

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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!

Level: Beginner

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!

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

ANSWER:

Please thoroughly wash your hands to keep us healthy!

	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
5 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS 7	Tele	News	All About	Wild Kratt	King	Burgers	Fam. Guy	of Tarzan (DVS)	SportsCenter	Daily Wager	Golf SVU	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners: Guide
5 :30	ABC	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS	Noticias	News	Shofar	Wild Kratt	King	Burgers	Fam. Guy		College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	High School Player	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners: Guide
6 :PM	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exatlón Estados Unidos (SS)	News	Truth for Life	Xavier	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	NBA Basketball: Rockets at Pelicans			Stars In.	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners
6 :30	Wheel		Big Bang	ET		News		Molly	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang			Stars Pre.	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners	
7 :PM	To Tell the Truth	Te doy la vida	The Resident	NCIS (DVS)		Zoey's Playlist	Our Mess	Hero	Chicago P.D.	Horror	Big Bang			NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars.	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners	
7 :30	black-ish mixed-ish	Amor eterno	(:01) Prodigal Son	FBI	La suerte de Loli	This Is Us	Eye on	Odd		Horror	Big Bang			Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars.	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners	
8 :PM	Big Sky (DVS)	Como tú no hay dos	FOX 24 News at 9	FBI: Most Wanted	Buscando a Frida	(:01) Nurses	Light of Southwest	Cyber Molly	Mike	Seinfeld	Big Bang	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Utah Jazz.			Postgame Stars In.	Mod Fam	(:04) The First 48	Master Distiller
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12 :30	DailyMail																	
1 :AM	Paid Prg.	Marie Fit																
1 :30																		

ANDY CAPP

...AND I EXPECT YOU'RE GOING TO GO RUNNING OFF TO YOUR MOTHER

I'M NOT, ACTUALLY

SHE'S COMING HERE

AGNES

SO... YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY?

NOPE

I'M CELEBRATING SAINT JIMBO'S DAY. IT DOES NOT OBLIGATE PEOPLE TO LOVE... JUST MUTUAL TOLERATION.

WOW... THAT WILL SELL SOME CARDS.

NO CARDS ALLOWED... JUST BIG BAGS OF CANDY.

ARCHIE

BRAIN OVERLOAD?

ALL THIS HOMEWORK IS GETTING THE BEST OF ME!

I CAN'T MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF THIS MATERIAL!

THAT'S ESPECIALLY BAD CONSIDERING THE SUBJECT IS BIOLOGY!

ONE BIG HAPPY

JOE, DID YOU BREAK THE SHED WINDOW?

NO.

ARE YOU TELLING ME THE TRUTH?

WELL, SORT OF...

MEANING?

I DO SOMETIMES LIKE TO FOOL WITH THE FACTS.

THE BARN

AND WHO WE ARE THE ARE YOU SMORG. SUPPOSED YOU WILL TO BE? BE MOCKED. YOU WILL ALL BE MOCKED.

HA! GO AHEAD AND MOCK ME.

YOUR FRANCHISE IS BUILT ON FANTASY, WITH NO REGARD FOR SCIENCE.

GOOD GRAVY! I'VE BEEN MOCKED!

RESISTANCE IS FUTILE AND A LITTLE BIT SILLY!

MOMMA

I GOT KICKED OUT OF MY PAD, MOMMA. CAN I STAY HERE FOR A FEW DAYS?

OF COURSE!

I HAVE A NICE ROOM FOR YOU, ALREADY MADE UP!

WOW! IT'S LIKE A HOTEL!

RIGHT! THINK OF MY FRIDGE AS A HOTEL MINIBAR.

This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2021. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 9, 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

On this date:

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In 1942, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff held its first formal meeting to coordinate military strategy during World War II.

In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1960, Adolph Coors Co. chairman Adolph Coors III, 44, was shot to death in suburban Denver during a botched kidnapping attempt. (The man who killed him, Joseph Corbett, Jr., served 19 years in prison.)

In 1962, an agreement was signed to make Jamaica an independent nation within the British Commonwealth later in the year.

In 1964, the Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York on CBS.

In 1971, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley claimed 65 lives. The crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov, 69, died 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was followed by Konstantin U. Chernenko (chehr-NYEN'-koh).

In 1986, during its latest visit to the solar system, Halley's Comet came closest to the sun (its next

return will be in 2061).

In 1995, Former Senator J. William Fulbright died in Washington at age 89.

In 2002, Britain's Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71.

Ten years ago: Thousands of workers went on strike across Egypt, adding a new dimension to the uprising as public rage turned to the vast wealth President Hosni Mubarak's family reportedly amassed while close to half the country struggled near the poverty line. Rep. Christopher Lee, R-N.Y., abruptly resigned with only a vague explanation of regret after gossip website Gawker reported that the married congressman had sent a shirtless photo of himself to a woman on Craigslist. Lindsay Lohan pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles to felony grand theft of a \$2,500 necklace. (Lohan later pleaded no contest to taking the necklace without permission and served 35 days of house arrest.)

Five years ago: Republican Donald Trump posted a decisive victory in the New Hampshire primary, while Democrats lined up behind Bernie Sanders in their own act of anti-establishment defiance. President Barack Obama unveiled his eighth and final budget, a \$4 trillion-plus proposal freighted with liberal policy initiatives and tax hikes. Two commuter trains crashed head-on in a remote area of southern Germany, killing 12 people and injuring dozens of others.

One year ago: U.S. officials said airline passengers from China, including those who'd been in China in the last 14 days, were being funneled to 11 airports to ensure that they received medical screening and treatment for the coronavirus. New coronavirus cases were reported in Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, the U.K. and Spain. "Parasite," from South Korea, won the best picture Oscar, becoming the first foreign-language film to take home the biggest honor

in film.

Today's Birthdays: Retired television journalist Roger Mudd is 93. Actor Janet Suzman is 82. Nobel Prize-winning author J.M. Coetzee is 81. Actor-politician Sheila James Kuehl (kyool) (TV: "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis") is 80. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 79. Actor Joe Pesci is 78. Singer Barbara Lewis

is 78. Author Alice Walker is 77. Actor Mia Farrow is 76. Former Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., is 75. Singer Joe Ely is 74. Actor Judith Light is 72. R&B musician Dennis "DT" Thomas (Kool & the Gang) is 70. Actor Charles Shaughnessy is 66. Actor Ed Amatrudo is 65. Former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe is 64. Jazz musician Steve Wilson is 60. Country singer Travis Tritt is 58. Actor Julie Warner is 56. Country singer Danni Leigh is 51. Actor Sharon Case is 50. Actor Jason George is 49. Actor Amber Valletta is 47. Actor-producer Charlie Day is 45. Rock singer Chad Wolf (Carolina Liar) is 45. Actor A.J. Buckley is 44. Rock musician Richard On (O.A.R.) is 42. Actor Ziyi (zee yee) Zhang is 42. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Irina Slutskaya is 42. Actor Tom Hiddleston is 40. Actor David Gallagher is 36. Actor Michael B. Jordan is 34. Actor Rose Leslie is 34. Actor Marina Malota is 33. Actor Camille Winbush is 31. Actor Jimmy Bennett is 25. Actor Evan Roe (TV: "Madam Secretary") is 21.

Newsday Crossword

FIGHTING WORDS by Billie Truitt

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ACROSS	DOWN	9	33
1 Tablet for writing	1 Leaning Tower city	Gives feedback about	Small-minded
4 Highly decorative	2 Run ___ (go wild)	10 Per person	36 Steal from
9 Car's ___-view mirror	3 Sports team's loss	11 ___ spumante wine	37 So far
13 Nonspeaking street performer	4 Abstains from eating	12 Horse rider's strap	40 Color for a sailor suit
14 "Welcome to Hawaii!"	5 Low female voice	13 Yoga surface	41 Selected
15 Lighten, as a burden	6 When morning ends	20 "Time for me to go"	46 Wide shoe width
16 Dating from	7 IOU	21 ___ de Cologne	49 Argue the issues
17 Unemotional	8 Expensive pleasure boat	24 Toenail treatments, for short	51 Skiing surface
18 Play's opening		25 Eat away at	52 Shielded from the sun
19 Face adversity bravely		26 Needle-and-thread worker	53 What ovens provide
22 Morning hrs.		27 Contented cat sounds	54 Urge to scratch
23 Body art, for short		28 Solemn ceremonies	55 "Tall" story
24 Green pasta sauce		29 Actor Hawke	56 Neighbor of Yemen
27 Opposite of post-		31 Small hill	57 Surfing surface
30 Chart showing the 50 states		32 Declare void	58 Those folks
34 Before, in poetry			59 Periods of history
35 Tasting like apples or peaches			60 Gave temporarily
38 Voice quality			61 Price label
39 Now defeated, informally			
42 Creative spark			
43 Inhalation			
44 Cashew or pecan			
45 Bring a meal to			
47 Nine-digit ID			
48 In a strange way			
50 "Absolutely!"			
52 NNW opposite			
53 Attack unfairly			
62 And others: Abbr.			
63 Nebraska's biggest city			
64 Square footage			
65 Human rights org.			

Answer to previous puzzle

P	O	D	S	W	A	R	F	A	N
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Kansas' record Top 25 run over; Michigan jumps to No. 3

By **DAVE SKRETTA**

AP Basketball Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas dropped out of The Associated Press men's college basketball poll for the first time in 12 years on Monday, ending the Jayhawks' record streak of 231 consecutive weeks ranked in the Top 25.

Gonzaga and Baylor held down the top two spots, just as they have all season, with the Bulldogs getting 55 of 63 first-place votes and the Bears getting the other eight. Michigan took advantage of Villanova's loss at St. John's to jump into the top three, rival Ohio State climbed three spots to No. 4 and the Wildcats rounded out the top 5.

Illinois gave the Big Ten three teams in the top six after beating Indiana in overtime and pounding No. 21 Wisconsin over the weekend. The Illini were followed by Texas Tech, Houston, Virginia and Missouri, which beat Kentucky and No. 11 Alabama to reach the top 10 for the first time since Dec. 24, 2012.

The real drama came not at the top of the poll, though, but at the bottom of it.

When Kansas and UCLA fell out this week, it left the AP Top 25 without the Jayhawks, Bruins and fellow bluebloods Duke, Kentucky and North Carolina — with their combined 33 national championships — for the first time since Dec. 18, 1961. It also meant none of the 13 winningest Division I programs were ranked; No. 24 Purdue barely squeaked in.

The Jayhawks began their Top 25 streak on Feb. 2, 2009, when freshman guard Bryce Thompson was 6 years old. Their decade-plus of dominance, which began the season after winning the national championship, included 10 consecutive Big 12 regular-season titles, five conference tournament titles, two more Final Four trips and a runner-up finish in 2012.

Their game against No. 23 Oklahoma State on Monday night was to be the Jayhawks' first unranked in 434 games.

"It's basketball and we have another game to focus on," Jayhawks guard Jalen Wilson said after a 91-79 loss at No. 14 West Virginia on Saturday, their sixth defeat in the last 10 games. "In basketball you sometimes have to focus on what's in front of you and not think about the past and what you couldn't do. Another day, another game we just have to focus on."

The Jayhawks started 8-1 and climbed to No. 3 by Dec. 28, with their lone loss to Gonzaga and victories over then-ranked teams Kentucky, West Virginia, Creighton and Texas Tech on the road. But they have scuffled since the start of Big 12 play, losing

Thompson to an injury and failing to get enough production from an otherwise veteran team.

"We have plenty of games to go win and I know this team can do it," Kansas guard Christian Braun said. "Everyone's head is in a good spot, but we just have to do it on the court. We have to stop talking about it and actually be about it."

Kind of like the Bulldogs and Bears have been this season.

Gonzaga trailed Pacific at halftime last week before a 25-8 finishing run to win the game easily, then had its game against Santa Clara canceled over the weekend. The Bulldogs had a tough test against BYU on Monday night.

"It's really hard when everybody around them nationally and everything just thinks you're going to breeze through stuff," Bulldogs coach Mark Few said after their latest win, "but it's not reality."

Baylor beat then-No. 6 Texas on the road last week in the first matchup involving top-10 teams from the state of Texas, only to announce another pause for COVID-19 on Thursday. The Bears aren't scheduled to play again until Feb. 20.

The Crimson Tide and Sooners were followed at No. 13 by the Longhorns, who fell seven spots after their losses to Baylor and Oklahoma State last week. The Mountaineers were next, with Iowa falling seven spots to No. 15, followed by Tennessee, Florida State, Virginia Tech, Creighton and Southern California.

Rounding out the Top 25 were Wisconsin, Loyola of Chicago, Oklahoma State, Purdue and Rutgers.

IN AND OUT

Loyola entered the poll for the first time since the final poll of the 1984-85 season. That may surprise those who recall the Ramblers' dramatic run to the Final Four in 2018, but they never cracked the Top 25 that season.

The Trojans' win over then-No. 21 UCLA on Saturday night propelled them to their first ranking since December 2017, while Oklahoma State and Rutgers also joined the Top 25. The Cowboys are ranked for the first time since February 2015.

The Bruins dropped out, along with Kansas, Florida and Drake, whose 18-0 start was spoiled in a 74-57 loss to Valparaiso.

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR

Colorado, San Diego State and Xavier were the first three to reside outside the Top 25, while Belmont continued to pick up votes after the Bruins improved to 20-1 with romps over Eastern Illinois and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

Big Spring Steer Tennis team excels at Sweetwater Invitational

Special to the Herald

Big Spring Athletics

Tennis season is here and the Steers are out on the road making waves. Recently the Big Spring tennis players took part in one of the first matchups this season and exhibited talent that couldn't be ignored.

The team members excelled in the Sweetwater Invitational this past Thursday.

Wyatt Cornish - Consolation Finals - Boys Singles

Kaleigh Mundell - Consolation Finals - Girls Singles

Miranda Prieto/Zander Bishop - Third Place - Mixed Doubles

Jaysena Roberts/Mason Patterson - Second Place - Mixed Doubles

Paris Castenada - Second Place - Girls Singles

Upcoming Athletic Events

Big Spring

Lady Steers Playoff game in Lubbock at Lubbock Roosevelt. game starts at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 11

Junior High Girls track try-outs will be Feb. 16 and 17 from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 to 5p.m. all girls need to change into workout clothes, and must have a physical on file before.

Howard

Howard College Lady Hawks will take on Clarendon at Dorthy Garrett Coliseum Thursday Feb.11 start time is at 5:45p.m.

Howard County Hawks men will take on Clarendon at Dorthy Garrett Coliseum Thursday Feb.11. Game starts at 7:30p.m.

Coahoma

Coahoma Bulldogetts playoff game in Ballingeris Thursday Feb.11, the game starts at 6:15 p.m.

Bucs' Javadifar, Locust 1st female coaches to win Big Game

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Lori Locust and Maral Javadifar, Super Bowl champs.

To their many fans in the NFL world and beyond, that's got a real nice ring to it.

Locust and Javadifar became the first female coaches on a team to win the Super Bowl, helping the Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat the Kansas City Chiefs 31-9 Sunday night.

The 30-year-old Javadifar is an assistant strength and conditioning coach, and the 56-year-old Locust is an assistant defensive line coach.

"History was made tonight!" tennis great and social justice champion Billie Jean King tweeted.

Locust and Javadifar have worked two seasons on the staff of coach

Bruce Arians. Soon enough, they'll get their Super Bowl rings, just like Tom Brady and the rest of the Buccaneers.

"If you can teach, you can coach," Arians said last week. "As far as the women, it was time. It was time for that door to be knocked down and allow them because they've been putting in time, and they're very, very qualified. The ones we have are overly qualified."

Last season, Katie Sowers became the first female to coach in a Super Bowl. She was an offensive assistant for the San Francisco 49ers in their loss to the Chiefs.

"Even though I have yet to win the big game, with these amazing women helping to lead the way ... tonight, I feel like we all won," tweeted Sowers, who included

the hashtags #progress #diversity and #WomenSupportingWomen.

This year's game was the 55th Super Bowl.

The Buccaneers were the only NFL team with two female coaches on their staff this season.

"I do look forward to the day that it's no longer newsworthy to be a woman working in the pros or making the Super Bowl for that matter," Javadifar said last week. "And, you know, I hope we get to a point where all people are afforded equal opportunities to work in professional sports because there are a lot of great qualified coaches out there."

Locust echoed that sentiment.

"It wouldn't matter if we were second in or 273rd," she said last week. "And I mean, like

we acknowledge the fact there hasn't been many before us, but it's not anything that we kind of keep in the forefront of what we do on a daily basis."

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The Postscript

“Such a Good Book”

I've always loved librarians. I remember my first school librarian. Her name was Mrs. Scheau, and she rode a bicycle to school, back when this was still a novelty. She wore a plaid skirt every day, and she was enormously kind. I had no idea how to find a book I would like to read (and isn't this still a challenge?) But Mrs. Scheau would always have a suggestion when I walked in. "What should I read next, Mrs. Scheau?" And she would hand me the next book. I remember the feeling of getting those books from the library and putting them in my book bag (school backpacks were not yet in vogue). We were not allowed to read in class, and we were not allowed to read at recess, so I had to wait until I got home to open the book. I remember that anticipation, the feeling that there was a treasure waiting for me under the protective plastic cover. Recently, I noticed I was not reading at all. I don't know how this happened, but my attention span shortened to the point where I couldn't seem to read more than a few hundred words at a



Carrie Classon

time. When I was tired, it was so much easier to watch a late-night comedian or a short documentary or browse Facebook. Before I knew it, it was time to go to bed, and I hadn't watched or read anything I cared about or would remember. "Does anyone know of a book club I could join?" I wrote on a community Facebook page. It should not have surprised me that the person who wrote back (within minutes!) was a retired librarian, Katy. "We have one you can join. I'll send you the info!" Just like that, I was the member of a book club. What I did not realize until the first meeting was that this book club was comprised almost entirely of retired librarians. It's called the "Any Book Club" because there is no assigned reading. Everyone just shows up and reviews whatever book they read that week. Because they are librarians, the books they read are interesting and diverse. An added bonus is that, on Zoom, I get a peek into the librarians' houses, filled with books. And they are almost always enthusiastic. "It's such a good book!" Bernadette, one of the

most enthusiastic of the librarians will say every week—sometimes more than once. "And the library has it!" Katy, the leader of the group, says, "It doesn't matter what you read, but you have to read something!" I'm still finding it hard to read. I've had to miss a couple meetings because I got no reading done that week. But most of the time now—when I am tempted to watch late-night television or catch up on cat videos—I think of my panel of librarians, earnestly talking about the books they love, and I go to my chair and make it past the first few hundred words until I am happily lost again in a good book. This week, I am reading a sad book. It is beautifully written and brings me into a world I would never have seen if the book had not taken me. I know I will cry before the book is finished. I am already looking forward to holding the book in front of the camera on my computer, showing my little panel of librarians the cover, and telling them enthusiastically, "It's such a good book!" And then I'll ask them, "What should I read next?"

Till next time,
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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