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Road closures to be expected as work begins on Goliad

Special to the Herald

Beginning on Feb. 3, 2021, crews will be working on Goliad Street from East 4th Street to East 10th Street.

While work is completed, citizens are advised there will be partial and full closure of Goliad Street. Detour signs and proper signage of construction will be utilized as needed during construction. Please notify anyone that may be affected by this road closure. If you must travel in this area, please do so with caution.

Please contact the Public Works office at 432-264-2501, with any questions or concerns. We appreciate your patience while this project is completed.

Upcoming Events

Big Spring Symphony Show
 Feb. 6
 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring Municipal Auditorium

Big Spring Chamber Banquet and Business Expo
 Feb. 11

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H.O.P.E. Foundation supporting teachers as they build the future

By IRIS RANGEL
 Herald Staff Writer

The H.O.P.E. Foundation - or Help Our Pupils Excel Foundation - works to oversee the Innovative Teaching Grant Program and help support Big Spring ISD's educational pathway. Created in 2014, the H.O.P.E. Foundation seeks to encourage, facilitate, recognize, and reward innovative and creative approaches to teaching and learning for teachers at Big Spring ISD.

The organization is com-

pletely made up of volunteers who look to help give the community a way to directly impact teachers and students in the classroom. Grants are awarded to teachers as long as funds are avail-

able. Since 2014, the H.O.P.E. Foundation has awarded close to \$117,000 and is currently on track to award just over \$20,000 to teachers in 2021.

"Classroom teachers have lots of great ideas for activities in their classrooms. The problem is that many of those ideas need funds in order to make them happen," Representative of the H.O.P.E. Foundation Linda Conway said. "That money may not in the district budget, so the ideas go by the wayside. The goal of the H.O.P.E. Foundation is for classroom teachers in the BSISD to apply for grants from the foundation to put these ideas into action."

With the ongoing pandemic, organizations and businesses everywhere were impacted. The H.O.P.E. Foundation was also another organization within the community that struggled with

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Big Spring Symphony Winter Concert

February 6, 2021
 7:30 PM

Municipal Auditorium

Tickets:
 bigspringssymphony.org

BSPD makes arrest after stolen vehicle pursuit on Tuesday

Special to the Herald

On Feb. 2, 2021, at approximately 6:20 p.m., Big Spring Police Department officers responded to the West Texas Inn, located at 600 W. IH 20, in reference to a stolen vehicle.

Upon arrival contact was made with the owner of a gold in color 2010 BMW passenger car who informed he had just seen his stolen vehicle and it was now traveling westbound on the frontage road of IH 20. Officers immediately departed and found the vehicle merging onto IH 20 at the 176 on-ramp.

Officers confirmed the vehicle was reported stolen and immediately attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver refused. Officers chased the vehicle on IH 20 westbound. The driver exited IH 20 at the 173 exit. Unfortunately the driver of the stolen vehicle was unable to maintain control of the BMW and crashed into a concrete bar-

rier of the Hwy 87 reliever route and IH 20 intersection.

The driver exited the stolen vehicle and evaded on foot, but was quickly apprehended. Big Spring Police Department officers were assisted by the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety troopers. Officers found a female passenger in the stolen vehicle who had suffered injuries as a result of the crash. The female passenger was flown to Lubbock for treatment of her injuries sustained.

The driver identified as Andrew Jonathan Yanez, a Hispanic male 28 years of age. Yanez was charged with Evading Arrest/Detention causing Serious Bodily Injury a Felony 3, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon a Felony 3, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle a State jail Felony a Parole Violation for Possession of a Firearm by a Felon warrant and a Bondsmen off Bond for Delivery of Controlled Substance warrant.



Andrew Jonathan Yanez

Future Steer Incentive Program kicking off in successful manner



Courtesy photos

Coach Cody, 6th grade PE teacher at Big Spring Intermediate, started a Future Steer Incentive program. 6th grade students who demonstrate outstanding behavior and give it their 100% earn themselves a trip to the BSHS ATC building to work out with the BSHS Steers.

Pictured left to right: Coach Harmon, Landon New, Isaih Mireles, Thomas Sooter, Andres Torres, Coach Cody, Omari Stewart, Athletic Director Cannon McWilliams, Toby Porter, and Coach Roberts.

"We are super proud of Coach Cody and these kids! This was our first group. We have more groups going."

COVID-19 Updates

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported 1/28/2021:
 • 8 Covid-19 positive patients
 • 1 in ICU & 1 vent

SMMG & SMMC Testing through Jan. 28:
 • 3130 tests
 • 778 positives for 24.9% positivity rate
 • 1 pending

From Dec. 2020 - Jan. 28, 1194 patients have tested of which 268 were positive for a rate of 22.5% positivity. 1 test is pending.

Howard County has reported as of 02/03:
 • 2929 positive cases
 • 88 Covid-19 fatalities
 • 2064 Active cases
 • 4059 recovered
 • 1482 probable cases

Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring

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Obituaries

Teresa Natalia Winters

Teresa Natalia Winters was born April 25, 1961, and passed away Jan. 26, 2021.



She is preceded in death by her father, Troy Barnes and her sister, Kelly McElyea.

She is survived by her mother Karen Greenhill, sister Bobbie Harder (Roger), daughters Nicole, Ashley, Vanessa, and Susan, sons-in-law Johnny and Kris, grandchildren Britton, Brayden, Maranda, Johnathan, Jason, Harley, Aurora, Abigail, Kathleen, Serenity, Lexi, great-grandchildren Grayson, Kaisleigh, Anaya,

one niece and several nephews. She is also survived by a vast amount of friends and family, both blood and chosen.

Teresa Devoted her life to providing care to children and in recent years had provided care to children with special needs. She did not have much to give, but when it came to love and time, she never seemed to be in short supply. Anyone who knew her would agree that she was always there whenever you needed her, without fail. She had a big heart and made an even bigger impact on so very many people and she will be deeply missed.

A celebration of life will be held at 242 Walnut St in Baird, Texas on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Paid Obituary

Jerry Don Oliphant

Jerry Don Oliphant, 80 of Big Spring, went to be with Jesus Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021. He will lie in state at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born in Haskell, Texas to parents Talmage Oliphant and Agnes (Ammons) Oliphant on July 17, 1940. Jerry was a resident of Big Spring for 58 years, where he met Dianne Banks and married her Aug. 6, 1966.

Jerry was a very talented musician. He played the organ for East Fourth Baptist Church for 53 years.



He was also a member of the Singing Men of West Texas for 20 years. He served as a Deacon for East Fourth Baptist Church as well as First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dianne Oliphant; sons, Bryan Oliphant and wife Kimberly and Brandon Oliphant; grandsons, Braeden Waldrop, Garret Conner, and Tanner Weeaks; nephews, Jasper Jowers, and Cory Oliphant; niece, Kristy Allison, as well as numerous other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Keith Oliphant and a sister, Frances Jowers.

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

Paid Obituary

Delfina Cortez

Delfina Cortez, 76, of Leander, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021. Rosary will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Masks and social distancing will be required for all who attend the services.

Delfina was born June 5, 1944 in Lamesa, Texas. She married Alfonso Cortez, Jr. and he preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 2018. Delfina was a longtime resident of Lenora where she raised her six children and even a few of their friends. Anyone who walked in her home was family. She was a fixture at Grady ISD, helping with every school function and attending every sporting event her kids were involved in. She was active with the Boys Scouts and served as a Den Mother. She took pride in all that her kids and later, grandkids did. In her eyes, we were all superstars. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. And she worked for a short time for the Big Spring school district. She enjoyed gardening, rock col-



lecting, taking care of her doggies, and spending time with her family. She had the sweetest soul, a heart of gold and strength to overcome and accomplish anything she set her mind to. She was simply amazing - wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

She is survived by her a son, Alfonso Cortez, III and wife Margrete of Big Spring, daughter, Mary Cortez of Coahoma, daughter, Linda Stacy and husband Robert of Big Spring, son, Baldomar Cortez and wife Gloria of Coahoma, son, Gilbert Cortez and wife Barbara of Snyder and daughter, Chris Cortez and husband J.R. Ramirez of Leander; 17 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren; five brothers and 6 sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Jose Cruz and 1 sister Martina Valle.

Pallbearers will be David Rodriguez, T.J. White, Paul A. Cortez, David Xavier Rodriguez, Brandyn Cortez and Tommy White.

The family suggests memorials to Happy Days Humane Society, 5710 W. IH 20, Big Spring, Texas 79721, the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org, of to a favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Frances Ramirez

Frances Ramirez, 50, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Thomas Segundo

Thomas Segundo, 38, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021. Family will receive friends on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 at Family Faith Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Services will be on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Family Faith Center with Pastor Sam Segundo officiating.

Thomas was born on April 16, 1982.

He is survived by his wife: Nancy Cuellar of Big Spring; eight children: Isaac Segundo of Hobbs, NM, Jazlyn Segundo of Hobbs, Jeremiah

Segundo of Oklahoma, Thomas Segundo, Jr. of Big Spring, Julian Threats of Big Spring, Jasmine Threats of Big Spring, Jeanette Threats of Big Spring, and Gabriella Balcazar of Big Spring; his mother: Enoelia "Anna" Segundo of Big Spring; and seven brothers and sisters: Samuel Segundo, Jr. of Big Spring, Dina Pearl Gonzales of Big Spring, Benjamin Segundo of Dallas, Clarissa Segundo of Big Spring, Joshua Segundo of Big Spring, Melissa Segundo Burciaga of Big Spring, and Sarah Segundo of San Antonio. He was preceded in death by his father: Samuel Segundo, Sr.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JESSE REY NUNEZ JR.**, 25, of 105 E. 24th Street, was arrested on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.

• **ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ**, 28, of 1408 Oriole Street, was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention with vehicle or watercraft, unlawful possession of firearm by a felon - assault conviction, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, and warrant - other agency (X2).

• **MICHAEL ANGELO GARZA**, 32, of 804 W. I-20, was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention previously convicted, escape while arrested/confined - felony, and warrant - other agency (X11).

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Goliad and 3rd. (X2)

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700.

• **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 18th and Scurry.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of W. I-20.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.

• **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1600 block of N. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 88 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MARIANNE NICOLE GWINN**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on charges of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram) and possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams).

• **JESSE REY NUNEZ JR.**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury.

• **ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention with vehicle or watercraft, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, unauthorized use of vehicle, revocation of bond del of controlled substance, and parole violation.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 3rd Street and Goliad. One person was transported Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of S. Nolan. One person was transported Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of S. US 87. One person was transported Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Aylesford. One person was transported Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Goliad. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 29th Street. One person was transported Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of S. Highway 87 and McDonald Road. One person was transported Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

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Learning in a new way: Technology in a pandemic

Courtesy photos

The class of the week is from Forsan; a special focus - rather fitting - is the Computer Lab. The past year has been challenging in many ways. Everyone has had to make adjustments and learn new things - right down to the youngest child. The pandemic has made our world look different, and we've all had to change and grow. Just think about it! Zoom has become a household name, there are funny stories about microphones being muted (or not muted) at inconvenient times, masks are just a routine part of life, and schools have grappled with remote learning. Technology moved front and center, and it became necessary to improve. In the computer lab at Forsan Elementary, we are currently focusing on our keyboarding skills. The younger grades are learning the basics of keeping hands on the home row, how to capitalize letters and type short words.



Older students are improving their speed and accuracy by competing against each other in typing games. Attempting to beat the high score is a fun way for our students to be engaged and improve at the same time and the competition is fierce.

Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony Association has announced the kick off of the 39th Season which is set to begin Feb. 6. The concert will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, but patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at www.bigspringsymphony.org or local ticket vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum, The Karat Patch or the CVB office. Students are admitted free. Performance adjustments have been made due to Covid-19 to assure the health and safety of everyone. Patrons are asked to arrive early and ushers will seat them in six foot social distance format. Everyone needs to wear a mask upon entering the facility.

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

• 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 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes in February. 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 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@yahoo.com.

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

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month 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.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community.

There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any Masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will

not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

• The Howard County Library meeting rooms will be opening up - at limited capacity - on Feb. 1. There will only be five people allowed in the small room and 15 in the large room and can only be used by appointment only by community organizations. No parties or social gatherings will be allowed at this time. For more information, call the Howard County Library.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance.

The group will be meeting at Spanish Inn. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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

Seferina Ramirez, 94, died Sunday. Viewing and visitation will be Thursday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Services are Friday at 2:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Aline McDaniel, 73, died Sunday. Graveside services will be held on Thursday at 2:00 PM at Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park.

Thomas Segundo, 38, died Sunday. Family will receive friends on Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Family Faith Center. Services will be Saturday at 2:00 PM at Family Faith Center.

Frances Ramirez, 50, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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keeping afloat and continuing its mission. However, the entire community pulled together and carried on with giving what they could for the better of the teachers and student's futures.

"We did not receive as much funding as we have in the past," Conway said. "So, we do not have quite as much to award this year as in previous years. However, we are quite fortunate because our community continued to support the foundation and we will still be awarding grants this year."

The efforts made by the community, even in trying times, has proven just how supportive and strong this small-town community can be. Looking towards the future, the H.O.P.E. Foundation H.O.P.E.s to continue its mission in creating and raising funds for Big Spring teachers to allow students to experience new and exciting learning opportunities they may not have before.

The H.O.P.E. Foundation also saves 25% of the funds they raise into a permanent endowment that they H.O.P.E. will allow the foundation to continue awarding grants indefinitely, without the need for fund-raising activities.

"We are fortunate to be a part of a generous, supportive community," she said. "The H.O.P.E. Foundation will continue the effort to support the implementation of innovative teaching strategies for the pupils in the Big Spring ISD."

The H.O.P.E. Foundation strives to give the community a way to directly help the teachers at BSISD broaden their learning opportunities with students. This type of support can prepare students to enter the workforce or attend high education institutions. The goal for both the H.O.P.E. Foundation and the Howard County community stays the same - helping children and teachers excel the best they can.

"Our community has really stepped up and supported this goal," Conway said. "So a big thank you goes out to our donors and volunteers who want to make a difference. With their help, we will continue to make that difference in the lives of pupils in our community."

For more information, visit the H.O.P.E. Foundation's website at www.H.O.P.E.foundationbigspring.org.

Iris Rangel is a Staff Writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Governor in state address: Texas on 'comeback' from pandemic

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott said Texas is on a comeback from a pandemic that has killed more than 36,000 people here — third-most in the U.S. — and steered America's biggest red state Monday night into a thicket of battles over voting, policing and immigration that are likely to deepen political divides in the months ahead.

In his final State of the State address before he is on the ballot for a third term in 2022, Abbott called for outlawing the cutting of police budgets and ordered the GOP majority in the Texas Capitol to prioritize "election integrity," while making no mention that there was no evidence of widespread fraud during the 2020 elections.

He also demanded more gun protection on the books at a time when the NRA is newly looking to reincorporate in Texas, and more anti-abortion laws in a state that already has some of the most restrictive measures in the country.

Democrats used their rebuttal to narrowly tear into Abbott's handling of the pandemic and paint a bleaker picture than his upbeat assessments, saying an uneven response continues letting cases spread and leaves cities powerless to manage outbreaks.

"Our comeback is already materializing," Abbott said. "Texans are returning to work. Students are returning to school. Families are re-establishing routines. With each passing day of more vaccinations and increased immunity, normalcy is return-

ing to Texas."

Abbott, who has not ruled out a 2024 presidential run, delivered his State of the State for the on primetime television in Texas for the first time — rather than in front of lawmakers in the state Capitol, where COVID-19 worries continues to restrict gatherings.

But that gave Abbott an even larger audience than usual to defend his pandemic response — which has come under attack from members of his own party — at a moment when Texas, like most of the U.S., is finally seeing hospitalizations and cases fall after reaching record highs in recent weeks.

He praised frontline hospital workers for their resilience and declared expanding broadband access a priority in the aftermath of a pandemic that forced millions to work and go to school from home. There was no mention of direct relief for Texans put of work but a demand for legislation that would protect businesses from pandemic-related lawsuits.

He also called on Texas to again ramp up border security just weeks into the Biden presidency, which follows Texas winning a court order that halted the new administration's plans to issue a 100-day moratorium on deportations.

Democrats, who are still dusting themselves off from a demoralizing election cycle in which their massive expectations in Texas flamed out up and down the ballot, did not even wait for Abbott's address before blasting his handling of a pandemic. Along the border, the city of Laredo is still grap-

pling with one of the nation's worst outbreaks.

"As the Governor attempts to gloss over the lives that have been lost and the seriousness of the crisis we face, Texans everywhere know things are not right, and they are getting worse," Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa said. "We must demand more out of leaders or we'll never get to a point where every one of us has a fair shot to get ahead."

The State of the State is typically when governors lay out their legislative priorities over the coming year. In Texas, lawmakers meet for only five months every two years, giving legislators only until the end of May to try delivering Abbott's priorities to his desk.

This legislative session in Texas is the first since mass shootings that shook the state before the pandemic, the most deadly of which was a gunman who allegedly confessed to targeting Mexicans when he opened fire at a Walmart, killing 23 people. Abbott formed a task force on domestic terrorism and extremism following the attack but did not mention the shooting during his address Monday night.

Abbott also did not lay out or endorse any specific policing reforms after George Floyd's death last year sparked a global reckoning over police brutality and racial prejudice. Abbott, who attended Floyd's funeral in Houston, did not mention race while saying lawmakers "must provide law enforcement with tools and training they need to ensure the safety that their communities deserve."

Hit by pandemic, oil giants Exxon, BP post huge 2020 losses

DALLAS (AP) — Oil giants Exxon and BP reported staggering losses for 2020 on Tuesday as the pandemic crushed energy demand and undercut oil prices.

Exxon Mobil Corp. reported the largest losses in its history — nearly \$20.1 billion for the fourth quarter, including more than \$19 billion to write down the value of company assets. For the full year, it lost \$22.4 billion.

BP PLC posted a profit of \$825 million in the fourth quarter but still lost \$18.1 billion in 2020. The results came after Chevron reported last week that it lost \$5.5 billion last year.

Signs point to better results for the oil giants this year. Crude prices are up roughly 50% in the past three months, including a gain of more than 10% since Jan. 1, as major producers led by Saudi Arabia have cut output.

The oil companies are hoping that the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines will mean a return to more normal life for businesses and consumers, which would in turn boost demand for oil and natural gas.

Energy demand slumped last year as the pandemic led to lockdowns and a dramatic drop in energy for uses such as transportation.

"Energy consumption collapsed as economies shut down, oil prices hit their lowest point in history, and refining margins fell well below their 10-year lows," said Exxon CEO Darren Woods. "It was the first time in memory that we saw simultaneous lows in each of our businesses."

Irving, Texas-based Exxon is responding by cutting costs. It expects by 2023 to cut \$6 billion in annual spending compared with 2019 levels.

Exxon's big fourth-quarter loss contrasted with a profit of \$5.7 billion a year earlier. Excluding the massive write-downs and other impairment costs, the company said it earned 3 cents per share. Analysts on average expected a penny per share profit, according to a survey by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue dropped 31% to \$46.5 billion.

Exxon has long been under pressure from activist shareholders to focus more on renewable fuels and pivot away from its fossil-fuel legacy.

The company said Tuesday it will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its own operations and has created a division to "commercialize" technology it hopes to develop to capture carbon emissions before they enter the atmosphere — Exxon believes technology can address climate change and save the oil and gas business at the same time.

However, one of the company's activist shareholders, investment firm Engine No. 1, said Exxon's announcements don't change the company's long-term course "nor do they position it to succeed in a changing world." The fund said Exxon is headed for decades of destroying shareholder value by assuming that oil and gas production will continue to grow even in the face of efforts to reduce climate change.

Last week, Engine No. 1 nominated four candidates for Exxon's board of directors, which will be chosen in May.

London-based BP last year announced it will seek to become a net zero producer of carbon emissions by 2050. However, the company is still bringing new oil and gas projects into operation.

BP is also cutting costs.

"We began reinventing BP, with nearly 10,000 people leaving the company," CEO Bernard Looney said in a statement. "We strengthened our finances — taking out costs and closing major divestments."

Exxon shares rose 71 cents, or 1.6%, to close Tuesday at \$45.63. BP's shares dropped \$1.46, or 6.6% to \$20.75.

SpaceX's 2nd Starship test flight ends with another kaboom

By MARCIA DUNN AP

Aerospace Writer

SpaceX's second full test flight of its futuristic, bullet-shaped Starship ended in another fiery crash landing Tuesday.

Elon Musk's company launched its latest Starship prototype from the southeastern tip of Texas, two months after the previous test ended in an equally explosive belly flop.

The full-scale stainless steel rocket

reached its intended altitude of 6.2 miles (10 kilometers), slightly lower than the last one. Everything seemed to be going well as the 160-foot (50-meter) Starship flipped on its side and began its descent. But it did not manage to straighten itself back up in time for a landing and slammed into the ground.

"We've just got to work on that landing a little bit," said SpaceX launch commentator John Insprucker. "Re-

minder — this is a test flight."

The next Starship stood nearby at the launch site in Boca Chica, Texas, during Tuesday's test, which lasted 6 1/2 minutes.

Musk is developing Starship to carry people to Mars, perhaps in as little as several years. It's the upper stage of his intended moon- and Mars-ships, meant to launch atop a mega rocket called Super Heavy that is still being developed.

SpaceX tried to launch Starship last week, but failed to get the necessary approval from the Federal Aviation Administration, prompting a Twitter outburst from Musk.

SpaceX did not comply with safety regulations for the Dec. 9 flight, an FAA spokesperson said Tuesday, and needed to take corrective action before proceeding with launch operations. Tuesday's flight met all safety criteria, according to the FAA.

Britain to test mixing and matching of COVID-19 vaccines

By MARIA CHENG

AP Medical Writer

British scientists are starting a study Thursday to find out if it's OK to mix and match COVID-19 vaccines.

The vaccines being rolled out now require two doses, and people are supposed to get two shots of the same kind, weeks apart.

Guidelines in Britain and the U.S. say the vaccines aren't interchangeable, but can be mixed if the same kind isn't available for the second dose or if it's not known what was given for the first shot.

Participants in the government-funded study will get one shot of the AstraZeneca vaccine followed by a dose from Pfizer, or vice versa.

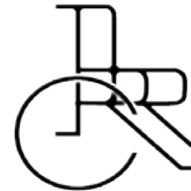
"This study will give us greater insight into how we can use vaccines to stay on top of this nasty disease," said Jonathan Van Tam, the U.K.'s deputy chief medical officer.

He said that given the challenges of immunizing millions of people amid a global vaccine shortage, there would be advantages to having data that could support more "flexible" immunization campaigns.

COVID-19 vaccines all train the body to recognize the coronavirus, mostly

the spike protein that coats it. The ones from AstraZeneca and Pfizer use different technologies. AstraZeneca's uses a common cold virus to carry the spike gene into the body. Pfizer's is made by putting a piece of genetic code called mRNA — the instructions for that spike protein — inside a little ball of fat.

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Howard County teams countdown as the end of basketball season draws near

By SAM YOUNG

Herald Contributing Writer

The regular season countdown for our local girls' and boys' basketball teams. Entering February, those number corresponded to how many weeks are remaining in the regular season — "not many". With Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan squarely in their respective playoff pictures there was plenty to play for.

Big Spring drew tough home-and-away games against Levelland, with Loboette basketball still undefeated for the year entering the night's games. Big Spring, (10-13, 3-5), knew an upset would all but guarantee a playoff spot. On the other end, #8 Levelland, (22-0, 8-0), was looking to clinch the district title. The Steers gave Levelland one of their toughest fights in district through the first half, trailing by only one after the first, and keeping within touching distance at the half, 25-13. Despite the continued signs of growth and confidence, it would be Levelland pulling away for good to open the second half, more than doubling their lead heading into the fourth. The final quarter allowed Levelland a district title victory lap, but Big Spring also have Levelland one of their toughest district tilts before falling, 56-23. The Loboettes are now 9-0 in 3-4A play, while Big Spring remains tied for fourth with Sweetwater at 3-6.

Levelland boy's basketball, (14-8, 4-2), also had a

playoff to clinch with a win. Big Spring, (13-10, 2-4), was looking for separation from Sweetwater and Lake View further down the standings. Unfortunately, as would be a trend for all of our boy's teams, the Steer offense never really got off the ground Tuesday night. It didn't take long for the Lobos to build a lead, and then spend all game adding to it. On the side of the floor Big Spring simply couldn't get shots to fall and that sealed a victory for Levelland, 64-



36. The nearly mirror image result to the team's first game sees Levelland remain third in the 3-4A boys' standings at 5-2. Big Spring falls back closer to Lake View and Sweetwater while maintaining fourth place at 2-5.

Over in Coahoma there was 5-3A double header play against Sonora on tap. The



Bulldogettes, (12-6, 6-2), were looking to avenge a one-point deficit in Sonora from earlier in district. The ladies wasted no time jumping on Sonora, (11-7, 5-3), moving out to a ten-point lead by the end of the first quarter. From there, the Bulldogettes rode three hot hands to a comfortable victory, 54-37. MaKynlee Overton led Coahoma with a game-high 22-points, Madison Rogers added another 15, and Julia Cox contributed 11 more. Coahoma clinched at least second in district, moving to 7-2. Sonora remains in third while dropping to 5-4.

The boy's game ultimately ended up being a tale of two halves. Coahoma, (4-11, 2-4), knew a 'W' would basically clinch a playoff thanks to a season sweep of Sonora. Much like the girl's game Coahoma pounced on Sonora, (3-14, 1-5), early on. The Bulldogs raced out to a 13-1 lead after one, and held a 21-10 upper hand at the break. The Broncos flipped the script in the second half, however. They pulled within two after the end of three, and rallied past Coahoma in the fourth, sealing a come from behind 36-33 win. The result leaves both teams tied for fourth in 5-3A at 2-5, and with a season split between the two. That sets up a potential tie-break/play-in game after district between the two.



Finally, the Forsan boys were looking to earn a season sweep over 8-2A district leaders Winters. The Buffs, (10-11, 4-4), downed Winters 36-31 earlier in district, and knew a win would inch them closer to a playoff berth. The Blizzards, (18-4, 7-1), were looking to clinch at least a share of the district title. Both squads struggled to find a rhythm all game long, which led to a hard fought contest that swayed back and forth. Forsan rallied late in the third tying the game at 27 all; but Winters immediately stretched the lead back out with an 11-2 run. The Buffs would claw back, but never regained the advantage as Winters held on for a 47-38 win. The loss means Forsan is in a must-win game on Friday against Colorado City now sitting at 4-5 in district.

No. 2 Baylor stays unbeaten, tops No. 6 Texas 83-69

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas played Baylor tougher than most teams have this season. The Bears still shrugged off the Longhorns to stay unbeaten.

Davion Mitchell scored 27 points, Jared Butler added 21 and No. 2 Baylor used a big run to pull away for an 83-69 victory over sixth-ranked Texas on Tuesday night.

Baylor (17-0, 9-0 Big 12) has won every game this season by at least eight points and looked to be in a fight with its closest pursuer in the conference. Texas (11-4, 5-3) was within six points late before Baylor pulled away behind open 3-pointers from Adam Flagler and Mitchell.

Andrew Jones scored a career-high 25 points for the Longhorns, who were backed to full strength after going without two starters and coach Shaka Smart in a loss to Oklahoma last week because of COVID-19. Texas also had two games postponed and another canceled.

Baylor has won 10 of its last 11 against Texas. The Bears matched the best start in school history and took a three-game lead in the Big 12 standings.

"I wouldn't say it's no pressure," Mitchell said. "We just keep playing with each other, keep playing together and good things are happening. The job's not finished, so we're just going to keep playing hard."

Both teams shot better than 50% in the first half and Baylor made seven 3-pointers, three times building leads of 10 points or more.

Texas came roaring out of halftime with a 13-4 run. Jones made a 3-pointer, Matt Coleman added another and Jones finished a breakaway with a dunk that put Texas ahead 47-45.

"You know they are not going to get rattled," Smart said. "Tip of the hat to Baylor and the way they attacked, particularly after we took the lead. That four- or five-minute stretch for us was how you have to be, but you have to be that way over 40 minutes."

The Bears answered the Texas run in a big way. Baylor started with a long jumper and Flagler and Matthew Mayer made consecutive 3-pointers. Two free throws by Butler and consecutive driving baskets by Mitchell quickly had Baylor back up by 10 with 12 minutes left.

"I think you've got to credit our guys for making some tough shots, and you've got to credit our guys either penetrating or

getting around their length and athleticism," Baylor coach Scott Drew said.

KEY MOMENT

With 13:21 left in the game, Greg Brown flushed a thunderous dunk that got Texas within 55-51 but was hit with a technical foul for taunting. Butler made two free throws and another quick basket put Baylor up by 10.

"Jared's been around, he knows that it's hard to win on the road. You've got to make sure you that handle whatever crowds they have, whatever energy they have," Drew said. "Jared's a big-game player, so you can always get the best in the biggest moments from him."

Brown, meanwhile, had a frustrating night. Early fouls and defensive lapses had the freshman on the bench for most of the first half. He finished with five points.

"It just can't happen," Smart said of the technical foul. "When you have a big-time dunk like that it really injects energy into your team, and then when there's a technical foul, the momentum goes the other way."

BIG PICTURE

Baylor: The Bears only attempted four free throws and made them all. They shot 58.6% from the field and 52.4% from 3-point range.

Texas: The Longhorns are having one of their best seasons in years but have lost three of their past four at home and likely won't challenge Baylor in the Big 12. The Longhorns showed the rust of missed games and practices as Texas had little offensive punch outside of Jones and the defense collapsed late.

"This game was important for us," Jones said. "I don't want to give any excuse for the way we played tonight. Coach is trying to establish a culture that can travel regardless of what happens."

STAT LINE

The Longhorns were just 3 of 14 from on free throws while shooting 55% from the field and making 10 3-pointers.

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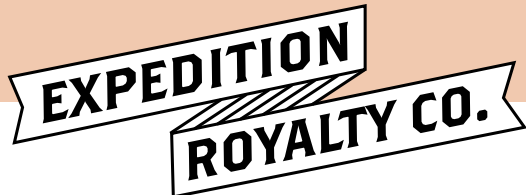
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Teresa Brumley
Independent
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DATED the 28th day of January, 2021.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
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Legals

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Clearfork and Tubb formations** of the **Chalk, Mary**, Well Number 83.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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Legals

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ing, with wreckage all around you. Everything floating around you reminds you of the beauty and the magnificence of the ship that was. ... You find some piece of the wreckage and you hang on. ... Maybe it's a happy memory or a photograph. Maybe it's a person who is also floating. For a while, all you can do is float.

"In the beginning, the waves are 100 feet tall and crash over you without mercy. They come 10 seconds apart and don't even give you time to catch your breath. ... After a while ... you'll find the waves are still 100 feet tall, but they come further apart. ... In between,

you can breathe; you can function. You never know what's going to trigger the grief. It might be a song, a picture, a street intersection, the smell of a cup of coffee. It can be just about anything. ... But in between waves, there is life.

"Somewhere down the line, and it's different for everybody, you find that the waves are only 80 feet tall. Or 50 feet tall. ... and you can see them coming. An anniversary, a birthday, or Christmas, or landing at O'Hare. ... When it washes over you, you know that somehow you will, again, come out the other side. Soaking wet, sputter-

ing, still hanging on to some tiny piece of the wreckage, but you'll come out. Take it from an old guy. The waves never stop coming, and somehow you don't really want them to. But you learn that you'll survive them. And other waves will come. And you'll survive them too. If you're lucky, you'll have lots of scars from lots of loves. And lots of shipwrecks." -- G. Snow

Dear Annie: I'm a 72-year-old man, my lady friend is 71. My problem is that she has two adult sons who are still being treated like 10-year-old boys by their mother and two aunts. They're both in

their 50s. Neither one of these guys will keep a job but a few months. Both are convicted felons. I love their mother, but she lets them use her. We have talked about it, and she agrees with me that she should stop. But she just can't seem to let them make it for themselves. I bought her a car, and now she's taking them back and forth to work. I say let them get a ride on their own. I could go on and on, but what I want to know is, should I leave? Her health is not that good, and I don't want to hurt her. But I'm fed up with these boys using her. -- Can't Watch

Dear Can't Watch: She and her sisters have been babying these overgrown boys for 50 years. It's unlikely to stop now. So it's really a question of if you can make peace with that. Try relinquishing any idea of control over the situation and focusing on yourself and not what your girlfriend or her sons "should be doing." But at the end of the day, if you find the situation too irritating, it might be time to remove yourself from it.

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Sylvia strikes again

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
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♥A1032
♦QJ1032
♣—

WEST
♠—
♥87
♦AK987654
♣963

EAST
♥QJ72
♦9654
♣—
♠87542

SOUTH
♥96543
♦KQJ
♣—
♠AKQJ10

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 1♣ Pass
3♠ Pass 6♣ Pass
Pass Dble Redble
Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

It was impossible to predict what Sylvia would do at any time, since her conception of the game was completely different than anyone else's. The bids and plays she would concoct on the spur of the moment — while to her appearing entirely logical — were a never-ending source of astonishment not only to her harried partners but also to her (usually) grateful opponents. Despite this, Sylvia was a popular

member of the club, frequently providing the members with something to talk about whenever one of her zany bids or plays worked out in her favor. Take this deal from Sylvia's very first team-of-four match. She was East and doubled six spades, which South — well aware of Sylvia's proclivities — redoubled.

West led the ace of diamonds, and Sylvia trumped it with the jack! This extraordinary play naturally drew a gasp from the large gallery of kibitzers, but thereafter the play proceeded normally, and South went down one. At the other table, South also got to six spades (undoubled) but made the slam. Here, too, the ace of diamonds was led, but East discarded a club on it. Declarer ruffed and led a spade, West showing out.

South's only chance now was a trump endplay, which he proceeded to execute. He took the spade ace, led a heart to the king and cashed four clubs, discarding dummy's four remaining diamonds. Next he played three more rounds of hearts ending in dummy, at which point dummy's last three cards were the K-10-8 of spades. The eight-of-spades lead then left East without recourse. Sylvia's team thus gained 1,180 points on the deal as the result of her trumping her partner's ace!

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Medicine Moon

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Part of you is focused on enjoying the current situation with appreciation, and a considerably larger part of you has an eye out for possibility, opportunity and change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today will bring plenty of evidence that the novelty-seeking portion of your brain is well connected with the septal nuclei sector, important to pleasure. You'll find learning to be its own reward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What's coming up for you is uncomfortable at first, but that's only a signal for you to adjust. Once you put it all in alignment, you'll be able to breathe easy. Use the mirror of another person, especially an expert.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're willing to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty as long as you know the work is necessary and will pay off. But how far are you willing to go with no such assurances? That's the big question of the day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your heart seems to have its own strategy, and one it prefers to keep on a need-to-know basis. It will be revealed to the rest of you in the form of a series of surprises.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are many ways to deal with

an enemy. You can conquer or befriend -- bribe, manipulate, sneak up on, seduce. Matters are made trickier when you realize the enemy is within.



BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is no aspect of life that matters of attraction won't play a part in. For instance, there's a present need to shine a more flattering light on an issue, otherwise no one will be interested enough to get involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No need to see the difficulties of the day as a hindrance. This is what builds your strength. It's all in how you move the thing. Lift it with precision as you would a barbell.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being enough is like having a certain color of hair. It's a fact, and therefore would be a ridiculous thing to go around proving. You are enough. The burden of proof is not on you. Let observers figure it out on their own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your choice of vocabulary will speak volumes

about you. It will tip strangers off to your background and indicate to all how much effort you're willing to put into your interactions in general.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a time for experiments, wandering and playful tangents and this isn't it. Be like the mother duck get your ducklings in a row for the single-file march forward.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Unlike the ancient Toltecs who practiced transcending their bodily senses to get a spiritual view of the world, you will become even more in tune with what those five senses are telling you and touch on the extrasensory.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 4). Your good luck vehicle doesn't have actual wheels. It comes in the form of a problem and the guts to figure it out. Soon this develops into an adventurous project. You'll have the love and teamwork that makes effort a pleasure. Spring brings professional rank and/or publicity that turns into financial gain. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky num-

bers are: 6, 13, 28, 44 and 8.

AQUARIAN SOLAR JOURNEY CHECKPOINT: The motivational speakers claim that before we can do anything, we must be able to imagine it. It can't possibly be so! Babies don't imagine walking, so much as see other people walking and then make the attempt unthinkingly and without envisioning themselves. (Arguably, babies are largely unselfconscious, and thus without a concept of "self" to marry to a vision of walking, were infants capable of such a thing.) This is a time when motivation will come to you as it did before you were even a year old -- naturally through your exposure to people around you who are doing the thing already. For this reason, it is more important than ever to put yourself in an environment where people are enacting the behaviors you wish to call your own.

Around the halfway mark of the Aquarius solar journey is an excellent moment to check-in and make sure we are taking full advantage of the support this transit offers. No one is alone. This sun-signal is all about tapping into the collective consciousness and being lifted by the emergent qualities of a group. Just make sure it's a group you would be proud to fit into.

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ANSWER:

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Clue: Form of play

B. 24 7 21 21 3 19
Clue: Designed to test ingenuity

C. 19 6 18 19 22 18 17 15 6
Clue: Amuse or keep busy

D. 16 18 22 17 18 19 4 13
Clue: Plan of action

Answers: A. game B. puzzle C. entertain D. strategy

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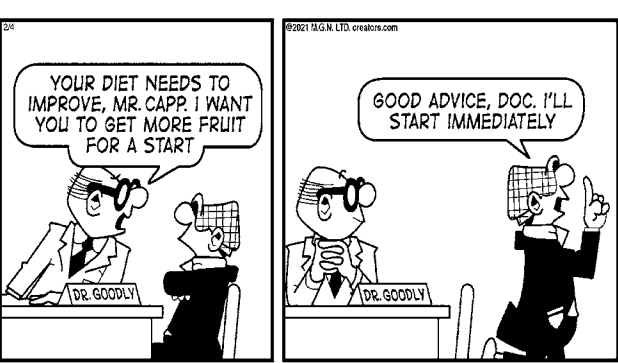
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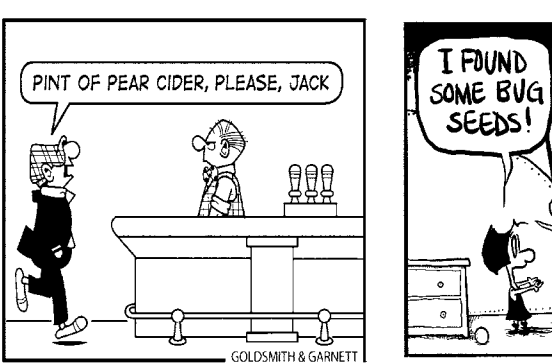
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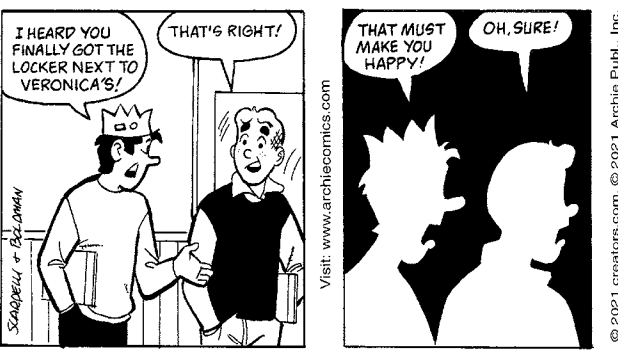
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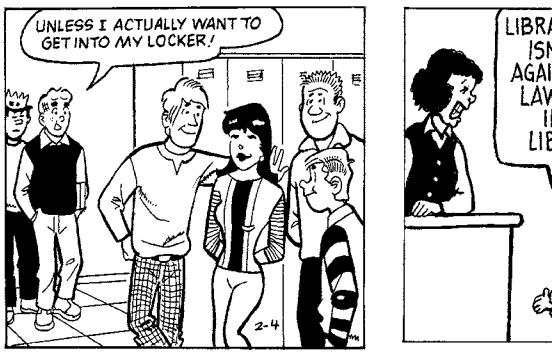
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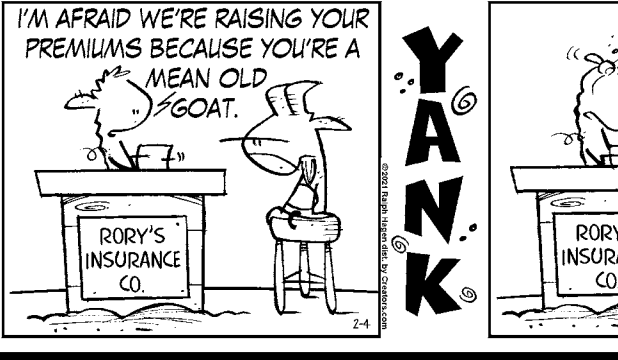
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Today in History
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Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 4, 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

On this date:
In 1783, Britain's King George III proclaimed a formal cessation of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War.

In 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

In 1861, delegates from six southern states that had recently seceded from the Union met in Montgomery, Alabama, to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1913, Rosa Parks, a Black woman whose 1955 refusal to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus to a white man sparked a civil rights revolution, was born Rosa Louise McCauley in Tuskegee.

In 1944, the Bronze Star Medal, honoring "heroic or meritorious achievement or service," was authorized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1962, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded in Memphis, Tennessee, by entertainer Danny Thomas.

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, 19, was kidnapped in Berkeley, California, by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1976, more than 23,000 people died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala with a magnitude of 7.5, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1983, pop singer-musician Karen Carpenter died in Downey, California, at age 32.

In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica, California, found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

In 1999, Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant, was shot and killed in front of his Bronx home by four plainclothes New York City police officers. (The officers were acquitted at trial.)

In 2004, the Massachusetts high court declared that gay couples were entitled to nothing less than marriage, and that Vermont-style civil unions would not suffice.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama appealed to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to focus on his legacy and begin an orderly process to relinquish the power he'd held for 30 years; however, Obama stopped short of calling for Mubarak's immediate resignation. Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, said he would return half of his annual salary to the public treasury in a symbolic gesture that appeared calculated to insulate him against anti-government unrest spreading across the Middle East.

Five years ago: In their first one-on-one debate, Hillary Clinton accused Bernie Sanders of subjecting her to an "artful smear" by trying to cast her as beholden to Wall Street interests while Sanders suggested the former secretary of state was a captive of America's political establishment during the Democratic faceoff in Durham, New Hampshire. Infuriating members of Congress, a smirking Martin Shkreli took the Fifth at a Capitol Hill hearing on his practice of jacking up drug prices as CEO of Turing Pharmaceuticals.

One year ago: Thousands of medical workers in Hong Kong were on strike for a second day to demand that the country's border with China be completely closed to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus; the territory reported its first death from the virus and the second known fatality outside China. Addressing a nation and a Congress sharply divided over his impeachment, President Donald Trump delivered a State of the Union address in which he hailed a "Great American Comeback" on his watch; Republican legis-

lators chanted "Four More Years," while House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ripped up her copy of Trump's speech as he ended the address. Daniel arap Moi, a former schoolteacher who became Kenya's longest-serving president, died at 95.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jerry Adler is 92. Former Argentinian President Isabel Peron is 90. Actor Gary

Conway is 85. Actor John Schuck is 81. Rock musician John Steel (The Animals) is 80. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 79. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 74. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 73. Actor Michael Beck is 72. Actor Lisa Eichhorn is 69. Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor is 62. Actor Pamelyn Ferdin is 62. Rock singer Tim Booth is 61. Rock

musician Henry Bogdan is 60. Country singer Clint Black is 59. Rock musician Noodles (The Offspring) is 58. Actor Gabrielle Anwar is 51. Actor Rob Corddry is 50. Singer David (dah-VEED') Garza is 50. Actor Michael Goorjian is 50. TV personality Nicole Wallace is 49. Olympic gold medal boxer Oscar De La Hoya is 48. Rock musician Rick Burch (Jimmy Eat World) is

46. Singer Natalie Imbruglia (em-BROO'-lee-ah) is 46. Rapper Cam'ron is 45. Rock singer Gavin DeGraw is 44. Rock singer Zoe Manville is 37. Actor/musician Bashy, AKA Ashley Thomas, is 36. Actor Charlie Barnett is 33. Olympic gold medal gymnast-turned-singer Carly Patterson is 33. Actor Kyla Kenedy (cq) (TV: "Speechless") is 18.

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Preschooler's learning
- Disagreements
- Big boss, briefly
- Infamous emperor
- Perfection to aim for
- Affectionate signoff
- Emulate rodents
- "Bess, You Is My Woman Now" singer
- ___ by (just manages)
- Graceful
- Tuxedo shirt accessory
- Granny's daughter, maybe
- Without an intermission
- Compact music players
- Gym accessory
- Faust dramatist
- Bit of dust
- 71 Across pullers
- Garden hose holder
- Fiendish
- Cuts into cubes
- Historical periods
- Dip for chips
- Jumbo suffix for a ballpark screen
- Sci-fi cinema sage
- Sacks out
- Japanese mushroom
- "Skip me"
- Trust in
- "Odd" things to do
- Restless desire
- Ere
- Current with
- High hope

DOWN

- Leon who wrote Exodus
- Cornfield challenge
- Dancer's driver
- Allowed the use of
- Farming implement
- Participated, with "in"
- Isn't keeping up
- "Cradle of Civilization"
- Prepare to advance on a fly-out
- Cunning one
- Invoice request
- TiVo alternative
- Balanced
- Great enthusiasm
- Starter for system
- Planar, for short
- Small número
- Sign for an off-ramp
- For takeaway, in Britain
- Prepared for planting
- Frozen queen
- Tangled-up situation
- Roundish
- Patio piece
- Vivid crayon category
- Elitist
- Program on a phone
- Gave one's approval
- The Jungle Book python
- Part of a backpack
- Sea of Japan peninsula
- Round gasket
- Cozy retreats
- Sudden increase
- Porous gem
- Big buffoon
- Abominate
- Hot under the collar

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CHS names 2021 Basketball King and Queen



Tuesday night was senior night for the Coahoma Bulldogettes. Before the varsity girls game, the five senior Bulldogettes were honored in front of their hometown crowd. Pictured above left from left are JaeLi Hernandez, trainer; Julia Cox, Kenzi Canales, MaKynlee Overton, and Abby Lopez. Pictured above right; Before the beginning of the varsity Bulldogette game, CHS crowned the 2021 Basketball King and Queen. Pictured are seniors Isaiah Martin and Abbie Lopez. Martin is a two year varsity member of the Bulldogs. Lopez has played on the varsity Bulldogette team for the past three years.

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