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<u>Upcoming Events</u>

Coahoma School Board Meeting Feb. 11 2 p.m.

Big Spring Chamber Banquet and Business Expo Feb. 11 1:30 p.m. Virtual event

C. Larson Valentine's canned food drive Donations accepted until Feb. 12

All city offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 15 in observance of President's Day

Thank a Veteran Day Feb. 15 Take a moment to

thank a service man or woman for their service.





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City Council recognize city employees; approve short-term rental ordinance By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer

BIG SPRING

Big Spring City Council convened yesterday evening to discuss an agenda full of items previously discussed at the last meeting, several updates, and partake in an Executive Session with the Executive Director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation regarding Economic Development negotiations.

The meeting began with a The Big Spring City Council convened and discussed ees with five years of service. The recognition and awards were given to Alberto Valez, John Fisher Jr.,

Charles Hale with the Big Spring Fire Department, Chad Hennessey, Charles Moncreek with the Big Spring Fire Department, Thomas Olague Jr., Andrianna Olveria, Jeremiah Simmons, Chaz Westbrook with the Big Spring Fire Department. Other recognized individuals who were not present at the meeting included: George Brown, Ber-



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presentation to city employ- a fairly short agenda Tuesday evening. During the meeting, Council recognized City employees with five on that one," Darden said. years of service.

tha Gonzales, Ishmael Martinez, Caleb Mcadams, and Stetson Ward.

Afterward, City Manager Todd Darden provided his report to the Council where it was stated that the next Large Item Pickup will take place for District 2 on Feb. 17. District 2 residents are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment to ensure their pick up.

It was also announced that all city of-

fices will be closed Monday, Feb. 15 in observance of President's Day. City offices will return back to normal working hours Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Darden also provided a water line replacement on Goliad update where it was stated that work on Goliad and 11th Place will continue toward 4th Street.

"Bare with us, it is for a good cause. That line is much needed in replacement. The contractors are moving along very quickly

During the City Manager's Report, Darden provided a TxDOT update where several road projects were discussed. On FM 700 and Highway 87, resurfacing for the last lane is currently taking place. The bridge for I-20 and 350 is also another roadway project creating traffic issues for city residents, however, additional barricading will be taking place soon,

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BSISD Board of Trustees to discuss policy updates Financial Standard Report for the dis-

By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer

The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees will meet Thursday evening at 5:15 p.m. in the High School Board Room to discuss a Public Hearing regarding the 2019-2020 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), the possibility of a new freightliner bus purchase, and the Superintendent's Report.

Once a moment is taken for prayer and pledge, a special recognition will be given to BSISD'S CTE Program by Superintendent Jay McWilliams. A Public Hearing regarding the 2019-

2020 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) that will include a PEIMS

trict and each campus in the district, 2019-20 District Accreditation Status, Campus Performance Objectives, a Report on Violent or Criminal Incidents of Campuses, and a Student Performance in Postsecondary Institutions for each high school campus in the District.

The Board will then review an update for the 2020-2021 Goal Progress Mea-Trustees are also going to discuss the

possibility of purchasing a new freightliner bus.

BSISD Board of Trustees will have a review of their Policy Update 116 (LE-GAL) Policies and Act on (LOCAL) Poli-

There will also be the School Board Trustee Election Order and Appointments for the May 1, 2021 Election. Seats up for election include District 2 who currently has Maria Padilla serving and District 4 who currently has Melissa Miller serving. Each Trustees has a three year term up for expiration.

Trustees will consider the approval of a budget amendment for Functions 99 and 52 Local Budget.

Before adjourning for the evening, Superintendent McWilliams will also provide his Superintendent's Report where he will discuss with the Board resignations and retirements, and enrollment

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Annual approvals on agenda for regular Coahoma **Board of Trustees meeting this coming Thursday**

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Coahoma Board of Trustees will be meeting in the Elementary Board Room, located at 400 Ramsey St. in Coahoma, on Thursday at 2 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting. The Board of Directors will be looking to update 116. The

topics covered will include Accountability measures - accreditation and performance, reporting and intervention and sanctions; board meetings; professional development, business and support services, state and federal revenue sources as well as local revenue sources; annual operation budget, accounting audit, safety program/risk management accident prevention and reports; food nutrition management, procurement, free and reduced price meals; technology resources district, campus and classroom websites; technology resources: cybersecurity; contracts for facilities; employment objectives and requirements, restrictions, credentials and records; compensation plan and standards

of conduct; basic instructional program; testing programs; military dependents; counseling and mental health, child abuse and neglect and other items including student welfare; community relations including conduct on school premises; employment practices and more.

Before heading into the consent agenda there will be an open forum after the establishment of quorum and call to

Also as part of the consent agenda the board will approve minutes of previous meetings and approve budget amend-

> Trustees will consider and possibly approve of depository contract and hear information items regarding Enrollment/ADA/ WADA report and financial reports. Future board meeting dates will also be discussed.

Superintendent Brad Cox will provide Covid-19 updates during the Superintendent Report. The District Appraisal value will also be discussed with the board before moving into information regarding the annual review of District Facility Plan.

Trustees will convene in Executive Session over personnel issues and then reconvene for any action resulting from the ses-

As part of personnel, the Trustees will be considering and possibly taking action to

extend term contracts for district administrators and athletic director. There will also be consideration and possible approval of 87-20 SSA Employment contract.

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Brenda Lou (Aberegg) Amonett

Brenda Lou (Aberegg) Amonett, passed peacefully to her long-awaited heavenly home Wednesday,



Feb. 3, 2021. A celebration of Life will be held at the Baker Height Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. with a visitation starting at 9:30 a.m. and interment at 2 p.m. at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery of Abilene, under the direction of Piersall Funeral Directors, 733 Butternut Street.

Brenda was born April 4, 1940, in Pecos. Texas to Lawrence and Marguerite Aberegg. She grew up in Coahoma, Texas and loved keeping in contact with school classmates as long as her health allowed. On Oct. 8, 1960, she married Eldon Ray Amonett in Big Spring, Texas. They lived a short time in both McCamey and Nocona, but finally settled in Denver City, Texas for over 50 years, from 1964 to 2015. While in Denver City, as Eldon worked for an oilfield business, Brenda dedicated herself to raising a family and serving her Lord Jesus Christ. Being active in the life of the Denver City Church of Christ, Brenda's God-given gifts were to serve others, sensitive to any need. Brenda's ultimate goal was always to share the love of Jesus with everyone. She loved older kids and young children alike and would bless them any way possible. Two church programs dear to her

heart were the Joy Bus and Bible Bowl ministries

in addition to teaching Bible classes. Brenda was loved by many. Her nickname was "Smiley" and personnel in the nursing home would love to make her laugh and giggle. Then, to be close to their children, Brenda and Eldon moved to Abilene. She continued her love for teaching children at Baker Heights Church of Christ until Dementia would not allow it.

Brenda was preceded in death by twin sons Kelly Craig and Kelvin Greg, her parents, brothers Tommy Aberegg and Harold Aberegg, and sisters-in-law Francis Aberegg and Janie Aberegg. She is survived by her husband Eldon, daughters Wanda Kay Rodriguez and husband Johnny and Shana Raye Hutton and husband David; grandchildren Dara Rodriguez, Erika Chapman and husband Cort, Dave Hutton and wife Hailey, Daniel Hutton, Holly Hutton and Micah Hutton; 3 great-grandchildren, Ellie, Moriah and Mercy Hutton and baby Chapman on the way; brother Royce D. Aberegg, sister Judy Latimer and husband Bill and sister-in-law Romalee Aberegg and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews from Amonett and Aberegg/Thomas families she dearly loved.

The family would like to express our gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed and a special thank you to all the caregivers and staff at Bright Pointe at Lytle Lake Nursing Home. In lieu of flowers, a monetary gift could be given in Brenda's memory to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home or your favorite charity.

Condolences may be offered to the family online at www.pbfuneraldirectors.com.

Paid Obituary

Robbie Tindol

Robbie Tindol, 63, of Meadowlakes, Texas, passed away Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death.

Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Bap-

tist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to at-

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.

Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for

any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

- Al-anon family group meets at
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations.

We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • session beging Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information.

You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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

Take Note

- The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.
- 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.
- 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.
- These financial institutions will observe the following schedule for Monday, February 15th:

Citizens Federal Credit Union CLOSED **State National Bank** CLOSED _

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

base, was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-•BRANDY RENEE GREGORY, 40, of 1104 E. 11th Place, was arrested on charges of public in-

•REBECCA KATIE GARCIA, 27, of 102 Air-

- toxication (x2). • JESSIE JOE CUELLAR, 42, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested on a charge of murder.
- CALEB MIKEL AWBREY, 20, of 1405 S. Benton Street, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams).
- •REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK, 37, of 509 S. Johnson Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEVEN HINOJOSA AGUIRRE, 44, of 4405 Connally Street, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of motor vehicle and possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams).

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity: Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail re-

ported having 88 inmates at the time of this report. •STEVEN HINOJOSA AGUIRRE, 44, was ar-

rested by HCSO on charges of possession of con-

trolled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams) and unauthorized use of motor vehicle. • CALEB MIKEL AWBREY, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled sub-

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rested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • JESSIE JOE CUELLAR, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of murder.

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rested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication •RAFAEL TARIN, 47, was arrested by HCSO on charges of bond fort prohibited substance/item in correctional facility, bond fort criminal tres-

Fire/EMS

pass, and bond fort possession of marijuana.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300

- block of W. 18th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block of S. Nolan Street. One person was trans-
- ported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Fenn. One person was transported to Sce-
- nic Mountain Medical Center. **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600

- block of Caylor. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300
- block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600
- block of Tulane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Princeton. One person was transported to
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center. **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4900 block of Ratliff Road. One person was transported
- to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400
- block of N. Birdwell Lane. No transport was required.

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according to Darden. Projects concerning the Reliever Route are also meant to be completed in April. There was also mention of safety concerns near 11th Place and FM 700. According to Darden, concerns have been sent in to TxDot to initiate a study on the skewed intersection.

" While there have been no deaths on the road to date, various accidents have taken place that would warrant a study," Darden said.

There were also talks on the possibility of adding a traffic light to the west parking lot of Walmart for additional safety, however, the City cannot enforce that onto private property.

After, Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams began to speak on an update regarding body cams for the police department. According to Williams, the Big Spring Police Department is currently seeking both federal and state grant monies for body cams. The last quote given to the department stated that it would take approximately \$100,000 to provide body cams to all police officials in the department. Additional personnel would also need to be added to the team to work through the body cam footage.

"We are actively still seeking grants to look at



Today: Patchy drizzle and fog before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: A chance of freezing rain and sleet after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. Northeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high

near 38.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and cold, with a high near 29.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 7.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy and cold, with a high near 20.

Sunday Night: A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11.

Monday: A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and cold, with a high near 27.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

report, a COVID-19 update, and District updates. There will also be a notice for a Special Meeting to be held on Jan. 18. Other items that will be discussed during the

meeting include: *Board Minutes for Regular Meeting on Jan. 14,

*Financial Reports

*Employment Recommendations

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HERALD photos/Iris Rangel

Mayor Shannon Thomas took time at the beginning of Tuesday evening's meeting to recognize and show appreciation for those who have served five years with the City of Big Spring.

that. If, for some reason, there's not any money there, we will probably be asking for money in the budget," Williams said. To end the City Manager's Report, a COVID-19

update was given by Dr. Ahmed, who has previously provided information to the Council concerning the virus in Howard County and Texas. Dr. Ahmed stated that while about one million

people are getting immunized everyday for the

coronavirus, the community still should continue to take preventative measures like wearing a mask and social distancing. The state of Texas is also number two in case loads for the virus. "Masks are still as good as the vaccine. I highly recommend all the citizens of Big Spring to wear

the mask in spite of getting the vaccine. But if you do have the chance to get the vaccine, please do so," Ahmed said. Council then moved into the Consent Items por-

tion of the meeting where the entirety of the Consent Agenda was approved in a unanimous vote. Councilman Doug Hartman made the motion to approve the items and was seconded by Councilman Nick Ornelas.

Items on the Consent Agenda included:

*The approval of City Council Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Jan. 26, 2021 and Special Meeting on Feb. 2, 2021

*Acknowledge receipt of the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport Development Board Minutes for the Special Meeting on Oct. 22, 2020 and Special Meeting on Dec. 17, 2020 *The first reading of an ordinance amending

Chapter 32 of the Big Spring City Code by adding a new article VI entitled "Commercial Filming Regulations" in order to establish guidelines for the use of city-owned property in all types of motion picture production; requiring a permit and establishing fees

•The first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 12 of the Big Spring City Code by adding a new Article V entitled "Manufactured Housing and Mobile Homes" in order to establish limited, forward-looking regulations for manufactured homes and mobile homes

•The first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2 by adding a new section entitled "Finance Director" in order to clearly define the duties and responsibilities of the position and render the position independent from that of the City Secretary

•The first reading of a resolution of the City Council authorizing account signatories

•An ordinance of the City Council amending Ordinance Number 029-2020 which adopted the annual budget for the City of Big Spring by increasing the cable franchise peg fund for the purchase of audio/visual equipment, lighting, and electrical

A tabled item that sparked heated discussion at the last special meeting, was also on last night's agenda. However, the item regarding a resolution for the Economic Development Corporation, was tabled once again this meeting as District seats for 5 and 6 have not yet been filled.

Discussion then moved into the appointment of an Airpark Development Board Director. According to Darden, there was only one resume given from Mr. Harrison which entailed 45 years of aviation experience and council experience. A motion was then made by Councilwoman McDonald to approve the appointment and she was seconded by Councilman Ornelas. The motion passed in a unanimous vote.

Afterward, the Council began talks with City At-

torney Andrew Hagen regarding an ordinance that would include short term rentals, bed and breakfasts, and AirBnBs, to be included in the definition of a hotel in order to require payment and collection of hotel occupancy taxes within the city. This ordinance would also authorize the CVB Director to collect and the tax and process registrations, subject commercial short term rentals to commercial rates for water and sewer utilities and trash collection, and require establishments subject to the tax to register with the City's Convention Visitors Bureau. This ordinance does not affect any rentals past a 30-day threshold, and is only subject to short term rentals, AirBnBs, and bed and breakfasts within the city.

"Now, the city has not been able to collect tax and has not, at this point, sought to receive back taxes from BnB owners for hotel taxes owed. But, with this ordinance, the city is definitely going to be saying - going forward - we are absolutely looking for all BnBs to be regularly paying hotel tax in the city," Hagen said.

A motion was made by Councilmember McDonald to approve the ordinance. There was a second made by Councilmember Cody Hughes. The motion passed in a 5 to 0 vote.

Before ending for the night, Councilmembers adjourned into Executive Session where discussion with the Executive Director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation was held. After an hour of discussion, Councilmembers reconvened where Councilman Cody Hughes stated, "I move that the Big Spring City Council authorize the Mayor to negotiate and the City Attorney to author an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Big Spring and Corolla Capital Partner, LLC." A second was then made by Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, passing 5 to 0.

Other items discussed and approved during the meeting included:

•Vouchers for 01/28/2021 in the amount of \$761,557.90 and 02/04/2021 in the amount of \$293,715.90 •Acknowledgement receipt of the Convention

and Visitors Bureau Committee Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Oct. 7, 2020 and Jan. 13, 2020

•A Joint Election Agreement with Big Spring Independent School District

•A first reading of a resolution authorizing and appointing the City Manager to submit an application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to secure funding for depart-

ment operations/media data management network servers

·A first reading authorizing the City Manager or the Mayor to enter into a contract with Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP for professional services related to redistricting following the 2020 Census

•An amendment to the • COWBOYS STEAKHOUSE lease with Toshiba by extending the contract an additional five years

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Texas likely to partner with FEMA for vaccine 'supersites'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas will likely partner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to open two vaccination "supersites" in Dallas and Houston, and more could be on the way, Gov. Greg Abbott said Monday.

Also Monday, officials confirmed that a Houston-area man was recently sickened by a coronavirus variant from South Africa. The mutated version of the virus spreads more easily, and health officials worry vaccines could be less effective against it.

Abbott tweeted those vaccine locations would be open every day and operate for eight weeks, handling up to 6,000 shots per day. The governor said adding more sites is possible, but his office did not immediately release further details, including whether that meant Texas would get more vaccine doses or if those sites would pull vaccine from other areas. Houston officials said they learned about FEMA's plans to open a vaccina-

tion "supersite" in the city from media reports and as of Monday had not been involved in its planning efforts. But Mayor Sylvester Turner said he and several other mayors from around the country were scheduled to take part in a conference call with the White House on Friday to discuss vaccine distribu-

The Texas news comes a week after California partnered with FEMA to open

two mass vaccination centers under President Joe Biden's push to create 100 such sites nationwide in 100 days. The news also comes as the number of CO-VID-19 hospitalizations continued to decline.

However, Houston-area officials were notified Saturday that a man from nearby Fort Bend County has tested positive for the South African variant, said Dr. Jacquelyn Johnson Minter, Fort Bend County Health and Human Services director. The unidentified person had traveled domestically in December and developed symptoms a few days after returning home.

The person has recovered and all members of his household have tested negative for the virus, Minter said. No co-workers were exposed as he stayed home while sick, she said.

The announcement came one month after the first new known COVID-19 variant, one first identified in the United Kingdom, was identified in Houston. According to state health officials, nearly 2.5 million Texans have received

at least one dose of vaccine after a like number tested positive for the coronavirus that causes COVID-19, and nearly 780,000 are fully vaccinated. As of Monday, just over 330,000 persons in Texas had active COVID-19 cases, but only 9,401 patients were hospitalized. Meantime, the Texas COVID-19 death toll rose to 38,700.

Texas GOP Rep. Wright, who battled health issues, dies at 67

<u>By PAUL J. WEBER</u>

Associated Press

Republican Rep. Ron Wright of Texas, who had lung cancer and was hospitalized after testing positive for COVID-19 last month, has died, his office said Monday. He was 67.

Wright died Sunday, spokesman Matt Langston said. He said he didn't know the cause of death, but the twoterm congressman and his wife, Susan, had been admitted to a Dallas hospital in the previous two weeks after contracting COVID-19. Wright announced shortly after be-

ing sworn in for a new term that he had tested positive for the coronavirus. He was also hospitalized last year over treatment for lung cancer com-

"Despite years of painful, some-

times debilitating treatment for cancer, Ron never lacked the desire to get up and go to work, to motivate those around him, or to offer fatherly advice," his office said in a statement.

Wright is the first sitting member of Congress to die after contracting COVID-19. In December, an incoming Republican member of the U.S. House, Luke Letlow of Louisiana, died of complications related to the virus only days before the 41-year-old would have been sworn into office.

Wright had said he tested positive for COVID-19 after coming into contact with an infected person, and he described his early symptoms as minor and said he would quarantine.

Langston said Wright never received a vaccination and was believed to have contracted the virus in Washington after he returned in early January for the swearing-in ceremony. Another Texas member of Congress, Republican U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, also announced that she had tested positive around that time.

Langston said Susan Wright was discharged from the hospital before her husband's death.

"He emulated the very best of America, and we were fortunate to have had the opportunity to call him a colleague and a friend," House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy said.

President Joe Biden called Wright "a fighter who battled bravely against both cancer and COVID-19, diseases that our nation will continue working tirelessly every day to defeat in the memory of all those we have lost." Similar tributes rolled in, including from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who mentioned the broader toll of the

grieve Congressman Wright's passing, Members of Congress are united in sorrow and pray for the families and loved ones of the over 460,000 Americans who have been killed by the vicious coronavirus. Each death is a tragedy that breaks our hearts and demands strong, urgent action," Pelosi said in

Wright was among the 147 Republicans in Congress who voted to reject President Joe Biden's electoral victory. He was a longtime city councilman in Arlington, Texas, and won reelection to his House seat by 9 percentage points last year.

Wright had represented the 6th Congressional District in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 2018. A special election will be called to fill his seat.

Immigrants, activists worry Biden won't end Trump barriers

HOUSTON (AP) — For nearly 17 months, the Trump administration tried to deport the mother and daughter from El Salvador. The Biden administration may finish the job.

They are being held at a family detention center in remote Dilley, Texas, but have repeatedly been on the verge of deportation. The Friday before Christmas, both were driven to the San Antonio airport and put on a plane, only to be pulled off when lawyers working for immigrant advocacy groups filed

"I have faith first in God and in the new president who has taken office, that he'll give us a chance," said the mother, who goes by the nickname "Barbi." Her daughter was 8 when they crossed the U.S. border in August 2019 and will turn 10 in a few weeks. "It's not been easy."

It's unlikely to get easier anytime soon.

President Joe Biden rushed to send the most ambitious overhaul of the nation's immigration system in a generation to Congress and signed nine executive actions to wipe out some of his predecessor's toughest measures to fortify the U.S.-Mexico border. But a federal court in Texas suspended Biden's 100-day moratorium on deportations, and the immigration bill is likely to be scaled back as lawmakers grapple with major coronavirus pandemic relief legislation as well a second impeachment trial for former President Donald Trump.

Even if Biden gets most of what he wants on immigration, fully implementing the kind of sweeping changes he's promised will take weeks, months — perhaps even years.

That means, at least for now, there is likely to be more overlap between the Biden and Trump immigration policies than many of the activists who backed the Democrat's successful presidential

campaign had hoped.

"It's important that we pass policies that are not only transformative, inclusive and permanent but also that they are policies that do not increase the growth of deportation," said Genesis Renteria, programs director for membership services and engagement at Living United for Change in Arizona, which helped mobilized Democratic voters in the critical battleground state. "Our organizations will continue to hold the administration accountable."

Federal law allows immigrants facing credible threats of persecution or violence in their home country to seek U.S. asylum. Biden has ordered a review of Trump policies that sent people from Central America, Cuba and other countries to Mexico while their cases were processed — often forcing them into makeshift tent camps mere steps from American soil. He also has formed a task force to reunite immigrant children separated from their parents and halted federal funding to expand walls along the U.S.-Mexico border.

On Saturday, the Biden administration said it was withdrawing from agreements with El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras that restricted the ability of people to seek U.S. asylum.

But those orders likely won't help Barbi and her daughter. They sought asylum but were denied because of a Trump administration rule barring such protections for people who crossed another country to reach the U.S. border — in their case Guatemala and Mexico.

That measure was struck down by a federal appeals court, shielding them from deportation so far.

Still, Barbi and her daughter, like others who have been held for months at Dilley, could be removed from the county at any time, perhaps even in the coming days. Elsewhere in the facility run by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a dozen Hondurans were told to pack this past week, but not actually deported — yet.

"It's very traumatic," said Barbi, who left behind two other children in El Salvador and asked that her real name not be revealed so as not to draw the attention of criminal gangs there. "My daughter cries and says, 'Why won't they let us out?"

As a candidate last summer, Biden suggested

he'd do just that, declaring, "Children should be released from ICE detention with their parents immediately."

Advocates who originally commended Biden for championing immigration reform now worry that not enough will be done. Omar Jadwat, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project, called it "troubling"

that Biden's efforts "did not include immediate action to rescind and unwind more of the unlawful and inhumane policies that this administration inherited — and now owns."

"We are tired, as Latinos and immigrants, that there is always another priority," said Héctor Sánchez Barba, executive director and CEO of Mi Familia Vota, which led voting drives in Hispanic communities ahead of the November election. "Immigration should remain the top priority, espe cially given how our community was devastated attacked, separated."

Antonio Arellano, interim executive director of

Jolt Action, which seeks to build the power and influence of young Latinos in Texas, said political pressure is already mounting as conservative forces mobilize to retake the House and Senate for Republicans in 2022.

"There will be electoral consequences if we fail to deliver," Arellano said.

Biden administration officials have pleaded for more time, saying that Trump's policies are too wide-reaching to be rescinded overnight.

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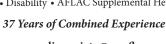
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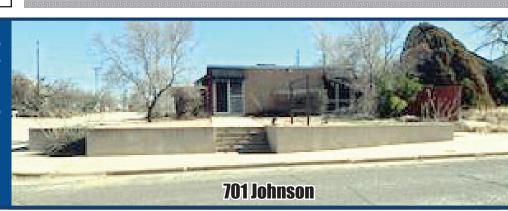
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Do you have an interesting sports item or

Bulldogs Head Baseball coach excited to get the season started.

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

I was able to sit down with Coahoma Head Baseball coach Chris Arista and get his thought on this year's upcoming Baseball season.

Coach Arista is entering his second year as the Bulldog head Baseball coach. The young coach has been around Baseball his entire life. His father was a coach for several years, a resource he has to fall back on when he may need advice; his brother is also a Coahoma ISD coach—so coaching is defiantly in the Arista family. In his first year as head coach, he faced challenges that most coaches have never encountered. Coahoma got to play its first nine games of the season, starting extremely hot, going 7-1-1 in those nine games. They had just come off a good tournament performance and had high expectations to start District play. That's when the whole landscape changed. It was right after spring break when COVID-19 canceled school and cut his first season short; after only nine games, his first season was now over.

Coming into this new season Coach, Arista lost nine graduating seniors from the team the season before. UIL has allowed the teams to have an extra week of practice this year to make up for last season's shorted year. The Bulldogs started preparing for this season on Jan. 19. Arista likes to focus on



The Coahoma Bulldog Baseball team is gearing coaches for the love of the game and helps up and preparing for the upcoming season as these young athletes become better Base-Basketball season wraps up in Howard County. ball players and better young men. The Coach Arista is setting his plan and is ready to head out on the field with the Bulldogs in the next few sibilities. He also has four 6th grade class-

hitting as one of his main priorities. His team hits every single time they get a chance. They are working on hitting the ball to all parts of the field. The coach preaches contact hitting as one of the main fundamentals in all of Baseball. Even though this Bulldog team may be a bit younger this year, the

Coach is optimistic his team will step up to the plate and deliver. He expects this team to pick up right where they left off from last season's hot start. This year's team has a good pitching depth, suitable for Coach Arista because of the UIL pitching limits and rest rules. You have to consider every pitch thrown and how it affects the rest of the games for the upcoming week of games.

Coach Arista has a good feel of how to manage the young men on his team, having been a player before. From the little time I got to spend with the Coach, you can see and hear his love of Baseball and HERALD file photo the love he has for his team. He truly Coach doesn't just have Baseball respones he teaches on top of finding the time to coordinate practices and fulfill his duties of being the Head Coach.

> One of the biggest challenges of this year is still having to deal with COVID-19 protocols.

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Porzingis, Doncic help Mavericks hold off Wolves, 127-122

DALLAS (AP)

Kristaps Porzingis had 27 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks, Luka Doncic scored 26 points and the Dallas Mavericks played before home fans for the first time in 11 months and held off the Minnesota Timberwolves 127-122 on Monday night. Tim Hardaway added 24 points off

the bench as the Mavericks won their second straight at home after a sixgame skid at the American Airlines Center. They led by 25 in the second quarter before the Timberwolves pulled within 123-120 with 50 seconds

Josh Richardson hit a jumper with 27 seconds to go for a five-point lead and Malik Beasley missed a 3-pointer seconds later.

"We've got to do a better job of closing out games," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "This is an experience we're going to have to learn from. We're a young team that simply has to learn from these situations."

Beasley tied a season high with 30

points, 22 in the fourth quarter, and rookie Anthony Edwards added 22 for the Timberwolves, who finished a five-game road trip 1-4.

It was the second straight loss for the Wolves in which they rallied from a huge deficit early and nearly won. On Saturday at Oklahoma City, they came from 23 down to lead in the fourth quarter only to lose by two.

"We're finding ourselves as a group," Minnesota coach Ryan Saunders said. "I liked some of the progress."

Porzingis had 15 points and six rebounds in the first quarter as Dallas led 43-22. It was the most points for the Mavericks in one period this season and the second straight game in which the Wolves have allowed 43 in the first quarter.

The Mavericks led 71-51 at halftime behind 18 points from Hardaway. It was the third straight game in which they have scored at least 70 points in a half to set a franchise record.

Timberwolves: D'Angelo Russell,

the team's second-leading scorer, sat out the second half with left leg soreness after scoring six points in six minutes. Russell missed Saturday's game with right quad soreness. ... Naz Reid followed a career-high 29 points on Saturday with six, hampered by three first-half fouls. ... Juancho Hernangomez returned from safety protocols for his first action since Jan. 13, scoring five points in nine minutes.

Mavericks: It was Doncic's careerbest 11th straight game with at least 25 points. ... Last in 3-point percentage going into the game at 33.8%, Dallas hit 6 of 12 3-pointers during the first quarter.

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Monday's game was the first in which Dallas will invite 1.500 vaccinated frontline and essential workers, including medical professionals, police, firefighters, teachers and food service staffers, to sit in the American Airlines Center's lower bowl. At halftime, the gathering of "true champions" was saluted in a tribute taped

by members of the Mavericks' 2010-11 NBA championship team.

"It helps bring back a little bit of normalcy," Carlisle said before the game. TOWNS CLOSER TO RETURNING

Two-time All-Star center Karl-Anthony Towns missed his 12th consecutive game while in COVID-19 health and safety protocols, but his status on the Wolves' injury report was upgraded from out to doubtful. Saunders said Towns must show the team certain physical signs, including his lungs being able to handle prolonged on-court work.

Towns also missed seven games earlier this season with a wrist injury and has played in only four games.

UP NEXT

Timberwolves: Host the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday in their first home game since Jan. 31.

Mavericks: Host Atlanta on Wednesday for the middle game of a sevengame homestand. The Mavericks won at Atlanta 112-106 last Wednesday.

Rangers to Pay A's \$13.5M over next two years as part of swap

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

The Texas Rangers will pay Oakland \$6.25 million this year and \$7.25 million in 2022 as part of the trade that sent shortstop Elvis Andrus to the Athletics.

Texas will make 12 payments of \$520,833.33 from April through September as part of Saturday's deal.

The Rangers will make 12 payments of \$604,166.67 from April through September in 2022. Payments are due roughly in the middle of each month and on or close to the

final day of each month. Andrus is owed \$14 million in each of the next two seasons. The \$120 million,

eight-year contract he signed in 2015 includes a \$15 million option for 2023 that now, because of the trade, becomes a player option if he has 550 plate appearances in 2022, or 1,100 combined in 2021-22. Texas sent the 32-year-old Andrus and catcher Aramis Garcia to the A's for

designated hitter Khris Davis, catcher Jonah Heim and right-hander Dane

The AL West champion A's lost shortstop Marcus Semien to Toronto in free

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

The 33-year-old Davis led the majors with 48 home runs in 2018, but since then has struggled to consistently find his stroke.

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

Davis scores 25 to carry SMU past East Carolina 71-56

GREENVILLE, N.C. AP - Kendric Davis scored 25 points as SMU beat East Carolina 71-56 on Monday.

Tyson Jolly had 11 points and six rebounds for SMU (11-4, 7-4 American Athletic Conference). Feron Hunt added nine rebounds.

Jayden Gardner had 23 points and

nine rebounds for the Pirates (8-8, 2-8). J.J. Miles added 11 points and six rebounds.

The Mustangs improve to 2-0 against the Pirates for the season. SMU defeated East Carolina 70-55 on Dec. 16.

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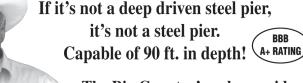
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as on the distribution of the two minor suits.

One way of finding out where the king of spades is located is by playing dummy's queen at trick one. When East follows low, it is reasonable to assume that West has the king. Next comes the crucial decision. Two extra tricks must be developed in the minor suits, and the natural inclination is to tackle the longer and stronger suit — diamonds.

But this would be the wrong thing to do. Suppose you led a diamond to the ace and another one to dummy's jack. If the finesse lost, you'd be up to only eight tricks. A spade return through the A-J would then put you out of commission.

Under the circumstances, it's far better to tackle clubs first rather than diamonds, because this is a constructive step that protects your spade holding at the same time. Accordingly, you lead a low club from dummy at trick two and finesse the ten. West wins but cannot safely return a spade, so he shifts to a heart.

You win with dummy's ace and lead a club to the nine. When it wins, you cash the ace, but the king does not fall. Now you play the ace and another diamond to the jack. The finesse loses, but your fourth diamond becomes your ninth trick.

As happens so often, the correct order of plays makes the contract.

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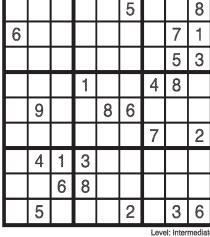
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Thoughts for the Last Day of a Moon Cycle

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because your pet peeves include things like lateness, last-minute cancelations, the untimely return of calls and texts ... you make special efforts not to commit such offenses yourself. It will be harder to stick with today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be wise to let people know what you can really make happen, because you don't want anyone to have unrealistic expectations that involve you. It's bad Karma.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). One of the best ways to build your relationship with yourself is to take on exciting challenges. You'll be attracted to one today, and it is guaranteed to increase more than just your self-esteem.

CANCER (June **22-July 22).** You have a big attitude today, pulsing with promise and potential. The best part is it's all respectfully contained. You don't need to posture or be louder than anyone else. You're a quiet but powerful magnet for all you desire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Try not to hold yourself to impossibly high standards. It's a rejection of where you're at right now, which is as good a place as any. Change usually executes many small steps before it leaps.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

GO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's appropriate to channel the energy of other people before you find that groove

that's all you. It takes more than time to find your voice; it also takes action, mistakes and lots of "Not that... How about this?"

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been shaped by wonderful, terrible, trying, fortunate and unusual happenings. You'll be inspired to think about your story differently and learn to tell it to yourself and others in more empowering terms.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're starting to understand the role that could fit you better. You see it in your mind's eye. One small action leads to the next, and soon you'll be leaning and living in such a way that makes your vision an inevitability.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). React a little slower than you think you should. It will give you a chance to really get what you're reacting to, which is the underlying meaning, not the misdirection that's going on at the surface level.

CAP-BY HOLIDAY MATHIS RICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your

> choices are getting better aligned with the picture you hold for your future.

A deadline of some sort will help you follow through with the trend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sometimes the action just gets stuck. It's no one's fault; it just happens. There's no point in wondering what happened. Just get out of the mud. Let go of something; add more throttle; or throw in a new topic for traction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll expand an idea in a hyperreal direction -- so beyond what's normal that it's almost a caricature. This eliminates some of the complexity and makes it easy for people to understand and connect.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Feb. 10). You know what you want, who you love and who you're willing to make sacrifices for. With these three cornerstones as the guiding principles of your schedule, your year goes off like sparklers. You'll be saying no a lot. Through honesty, focus and self-possession, a positive and ef-

fortless transformation is underway. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 14, 18 and 39.

COSMIC QUES-

TION: "How can you close a karmic circle? Can I end a cycle of karma for my entire family, especially future generations? I'm a Pisces, and I would think that if anyone could do it, it would be me, since I'm at the end of the zodiac and the most spiritual person in my family. I'm talking about abuse and trauma."

When the abuse and trauma is no longer a focus, the karmic circle closes. You can end the Karma for yourself, and that impacts others, too. But you cannot control the experience of those who may not be ready or willing to change their Karma.

Also, consider that processing trauma keeps you somewhere in the karmic circle you're trying to leave. While it may be necessary, there is a point of diminishing returns -- and then a point where processing does more harm than good, keeping a person stuck as a victim and a patient, forever healing never healed.

Know when to step out of the circle and focus on what you're building instead of where you've been. You're right. As a Pisces, your intuition will lead you there with grace.

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Closing the Book on **Childish Behavior**

Dear Annie: My stepmother is the epitome of a wicked stepmother. My sister and I are grown and have our own lives and families. Our father married "Mary." We believe it was out of loneliness. She is 15 years younger than him and has a drinking problem. She says the drinking is under control, but it is quite clear it isn't. She has a record for driving under the influence and for drug possession charges. Again, we were told it was all under control.

My sister and I have been ignored, talked about, lied about and made to feel unwelcome in our dad's home. However, we put all that aside because our dad said he was happy and that she took care of him. We

along with Mary. The problem is that

he is seriously ill now

continued to try and get

after having his second stroke, and she is being very cruel and secretive with information and updates on our dad's health. She has said more than once. "He is my husband." So? He is and always will be my dad and my responsibility. I've tried to explain that this not the time for childish drama; we need to come together and do what's best for our dad. But she slams the door in our face every time. I am not walking away from my dad. What is the resolution here? When our dad gets out of the hospital, he does not need this. What do I do? -- Emotionally Drained

Dear Emotionally Drained: First, I am very sorry about your dad's stroke. May his recovery and rehabilitation be easy. Second, I'm sorry to hear that your relationship with

your stepmother is

so strained. You don't

deserve to be treated

not own your father.

rudely, and "Mary" does

However, let's take a look at who's being childish here. You've labeled Mary a "wicked stepmother," cite her history of addiction as a moral failing and fault her for wanting to take care of her husband. I agree with you. It's time to set aside the dramatics and focus on what matters here -- your dad's health. If you're willing to own where you've been at fault in this not-so-happily ever after, your "wicked" stepmom might do the same.

However, if your stepmom continues to keep her husband from his children, that could constitute abusive behavior. Your best option would be to find an attorney to advise you on your options.

Dear Annie: I'd like to comment on the letter from "Wedding Woes," where the husband of the disabled daughter is not

invited to the wedding.

This is wrong on every

level. But if the daughter really wants to go, perhaps her husband could assist her with the arrangements and travel but not attend the wedding. (Perhaps her mom could take over during the ceremony and reception.) Then the daughter and her husband could enjoy a few days on vacation and turn a "challenging" trip into something fun. The wedding only lasts a couple of hours, but the fun vacation memories could last a lifetime. -- Making the Best of It

Dear Making the Best of It: Thank you for your letter and the advice to take a possibly distressing event and make it work for everyone. When life gives you lemons make some lemonade and enjoy.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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This Date In History

Today in History

the 41st day of 2021. There are 324 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 10,

On Feb. 10, 1967, the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, was ratified as Minnesota and Nevada adopted it.

On this date:

In 1763, Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War in North

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg (KOH'-borg) and Gotha (GAH'-thuh).

In 1933, the first singing telegram was introduced by the Postal Telegram Co. in New York.

In 1936, Nazi Germany's Reichstag passed a law investing the Gestapo secret police with absolute authority, exempt from any legal review.

In 1959, a major tornado tore through the St. Louis area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1992, boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping Desiree Washington, a Miss Black America contestant. (Tyson served three years in prison.) "Roots" author Alex Haley died in Seattle at age 70.

In 1997, a civil jury heaped \$25 million in punitive damages on O.J. Simpson for the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend, on top of \$8.5 million in compensatory damages awarded earlier.

In 2005, Britain's Prince Charles announced he would marry his divorced lover, Camilla Parker Bowles, in April. North Korea boasted publicly for the first time that it possessed nuclear weapons.

In 2006, Dr. Norman Shumway, who performed the first successful U.S. heart transplant, died in Palo Alto,

California, at age 83.

In 2014, former film star and diplomat Shirley Temple Black, 85, died at her home near San Francisco.

In 2015, the parents of Kayla Jean Mueller and U.S. officials confirmed the death of the 26-year-old aid worker who had been held captive by the Islamic State group (IS said Mueller had been killed in a Jordanian airstrike). NBC announced it was suspending Brian Williams as "Nightly News" anchor and managing editor for six months without pay for misleading the public about his experiences covering the Iraq War. Jon Stewart announced he would step down as host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central later in the year.

Ten years ago: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak refused to step down or leave the country and instead handed his powers to his vice president, stunning protesters in central Cairo who waved their shoes in contempt and shout-"Leave, leave, leave." (Mubarak resigned the next

Five years ago: Senate Democrats and Republicans united behind tougher sanctions on North Korea for violating international law by purnuclear weapons. suing President Barack Obama took a nostalgic trip to the Illinois capital of Springfield where he launched his national political career nine years earlier. For the 15th time, officials denied parole for Sirhan Sirhan, the assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Former Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, 84, died in Prescott, Arizona.

One year ago: U.S. health officials confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus among the hundreds of people who'd been evacuated from China to military bases in the United States; it was among the 13 confirmed cases in the U.S. Britain declared the new coronavirus a "serious and imminent threat to public health" and said people with the virus could now be forcibly quarantined. U.S. prosecutors charged

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Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Leontyne Price is 94. Actor Robert Wagner is 91. Rock musician Don Wilson (The Ventures) is 88. Singer

Roberta Flack is 84. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers) is 81. Rock musician Bob Spalding (The Ventures) is 74. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 71. Walt Disney Co. executive Robert Iger is 70. Rock musician and composer Cory Lerios (Pablo Cruise) is 70. World Golf Hall of Famer Greg Norman is 66. Actor Kathleen Beller is 65. Country

singer Lionel Cartwright is 61. Movie director Alexander Payne is 60. ABC News correspondent George Stephanopoulos is 60. Political commentator Glenn Beck is 57. Actor Laura Dern is 54. Writer-producer-director Vince Gilligan (TV: "Breaking Bad") is 54. Country singer Dude Mowrey is 49. Actor Jason Olive is 49. Actor Elizabeth Banks is 47. Actor

Julia Pace Mitchell is 43. Reggaeton singer Don Omar is 43. Actor Uzo Aduba is 40. Actor Stephanie Beatriz is 40. Actor Max Brown is 40. Actor Barry Sloane is 40. Rock singer Eric Dill is 39. Actor Trevante Rhodes is 31. Actor Emma Roberts is 30. Actor Makenzie Vega is 27. Actor Chloe Grace Moretz is 24. Actor Yara Shahidi is 21.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Officeholders, for short
- 5 Wild guesses 10 Up to the task
- **14** Z __ "zebra" 15 Magazine
- edition **16** Try to persuade
- gently 17 Woman's checked-pattern
- garment 19 d'état
- 20 Major blood vesse
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- 23 Fuel efficiency stat.
- 26 Grad
- 28 Man's thin-line pattern office attire
- 34 Fancy party 35 Be of help to
- **36** Firstborn of two 38 Right-angle shapes
- **39** Hold (off)
- __ (ball **42** Jai _ game)
- 43 Pull on
- 45 Barnyard cackler 46 Semester
- 47 Woman's
- circle-pattern garment **51** Ripped (up) 52 Buckeye State
- sch. 53 Prepare, as tea
- 56 Explosive initials 58 Speaks unclearly
- 63 Volcanic outpouring

FOLLOWING A PATTERN by Fred Ohles

- droplet-pattern neckwear
- 67 Baking chamber
- 68 First Greek letter 11 Unexpected
- 69 Clock dial **70** Icy navigation
- hazard
- **71** Gossip-filled, informally
- 72 Those others

DOWN

64 Man's

- 1 Bear seen by
- 2 Capital of
- Norway
- 4 Sour mood
- 5 Bro's sibling
- 6 Scolding sound
- continent
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- Goldilocks
- 3 Untruthful one

- **12** Speak highly of
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- 18 River blockers
- 24 Grade-school
- support orgs. 25 Sand particles
- 27 Do something with
- 28 Get chummy
- (with)
- 29 Volunteer's offer 59 Uber competitor
- **30** Country singer's
- accent
- **31** Potato-growing

- 33 Signs of sorrow
- state
- **32** Runs in neutral
- 57 Helpful hints

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34 Receive or

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44 Boxing-stopping

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41 Comes to a

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49 America's

50 Deception

55 At any time

53 Drop of paint

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- **60** Nevada neighbor
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Steers compete in Sweetwater Invitational

Special to the Herald

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coverings if they choose to.

The Big Spring Steers competed in the Sweetwater Invitational on Friday. The results from the

Sean Tan - Consolation Runner-up - Boys Singles Matthew Doll - Consolation Winner - Boys Singles Itzel Garcia-Marquez - Consolation Runner-up -

Ransom Colette/Eshan Patel - Consolation Run-

When the players and coaches are nearby in the

dugout area, they must wear a face covering. When

they are on the field of play, they can remove the face

ners-up - Boys Doubles

Eric Landin/Matthew Salazar - Consolation Winners - Boys Doubles

Felicia Dahya/Emily Kocak - 4th Place - Girls

Natalia Lopez/Brooklin Mojica - 2nd Place - Girls

Ananya Limaye/Kaiden Roberts - 3rd Place -Mixed Doubles

Local athletic cancellations

and changes have been announced with anticipated bad weather

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Steer Athletics announced the cancellation of the upcoming Golf Tournament which was set for Feb. 12 and 13 in Sweetwater. Due to predicted weather conditions golf has been cancelled.

In addition, Steer Baseball scrimmages that were originally planned for Saturday, Feb. 13 have been moved to Thursday, Feb. 11. The Varsity will play at Lamesa at 4:30 p.m. and the JV will be playing at home against Lamesa at 4:30 p.m.

The Bi-District Playoff Lady Steers basketball game is still set, at this time, to be played Thursday at Lubbock Roosevelt. The game will start at 6:30 p.m. and have the Lady Steers facing off against Canyon Lady Eagles. Tickets will be available at the gate.

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The Coahoma Bulldog Baseball team is set to kick off the season on Friday, Feb. 19, when they have the Coahoma Red/White scrimmage. The Bulldogs have a very tough District 5-3A this year comprised of Crane, Stanton, Sonora, and Regan county. Coahoma rounds out the five-team District. While this District is full of good teams, I feel confident in this year's Bulldog team.

I feel that this young team can be something special and force to reckon with this season.

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