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<u>Upcoming Events</u>

The 2nd United Way and Friends Christmas Grocery Giveaway will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Star Dodge, 821 W. Interstate 20. Enter at the main entrance. 100 grocery boxes, first come first serve. Call 267-5201 for info.

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's Christmas Concert, "Home is Where the Heart Is," will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at First United Methodist Church. The event will feature soloists Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thibeault. Tickets on sale at www. bigspringsymphony. org.

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Shooting in Big Spring early Tuesday morning that the suspect, Danny Crosby was inside the residence and

Special to the Herald

In the early morning hours Tuesday, a **ENJOY SOLOISTS** man reportedly shot and

injured two people before turning the gun on himself, ending his life. According to a

press release issued by Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams: "On the 14th of December 2021 at ap-

proximately a.m., Big Spring Police Department officers and Big Spring Fire/ EMS was sent to the 100 block of Carey Street to a shooting that had just occurred. Upon officers was found that a 42 year

old Hispanic/Female and a 26 year old White/Male had suffered gunshot wounds and were outside of the residence. The Hispanic/Female told officers

had shot himself. Officers entered the residence finding Danny Crosby 62 years of age Black/Male to be laying on the ground with an apparent gunshot wound. Officers located a firearm laying in close TARA TROWBRIDGE & proximity to Mr. Crosby. Big Spring Fire/EMS ar-LAWRENCE THEBEAULT rived on scene and began treating all three gunshot victims. All three were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment. The Hispanic/Female and White/Male were flown from FIRST METHODIST CHURCH SMMC to University Medical Center in Lubbock

sustained and was pronounced deceased by the Justice of the Peace at SMMC. "Following the preliminary investigation it is suspected that Danny Crosby was at home in the 100 block of Carey with the Hispanic/ Female and White/Male when Mr. Crosby shot

Texas. Mr. Crosby succumbed to his injuries

both the Hispanic/Female and White/Male prior to turning the firearm on himself. "At the time of this release the 42 year old Hispanic/Female was in stable condition and the 26

"The Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigations Division is continuing the investigation into this incident and there is no further information available at this time.'

year old White/Male was in critical condition.

Council approves several contracts and agreements at Tuesday meeting

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members approved a slew of new contracts and agreements during their regular meeting Tuesday evening.

While the contracts and agreements were presented during the New Business portion of the meeting, the evening began as usual with the call to order, invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas

Big Spring citizen T.J. Stewart addressed the council during the meeting's Public Comment portion. Stewart related that, at the Dec. 6 Howard County Leadership Summit held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, he had submitted two questions for the City of Big Spring's leadership: One regarding the closure of the GEO prisons, and the other regarding veterans, and particularly homeless veterans.

"My question was, what are you doing with veterans issues, concerning homelessness, housing, jobs, and schooling for veterans and our families, so that we can seek and get employment within the city of Big Spring and Howard County? You addressed one question, but you did not address that one," Stewart said. "So the next day I got a call from the representative with the West Texas VA. I did not give that card to the VA, I gave it to you."

Stewart went on to say he called several officials within the city, but none of them were available to take his call.

"When you ran, veterans were a priority for you," Stewart said to Mayor Shannon Thomason. "As a veteran, I am standing before you, and I am going to hold you to that, each and every time." Stewart criticized the mayor for "cutting down" veterans and lack of trans-

Following Stewart's comments, City Manager Todd Darden gave his report. He reminded residents of District 6 that the Large Item Pickup is scheduled today. He also mentioned that the city plans to begin Large Item Pickup once again with District 1 in January. Darden also reminded the council that Christmas and New Years' holidays are coming up. City facilities will be closed Dec. 23 and 24, as Christmas Day is Saturday the 25th. New Year's holiday will be Friday, Dec. 30. He requested that council members nominate new members for the Convention and Visitor's Bureau board. "We need some members appointed to that board so that we can conduct some business that is going to be coming up," he said. Darden reported that city staff atttended a Public Funds Investment Policy Training event, and that the city needs to do some work on its investment policy to bring it into line with state law. Finally, Darden once again expressed sympathy for the Andrews ISD and pride for Big Spring's assistance following the fatal bus crash earlier this month. "It gives me a lot of pride to see what we did for that community. It wasn't expected, it's just what people who live here chose to do, and that's Big Spring. That's why I choose to live here, the big hearts that this city has." Darden particularly expressed gratitude to emergency services and to Mayor Thomason for their leadership during the crisis.

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Roy and Michelle Worthy endow HC scholarship



Roy Worthy, left, presents a \$15,000 check to Howard College's Julie Bailey to establish the Roy

and Michelle Worthy **Endowed Scholarship.** According to Bailey, "It's for basically any student. It's open. It doesn't have to be a certain degree plan or anything. It can be a full or part time student. Maintain a 2.5 GPA or above, but basically just a general scholarship. It's for the Big Spring campus." Bailey said the amount of the scholarship will depend upon the interest raised by the scholarship's principal, and the first scholarships should be presented



to students in Fall 2022.



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Obituaries

Oscar S. Padilla



Oscar S. Padilla, age 41 Oct 4, 1980 - Nov 27, 2021

We regret to announce the passing of Oscar S. Padilla. He passed away, surrounded by his love ones. Oscar received all his education in Big Spring, TX. Oscar started his own company in well servicing but was most proud of his work as a "handyman". He will forever live in

the hearts of his mother Rosario Padilla-Martinez, step-father Francisco Martinez and brothers Jesus Villalobos, Alex Padilla, Jose Martinez and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

301 E. 24th St. Big Spring, TX 79720

A memorial service will be Dec 16, 2021 @ 6pm to

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@ Bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center. • Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose
- of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003. • GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved
- one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 95 inmates at the time of this report.

•DANIELLE AMBER FREITAG, 32, was

- arrested by BSPD on a charge of no drivers license. •HECTOR DANIEL GOMEZ-GARCIA, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of
- evading arrest detention/vehicle. •RANDALL ERIC HERNANDEZ, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving
- while intoxicated. •DWAYNE RAY MCNEW, 53, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of illegal dumping mor than 5lbs less than 500lbs.
- •MIGUEL ANGEL PALACIOS, 30, was arrested by DPS on a charge of evading arrest detention, reckless damage or destruc-•DOMINICH RAMIREZ, 20, was arrest-
- ed by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz, unlawful carrying
- •SIMON A SALDANA, 51, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of violation bond/protective order. •STEVEN ALBERT WALKER, 41, was
- arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family house member.
- •MICHAEL SHANE WEBB, 55, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3100 block of S Hwy 87. No transport was required. •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1200

block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain medical Center. •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600

block of Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1200

block of W 2nd St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center. •MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2900 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3000 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 400 block of NW 9th St. No transport was required.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 400 block of N Lamesa Hwy. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 400 block of Edwards Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•FIRE was reported in the 700 block of Pine. Fire was contained.





Thursday, December 16, until 8:00 pm

Brenda's Corners - 606 S. Gregg

Dazzling Décor - 1304 Scurry St.

FAMOUSEIle - 215 S. Main

FashXCas - 305 S. Main

Lula Blu Boutique - 406 E. Marcy Drive, Suite A

Queens of the Dude Ranch - 221 S. Main

The Crowned Bird - 406 E. Marcy Dr.

The Wardrobe - 115 S. Main

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The Council unanimously approved the

meeting's Consent Agenda consisting of

four items: Approval oof the city council

minutes of the Nov. 16 regular meeting

and the Dec. 8 special meeting; final read-

ing of a resolution authorizing application

for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice

Assistance Grant Program to fund Big

Spring Police Department operations and

media data management network servers;

final reading of a resolution authorizing

selection of a professional services pro-

vider for engineering and desgin firms

related to programs funded by the city's

share of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recov-

ery Funds (CLFRF); and final reading of

an ordinance amending the city's budget

to fund the replacement of the boiler in the

The council also unanimously approved

vouchers for Nov. 18 in the amount of

\$1,071,618.98; for Dec. 2 of \$461,360.11; and

In New Business, the council unani-

mously approved the Zoning Board of

Adjustment minutes of its Nov. 10 meet-

ing and the Big Spring Economic Devel-

opment Corporation's Board of Directors

The council also accepted a \$2,000 dona-

tion from the G.C. Broughton Foundation

to the Big Spring Senior Center. Commu-

nity Services Director Hayley Herrera

mentioned that, at a future meeting, she

would request the purchase of a "delivery

Next, the council heard from Nick Wes-

terman, a municipal advisor with SAM-

CO regarding saving money on municpal

bonds issued by the city in 2012. 2022 is the

earliest the bonds could be paid off, and

doing so should save the city as much as

The council approved the item unani-

mously. During the discussion on the item,

Councilwoman Diane Yanez (District 2)

began coughing uncontrollably and had

to leave the meeting. After a brief break,

the council resumed the meeting with six

The next nine items on the meeting's

agenda all concerned agreements, leases

or contracts with other businesses or enti-

Of these, the first was with Enterprise

Fleet Management for leasing of four Po-

lice Package Chevrolet Tahoe SUVs and

one Animal Control Half-Ton Truck with

an animal confinement box. Funds for the

purchase of the vehicles were included in

the fiscal year 2021-22 city budget, and all

five of the vehicles are slightly under the

budgeted amounts: \$283,060 for the four

Tahoes (\$301,876 budgeted) and \$34,682.43

for the Animal Control truck (\$36,520 bud-

geted). Councilman Cody Hughes (Dis-

trict 3) expressed concern about dial gear

shifting systems in the new Tahoe SUVs.

Police Chief Chad Wil- -

Municipal Auditorium.

for Dec. 9 of \$820,651.92.

minutes of its Oct. 28 meeting.

vehicle" for the Senior Center.

\$856,000 by 2032.

members present.

ties.

Take Note

- Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44.
- Senior Citizens Dances are held the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is December 17. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information call 517-9097.
- The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.
- Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held every from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/ vaccine.
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to

have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

- The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Dec. 18 "Holiday Spectacular" at First United Methodist Church; Jan. 22: "The Music of Queen' at Big Spring High School; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. Venues for the February and April concerts will be announced at a later date. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.
- The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.
- Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

tionSmart will allow the court to receive

information on traffic tickets earlier than

they previously have, and to automatical-

ly send payment reminders via text mes

The council approved an emergency

resolution authorizing continued nego-

tiations with the heirs of George W. Neill

regarding the city's acquisition of the

property at 1505 E. Second St. for the pur-

pose of building a sewer lift station on the

property. The council authorized offering

to pay back property taxes on the lot in ad-

dition to the offered sale price. The taxes

The council also approved an emergen-

cy ordinance ordering and declaring 17

city charter amendments passed by voters

The council also unanimously passed an

item establishing \$15,000 bonds for each

Ocity official, at a cost of \$53 per year per

The council tabled action on an item to

remove members appointed prior to July 1

from the Airpark Development Board, the

Parks and Recreation Boaard, the Traf-

fic Commission, the Planning and Zon-

ing Commission, the Animal Rescue and

Adoption Committee, the Board of Adjust-

ments and Appeals and the Zoning Board

of Adjustments. The reason for tabling the

item is that it was proposed by Yanez, who

The council also approved appointment

of John Watkins to the McMahon-Wrinkle

Airpark Development Board. Watkins

was nominated by Councilman Nick Or-

nelas (District 1). The council tabled ap-

pointments of Rosie Franco to the Board of

Adjustments and Appeals, and Jonathan

was no longer present.

person. The city will pay the costs.

sage to ticket recipients.

are approximately \$2,000.

in November.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson

Beatrice Perry, 81, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Penny Athas, 64, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Alepholia Velasquez, 69, died Saturday. Visitation will be Sunday 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with prayer service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Oscar Chapel

Charles Evans, 85, Smith Chapel.

Padilla,41, Sat. Nov. 27,2021 family will receive friends Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. with a memorial service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith

died Thurs. Nov. 25, 2021. Memorial service will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Myers &

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Next, the council voted 5-1 with Councilman Nick Ornelas (District 1) dissenting, to extend the city's contract with Vector Fleet Management for the upcoming year. This marks the sixth time the contract has been extended. The extension includes a 3 percent rate increase, the maximum the company is allowed to increase its rates from one year to the next. According to information provided by the company in a letter to Assistant City Manager John Medina, the Sept. 2021 consumer price index increase for transportation services in Texas was 17 percent.

The council unanimously approved a runout agreement with TML Health.

"TML has now changed from United Health to Blue Cross and that starts in January. That said, the end of the contract with United Health will be in December," Medina said. "So any claims that might come in after that contract ends will be at a non-network discount rate. What this contract does is, it allows us to realize 50 to 70 percent discounts on those claims." Medina said the discounts will start in April and run through the end of 2022.

The council unanimously approved an agreement with Scenic Mountain Medical Center, in which case the hospital will provide medication to the city's Emergency Medical Services for its cost plus 5 percent.

"What this agreement will help us do is keep the flow of medications that we use on a daily, weekly, monthly basis steady. They'll also help bring down costs," said Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson. "We have several suppliers that we currently get medications from and there are

some shortages. The costs are going up.' Other agreements approved unanimously by the council during the meeting Ray to the Economic Development Corpoincluded: An agreement with CivicPlus for agenda and meeting management software at a cost of \$20,210 for the first year and \$15,779.60 for additional years; pur-

chase of a 30-foot wide water line easement from Callon Petroleum Operating Company on a 12.24acre tract of land for \$42,750; lease of Building 19 at the Airpark; termination of a lease agreement at the Airpark with D&I Silica LLC; and an agreement with Jacob and Martin LLC for engineering services related to sludge dewatering operations at the municipal Water Treatment Plant.

In other business, the council unanimously approved changes to the city's Personnel Policy Manual, including changes to the city's policies on sexual harassment, drug and alcohol use, and drug and alcohol use for transportation employees.

The council approved allowing the Big Spring Municipal Court to charge a service fee for credit or debit card use for traffic tickets. Judge Timothy Green reported that a new system called Citaration (EDC) Board; they were nominated by Yanez. The council adjourned into closed session at the end of the meeting.

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Expedition Royalty - 220 S. Main St. Scenic Mountain Medical Center - 1601 W. 11th Pl. Big Spring Ford - 500 W. 4th St. Prosperity Bank - 1411 S. Gregg St.



vehicles have, although I Avoid problems down the road. he said dial shifters are I Ensure your vehicle's heating system easy to use and just take I is operating properly with preventive some getting used to. The council approved the 1900 E. 3rd



lease unanimously.

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BIG HERALD SPRING HERALD Wednesday, December 15, 2021 Coahoma All-District Football Awards announced



Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs placed four players on the first team All-District 3-4A football squad. Coach Chris Joslin's Bulldogs finished the season with a 3-7 ond team. record including a 1-4 league record.

Coahoma had three players named to the offensive first team and one player on the defensive first team. Making the offensive squad were running back Brysen Kerby and wide receivers Arian Emerson and Austin Perkins. Defensively, linebacker Rance Redden made the first team.

As expected, Idalou, Lubbock Roosvelt and Abernathy dominated the selection. Those teams were ranked in the top 10 of the state.

Kerby is a two-year all-district pick. Last year as a junior he was named to the all-state team. This year he rushed for 1,158 yards, averaging 5.6 yards per carry.

Emerson, a senior had 21 receptions for four touchdowns. He also returned a kickoff 80 yards for four touchdowns. Perkins, a junior averaged 26.2 yards per catch and had five touchdowns.

Redden, also a junior, was Coahoma's leading tackler, with 104 stops, 46 of them were solo... He also had a touchdown catch as a tight

Coahoma Al-District picks

1st team offense - Brysen Kerby rb, Austin Perkins, wr., Arian Emer-

1st team defense - Rance Redden, lb.

2nd team offense - Billy Bailey qb, Ky Kemper wr, Ashton Wennick OL 2nd team offense Braiden Boaz,dl; Jaidyn Vineyard ib, Reagan Chap-

Honorable mention - Ky Kemper db, Tristian Guerreo db, JB Mashburn lb, Billy Starr db, Vineyard rb, Redden te, Kaden Paul c, Nick Gonzales ol, Nick Tuttle lb, Ashton Wennik dl, Hendon Settles ol. Kobe Cervantes, ol. dl.

Academic all-state - Mashburn, second team, Starr second team, Kerby, sec-

The Coahoma Bulldogs drop a hard fought game to the Colorado City Wolves



Coahoma's Ryan Shifflett drives down the court with a Colorado City Wolf in pursuit. Shifflett had a game high of 21 points for the game and netted four 3-pointers during the night.

By STEVE BELVIN

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - On paper it looked like a runaway. On the scoreboard, it went down to the wire. When all the smoked had cleared the Colorado City Wolves managed to come away with a 56-50 win over the Coahoma Bulldogs here Tuesday night.

The Wolves dominated the stats. Taking advantage of a big size advantage the Wolves pretty much had their way against the Bulldogs, leading from start to finish. A good indication is Colorado City jumped out to a 16-2 first quarter lead. Led by 6-foot5 inch Jordon Raschke and fellow 6-foot-4 post player Mason Randle, C-City simply overpowered the Bulldogs. The Wolves had plenty to back them up with three other players and least 6-foot-2.

Colorado City scored the first nine points of the second quarter and the Bulldogs were looking at a 25-2 deficit with five minutes left in the half. The Bulldogs didn't go down that easily however. Enter Ryan Shifflett, who played half the game with an ankle sprain, to pick his Bulldog teammates up. Shifflett hit two threes and got a couple of steals to ignite his team and

 the home crowd. Then there was new player Devon Bennett who contributed a couple of buckets. The C-City lead was 29-22 at the half.

Bennett, a transfer from Big Spring, played a huge role in the Bulldogs comeback in the second half, hitting several three pointers. He finished the contest with 13 points. Shifflett had his usual consistent game, leading Coahoma with 20 points and seven rebounds.

The game really got pesky in the final quarter. After C-City stretched its lead to 45-31 going, into the final quarter, the Bulldogs gamely battled

back. Shifflett and Bennett made it rain threes and Coahoma pulled to within 55-50 with a minute left. Forced to foul quickly Coahoma sent C-C-ty to the line time after time for two shots. incredibly C-City missed 11 straight foul attempts, The

bad thing for Coahoma is that every time C-City missed the second end of foul shot, Raschke would grab the offensive rebound and C-City had the ball again, making Coahoma foul again.

Raschke had a great game, finishing with 18 rebounds, 16 points and three blocked shots. Randle wasn't so shabby either with 16 points and nine rebounds. C-Cithyoutrebounded Coahoma 52-24 in the game.

Coahoma coach Brandon Lucas said he was glad his team showed some offensive consistency. "That's the first time we've scored 50 points this season," Lucas said. "You know we're never going to be satisfied, but that's the best we've moved the ball around this year. Devon Bennett came in and played big for us. I liked the way we played. We were playing for each other."

COAHOMA (3-6) - Emerson 1 0 2; Hipp 2 0 5; Kemper 3 1 7; Shifflett 7 1 20; Vadney 1 0 2; Hernandez 1 13; Bennett 5 1 13; totals 19-48, 3-10 50.

C-CITY (4-7) - Lara 1 0 2; Maddox 2 3 7; Monroe 2 3 7; Kompa 2 0 4; Raschke 8 0 16; Briseno 1 1 3; Randle 8 0 16; totals 24-66, 8-22, 56,

Coahoma - 02-20-11-19 - 50.

C-City 16-13-16-11 - 56

Turnovers - Coahoma 8, C-City 9; Rebounds - Coahoma 24 (Shifflett 7, Hipp 4), C-City 52 (Raschke 18, Randle 9, Briseno 7, Green 6), Three Pointers - Coahoma (Shiflett 5, Bennett 3, Hipp 1); Assists -Coahoma (Shifflett 2); C-City (Maddox 2); Blocked Shots - Coahoma (Shifflett 2); C-City (Raschke 3).

JV - C-City 51, Coahoma 44.

Vikings' depth hurting; Westbrook latest on COVID-19 list

EAGAN, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings placed wide receiver/ punt returner Dede Westbrook on the COVID-19 reserve list on Tuesday, another hit to their skill position depth on offense amid a spike in positive tests across the NFL.

Running back Alexander Mattison and wide receiver/special teams ace Dan Chisena went on the COVID-19 reserve list the previous day. The Vikings claimed running back Wayne Gallman off waivers from the Atlanta Falcons for a reinforcement.

Standout wide receiver Adam Thielen missed Minnesota's most recent game with a sprained ankle, and it's unclear when he'll be back on the field.

The Vikings have also put three practice squad players and injured defensive end Danielle Hunter — who's on injured reserve and not

on the active roster — on the COVID-19 reserve list this week. That brings their total to 16 different players who've been shelved by viru protocols in less than six weeks, nine of whom have returned.

The Vikings play at Chicago on Monday night. The Bears place nose tackle Eddie Goldman and cornerback Artie Burns on the CC VID-19 reserve list on Tuesday and currently have five players side lined for virus protocols.



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Dear Annie: I have an old and close friend I've known for 50 years. We live far apart, and the only way to talk is by telephone. Over the past several years, my friend has start-

ed to suddenly interrupt our calls when there is a click on the line signaling another call. He will announce midsentence that he has another call coming in that he has to take and then abruptly hang up. He interrupts himself this way as often as he does me. It happens virtually every time we talk, no matter what time it is.

nient for him. That has not stopped this rudeness; he does this even when he has placed the call. I am at my wits' end and cannot think of a solution

I thought a solution to

this might be to ask him to

call me when it is conve-

short of writing off the friendship. This behavior is very much outside his normal character, which makes it all the more frustrating.

Any ideas on tactfully dealing with this problem? -- I Wasn't Finished

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do for the other. And the

felt that life was passing

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on when they needed

help with minor repairs,

technical problems that

can perplex older minds.

Our chosen grand-

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bachelor's degree at the

time, and she was truly

a wonderful blessing to

our family. She would ask

what I was fixing for sup-

per and then offer to cook

it and eat with us and

watch my youngest do

his homework, all while I

finished my assignments.

She was a real saint who

enabled me to have the

time to study and grad-

uate with honors. Then I

became an award-win-

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"grandparents" never

Dear I Wasn't Finished: Don't write off the friendship before vou've told your friend how you feel. You should at least let him know these abrupt goodbyes bother you and give him the chance to say his piece. This is a hunch, but is it possible you've not taken verbal cues -- such as "Well, it's getting late" or "I should let you go" -- that he'd like to end the call? He may be using call waiting as a quick way out. After all, with 50 years' worth of stories, I'm sure you two could talk for hours.

Dear Annie: I have read in your column numerous letters from families who, for various reasons, do not have any caring grandparents or other close relatives in their children's lives (for example, the recent letter from "Protective Husband"). My husband and I had the same problem.

children miss out on the benefits of having grandparents, we carefully observed older friends and neighbors and adopted "chosen" grandparents for our children. Whenever we moved, the process began again, to the benefit of both families. There were always many jobs that each family could

Rather than see our

ning schoolteacher for 39 years, which I might

not have been able to do without her help decades before.

Please look around and choose carefully. And remember that all family members do not have to be biological relatives. --Blessed by My "Chosen" Family Members

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By Steve Becker

Defense is a two-way job

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH ♠** K 7 4

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EAST

The bidding:

South West North East Pass 1 🏚 4 🏚 5 🏚 Dble Opening lead — jack of spades.

Bridge is a partnership game, all

right, but the many components of the game that this statement encompasses are not always fully appreciated. Most players think they are playing extremely well when they go through a long stretch without making a single mistake. However, they sometimes overlook the fact that they might have unwitby their partner.

NCIS: New

defender worth his salt will, if need be, go to extraordinary lengths to anticipate and prevent an error by his partner. Consider this deal where East, a

ously harms both players, any

very good player paired with a weaker one, took command of the defense to defeat South's five-club contract. West led the jack of spades. Had East made the lazy play of ducking the jack after declarer followed low from dummy, he might well have regretted it later

West would probably have led another spade, and South would have made the contract by ruffing the spade, cashing the ace of diamonds, playing a club to the ten and leading the diamond queen through East's king. Declarer would then establish dummy's diamonds for two heart discards and so make five clubs doubled. To prevent this from happening,

East overtook the spade jack with the queen and played the king and another heart, quickly setting the contract. East reasoned that, on the bidding, declarer almost surely had a singleton spade and that West had either the ace of hearts or ace tingly contributed to an error made of diamonds. Shifting to the heart at trick two could therefore do no Since this type of mistake obviharm and might do a lot of good. **Tomorrow:** Free for the asking. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc

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Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Today in History
Today is Wednesday, Dec. 15, the 349th day of 2021. There are 16 days left in the

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 15, 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he would grant diplomatic recognition to Communist China on New Year's Day and sever official relations with Taiwan.

On this date:

In 1791, the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, South Dakota, during a confrontation with <u>Indian police.</u>

In 1939, the Civil War motion picture epic "Gone with the Wind," starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable, had its world premiere in Atlanta.

In 1967, the Silver Bridge between Gallipolis (gal-ih-puh-LEES'), Ohio, and Point Pleasant, West Virginia, collapsed into the Ohio River, killing 46 people.

In 1971, the Secret Service appointed its first five female special agents.

In 1974, the horror spoof "Young Frankenstein," starring Gene Wilder and directed by Mel Brooks, was released by 20th Century

In 1989, a popular uprising began in Romania that resulted in the downfall of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu (chow-SHEHS'-koo).

In 2000, the long-troubled Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine was closed for good.

In 2001, with a crash and a large dust cloud, a 50-foot tall section of steel — the last standing piece of the World Trade Center's facade — was brought down in New York.

In 2010, the U.N. Security Council gave a unanimous vote of confidence to the government of Iraq by lifting 19-year-old sanctions on weapons and civilian nuclear power.

In 2012, a day after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, President Barack Obama declared that "every parent in America has a heart heavy with hurt" and said it was time to "take meaningful action to prevent more trag-edies like this."

In 2013, Nelson Mandela was laid to rest in his childhood hometown, ending a 10-day mourning period for South Africa's first Black president.

Ten years ago: The flag used by U.S. forces in Iraq was lowered in a low-key Baghdad airport ceremony marking the end of a war that had left 4,500 Americans and 110,000 Iragis dead and cost more than \$800 billion.

Five years ago: A federal jury in Charleston, South Carolina, convicted Dylann Roof of slaughtering nine Black church members who had welcomed him to their Bible study.

One year ago: Hundreds more hospitals around the country began dispensing COVID-19 shots to their workers in a rapid expansion of the U.S. vaccination <u>drive. The Food and Drug</u>

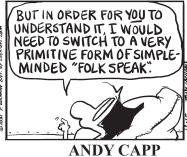
Administration cleared the first kit that consumers could buy without a prescription to test themselves for COVID-19 entirely at home. After weeks of holding out, Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulated Joe Biden on winning the presidential election. Biden nominated his former rival Pete Buttigieg (BOO'tuh-juhj) as secretary of transportation. Two-time reigning NBA MVP Gannis Antetokounmpo (YAH'-nihs an-teh-toh-KOON'-poh) said he'd signed an extension keeping him with the Milwaukee Bucks for at least five more seasons.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 82. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 79. Rock musician Carmine Appice (Vanilla Fudge) is 75. Actor Don Johnson is 72. Actor Melanie Chartoff is 71. Movie director Julie Taymor is 69. Movie director Alex Cox is 67. Rock

musician Paul Simonon (The Clash) is 66. Movie director John Lee Hancock is 65. Democratic Party activist Donna Brazile is 62. Country singer Doug Phelps (Brother Phelps; Kentucky Headhunters) is 61. Movie producer-director Reginald Hudlin is 60. Actor Helen Slater is 58. Actor Paul Kaye (TV: "Game of Thrones") is 57. Actor Molly Price is 56. Actor Garrett Wang (wahng) is 53. Actor Michael Shanks is 51. Actor Stuart Townsend is 49. Figure skater Surya Bonaly is 48. Actor Geoff Stults is 45. Actor Adam Brody is 42. Actor Michelle Dockery is 40. Actor George O. Gore II is 39. Actor Camilla Luddington is 38. Rock musician and actor Alana Haim (HYM) is 30. Actor Maude Apatow (AP'ih-tow) is 24. Actor Stefania Owen is 24.

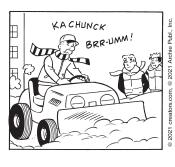
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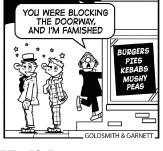
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By Holiday

WEDNESDAY **DECEMBER 15, 2021**

Lunar Conjunction to Ūranus

In a wave of emotional impulse, the Taurus moon aligns with Uranus in Taurus. Certain appetites feel too wild to contain, and the actions they trigger seem more powerful than the cages are strong. But considering there are lions who roar on command and bears who ride bicycles, we should be able to tame ourselves if we try.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you want requires an investment of time, money, energy or all of the above. But you don't have to bet the farm to make a change happen. Take a small risk and see how that feels before you take another

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just because you think you can do something doesn't mean you can, but it sure gives you a better start than the alternative. Today, you'll see a boss in action and think, "That could be me!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in the mood for something you're not sure you can afford. "Take care of the luxuries and the necessities will take care of themselves.' -- Dorothy Parker CANCER (June 22-July

22). It's demolition day for an idea, illusion or a string of unhelpful thoughts, the absence of which will free you to embrace current circumstances and accept yourself the way you are. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).

You're emotionally flexible and can play with modalities and tones until you feel optimism, joy and a general sense of winning. To change your attitude is to change the outcome. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Your labor will exceed the benefits of a job -- even more true in the case of jobs that don't pay. The rigors of your role will have you sweating with work that's thankless. Counteract stress by doubling down on selfappreciation. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Regret does serve a purpose. It informs the decisions of today. As the Chinese Proverb goes, "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second-best time is now." SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). You'll argue your point and argue it well. Not everyone will agree, but at least you'll give them something to think about. This isn't over not vet

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No person is an CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

island. You cannot possibly reach your goal without the cooperation of others. You'll work with others and give them what they need in order to obtain what you need.

Jan. 19). There's someone

you want to impress, but you'll be better off when you resist the urge to do so. You are already attractive to this person, so trying to be attractive will only work against you. Don't sell it when it's already sold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Three rules of show business will apply today: Read the room. Tell them what you're going to do, do it, then tell them what you did. Leave them wanting

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Keep moving. To hang out in any environment for too long is unproductive. You can begin again now. Any moment is a valid starting point for doing the thing you want to do and being who you want to be.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Dec. 15). You don't think of pleasure as something that must be cultivated yet it's what unfolds. You aim yourself toward measures of discipline considered by most to be work and you somehow fall in love with the endeavor. Your habits improve, your skills deepen and your purpose mellows into a powerful boldness. Aguarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 1, 13 and 44.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I'm a 77-year-old Libra writing my memoirs so that my children will have my side of the family history. Do you think it's ethical to leave out the bad parts? I'm not entirely proud of everything I've done in my life, but I do know that I did them for a reason. I'm no criminal, and yet I know I've hurt people and also at times taken the low road when I should have taken the high road. Can I leave out all of the bad parts?

As the sign of the scales, Libra has a strong sense of iustice. But these are vour memoirs, not your testimony in a court of law. It is said that history is written by the victors, and, as the star of your story, you fall into the category. This is your chance to celebrate whatever aspects of your life that you would like to focus on. Your reticence to do so suggests to me that you will find a great benefit in writing about the parts of your life you'd rather forget, too. Think of this as an exercise to help you come to terms with the complete person you are now. It won't be part of your memoirs, just part of

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

your healing. Best of luck!

In the television series "Kin," Charlie Cox is a member of a tightly knit crime family embroiled in a gangland war. Sagittarian actors are especially drawn to projects that take them to strange new worlds, as shown by Cox in "The Defenders," "Stardust," "Boardwalk Empire," "Casanova" and more. Cox was

born when the Sun, Moon, Uranus and Neptune were all in adventurous Sagit-

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Newsday Crossword

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- Wild West 16 Cruise ship
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- thoroughfare
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- perhaps
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- 23 Sound of relief
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- 27 Bit of butter
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- 33 Leave out
- 37 Choose, as a candidate
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- 41 Rich vocalization 44 Factual
- 45 All over again
- **46** Bring to bear 47 Internet address
- opener 48 Get back to a task
- **50** Pen for porkers 51 Smidgen
- 53 Portions of butter **55** Charged atom
- 58 Problem-solving aid 61 Halloween
- costumes made from sheets 65 Seafood in a

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- 68 Come next 69 To be, to Marie

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- aide 71 Pampers, with "on"
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- **73** Male deer

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- star
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- propeller
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- 9 Prefix meaning "beyond"

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- business addrs.
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- the surface
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56 "Horrors!"

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- pollution
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- **67** Extraction from a mine

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle! Today's Answers 6 7 8 1 9

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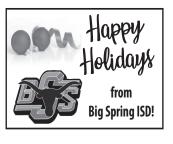
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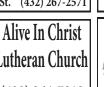
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Winners will be published in the Sunday, December 19, 2021 edition.

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Spieth and caddie looking for an edge in reading putts

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

The former sixth-grade math teach is going back to school.

That would be Michael Greller, who left his old job to caddie for Jordan Spieth in 2013. At Spieth's request, Greller has been studying up on AimPoint, the methodology of reading greens that starts with using feet to feel the slope of the green and then holding up fingers for each percent of slope.

Among those who use it are Dustin Johnson and his brother, Austin, whom other caddies say has mastered the technique.

Spieth said Greller met with John Graham, the putting coach for Justin Thomas, for a crash course. And he has been talking to Austin Johnson.

Never mind that Spieth already is among the best with the putter.

"I told him I try to look for an edge," Spieth said. "It would be cool to gain a little edge by learning a skill you don't have. In the past I would do Trackman

seminars, stuff that here or there could mean a stroke." Spieth said he doesn't use AimPoint and described his putting as more instincts than anything technical. That said, his description of his 50-foot eagle putt on the 15th hole at Royal Birkdale when he won the 2017 British Open sounded like more than instincts.

He said in 2017 about that putt, "I knew it was going to bend a little bit to the right as it went down off the slope to the bunker, and then when it gets to the valley, the hole is on a 3-degree slope going the other way, into and off the right, so it's going to be a downhill left-to-right, and then it double breaks into uphill right-to-left."

Instincts?

Spieth laughed when reminded of that description.

"What I was trying to explain is it was a significant double-breaker," he said. TALLEY SEEKS TORNADO RELIEF

Emma Talley is geared so much toward charity that she once flew to Puerto Rico to join PGA Tour players and help raise money for hurricane relief efforts despite not having any connection to the Puerto Rico Open.

Her latest effort has hit way too close to home.

Talley, a former U.S. Women's Amateur and NCAA champion at Alabama, shared a GoFundMe link for tornado relief efforts in

her native Kentucky. She posted a vivid image Monday on Instagram of the destruction in Princeton, the small town where she was raised. "It got beat up by the tornado a few days ago. My mom says it is way worse than the pictures," Talley

wrote. "So many of our friends lost EVERYTHING. My parents have been going through rubble of friends homes to try and find sentimental items.' Talley, who finished 70th on the LPGA Tour money list and reached the CME Group Tour Champi-

onship this year, is getting plenty of support from her peers. Justin Thomas grew up in Louisville and played junior golf with Talley, who at 27 is one year "Every cent/dollar helps," Thomas wrote in shar-

ing he link.

APGA EXEMPTIONS

Ryan Alford was a high school teammate of Sam Burns in Louisiana, and they might be competing again, this time on a bigger stage.

Alford received one of two Advocate Professional Golf Association exemptions to play in the Farmers Insurance Open, as the tour geared toward providing a path for minorities is starting to take root. The other went to Kamaiu Johnson, who was supposed to play at Torrey Pines last year until a positive CO-VID-19 test.

Alford learned to play from his father and took part in the First Tee Northwest Louisiana in Shreveport, eventually representing the chapter in the Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach in 2011. He and Burns, a two-time PGA Tour winner this year, played at Calvary Baptist Academy.

Burns tied for 18th at Torrey Pines last year.

Alford, who played at Louisiana Tech, won backto-back events on the APGA Tour last year at the TPC Scottsdale and Valhalla.

"Every competitive golfer dreams of someday play-

ing on the PGA Tour," he said.

Johnson was kept from playing last year after the positive test. He wound up getting exemptions to Pebble Beach, the Honda Classic and Bay Hill.

Meanwhile, the APGA Tour Farmers Insurance Invitational will expand to 36 holes, on the North Course at Torrey Pines on Saturday and the South Course on Sunday. The PGA Tour events end on a Saturday. Golf Channel will televise the Sunday round, the first time an APGA Tour event will be on

LOVE'S MOTHER

Davis Love III says his mother, Penta B. Love, died Monday after a long struggle following a stroke. She was 94 and had been living in St. Simons Island, Georgia, since 1977 when her late husband, respected teaching professional Davis Love Jr., took a job at Sea Island. He died in a plane crash in 1988.

"While everyone in our family is saddened at the loss of our family leader, we are blessed with so many great memories and rejoice that our faith tells us she is at peace eternally," Love said.

In his book, "Every Shot I Take," Love said his mother was a good player and he grew up trying to beat her at golf, which took him into his early high school years. The former PGA champion and twotime Ryder Cup captain says his mother constantly was on him about his putting.

"Her favorite thing to say, in regard to my putting, is, 'Davis, you're reading too much break,'" Love wrote in his book. "I'll say, 'You know, Mom, these greens on tour are a little faster than what we've got at home.' She is never moved. 'Too much break, Davis, too much break."



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