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Upcoming Events

City Council meeting rescheduled Today at 5:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers Alive After 5 hosted by C. Larson March 11 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Food Truck Lunch March 21 Noon - 2 p.m.

First Baptist Church Share your athletic photos with us. email sports@bigspringherald.com

Do you have a story to share with the community? Let us know, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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City Council to canvas Special Election results; declare unopposed candidate for upcoming May Election

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council will convene this evening at 5:30, in the Council Chambers, after not meeting for a few weeks. The community is encouraged to attend the meeting in person or through live stream on Channel 17 on Suddenlink or <http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live>.

Those who are unable to attend the meeting in person, but would like to address the Council can do so during the public comment section by calling 432-264-2411. Each person will be allotted five minutes to speak.

The Council will hear two emergency readings as part of new business. The

first of which will allow Council to canvas the returns from the Special Election held on March 6. The results will officially announce the new seat holders for District 5 and 6. An emergency reading will also be read to declare the unopposed candidate in the upcoming May Election for Council seat District 6. The emergency reading could cancel the General Election for District 6.

As part of the City Manager report, Todd Darden provided an update on winter storm issues including power outages and water lines before providing an update on large item pick up for District 2 and 3. Following the City Manager report, Dr. Steve Ahmed provided a Covid-19 update to the Council. A first reading for a resolution re-

questing on behalf of the Citizens of Big Spring that the Texas Department of Transportation perform and study and subsequently authorize the placement of traffic lights at the Intersection of FM 700 and E. 11th Place.

The Council members will hear the report on racial profiling analysis for 2020 from Big Spring Police Department Chief Chad Williams.

Public Works Director Shane Bowles will be asking for consideration and possible action authorizing a contract for emergency sludge removal at the Water Treatment Plant and authorize City Manager or his designee to execute necessary documents. Bowles will also

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Tompkins, Smith announced as unofficial winners of Special Election City Council to canvas results this evening

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The unofficial results from the Special Election have been announced. The Special Election was held Saturday to determine who would be filling the recently vacant seats for District 5 and District 6. According to unofficial results released by the Howard County Elections Office, District 5 race was won by Troy Tompkins and District 6 race was won by Maury Smith.

According to the results released, Tompkins claimed the victory – District 5 - with 68.46% of the vote and 178 votes. His opponent, Daniel Moreno, ended with 31.54% of the vote and 82 votes. There were a total of 260 ballots cast with 54 by mail, 114 cast in early voting, and 92 on election day. There

were no provisional ballots cast in this election.

According to the results, Smith claimed the victory – District 6 – with 66.67% of the vote and 36 votes. His opponent, Casey W. Pledger, ended with 33.33% of the vote and 18 votes. There were a total of 54 ballots cast with 32 being ballots by mail, 18 cast in early voting, and four on Election Day. There were no provisional ballots cast.

The Big Spring City Council will be looking to canvas the votes from the Special Election during their meeting. Once the votes have been canvassed, Tompkins and Smith will be able to take their seat on the Council.

Tompkins will finish out the term
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SMMC community COVID-19 vaccine clinic continues to serve the Big Spring community



Courtesy photo

The staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center is hosting several vaccine clinics this week. The availability of vaccines is increasing and the State of Texas has expanded those who are eligible for the vaccine.

Special to the Herald

SMMC
 Scenic Mountain Medical Center is pleased to announce over 1,000 individuals received the COVID-19 vaccine from its community clinic this week.

“The clinic ran smoothly on March 3 and March 4 with an average time per car under one hour from arrival to departure. The team at SMMC did an excellent job running an efficient operation. We would also like to thank volunteers from Howard College and thank our police department for the traffic cones,” said Rohith Saravanan, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Medical Officer of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The drive-thru community vaccination clinic opened again this week on Monday, March 8 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Vaccinations will be given again on Wednesday, March 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursday, March 11 from 9 a.m. – Noon at Scenic Mountain Medical Center - Whatley Plaza (North Drive-way Entrance on Martin Luther King Blvd) located at 1601 W. 11th Place in Big Spring.

For more information, please visit: www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine

COVID-19 Updates

Community vaccination clinics are taking place this week as vaccine availability begins to increase. The eligibility for vaccines has expanded in the State of Texas. Vaccinations will be provided on a first come first serve basis. For more information visit the CDC website or scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine

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

- Howard County has reported as of 03/08:
- 2986 positive cases
 - 99 Covid-19 fatalities
 - 46 Active cases
 - 4362 recovered
 - 1521 probable cases

Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring

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910 S Main St
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West Texas Medical Plaza
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Obituaries

Patsy Rose Cross

Patsy Rose Cross, 65, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021. No services are planned at this time.

She was born March 13, 1955 in Mansfield, Louisiana to Audrey Whiddon McCune and Rufus McCune. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband Phillip Cross of Big Spring.

Wanda LaNelle Alexander Dyer



Wanda LaNelle Alexander Dyer of Ackerly, Texas; went to be with her Lord on March 7, 2021. She will lie in state Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside service for Wanda will be Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Ackerly Cemetery. Officiating the service will be Dr. Stan Belvins, her pastor at First Baptist Church of Ackerly.

Wanda was the eighth child and seventh daughter born to Henry and Nellie Alexander of Lamesa, Texas, on November 26, 1927. She grew up there and graduated from Lamesa High School in 1945. After high school, Wanda attended and graduated from Draughts Business College in Lubbock, Texas. Wanda worked at Hobbs Army Air Field in New Mexico until its closing in 1947. Subsequently, Wanda went to work for Skelly Oil in New Mexico until July 1951, then moved to Midland, Texas, to work for Ashland Oil and Refining.

While in Midland, Wanda became reacquainted with the man who would be the love of her life, M.E. Dyer, Jr., when he and a friend made a trip to Midland. After seeing her again, M.E. drove to Midland every Saturday to see Wanda.

Wanda and M.E. were married on November 26,

1953, in Hobbs New Mexico, in the home of her sister and brother-in-law, LaNova and Corbie Williams. After their marriage, they moved to Ackerly, Texas, where they began their lives and family together on the farm.

Throughout her life, Wanda was selflessly devoted to her family as a wife and mother. She was a loving and patient woman who was steadfast and strong in her faith as a Christian. Wanda was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Ackerly. She held many positions with the church through the years as a G.A. Counselor, Sunday School Secretary, assistant treasurer, and a member of the Gleaners Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, M.E. Dyer, Jr., her parents Henry and Nellie Alexander, two brothers, and six sisters. She is survived by a son Buddy Dyer, of Ackerly; a daughter Marsha Gleason and husband H.T. of Eula, Texas; two granddaughters; Callie Southall and husband Spence of Eula, and Marleigh Gleason of Baird; and two great granddaughters Chayse and Scotti Kate Southall. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families who she loved dearly.

Pallbearers are Mike Coleman, Mark Kennemer, Steve Bodine, Quinn Alexander, C.L. Williams, and Spence Southall. Honorary Pallbearers are Derrell Bearden, David Bearden, Cheno Navarrette, Rick Villarreal, Corbie Navarrette, Buddy Navarrette, Cheno Thomas Navarrette, and A.J. Navarrette.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the charity of your choosing.

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

Paid Obituary

Ashley Hodnett Melton

Ashley Hodnett Melton, 36, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 5, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Ashley was born on March 24, 1984 in Big Spring. She loved dogs. She also loved arts and crafts.

She is survived by her daughter: Nienna Melton of Big Spring; her mother: Denise Freeman and husband Jason Jordy; her father: Michael Melton; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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



Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JACINDA ANN MARTINEZ**, 26, of 1402 Wood Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ANDREA DENISE LAND**, 48, of 100 Jonesboro Road was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **DAKOTA HERNANDEZ**, 29, of 502 Young Street was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR.**, 41, of 2005 Hwy 176 was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than or equal to one gram; warrant from other agency (x2).

• **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 23, of 1907 S Main Street, was arrested on a charge of fraud/destroy/remove/ price tag equal to 100 and less than 750.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 2400 block of N. Midway Road.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the west bound FM 700 near 87 overpass; 1600 block of Wasson Road; area of 4th and Main; 700 block of W. I-20.

• **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Gregg Street.

• **THEFT** was reported at in the 1000 block of Sycamore Street; 800 block of W. I-20; 200 block of W. FM 700..

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3300 block of E. I-20.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.

• **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 2500 block of E. 24th Street; 3200 block of S. Hwy 87.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MERCEDES GABRIELA CASTILLO**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear, theft of mail less than or equal to 10 addresses.

• **DAKOTA JAMES HERNANDEZ**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ANDREA DENISE LAND**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of fraud/destroy/remove/conceal price tag and possession of drug paraphernalia; arrested by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **JACINDA ANN MARTINEZ**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JUAN SERGIO MENDEZ**, 25, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram and theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

• **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid, failure to appear, possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

• **NICHOLAS JAMES WESTBROOK**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of terroristic threat of family/household.

• **JULIEANN WHEELER**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of resist arrest search or transport.

• **ADRIAN CRUZE ALANIZ**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of MTA/Burglary of a building.

• **STEVEN JOHN ALVAREZ**, 56, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of child.

• **ANN PATRICIA DAVIS**, 50, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

• **ANTHONY PAUL DAVIS**, 49, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

• **CLEOPHUS JOHNSON**, 54, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of terroristic threat cause fear of imminent danger.

• **TERESA LORENE LANG**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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 267-1628.

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Golf Course Road. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wright Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 110 block of Miller B Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the Hwy 350 three miles North of I-20. No transport was required.

• **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 300 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Mountain Park Drive. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Wren Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of State Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of N FM 700. No transport was required.

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Texas A&M Forest Service is working to increase awareness on safe debris burning practices and roadside starts.

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Texas A&M Forest Service

Escaped debris burns are one of the most common causes of wildfire in Texas. Recent weather events have caused an increase in downed vegetative debris. Residents, especially those living in rural areas, may choose to manage this excess debris by conducting a debris burn. In order to mitigate the risk of these debris burns from escaping, we are increasing awareness on safe debris burning practices.

Even though it may have recently rained, it may dry up quickly. We would like to encourage residents to engage in safe debris burning practices:

- Check with local officials for any outdoor burning regulations or burn bans in place.
- Be aware of current and expected weather conditions and avoid burning on hot, dry, and windy days.
- Keep the debris pile small and manageable with at least 10 feet of space around the pile cleared of any vegetation or flammable material. Wet the area around the burn pile.

· Stay with the fire at all times with a water source on hand. The fire should completely cooled before leaving it unattended.

Roadside starts are one of the most common causes of wildfire in Texas. Vehicle maintenance and general awareness is critical to reducing the number of roadside starts along major travel routes. In order to mitigate the risk of these roadside starts, we are increasing awareness on vehicle maintenance practices.

· Motorists are responsible for many of the wildfires sparked along our roadways. The public must practice vehicle safety to help prevent wildfires.

· Keep vehicles well maintained, including the vehicle's exhaust system where failing catalytic converters may emit extremely hot metal fragments and ignite a roadside wildfire.

· Underinflated tires and/or tire failure pose a wildfire hazard. Wheel rims may produce sparks if contact is made with the pavement. This is especially common on trailers. Keep a pressure gauge in your vehicle and ensure all tires are properly inflated.

Inspect tires regularly, especially during long trips, for signs of damage.

· Avoid driving and/or parking in tall, dry grass. The catalytic converter is located underneath your vehicle and may start wildfires if exposed to dry vegetation. Catalytic converters operate between 550-1600° F and can reach 2000° F if the engine is not running properly.

· Always ensure trailer safety chains are secured so they do not come in any contact with the roadway. Dragging chains may create sparks causing a wildfire.

· Drivers are encouraged to maintain trailer brakes and wheel bearings. This helps to avoid catastrophic failures resulting in brake fires and/or the emission of sparks and hot metal fragments that may cause wildfire ignitions along roadways.

· Trailer-mounted grills and grills transported in the bed of a truck should have all coals completely extinguished before traveling down the road. Never travel with a lit or smoldering grill, even for short distances. Properly dispose or extinguish coals.

Weather



Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. South wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. South wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 78.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75.

Friday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

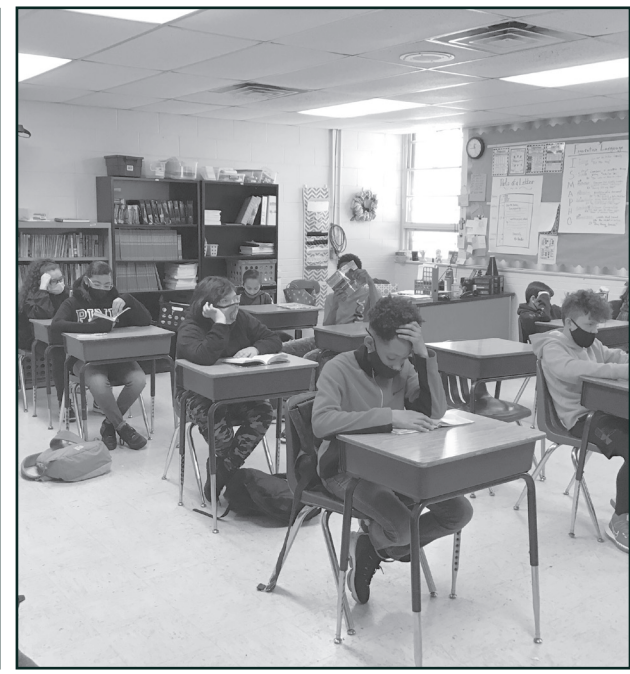
Saturday: A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 63.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

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

Read Across America Day & Dr. Seuss' Birthday



Courtesy photos

March 2 was Read across America day and Dr. Seuss's Birthday. BSI had wear stripes or red, white, and blue day. Students in their reading classes were read Dr. Seuss books, took AR tests, and then had D.E.A.R. time. Student teacher Cecili Acosta reads Oh the Places We will Go to Ms. Reagan's 5th grade class. D.E.A.R. time in Mrs. Fancher's 6th grade class. Students in Mrs. Gomez's class enjoying Horton Hears a Who.

CITY

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discuss and ask for possible action regarding an engineering proposal and select engineering firm for Texas Community Development block grant program.

The Council will consider and possibly take action regarding an interlocal agreement with South Plains Association of Governments for an application to Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization Grant Program.

Col. Jim Little will be asking the Council for consideration and possible action regarding a right of entry to the U.S. Government, Department of the Army, to conduct an environmental investigation and remediation of property at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark

and authorizing the Mayor to execute necessary documents.

After Council members have had an opportunity for Council Input, the Council will move into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters and Economic Development negotiations. After discussion, the Council will move back into open session and take any necessary action as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding litigation and Economic Development negotiations.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Approval of City Council minutes of regular meeting of Feb. 9, 2021; acknowledge receipt of CVB minutes of regular meeting of Feb. 3, 2021
- Final reading of a resolution authorizing

ing and appointing the City Manager to submit an application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to secure funding for Department Operations/Media Data Management Network Servers; final reading authorizing City Manager or Mayor to enter contract with Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP for professional services related to re-districting following the 2020 Census.

- Vouchers for 02/12/2021, 02/19/2021, 02/26/2021, and 03/05/2021

• Listed under old business the tabled agenda item regarding the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation by amending Title of Article VI entitled "Directors" to "Directors, Officers, and Employees" and amending

number of directors; manner of appointment of directors and officers; and limiting number of employees; and adding a new article XIII entitled "Conduct of Business, Generally" that provides the conduct of directors and employees concerning contracts, lobbying, and amendment of the articles of Incorporation without prior authorization of Council.

- City Manager's appointments to the Civil Service Commission

VOTE

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formerly held by Camilla Strande; Smith will also be filling out the term formerly held by Jim DePauw. District 6 seat is on the May Election ballot.

Those wishing to cast a ballot in the upcoming May Election must be registered or have their information updated no later than April 1, 2021.

Early voting for the May election will begin April 19 and run through April 27 with extended hours on April 27 and 28th from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Election Day will take place May 1, 2021.

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Hilaria Moreno, 64, died Wednesday. Visitation will be Tuesday, 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM, with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM. Mass will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ashley Melton, 36, died Friday. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Service will be Thursday, 2:00 PM, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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Pope weighed Iraq virus risk but believes God will protect

By NICOLE WINFIELD and SAMYA KULLAB

Associated Press

ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE (AP) — Pope Francis said Monday he weighed the risks of a high-profile trip to Iraq during the coronavirus pandemic, but said he decided to go ahead with it after much prayer and belief that God would look out for the Iraqis who might get exposed.

Francis described his decision-making process en route home from Iraq amid concerns that his four-day visit, which featured oftentimes maskless crowds in packed churches, singing — could result in the spread of infections in a country with a fragile health care system and a sustained surge in new cases.

Francis said the idea of a trip "cooks over time in my conscience," and that the pandemic was the issue that weighed most heavily on him. Francis has experienced close-up the ravages of COVID-19 in Europe given Italy has had one of the worst outbreaks in the world, with the official death toll soon to hit 100,000.

"I prayed a lot about this. And in the end I took the decision freely," Francis said. "It came from inside. I said 'He who makes me decide this way will look after the people.'"

"I took the decision this way, but after prayer and knowing the risks," he said.

Francis on Monday wrapped up the first-ever papal trip to Iraq, which was aimed at bringing hope to the country's marginalized Christian minority while boosting relations with the Shiite Muslim world.

At every turn of his trip, Francis urged Iraqis to embrace diversity — from Najaf in the south, where he held a historic face-to-face meeting with powerful Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, to Nineveh to the north, where he met with Christian victims of the Islamic State group and heard their testimonies of survival.

But at every turn he also experienced crowds that

often ignored social distancing norms and mask requirements, even though the Vatican and Iraqi church officials had promised anti-virus measures would be enforced.

Francis, the Vatican delegation and traveling media were vaccinated against COVID-19, while most Iraqis haven't been. Infectious disease experts had questioned the wisdom of such a trip given Iraq's latest cases are being spurred by the more infectious strain that first appeared in the U.K.

Iraq recorded 4,068 infections Saturday, up significantly from infection rates at the start of the year. In total, 13,500 people have died among a total 720,000 confirmed infections.

While Francis said he prayed on the decision, it was clear the globe-trotting pope of the peripheries was also getting antsy being cooped up in the Vatican for more than a year. He said he hoped he soon might be able to resume public audiences at the Vatican, which have been suspended for months, and hinted at a possible trip to Lebanon.

"After these months of imprisonment, and truly I felt a bit imprisoned, this for me is to live again," he said of the chance to be close to his flock. "To live again because it's touching the church, the holy people of God."

In one of the historic highlights of the trip, Francis was invited into the home of the notoriously reclusive al-Sistani, among the most influential and revered Shiite clerics, and together they delivered a powerful message of peaceful coexistence and affirmed the rights of Iraqi Christians. The Vatican hopes the message can help preserve the place of the thinning Christian population in Iraq's tapestry of faith and ethnic groups.

Francis said he was "honored" to have been received by al-Sistani, whom he called "a great man, a wise man, a man of God."

"He was very respectful," Francis said, publicly acknowledging the rare honor the 90-year-old al-Sistani showed him by standing up to greet him.

"He never stands up for the greeting. He stood up to greet me — twice," Francis said. "This meeting

was good for my soul. He is a luminary."

Francis counted the meeting as the second major step forward in the Vatican's interfaith efforts with Muslims after he penned a landmark document on shared Christian-Muslim values with a top Sunni cleric in 2019.

Francis also shot back at critics who questioned his outreach to Muslims as watering down of Catholic doctrine or downright heresy, saying "sometimes you have to take risks to take steps forward." "These are risks that you take in prayer and in dialogue, in seeking advice and in reflection," he said. "They are not (based on) whims."

The trip, however, was taxing on the 84-year-old pope, whose sciatica nerve pain was apparently flaring and making him walk with a pronounced limp.

Francis said he wasn't sure if he would have to slow down his usual whirlwind pace on future trips.

"I do confess that on this trip I got a lot more tired than during other ones," he said, noting his age. "It's a consequence. But we'll see."

The next likely trip is to Budapest, Hungary, to close out an international Eucharistic conference in September, with a possible side trip to Bratislava, Slovakia, he said. The Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest Peter Erdo later confirmed the visit to Budapest to Hungarian news agency MTI, while the Slovak Bishops' Conference said the pope's possible trip to Slovakia hasn't been confirmed yet.

Otherwise, the only other trip Francis has promised to make is to Lebanon, though he offered no time frame.

"Lebanon is suffering," Francis said, referring to its political, economic, social and coronavirus crises. He said the country's patriarch had asked him to add a Beirut leg onto his Iraq trip but that he had declined, thinking it would be like tossing the country "crumbs," given all Lebanon's current problems.

"But I wrote him a letter and promised I'd go to Lebanon."

US journalist arrested while covering protest goes on trial

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — A journalist went on trial Monday on charges stemming from her coverage of a protest against racial injustice in Des Moines last year, after Iowa prosecutors defied international pressure to drop a rare effort to punish a working reporter.

Des Moines Register news reporter Andrea Sahouri, who was pepper-sprayed and jailed while reporting on a clash between protesters and police in May, is charged with failure to disperse and interference with official acts.

If convicted on the simple misdemeanor charges, the 25-year-old could be fined hundreds of dollars and will have a criminal record. A judge could also sentence her up to 30 days in jail on each count, although that would be unusual.

Advocates for journalism and human rights in the U.S. and abroad have pressed Iowa authorities to drop the charges, arguing that Sahouri

was simply doing her job by documenting the event. But prosecutors in the office of Polk County Attorney John Sarcone have pressed forward with the case against Sahouri and her former boyfriend, Spenser Robnett, who faces the same charges.

The pair are standing trial in a courtroom at Drake University in Des Moines as part of a program for law students. The university is broadcasting the proceedings, which are expected to last two days. Lawyers began selecting a six-member jury from a larger pool on Monday morning.

The U.S. Press Freedom Tracker has not recorded any other trials of working journalists in the country since 2018. Sahouri was among more than 125 reporters detained or arrested during the civil unrest that unfolded across the U.S. in 2020. Thirteen, including Sahouri, still face prosecution although the majority of those arrested were not charged or their charges were dismissed, the group

says.

Employees in the Gannett newspaper chain, which owns USA Today, the Register and hundreds of other newspapers, have flooded social media with support for Sahouri in recent days. Columbia Journalism School, where Sahouri graduated in 2019 before joining the Register, expressed solidarity Monday by promoting the hashtags #StandWithAndrea and #JournalismIsNotACrime.

Amnesty International launched a campaign to publicize her case and demand the charges be dismissed.

Sahouri was assigned to cover a May 31 protest at Merle Hay mall, where activists were demanding better treatment for people of color after the death of George Floyd, a Black man who died after a white officer put his knee on his neck for about nine minutes.

Some protesters threw water bottles and rocks at police, broke store windows and vandalized a Target store.

Police responded by spraying tear gas to disperse a large crowd from an intersection. Sahouri reported the details live on Twitter.

Sahouri was running from the gas when Robnett was hit in the leg with a projectile — likely a tear gas canister or rubber bullet launched by police. She briefly stopped to check on him before continuing around the corner of a Verizon store. Officer Luke Wilson then arrested her, burning her eyes with a blast of pepper spray and cuffing her hands in zip ties, Sahouri says.

Wilson has said he didn't know Sahouri was a journalist until Robnett intervened during the arrest. Robnett told the officer that Sahouri was a Register journalist and tried to pull Sahouri away from him, Wilson says. Prosecutors say the officer did not activate his body camera during the arrest or use a camera function to retrieve the video after the fact before it was erased.

Fully vaccinated people can gather without masks, CDC says

By MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fully vaccinated Americans can gather with other vaccinated people indoors without wearing a mask or social distancing, according to long-awaited guidance from federal health officials.

The recommendations also say that vaccinated people can come together in the same way with people considered at low-risk for severe disease, such as in the case of vaccinated grandparents visiting healthy children and grandchildren.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the guidance Monday.

The guidance is designed to address a growing demand, as more adults have been getting vaccinated and wondering if it gives them greater freedom to visit family members, travel, or do other things like they did before the COVID-19 pandemic swept the world last year.

"We know that people want to get vaccinated so they can get back to doing the things they enjoy with the people they love," said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky, in a statement.

The CDC is continuing to recommend that fully vaccinated people continue to wear well-fitted masks, avoid large gatherings, and physically distance themselves from others when out in public. The CDC also advised vaccinated people to get tested if they develop symptoms that could be related to COVID-19.

Officials say a person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last required dose of vaccine. About 30 million Americans — or only about 9% of the U.S. population — have been fully vaccinated with a federally authorized COVID-19 vaccine so far, according to the CDC.

Authorized vaccine doses first became available in December, and they were products that required two doses spaced weeks apart. But since January, a small but growing number of Americans have been fully vaccinated, and have been asking questions like: Do I still have to wear a mask? Can I go to a bar

now? Can I finally see my grandchildren?

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March 10, 2021
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The City of Big Spring is submitting a 2021 Downtown Revitalization Program grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for out curb, gutter, sidewalk, street, water, or wastewater in Big Spring. Accordingly, the City is seeking a qualified engineer/engineering firm registered to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all necessary application materials and, if awarded to enter into a contract to prepare preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

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Attn: Shane Bowles
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Add a string to your bow

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 3
♥ A 9
♦ A J 9 5 3
♣ K J 8 4

WEST
♠ K J 9 2
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 7 6 2
♣ 10 7 5

EAST
♠ A 10 7 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ K 10 8
♣ Q 9 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 5
♥ K Q J 10 8 3
♦ 4
♣ A 6 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♣ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — two of spades.
While declarer should certainly formulate a plan at the start of play, he also should remember that he is not playing in a vacuum. He has real live opponents who won't sit idly by and allow him to achieve his goal without putting up a fight.
Consider this deal where the obvious approach at four hearts would be to negotiate a spade ruff in dummy, thereby limiting your losses to at most two spades and a club. That is a fine idea — if the opponents let you get away with it. But when the deal occurred, East won the opening spade

lead with the ace and promptly shifted to a trump.
South won the heart in dummy and, in keeping with his game plan, led a spade to the queen and king, whereupon West returned a second trump. Unable to ruff his losing spade in dummy, declarer now had to rely on a club finesse. But when the jack of clubs later lost to the queen and East returned a spade, the contract was down one.
The final result was due directly to South's failure to adjust to the defense he encountered. Once East shifted to a trump at trick two, declarer should have abandoned his initial plan and instead sought an alternative to staking everything on the club finesse. He might then have spotted a better approach.
When the trump is returned at trick two, South should win in his hand and lead a club to the jack. If the finesse succeeds, his worries are over. But if, as in the actual deal, the finesse fails, all is not yet lost.
Assume East returns a trump to dummy's ace at trick four. Declarer cashes the diamond ace, ruffs a diamond and draws the remaining trump. He then makes his contract because the missing clubs are divided 3-3, allowing him to discard his third spade on dummy's fourth club.
This line of play is superior because it gives South two chances to succeed instead of only one.

Tomorrow: Choosing among alternatives.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



But when you sacrifice for love, it will be impossible to lose. Because no matter what you lay down at the altar of love, the act of giving makes you richer.

Golden Opportunity for Goodness

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. You'll be better off ignoring what you're bad at while you maximize your gifts. Put enough time into building your talent and your weaknesses become a moot point.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll find the proclamations of internet posts quite suspect. People put forth the face they want the world to see. The only way to know the inside of a person or relationship is to experience the inside of one's own being and life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your options may seem limited, but they are perfect for now. If you had any more, it would be confusing and hard to choose. Focus on the best choice you can make and from the next vantage point, you'll see much more.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll feel like you could use a break, and you're just the one to give it to yourself. Design it as you would any event you were throwing for a loved one -- with care and attention to detail.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Can you judge a book by its cover? That's debatable. But most readers would agree that you can't judge a book by its movie. Today's options include a long route and the Hollywood version, two entirely different experiences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Once you decide to serve someone, you do it with full attention, paying special notice to the person's

preferences and how they need a thing to be done. Then you give it without being asked. This is what will set you apart now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When a thing is chased, it runs. This is why you don't chase and instead focus on building attraction. Figuring out how to make a thing better is incredibly satisfying to you, and it pays off, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You crave the excitement and satisfaction that comes from growing your knowledge. And the beautiful thing about learning in the current age is that there is almost always a low-cost version, so shop around a bit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If a thing can't be proven, why argue over whether it's true or false? There's a good reason: The argument isn't about its topic; rather, it's about the dynamic and status of those in the fight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are many ways to discuss problems, including not discussing and hoping it goes away. Be brave and proactive. The adage "Tell me early, I'm your friend. Tell me late, I'm your critic" will apply.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sacrifice, by definition, is a loss.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some think you should suffer for art/love/work, and some don't think so and are still successful by all accounts. Really, this will go down according to your beliefs, so you may as well believe in an enjoyable direction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 9). In the manner of opening a high window and making it rain with what you believe to be dollar bill equivalents, every day you'll give several small gifts. But these are not dollars; they are seeds, and they are worth more than you can imagine. You'll understand more fully in late August when you witness what took root and taste the fruit. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 38, 7 and 16.

CRIB NOTES FROM ERATO, MUSE OF POETRY:

1. The asteroid 62 Erato is located on the outer region of the asteroid belt.
2. Many Greek poets invoked the help and favor of Erato at the beginning of their works.

3. Though all the muses were proclaimed lovely, Erato was considered particularly easy on the eyes and is often depicted with roses, a lyre and turtledoves.

4. Throughout history, poetry has had numerous and varied uses that include recording history, creating mythology, worship, seduction, fictionalizing, teaching, love and more.

5. First came poetry. Then came writing.

6. Poetry is sometimes mistakenly dismissed as whimsical and unimportant when, in actuality, it is vital to the understanding of how language and symbolic systems work.

7. Rhymes are a particular sort of pleasure. They set up a linguistic expectation that, when fulfilled, produces a satisfaction that can range from mild relief to intellectual thrill.

8. Poetry is widely considered therapeutic for the unique way we can process our senses, experiences and emotions through poetic verse.

9. There's a form of fortunetelling called rhapsodomancy in which fortunes are divined by a passage of poetry picked at random.

10. Neurologist Sigmund Freud said, "Everywhere I go I find that a poet has been there before me." Journalist Edgar Watson Howe said, "A poem is no place for an idea." Who do you think was right?

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Annie's Mailbox

Politics and Places of Worship

Dear Readers: The letter from a woman who left her church because she did not want to hear political sermons brought an avalanche of mail. The majority wrote about the tax-free status that churches enjoy. Here are two examples, which I am including because they are so succinct. They are followed by a letter from a pastor, which provides his perspective.

Dear Annie: If his church receives nonprofit status, that preacher using the bully pulpit to push political views risks losing it if politics are discussed. -- Nonprofit Status

Dear Annie: A house of worship is allowed to exist tax-free because they are supposedly focusing on faith, which is, or should be, outside of the political arena.

Unfortunately, in today's America, churches are admonishing their congregants to vote for particular candidates, which is outside the

realm of the ideal of separation of church and state. If a house of worship wants to preach politics, then it should be taxed as is any other institution that supports politics. -- Sick of Political Preachers

Dear Annie: As a pastor myself, I found your response to "Keep Politics out of Church" may have made my job harder by seeming to support the writer's bias. There are over 2,000 verses in the Bible that are concerned with matters of justice, so it is impossible to faithfully preach the Word without mentioning how it is sadly lacking in our world today.

Unfortunately, some hear messages about justice and can only associate it with political speech. This is not a new issue for pastors who seek to faithfully preach the Word. In this very divisive time in our country, mentioning matters of justice has become a trigger for some. The great 20th-century theologian Karl Barth counseled preachers to preach with a Bible in

one hand and the newspaper in the other.

Please advise me on how to do that and not sound political to some. Frankly, all I have to do is mention a current situation in a sentence in my sermon and the whole message gets branded by some as being "too political." Many people, whom "Keep Politics out of Church" represents, would prefer I not mention matters of societal justice at all. Is that the kind of loving kindness you suggested?! Your reader would be satisfied, but what about all the people who suffer because it serves another's political interest? If church is just about being nice to one another and ignoring real issues, then the Gospel will have been neutered. By the way, I don't just preach about justice issues, but my church and I are actively seeking to make a difference where we can in the lives of others.

Preachers are called to both comfort and challenge. My guess is that if the message supported the writer's

political views, then the writer would not find it so difficult. I don't make it a practice of railing against the government in my sermons, nor do I endorse candidates or even mention them by name, but some issues need to be addressed. I can't help what some people hear me say. I know you need to take your writers at their word and not challenge their perceptions, but I can't help but wonder how political her pastor really is from the pulpit.

This is a very divisive time in our country, and many people are quick to jump to conclusions. My colleagues and I have the rather unenviable task of representing the whole Bible and keeping our churches, synagogues or any other religious community together. Please refrain from offering advice on subjects that are complicated unless you can appreciate all the nuances. -- Threading the Needle in the Pulpit

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

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	7			6	3			

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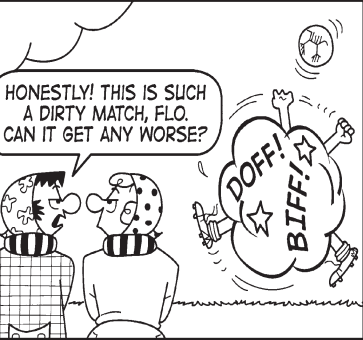
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8	9	2	3	1	6	7	5	4
4	1	9	7	8	2	5	6	3
7	8	6	4	5	9	1	3	2
9	2	8	5	4	7	3	1	6
5	3	4	9	1	6	8	7	2
7	6	1	2	3	8	8	4	5
6	4	2	3	7	5	9	8	1
8	9	3	8	2	1	7	4	5
1	5	7	8	9	4	6	2	3

ANSWER:

	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
5 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS 7	Tele	News	All About	Wild Kratt	King	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Captain Marvel, Ben Mendelsohn (DVS)	SportsCenter	Daily Wager	Basket The Blitz	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Moonshiners: Smoke
6 :PM	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exatlón Estados Unidos (SS)	News	Truth for Life	Xavier	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	College Basketball	College Basketball	Sooner Stars In.	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Moonshiners: Smoke	
7 :PM	To Tell the Truth	Te doy la vida	The Resident	NCIS (DVS)		The Voice	Our Mess	Hero	Chicago P.D.	The Flash	Big Bang	Movie: Ready Player One, Ben Mendelsohn (DVS)	College Basketball	College Basketball	Stars Pre. NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars.	Templation Island	Storage	Moonshiners
8 :PM	black-ish mixed-ish	Amor eterno	Prodigal Son	FBI	La suerte de Loli	The Voice	Eye on	Odd	Chicago P.D.	Superman & Lois	Big Bang	College Basketball	College Basketball	Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars.	Templation Island	Storage	Master Distiller	
9 :PM	Soul of a Nation	Como tú no hay dos	FOX 24 News at 9	FBI: Most Wanted	Buscando a Frida	New Amsterdam	Light of Southwest	Molly	Mike	Seinfeld	Big Bang	College Basketball	College Basketball	Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars.	Templation Island	Storage	Master Distiller	
10 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Noticias	News	Being	Pink	Friends	Creek	Conan	Movie: How to Train Your Dragon	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Postgame Tennis Classics	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Master Distiller
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias	Tonight Show	Words of Jesus IS	Sesame	Friends	Creek	Misery	SportsCenter	Helwani		Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Moonshiners	
12 :AM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Funny	James Corden	Caso cerrado (SS)	Seth Meyers	Creation	Tiger	Jokers	Gold	Conan	SportsCenter	The Walk		Law & Order: SVU	Storage		
1 :AM	Extra	Inocente de ti	Two Men	Simpsons	Drew Barrymore	Late-Lilly	On the	Go Luna	Holly	Steve Wilkos Show	Wipeout	Movie: How to Train Your Dragon	SportsCenter	NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Stars	Templation Island	Storage		
2 :AM	Healthy	Papá a toda madre	Pawn	Pawn	Paid Prg.	Programa	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Jerry Springer	Short List	Paid Prg.	SportsCenter	UFC Fight Night: Dos Anjos vs...		Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Master Distiller	

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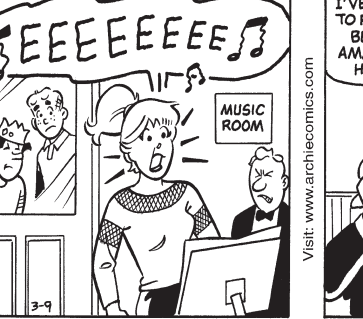
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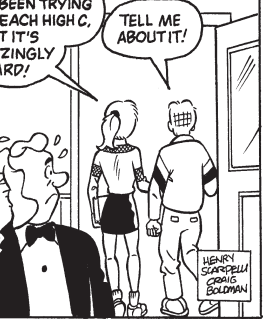
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 9, the 68th day of 2021. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1841, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. The Amistad, ruled 7-1 in favor of a group of illegally enslaved Africans who were captured off the U.S. coast after seizing control of a Spanish schooner, La Amistad; the justices ruled that the Africans should be set free.

On this date:

In 1916, more than 400 Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa (VEE'-uh) attacked Columbus, New Mexico, killing 18 Americans. During the First World War, Germany declared war on Portugal.

In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, began its "hundred days" of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers began launching incendiary bomb attacks against Tokyo, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1954, CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-communism campaign on "See It Now."

In 1959, Mattel's Barbie doll, created by Ruth Handler, made its public debut at the American International Toy Fair in New York.

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, raised the standard for public officials to prove they'd been libeled in their official capacity by news organizations.

In 1976, a cable car in the Italian ski resort of Cavalese fell some 700 feet to the ground when a supporting line snapped, killing 43 people.

In 1987, Chrysler Corp. announced it had agreed to buy the financially ailing American Motors Corp.

In 1989, the Senate rejected President George H.W. Bush's nomination of John Tower to be defense secretary by a vote of 53-47. (The next day, Bush tapped Wyoming Rep. Dick Cheney, who went on to win unanimous Senate approval.)

In 1990, Dr. Antonia Novello was sworn in as surgeon general, becoming the first woman and the first Hispanic to hold

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the job.

In 1997, gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G. (Christopher Wallace) was killed in a still-unsolved drive-by shooting in Los Angeles; he was 24.

In 2000, John McCain suspended his presidential campaign, conceding the Republican nomination to George W. Bush. Bill Bradley ended his presidential bid, conceding the Democratic nomination to Vice President Al Gore.

Ten years ago: After a trip to the International Space Station, shuttle Discovery ended its career as the most flown U.S. spaceship, returning from orbit for the last time. Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation abolishing the death penalty in his state and commuting the sentences of all remaining death row inmates.

Five years ago: Six days before the Florida primary, Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders tangled in an intense debate in Miami over who was the true friend of American Hispanics, and had even worse things to say about Republican front-runner Donald Trump. During a Trump rally in Fayetteville, North Carolina, John Franklin McGraw struck protester Rakeem Jones as Jones was being removed by sheriff's deputies (McGraw, who later apologized for his actions, received a 30-day suspended sentence).

One year ago: Global stock markets and oil prices plunged, reflecting mounting alarm over the impact of the coronavirus. An alarmingly sharp slide at the opening bell on Wall Street triggered the first automatic halt in trading in more than two decades; the Dow industrials finished nearly 8% lower. A cruise ship with at least 21 infected people aboard was allowed to dock in Oakland, California after days idling at sea while dozens of those aboard were tested. Italy's premier put the entire country on lockdown to combat the coronavirus, urging all 60 million Italians to stay home. The Capitol's attending physician said "several" members of Congress had contact with a person who had attended a recent political conference and had later developed COVID-19. More than two dozen people, including the trainer of champion horse Maximum

ACROSS

- 1 Typical Saudi
- 5 Hair tool with teeth
- 9 Small tastes of food
- 14 Rude person
- 15 Opera singer's solo
- 16 Customary
- 17 Walking stick
- 18 Not so much
- 19 Gossipy person
- 20 Tight-braided hair associated with Jamaica
- 23 Sunrise direction
- 24 Tips of shoes
- 25 Novelist ___ Tan
- 27 Burrowing rodent
- 30 Investigate something further
- 35 Farmland measures
- 36 Vertical hair near the ears
- 37 1101, in Roman numerals
- 38 Bottoms of shoes
- 39 Approximate landing hr.
- 40 Horizontal hair on upper lips
- 43 Pesto sauce herb
- 45 Article of combat footwear
- 46 Methodical procedure
- 47 Church bench
- 48 Swearing-in ritual
- 49 Hikers' walkway
- 52 Chin hair that comes with Santa suits
- 58 Not at all interested
- 60 Olympic vaulter's tool

DOWN

- 1 Alphabet starters
- 2 Sound from a loud crowd
- 3 Top-rated
- 4 Inhale and exhale
- 5 Person phoning you
- 6 Triple-decker cookies
- 7 "Other" category: Abbr.
- 8 Lie in the sun
- 9 Make a purchase
- 10 Phrase after "Peekaboo!"
- 11 ___ fish sandwich
- 12 Has a meal
- 13 Window blind strip
- 21 Accomplishes
- 22 Percent-off promotions
- 26 World Series org.
- 27 Third Greek letter
- 28 Happen
- 29 Crystal that splits light
- 30 ___ mignon (beef dish)
- 31 Praiseful poems
- 32 Seize
- 33 Disconnect, as a rope
- 34 Biblical song
- 36 London neighborhood
- 38 Angry expression
- 41 Pacific cyclone
- 42 Prez on a penny
- 43 Computer storage measure
- 44 Feeling very regretful
- 46 Cavalry swords
- 48 Stared at
- 49 Line made by a 5 Across
- 50 Natural burn soother
- 51 Carryall bag
- 53 Guest columnist's piece
- 54 Halifax, ___ Scotia
- 55 ___ model (person to emulate)
- 56 Unit of medicine
- 57 Escalator surface
- 59 Cook in hot oil

Actor Tom Amandes is 62. Actor-director Lonny Price is 62. Country musician Rusty Hendrix (Confederate Railroad) is 61. Actor Juliette Binoche is 57. Rock musician Robert Sledge (Ben Folds Five) is 53. Rock musician Shannon Leto (30 Seconds to Mars) is 51. Rapper C-Murder (AKA C-Miller) is 50. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 50. Actor Jean Louisa Kelly is 49. Actor Kerr Smith is 49. Actor Oscar Isaac is 42. Comedian Jordan Klepper (TV: "The Daily Show") is 42. Rapper Chingy is 41. Actor Matthew Gray Gubler is 41. Rock musician Chad Gilbert (New Found Glory) is 40. NHL defenseman Brent Burns is 36. Actor Brittany Snow is 35. Rapper Bow Wow is 34. Rapper YG is 31. Actor Luis Armand Garcia is 29. Actor Cierra Ramirez is 26.

Answer to previous puzzle

LURCH	FLEE	ARID
OPERA	RELY	NONE
BODES	EASE	TUNE
SNOW	SHOVEL	ITEM
LANE	INFER	
BOTHER	ODOR	
IKEA	DEEP	SECTS
TREND	ARE	EERIE
SANDY	SANE	ZONE
WEST	PEEPED	
SLASH	HAIR	
SCAR	ICES	SCRAPER
NORM	FOLK	OLIVE
URGE	TILE	ROSES
BEER	SLOW	START

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5-3A All-District honorees



MaKynlee Overton
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Isabella Cox
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First Team 5-3A All-District



Julia Cox

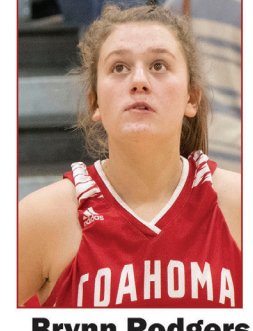


Kenzi Canales

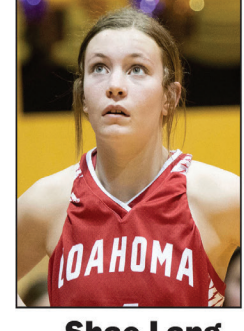


Madison Rodgers

Second Team



Brynn Rodgers



Shae Lang

Honorable Mention



Katelyn Johnson

Courtesy Image

The Coahoma Bulldogettes Basketball team received multiple All-District honors for their play on this previous season's hardwood. The young women had an amazing season. Congratulations to the team and coaches on all the nominations.

Special to the Herald

After an incredible season on the hardwood, the hard work of the Coahoma High School girls basketball team did not go unnoticed when it was time to unveil district honors.

Fresh off claiming a bi-district championship, eight Coahoma players landed on the 5-3A All-District team including MaKynlee Overton and Isabella Cox, who earned two of the district's top honors.

Overton was named the district's most valuable player. A four year varsity member, Overton consistently led the Bulldogettes in points this season and was very effective in her position as the center.

Freshman I. Cox had a stellar first year for her high school basketball career. I. Cox, along with All-District first team honoree Kenzi Canales, provided key defensive pressure for the Bulldogettes this season. Her performance on the hardwood definitely drew the notice of area coaches, and they rewarded her with Newcomer of the Year honor.

Also earning plenty of praise were Julia Cox and Madison Rodgers. Both were named to the All-District first team.

Cox, a senior, served as point guard for Coahoma helping to lead the team to a berth in the area round of the State 3A playoffs. Rodgers was equally impressive on the court by using her quick reflexes

to force turnovers all year long.

Sophomore Shae Lang and freshman Brynn Rodgers were named to the All-District second team. Junior Katelyn Johnson rounded out the honors for Coahoma with an honorable mention by the 5-3A District coaches.

Coahoma wrapped up the season with a 15-7 record and the Bulldogettes lost only two out of eight district games. Both of those losses were by one point. The Bulldogette team was coached by Jim Kinnear, who has taken Coahoma to the playoffs for the past two years. Jaime Bonner and Katheryn Shawver served as assistant coaches.

Athletic Support: "Kids have changed, haven't they?"

Dear Athletic Support: As a high school basketball player in the 70s, my teammates and I never gave it a thought about setting out a year when we would be moving up a level from Junior High to Senior High. We knew we were probably not going to get to play as much because of better and more experienced players on the varsity team. We knew that our time would come when we would be playing more as we got older and gained more experience in the sport with practice. We were good Junior High players, so we'd eventually be good Senior High players, too. As a teacher in high school and a follower of school sports, I see this is not the norm anymore. What makes these athletes think this way now compared to years ago?



have changed. Adults. We're the ones to blame.

My momma always told me I wasn't "grown" until I was out of her house and paying my own bills. Which meant I had to play by her rules. There were no ifs, ands, or buts about it.

What I see these days is a lack of consequences from adults. Parents lost their backbones somewhere along the line and that's bled over into sports.

Athletics are tough. Running wind sprints in the dog-days of summer is not easy. And the glory of scoring a touchdown on a Friday night is so far off at that point most kids can't conceive it. They can't imagine that the hard work they're putting in during the summer will pay off big when the game is on the line.

And that's okay because they're just kids.

If I had to guess, you and all your buddies back in the 70s weren't too thrilled

about riding the pine at the start of your high school careers. I might be wrong. You might've loved it. But if you didn't, and you were whining and complaining when you came home at night, telling your parents you were ready to quit... What did they say?

As adults — as parents — that's the question we need to be asking ourselves. It's always easier to give in. Nobody wants to endure a moping teenager over the course of an entire basketball season. But before you know it, the offseason will arrive, and that pimple-faced sophomore will become a budding junior and things will start to look up.

If you can convince your young athlete to stick it out, and he/she makes it all the way to Senior Night, I can guarantee you one thing — neither one of you will regret it.

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—Paying Your Dues

Dear Dues: I can't tell you whether kids have changed over the years or not. And that's saying something because I'm around 14 to 18 year-old students every single day.

Their hairstyles are different. Sure. There's this new fad called a "septum ring," which just seems silly (and painful) to me. But have they actually changed? Do they truly lack the perseverance to stick it out and make the varsity team?

I don't think so.

Kids are just kids. They're like balls of clay. If you never apply heat—they'll stay soft forever. What I mean here is that parents are the ones who

too thrilled

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