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<u>Upcoming Events</u>

March 4 Ribbon Cutting West Texas Mediation 3:30 p.m.

Special meeting of Howard County **Commissioners** 2:30 p.m.

City Council meeting rescheduled Tuesday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center Community Vaccine Clinic Dates 1,800 Pfizer vaccines available for the upcoming clinic

Special to the Herald **SMMC**

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is pleased to announce that we have first

dose vaccines in stock.

" We will hold drive-thru community vaccine clinics on Wednesday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again on Thursday, March 4 from 9 a.m. until Noon at Scenic Mountain Medical Center - Whatley Plaza (North Driveway Entrance on Martin Luther King Blvd) located at 1601 W. 11th Place in Big Spring," Madison Tate, Director,

Originally the release announced there would be 1,000 first dose Pfizer vaccines planned for Wednesday and



SMMC will be hosting a community vaccine clinic residents at long-term care fa-Wednesday and Thursday. The vaccines will be cilities; Those included in Phase Marketing and Community first come, first serve. There will be 1,800 Pfizer 1B: People 65+ or people 16+ Relations, said in a press re- first dose vaccines available. 400 Moderna first dose vaccines were

planned for Thursday. In the early afternoon on Monday, Scenic Mountain

Medical Center issued an update and announced that due to an additional allocation of the Pfizer vaccines, there would now be 1,800 first doses available. The additional allocation came from Medical Center Health System.

Vaccines will be offered on a walk-in basis only while supplies last. Please check the status of vaccine availability by visiting www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine

According to the SMMC information website, those classified under Phase 1A include: Front-HERALD file photo line healthcare workers and (18+ for Moderna) with a health condition that increases risk of severe COVID-19 illness,

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Food 2 Kids receives \$1,000 donation



Katy Rodriguez Haro is pictured donating a check for \$1000.00 to Food 2 Kids. Accepting the check are Raul Marquez and Pam Steel, with Food 2 Kids. The program, which has been serving the community youth for many years, has expanded since it's inception and is now serving 354 kids and covering five campuses with food for the weekends.

OUpdates

Scenic Mountain Medical Centeris reporting no Covid-19 patients in house currently.

> Howard County has reported as of 03/01:

- 2976 positive cases
- 98 Covid-19 fatalities • 73 Active cases
- 4319 recovered • 1514 probable cases

In the State of Texas there are 2,921 new confirmed cases; 715 probable cases and 197 newly reported fatalities as of Feb. 28 according to the Texas Health Department website.

Vaccination clinics continue around the Howard County communtiy and in the Permian Basin for those wanting to receive the vaccine.

Coahoma High School band earns 21 medals at recent UIL Solo & Ensemble contest

Special to the Herald Coahoma ISD

Four soloists and three en-

sembles from the Coahoma High School band advanced to state competition after making the cut at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest held on Saturday in Abilene. The soloists are Nick Bid-

dison (Euphonium), Aaron Turnbough (trumpet), Jonah Rayford (French horn), Wesley Chavarria (trumpet). Members of the three advancing ensembles are:

brass quintet, Cailey Glover (trumpet), Audrey Turnbough (trumpet), Rayford (French horn), Ethan Cason (trombone), and Biddison (tuba); flute quartet, Maggie Guo, Genesis Olivas, Allie Ramirez and Codi Edens; and clarinet trio, Alana Wegner, Danielle Deatherage,

and Karissa Beeman. Five band members earned varria (trumpet), Aaron a Division I rating for their





Members of the CHS band show off their medals earned Saturday at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest held in Abilene. Four soloists and three ensembles advanced to state competition to be held in May. cians made the All-Region not advance to state competi-Mull (trombone) earned a Di-

tion. They were Zack Ramon vision II rating for their per-(trumpet), Netalie Roberts formance. State UIL Solo and (alto saxophone), Wegner Ensemble competition will (clarinet), Guo (flute), and be held in May. Richard Thurman (4 Mallet In all, the band brought Marimba). home 21 medals Saturday, The brass quartet of Cha-

which marked another successful outing for Coahoma this year.

Band. Wesley Chavarria earned third chair in the trumpet section of the Honor Band. Jonah Rayford placed sixth chair in the French horn section of the Concert band. Trumpet player Aaron Turnbough earned 12th

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Turnbough (trumpet), Cason solos at the contest but did (trombone), and Ashleigh In the fall, four CHS musi-

Obituaries

Roy Lee Metcalf

On Sunday, February 28, 2021 Roy Lee Metcalf was welcomed at the gates of heaven by his Lord at



Roy Lee was born Jan. 1, 1955, in Big Spring, Texas to Jesse Lee (Tuff) Sr. and Helen Metcalf. He graduated from high school at Coahoma High. Over the years that followed he held many jobs but nothing compared to his love for farming. He was a true keeper of the land and spent most of his life on John Deere tractors tending to his cotton. Roy Lee met and married the love of his life Lorrie Metcalf later in life on July 20, 2012. When he wasn't on the tractor, you could find him spending time with his wife,

four children and many friends. Roy Lee was preceded in death by his father, Jes-

se and grandparents. He is survived by his mother Helen, his wife Lorrie, his four children: Jennifer and Winslow Wright, Roy Lee (Tuff) Jr and Priscilla Metcalf, Morgan and Terrion Alexander, McKenzi and Derek Reese, Melinda and Rick Ezell, Jeff and Jennifer McCall, grandchildren: Trenton, Annie, Delaney, and Braxton, Cameron and Chloe, Peighton and Ridge, Austyn and Ashton, Tori, Hannah and Sam, his siblings: John Wayne and Wanda Metcalf and family, Jesse and Lori Metcalf and family, Kim and Danny Martin and family and many cousins and friends.

Services will be with Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring, Texas. Visitation will be 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Graveside services will be in Coahoma at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 2021.

Memorial donations may be made to Mission Arlington, where his daughter and son-in-law serve at missionarlington.org click donate or to the American Heart Association.

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

Paid Obituary

Albert "Albo" Smith

Albert "Albo" Smith, 65, passed to his heavenly home Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 in a Lubbock hospital. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Support Groups

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-
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Set-

 DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconcili-

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next 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.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report. • JODY WAYNE DAWDY, 56, was arrested by

BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. ANDREA DENISE LAND, 48, was arrested by

BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram. • TERESA LORENE LANG, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, public intoxi-

cation, criminal trespass. • KYLE LEE SIMMONS, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• SHANNON DEWAYNE SMITHIE, 46, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of stalking.

• MICHAEL VIERA, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of racing on highway.

• THOMAS SIMON WRAY, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750; FTA/Assault causes bodily injury.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity: • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3700

block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block

of S. Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block

of Kinsey Road. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to Scenic 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 700 block

of S. Aylseford. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block of S. Nolan. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to Sce-

nic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 block of E. 16th Street. No transport was required.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• MICHAEL VIERA JR, 23, of 4009 Piper Road, was arrested on a charge of racing on highway – acceleration contest, etc.

• TERESA LORENE LANG, 38, of 2912 Cherokee Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction, criminal trespass – property/building/aircraft/ vehicle, public intoxication and possession marijuana less than or equal to two ounces. • KYLE LEE SIMMONS, 28, transient, was ar-

rested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• ANDREA DENISE LAND, 48, of 100 Jonesboro Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than or equal to a gram. • JODY WAYNE DAWDY, 56, of 205 W. 5th

Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-

• MICHAEL VIERA JR., 23, of 4009 Piper Road, was arrested on a charge of racing on highway – acceleration contest, etc.

• SHANNON SMITHIE DEWAYNE, 46, of 5011 E. Midway Road, was arrested on a charge of warrant from other agency.

 ACCIDENT MAJOR was reported in the area of N. Johnson and NE Sixth Street. • HIT AND RUN was reported in the 1500 block of

Sunset Avenue.

 THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700; 1100 block of W. I-20; 1800 block of S. Gregg; 1600 block of Jim Long Road; 2000 block of S. Gregg; 800 block of E. 18th Street.

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• ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson Road; 2500 block of Wasson Road.

ALARM was reported in the 1100 block of N.

• **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80. • **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1700 block

of S. Lancaster Street; 2900 block of W. 5th Street. BURGLARY **HABITATION** was re-

ported in the 1500 block

of S. Johnson Street. CRIMINAL MIS-**CHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Johnson Street; 2900 block of

W. Hwy 80. UNWANTED SUB-**JECT** was reported in the 1900 block of S. Jo-

honson Street. HARRASSMENT was reported in the 3600

block of W. Hwy 80. **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported

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chair and Flautist Maggie Guo obtained sixth chair in the Symphonic Band.

Both Rayford and Chavarria qualified for the area contest, which was held in January. At area, Chavarria finished ninth of 16 competitors and Rayford was sixth out of 10.

Next: The band will compete in the UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest on Tuesday, March 2 in Andrews.





Today: Sunny, with a high near 60. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south in the afternoon. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 72. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 73.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 42.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

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

Look for the beauty that blows through the freshly bloomed trees; a sprout of new life in a flower bed, and the shining sun rays that light up the world

A bright thought for the day

• Back in Motion and West Texas Injury Prevention is hosting a St. Patrick Day Wounded Warrior fundraiser on March 17. There will be brisket plates for sale between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The meals will be served at 1113 S. Scurry Street.

· AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation every Monday through Monday, April 5, 2021, from 8 a.m. until Noon at the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center. The Senior Center is located at 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring, Texas. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income. Covid protocols will be observed: masks required, appointments required and no children allowed. Taxpayers need to bring: a photo ID, social security card for every person on tax return; last year's tax return and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2020. Free electronic e-filing will be available for faster refunds.

• The Big Spring Symphony Association has kicked off the 39th season. The concerts 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. Perforamance adjustments have been made due to Covid-19 to assure the health and safety of everyone. Patrons are asked to arrive early and ishers will seat them in six foot social distance format. Everyone needs to wear a mask upon entering the facility. There are still two performances left: March 20 will be the Music of Queen 'Bohemian Rhapsody' featuring Jeans n' Classics and April 24 will be Pops Extravaganza The Texas Tenors

• The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor centable 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.

 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.

7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. • Howard County Republican Club meets the sec-

ond Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until

Howard College. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and will be held in the **MYERS & SMITH** newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For

more information call

432-213-7628.

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Bobbie Sanders Hanson, 93, died Saturday. Graveside service will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Feliciano Gonzales, 76, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Wednesday with a Vigil service at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Roy Lee Metcalf, 66, Sunday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Wednesday at Myers Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 3:00 PM Thursday at Coahoma Cemetery.

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AI panel urges US to boost tech skills amid China's rise

<u>By MATT O'BRIEN</u>

AP Technology Writer

An artificial intelligence commission led by former Google CEO Eric Schmidt is urging the U.S. to boost its AI skills to counter China, including by pursuing "AI-enabled" weapons – something that Google itself has shied away from on ethical grounds.

Schmidt and current executives from Google, Microsoft, Oracle and Amazon are among the 15 members of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence, which released its final report to Congress on Monday.

"To win in AI we need more money, more talent, stronger leadership," Schmidt said Monday.

The report says that machines that can "perceive, decide, and act more quickly" than humans and with more accuracy are going to be deployed for military purposes — with or without the involvement of the U.S. and other democracies. It warns against unchecked use of autonomous weapons but expresses opposition to a global ban.

It also calls for "wise restraints" on the use of AI tools such as facial recognition that can be used for mass surveillance.

"We have to develop technology that preserves our Western values, but we have to be prepared for a world in which not everyone is doing that," said Andrew Moore, a commissioner and the head of Google Cloud AI.

The group has the ear of top lawmakers from both parties, but has attracted criticism for including many members who work for tech companies with big government contracts, and who thus have a lot at stake in federal rules on emerging technology.

The report calls for a "White House-led strategy" to defend against AI-related threats, to set standards on how intelligent machines can be used responsibly and to boost U.S. research and development to maintain the nation's technological advantage over China.

"We believe we are one or two years ahead of China, not five or 10," Schmidt told the Senate Armed Services Committee last week. He clarified Monday that that he was expressing his personal opinions and not necessarily those of the commission.

It's not yet clear whether President Joe Biden's administration is on board with the commission's approach. It's still awaiting confirmation of a new director for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, which Biden has elevated to a Cabinet-level position.

"AI policy tends to be very bipartisan," said Michael Kratsios, who was U.S. chief technology officer under President Donald Trump and led a push to pump more resources into AI development across federal agencies. The greatest imperative, he said, is that "the next great AI technologies are developed in the West."

One big difference between the two administrations is likely to be the approach to building AI talent. The commission recommends a more open immigration policy than what Trump favored.

Congress formed the AI panel in 2018 and appointed 12 of its 15 commissioners, with the others picked by Trump's Defense and Commerce secretaries. A judge later compelled the commission to make its meetings and records more accessible to the public after a civil liberties group, the Electronic Privacy Information Center, challenged its secrecy.

It's been led by Schmidt, who was Google's CEO

and later the executive chairman of its parent company Alphabet. He previously helped lead the Defense Innovation Board, which advises the Pentagon on new technology.

That brought some conflict in 2018 when Google

That brought some conflict in 2018 when Google backed out of Project Maven, a U.S. military initiative using AI-based computer vision technology to analyze drone footage in conflict zones. The company, responding to internal activism from employees, also pledged not to use AI in any weapons-related applications.

"I did not agree with the Google decisions on Maven," Schmidt told senators last week, calling it an "aberration" compared to the tech industry as a whole, where he says there are plenty of companies that want to work with the military. He said AI and machine vision systems are particularly good at "watching for things," which is something the military spends a lot of time doing.

The commission also includes executives like

Safra Catz, the CEO of software giant Oracle, and Amazon's incoming CEO, Andy Jassy, who currently runs its cloud computing division, as well as top AI experts at Microsoft and Google. All four companies have competed against each other for federal cloud computing contracts. The representatives from Microsoft and Google joined other members in approving the final report Monday, but abstained from the section relating to government partnerships with the private sector.

Excluding human rights groups and rank-and-file tech experts from the commission has led the group to more easily frame this policy issue as a "democracy versus authoritarianism" competition against China while skirting more difficult topics, like the use of AI technologies on the U.S.-Mexico border, said Jack Poulson, a former Google researcher who now directs industry watchdog Tech Inquiry.

"The pominal reason to have these tech CEOs on

"The nominal reason to have these tech CEOs on these committees is they're experts in the technology. But they're also, subject to shareholder requirements, acting in the interests of their companies," Poulson said. "They don't want significant regulation or antitrust enforcement."

The government-industry partnership may be important for the U.S. and its allies to help set standards for the responsible use of AI, said Megan Lamberth, a research associate at the Center for a New American Security.

"AI has the potential to really transform not only

how militaries fight wars, but how economies operate and how societies and people interact with each other," Lamberth said. "If there's a gap in leadership, another country is going to fill that void."

The American Civil Liberties Union said in a

The American Civil Liberties Union said in a statement Monday that the commission made useful recommendations but it should have gone further by establishing civil rights protections now, before AI systems are widely deployed by intelligence agencies and the military.

The commission asked Congress to make new laws requiring federal agencies to conduct human rights assessments of new AI systems used on Americans. But it didn't recommend the binding surveillance limits sought by activists.

Stocks rally on Wall Street, S&P 500 has best day since June

By DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writers

Stocks rallied on Wall Street, pushing the S&P 500 to its biggest gain in nine months.

The 2.4% jump in the benchmark index Monday followed back-to-back weekly losses and came as investors were relieved to see long-term interest rates easing lower in the bond market. Higher interest rates can slow down economic growth and discourage borrowing. Investors were also watching Washington as a big economic stimulus bill advanced to the Senate. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.43% after reaching its highest level in more than a year last week. Technology stocks and smaller companies led the way higher.

THIS IS A BREAKING NEWS UP-DATE. AP's earlier story follows below.

Stocks are rising across the board on Wall Street Monday, on pace for the market's best day in nearly nine months as traders welcome a move lower in long-term interest rates as a recent surge in U.S. bond yields eases. Investors are also watching Washington as a big economic stimulus bill advanced to the Senate.

The S&P 500 climbed 2.5% as of 3:19

p.m. Eastern., clawing back most of its losses from last week and on track for its best day since June 5.

More than 95% of the stocks in the benchmark index were higher, with technology, financial and industrial companies among those driving the rally. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 665 points, or 2.2%, to 31,600 and the Nasdaq Composite rose 3%.

Smaller company stocks continued to outgain the broader market, a sign that investors are feeling more confident about the economy's prospects for growth. The Russell 2000 index was up 3.6%.

Much of the focus on Wall Street is on the bond market, where Treasury yields were headed lower.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.45% after going as high as 1.5% last week, the highest level in more than a year. Higher interest rates can slow the economy and discourage borrowing, so Wall Street gets jittery when there's a big surge in rates.

"It moved really fast, the interest rate rise, and now it's sort of leveling out so people are relieved that it's not continuing to move up at a really fast pace," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Globalt Investments.

Bond yields, which influence interest rates on mortgages and many other kinds of loans, have been steadily climbing much of the year, as investors have bet that vaccination efforts and more government stimulus will lead to strong economic growth this year. However, along with strong economic growth comes concerns of inflation.

A handful high-level officials with the Federal Reserve will make speeches this week, which will give investors additional information on how concerned the nation's central bank is about the economy and inflation. Lael Brainard, an advocate for looser monetary policies, will give a monetary policy speech on Tuesday and Fed Chair Jerome Powell will give a speech on Thursday.

The House of Representatives approved Biden's \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief bill on Friday and it now goes to the Senate for approval. The bill infuses cash across the struggling economy to individuals, businesses, schools, states and cities battered by COVID-19.

The stimulus bill would include yet another round of one-time payments to most Americans, including an expansion of other refundable tax credits like the child tax

credit, and additional

aid to state and local governments to combat the pandemic.

Johnson & Johnson rose 0.7% after the Food and Drug Administration gave approval for the company's own coronavirus vaccine, one that does not require extensive refrigeration like the ones made by Moderna and Pfizer.

Technology and financial companies made some of the biggest gains. Apple surged 5% and Citigroup rose 6.1%. Companies that rely on consumer spending also fared well. Etsy jumped 11.6% and cosmetics retailer Ulta Beauty gained 5.1%.

Industrial companies, including airlines beaten down by the virus pandemic, also helped boost the broader market. American Airlines rose 1.1%.

Investors will get several big economic reports this week, including February's jobs report on Friday

February's jobs report on Friday. On Monday a report on manufacturing came in better than expectations,

and new orders also came in better than expected.



EU urges parties in ex-Soviet Georgia to ease tensions

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — A top European Union official visited ex-Soviet republic Georgia on Monday and urged all of its parties to engage in a dialogue to resolve the country's political crisis.

"My visit coincides with an aggravating political crisis in Georgia, which deeply worries the European Union, and I am also personally deeply worried by it," European Council President Charles Michel said.

The political situation in Georgia has been tense amid allegations of voter fraud in the country's Oct. 31 parliamentary election. The ruling Georgian Dream party won the vote, but the opposition United National Movement has

refused to concede defeat and demanded a rerun.

Tensions escalated last week following the arrest of the United National Movement's leader, Nika Melia. He faces charges of inciting violence during protests that erupted in 2019 when a Russian lawmaker sat in the parliament speaker's chair during a meeting of lawmakers from Orthodox Christian countries.









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The Coahoma Bulldog Baseball team impresses in Post tournament going 3 and 1

Herald Sports Writer

The Coahoma Bulldog baseball team had a tournament in Post. The Bulldogs played four games over Friday and Saturday from this past weekend, Feb. 26-27. They went 3 and 1 during those four games. Making it a great performance by the team.

The Bulldogs opened up tournament play facing the Merkel Badgers Friday morning. It was Kobe Cervantes taking the bump to start the day of baseball. Cervantes allowed only one run in his time on the mound. Bryan Martinez was next to head to the mound, and the young Bulldog pitcher delivered. The Fireballer was on his game. He went five innings, allowing two runs on three hits, and had an amazing nine strikeouts in only five innings of work.

The Bulldogs would also deliver at the plate throughout the day. They put up one run in the first, then exploded for five runs in the bottom of the fourth. Billy Bailey would start the inning with a Hard hit Triple to centerfield; he was followed by Kolt Redden, who earned a walk. Billy Bailey then stole home, giving the Bulldogs the first lead of the game 2 to 1. Seth Brooks came up to the plate and smacked a hard hit double, scoring two runs. The Bulldogs would score two more runs in the inning, opening up a lead of 6 to 1. It was a lead they do not relinquish as they went on to win the first game of the day, 6 to 3.

The second game of the day pitted the Bull dogs against the Colorado City Wolves. It was a very hard-fought game, but the Bulldogs came up one run short in their comeback, losing a close one 7 to 6.

The Wolves would jump on the Bulldogs early in the game, scoring six runs in the game's first two innings. Despite being down early in the game, the Bulldogs showed that they have some bite of their own. The boys never gave up fighting and clawing their way right back into the game. In the end, the early lead was just too much, and the comeback effort fell a bit short. With that loss, the Bulldogs finished 1 and 1 in Friday games.

Saturday found the Bulldogs playing two more

games on the day. The Colorado City game's sour taste was evident when they would open up play facing the Post Antelopes. The Bulldogs took out their frustration of the game before by crushing

Kolby Cervantes took to the mound, and the Bulldog pitched well. He went all three innings al-



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lowing three hits, four runs, and striking out six. Cervantes took charge early in the game and never looked back, not allowing the Antelopes to settle in a grove and get the bats working.

The Bulldogs bats were on fire from the very start of the game. As they would score two runs in each the first and second inning, opening a 4 to 1 lead. It was the third inning that the Bulldogs bats would go into overdrive as they put up nine runs in the inning. They would start the mammoth inning by Kolby Cervantes taking a walk which was a trend in the inning as the Bulldogs would earn seven

walks in the inning. Two batters also reach by get ting hit by pitch. The walks come from the patience at the plate that Coach Arista preaches to his team. Bryan Martines had a three-run double in the inning as well, and the Bulldogs blew the game open 13 to 1. Post would score three more runs but fell way short as the Bulldogs dominated every aspect of the game from start to finish.

In the final game of the day and tournament, The Bulldogs would face the Floydada Whirlwinds. The Bulldogs would earn yet another victory 6 to 7 in a close, exciting game that came down to the

The Whirlwinds would put up the first run of the day as they scored in the top of the first inning. The Bulldogs answered right back, tying up the game after the first. Floydada scored again in the second and third, opening up a 4 to 2 lead after three innings of play. The whirlwinds then added two more runs in the top half of the fourth, increasing the lead to 6 to 2. The Bulldogs would answer the call scoring four runs in their half of the inning, tying the game at six, heading into the final inning. The Bulldogs shut Floydada down to have a chance to win the game in the bottom of the final inning of play. The pivotal inning started with Coahoma getting two quick outs, meaning the Bulldogs were down to their last out. Brenner Gartman stepped into the batters box and blasted a hard-hit single to get a runner on base. Seth Brooks stepped up to the plate with Gartman at first, knowing the game was in the balance. The young man delivered for his team. He sent a hot shot line drive to Centerfield; Gartamn raced around the bases and score the winning run, giving the Bulldogs the walk-off victory. With that victory, the Coahoma Bulldogs finished the weekend full of baseball, going 3 and 1. Bringing their season record to 3 and 2.

The Bulldogs will play the Ballinger Bearcats in Coahoma this Tuesday, March. 2. The JV will start at 5, followed by the Varsity at 7.

Dustin Pope is the Sports Writer for the Herald. To contact him e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7311.

CHS' Dickson, Shifflett place 3rd at Garden City HS golf invitational

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma High School golf team began the season Wednesday at the Garden City High School Invitational held at the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring.

Overall, the Coahoma girls team

finished second with a score of 453, which was just two strokes behind the first place team, Forsan. The Bulldogs ended the match in third place with a score of 413.

Providence Dickson led the way for the Bulldogettes. The CHS senior fired off a round of 105 over 18-holes and finished third in the medalist standings. Makayla Chavex also performed well on the links. She carded a round of 111. Rounding out the girls team were Hartlie Smithie with a score of 115 and Zoie Joslin, who shot

Ryan Shifflett had a team best of 87 for the Bulldogs, and his score put him firmly into the medalist standings. Shifflett tied for third place but lost in the scorecard playoff to Braden Welch of Grady. Billy Bailey finished second on the Coahoma

team with a round of 100 followed by Rance Redden, who shot 105. Rounding out the Bulldog team, Rowdy Atkins and Aaron Turnbough posted marks of 111 and 115 respectively. Nick Gonzales shot 116, and Chris Thurman scored

Next: The Coahoma High School Invitational will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, March 8, at Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring.

CHS GIRLS INDIVIDUAL STAND-INGS: Providence Dickson 105; Makayla Chavex 111; Hartlie Smithie

115; Zoie Joslin 122. GIRLS MEDALIST STANDINGS: 1. Kadie Dalton, Garden City, 103; 2. Sara Tarbet, Forsan, 104; 3. Providence Dickson, 105.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Forsan 451, 2. Coahoma, 453

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Makayla Chavex of Coahoma putts towards the hole during the Garden City High School Invitational held on Wednesday at Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring.



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The County Treasurer will supply bid application forms.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all technicalities.

By order of the Commissioners' Court, Howard County, Texas.

/s/ Kathryn Wiseman Kathryn Wiseman, County Judge Howard County, Texas

#10810

Invitation To Bid Howard County RFB2020012 GRH CR 19

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 AM on March 18, 2021. This bid requires prequalification with Howard County Road and Bridge Department, specifications may be obtained at that office, 3604 Old Colorado City Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720. The work is to supply labor, materials and equipment to rehabilitate CR 19 from the CR 36 to Moore School Road.

Public Notice

Work includes reshaping ditches, widening subgrade, additional base, scarifying and shaping roadway, Inverted prime & surface treatment.

Bids may be mailed to the Howard County Auditor, at P.O. Box 1949, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1949 or delivered to the Auditor's Office, Room 202, Howard County Courthouse. Mark Sealed Envelope "RFB2020012"

Bids will be presented to the Commissioner's Court at 3:30 PM March 22nd for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jackie Olson - Howard County Auditor

#10819

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters
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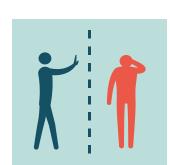
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club. This struck gold in his partner's hand, and the defenders quickly rattled off four club tricks to score a

The declarer at the second table, more cognizant of the danger of a club switch by West, decided to disguise his spade holding. After playing a low spade from dummy at trick one, he won East's ten with the king!

This inspired bit of subterfuge had the desired effect. When West next won the ace of diamonds, he led another spade, convinced that his partner had the jack. Declarer then added insult to injury by allowing the spade return to run to his jack and finished with 11 tricks.

We will not belabor the point of whether the second West should have fallen into this trap. Instead, we would rather bestow praise on declarer, whose clever deception greatly enhanced his chances of making the contract. The spade trick he was willing to sacrifice at trick one was not vital insofar as making three notrump was concerned, since he had 10 sure tricks without it.

But if West had the diamond ace and East the club ace, throwing a little dust in West's eyes could do no in continuing spades, shifted to a harm, and might do a lot of good.

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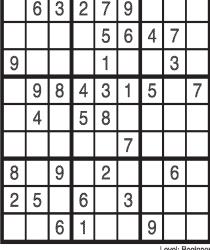
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Split Moon Day

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you establish a boundary, you expect it to be tested, but certainly not every time. If you have to keep asserting yourself, consider that it might be easier to leave and try again elsewhere.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Any effort to acquire or cling to things will be tempered by this wisdom: All is temporary. Accepting the fleeting nature of ownership is to make room for happiness with the things, people and time you have.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know better than to get too comfortable in your own opinion. You strive to give your ideas the sort of rigorous inquiry that would bring about truth and reason. The guidance of others helps, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sure, you need limits, but this is a time to set them far out there -- so far that you can't even see them from where you're standing. Truly, you can trust yourself, so stretch; dare; and run.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're able to see bigger. So instead of doing what is necessary to get through the situation, get by or get the grade, you'll do what's necessary to be the person you want to

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If this day wore perfume, it would be called "Evanescent." When the action goes down, you get the overriding sense that it's

special, By Holiday Mathis



atrically presented, so don't believe for a second that the transformations you see have occurred overnight. Productive change comes about very slowly. (You're in one right now, in fact, and you only need to keep going.)

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To wish without commitment is to engage in an entertaining distraction that pushes your dream further away from you. Instead, wish with intent, determination and follow-through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're fascinated by the way a person conducts business -restrained, disciplined and focused strictly on what matters. What you don't fully realize is that you have those same qualities you so admire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not all promises come with the words "I promise," and the ones that do are as suspect as people who say, "Trust me." But if you understand who a person is, you'll be able to accurately predict what the person will do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a humor about you and a deep interest in the thoughts and lives of others -- two qualities that attract the best and brightest to you. You're headed for truly delightful interactions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Behavior is a universal language -- a communication that can be trusted over any word ever uttered. You will concentrate your efforts on the actions that define you.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (March 2). With stars in your eyes, you will dive into a new venture. Moving forward will be a glide for the first three months. Absorb all you can and apply it as you go. You probably won't feel completely ready to take on the greater responsibilities coming your way in June, but agree anyway. Destiny favors you. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 1, 44 and 16.

COSMIC QUES-TION: "Women are underrepresented in astrology, yes? I mean,

it seems like all the planets except Venus are dudes. Thoughts?"

You make an excellent point. The astrological mythology was created in Greco-Roman society, a patriarchy in which women could not vote and did not have the right to own property. In fact, they were property themselves in that they were the ward of their father or husband and, socially, could not ever achieve the status of fully autonomous beings. Since women were not typically formally educated the way men were, the mythology was written by men for men. And while we're on the subject, something that always confused me was the attribution of gendered energies to planets, which typically goes like this:

Sun: neutral

Moon: feminine

Mercury: masculine

Venus: feminine Mars: masculine

Jupiter: neutral

Saturn: masculine

Uranus: feminine

Neptune: feminine

Pluto: feminine

This coincides with mythology not at all, since the sun, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune are all characterized by extremely masculine gods. More on this tomorrow.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Hygiene Problems Points to Deeper Dear Annie: Our

son is an educated, well-read, successful married man. We taught him how to keep a home, how to clean, how to groom himself. This has never been an issue.

Since he married five years ago, all things clean have disappeared. His home is filthy. We help out at his house, doing painting, flooring, etc. We are glad to be a part of our son's life and don't mind helping -- if he just took care of his things and his home.

He also doesn't seem to care how he presents himself. Recently, his wife had a birthday party for him. He came out looking like he had just gotten out of bed. The bathroom looked like it hadn't been cleaned in over a month.

He was not raised like this. How do we approach him about this without causing hard feelings? -- Embarrassed Mom

Dear Embarrassed Mom: He might not have been raised like this, but clearly something is going on in his home life. Letting go of your house, and yourself for that matter, could be signs of a deeper issue. He could be dealing with depression, anxiety or ADHD. As a temporary Band-Aid, you could offer to pay for a cleaning service -- even monthly could make a huge difference. While that might tackle the surface of what is going on, it's important to look at of him.

what is going on inside Ask him if he wants to go out to dinner or for a walk, and have an open, nonjudgmental

conversation with him

about how his life is

going. And how he is feeling. Hopefully, he will open up. Continue to support and be there for him. If matters do not get better, he might need the help of a professional counselor.

Dear Annie: My daughter died at age 41 after 17 years of marriage. Her husband will always be my son-inlaw.

I was one of the first people he called when he started dating again because he didn't want me to hear it from someone else. He repeated that when he decided to remarry.

I knew that I would have a difficult time attending the wedding. However, I wanted to go to support him and my three grandchildren. When I overheard my granddaughters talking about the wedding, I asked if there was a date selected, because I hadn't been told. The response was that it

was during a time when I had a long-planned trip scheduled. So, they knew I wouldn't be able

to attend.

I don't know if that was on purpose or a coincidence, but it was certainly a relief. The stepmother is a fine person and is loved by my grandchildren. -- I Am a Blessed Papa

Dear Blessed

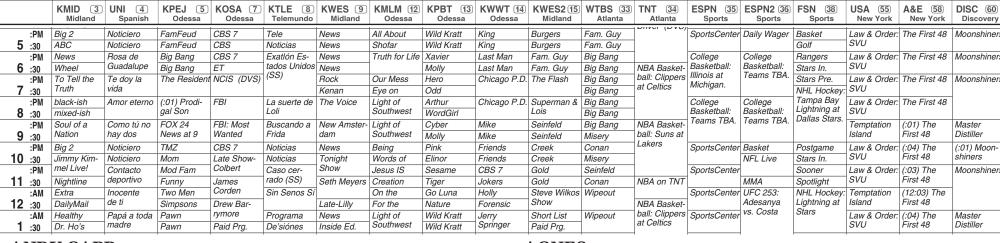
Papa: I am so sorry for the loss of your daughter. As I have written before, there is life before you lose a child and life after. The after is never the same. You sound like an incredible man, and your son-inlaw -- the father of your grandchildren -- shows great respect toward you. Your focus on your blessings is admirable, and it is precisely what leads one to live a more peaceful life.

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

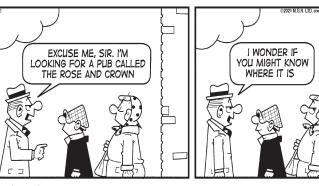
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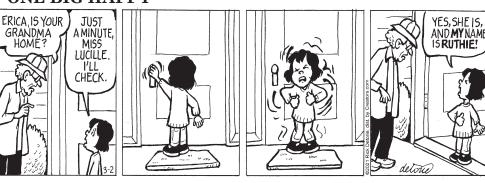
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 2, the 61st day of 2021. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1932, the 20th Amendment Constitution, which moved the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to January 20, was passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratifi-

On this date:

In 1867, Howard University, historically Black school of higher learning in Washington, D.C., was founded. Congress passed, over President Andrew Johnson's veto, the first of four Reconstruction Acts.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the Republican 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli (puh-Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli (pun-CHEL'-ee) was elected pope on his 63rd birthday; he took the name Pius XII. The Massachusetts legislature voted to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect. (Georgia and Connecticut soon followed.)

In 1943, the three-day Battle of the Bismarck Sea began in the southwest Pacific during World War II; U.S. and Australian warplanes were able to inflict heavy damage on an Imperial Japanese convoy.

In 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks, an NBA record that still stands. (Philadelphia won, 169-147.)

In 1965, the movie version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music," starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

In 1985, the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood sup-

representatives 12 European from the Community nations agreed to ban all production of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), the synthetic compounds blamed for destroying the Earth's ozone layer, by the end of the 20th century.

In 1990, more than 6,000 drivers went on strike against Greyhound Lines Inc. (The company, later declaring an impasse in negotiations, fired the strikers.)

In 1995, the Internet search engine website Yahoo! was incorporated by founders Jerry Yang and David Filo.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled, 8-1, that a griev ing father's pain over mocking protests at his Marine son's funeral had to yield to First funeral had to yield to First Amendment protections for free speech in a decision favor-ing the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas. A man armed with a handgun attacked a bus carrying U.S. Air Force troops at Frankfurt airport, killing two airmen before being taken into custo-dy. (Arid Uka, an Islamic extremist, was later sentenced to life in prison.) to life in prison.)

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved the toughest sanctions against North Korea in two decades, reflecting growing anger at Pyongyang's latest nuclear test and rocket launch in defiance of a ban on all nuclear-related activity. After nearly a year aboard the international space station, NASA astronaut Scott Kelly and Russia's Mikhail Kornienko returned to earth aboard a Soyuz capsule.

One year ago: Health officials in Washington state, where a cluster of coronavirus cases had surfaced at a nursing home near Seattle said four home near Seattle, said four more people had died from the virus. The director-general of the World Health Organization said there was still time to stop the COVID-19 epidemic, say-ing "containment is feasible." Vice President Mike Pence said the coronavirus risk to Americans remained low, but 'we're ready for anything.' The Dow Jones Industrial Average soared nearly 1,300 points as stocks roaréd back from a seven-day rout on hopes of action from central banks. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar ended Democratic presidential cam-

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paign and endorsed Joe Biden. Longtime MSNBC host Chris Matthews abruptly retired from his "Hardball" show after apologizing for making inappropriate comments about women. The Recording Academy said it had fired Deborah Dugan, its former president who had questioned the integrity of the Grammy Awards nominations process and complained of sexual harassment. James Lipton, longtime host of "Inside the Actors Studio," died at his New York home; he was 93.

Today's Birthdays: Actor John Cullum is 91. Former Soviet President and Nobel peace laureate Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 90. Actor Barbara Luna is 82. Author John Irving is 79. Actor Cassie Yates is 70. Actor Laraine Newman is 69. Former Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., is 68. Former Interior

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Secretary Ken Salazar is 66. Singer Jay Osmond is 66. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 65. Former tennis player Kevin Curren is 63. Country singer Larry Stewart (Restless Heart) is 62. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 59. Blues singer-musician Youngblood Hart is 58. Actor Daniel Craig is 53. Actor Richard Ruccolo is 49. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 44. Actor Heather McComb

is 44. Actor Rebel Wilson is 41. Actor Bryce Dallas Howard is 40. NFL quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is 39. NHL goalie Henrik Lundqvist is 39. Musician Mike "McDuck" Olson (Lake Street Dive) is 38. Actor Robert Iler is 36. Actor Nathalie Emmanuel is 32. Country singer Luke Combs is 31. Singer-rapper-actor Becky G is 24.

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Newsday Crossword

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The Big Spring Lady Steers' Basketball team brings home multiple All- District awards







Pictured above left #24 Tristan Smith. Pictured Middle #23 Ryen Terrazas. Pictured Right #22 Alex Enriquez. The Lady Steers Basketball team received multiple All- District honored for this season's play on the court. Tristan Smith was named Co-Offensive Mvp. Ryen Terraza would be named first-team all-District, and Academic All-District. Alex Enriques made second-team All-District. Jacqueline Belew received honorable mention and Academic All-District. Mya Blanco also was a honrable metion recpiant. Kayla Lara, Emily Matthews, and Kourtney Moore would all qualify for Academic All-District honors. Congratulations to all the young Steers that were nominated for a great season on and off the court.

Aggies reach best-ever ranking of No. 2 in women's AP Top 25

By DOUG FEINBERG AP

Texas A&M moved up to No. 2, its highest ranking ever in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, a day after winning its first Southeastern Conference regular-season title.

The Aggies (22-1) beat then-No. 5 South Carolina on Sunday to win the conference title and then moved up a spot in the Top 25.

"We needed to win this game to solidify who were were and what we've earned," said Texas A&M coach Gary Blair, whose team received two first-place votes on Monday from a 30-member national media panel.

UConn remained the top choice in the poll, getting 27 first-place votes. The Huskies finish off their regular season on Monday night against Marquette.

North Carolina State fell to No. 3, with Stanford and Louisville rounding out the first five teams in the poll.

Baylor, South Carolina, Mary-

land, UCLA and Indiana were the

Texas A&M has reeled off 10 consecutive wins since its overtime loss at LSU. The Aggies snapped a seven-game losing streak to South Carolina on Sunday.

"We're the two best teams in the SEC and we had to prove it night in and night out," Blair said. "Now it's up to both of us to throw this season away and start all over at the SEC Tournament and the NCAA Tournament."

The Aggies were one of the few teams not to have games scrapped this season because of coronavirus issues.

Here are a few other tidbits from

CLIMBING HOOSIERS: No. 10 Indiana reached the top 10 of the poll for the first time in school history. The Hoosiers needed to rally from a nine-point fourthquarter deficit at Ohio State last week. It was the team's first win in Columbus since 2002 and first

overall win over the Buckeyes since 2010. The Hoosiers (16-4, 14-2 Big Ten) have the most conference wins under coach Teri Moren.

SEC DOMINANCE: Led by Texas A&M, the SEC has five of the first 16 teams in the poll, with No. 13 Arkansas, No. 14 Tennessee and No. 16 Georgia joining the Aggies and Gamecocks. The conference had a strong presence in the latest NCAA Top 16 reveal, with six of the top 16 seeds, including Texas A&M and South Carolina projected as No. 1s. Those rankings came out before Sunday's games.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Maryland at Michigan, Thursday. The Terrapins can wrap up a third consecutive Big Ten title with a victory over Michigan or a loss by Indiana to Iowa on Wednesday. The Wolverines are trying to get a signature win heading into the conference tournament.

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