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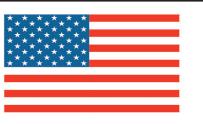
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10 a.m.

Big Spring State Hospital Job Fair Wednesday

County Commissioners

Meeting
3:30 p.m.

Howard County

Courthouse

City Council Meeting
Tuesday
5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

Dinner and Ensemble March 25 Moss Creek Ranch

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## Finances topped Monday's Howard County Commissioner agenda

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Contributing Writer

During Monday's Howard County Commissioners' Court meeting, the county received a clean opinion on a financial audit for the year ending Sept. 30, 2020.

The audit, prepared by Roberts and McGee certified public accounting firm of Abilene, states "...the financial statements...present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental organization, each major fund, and the

aggregate remaining fund information of Howard County, Texas...".

The audit shows that Howard Coun-

ty's total fund balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2020 was \$1,897,066. The county's net position at the end of the fiscal year was \$17,562,650, including \$6,089,883 unrestricted net position, \$6,343,823 restricted for debt service, capital improvement, and special revenue funds, and \$5,128,934 invested in capital assets.

According to the audit, the total net position, or equity, of the county increased by \$3,799,036 during the 2020

fiscal year.

In other business, County Auditor Jackie Olson reported that the county will receive more than \$7 million from a federal fund for coironavirus relief.

"We were notified that we would receive – and this is the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund – that Howard County would receive right at \$7.1 million," Olson said. "We should receive half of that this June, and the other half in June of next year. Then it's my understanding we have to have everything

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# 3-vehicle accident Sunday sends one to hospital with non-life threatening injury



According to Big Spring Police Department, a 3-vehicle collision occurred afternoon Sunday around 5:30 at the intersection of 3rd Street and Gregg Street. One person transported to the local hospital with a non-life threatening injury. A citation was issued to one of the drivers for disregarding the red light. No other information was available at press time.

# United Way of Big Spring and Howard County name Roberson Volunteer of the Year 2020



Courtesy photo
Erick Roberson was named
the United Way of Big
Spring and Howard County
Volunteer of the Year award
for his countless contributions and dedication to the
United Way tne their supported agencies.

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Donations are the driving force behind the efforts of United Way – on the local level and the national level. In addition to dollars donated, volunteer hours are just as important when it comes to making sure work gets done. The efforts put out by volunteers in the community are the foundation in which positive progress continues to grow. Recently, the United Way of Big Spring recognized one of their own for the dedication and investment to the Big Spring and Howard County communities. The Volunteer of the Year for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County was presented to Erick Roberson.

"We wanted to recognize a volunteer that went above and beyond this year," Christian Fair, Executive Director of the Big Spring and Howard County United Way, said.

The Board of the United Way was presented with an opportunity to nominate contenders for the award, and the overwhelming consensus recognized Roberson for the countless contributions he has provided this past year.

"Ho (Friely) tries to stay behind the scenes over

"He (Erick) tries to stay behind the scenes even though he always stands out," Fair said. Roberson has served on the United Way board for

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# COVID-19 \*OUpdates

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has been hosting Covid-19 vaccine clinics over the past few weeks.

Last week there were 143 vaccines administered; all Pfizer There have been

2,989 first doses admnistered 1,127 second doses administered There are 1,598 second doses

There are 1,598 second doses scheduled to be administered between March 24 and April 8.

Another drive-thru vaccine clinic took place last night between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

More information is available at www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine

Howard County has reported as of March 23:

- 2997 positive cases
- 99 Covid-19 fatalities
  - 47 Active cases
- 4400 recovered1549 probable cases

## Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring

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910 S Main St Big Spring, TX 79720 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

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## **Obituaries**

Teana Lynn Roberts

Teana Lynn Roberts, 49 years old of Big Spring,

Texas, has gone to her forever home on March 20, 2021. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County and graduated from Coahoma High school in 1991. She was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma. She spent her life caring for others and worked in the church nursery for the past 13 years. She loved cooking youth meals every Wednesday. She loved spending time with her family and

having game nights.

She is survived by her two daughters, Tristan Chevenne and Evalena Laura Gutierrez. One brother, Jerry Mann of Big Spring and sisters Tammy Jo and husband Shane Lovett of Joshua, Brooke and

husband Ronnie Grant of Sand Springs, Kala Mann of Coahoma, Amy Oyler and Melody Kiley of Rome, NY, Melissa Roberson of Dallas and Marsha Garcia of Pittsfield, MA. Many nieces, nephews, and

She is proceeded in death by her parents Susan Barber and Dale Roberts, her grandparents Evelyn Redman and Homer Williford, a sister Delana Roberts and uncle Homer Lee Williford, Jr.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

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

Paid Obituary

#### Eva Marie Watkins

Eva Marie Watkins, 74, of Big Spring, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday,

Viewing and visitation will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Funeral service will be at Myers & Smith Chapel on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 11 a.m. with Scott Kirkland, pastor Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

## **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

- 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. S

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the nic Mountain Medical Center. following activity:

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

• 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 2700 block of Lynn Drive. 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 2600 Crestline Road. One person was transported to Sce-

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 800 block of E. 13th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of 4th and Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of N. Lamesa Highway. No transport was re-
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ, 62, transient, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• JAMES HENRY HARDMON JR, 32, of 1404 Pacific in Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention.

• BRANDON COLE BUSH, 28, of 10350 CR 203 in Brownwood, Texas, was arrested on a charge of forgery government financial instrument.

• ELVIERIA BRITO ATKINSON, 61, of 4202 Old Colorado City, was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

• MOISES GALLARDO-CASTANEDA, 21, of 2346 Burning Light Dr. of Dallas, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.

• ISAAC JAMES TARIN, 28, of 1907 S. Main Street, was arrested on a charge of fail to identifyfugitive give false information.

• PAULA JEAN BARBER, 57, of 1210 Mulberry, was arrested on a charge of warrant from other agency and possession of controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams.

• FREDRICK RUBIO JR. 32, of 2208 Lynn Drive, was arrested on a charge of fail to appear and drove without being secured by safety belt.

• FRANK ANDREW MONTEMAYOR, 23, of 1100 E. 350 Highway, was arrested on a charge of burglary habitation, warrant from other agency

• PATRICK JON MAY, 42, of 1101 E. Sixth Street, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention with vehicle or watercraft.

• ANGELICA RAQEL MOJICA, 22, of 1207 Sycamore Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and theft of property between \$750 and

- RICKI DAN PRUIETT, 60, of 100 Jonesboro Road, was arrested on a warrant from other agency
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 400 block of Hillside Drive.
- BURGLARY OF BUILDING was reported in the 1600 block of E. FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3000 block of Cactus Drive.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at in the 1100 block of E. Sixth Street; 4200 block of Old Colorado City Highway.
- THEFT was reported in the 4200 block of Old Colorado City Highway.  $\bullet$  ACCIDENT MAJOR was reported at  $3^{\rm rd}$  and
- FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 3600
- block of W. Hwy 80. • DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in
- the 1000 block of E. 12th Street; 100 block of Jones-• SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the
- 1200 block of Lloyd Avenue; 100 block of S. Main
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. • ASSAULT was reported in the area of North
- Gregg and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. • **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100
- block of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. • HIT AND RUN was reported in the 1700 block
- of S. Aylesford. • UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported in the
- 1700 block of Wasson Road; 700 block of W. I-20.
- IDENTITY THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.

## Daniel Gonzales

Services for Daniel Gonzales, 55, of Big Spring will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday,



March 24, 2021, at Calvary Baptist Church in Post with Jimmy Valdez and Walter Perez officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Daniel died on March 19, 2021 in

Ft. Worth, Texas. He was born in Lorenzo, Texas on Nov. 4, 1965, to Reyes and Sara (Solis) Gonzales. He grew up in Post and graduat-

ed from Post High School. He worked as a heavy equipment operator in the construction industry. Survivors include his wife: Irene Talamantez

of Big Spring, six sons: Eric Gonzales of Post, Michael Gonzales of Post, Daniel Gonzales Jr. of Post, Adam Valencia Jr. of Stanton, Rudy Carpenter Jr. of Big Spring and Fabian Carpenter of Big Spring, two sisters: Diana Looney of Post and Ruth Vera of Post, two brothers: Roy Gonzales of Post and Jr. Ray Gonzales of Little Elm. 20 grandchildren and I Great granddaughter. Paid Obituary

## **Sheriff**

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

ported having 82 inmates at the time of this report. • ELVIERA BRITO ATKINSON, 61, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family vio-

- PAULA JEAN BARBER, 57, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of FTA/Manufacture deliver controlled substance greater than four grams and less than 200 grams, and possession of controlled
- less than 200 grams. • BRANDON COLE BUSH, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of forgery government/national institution money.

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- MOISES GALLARDO CASTANEDA, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.1. • JAMES HENRY HARDMON JR., 32, was ar-
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- BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle. · ANGELICA RAQEL MOJICA, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property
- between \$750 and \$2,500 and public intoxication. • FRANK ANDREW MONTEMAYOR, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear (x2) and burglary of habitation.
- ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ, 62, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **RICKIE DAN PRUIETT,** 60, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to ap-
- JOHNNY RICHARD REYES, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest detention
- ISAAC JAMES TARIN, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of fail to identify fugitive intent give false information.

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## LOCAL



Today: Sunny, with a high near 73. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east after midnight.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North wind 10 to 20 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. West wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers before 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 64. **Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 47.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 79.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

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

## Take Note

• Forsan Elementary Pre-K and Kindergarten registration will be taking place March 29 through April 1 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be evening registrationg at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Registration can be done at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas. Please bring certified birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency, parent's driver's license, proof of income for pre-k registration. Students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021 for Pre-K and 5 years old on or before Sept. 1

• The deadline is drawing near for the PBUWCD Scholarship Essays. The deadline those students wanting an opportunity to earn a \$2,000 scholarship must have essavs submitted by March 30. For more information, call 432-756-2136 or e-mail education@pbuwcd.com or visit the website at www.pbuwcd.com.

for Kindergarten. For

more information call

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email abuske@forsan.

esc18.net.

 American Legion Post 506 is hosting a

Fish Fry on Saturday, March 20. Delivery will be available from 11-1 p.m. and serving will take place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Plates are available for pick up and carry out at 3203 W. Hwy 80. For more information call 432-263-2084.

• 2021 Permian Basin Cotton Conference is set for March 30 at the Community Center, located at 301 N. St. Peter Street in Stanton. The conference will take place from 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and count for three CEUs. Registration can take place at the door or in advance. Masks and social distancing will be required. For more information contact the Howard County Extension office at 432-264-2236.

• Cornhole Tournament benefitting the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) will be taking place at Star Doge on March 27. Registration is from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Food vendors will be on site.

• 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.

· Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci

Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

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

· Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

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

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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Simon T. Correa, died Friday. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at Holy Trinity Parish with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Eva Marie Watkins, died Friday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Larry Steen, 79, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Stephen Milikien, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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completed by the end of 2024 if we're going to spend the funds."

Olson said the state government is still in the process of deciding what the money can be spent on.

"No funds shall be deposited into the pension fund, and it's my understanding we can't reduce the tax revenue. There are other things, but those are the main ones I know of right now," Olson said. "This was part of the federal government. I guess, every county in the country. I think it's going to cities as well. I don't know about schools; I don't know if they get this funding or not."

The commissioners granted permission to County Road Administrator Brian Klinksiek to go out for bids on three roadwork projects, and to accept low bids on two others. The two accepted bids were submitted by Dorado Construction Group of San Angelo and Cox Paving of Frisco.

Klinksiek said the projects are for rehabilitation work on county roads, including addition of base material, reshaping of the existing road base and inverted prime and seal coating. Klinksiek said he didn't have an exact start date for the approved projects, but it will be soon.

"I don't know, sometime in the next month or so, I would assume,"

The commissioners approved an amended food service contract for the Howard County Jail. Sheriff Stan Parker and Jail Administrator Irene Buchanan presented the contract at

the meeting. "This is our food service amendment agreement," Parker said. "Every year, we look at an amendment. They wanted to do a 3 percent increase, which is in line with our budget. Our budget as it is will still handle that, so we wanted to go ahead and accept it."

The jail's food service is provided by Trinity Services Group Inc. of Florida.

The commissioners unanimously approved the increase.

Commissioners also approved personnel considerations, the monthly report presented by County Treasurer Sharon Adams, the monthly payroll report, invoices and requisi-

## **UWAY**

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the past four years and has taken part in almost every fundraising event and educational opportunity in the community, and has even presented a few new ideas to increase donations and fundraising opportunities.

"He pretty much does it all. He finds sponsors when I'm at a loss; makes sure we have more than enough help at our

events. He is literally a phone call away, whether it's hanging Christmas lights at the park, saving the toy drive, delivering water to the Boys and Girls Club or even making sure everyone was warm when our temps hit below zero," Fair said.

Fair continued, "Last but not least he runs an extremely successful campaign at NuStar with employee pledges totally more than \$77,000. We extend our sincere appreciation to Erick Roberson, and say thank you for your dedication. You are a true example of Living United."

This past year, the overall contributions brought in through fundraising events and pledges totalled \$177,000. All monies will be distributed to the 14 supported

agencies who provide services on a daily basis to residents in Howard County.

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## News Briefs

#### Austin police name interim chief, start national search

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A nationwide search is underway for a new police chief in Texas' capitol city following the retirement of Austin's former top police officer amid a reckoning over racial injustice and use of force in law enforcement.

Austin Police Department Assistant Chief Joseph Chacon has been appointed as Interim Police Chief while a national search takes place, Austin City Manager Spencer Cronk announced Monday. Former Austin Police Chief Brian Manley announced his retirement in February.

Cronk said the search will be transparent, inclusive and take place in three phases, the first of which begins immediately and includes requests for community input to develop a candidate profile. National executive search firm Ralph Andersen & Associates will assist in the search. Cronk said he hopes a new chief will be appointed by August.

"In recent months, experiences at both the state and national level have heightened public conversations concerning law enforcement and public safety among communities of color as well as those experiencing mental illness," Cronk said. "Change can be difficult and uncomfortable but it also brings opportunity."

Chacon, who was not present at the news conference, told the AP in a statement that he was "honored" by the new appointment.

"I look forward to leading APD during this critical transition period and will fully support the nationwide search for our next permanent police chief," Chacon said.

Calls for Manley to resign had been persistent since the police shot and killed Michael Ramos in April as he drove away from officers. They were responding to a 911 call from someone who said Ramos was holding a woman at gunpoint and that the two had been doing drugs in a car parked at an Austin apartment complex. Austin Police later said Ramos was not armed.

Austin officers also caused serious injuries during protests over the death of George Floyd, who died in Minneapolis police custody last May.

#### Train honoring Bush returns to his Texas library for exhibit

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The locomotive painted to resemble Air Force One that carried the flag-draped body of former President George H.W. Bush to his burial has returned to his presidential library in College Station where it will become a permanent exhibit.

Union Pacific No. 4141, named in honor of the 41st president, was pulled into College Station on Sunday behind "The Spirit," which honors U.S. military veterans.

After Bush died in 2018 at the age of 94, flag-waving crowds lined the railroad tracks as his body was taken from Houston to the family plot on the grounds of his presidential library at Texas A&M University.

The George & Barbara Bush Foundation plans to build a pavilion around the locomotive and a restaurant next to it, according to the group's CEO, Max Angerholzer. The foundation also wants to display a Marine One helicopter that Bush flew in as president.

Angerholzer said the project will be complete in time for a 2024 celebration marking Bush's 100th

Union Pacific originally commissioned the locomotive for the opening of an exhibit on trains at the presidential library. During the locomotive's 2005 unveiling in College Station, Bush talked about his fondness for trains, recalling sleeping on them as a child during trips with his family.

He quipped at the time that if No. 4141 had been around during his presidency, "I might have left Air Force One behind.'

A year after Bush's death, Union Pacific announced it would donate the locomotive to his presidential library. After that announcement, it was stored and prepared at a locomotive shop in Arkansas, Union Pacific spokeswoman Kristen South said.

#### Lawyer Lee Merritt says he'll run for Texas attorney general

DALLAS (AP) — A prominent Dallas attorney who has represented the families of Black people killed by police officers says he is running for Texas attorney general.

Lee Merritt announced over the weekend that he plans to challenge Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton after mentioning the idea during a protest Friday over a man's death in a suburban Dallas

Merritt has forged a national profile as an advocate for people killed in interactions with law enforcement, including Botham Jean, a Dallas man fatally shot by an off-duty police officer in his own apartment, and Atatiana Jefferson, a Fort Worth woman who died after an officer shot her through the back window of her home.

"Texas deserves an attorney general that will fight for the constitutional rights of all citizens," Merritt tweeted Saturday.

It is unclear whether Merritt, who supported Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders during the Democratic presidential primary in 2019, will seek or receive support from the state party for his run. He has not responded to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

People seeking to run for Texas attorney general cannot file candidacy papers for months, but the 2022 election has dawn early attention following new criminal allegations against Paxton.

Last year, the FBI began investigating the state's lead lawyer after his top deputies accused him of bribery, abuse of office and other alleged crimes on behalf of a donor. Paxton has denied any wrongdoing and said he'll seek reelection.

#### Microsoft to start bringing workers back to headquarters

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Microsoft will begin bringing workers back to its suburban Seattle global headquarters on March 29 as the tech giant starts to reopen more facilities it largely shuttered during the coronavirus pandemic.

In a post Monday on the company's corporate blog, Executive Vice President Kurt DelBene said Microsoft has been monitoring local health data and decided it can bring more employees back to its Redmond, Washington, campus.

DelBene said workers will have the choice to return to headquarters, continue working remotely or do a combination of both.

More than 50,000 people work at the company's headquarters campus in Redmond, 15 miles (24 kilometers) east of Seattle.

On Monday, Washington state moved into Phase 3 of its COVID-19 reopening plan, meaning all of the state's 39 counties will be allowed to relax coronavirus restrictions.

Under Phase 3, all indoor spaces — including indoor dining at restaurants, indoor fitness centers, and retail — can increase capacity from 25% to 50%. Larger events like concerts and graduation ceremonies will also be OK since up to 400 people will be allowed to gather for indoor and outdoor activities as long as physical distancing and masking are enforced.

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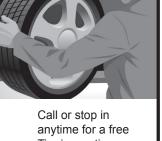
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# The Forsan Buffaloes split weekend tournament series; end with 2 and 2

By Dustin Pope

Sports writer for the Herald

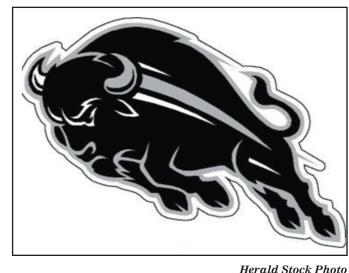
The Forsan Buffaloes hosted the Forsan Baseball tournament this past weekend, March 19-20. The Buffaloes had to play four games over the twoday span, in what amounts to be the last tune-up games before District play begins. The Buffaloes went 2-2 during the four-game weekend.

The Buffaloes opened up play facing the Idalou Wildcats. Major Stockton took the mound for this first game of the weekend. Stockton breezed through the top half of the first inning, not allowing a single hit as he sat the Wildcats down in order. The Buffs got their first chance in the batters box in the bottom of the first when lead-off man Kevin Kligora had a hard-hit single to Leftfield to get the game started. Next batter Cayden Morgan had a single of his own, placing runners on first and second with nobody out. Unfortunately for the Buffs, they would get three straight outs leaving the inning tied at 0 to 0 after one inning

Stockton went out for his second inning of work; this time, the Idalou Wildcats were able to get to the young pitcher a little more effectively than the first inning; Idalou went on to push four runs across in the second, giving them a 4 to 0 lead heading into the bottom of the second. Forsan couldn't get much going in their half of the second and could not answer Idalou as they did not push across any runs in the inning, leaving the score at 4 to 0 after two innings of play.

As the third inning kicked off, it found Major Stockton back in his grove, shutting down the Wildcats and setting them down to make a quick top of the third. Kevin Kligora opened the inning for the Buffaloes with a walk. Cayden Morgan then smashed a hard-hit single to advance Kligora to third. Forsan then scored their first run when a balk was called on the Idalou pitch allowing the runners to advance, scoring Kligora. Major Stockton then made his way to the plate and delivered a hard-hit single of his own. The Buffaloes would put up two more runs in the inning, cutting the lead down to a single run of 4 to 3 after three in-

The fourth inning was more of Stockton dealing on the mound keeping the Forsan bats off-balance for most of the game; the young pitcher would have another easy inning of work, not allowing



any runs. Josh Cervantes started off the bottom of the fourth with a lazer tripple hit down the right-field line. Two batters later, Cayden Morgan smoked a double that brought Cervantes across the plate, tying the game up at 4. The Buffs would not score any more runs in the inning, leaving the game all tied up.

The fifth inning found Brandon Valdez coming into relief. Major Stockton had a decent workday; the young Buff gave up 4 runs, 3 earned on only 4 hits. Valdez came in looking sharp as he could get through his first inning of work without giving up any runs on the inning. Forsan then came up to the plate in the bottom of the fifth, but despite getting a runner on base, they couldn't find a way to push the run across learning. The game was all

In the top of the sixth inning, it would be Idalou breaking through and putting another run on the board to take a 5 to 4 lead. Forsan bats stalled in the bottom of the sixth, and they went down in order, keeping the score at 5 to 4 after six innings of play.

The final inning of the game saw Idalou breakthrough, and the score of three runs on the inning bring the total lead to 8 to 4. Forsan would continue to battle, getting men on base in their final chance at the plate, but came up short on the day as they lost the game by a final score of 8 to 4.

The next game for the Buffs found them paired with the Stamford Bulldogs. This game would be a high-scoring affair, with the Buffaloes coming out on top by a score of 12 to 8.

Nolan park got the ball to pitch in this game, and he had an easy first inning of work breezing through the Bulldog lineup. The Bulldogs wasted no time in this game as Kevin Kligora started the game off with a double. Cayden Morgan then reached an error. Major Stockton then too reached an error to load the bases with only one out. Brandon Valdez helped his own cause when he had a hard hit single driving in two runs to give the Buffs an early 2 to 0 lead. The Forsan Bufflaoes would not be done in the inning as they scored three more runs having a five-run first inning and setting the tone of the game.

The Buffs went on to add three more runs in the second, one run in the third, and three more in the fourth. Stamford finally broke through and scored four runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth. Still, it wasn't enough to catch up with the mighty Buffaloes as they would go on to win 12 to 8 in their second game of the tournament.

The third game found them matched back up with Idalou, and once again, the Idalou Wildcats took the victory by a score of 5 to 13.

The final game of the tournament found the Buffaloes taking on the Hawley Bearcats. This would be a close back and forth affair, with the Buffaloes pulling it out when they scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh to seal the victory.

The Forsan Buffaloes looked good in the Forsan tournament splitting their 4 games, finishing 2 and 2. These will be the last warm-up games before they kick off district play.

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#### Texas stunner: No. 14 Abilene Christian ousts **'Horns 53-52**

By TIM BOOTH AP Sports pull off their first NCAA Tournament

Joe Pleasant slowed his breath and

calmed himself. In the most pressure-packed moment of his college career, the Abilene Christian junior forward was perfect on two free throws from a spot where he'd struggled in the past.

when he picked off a final desperation pass by Texas at midcourt, Pleasant and his teammates erupted in a celebration that nearly spilled into the stands.

Another double-digit seed is moving on in the NCAA Tournament, and this one at the expense of the flagship school in Abilene Christian's home

"We just beat the University of Texas. Little ol' Abilene Christian out in West Texas built a program that went toe-to-toe with the University of Texas and it's an incredible story," Wildcats coach Joe Golding said. "It's what March is about."

Abilene Christian and its frantic, havoc-causing defense bounced coach Shaka Smart and the Longhorns out of the NCAA Tournament in the first round yet again, as the 14th-seeded Wildcats stunned No. 3 seed Texas 53-52 on Saturday night.

Pleasant, a 58.8% foul shooter on the season, made two from the line with 1.2 seconds left, and the Wildcats took down their in-state rivals in the first meeting between the schools.

Pulling off one final upset in a first round filled with two years' worth of excitement, Abilene Christian (24-4) became the fourth team seeded 13th or lower to reach the round of 32 in this NCAA Tournament, joining 15th-seeded Oral Roberts and No. 13 seeds Ohio and North Texas.

"We needed March Madness, man. We needed some type of normalcy to our country," Golding said. "We needed people to fill out brackets. We needed people to cheer for the underdog."

There was plenty of cheering for the Wildcats by their fans clad in purple as they caused all kinds of headaches for the bigger, more talented Longhorns and got just enough offense to victory in their second appearance.

Pleasant finished with 11 points as did Coryon Mason for the Wildcats. Abilene Christian was blown out by Kentucky two years ago when it made its first trip to the NCAAs.

Now, the Wildcats will face No. 11 seed UCLA in the second round Mon-

"I felt like two years ago, we were kind of happy to be there as a first-time experience," Pleasant said. "Then this team, we're ready to take on another challenge, not just to be here but to compete, to get some wins."

Andrew Jones scored 13 points for Texas (19-8) and was nearly the hero. Jones hit two free throws with 56 seconds left and his 3-pointer with 14 seconds remaining put the Longhorns in front 52-51.

ACU had one more chance. Damien Daniels drove to the basket but his shot was blocked by Kai Jones. Pleasant was first to get his hands on the rebound and Matt Coleman III was called for a foul, causing Smart to drop to his knees on the sideline.

"It was a loose ball. We both went for it. He got to the ball first and he threw it up and they called a foul on me. The ref called foul so I guess it was a foul," Coleman said.

After a timeout, Pleasant calmly hit both free throws. Then he intercepted a long pass by Texas, turning it into the Longhorns' 23rd turnover of the game and setting off a wild celebration that carried all the way off the

Pleasant waved his arms toward the crowd, egging on fans to make some noise and cupping his hand to his ear before being mobbed by teammates. Other players flexed toward ACU supporters in the stands of Lucas Oil Stadium that were definitely not socially distanced during the celebration.

"I was visualizing the free throws going in before I shot them," Pleasant said. "I was just trying to key in

on the rim, just lock in and block out the noise." There were heroes throughout for

the Wildcats. Daniels, all of 5-foot-7

and 140 pounds, missed his first eight shot attempts but muscled through a foul to score on a drive with 3:42 left. The three-point play gave the Wildcats a 50-47 lead. Reggie Miller made one of two free throws to push the lead to four.

Texas went nearly four minutes without scoring before two free throws by Jones with 56 seconds left clean blood off the court.

Miller committed a turnover on ACU's next possession and Jones' 3 seemed set to be a perfect March moment after the Texas junior missed time earlier in his career after being diagnosed with leukemia. Instead, the Longhorns are headed

home with their third first-round exit under Smart, which will only raise the heat on his standing in Austin. "A lot of tears in the locker room

right now," Smart said. "A lot of guys - foul shots that needed a pause to extremely upset about the way the game ended, the fact that we have to go home now. Really disappointed, everybody is."

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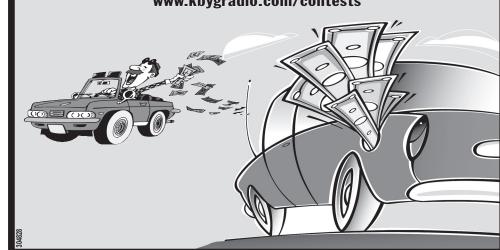
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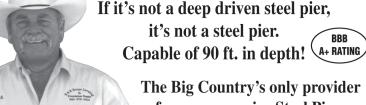
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For this reason, South refuses to win the first spade. West then continues with the queen of spades, and the question now is whether declarer should duck this also.

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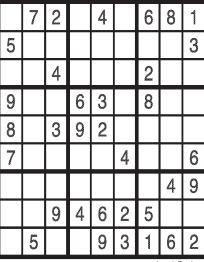
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**TAURUS (April** 20-May 20). People who don't know what is expected of them are unlikely to deliver it. You've a talent for cluing people in to the implicit rules and an even greater talent for communicating expectations explicitly and early in a process.

**GEMINI (May 21-**June 21). Many (not all) physicists support the idea of a future that does not yet exist. In each moment, you are creating outcomes that sway the future in a direction -- a responsibility to take seriously today and playfully tonight.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Do not be afraid to teeter into whimsy or introduce an element of the absurd. A touch of madness can be the electric spark that sets a work apart from the rest, although too much will make the work unrelatable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you care enough about getting

a thing right, you'll do it as many times as it takes to hit the mark, and you won't stop there. You'll raise the bar; you'll teach others; you'll change the form.

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

GO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't worry too much about differences today. Civility is important. Agreement

is not. Cold air meets hot air and weather is born. It's the conflict that keeps the clouds changing shape.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Loyalty is so important to you. You stick by the ones you love and show up for them in times of need. That's the obvious part. It's less obvious but equally important to be present to their victories and celebrations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Inside every problem is the seed of new possibility. But in that particular kind of problem labeled "conflict," there are especially potent and plentiful seeds that can grow out of a thoughtful resolution.

#### **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You're an artist whether or not you identify as such. The artistry comes from the way you approach, with a commitment to mastering and embodying the thing until it's an extension of your very being.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Each time you welcome someone, you see them anew.

By Holiday Mathis  $_{\text{seek an}}^{\text{You}}$ under-



yesterday. You'll discover new needs to fill.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't be too quick to eliminate tension -- not until you know its source, cause, effect and nature. It very well may be that tension is holding the whole thing up! How much energy is stored in the cord? Cutting could be dangerous!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though close relationships could possibly and rightly be subject to grievances and scorekeeping, the process of nursing blame would only distract from the more worthwhile effort of self-development.

#### **TODAY'S BIRTH-**DAY (March 23).

You've a tingling sense for a fortunate future. You'll jump on a hot trend and be the early adopter who can wring the dividends and fun out of it due to your excellent timing. The pleasures you savor are made all the sweeter by your talent for attracting the company who really appreciates the fullness of life as you do. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you.

Your lucky numbers are: 38, 10, 4, 44 and 17.

**LEO SECRET SU-PERPOWERS:** Every

sign has 'em. For LEO:

The Obvious: Leo will take a group of people and turn them into an audience, focused on Leo and enthralled by whatever the lion has up a sleeve. This is unifying. The people in the audience will have something in common with one another that they didn't have before the show went on.

The Uncanny: Leos remember the random details of their friends' lives -- and not the details their friends would prefer they remember. It's as though Leo is always collecting data for the next role or the next manuscript. This is probably exactly the

The Weird: The lion is a predator. If you ever have a strange feeling that your Leo friend wants to take/ eat/pounce on something of yours, protect it! Animal instincts are real. Don't forget that humans are animals,

The Extremely Useful: Leo will help you put your best foot forward publicitywise.

The Quietly Helpful: If you are bored, Leo will un-bore you. Often, this sign has latent talents -- musical, emotional, intrapersonal and more Leo will employ them all to make a good friend smile.

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be completely honest

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Dear Annie: I have been with my husband for 21 years, and we have been married for 15 years. I truly love him very much. But I try my best to avoid his brother and his brother's wife as much as I can because, whenever I try to talk with them, they constantly interrupt me. This makes me very angry.

I have talked with my

This annoys me to

stop without offending them? -- Don't Interrupt Me

Dear Don't Interrupt Me: I'm not sure your anger is directed at the right place. Interrupting someone is very rude, but people do it for a lot of reasons. Many times, it has to do with the person's own anxiety. That by no means warrants a punch in the face.

Avoiding family altogether is also not the best way to resolve the conflict. Ask yourself why you are so offended by their interruptions. And next time they do it, just take a deep breath and kindly ask them to let you finish.

Dear Annie: My daughter is marrying her fiance this summer. Due to COVID-19 and

they are having a small outdoor wedding and reception with just immediate family and a few friends -- around 40 people.

My question is regarding the bridal shower. We have friends and other family members who are not invited to the wedding, and I wish they could come to the shower, which will be held outdoors at my home. Is it against proper etiquette to invite people to the shower when they are not invited to the wedding?

I have asked a few close friends and family members, and the replies are 50/50. I don't want to insult anyone, nor do I want to leave them out. -- Mom of the Bride

**Dear Mom of the** 

**Bride:** During tradition-

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#### **Woman Interrupted**

husband about this. He says it's probably because I tell a story whenever I talk. I have asked my friends and family members if that is true. All of them say no. They say that I am a straight, to-the-point type of person.

the point that I want to punch them in the face.

How do I get them to financial restrictions

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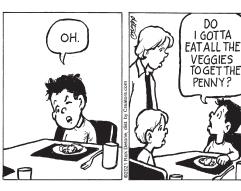
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## This Date In History

**Today in History** 

Today is Tuesday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2021. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

On this date:

In 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (the "Surprise" symphony) had its first public performance in London.

In 1806, explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.

In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

In 1942, the first Japanese-Americans evacuated by the U.S. Army during World War II arrived at the internment camp in Manzanar, California.

In 1965, America's first twoperson space mission took place as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight. In 1973, before sentencing a

group of Watergate break-in defendants, Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica read aloud a letter he'd received from James W. McCord Jr. which said there was "political pressure" to "plead guilty and remain silent."

In 1993, scientists announced they'd found the renegade gene that causes Huntington's disease.

In 2001, Russia's orbiting Mir space station ended its 15-year odyssey with a planned fiery plunge into the South Pacific.

In 2003, during the Iraq War, a U.S. Army maintenance convoy was ambushed in Nasiriyah (nahsih-REE'-uh); 11 soldiers were killed, including Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa (py-ES'-tuh-wah); six were captured, including Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who was rescued on

April 1, 2003.

In 2004, a federal commission concluded that Clinton and Bush administration officials had engaged in lengthy, ultimately fruitless diplomatic efforts instead of military action to try to get Osama bin Laden before the 9/11 attacks; top Bush officials countered that the terror attacks would have occurred even if the United States had killed the al-Qaida

In 2010, claiming a historic triumph, President Barack Obama signed the Affordable Care Act, a \$938 billion health care overhaul.

Ten years ago: Academy Awardwinning actor Elizabeth Taylor died in Los Angeles at age 79. NATO ships began patrolling off Libya's coast as airstrikes, missiles and energized rebels forced Moammar Gadhafi's tanks to roll back from two key western cities. A blast blamed on Palestinian militants ripped through a bus stop in Jerusalem, killing Mary Jean Gardner, a 59-year-old British tourist, and wounding two dozen other people, including five Americans. Army Spc. Jeremy Morlock pleaded guilty at his court-martial at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state to the murders of three unarmed Afghan civilians (he was sentenced to 24 years in prison).

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, on a fence-mending state visit to Buenos Aires, held up Argentina as an emerging world leader worthy of U.S. support, as he and President Mauricio Macri broke with years of tensions between their countries. Death claimed former baseball playerturned-broadcaster Joe Garagiola at age 90 and actor Ken Howard at

One year ago: President Donald Trump said he wanted to reopen the country for business in weeks, not months; he asserted that continued closures could result in more deaths than the coronavirus itself. Britain became the latest European country to go into effective lockdown, as Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered the closure of most retail stores and banned public gatherings. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo

Answer to previous puzzle

announced plans to convert a New York City convention center into a hospital with 1,000 beds. The Federal Reserve unleashed its boldest effort yet to protect the U.S. economy from the coronavirus; the Fed would buy both government-backed and corporate debt. An Arizona health system said a Phoenix-area man had died, and his wife was in critical condition, after the couple took chloroquine phosphate, an addi-

tive used to clean fish tanks; President Donald Trump had falsely stated days earlier that the Food and Drug Administration had approved the use of the antimalaria medication chloroquine to treat coronavirus.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Mark Rydell is 92. International Motorsports Hall of Famer Craig Breedlove is 84. Former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is 69. Singer

Chaka Khan is 68. Actor Amanda Plummer is 64. Actor Catherine Keener is 62. Actor Hope Davis is 57. Actor Richard Grieco is 56. Actor Marin Hinkle is 55. Rock singer-musician Damon Albarn (Blur) is 53. Actor Kelly Perine is 52. Actor-singer Melissa Errico is 51. Rock musician Humphrey (The Nixons) is 51. Bandleader Reggie Watts (TV: "The Late Late Show With James Corden") is 49. Actor Randall

Park is 47. Actor Michelle Monaghan is 45. Actor Ker Russell is 45. Actor Anastasia Griffith is 43. Gossip columnist blogger Perez Hilton is 43. Actor Nicholle Tom is 43. Actor Brandon Dirden is 43. Country singer Bret Young is 40. Actor Nicolas Wrigh is 39. Actor Ben Rappaport is 35 NBA point guard Kyrie Irving i

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## **Newsday Crossword**

- figures
- radio **10** Alphabetize, for
- example 14 Unspoken but
- understood 15
- **16** One of the
- mammal
- at a casino
- 23 Spelling
- **24** Commands
- 26 "Beats me!" 30 Quaint
- 33 Gang's home
- 35 Myanmar's
- 39 Map out

- **45** Not \_\_\_ many words
- 46 Flimsy, as an
- **47** Full of substance
- **54** What fills a football
- flavor, for short 56 Nickname for
- 63 Group of cattle

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Facts and
- 6 Two-band, as a
- one's time
- (wait) Great Lakes
- 17 Playful river
- **18** "Put a lid 19 Roof overhang
- 20 They're tossed
- 22 Originate (from)
- competition given to soldiers
- knickknack 32 Out of whack
- territory
- former name
- **40** Nose, informally **42** Laser's light
- 43 Opinion piece
- excuse
- 49 What a crusty dessert is
- baked in **51** Religious rift
- 55 Brown ice cream
- Minneapolis + St. Paul

- - a bell (sounded familiar) 65 Rude push
  - 66 List of options 67 and crafts 68 All done, as
  - dinner an estimate
  - **70** Pretzel shape 71 Get off the couch 25 Bit of a

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Command on a red traffic sign
- 2 "Bye-bye!"
- 3 Beginning of a play
- 4 Stadium level **5** Flashing dance-club light
- 6 Dwelling that might be "humble"

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7 Short skirt

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- 8 Savings protection agcy.
- 9 Shooting star **10** Observes an illusion of two of
- everything 11 Make a speech
- 12 Inland waterway **69** Phrase right after **13** Abounds (with)
  - 21 Impressive deeds
  - barbecued rack
  - **26** Back of the neck **27** Birds that hoot
  - 28 Nest egg savings 54 Nervous feeling plans: Abbr.
  - 29 Batman and Robin's nickname
  - 30 Old friend 31 Sci-fi vehicles: Abbr.

  - 34 Group of troops 36 Harvest, as crops

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  - 37 Middle of the Three Bears 38 Last word of a
  - church hymn 41 Subject of a discussion
  - **44** "I do" 48 The nationwide train network
  - 50 Showy spring blooms
  - 51 Hapless person **52** Gladden
  - 53 Trombones and trumpets
  - **57** Inform of danger 58 Take \_\_\_ account (consider)
  - **59** The one over there
  - 60 Slightest trace
  - **61** Get \_\_\_ (exact revenge)
  - **62** Emailer's

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## Lady Steers Powerlifting team competes in State Tournament

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Lady Steer Powerlifting team had three Participants compete in the State tournament this past weekend in Corpus Christi.

Jha'Niah Johnson had an amazing season for the Lady Steers but came up short in the State tournament, where she Bombed out in the Squat and out of the meet. She is only a Junior and will be a force to reckon with in her upcoming Senior year.

Ashlin Calvio has had a wonderful Powerlifting career for the lady steers. She showed that in earning her first trip to State in her Senior year. Unfortunately, she also bombed out on the squat, eliminating her from the tournament. She was a leader on this team and will be sorely missed going forward. The example she set for the younger athletes will resonate for years to come.

Gissele Holguin, only a Sophoall of State in her weight class, a phe-

nomenal accomplishment at such a young age. The young Sophmore also earned a personal record on her squat and Bench. She finished up the meet with a 670 pound total. The future is bright for Gissele, and looking forward to seeing what's in store for her moving forward.

Jocelyn Gonzales finished off her Big Spring pow-





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more, finished 11th overall, meaning The Big Spring Steers Traveled to Corpus Christi to participate in the State Powerlifting Tournament; she is the eleventh strongest girl in the team competed hard and had Jocelyn Gonzales take home a Bronze medal.

> erlifting career with an unbelievable third-place finish that earned the Lady Steer a Bronze Medal. Gonzales had a record-setting day for the Lady Steers; She set a school record with a fantastic 1000 pound total. She also set personal records in Squat with 395, Bench at 185, and deadlift with a massive 420 pounds. She was just inches away from a state

meet record of 445. The Steers will definitely; y miss Gonzales as she moves on; she will leave behind leadership and character legacy.

This Lady Steers team was one to remember as they battled all year long, and every young lady on this team deserves a standing ovation for a job well

#### **Sweet 16 bound:** 5 seed Oral Roberts tops Florida 81-78

By TIM BOOTH AP Sports

Dunk City, say hello to Max Abmas and soaring Oral Roberts.

The fraternity of No. 15 seeds to reach the second week of the NCAA Tournament has its second member.

"It's really just mind blowing," forward Kevin Obanor said. "We're grateful. Just happy that we got the win."

Abmas and Obanor led the way as Oral Roberts pulled off another surprise Sunday night, reaching the round of 16 with an 81-78 victory over Florida.

The Golden Eagles erased an 11-point deficit on the way to their seventh straight victory. Next up for the Summit League Tournament champions, who eliminated No. 2 seed Ohio State in the first round, is a matchup with No. 3 seed Arkansas next weekend.

"As I told the guys, we're not going to let somebody put a number in front of our name and tell us that that's our worth, or that's our value," Oral Roberts coach Paul Mills said. "We're not capitulating to anybody here."

Obanor scored 28 points and Abmas (pronounced ACE-mus), the regularseason national leading scorer, finished with 26 as the Golden Eagles (18-10) closed the game on a 25-11 run to overcome the 11-point lead Florida held with less than 10 minutes remaining.

Oral Roberts joins Florida Gulf Coast – those guys from "Dunk City" — as the only No. 15 seeds to reach the round of 16 in tournament history. The private evangelical university in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has won twice in the tournament for the first time since 1974 when it reached the region final before losing to Kansas.

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The Oral Roberts fans inside Indiana Farmers Coliseum chanted "Cinderella" during a wild celebration after the victory. The chance to reach the Sweet 16 was

a message hammered home by Mills after the opening victory over Ohio State. If they enjoyed beating the Buckeyes, Mills said, a week reveling in moving onto the next round would be even bet-

They'll get that chance.

"I told them, 'I told you so,' when we got to locker room," Mills said. "I told you the Sweet 16 was a much better feeling.

Oral Roberts took a 77-76 lead — its first lead since late in the first half — on Obanor's basket with less than 3 minutes remaining. Noah Locke answered for the Gators, but DeShang Weaver, who missed his first five shots, hit an open 3-pointer for an 80-78 lead with 2:08 remaining.

Florida had a chance but failed to get good shots on its final few possessions. The Gators had a pair of turnovers, Locke missed a corner 3-pointer and, after Obanor split free throws, difficult 3-point attempts by Tre Mann and Scottie Lewis were off line.

Mann led the Gators (15-10) with 19 points, but went quiet late in the second half, failing to score over the final 17 minutes.

"I just missed shots," Mann said. "We made the same plays we did in the first half. I got the same shots. I just missed shots. I didn't get the wide-open looks I was getting."

Locke finished with 17 points and Colin Castleton and Tyree Appleby both added 14 for the Gators. But there will be plenty of anger and frustration after

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The Gators shot 55%. They outrebounded the smaller Golden Eagles

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straight NCAA appearance and a game 37-24 and had 42 points in the paint. But Florida committed 20 turnovers and had just three made baskets over the final  $9\frac{1}{2}$  minutes.



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