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City Council Special Meeting 5:30 p.m. today Council Chambers

Big Spring EDC Special Meeting 5:15 p.m. Wednesday

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Coahoma ISD recognizes School **Board Recognition Month** in providing the best educaistration who have successas a trustee on the Coahoma

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Coahoma ISD

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Scott Tutle

 $Serving\,as\,the\,board$ secretary, Scott Tutle was elected to his position in 2019. He is the

MidSouth Region Manager for Symborg Inc. and has 15 years of experience in the agricultural industry.

With his own children attending Coahoma schools, Scott is personally invested tion to Coahoma youths.

"The school is the heart of our community and the students are our future," he said. "I want to do my part to help make sure our students, school, and community are



successful."

Over the past year, the Coahoma ISD board members have found themselves in the unique position of steering the district through the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

"A huge thank you to our teachers, staff, and admin-

fully navigated through this crazy time and ensured our students' needs have been met," Scott said.

Kandy Alaman

Kandy Alaman is the CISD board president and has served as a trustee for the past seven years. A graduate of the University of Texas in Austin, she has been a pharmacist for the past 16 years.

She is married to David Alaman and the couple have two children who attend Coahoma schools. Emma is 13 years old and Ava is 11.

"I have always had a passion for learning, even when I was a student," she said. "I wanted to be able to serve our community in a way that would benefit students and promote learning. I take great pleasure in being on the CISD Board of Trustees and am grateful for this opportunity.

Odis Franklin

Odis Franklin has served

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and students."

Stormy Bradley

on the CISD board of

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Center does not currently have any vaccines to be dsitributed to the community. The last round of vaccines was the result of a re-allocation from Midland Health. Should another re-allotment take place or a new distribution from the state be sent, SMMC will notify the community through local media sources. For those wanting to find out more information, visit www.scenicmountain-

> Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported 1/31/2021:

medical.org/vaccine.

• 8 Covid-19 positive patients • 1 in ICU & 1 vent

SMMG & SMMC Testing through Jan. 31: • 3180 tests

• 782 positives for 24.6% positivity rate • 0 pending

From Dec. 2020 - Jan. 31, 1244 patients have tested of which 272 were positive for a rate of 21.9% positivity. no tests are pending.

> Howard County has reported as of 01/29:

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- 204 Active cases
- 4053 recovered
- 1474 probable cases

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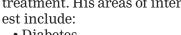
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SMMG welcomes local Family Nurse Practitioner, Jonathan Morales than started his practice in treatment. His areas of inter-

Special to the Herald **SMMC**

Scenic Mountain Medical Group is pleased to welcome Jonathan Morales, board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner. Jonathan has 15 years of healthcare experience encompassing emergency medicine, hospice, orthopedics post-surgical care. His practice is dearound veloped his ability to treat

patients using evidence-based practices and interventions. He believes patient education is the fundamental foundation of creating positive outcomes for



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Jonathan **Morales FNP**

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nesses Jonathan is a Big Spring native and graduate of Spring High School. He later attended Howard College to obtain his Associates Degree in Nurs-

• Men's Heath

Childhood ill-

ing, and his Bachelor and Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington. After completing his nurse practitioner training, Jonahis hometown with Scenic Mountain Medical Group.

"I am thrilled to announce to our community that a • Small Laceration home-grown healthcare provider has joined Scenic Mountain Medical Group," said Stacey Brown, president of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "Jonathan is a perfect example of why! He grew up in Big Spring, has settled down with his family in Big Spring, and is now ready and eager to take care of his Big Spring family and friends each and every day. We will work hard to support Jonathan's practice so that he'll be a member of our healthcare family

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Groundhog Day... the history behind the annual tradition

Herald Staff Writer

Groundhog Day originated all the way

back in 1887, one of the longest traditions held here in the U.S. It's roots are planted in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania where a rodent meteorologist was first celebrated. In Groundhog Day tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on Feb. 2, and sees its shadow, it is frightened and runs back into its burrow. This would predict six more weeks of winter weather. If the groundhog does not see his shadow, an early spring will come upon us. The history of Groundhog Dog dates back

with roots in Christianity, where clergy would base however many candles were needed for winter to determine how long and cold the winter would be. Some of its history can also be found in Germany where they expanded the concept by selecting a hedgehog as a means of predicting the weather. Once German settlers moved into Pennsylvania, the tradition continued although there was a change from hedgehogs into the high population of hedgehogs located in the Keystone State.

Groundhog Day even has history with the

a part of a groundhog hunting group - declared a Punxsutawney groundhog named Phil was America's only true weather-forecasting groundhog. However, studies by the National Climatic

Data Center and the Canadian weather service, have determined that the rate of success for Phil the Punxsutawney groundhog is around 40%. Groundhogs spend their winter hibernating in their burrows and by February, can

lose as much as half their weight. They can grow up to 25 inches long and live up to 10 years in captivity. When they are out of hibernation, they typically feast on succulent plants, wild berries, and insects. The superstition comes from the ground-

hog's emergence from its burrow. If he sees his shadow due to clear weather, it will retreat to its den and winter will continue for six more weeks. However, if it does not see

it's shadow from the cloudiness, spring will arrive early. Today, festivities are held in Punxsutawney by local dignitaries known as the Inner Circle. It's members wear top hats while conducting the official proceedings in the

newspaper industry. In 1887, a newspaper See **SHADOW**, Page 3

editor from Punxsutawney - who was also By IRIS RANGEL

Obituaries

Melba Lorene (Preston) Sykes

Melba Lorene (Preston) Sykes was born in the tiny hamlet of Hale Center, Texas on Monday, Aug. 18, 1930, to Arnett Carey (A.C.) and Docia Fay Preston and was welcomed into the arms of her loving



Savior on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 23, 2021. Her life of 90 and one-half years was marked only by measles as a toddler and mumps when she was in her mid-20s until dementia in her 80s was accelerated by a very brief Covid diagnosis in late 2020.

She was a wonderful wife to Abbott B. (Hap) Sykes, until his passing in December 2012. She was the best mother a daughter or son could ever

have. Her children were extremely blessed to call her Mom and Mother.

Having been raised in Big Spring Texas, Melba married Hap in October 1951, and they established their home in Big Spring until they moved to Odessa, Texas, in 1959. By then, their daughter and oldest of three sons were born to them; in Odessa they would have two more sons.

Melba was supportive in all her children's activities and with their father continued a giving ministry in support of spreading God's Word throughout the world that began in the very early days of their marriage. At her passing, she was continuing to tithe to not only her church, Grace Christian

Fellowship, but also to a dozen other ministries around the world. For many years, she was active with Women's Aglow Fellowship (now Aglow International). About 10 years ago she provided the entire funding to drill a desperately needed water well in the African country of Zambia. At about the same time, she also fully funded a mobile radio transmitter in the Middle East so that many people groups there could hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Melba was generous not only to the many ministries she supported, but she was also very generous to her family that she loved very much.

Melba's church family and her extended church family were also an important part of her life as she was active with the seniors and care group as well as a home Bible study in Midland. Until the dementia began to become more dominant in her life, one would see Melba's little blue Honda FIT in her special parking spot every Sunday and could then find Melba in her own particular seat in the sanctuary.

Just before she passed out of this earthly life, her children and beloved son-in-law gathered at her bedside to sing two of her favorite hymns, "It Is Well (with My Soul)" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness." At the last chorus, she entered eternity to meet her Savior and those dear ones who had gone ahead of her. We praise the Lord for her life that was so well lived.

Melba is preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Abbott B (Hap) Sykes; her middle son, Stephen Preston Sykes of Odessa, Texas; two of her three siblings - her sister, Quepha Lewis of Springfield, MO and her brother, Carl Preston of Abilene, Texas; and her parents, A.C and Docia Preston of Big Spring, Texas.

Melba is survived by her daughter and son-inlaw, Judy and John Dalton of Cloudcroft, NM; her two sons, Barry of Odessa, Texas and Nathan of Providence, RI. Her remaining sibling, an older sister, Margie Weller, resides in Denver, CO, Mom is also survived by her granddaughters, Stephanie and Ken Miller of Fort Worth, Texas and Jessica and Calvin Wiggins of Roanoke, TX; her grandson, Michael and Nikki Dalton of Woodland Park, Colorado; and five great-grandchildren, Rowan Hines, Calvin Wiggins Jr. (CJ), and Zane, Eisley and Ella Dalton. She also leaves behind many dear friends in Odessa and beyond who blessed her life immensely as we know she also enriched theirs.

Melba's family would like to thank her former pastor and now hospice chaplain, Clark Racca; the attentive staff and case workers with Hospice of Midland; and the staff and management of The Courtyards Assisted Living and Memory Care, where Melba enjoyed the last three years of her life. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be designated to Youth Ministry/Grace Christian Fellowship, 3450 Billy Hext Rd, Odessa TX 79765.

A celebration of Melba's life will be on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary of Grace Christian Fellowship. Burial will follow this celebration with a graveside service at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send condolences, please sign her guestbook at www.sunsetodessa.

Paid Obituary

Emma Beth Peterson Cobler

Emma Beth Peterson Cobler, 92, of Big Spring, Texas passed away Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021. Beth was born June 28, 1928, in Lamesa, Texas, to Jo-



seph Marvin and Hattie Lena Peterson. Her early years were spent in Lamesa before attending Draughn's Business College in Lubbock. Beth married Dan B. Cobler in the First Methodist Church of Lamesa, Texas, in 1951 and subsequently moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico for 21 years where Dan was Civil Service and Beth worked as a legal secretary. Upon retirement in 1972, Beth and Dan traveled with their Air

Stream travel trailer as "snow birds" spending time in Colorado and East Texas. In 1981, they settled in the Chandler, Texas area of East Texas until Dan's death in 2002. Beth relocated to Big Spring, Texas to be closer to family.

Beth was a member of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. Her favorite past time was sewing and sharing her creations with others.

Like her father, Beth was quite talented at quilting and shared her talent with family and friends. One of her favorite items was stuffed animal toys which she made and donated to various hospitals for sick

Beth is survived by a sister, Allene Pearce (Big Spring, Texas), she was Aunt Beth to many nieces and nephews: Jeanne Davis of Lamesa, Texas, Joe William Peterson (Karen) of Austin, Texas, Marla McBryde (John) of Oklahoma City, OK, Beverly Dabovich (Nick) of Big Spring, Texas, Cindy Barnes (Gary) of Lubbock, Texas, and Brent Pearce (Natalie) of Missouri City, Texas and 20 great niec-

Beth was predeceased by her husband, parents, brothers Clarence Marvin Peterson and Billy Joe Peterson, nieces Marlynn Cline, Dorothy Planje, and Karon Zachary.

Memorials can be made to the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring or to any charity of your choosing.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, at Dawson County Cemetery. Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Gwendolyn Vanderbilt



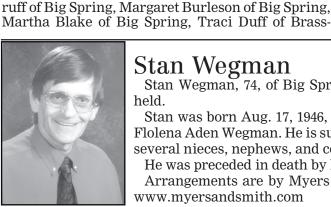
Gwendolyn Vanderbilt, 75 of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021. Visitation will be Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Services will be Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Jerome McNalley of New Life Ministries Church of God in Christ officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Gwendolyn was born July 20, 1945. She is survived by five daughters: Shelia Wood-

well, NC, and Rosie Francis of Big Spring; three sons: Eugene Vanderbilt, Jr. of Big Spring, Michael Vanderbilt of Big Spring, and Donald Vanderbilt of Big Spring; six sisters: Sarah Jones of San Angelo and Mellisa Polk, Iris Polk, Sharon Polk, Renee Polk, and Joyce Polk of Gonzales; five brothers: Charles Polk of Winston, CA, James Polk of Houston, and Anthony Polk, Jessi Polk, and Bill Polk of Gonzales; grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great great grandson; and best friend: Letha Potts. In addition to her parents Rosie Wood Polk and

Jesse Polk, she was preceded in death by her husband: Eugene Vanderbilt, Sr.; one son: Randy "Nardy" Vanderbilt; one grandson; two grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-



Stan Wegman

Stan Wegman, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2021. No services will be

Stan was born Aug. 17, 1946, in Kansas City, MO to Clifford Stanley Wegman and Flolena Aden Wegman. He is survived by his wife: Sandy Wegman of Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Aline McDaniel

Aline McDaniel of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park. Burial is at Trinity Memorial Park.

Aline was born Oct. 5, 1947.

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Aline is survived by her brother Robert Legg of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband John; her parents Gene and Lucette Legg as well as her mother.

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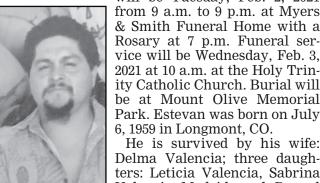
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Estevan Valencia Sr

Estevan Valencia, Sr., 61, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021



from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with a Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 at 10 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Estevan was born on July 6, 1959 in Longmont, CO. He is survived by his wife:

Valencia Madrid, and Raquel Valencia; two sons: Christopher Valencia and Timothy Valencia; seven grandchil-

dren; one great grandson; five sisters:. A fund to assist the family has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

In addition to his parents, Bernada Hernandez Valencia and Sabino Valencia, he was preceded in death by one son: Stevan Valencia; one sister; and eight brothers.

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Phil's virtual prediction: 6 more weeks of winter

By Larry McGuire

The Punxsutawney Spirit

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. For the first time in three years, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow Tuesday morning at a chilly, snowsplashed Gobbler's Knob.

As legend has it, that means six more weeks of winter. This was the 106th time in 135 years that Phil emerged from his burrow and made such a prediction, though in each of the previ- The prediction is six more weeks ous two years, he had failed to see a shadow and called for an early spring.

of winter. Just before 7:30 .a.m., the world's most famous groundhog and his Inner Circle delivered the prediction virtually, by means of a live internet stream and website to a worldwide audience.

For the first time ever, there were no fans allowed in attendance Tuesday to hear Phil's prognostication because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. A year ago, a crowd reported to be near 50,000 had flocked to Gobbler's Knob for the ceremony.

Groundhog Club Inner Circle president Jeff Lundy, in his first year in the role, spoke to Phil in his native language, Groundhogese, and Phil directed him to the proper scroll.

It read: "Īt's a beautiful morning this I can see, with all my fans viewing virtually. My faithful followers, being safe and secure, our tradition of Groundhog Day must endure. We have all passed through the darkness of night, but now see hope in morning's bright light. But now, when I turn to see, there's a perfect shadow cast of me; six more weeks of winter there will be."

The virtual event began promptly at 6:30 a.m. with a welcome message from Lundy.

"This year is different. Gobbler's Knob is empty. But the tradition continues. There will always be a Groundhog Day," Lundy said.

Dan "Moonshine" McGinley and David "Thunder Conductor" Gigliotti, the Inner Circle members who typically provide the entertainment for Phil's followers at Gobbler's Knob beginning in the wee hours of Groundhog morning, also made a virtual appear-Celebrity guest messages

were included from Camille Schrier, Miss America 2020; Stephen Toboloski, who played Ned Ryerson in the movie "Groundhog Day; Jim Cantore and Jen Carfagno of The Weather Channel; Danny Rubin, "Groundhog Day" screenwriter; YouTube star Pitts-burgh Dad; country music Courtesy photo stars Brett Eldredge, who sang the national anthem, and Blake Shelton; and John Esposito, a Punxsy native and chairman/

CEO Warner Music Nashville.

The festivities made a turn toward the prognostication at 7:13 a.m., when the members of Phil's Inner Circle were introduced, including rookie members Rob "Downpour" McCoy and Pat "Head Huntsman" Casaday. The top-hat-wearing members then made their trek down the hill to Phil's stump. From there, all that remained was waking Phil from his slumber and hearing his annual pre-Groundhog Day 2021 was certainly very different

from a tourism standpoint. Punxsutawney Phil's Official Souvenir Shop reported late last week that while online sales had been going well, sales in the physical shop itself had been slower than normal because of the pandemic. But having no visitors at Gobbler's Knob didn't

mean that the town was completely devoid of visitors throughout the week, as a few made the trip regardless, just to be in town on or around the big Neal Geist, who lives in High Point, North Caro-

lina, said that despite the fact that things were going to be different this year, he just couldn't resist the allure of Punxsutawney Phil and his big day. He said he's had a streak going since his first trip back in 2016, and he just couldn't bring himself to skip his visit this time around. "I came as a one-time deal back in 2016, just to see

what it was like, and I just had so much fun that I said to myself, 'I'm going to go every year,'" Geist said. "So, it's been an annual tradition, and even this year with the restrictions and everything, I thought, 'I just want to be in Punxsutawney for Groundhog Day.'

To officially keep his streak alive, Geist, who grew up in Pennsylvania — about 60 miles northeast of Harrisburg in Higgins — spent the night in town Monday before waking up in time to watch Phil's virtual prognostication, then making the return trip home.

Wilson, Walter member of the Groundhog Club chapter in New Jersey, visited Gobbler's Knob Monday. He said he frequently traveled to Punxsutawney Jackie Jones, who was the leader of their chapter and had a great relationship with the Inner Circle. This year, the group made the trip in her memory after she passed away.

A.J. Dereume, one of Phil's handlers, said he met Jackie and that they each got matching tattoos on their ring fingers. "There's no better definition of a fan of Phil than Jackie," he

Groundhog Day 2021 was certainly an event like none other, which could be said each year given the unique nature of the prognostication and surrounding events. But everyone is in agreement about one thing: hoping that the 136th installment of Groundhog Day next year feels a lot more familiar and "normal.

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Ed Freeman, 71, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Debra Molina, 56, died Tuesday. A private memorial will be held.

Seferina Ramirez, 94, died Sunday. Services are Friday at 2:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Aline McDaniel, 73, Sunday. Visitation will be Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Graveside services will be held on Thursday at 2:00 PM at Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park.

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trustees since May of 2020. She is a business owner and operates two steel businesses in the community of Coahoma. Stormy has more than a decade of experience in the construction business. Before she became an entrepreneur,

Stormy worked as a nurse at a local hospital and continues to keep a current nursing license for the state of Texas. Stormy said she sought to serve her

community as an elected board member because she wanted "to help lead, guide, and impact the future including my own children. I love our community, and I love that I am able to give back in a leadership capacity. I look forward to increasing my involvement and impact across our community and county.

Michael Brooks

Michael Brooks has served as a Coahona ISD trustee for a total of 10 years. He

was first elected in 2010 and continued to serve until 2019 before stepping down for a year. He brings 14 years of experience as a farmer to the board. Michael said he decided to seek public office because he wanted to make a difference for the students, staff, and taxpayers of the district and feels it's a "great honor to serve on the board of CISD."

Dicky Stone

Dicky Stone's roots in the Coahoma community are strong and deep. He is a 1971 graduate of Coahoma High School, taught at Coahoma ISD, and has served as a board member for the past six years. In all, Dicky has 50 years invested in CISD. After his retirement, he continues to serve in education and works part-time at Big Spring ISD. Dicky ran for public office because he wanted to support and help Coahoma ISD to provide the best education for its students.

Brandon Atkins

Brandon Atkins is serving his second elected term of office, and is the vice president of the CISD board. He has 20 years of experience in the oil and gas industry, and is a partner in H&P Boring Services.

Brandon is a father of three children, all of whom have attended or are attending Coahoma schools. Cutter, his oldest, is enrolled at Texas Tech University. Tanner, a senior, will be attending Tech in the fall, and Rowdy is a sophomore at

As a board member elected to represent the community he loves, Brandon wants to make sure every child has a voice.

"I want them to have the opportunity to learn and grow into who they are meant to be," he said. "It's not an easy task, but it's one of the most important roles I have. Listening to all sides before I make a decision is something I've learned with age....and

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"I believe that providing continuous patient education is the basis of medication compliance," said Morales. "It helps patients to understand their disease processes better and assists in the development of long-lasting patient/provider relationships."

shadow.

Jonathan sees patients of all ages from early childhood through adulthood. Jonathan is fluent in English and Spanish and accepts same day appointments for patients. His practice is located at 2301 South Gregg Street.

gather as large as 40,000 people each year. On Feb. 2 of every year, Groundhog day is cele-

brated by tens of thousands of people, where coverage is watched to see if Phil the Punxsutawney groundhog will see his



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Texas to get more vaccine doses than expected this week

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas was scheduled to get more than 520,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine this week, more than state officials said they had originally

Texas Department of State Health Services officials said the boost in doses is due to two factors: a 30% increase in the Moderna vaccine that's being provided by the federal government and a one-time return of 126,750 doses of the Pfizer vaccine that Texas had been required to set aside for a federal program that is vaccinating residents and staff at long-term care facilities.

The health department said these returned doses will be given to counties where allocations have been significantly less than their share of the population, particularly in the suburban Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston areas.

The Houston Health Department has said that this week it will focus its vaccine allocation on people at the highest risk for severe illness and those in vulnerable communities. "We know it is important to vaccinate the people who are the most vulner-

able, and they should be among the first to get shots, especially when supply is scarce," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. The state has received nearly 2.9 million doses of the coronavirus vaccine.

according to the COVID Tracking Project. Texas providers have administered nearly 2.3 million doses of vaccine, ac-

cording to the state health department. More than 1.8 million people have received at least one dose, and more than 448,000 have been fully vaccinated.

On Sunday, Texas health officials reported 11,155 new and probable coronavirus cases and 171 more deaths due to the illness caused by the virus.

There have been nearly 2.1 million virus cases and 36,491 deaths as a result of COVID-19 since the pandemic began, according to the Texas health depart-

Hospitalizations in the state continued to fall, with 11,220 patients reported Sunday. That's down from a high of 14,218 on Jan. 11.

Appeals court allows US to expel children alone at border

By NOMAAN MERCHANT

Associated Press

A federal appeals court on Friday ruled that the U.S. government could resume expelling immigrant children who cross the southern border unaccompanied by a parent.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit's stay of a lower court ruling allows President Joe Biden's administration to resume expulsions begun by former President Donald Trump under a public health policy citing the COVID-19 pandemic. The appeals court issued a stay that had been requested by the Trump administration shortly after a federal judge in November barred the practice. All three judges on the panel that

issued Friday's order were nominated by Trump, who enacted newly restrictive measures on immigration throughout his presidency. The judges are Gregory Katsas, Neomi Rao and Justin Walker.

Trump's Republican administration instituted expulsions early in the pandemic, saying it had to restrict border crossings to prevent the spread of the virus, though public

health officials later said they were told to issue an order allowing the expulsions by former Vice President Mike Pence. Border agents conducted more than 180,000 expulsions in just the last three months of 2020.

Immigration agencies have continued expelling most border crossers — adults as well as parents and children together — in Biden's first days. The Democrat has signaled he will roll back other Trump administration policies restricting immigration, but his advisers have also said they are concerned about allowing all migrants to cross the border immediately. It's unclear whether Biden will implement expulsions of unaccompanied children now.

At least 8,800 children were known to have been expelled prior to the federal court order. They included children as young as 9 who were denied the chance to request asylum or other protections under U.S. law. Many children, including some babies with their parents, were detained in hotels in border states before being placed on deportation flights before another judge barred that practice.

GOP lawmakers seek tougher voting rules after record turnout

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican lawmakers in statehouses across the country are moving swiftly to attack some of the voting methods that fueled the highest turnout for a presidential election in Although most legislative sessions are just get-

ting underway, the Brennan Center for Justice, a public policy institute, has already tallied more than 100 bills in 28 states meant to restrict voting access. More than a third of those proposals are aimed at limiting mail voting, while other bills seek to strengthen voter ID requirements and registration processes, as well as allow for more aggressive means to remove people from voter rolls.

"Unfortunately, we are seeing some politicians who want to manipulate the rules of the game so that some people can participate and some can't," said Myrna Pérez, director of the voting rights and elections program at the Brennan Center.

The proposals are advancing not only in Texas and other traditional red states but also in such places as Arizona, Georgia and Pennsylvania that supported Donald Trump four years ago, only to flip for Joe Biden in November.

Many Republicans have said the new bills are meant to shore up public confidence after Trump and his GOP allies, without evidence, criticized the election as fraudulent. Those claims were turned away by dozens of courts and were made even as a group of election officials — including representatives of the federal government's cybersecurity agency — deemed the 2020 presidential election the "the most secure in American history." Trump's former attorney general, William Barr, also said he saw no evidence of widespread fraud that would have changed the election results.

In last year's presidential election, nearly 70% of all ballots cast nationwide came before Election Day, with an estimated 108 million people voting through the mail, early in-person or by dropping off absentee ballots. The surge came after states expanded access to mail voting and early voting, with a few states sending absentee ballots to all registered voters in response to the coronavirus pandemic that raised safety questions about large crowds at the polls.

In Texas, the nation's largest Republican-controlled state, the 2020 presidential election was considered a resounding success by almost any measure. Millions took advantage of early in-person voting to shatter the state's turnout record. There

were no reports of widespread system meltdowns, voter disenfranchisement or fraud.

But some GOP lawmakers there are seeking new

criminal offenses to deter voter fraud, even though

actual fraud is exceedingly rare. Other bills would prohibit independent groups from distributing application forms for mail-in ballots and clarify who can request an application. In September, the state sued Harris County, home to Democratic-leaning Houston, to stop officials from sending mail ballot applications to the more than 2 million registered

Texas Rep. Jacey Jetton, a Republican, said he hopes lawmakers will pass new regulations for verification of voters' identity for mail-in voting to ensure "elections are accurate and that people feel it is conducted in such a way they are getting a fair, accurate election result." Absentee voting already is limited in Texas, mostly allowed for voters who can't make it to the polls on Election Day because they will be out of town or have a medical condi-

Thomas Buser-Clancy, senior staff attorney for the ACLU of Texas, said the state already is known as a "voter suppression state," noting that Texas does not allow online voter registration or broad mail voting.

"I think it is fair to call Texas a voter suppression state where election laws are largely aimed at making it harder, more difficult and scary for individuals to exercise their fundamental right to vote," he

Buser-Clancy said laws such as prohibiting online voter registration or requiring certain forms of ID create burdens that "disproportionately fall on poor communities and communities of color," where some individuals may not have the resources and ability to go out and get or fix specific neces sary items to exercise their right to vote.

A bill to eliminate no-excuse mail voting has been introduced in Pennsylvania, though the proposal would need approval from the state's Democratic governor. In Arizona, Republicans have introduced bills that would eliminate the state's permanent early voting list, require mail ballots to be notarized, require mail-in ballots to be handdelivered to a voting location and allow lawmakers to overturn presidential election results.

In Georgia, where Biden's win was verified in three separate tallies, Republicans in the GOP-controlled Legislature are gearing up to impose new barriers on mail voting, which was used heavily by Democrats in the presidential and Senate run-off elections. A Republican senator

has introduced a bill that

would require voters

to make copies of their

photo ID and mail it to

election officials twice in order to cast an absentee ballot. The state's Republican governor, lieutenant governor and secretary of state have backed the idea of requiring a photo ID for mail voting, though it's unclear if they support that specific bill.

"Despite the fact that Republicans know and understand there was no fraud, they are scared of their base," said Georgia Democratic Rep. Debra Bazemore. "That's the base that is loyal to Donald Trump. If they do not do anything, if they go against him, they might not be in office long."





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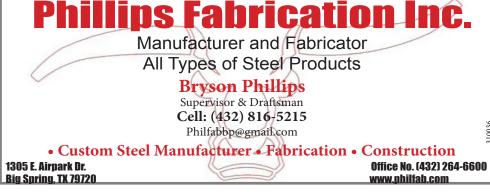
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History in the making, Senior Night and more for Howard County athletic teams

By SAM YOUNG

Herald Contributing Writer

Friday night's local hoops tilts brought us Senior Night, rivalry matchups, and a first that has been six year in the making. With intensity, emotion and energy it is certainly starting to feel like playoff time for Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan

Big Spring was home and away to Snyder in 3-4A district action, with the Lady Steers, (9-14, 2-5), on the road up highway 350. Snyder, (12-11, 4-3), was looking to all but wrap up a playoff spot with a victory. Big Spring had different plans, however. Snyder never could get clear daylight, despite being at home, and the game went back and forth throughout the night. The Lady Steers kept their foot on the gas into the second half, continuing to flip momentum back and forth into the waning minutes of regulation. Eventually, it was the Lady Steers who took control of the game with a late surge; holding off the Lady Tigers with a suffocating defensive performance. As the buzzer sounded to end the fourth, for the first time since 2015, Big Spring girl's basketball had a victory over Snyder, in Snyder, 40-37. The win leaves the ever-improving Lady Steers in control of their own destiny down the stretch as they jump to 3-5 in district with a season split against Snyder. The Lady Tigers drop to 4-4 in 3-4A, remaining in third place.

Unfortunately, back at Steer Gym, the boy's couldn't quite emulate the same result. This game started off quite differently than the low scoring first contest, with Big Spring, (13-9, 2-3), keeping pace initially with Snyder. However, as the first half wore on, the Tigers, (10-8, 3-2), stretched out a sizable lead thanks to consistent sharp shooting. By the break Snyder's lead had ballooned to 36-20. The second half ended up being fairly straightforward as Big Spring's offense couldn't mount the charge necessary to get back into the game. It would be Snyder earning the season sweep with a 59-35 victory. The defeat sends Big Spring to a 2-4 mark in district, still good for fourth place. Snyder hopped to 4-2 in 3-4A with the victory, holding in

On the eastern side of Howard County, Coahoma was busy hosting their rivals from Stanton in important games for 5-3A positioning. The Bulldogettes, (11-5, 5-2) stifling defense was on display again in the opening half — holding Stanton to just nine first-half points. For Stanton, (9-8, 2-5), after scoring just 34-points in the first game, the 22-9 halftime deficit put them in a big hole. The Lady Buffs would hang around throughout the second half, but Coahoma prevented any real comeback attempt en route to the 41-32 triumph. Coahoma stays second in district at 6-2, behind 11-points from MaKvnlee Overton and ten more from Madison Rogers. Stanton's loss drops them 2-6 in 5-3A, fifth in the district

The Coahoma boy's would aim for the night's sweep, and a season split, against a Stanton team directly ahead of them in district play. Stanton, (8-8, 3-2), would jump out to the early lead, although they wouldn't get much breathing room. The Bulldogs, (4-10, 2-3), kept close tabs on their rivals through the first 16-minutes with the game hitting the break at 22-19 Stanton. The difference would be the eight-minutes out of the locker rooms where the Bulldog offense sputtered while the Buffs opened a double-digit lead. From there it was Stanton's game to lose, and they grasped tightly to earn the W, 51-38. Coahoma was paced by 14-points from Raheem Ashford and another ten from Ryan Shifflett. The defeat puts the Bulldogs at 2-4 in 5-3A, still battling for fourth. Stanton moves to 4-2, on pace to challenge for second in district.

Finally, in Forsan, it was Senior Night for the Lady Buffs and Buffs against a pair of tough

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Bulldogettes down Lady Buffs, 41-32



MaKynlee Overton presses through two Lady Buff defenders towards the basket during the Coahoma varsity game against Stanton on Friday.

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes defeated the Lady Buffs for the second time this year in a District 5-3A matchup on Friday. Coahoma won 41-32.

MaKynlee Overton led the Bulldogettes to victory with 11

points. Madison Rodgers chipped in 10. Julia Cox tallied six. Shae Long and Isabella Cox had four points each.

With the win Coahoma improves to a 6-2 district record and is 12-6 for the season. The Bulldogettes are currently in second place in District 5-3A with two more games left.

Next: Coahoma hosts Sonora on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Before the game, the team will honor their senior players. The JV game begins at 7:30 p.m.

STANTON 32, COAHOMA 41

Stanton: 2, 7, 14, 9 - 32 Coahoma: 6, 16, 9, 10 -- 41

Stanton — Gaby Rodgriguez 8, Sarah Denson 6, Natalie Taylor 3, Sydney Harris 10, Zoey Ruiz 1, Rylee Murry 2. Hailea Veracruz

Coahoma — Julia Cox 6, Shae Lang 4, Madison Rodgers 10, Isabella Cox 4, Katelyn Johnson 3, Brynn Rodgers 1, Kenzi Canales 2, MaKynlee Overton 11.

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Brady on playing past 45: 'I would definitely consider that'

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer

Tom Brady keeps raising the bar about how long he could keep playing quarterback in the NFL.

As the 43-year-old Brady prepares for his record 10th Super Bowl and first since joining Tampa Bay this past offseason, he said he's already considering surpassing his previous goal and playing beyond age 45.

"Yes definitely. I would definitely consider that," Brady said Monday in his first news conference at Super Bowl week. "It's a physical sport. Just the perspective I have on that is, you never know kind of when that moment is, just because it's a contact sport. There's

a lot of training that goes into it. It has to be 100% commitment from myself to keep doing it."

Brady still has that commitment, working closely with longtime trainer Alex Guerrero on workouts, diets and other preparation that has allowed Brady to thrive at an age when most of his peers are long retired.

Brady said the days of being a high school or college kid living on pizza and fast food are long in the past.

"I think football for me has obviously been my sport. It's a career, but it's really part of my daily life," Brady said. "Because a lot of the decisions I make, I'm always thinking about 'How does this

impact my football? How does it impact my offseason training?' It's pretty well documented that the approach that I've taken over a period of time, which certainly didn't all start at once. I think how I work out and how I recover is very important. The work I do with my body coach Alex is critical to the success that I've had."

That work has helped Brady post accomplishments unequaled in NFL history. He has 10 Super Bowl trips, six titles, three MVPs, the most TD passes in regular-season history (581) and the possibility of passing Drew Brees next season for the most yards passing ever if Brees retires as expected this offseason.

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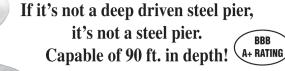
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West leads the queen of hearts, obviously a singleton given East's preemptive two-heart overcall. You win with dummy's ace and lead a trump, on which East discards the eight of diamonds. This is an unpleasant development, as you now have two sure trump losers where a moment before you had a chance to lose only one and possibly even none. Furthermore, your chance of find-

ing West with the ace of diamonds has been greatly diminished by East's

diamond signal, which presumably shows the ace. But, despite the dim outlook, you still have a real possibility of making the contract. So you put up the ace of spades and cash the K-A of clubs, on which both defenders follow low. You then continue with the seven toward dummy's Q-10, West producing the nine.

You are now at the moment of truth. It is easy to see, if you look at all four hands, that if you finesse the ten, you make the contract, while if you play the king, you go down one. The question is how you can know, without seeing the East-West cards, that the ten is the right play and the king is the wrong play.

It is not difficult to prove that the ten is the correct choice. This is because if East actually started with the J-x-x of clubs, you cannot make the contract no matter how you proceed. If East has that holding and you play the king, West can trump the ten with his six of spades while you are discarding a heart or diamond, after which the defenders still have three more tricks coming.

But if you play for West to have started with the J-9-x-x of clubs, you are choosing a premise that allows you to make the contract. You should therefore finesse the ten of clubs, because it offers the only chance to get home safely.

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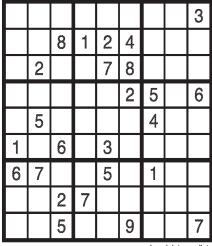
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SUDOKU



Here's How It Works:

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Groundhog Measures by the Libra Moon Scale

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are many ways to carry life. Going gracefully often means being willing to make awkward adjustments until you figure out exactly how to arrange your various responsibilities to play to your strengths.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Widen the circle of influence. A business problem is solved with a connection to another industry entirely; a love problem is solved following the advice of an outsider.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're uniquely equipped to solve a mystery. Caution, though: This could get addictive. Nancy Drew kept on solving for 56 books, and uncoincidentally, there are the same number of Sherlock Holmes short stories.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To the outsider, your actions might seem illogical, but you have solid reasons for behaving as you do -- some known only to you and others not even known to you, as your subconscious has locked them away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Stellar communication allows the team to rely on one another and do what no individual could do alone. When the means and mechanisms for stellar communication fail, the appropriate stand-in is trust. Trust will save the

Tomorrow's Horoscope

GO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's as though the magnitude of love you feel for one person has widened the

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channels for love in general and, in certain moments, your heart overflows for the whole of existence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're looking forward to big moments, even though you've known the pressurized nature of such events to leave blurs where memories should be. Most of the fun is the anticipation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are so focused on what you want that distractions and drama will not break into your field of vision. If you sense the futility of engaging with a thing, you will willfully ignore it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Even as you acknowledge your history and all you've been through, you can see how it's only one way to look at that story. Consider tinkering with the narrative so it supports your new, improved attitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You strive to be the most attractive version of yourself, though you don't

By Holiday Mathis want the whole world's attention -- that would be overwhelm-

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A focus on the early hours of your day will have a disproportionately favorable impact on the rest. Whatever you can do to make your morning routine nice will set you up for success in general.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your talent of the day is making overtures. The opening move is always a gamble. Whether in business, friendship or love, it takes confidence to initiate, and the rewards reflect the risk factor.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Feb. 2). You're coming into a new comfort level within yourself, and it's an un-selfconscious manner of being. What a relief it is not to overthink things or let worries stop you from moving forward. New relationships form quickly. You'll bask in the acceptance and love from the outside that mirrors your inner attitude. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 29, 14, 48 and 12.

TURN THE DOWN-SIDE OF YOUR SIGN INTO AN ASSET: Noted for popularity, AQUARIUS is a sign for the people. The symbol of Aquarius, the water bearer, speaks to the serviceable nature of this sign. Admirably, Aquarius will go out of the way to make sure that everyone is cared for. But Aquarian generosity can also begin a cycle of co-dependence. How can Aquarian natives avoid becoming enablers? The key is to give the kind of help that allows people to help themselves. It is better to teach someone a skill than to provide the kind of assistance that will foster weakness and dependence.

PISCES is among the most sensitive and impressionable signs of the zodiac; therefore, Pisces is susceptible to all kinds of influences, good and bad. This susceptibility is precisely how Pisces empathizes with others -- by entering their world, sharing their feelings, taking on their beliefs and joining their experience. It is what makes Pisces great artists and wise souls. For this gift to be purely an asset, Pisces must be extremely careful in choosing good company. One rule of thumb for Pisces: Never hang out with anyone you wouldn't want to be, because chances are you will, in some way and in some moment, try on the identity of whomev-

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Trying to Rekindle the Spark

Dear Annie: I have been married for 10 years this month. I am at the end of my rope with my husband.

My husband was a widower when we first met, and he was very affectionate and roman-

But now, for him to try to be romantic or affectionate is like a chore -- one that he refuses to do. This is the first time I have ever experienced somebody who is emotionally lazy.

I find myself wondering why I'm even in this relationship still, because there is no

financial support, no sex life and no emotional support of any kind. I do love him and have asked that he go to counseling, which refuses to do, as he does not see that he has a problem.

Other than counseling, is there any way that I can get him to revive our emotional life? -- Emotionally Starved

Dear Emotionally Starved: The fact that he was affectionate and romantic in the beginning shows that you had a spark and you have the potential to get it back. It's called the honeymoon phase for a reason; it doesn't necessarily last unless

you work at it. And

working at it takes two. Ask yourself whether you are affectionate and romantic with him. It could be that you noticed him getting lazy and your reaction was to subconsciously pull away or push him to the point where boundaries are blurred.

He could also be suffering from depression, which can show up as avoidance. Regardless of what is going on between his ears, a good trained professional will help you get to the root of it. If you want this marriage to work, sit your husband down and tell him outside support is absolutely needed to get back to

where you were. And

instead of recommend-

ing counseling for him, why not go to couples therapy?

Hi, Annie: In reading the letter from Disappointed, who was girlfriend doesn't help with meal cleanup, I wanted to share what works for my husband and I.

sat around chatting, watching ball games or otherwise entertaining themselves.

There is no mention in the letter about what the men are doing, but it's very clear they are not involved in any of the labor (except maybe carving the turkey). The girlfriend's apparent refusal to help is a bit odd and, yes, rude, but why is the girlfriend expected to pitch in and not the son? As you mentioned in your response, perhaps if the son were regularly engaged in participating in the work, his guest would be, too.

My husband and I

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upset that her son's

I was raised in a household where my father participated in both meal preparation and cleanup. I remember being stunned -- and, frankly appalled -- when going to my then-boyfriend's house for large family dinners where the women were expected to do

all of the cooking and

cleaning, and the men

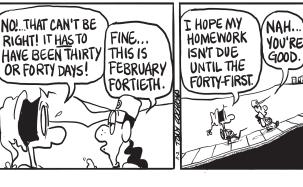








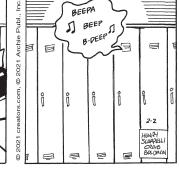
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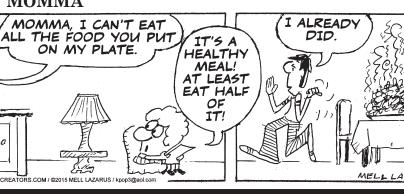




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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2021. There are 332 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's Black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free

On this date:

In 1653, New Amsterdam now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1876, the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs was formed in New York.

In 1913, New York City's rebuilt Grand Central Terminal officially opened to the public at one minute past midnight.

In 1914, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co.

In 1922, the James Joyce novel "Ulysses" was published in Paris on Joyce's 40th birth-In 1925, the legendary

Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a life-saving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug left Nenana.

In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

In 1980, NBC News reported the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a codename protested by Arab-Americans.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan pressed his case for additional aid to the Nicaraguan Contras a day ahead of a vote by the U.S. House of Representatives. (The three major broadcast TV networks declined to carry the speech, which was covered by CNN; a divided House voted to reject Reagan's request for \$36.2 million in new aid.)

In 2002, inside the World Economic Forum in New York, foreign economic leaders criticized the United States for protectionist policies while outside, thousands of protesters demonstrated against global capitalism.

In 2006, House Republicans elected John Boehner (BAY'nur) of Ohio as their new majority leader to replace the indicted DeLay. Tom Tornadoes tore through New Orleans neighborhoods that had been hit hard by Hurricane Katrina five months earlier.

In 2014, Academy Awardwinning actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, 46, was found dead in his New York apartment from a combination of heroin, cocaine and other drugs.

Ten years ago: Supporters of President Hosni Mubarak charged into Cairo's central square on horses and camels brandishing whips while others rained firebombs from rooftops in what appeared to be an orchestrated assault against protesters trying to topple Egypt's leader of 30

Five years ago: Health officials reported that a person in Texas had become infected with the Zika virus through sex in the first case of the illness being transmitted within the United States. A suicide bomber detonated an explosive aboard a Somali Airbus, forcing it to make an emergency landing at Mogadishu's international airport; only the bomber was killed. Bob Elliott, half of the enduring television and radio comedy team Bob and Ray, died in Maine at age

One year ago: The Philippines reported that a 44-year-old Chinese man from Wuhan had died in a Manila hospital from the new coronavirus; it was the first death from the virus to be recorded outside of China. The United States recorded its ninth known case, a woman in the San Francisco area who'd recently traveled to Wuhan.

Answer to previous puzzle

Authorities in parts of China extended the Lunar New Year holiday break well into February to try to keep people at home. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes led the Kansas City Chiefs to three touchdowns over the final 6 minutes, 13 seconds to lift them to a 31-20 victory over the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl. Novak Djokovic won his eighth Australian Open cham-

pionship and 17th Grand Slam title overall by coming back to beat Dominic Thiem 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Tom Smothers is 84. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash Television executive Barry Diller is 79. Actor Bo Hopkins is 77. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 75. TV chef Ina

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(EE'-nuh) Garten is 73. Actor Adam Ferrara is 55. Rock Jack McGee is 72. Actor Brent musician Robert DeLeo (Army Spiner (SPY'-nur) is 72. Rock of Anyone; Stone Temple Valory Pilots) is 55. Actor Jennifer musician Ross Westfeldt is 51. Rapper T-Mo is (Journey) is 72. Sen. John 49. Actor Marissa Jaret Cornyn, R-Texas, is 69. The Winokur is 48. Actor Lori Beth former president of South Korea, Park Geun-hye (goon-Denberg is 45. Singer Shakira hay), is 69. Model Christie is 44. Actor Rich Sommer is 43. Brinkley is 67. Actor Michael Country singer Blaine Larsen is 35. Actor Zosia (ZAH'-shuh) Talbott is 66. Actor Kim Mamet is 33. Zimmer is 66. Actor Michael T. Weiss is 59. Actor-comedian

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- nickname
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Bulldogs fall to Stanton, 38-51

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Bulldogs couldn't find an answer to a tough Stanton team on Friday night in the second round of District 5-3A action. Coahoma

Raheem Ashford had a team high of 14 points. Ryan Shifflett knocked in 10 including two 3-point goals. Isaiah Martin earned seven for the Bulldogs and Brysen Kerby chipped in five.

Coahoma (4-11, 2-4) hosts Sonora on Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. The JV game begins at 6 p.m.

STANTON 51, COAHOMA 38



Stanton: 10, 12, 13, 16 -- 51 Coahoma: 6, 13, 7, 12 -- 32

Stanton — Josh Hensley 8, Aiden Galaviz 2, Arturo Salinas 5, Austin Hewtty 6, Nickoli Aguirre 1, Miguel Moreno 3, Eddie Wittenbarger 2, Tyler Benedict 13, Alex Flores 11.

Coahoma — Isaiah Martin 7, Brysen Kerby 5, Tony Hagins 2, Ryan Shifflett 10, Raheem Ashford 14.

Free Throws — Stanton 9-16, Coahoma 6-13; 3-Point Goals — Stanton 2 (Benedict, Salinas); Coahoma 2 (Shifflett); Fouls — Stanton 13; Coahoma

Courtesy photo

Pictured at right: Ryan Shifflett goes for the basket during the Bulldogs' district varsity game against Stanton on Friday night.



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Coleman teams. For the ladies, Rylee Evans, Taryn Spivey and Brianna Elliott were playing one of their last-ever games at Buffalo Gym. Forsan, (16-5, 7-2), was to determined to make their district finale a victorious send off, and did they ever deliver. Coleman, (7-12, 5-4), was a worthy foe — but an early three-point barrage and one of the Permian Basin's most outstanding offensive efforts for the night, propelled Forsan to result they were looking for. Evans exploded for 34-points, Spivey added eight more and Aubrie Smith chipped in nine to send the Lady Buffs to a 58-44 win. Forsan finishes 8-2A play in second place at 8-2, Coleman wraps up in fourth at 5-5.

Yet again, for a third straight game, arguably the most intense battle of the night involved Forsan boy's basketball. The Buffs (9-11, 3-4) had their backs against the wall with just three district games left to play. Looking to avenge back-to-back close defeats against Miles, Forsan knew they had little margin for error against the district's second ranked team. Forsan and Coleman, (13-6, 6-1), threw haymakers all game long while swapping lead changing runs in the first half. It was the Bluecats who jumped into the lead by four at the break after the Buffs went cold to end the second frame. The lead for Coleman would grow and sink over the most of the second half, but Forsan couldn't find a game-tying run. Just when it looked destined for a repeat of the last two games, the Buffs rallied at the charity strip, with Mason Hillger draining a game-tying free throw inside the final two seconds. That meant overtime for a second time in the week,



but this time Forsan was ready to answer the call. Despite falling behind early, the Buffs surged into the lead thanks to strong defense and clutch free throws down the stretch. Coleman had a buzzer beating game-tying look, but the shot was partially blocked, sealing Forsan's 65-62 victory. Hillger led the way for the Buffs with 16 and 13-rebounds while Cayden Morgan tacked on 11 points and Sawyer Stallings and Jace Richardson each accounted for another ten. Forsan levels their district mark at 4-4, while Coleman falls to 6-2.



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The Lady Steers rally together during the Friday night game against Snyder. The Lady Steers claimed the victory after six years with a 40-37 win.

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