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# County Commissioners allocate travel funds to pay for laptops

By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners convened Monday afternoon to discuss various items including a redemption deed and TxDOT CTIF Grant. The meeting was held in the Third floor County Courtroom of the County Courthouse. Residents could have also viewed online via Facebook Live.

After a moment was taken for pledge and prayer, the President of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors Eric Barber presented the Court with gifts in appreciation of their work for the county.

"We certainly appreciate our volunteer fire department... thank you, you have our deepest appreciation," County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said. Afterward, Commissioners moved

into discussion over a redemption deed. for the TxDOT CTIF Grant stating the According to Judge Wiseman, the redemption deed is being presented to the Court as the property was meant to go to auction, however, the owners have since paid the taxes on the property and were looking to redeem the property deed back. Commissioner Craig Bailey moved to approve the redemption deed and was seconded by Commissioner Eddilisa Ray. The motion passed in an unanimous vote.

The Court began discussion with Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek regarding an equipment auction list for a February auction. According to Klinksiek, there are 23 items up for auction. The auction will take place online and the highest bidders are required to pick up any purchased items from the county lot.

Klinksiek also provided an update

county, as of Jan. 14, has submitted its first reimbursement request in the amount of \$544,337.97. The total amount spent during the period was \$680,422.46. The request is currently under review with TxDOT in Abilene.

Commissioner Bailey tabled the consideration/awarding of bids for erecting and installing a 400' Guy Tower per Standard: TIA-222-H due to needing more time to collect information.

The MOU between Howard County and Midland Police Department for the use of the Howard County Airport-driving track was also tabled due to the Midland PD having not returned a contract yet, according to Wiseman.

Before adjourning for the evening,

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## Howard College Board of Trustees approve \$861K proposal for student success interface tool "We need to increase our

By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer

The Howard College Board of Trustees gathered Monday for a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John after Freeman Trustees returned from an Executive Session in regards to a Board Self-Evaluation.

After a moment was taken forcommunication to the The Howard College Board of Trustees convened for vote, including Minutes for

the regular meeting on Dec. 14, 2020 and special meeting Dec. 21, 2020; Checklist for December 2020; Monthly Reports of Auxiliary Services; Personnel Matters; and an Internal

Moving onto new business, Trustees began conversation concerning Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Planning which entailed the college's 2026 Vision. President Cheryl Sparks began the discussion with Trustees by asking several questions concerning Howard College's 2026 vision and

Chairman Freeman spoke on one of his biggest concerns with the college currently being the neglect of the trade programs offered at the junior college. According to Freeman, the majority of students graduating high school, do not have plans on attending higher education and look towards working immediately upon graduation.



board, Trustees approved the first meeting of the year Monday. The Trustees ogy and academics," Freethe Approval of Routine Mat- discussed the newest Covid update and Open Howard man said. ters with one unanimous College Plan along with other routine agenda items.

academic over to maybe 50/50 trades and industrial technol-However, obstacles arise with Howard College's budget to gain trade instructors

technical education for those

trades... Something has got

to change or we're going to

lose those kids. I just think we

need to increase the focus on

the trades... We need to start

being able to offer those class-

es... We need to start think-

ing more and more about how

we can transition strictly

and technology. According to Trustees, the monies needed to afford qualified trade instructors and proper equipment is currently outside of their reach. Other 2026 visions talked about included the baseball field's

location on campus. The baseball field is currently in prime real estate on campus, according to Freeman, and would be an ideal place to create a study park or recreational area for students. This would allow for students to have a location on campus to enjoy while also upgrading the outside look of Howard College. Trustees spoke on wanting the campus, both inside and out, to be more relatable to today's higher education students.

"This campus is 75 years old and it's starting to show its

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#### Big Sky Disc Golf Club hosts annual Big Sky Ice Bowl in efforts to raise \$1K for West Texas Food Bank By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer

No wimps, no whiners. Rain, snow, or sleet the event will go on! The Big Sky Disc Golf Club is sponsoring the Big Sky Ice Bowl on Feb. 20 at Comanche Trail Park. The sporting event is in support of a fundraiser for the West Texas Food Bank. The Big Sky Disc Golf Club is hoping to raise \$1,000 and 350 canned food items for the food bank through 50 registered players.

"We aren't focusing on big winners or fierce competition. Our focus is a fun, family event that will help the

sport and make a difference in the community," Cisneros said. There are two disc courses at Comanche Trail Park the Lakeside course and the Parkside course. The Big Sky Ice Bowl will take place

at the Parkside course and

will begin at 9 a.m. The bowl

will consist of two rounds,

and players of any level are

welcome to attend. There will be two divisions offered - male and female.

There will be two prizes given at the end of the sporting event that includes an "Ace Pots" hole-in-one prize and a "CTP" closest to the pin award. Each player will also receive a commemorative disc and t-shirt for attending and playing. First-round will begin at 9

a.m. After assigning cards and the explanation of rules at 8:30 a.m. After the first The Big Sky Disc Golf Club is sponsoring the Big round, a short break will be taken for lunch, and the secproximately 1:30 p.m.

ond round will start at ap-The Big Sky Ice Bowl is a fundraiser sporting event with its focus on supporting and helping the West Texas Food Bank. The funding and items needing to be raised can be reached through registration fees and the contrithroughout the country all bution of canned food items

in order to play at the disc

tournament. To register, vis-

it discgolfscene.com or bring



Sky Bowl on Feb. 20 in an effort to raise money for the West Texas Food Bank. The goal is to raise \$1,000 and 350 canned food items. at least six canned foods Cisneros said. "Many are not

once you arrive at Comanche Trail Park. The Big Sky Disc Golf Club hopes to better its' community by raising funds while playing sports. "The Ice Bowl is a national movement with many events

to raise funds and food for

local food banks," Big Sky

Disc Golf Club member John

aware but the food bank has been working overtime to reach the needs of the community... a community that where food insecurity is on the rise. To meet this need, the food bank has increased partners, food distribution, and lowered/waived costs

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# **Obituaries**

#### John Edward Brown, Jr.



John Edward Brown, Jr., age 76, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, in Saginaw, Texas.

He was born on Jan. 26, 1944, in Big Spring, Texas, to John E. and Mary Helen (Grimes) Brown. He was a United States Army veteran. John was a devoted and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a Manager in the automobile industry.

He is survived by his daughters, Tammie Devrow of Saginaw, Michele Cervantez and husband Gino of Big Spring, and Lynn Kustanborter of Kansas; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and brother, Kent Brown of Big Spring. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dora (Jackson) Brown.

Condolences may be offered on line at www.comanchefh.com

Paid Obituary

## Take Note

- 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.
- All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021.

We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.

- West Texas Centers will be hosting the January 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes twice in January. The classes will be held on Jan. 26, 2021 for Adult Mental Health First Aid, and Jan. 28, 2021 for Youth Mental Health First Aid; adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.
- A GoFund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so

The Howard County Sheriff's

Department reported the follow-

Note – Officials with the How-

ard County Jail reported having

90 inmates at the time of this re-

MATTHEW LOUIS ALMA-

**ZAN,** 34, was arrested by HCSO

on a charge of theft property (less

than \$2,500) with two or more

convictions enhancement if at

• CLAUDIA GAIL DAVIS, 48,

was arrested by BSPD on charges

of possession of controlled sub-

stance penalty group one (less

than one gram) and possession of

**DORANTES**, 23, was arrested

by BSPD on a charge of driving

• DAVID HERNANDEZ JR.,

45, was arrested by HCSO on

drug paraphernalia.

while intoxicated 2<sup>nd</sup>

following activity:

JESUS

ing activity:

• The City of Big Spring will reopen all indoor his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail jessemonica1234@gmail.com or call 432-517-7675.

- The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.
- Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/ High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@ vahoo.com.
- Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.
- Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

**SALAZAR,** 33, was arrested by

DPS on charges of driving while

license invalid (DWLI) (x2),

manufacture delivery of con-

trolled substance penalty group

one (greater than or equal to

four grams less than 200 grams),

no driver's license (when unli-

censed) (x2), possession of mari-

juana (less than two ounces), and

**SMITH,** 32, was arrested by

HCSO on a charge of assault

causes bodily injury family

**PELT,** 31, was arrested by HCSO

on a charge of driving while li-

cense invalid with previous con-

• JASON JAMES WIMER,

38, was arrested by BSPD on a

charge of violate bond/protective

LANDYN

MARCELL

unlawfully carrying weapon.

• STRATON

member.

KYLE

viction/suspension.

#### Violet Thomas

Violet Thomas, 90, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 25, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jimmy Howard

Jimmy Howard, 76, of Sand Springs died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Donald Ray Douglass

Donald Ray Douglass, 83, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at the Nal-

ley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Eddy Pitchford and Eric Dickey officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. He was born Oct. 15, 1937 in Syl-

vester, Texas to Ross and Lenorah Douglass. He married Dorothy Herbst July 3, 1958 in Sylvester. Donald worked as a journeyman carpenter and had worked for Cos-

den Refinery, retiring in 1996 after 39 years. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Dorothy Douglass; three sons, Donald "Dusty" Douglass and wife, Leslie, Derrell Douglass, and Dee Jon Douglass and wife, Jennifer; two granddaughters, Megan Jolly and husband, Brad, and Faith Douglass; four grandsons, Daniel Beauchamp and wife, Amy, Dustyn Beauchamp and wife, Wendy, Dylan

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Derrell Douglass, Jr.; and two brothers, Gary Douglass and Kenneth Douglass.

Douglass and Dayne Douglass; and a sister, Mick-

The family suggests memorials to the Children's Home of Lubbock, 14404 Idalou Highway, Lubbock, Texas 79403 or to the Coahoma Church of Christ, P. O. Box 120, Coahoma, Texas 79511.

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

Paid Obituary

# **Support Groups**

- 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.

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two or more previous convic-

tions, bailsman off bond/crimi-

nal trespass, bailsman of bond/

- driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container. ROBERT JULIAN MARTI-
- NEZ, 19, was arrested by BSPD on charges of burglary of vehicles (x2) and indecency with child sexual contact. ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ,
- 45, was arrested by BSPD on charges of expired registration, open container in motor vehicle, driving while license invalid (DWLI), violate promise to appear (uniform act) (x3), and parole violation.
  - CHRISTOPHER **AARON**

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- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 5300 block of I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



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# 3-vehicle accident in Martin County results in one fatality

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported a three vehicle crash about eight miles north of Midland on State Highway 349 and CR 3200 on Friday, Jan. 22 around 1:57 p.m.

According to the DPS report, the 2013 Hyundai, driven by Toni L. Place of Midland and a 2016 Kenworth tractor trailer, driven by Miguel A. Montanez of Hobbs, NM, were traveling north on State Highway 349 side by side. Place's vehicle was in the inside lane with the 2016 Kenworth traveling in the outside lane.

A 2012 Buick Lacrosse, driven by Casey R. Kecherside of Lamesa, was traveling south on State Highway 349 as well and failed to control its speed and nearly struck a vehicle that was making a left turn directly in front of it. The driver took faulty evasive action and entered the north bound lane colliding with the 2013 Hyundai and pushed the vehicle into the tractor

At the time of the accident the road conditions were clear and dry.

Place, driver of the 2013 Hyundai was pronounced at the scene by Justice of the Peace Jarrell Hedrick. At the time of the accident Place was wearing

Montanez, driver of the tractor trailer was also wearing a seatbelt and was not injured. Ketcherside was also wearing a seatbelt and received nonincapacitating injuries and was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland.

Commissioner Bailey initiated conversation regarding possible action for Commissioner's laptops. According to Bailey, the need for each Commissioner to have a laptop is long overdue. Bailey also noted that having a strictly work laptop would allow for an effective work/personal separation for each Commissioner as some Commissioners are currently using personal laptops to conduct work outside of the courthouse. Commissioners would be able to access files and documents at any time and cut down on paper usage as a whole with the addition of laptops.

Two quotes were provided to Commissioners that included a bid for a rugged, water-resistant, and shock-resistant laptop in the amount of \$1,667 per laptop. The second bid included a laptop with a larger screen, without the heavy-duty features as the previous bid in the amount of \$1,293 per lap-After some consideration, Commis-

sioners agreed upon the first bid in the amount of \$1,667 for four laptops alongside an additional \$34 per month Wi-Fi hotspot equipment per laptop. Com-

missioners discussed where the monies would come from to allocate for the budget amendment and considered allotting their \$1,500 travel funds per year towards the purchase of laptops and wifi hotspots. Commissioner Bailey moved to approve the four laptop purchases along with Wi-Fi hotspots and was seconded by Commissioner Ray. The motion passed unanimously.

Other item discussed during the meeting included:

\* County Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report, Monthly Report, and **Quarterly Report** 

\* County Auditor's invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments, disbursement agreement with outside agencies, and early pay order

\* Bids for 2012012 and RFB 2012013 for the end of March

\* Contact for Rehabilitation Construction of CR34 between Howard County, TX and Ridgeback Asphalt,

\* The accelerating letting schedule for the remainder of FY 2021 was ta-

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age... It has been showing its age. It needs to be upgraded." Freeman said.

Trustees discussed wanting to build stronger connections with surrounding four-year universities, increasing retention, and integrating the SWCD campus more with the Big Spring campus.

A majority of the 2026 vision goals came upon one main obstacle - insufficient funding and low salary/ During new business, the COVID-19 Response

Status #10 was given along with an Open Howard College Update regarding the Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo, and SWCD campuses. For the Big Spring campus, there are 17 total lab-confirmed positive cases, 16 total recovered cases, one total active case, and one student in isolation; for the SWCD campus, there are three total lab-confirmed positive cases, three total recovered cases, and no active cases, according to the Howard College website last updated Jan. 22.

Reviewing the Open Howard College Update, the Spring class schedule will be primarily face-to-face with some classes still available on Zoom and/or an Howard College is also working with donors in-

terested in providing support for students/employees struggling. So far, they have received \$250K from the G.C. Broughton Foundation to cover tuition, fees, and books for 52 nursing students on the Big Spring campus. Trustees are also considering the re-opening of

rentable spaces in certain cases. Howard College is implementing a method to

gather names of employees interested in taking the

COVID-19 vaccination in the case of any calls from local health authorities with surplus vaccines.

Trustees also conversed over a Request for Proposal/Student Success Management System Software-Grant Funded during the meeting. According to Coordinator of the Title V/Grant/PASS Bryan Stokes, the proposal is for a student success interface tool to help students stay on path throughout their college journey, and follow them through their path with analytics and monitoring to maintain success. There were six RFPs sent out for bids for the interface and three were returned. The recommended bid came from EAB in the amount of \$861,852 over a five-year commitment. There was some hesitation from Trustee Ben Zei-

check to approve the bid as it was the most expensive bid of the three. However, it was also noted by Stokes that the bid made by EAB offered more capabilities and that is why it was chosen for recommendation. With their being conversation prior to how close the rubric scores were for all the three bids, Zeicheck mentioned that cost should then be a factor in which bid was approved.

With there being no other specific information provided on the two other bids to discuss, a motion was made by Trustee Patricia Bennett to approve the \$861K bid made by EAB. A second was made by Trustee Maxwell Barr. The motion passed unanimously.

During the Construction/Renovation Projects portion of the meeting, discussion will be held over Big Spring/SWCD Roof Project Updates/Change Orders, Big Spring Campus Boiler Project Update, and Big Spring Campus SUB Renovation Comple-

Various projects around campuses were completed between 2019 and 2021, according to District Chief Operations and Safety/Security Officer Fabi-

an Serrano. Some of the projects completed or near ing completion included new lighting throughou the Big Spring campus' SUB building, new HVAC inside the student kitchen, along with a bathroom renovation in the Hawk's Nest. Other projects that are looking towards future completion include new roofing and/or repair for various buildings on the SWCD and Big Spring campuses and the installa tion of new boilers by the end of next week.

Other topics discussed during the meeting in cluded:

- \* Board of Trustees Institute (BoTI) Webinar
- \* Quick Facts
- \* Handbook and Catalog changes
- \* Resolution of Gifts
- \* Legislative and General Updates
- \* Community College Association of Texas Trust ees (CCATT) Future Webinars

The next Howard Col-

lege Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Feb. 22 at 12:30 p.m.

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of their food to increase the supply to the community."

Cisneros encourages the community to attend the event in order to reach their goal for a better cause. Even if you are not a disc player, there are still ways to help the cause. Some of the options include attending the event and volunteering, sponsoring a player through purchasing the registration fee or providing six canned foods, and simply bringing food donations to the food bank or at the event.

"If disc golf is not for you, you can still help. You can still bring food donations to the food bank, volunteer at the event, and sponsor a teen player for the tournament," he said. "We would love to speak with you about how you can help."

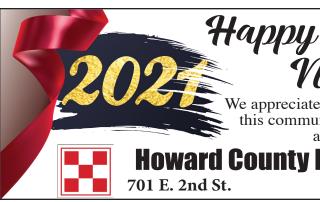
Interested parties can register at discgolfscene.com. There is a registration fee, however, individuals can also bring six canned foods the day of the event to participate. For questions or more information, contact josh@nazfamily.org.

"Through all of us doing small things, we can make a great impact in our community," Cisneros said. "Doing the things we love to do to bring people together to make a difference creates a stronger commu-

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# Biden to reinstate COVID-19 travel rules, add South Africa

**By AAMER MADHANI and ZEKE MILLER** 

President Joe Biden on Monday will formally reinstate COVID-19 travel restrictions on non-U.S. travelers from Brazil, Ireland, the United Kingdom and 26 other European countries that allow travel across open borders, according to two White House officials.

The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the order, also confirmed Sunday that South Africa would be added to the restricted list because of concerns about a variant of the virus that has spread beyond that

Top U.S. infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci called Biden's decision prudent" Monday in a round of television interviews.

"We have concern about the mutation that's in South Africa," Fauci told "CBS This Morning." "We're looking at it very actively. It is clearly a different and more ominous than the one in the U.K., and I think it's very prudent to restrict

in office that called for the relaxation of the travel restrictions as of Tuesday. Trump's move was made in conjunction with a new requirement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that all international travelers to the U.S. obtain a negative test for COVID-19 within three days of boarding

Biden is reversing an order from President Donald Trump in his final days

Biden's team had announced that he would reimpose the travel restrictions but the addition of South Africa to the restricted travel list highlights the new administration's concern about mutations in the virus.

The South Africa variant has not been discovered in the United States, but another variant — originating in the United Kingdom — has been detected in Fauci said there is "a very slight, modest diminution" of the effectiveness of

COVID-19 vaccines against those variants but "there's enough cushion with the vaccines that we have that we still consider them to be effective against both the UK strain and the South Africa strain."

But he warned that more mutations are possible and said scientists are preparing to adapt the vaccines if necessary.

"We really need to make sure that we begin, and we already have, to prepare if it's necessary to upgrade the vaccines," Fauci said. "We're already taking steps in that direction despite the fact that the vaccines we have now do work. Fauci spoke on NBC's "Today" show and "CBS This Morning." Reuters was first to report Biden's decision to add South Africa to the list.

Last week, Biden moved to expand on the CDC requirement and direct that federal agencies require international travelers to quarantine upon arrival in the U.S. and obtain another negative test to slow the spread of the virus.

# House sending Trump impeachment to Senate, GOP opposes trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the House prepares to bring the impeachment charge against Donald Trump to the Senate for trial, a growing number of Republican senators say they are opposed to the proceeding, dimming the chances that former president will be convicted on the charge that he incited a siege of the U.S. Capitol.

House Democrats will carry the sole impeachment charge of "incitement of insurrection" across the Capitol late Monday evening, a rare and ceremonial walk to the Senate by the prosecutors who will argue their case. They are hoping that strong Republican denunciations of Trump after the Jan. 6 riot will translate into a conviction and a separate vote to bar Trump from holding office again.

But instead, GOP passions appear to have cooled since the insurrection. Now that Trump's presidency is over, Republican senators who will serve as jurors in the trial are rallying to his legal defense, as they did during his first impeachment trial last

"I think the trial is stupid, I think it's counterproductive," said Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla.. He said that "the first chance I get to vote to end this trial, I'll do it" because he believes it would be bad for the country and further inflame partisan divisions.

Trump is the first former president to face impeachment trial, and it will test his grip on the Republican Party as well as the legacy of his tenure, which came to a close as a mob of loyal supporters heeded his rally cry by storming the Capitol and trying to overturn Joe Biden's election. The proceedings will also force Democrats, who have a full sweep of party control of the White House and Congress, to balance their promise to hold the former president accountable while also rushing to deliver

Arguments in the Senate trial will begin the week of Feb. 8. Leaders in both parties agreed to the short delay to give Trump's team and House prosecutors time to prepare and the Senate the chance to confirm some of Biden's Cabinet nominees. Democrats say the extra days will allow for more evidence to come out about the rioting by Trump supporters, while Republicans hope to craft a unified defense for Trump.

Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said in an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday that he hopes that evolving clarity on the details of what happened Jan. 6 "will make it clearer to my colleagues

Coons questioned how his colleagues who were in the Capitol that day could see the insurrection as anything other than a "stunning violation" of tradition of peaceful transfers of power.

"It is a critical moment in American history and we have to look at it and look at it hard," Coons said. An early vote to dismiss the trial probably would

not succeed, given that Democrats now control the Senate. Still, the mounting Republican opposition indicates that many GOP senators would eventually vote to acquit Trump. Democrats would need the support of 17 Republicans — a high bar — to convict him. When the House impeached Trump on Jan. 13,

exactly one week after the siege, Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., said he didn't believe the Senate had the constitutional authority to convict Trump after he had left office. On Sunday, Cotton said "the more I talk to other Republican senators, the more they're beginning to line up" behind that argument. "I think a lot of Americans are going to think it's

strange that the Senate is spending its time trying to convict and remove from office a man who left office a week ago," Cotton said.

Democrats reject that argument, pointing to a 1876 impeachment of a secretary of war who had already resigned and to opinions by many legal scholars. Democrats also say that a reckoning of the first invasion of the Capitol since the War of 1812, perpetrated by rioters egged on by a president who told them to "fight like hell" against election results that were being counted at the time, is necessary so the country can move forward and ensure such a siege never happens again.

A few GOP senators have agreed with Democrats, though not close to the number that will be needed

Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, said he believes there is a "preponderance of opinion" that an impeachment trial is appropriate after someone leaves of-

"I believe that what is we saw, which is incitement to insurrection, is an impeachable offense," Romney said. "If not,

what is?

But Romney, the lone Republican to vote to con vict Trump when the Senate acquitted the then president in last year's trial, appears to be an out-

Sen. Mike Rounds, R-South Dakota, said he be lieves a trial is a "moot point" after a president's term is over, "and I think it's one that they would have a very difficult time in trying to get done with in the Senate."

On Friday, GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a close Trump ally who has been helping him build a legal team, urged the Senate to reject the idea of a post-presidency trial — potentially with a vote to dismiss the charge — and suggested Republicans will scrutinize whether Trump's words on Jan. 6 were legally "incitement." Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, who

argued any legal strategies. The Kentucky senator has told his GOP colleagues that it will be a vote of One of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's nine im peachment managers said Trump's encouragement

said last week that Trump "provoked" his support-

ers before the riot, has not said how he will vote or

of his loyalists before the riot was "an extraordinarily heinous presidential crime." Rep. Madeleine Dean, D-Pennsylvania., said "I mean, think back. It was just two-and-a-half weeks

ago that the president assembled a mob on the El lipse of the White House. He incited them with his words. And then he lit the match." Trump's supporters invaded the Capitol and in terrupted the electoral count as he falsely claimed there was massive fraud in the election and that it

rejected in the courts, including by judges appoint ed by Trump, and by state election officials. Rubio and Romney were on "Fox News Sunday, Cotton appeared on Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures" and Romney also was on CNN's "State of the Union," as was Dean. Rounds was in-

terviewed on NBC's "Meet the Press.'

was stolen by Biden. Trump's claims were roundly

#### Increase in COVID-19 deaths slows somewhat in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — There has been a decrease in the number of reported new deaths in Texas due to COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, acording to the state health department.

There were 208 additional deaths reported Sunday after 407 new deaths were eported Saturday following three consecutive days of more than 1,200 new leaths, according the department. The death toll stands at 34,322.

The health department reported more than 11,000 new virus cases for a total of .96 million since the pandemic began. The number of COVID-19 patients hospialized decline from 13,309 to 12,899. The seven-day rolling average of deaths in Texas has risen during the past two

veeks from 260.57 per day to 326.14, according to data from Johns Hopkins Uniersity. The state ranked ninth in the United States in the number of new cases per capita with 1,012.33 per 100,000 residents, according to the Johns Hopkins

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#### **Howard County** teams take to the court

Herald Contributing Writer

This weekend brought Howard County's local basketball teams four district doubleheaders instead of the usual three, with the playoff picture becoming more clear into the final few games of the regular season. Big Spring and Coahoma had a usual weekend with games on Friday night, while Forsan played a pair of games on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Big Spring faced the weekend's toughest task, with the Lady Steers and Steers home-and-away to strong Lubbock Estacado squads. The Big Spring girls, 8-13 (1-4), were at home for the first time in over a week to start the second half of 3-4A district play. Big Spring fell to Estacado, 9-10 (4-1), by ten in Lubbock to start district and showed signs of steady improvement in the rematch. After falling behind early, the Lady Steers made a charge in the second quarter, going into the break down just two at 24-22. Big Spring would continue to battle in the second half, giving Estacado fits throughout. Estacado would eventually do just enough to keep Big Spring at bay midway through the fourth, stretching a one-possession lead to multiple possessions in the final few minutes. That breathing room would see Estacado to a 56-49 victory, despite the Lady Steers playing arguably their best and most complete game of the season to date. Big Spring drops to 1-5 in district, while Estacado jumps to 5-1

The Big Spring boys had a duel with #8 Estacado,

the 3-4A boys district leaders. The Steers, 12-8 (1-2), were searching for a second straight district win against an Estacado team, 15-2 (3-0), who hadn't lost home since late November. The Matadors raced out to a hefty first quarter advantage, leading 21-3 after eight-minutes. Big Spring would drop in 14-points in the second frame, but it wasn't enough to keep pace with an Estacado team that ended with fourplayers in double figures. That firepower would be enough to keep the Matadors unbeaten in district play, 82-26. Estacado moves to 4-0 with the win, Big Spring drops to 1-3 in 3-4A.

The situation for Coahoma on Friday night was similar, albeit with opposite results. Coahoma was odds on favorites hosting Odessa Compass Academy as they looked to bolster their postseason hopes. The Bulldogettes, 10-5 (4-1), would make relatively short work of Compass Academy, 0-5 (0-5), for a second time this season. Ten Bulldogettes would score on the night, led by MaKynlee Overton's 21. That would be more than enough to grab the W, as Coahoma improved to 5-1 in 5-3A contests with a 72-16 result. Compass Academy remains winless in district at 0-6.

The boy's game ended up seeing Compass Academy, 0-3 (0-3), challenge the Bulldogs perhaps more than expected, as they hung around much of the game. Coahoma, 3-9 (1-2), wasn't going to be denied on their home floor, however. Thanks to a balanced scoring attack, and some timely defense, the Bulldogs would prevail, 55-45. Ryan Shifflett scored ten of high game-high 15 in the first quarter, Brysen Kirby dropped 11 of his 13 in the second-half, and

Isaiah Martin was strong throughout chipping in 12 more. Each of those performances helped keep Compass Academy just far enough in the rear view mirror to even Coahoma's district mark at 2-2.

Finally, Forsan played four games over the weekend — scheduled games against Roscoe on Friday, and make-up games against Miles on Saturday. Friday's tussles with Roscoe continued the theme of sweeps, with the Forsan girls avenging an earlier loss in district to the Plowgirls by clamping down defensively and making just enough shots. It was a battle down the stretch, but the Lady Buffs prevailed, 29-27. The boy's contest pitted Forsan against a Plowboy's team that has underdogs all season long. While Roscoe showed signs of improvement from the district opener between the two, it was still a runaway win for the Buffs, 75-27.

Those scenarios would be flipped on Saturday against Miles with the girl's cruising to a comfortable 53-28 victory. The offense took a couple of quarters to fully find its grove, but once it got ticking, it was full steam ahead. Reagan Phillips led the Lady Buffs in the first half, scoring all 11 of her points in the opening two quarters. Miles was within eight early in the third quarter before Forsan sprinted away on a 13-0 run. Rylee Evans paced the ladies down the stretch, scoring 17 of her game-high 25 in the second half. The pair of triumphs now have Forsan at 6-2 in district play, and 16-5 on the year.

The last game of the weekend turned out to be arguably its most intense. The Forsan boys faced

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# 3 Coahoma HS lifters earn gold, Bulldogette team finishes 2nd overall

Special to the Herald

Three Coahoma High School lifters earned gold and the girls team received silver at the Coahoma Powerlifting Invitational held on Saturday.

Coahoma High School lifters Cailey Glover and Christian Everett led the Bulldogette team to an outstanding performance with a second place finish out of seven teams. The Bulldog lift team finished in six place at the meet.

Glover (148) and Everett (97) placed first in their weight class. For the boys, Kobe Cervantes muscled his way to gold in the 275 weight class.

Glover pumped 320 on squat, 160 on bench, and 305 on deadlift for a total of 785 pounds while Everett's three lift total was 545 - 200 on squat, 115 on bench press and 230 on deadlift. Cervantes Coahoma's Christian Everett pulls 230 pumped 540 on squat, benched 300, and hoisted 470 on deadlift for a total of 1,340 pounds of iron.

Everett increased her total weight lift by 40 pounds and Glover saw a net gain of 10 from last week's meet at Colorado City. Cervantes saw a 25 total pound increase from the previous week.

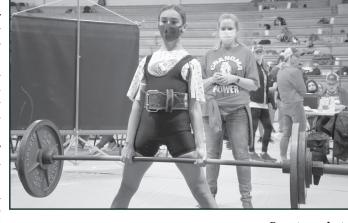
Earning silver from Coahoma were Serena Dobbs (105), Maci Green (165), Sierra Pena (123) and Paula Mae Hagins (220). Sean Striegler (165) and Zoie Joslin (105) earned bronze.

Next: The Coahoma powerlifters will head to Stanton on Friday, Feb. 12, for a dual meet.

Coahoma Invitation - Coahoma High School -Boys results (Coahoma only)

123 — 4. Reagan Chapman - 225 - 120 -245 -- 590 148 — 9. Grant Glidewell - 280 - 160 - 275 - 715; 10. See **CHS**, Page 10

Nick Tutle - 280 - 150 - 275 -- 705



on deadlift at the 20th annual Coahoma Powerlifting meet held Saturday.

165 — 3. Sean Striegler - 375 - 260 - 335 -- 970. 181 — 5. Braiden Boaz - 270 - 185 - 275 - 730

275 — 1. Kobe Cervantes - 540 - 330 - 470 -- 1340

Team Finals 1. Big Spring, 56 points; 2. Stanton, 33 points; 3. Miles, 21 points; 4. Colorado City, 18 points; 5. Midland Classical Academy, 15 points; 6. Coahoma, 13 points.



### **Big Spring Steer Tennis** goes against Lamesa **Golden Tornadoes**

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The Big Spring Tennis Team played the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes Thursday afternoon, January 21, at Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Despite the very wet weather and an hour delay the match finally got underway.

Big Spring dominated the doubles sweeping all of the matches and taking a 7-0 lead. The Steers took 15 of 16 singles matches to finish things off and pick up their first win of the spring season.

Next week is the Big Spring Steer Invitational with the JV playing on Thursday (Jan 28) and the varsity playing on Friday (January 29).

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#### Horse Has Left the Barn

**Dear Readers:** A number of you wrote in concerned about the woman who is Living With Scrooge, the husband who has plenty of money but keeps his wife on a tight budget and makes her life miserable. I suggested marriage counseling, which many readers agreed with, but an equal number feel that the horse has left the barn and I should have advised her to run for the hills. I would agree if there were an issue of physical safety, but that was not the case.

Still, I find alternative

opinions to be inter-

esting and wanted to share some with you.

Dear Annie: Pease get back to this lady. By the tone of her letter and what was left unsaid, I'm sure she is being emotionally, and even perhaps physically, abused. I would definitely suggest that this lady leave Scrooge as soon as possible. She is suffering, and God knows what her insides (heart, liver and brain) must be like, slowly dying as well.

My sister died at 65 because she didn't leave such a horrible man. Please, suggest that she leave now. If she stays, it will only

get worse.

I have no accreditation in this field, but I know a bad situation when I read about it. Thanks, Annie. -- You Do So Much Good

#### **Dear Annie:** I ee with your co

agree with your comment that dwelling on her daughter-in-law is a waste of time and energy. However, I believe that Living With Scrooge should seek the advice of an attorney rather than a marriage counselor at this point.

The reader said nothing about having any affection for her husband and admitted

that she made a huge mistake by marrying him. She needs to find out what the property division laws are in her state, and what assets her husband actually has, rather than depending on hearsay and snooping. -- Reader in New Mexico

Dear Annie: This lady does not need a marriage counselor. She needs a very strong divorce lawyer!
Both must work together to find where his assets are located, i.e., bank accounts, investments and the like.

I am not familiar with the laws in Las Vegas and what she would be entitled to receive, but she is legally married to him and should be entitled to something.

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A petition for divorce should be filed as well as a document freezing all his assets.

This is a marriage that is not worth saving under the circumstances described by her. It is toxic; she is treated poorly by her husband and the family, and she is dying inside. What is there to save? It is time for her to move forward.

I send my prayers to her and wish her the very best. -- That Marriage Is Over

#### Dear Readers:

Thank you for your insights and suggestions. You make good points, though I am hopeful the marriage can be salvaged through marriage counseling if he goes with her. Remember, the woman who wrote in had her own job, bought her own house and was able to support herself before allowing Scrooge to change her life. If he refuses to go, then I agree that finding a good attorney to protect her would be the next logical step.

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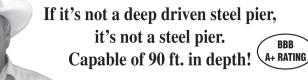
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21-April 19). Inside every single relationship, LEO (July 23there's a dullness that Aug. 22). You are not will, sooner or later, the only voice in your emerge. When it does, own head. There is no shortage of noise don't take it as a bad sign but as an invitation sources: culture, echoes of parental to meet the tedium with equal forces of creativivoices, peers and ty, love and expression. more. Separating out the signal of truth will

Sun Argues With

**ARIES (March** 

**TAURUS (April** 

20-May 20). One idea

leads to the next, and

solid merit. So, which

before you know it,

you've about 25 of

is worth pursuing?

The brightest ones,

of course -- the ideas

that illuminate what's

**GEMINI (May 21-**

June 21). Multitasking

is a good way to make

done quite right. That

said, almost any work

can be enhanced by

doesn't tax the brain.

**22-July 22).** Now is

the only inhabitable

what happens. You'll

retell the story later,

**CANCER** (June

moment. Keep track of

upbeat music that

sure that nothing is

around them.

Uranus

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Feelings elongate, stretching from moments into hours, becoming moods. Moods are powerful, as they set the tone for the scenes of your life. So it's important to pick good ones, such as being cheerful or amused.

be the hard part.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Charming and open, cheerful and agreeable: As far as desirable company goes, you hit all the notes. It's easy around certain people. Together you're creating this supportive environment.

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Numbers

and it will be good to have your fresh impressions about how it felt from the inside.

SCOR-PIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The confidential information lands with you because people trust

you to

hear them without judgment, problem-solve without drama and keep it all under wraps, too. Discretion is one of your super talents.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make a deliberately vague request to a number of people and observe how it's resolved differently by each individual. Such exercises are fascinating to you, a student of human behavior, empowered with each lesson.

CAP-BY HOLIDAY MATHIS RICORN (Dec.

22-Jan. 19). You've a delightful sense of spontaneity about you. You keep people wondering,

and because of this, they check in to see what you're up to and how they can be a part of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There is a certain amount of effort involved in relationships -- more with some people than others. You like to make yourself easy to be around, but the fact is, people will value the relationship more when it requires work.

PISCES (Feb. **19-March 20).** Maybe you haven't been called "poetry in motion" out

loud, but someone is thinking it as they watch you handle the day. You see and respond to life's beauty in a way all your own.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-**DAY (Jan. 26). What you do for family will reward you all year long. A special relationship takes focus. This one radiates from the realm in which it started and favorably affects other parts of your life with its luminous influence. Spring brings a financial lift. Your professional life will take off in an interesting new direction. Gemini and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 13, 17 and 5.

**TURN THE DOWN-**SIDE OF YOUR SIGN INTO AN ASSET: Each sign has strengths and weaknesses, and often, they are very same quality. Childishness is part of an ARIES personality at any age. The ram is the firstborn child of the zodiac. and Aries natives often remain a bit naive no matter what they know of the world. They are also impulsive and

impatient. Aries can make the most of these qualities by using them to get out of bad situations and into more fulfilling ones. Whereas a more patient person will wait around to see if a situation gets better, Aries is the first to spring up and move on, believing that something better is out there for those bold enough to start over.

TAURUS is known for being stubborn. No one can get a Taurus to change. Change has to be internally motivated. No one can alter the mind of a Taurus; it's a decision that only the Taurus can make. No one can motivate a Taurus. Taurus is self-motivated. Taurus can make the most of this stubbornness by choosing worthy goals that will take a long time to accomplish. Taurus will keep going after all the others have given up and will eventually be the victorious last one standing.

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By Steve Becker

#### Justice is sometimes blind

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH** WEST **♦** K Q 10 8 7 2 ♥K 10 8 5 ♦ J 9 2 **♦** 10 8 3 **♣**Q2 **4**654 **SOUTH ♠**43 ♥AQJ **♠**AKJ98

Pass 2 NT 3 NT Pass Opening lead — king of spades. The observation that life isn't always fair can be applied to a certain type of bridge hand where overbid-

ding pays off while sensible bidding

North East

The bidding:

An example of this apparent paradox is provided by today's deal from a duplicate game. At one table, where North-South were playing aceshowing responses to a strong twobid, South reached three notrump as

Declarer won West's king of spades with the ace and had to decide how best to utilize his one and only

led dummy's ten of clubs and let it ride. Had the finesse succeeded, South would have had 10 tricks without the aid of a heart finesse. As it was, though, West produced the queen of clubs and peeled off five spades to set the contract two tricks.

entry to dummy. Quite reasonably, he

At another table, South, after a series of bids too gruesome to record, wound up in six notrump. Again, the king of spades was led, and again declarer took the ace.

Here, though, South had no good reason to finesse in clubs. Even if the finesse succeeded, he would still be a long way from making 12 tricks. So he decided to play for a combination of minor miracles as his only chance to bring in the slam.

At trick two, he led a heart to the queen. After this held, he cashed the A-K of clubs, dropping the queen and at the same time establishing dummy's ten as an entry. With everything going just as the doctor ordered and 12 tricks assured (assuming East had the heart king), declarer now went

after a 13th trick. He played the A-K-Q of diamonds, establishing dummy's seven, crossed to the ten of clubs and cashed the good diamond. Then, adding insult to injury, he repeated the heart

finesse to finish with all the tricks! As we said, life — and, in particular, life at the bridge table — isn't always fair.

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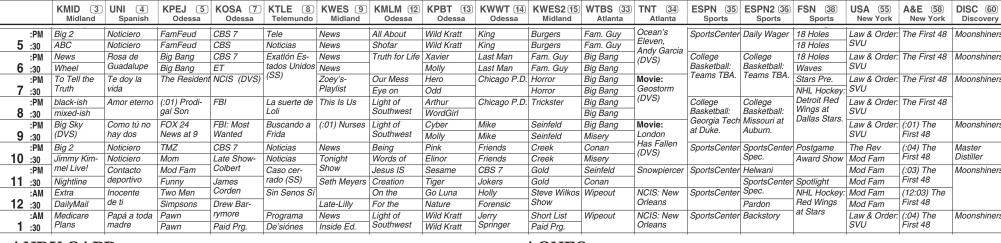
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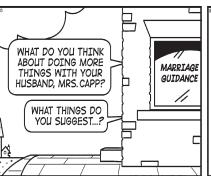
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This Date

In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2021. There are 339

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 2020, NBA leg-

end Kobe Bryant, his 13-year-

old daughter and seven others

were killed when their helicop

ter plunged into a steep hillside

in dense morning fog in Southern California; the for-

In 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in

In 1907, Congress passed the

Tillman Act, which prohibited corporations from making direct campaign contributions

to federal election candidates.

In 1960, National Football

League team owners chose Pete Rozelle to be the new

commissioner, succeeding the

In 1961, President John F.

Kennedy appointed Dr. Janet G. Travell to be his personal physician; she was the first woman to hold the job.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land sci-

entific instruments on the moon — but the probe ended

up missing its target by more than 22,000 miles.

In 1988, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Phantom of the Opera" opened at

Broadway's Majestic Theater.

In 1992, Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton,

appearing with his wife, Hillary, on CBS' "60 Minutes," acknowledged "causing pain in my marriage," but said past problems were not relevant to the campaign.

In 1993, Vaclay Havel (VAHTS'-lahy HAH'-vel) was

elected president of the newly formed Czech Republic.

mer Lakers star was 41.

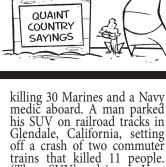
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**Today in History** 

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secutive life terms.)

der and sentenced to 11 con-

HOME WITH 10 FEET OF

SNOW ON

THE ROOF!"

2009, Nadya Suleman gave birth at Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center in California to six boys and two girls; criticism came after the public learned that the unemployed, single mother had gotten pregnant with the octuplets and six elder children through in vitro fertilization.

Ten years ago: Speaking in manitowoc, wisconsin, President Barack Obama campaigned vigorously for his revamped economic message, warning that other countries were grasping for first place in the global marketplace as the U.S. fell down on the job. Afghan President Hamid Karzai swore in the country's new parliament, marking the end of a drawn-out battle over whether the lawmakers would be able to start work despite ongoing investigations into electoral fraud.

Five years ago: The FBI arrested the leaders of an armed group that was occupying a national wildlife refuge in Oregon for more than three weeks during a traffic stop that left one man, Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, dead. Pope Francis held talks with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani at President Hassan Rouhani at the Vatican, calling on Tehran to play a key role in stopping the spread of terrorism. The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists announced that its symbolic "Doomsday Clock" remained at three minutes to midnight, citing rising tension between Russia and the U.S., North Korea's recent nuclear test and a lack of aggressive steps to address climate change. Character actor Abe Vigoda, Character actor Abe Vigoda, 94, died in Woodland Park, New Jersey.

One year ago: The U.S. consulate in the Chinese city of Wuhan, the epicenter of the coronavirus epidemic, said iţ would evacuate its personnel and some private citizens aboard a charter flight. Five cases of the new coronavirus were now confirmed in the United States, including new cases in California and Arizona; all involved people who had traveled to Wuhan.

Answer to previous puzzle SASH CELL SHAMU
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The New York Times reported that in a draft of an upcoming book, former national security adviser John Bolton said that President Donald Trump had wanted to maintain a freeze on military assistance to Ukraine until it aided political investigations into his Democratic rivals. Eighteen-year-old singer Billie Eilish made history at the Grammy Awards, becoming the youngest to win one of Grammy's top awards and the

I'M SURE THEY HAVE

A POWER BACKUP.

YOU'RE

OVER-

THINKING IT, STAN.

> first to sweep all four in nearly 40 years.

Birthdays: Today's Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 92. Sportscaster-actor Bob Uecker is 86. Actor Scott Glenn is 82. Singer Jean Knight is 78. Activist Angela Davis is 77. Actor Richard Portnow is 74. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 73. Actor David Strathairn (streh-THEHRN') is 72. Producer-director Mimi

Leder is 69. Alt-country sing-Lúcinda er-songwriter Williams is 68. Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 63. Actor-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 63. Charlie musician Gillingham (Counting Crows) is 61. Hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky is 60. Musician Andrew Ridgeley is 58. R&B singer Jazzie B (Soul II Soul) is 58. Actor Paul Johansson is 57. Director Lenny Abrahamson is

55. Actor Bryan Callen is 54. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 51. Actor Nate Mooney is 49. Actor Jennifer Crystal is 48. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoobastank) is 47. Actor Matilda Szydagis is 47. Actor Gilles Marini (ZHEEL ma-REE'-nee) is 45. Gospel singer Tye Tribbett is 45. Retired NBA player Vince Carter is 44. Actor Sarah Rue is 43. Actor Colin O'Donoghue is 40.

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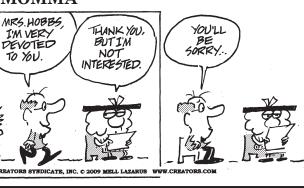
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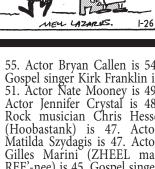






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# **Newsday Crossword**

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Explosive initials 4 Prayers' last
- words
- 9 Affectionate embraces
- 13 Fabric from
- sheep 15 Salk vaccine
- target
- 16 "A likely story!"
- 17 Take \_\_ account 61 Clean off a
- (consider) 18 Prevailing
- tendency
- **19** Here today,
- 20 Minor error
- 21 Roof overhang
- others
- 23 Electric car
- in baseball
- 26 Patronize, as a
- 29 The ones over

- Julius Caesar
- 32 Brunch or dinner 33 Holder for
- housing
- manner 39 Luau dance
- 40 Thick slice
- 41 Money in Spain 42 Walk inside
- 43 New Delhi's
- country
- 45 Groups of
- 46 Attaches, as to a scrapbook page

- 52 Natural skin
- soother 53 "Clumsy me!"
- **57** Western Hemisphere alliance: Abbr.
- 58 Assure, as a victory
- **59** Grasp tightly
- 60 Ireland
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- **62** Connecticut university
- **63** See-through part
- of eyeglasses **64** Trifled (with) 65 Was winning

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- 3 Wizard of Oz
- 1 Tiny tree branch

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- \_ in "eagle'
- 25 Sacred

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- 26 Norms: Abbr.
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- 32 Island near

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- 4 Most appropriate 34 Sedan or
  - convertible
    - 35 Kid's snow vehicle
    - **36** Portions of corn 38 Cribs and cots
    - 42 Historical period
    - **44** After-tax 45 Sounded a car
    - horn **46** Small group of
    - experts
    - 47 In the know
    - 48 Glossy gown
    - fabric
    - 50 Extinguish, as a fire
    - **52** Aviation prefix
    - for dynamic
    - **54** Talked-out, as an exam
    - 55 Stack of stuff
    - 56 Moved quickly
    - 58 Make ready, as
    - a dinner table

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- In 1994, a scare occurred during a visit to Sydney, Australia, by Britain's Prince Charles as college student David Kang lunged at the prince, firing two blank shots from a starter's pistol. (Kang was later sentenced to 500 hours of community service.) hours of community service.)
- al relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."
- In 1998, President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexu-In 2005, a U.S. Marine helicopter crashed in western Iraq, 1/26/21

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## Forsan, Big Spring Powerlifting teams compete at Coahoma 20th annual competition

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Steer and Forsan Buffalo Powerlifting teams competed at the 20th Annual Coahoma Powerlifting Meet this past Saturday. Overall Big Spring finished in First Place for the Girl's Division with Coahoma taking Second Place overall, and Forsan coming in Sixth Place. Other teams competing at the meet Stanton, Miles, and Midland Classical Academy.

**Big Spring Results:** 

Ashlin Calvio – First Place with a squat of 215;

Valerie Hernandez – Third Place with a squat of

215; bench of 110; deadlift of 225 for a total of 550

bench of 75; deadlift of 260 for a total of 595 pounds

Adali Hernandez - Third Place with a squat of 220;

Amiya Hernandez – Seventh Place with a squat of 200; bench of 95; deadlift 170 for a total of 465 pounds

Abewi Delgado - First Place with a squat of 300;

Jocelyn Gonzales – First Place with a squat of 380;

Xilanae Walker - Second Place with a squat of 310;

teams made multiple

lead changing runs, but

it was Miles who had the

advantage to open the

fourth. In the closing

minute, Forsan made a

hard charge to steal the

win, scoring on a driv-

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ensuing inbounds pass,

and converting a three-

point play to pull with-

in one with 20-seconds

left. Miles would leave

bench of 130; deadlift of 230 for a total of 580 pounds

bench of 100; deadlift of 190 for a total of 490

bench of 135; deadlift of 230 for a total of 665

bench of 150; deadlift of 385 for a total of 915

bench of 100; deadlift of 245 for a total of 560 pounds

Weight Class 105

Weight Class 132

Weight Class 148

Weight Class 165

Weight Class 181

Weight Class 198

a Miles desperate for a

win to buoy their play-

off chances after stum-

bling out of the block in

8-2A play. The game was

close throughout, the

two teams each played

aggressive, pressing de-

fense, and there ended

being four technical



Courtesy photo

included Colorado City, Big Spring Steer Mattox Evans placed second at the 123 weight class.

bench of 210; deadlift of 320 for a total of 840 pounds

Kayen Johnson - Third Place with a squat of 275; bench of 165; deadlift of 240 for a total of 680

Weight Class 220

Rebecca Rodriguez - First Place with a squat of 300; bench of 105; deadlift of 265 for a total of 670 pounds

Weight Class 259

Jhaniah Johnson - Second Place with a squat of 350; bench of 200; deadlift of 300 for a total of 850 pounds

#### **Forsan Results**

Weight Class 132

Emma Buske – Fifth Place with a squat of 190; bench of 105; deadlift of 225 for a total of 520 pounds Courtney Overton – Sixth Place with a squat of 185; bench of 90; deadlift of 225 for a total of 500 pounds

Weight Class 148

Chloe Gillihan - Ninth Place with a squat of 165; a bench of 85; deadlift of 205 for a total of 455 pounds Giselle Holguin - Fourth Place with a squat of 260; Emily Allen - 10th Place with a squat of 150; bench of 95; deadlift of 190 for a total of 435 pounds Melanie Aguilar – Eight Place with a squat of 200;

Weight Class 181

Kvndel Lawdermilk - Third Place with a squat of 220; bench of 140; deadlift of 235 for a total of 595 pounds

Weight Class 198

Emma Peffer – Fourth Place with a squat of 180; bench of 120; deadlift of 190 for a total of 490 pounds

Weight Class 259

Kelsev Zubiate – Third Place with a squat of 330; 2011 S. Gregg St. bench of 190; deadlift

of 240 for a total of 760 pounds.

of-two free throws on their next trip, leaving Forsan with a chance to force overtime or win the game with five seconds left. Unfortunately, the Buffs game-winning three-point attempt fell short as the game clock expired, and Miles prevailed 50-48. The Forsan boys continue to alternate district wins and losses, now sitting at

#### **CHS**

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Girls results (Coahoma only)

Results are listed by class, standing, competitor, lifts, and totals.

97 —1. Christian Everett - 200 squat, 115 bench,

230 deadlift -- 545 105 — 2. Serena Dobbs - 220 squat, 115 bench, 220 deadlift -- 555; 3. Zoie Joslin - 160 squat, 70 bench, 185 deadlift -- 415

123 — 3. Sierra Pena - 170 squat, 85 bench, 170 deadlift -- 425

148 — 1. Cailey Glover - 320 squat, 160 bench, 305 deadlift -- 785; 5. Marianna Glover - 200 squat, 105 bench, 245 deadlift -- 550

165 — 2. Maci Green - 235 squat, 155 bench, 230 deadlift -- 620

181 — 4. Cayhill Lewis - 230 squat, 110 bench, 235 deadlift -- 575; 5. Savannah Meacham - 175 squat, 105 bench, 180 deadlift -- 460

220 — 2. Paula Mae Hagins - 200 squat, 115 bench,

Team Finals: 1. Big Spring, 49 points; 2. Coahoma, 39 points; 3. Colorado, 26 points; 4. Stanton, 21 points; 5. Miles, 12 points; 6. Forsan, 9 points; 7. Midland Classical Academy, 4 points.

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fouls in a game that had Serving Big Spring For 30 Years! the door open further 9-10 for the year and 3-3 playoff energy. Both by only making onein district.





