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# The gift of giving this Christmas

A simple act of kindness can bridge the gap between us

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

'Tis the season for giving.

Big Spring Intermediate Principal Patsy Sanchez along with students and staff have been providing little tokens of appreciation throughout the community. As this year has provided its own share of challenges, finding the opportunities to give back where needed can add a silver lining to the giver and the receiver. For anyone who reads the news or

turns into national coverage, it is evident that social distancing and separation across the nation is taking a toll on all ages. Locally there have been several efforts launched to bridge the gap that has been created.

"I've seen and read on the news how loved ones in nursing homes have gone so long without seeing their loved ones. I think of my dad who is 81 years old. Luckily, he lives next door to me so I'm able to care for him. Since Covid hit he has not left his home other than when I've taken him to get a haircut or to the doctor. He and my mom were married for 49 years. She died 2 months before their 50th wedding anniversary. She has been gone for 8 years now. He tells me he gets lonely and how the house seems so quiet. I can only imagine what it's like for those in nursing homes that because of Covid, their loved ones cannot visit," Patsy Sanchez, Big Spring Intermediate Principal said.

The impact has been felt across the board and as an educator, the impact is seen on a daily basis as students learn to adjust to a new way of

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Courtesy photo

Patsy Sanchez, BSI Principal, is pictured delivering goodies to Parkview as part of the giving back outreach.

# Lions Club sponsors Christmas in Coahoma







The Coahoma Lion's Club once again hosted the Christmas Home Decorating Contest and three winners were named. Pictured above (very top) is the First Place Winner, the Second Place winner is pictured above left, and the Third Place home is pictured above right. The houses were judged last Friday with winners notified the same night. In addition, Santa made a special visit to Coahoma and made his way through the community to say hello to Coahoma residents. Due to the pandemic situation, the Christmas in the Park was cancelled this year, in the best interest of the residents. Despite a few changes having to be made, Christmas cheer was felt throughout Coahoma.

# Eagles Lodge distributes toys to community youth; donates to St. Vincent de Paul food bank



Courtesy photo/Natalie Permenter

The Eagles Lodge helped spread Christmas cheer as they distributed \$15,000 worth of toys to community youth to help them have a happy holiday. In addition, the Eagles Lodge donated \$2,500 to support St. Vincent de Paul food bank distributions. See more information in the story on Page 3.





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- Isaiah 58's last distribution will be Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The food pantry will be closed for the holiday season, through the end of the year beginning Dec. 21. through January 5, 2021.
- The City of Big Spring recently announced that due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, all indoor cityowned rental facilities including our venue, The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, will be closed for the rest of the year. With this announcement and with no other venue options that will properly social distance our musicians, we will be unable to kick off our season on Dec. 19 with our "Holiday Spectacular" Concert. Be watching our Facebook page, Symphony (Bigspringsymphony.org), the Big Spring Herald, KBYG and KBST for further details and a new kick-off date for our season, appropriately entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony". Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through these unusual times. We hope to see you very soon. May you and your family stay safe and healthy through the rest of this Holiday Season!
- The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who en-

ter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

- City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at mybigspring.com.
- 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 at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.
- A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around

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

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

- The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.
- The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.
- St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.
- Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.
- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver

Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for at tendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Bap tist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Face book page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.
- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.
- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.
- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome.

# **Support Groups**

# FRIDAY

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

# SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

# SUNDAY

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

# MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

# 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.
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Pictured above left is Patsy Sanchez delivering goodies to the staff at Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home as part of the outreach that recently took place on behalf of Big Spring Intermediate. Pictured above right is April Arms, with Scenic Mountain Medical Center, accepting baked goodies on the behalf of the nursing staff as

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a sign of appreciation.

learning and parents and staff adjust to a new way of ensuring their students are receiving the best possible education and normalcy. "It does not take much to make a difference. I

believe any token of appreciation, no matter how big or small, will show our nurses, PD, residents at nursing homes, that they are not alone. They can even take something like the Christmas Blessing or Nurses' Prayer and read it periodically to remind them they are appreciated, loved, and not alone," Sanchez said.

Giving back is nothing new for Sanchez and those at BSI, but this year, the giving took on a different twist with a focus on nursing home residents and healthcare facilities. In previous years the school has reached out to support law enforcement on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day through donations of microwaves, treat bags, and other goodies. This year, that extension of giving was redirected to those who have been on the front line of the pandemic and those who seem to

be deeply impacted.

"The youth is our future. They are the future nurses, doctors, police officers, teachers, etc...I think it's important they learn, "it's better to give than to receive." Our 6th grade student council went to read to the pre-k (Kentwood) little ones. They also helped them build gingerbread houses. They said they wanted to do something for the little ones that was fun and that as leaders of our campus it was important to do something nice without any kind of reward in return," she said.

While so many have seen a downturn with many businesses and industries having layoffs and shutdowns, it has made it difficult for the giving to take place. However, Sanchez reminds the community it doesn't take a large amount of finances to give; a simple gesture or volunteer moment can have just a deep of an impact.

"I encourage people to look at the positives. Don't fall victim of the negativity. For example, there are so many great things going on in our schools. Primarily, teaching and learning. I understand making the decision to send your child to school face to face or even virtual, was not easy. The positive is the kids are learning and socializing in the most safe environment possible. The positive is as a community we've moved forward despite this pandemic. It's going to take a whole lot more than Covid to bring Big Spring down. We will continue to fight this by wearing our mask, practicing social distancing, and washing our hands frequently. We will fight this together and we are and will remain, Steer strong," Sanchez said.

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# Eagle's Lodge gives back to the community



Courtesy photo

St. Vincend De Paul received a donation from the Eagle's Lodge to help with the food bank and other assistance offered through their program.

By NATALIE PERMENTER

Herald Contributing Writer

Giving is the reason for the season and Big Spring residents know how to do just that. On Saturday, Dec. 19, the Fraternal order of Eagles Lodge 3188's members distributed toys, food and also a check to another local charity. According to Scott Engelson, Eagles Lodge 3188 Trustee, \$15,000 was raised to help make Christmas a little more joyful for many local families.

The "Eagles Christmas for Kids"

disbursement took place at the lodge building, located at 703 West 3rd Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Families were given food for their holiday meal and gifts for their kids. There was also a special visit from Santa. According to Engleson, 46 families, including 110 children were helped.

"Our motto is 'People helping People' and that's what we do," said En-

Engelson talked about the blessing it was to see the excited kids as they

up when Santa arrived for a visit and

The giving didn't stop there.

Also in the morning, around 11 a.m., Scott Engelson presented a \$2500 check on behalf of Eagles Lodge 3188 to St. Vincent de Paul's Chapter President, Rosario Medrano, for their

Food bank. St. Vincent de Paul is located at 1009 Hearn Street and gives out regular assistance to needy families including food and other assistance such as rent, utilities, medical and gas vouchers. For more information on St. Vincent de Paul's program or for an emergency need, call 432-606-5000 or email SVDP2018@yahoo.com.

This was the second year for "Eagles Christmas for Kids", but the Eagles Lodge has been partnering with other community partners for the past 20 years in making Christmas joyful for kids and families.

"We also do a lot of

received the toys, and their faces lite benefits to raise money for various individual needs," Engelson said.

For more information or to partner with the Eagles Lodge on community outreach, contact Scott Engelson at 432-741-9998. Those wanting to find out more on membership, a need or to donate can also reach out to Engelson or any of the Lodge members.

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Jr. 66 died Wednesday. Visitation will be Noon until 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will at 11:00 AM Saturday, December 26, 2020 at Life Church.

Alvin Marin, 83, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers Smith Home.

Richard Mills, 72 died Monday. Services are pending at Myers Funeral & Smith Home.

James Ray Roger, 78, died Saturday. Family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at College Baptist Church.

John Puga, 79, died

Armando Salgado, visitation will be from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with a Vigil service at 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Myers Smith Home. Funeral Funeral service will be on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

> Jonathan Harmon, 37, died Wednesday Family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Saturday December 26, 2020 from 2:00 PM until 3:00

> John Fisher, 83, died Sunday. Viewing and visitation will Saturday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be Saturday, December 26, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# 'Tis the season for giving - Howard County Youth focus on giving back to the community





Courtesy photos Big Spring Intermediate Student Council members took time to visit with the Kentwood students and read a few stories, before the holiday break. This outreach was an effort to show the students the importance of giving back and allow the younger students to see older students stepping up and supporting them.







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4th grade students at Forsan Elementary School brought toys and other goodies for the cats and dogs at the Happy Days Humane Society. In lieu of exchanging gifts in their classes, these students represented the true spirit of the season by giving to animals in need at their annual classroom Christmas parties. Thank you so much to these students for their kindness and generosity.



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# TSTC student finds dream job before completing program

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Will Hancock has landed his dream job.

The Texas State Technical College Computer Networking and Systems Administration student will begin working for Bangs ISD as an information technology specialist while completing his graduation requirements. He credits TSTC with helping him find the career opportunity in the field he fell in love with as a child.

"When I was around five or six, my grandmother bought me one of the old Macintosh computers with the floppy discs," said the 34-year-old Hancock. "I played games on that a lot. I got another computer when I was 10 or 11 and took it apart and put it back together just to see how it works."

After high school, Hancock did not look to further his education immediately but went to work

for an internet company.

go back at some point."

"I fell back in love with technology when I got that job," he said.

It wasn't until he was sitting with his daughter and former wife that he realized he wanted to go to college.

"I wanted my daughter to have everything, and I

knew school would be the only way to do that," he said.
While working for a broadband wireless internet

company, he decided that TSTC would provide him

with the skills needed to make his dream become a career.

"I am now living my dream. This is all I wanted to do since I was 19 years old," Hancock said of working on computers. "At that time, I did not think

Today, Hancock praises TSTC and how instruc-

school would be important. I thought maybe I will

tors welcome students of all ages to the program. He passes that message to people he meets in Brownwood and Bangs.

"I have told a bunch of people about TSTC. They ask me if they should go back to school, and I tell them to do it," he said. "It does not matter what age you are. TSTC has so many programs and can teach you a trade that you want to work in. The learning process is great, and everyone is willing to help."

cause of his computer knowledge, but he admitted some of the district's computers are older models. "They have the old touch screens around the schools," he said. "They told me that I should know

Hancock said Bangs ISD officials hired him be

schools," he said. "They told me that I should know how they work. I do, but it has been a while since I have seen them. It is going to be nice to work on things I love."

For more information about TSTC, visit tstc.edu.

# Let's play some Bingo - BSI students take on a round of Xmas Selfie Bingo to get in the holiday spirit before going on break











BSI did a Christmas selfie Bingo. Students who completed the Bingo were entered into a drawing. Pictured are the winners for BSI Xmas Selfie Bingo. According to Big Spring Intermediate Principal Patsy Sanchez, the school staff wanted to do something fun and something that engaged the parents as well. The kids had a lot of fun and they turned out super cute. Just trying to give our kids some sense of normalcy in the middle of this crazy pandemic. Pictured are Cash Ripple (far left); Jaslynn Williams (second from left); Turner Lathem (center); Brathan Harrell (second from right); and Angel Llanez (right).

















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# Home Country: Horse training lessons



Slim Randles

on the tailgate of his pickup, looking out at the world and thinking he's doing all right. The two little kids walking down the sidewalk saw their favorite cowboy sitting there and grinned.

"Hi Steve!"

"Oh hey there, Bobby ... Sylvia ... how you kids doing these days?"

"Had a good Thanksgiving. Yep. Getting ready for Christmas. Bobby was telling me just a

teve was just sitting there while ago that he wants to train horses, like you, when he grows up."

"I told you not to say anything, Syl, but there you go again. Now Steve will think all I want is horse training lessons."

"Horse training lessons?" Steve said. "Now that would be a good idea, actually. It's always a smart thing to learn from others' mistakes before you make the same ones."

"Mistakes?"

"See this scar on my arm?" They both nodded. "Barbed wire fence at 27 miles an hour. Horse didn't have a mark on him."

"That was a mistake?"

"Sure was, Bobby. I wasn't supposed to ride

that horse. I was about 12, and they told me to ride something gentler."

"But you didn't, huh?"

"No, Sylvia I didn't, because when you're 12, you already know more than the grown-ups around you. It was great, being that smart when I was only

The kids examined every inch of the scar. "I bet you learned, huh?"

"Oh sure, I learned never to run a fractious horse along a barbed-wiire fence. And I learned other stuff, too. My right leg's been broken once and I couldn't work for almost two months. My left

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# The Prince Of Peace

called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

You don't have to look too hard or long to know that we do not live in a world of peace. But Jesus, the Prince of peace, brings peace into our lives, and He does so by lifting us up. Yes, as the Psalmist said – "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and estab-

lished my goings". This world's version of peace seems to be that of the oppressing of many for the peace of a few. But not so with Jesus; He never oppressed anyone. The Word of God says that Jesus was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. Je-

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peace. Jesus brought us up by going under that He might lift us up. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, has no need to oppress the many that a few might have peace because the government shall be upon His shoulder. Jesus doesn't bring peace into our lives by placing us under His feet. He lifts us up and places us upon His shoulder. He doesn't smash us under His feet,

shoulder. Are there any enemies that Jesus must subdue that we might have peace? Will He put these enemies under His feet? Yes, He will. 1 Corinthians 15:25-26 says - "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death". As sinners, God no longer sees us as His enemies because, even while we were yet His enemies, Christ died for us. Jesus sees death as His and our greatest enemy because death is the greatest enemy. For this reason, Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a per-

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or unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the gov- from the dead on the third day that He might defeat death. And now, as the ernment shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be Prince of peace, Jesus reigns in us by giving us life. And this government is not under His feet, but upon His shoulder. This is what Christmas is all about.



# EXTRA, EXTRA Thanks & Merry Wishes

o our readers and community, we want to express our deep L gratitude for your essential support through the events of 2020. We're committed to keeping you connected and informed, and we appreciate your continued trust in us.

We hope you have a healthy and happy holiday season, and we wish you all the best in the new year!



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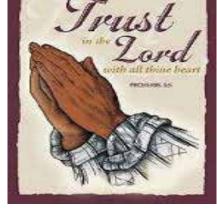
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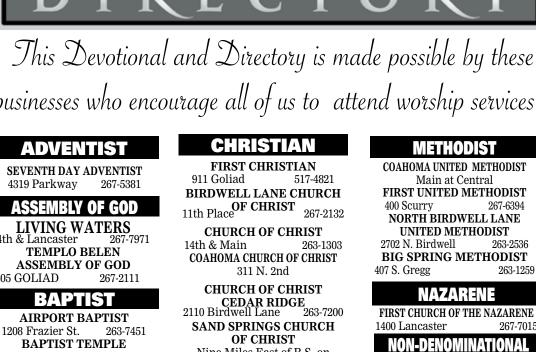
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# **Church News**

### First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Our Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet and hymns. At 11 a.m., The Bridge service featuring contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KBYG-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, Pastor Ricky shared about 'An Everlasting Father". This coming Sunday the 27, our Music Minister, Dan Kiley will be sharing his heart. Come join us this coming Sunday for Sunday school and Worship!

Wednesday Dec. 30, NO "Celebrate Recovery".

No Wednesday night activities on Dec. 30

We are all anticipating the New Year. May we continue to Seek God first and His righteousness! Have a Blessed New Year!!!

For more information on any activity, please visit the web site at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

## **Naz Family Church**

This Sunday - Now What? Have you ever come to the end of a great book or t.v. series and thought, "Now what? Where do I go from here? What will be the next great experience in life?" Christmas can feel a little bit like that. With all the build up and excitement, once the presents are opened and the decorations put away, we're sometimes left with wondering where we go from here. We can sometimes find ourselves standing in that same space in our spiritual journey as well. Join us this Sunday as we discover our Now What as followers of Jesus.

time and location for the NazFamily Bridge Campus. On Sunday, Jan. 3, the Bridge will begin a 5 p.m. worship service at our 1400 S. Lancaster location. All are welcome! Men's Breakfast - Start off 2021 headed in the right

The Bridge - The New Year will usher in a new

direction. Join us for our Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 2nd @ 8:00am. It is a great time of food, fellowship, and faith building togeth-

Food Boxes - Every Tuesday & Thursday we make food boxes available in our church office from 10am 12pm for anyone in need (excluding days the office is closed for a holiday). If you know someone who needs an extra blessing they can come by the office at that time or contact us at (432) 267-7015.

# First Presbyterian Church, Big

Mia Burch and Doug Mays lit the Advent Candle on the Fourth Sunday of Ad-

vent, and Kay Kennemur was the Psalm reader for last Sunday.

The Christmas Eve Service, a service of scriptures and carols, will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24.

First Presbyterian Church now has a Sermon Podcast on ITunes. The sermon from last week may be found at www.fpcbigspring.com/Sermons.

For anyone wishing to join in a daily prayer, one may go to www.fpcbigspring.com and select Daily Prayers. Rev. Allen Cross also posts a Weekly Devotional at that website, which may provide food for

thought or help during time of stress or feelings of isolation. The devotional is posted on Wednesdays. Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 6:00

p.m. in Fellowship Hall.. Anyone wishing to join in the study by Zoom can find the link to the meeting in Faith Notes or online at the First Presbyterian Fellowship group on Facebook.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch meets in Fellowship Hall at 11:30. There will not be a Lunch Bunch on Dec. 24.

The Service Committee has food bags in the Narthex to be picked up by members to put in one's car to give to someone in need.

The Discovery Class began a study by Adam Hamilton for the Advent season entitled Faithful Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph. This study follows Joseph from humble carpenter through the nativity and will conclude this Sunday...

The Youth Bible Study, led by Tom Koger, meets

in the Youth Room. The Children's Class continues the Advent study

with a lesson on "A Baby Is Born" for December 6. Nancy Koger is teaching this class.

The Sunday morning Take Ten fellowship in the parlor between Sunday School and worship has resumed. Kay Kennemur is host for this week.

Christmas are: Psalm 148: 9-14:

Isaiah 62:1-3; Luke 2: 27-38.: Rev. Allen Cross will lead the worship service. His sermon topic is "A New Era.". Organist/music director Gabe Martinez leads the music on the organ and piano. The children will collect the Noisy Offering during the Children's Moment. Anyone who is not attend-

ing worship physically may hear the service on KBST 1490 AM at 11:00 a.m. as usual or online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date. A copy of the liturgy for the service may be downloaded from the website or by receiving a copy by calling the church office

Please call the church office at 263-4211 for other information. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook. Although the physical address of First Presbyterian Church is 701 Runnels, the mailing address is P. O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas

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Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and we are having class each Sunday morning. Our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You can catch us on Facebook Live on our Facebook page. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Christmas Eve Service will begin at 7pm.

The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 61: 10-62:3, Galatians 4:4-7, and Luke 2:22-40. The psalm is Psalm 111.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study will take a two week break. We will resume on Jan. 6, 2021. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. We are studying Lutheranism 101. Please come and join us. Bill Dorey will present the scripture readings

this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

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Sunday, Jan. 3 – Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. for our onsite worship service. Our 11 a.m. service will be onsite & online.

You can find our CCC Live Worship Experience online at facebook.com/ CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Wednesday, Jan. 6 - Join us ON-LINE this Wednesday at our 7 p.m. worship/bible study service. We love seeing what happens in people's lives when they discover God through the study of His Word. Let us explore the

Bible together and see what it tells us about the God

who has woven His story through history and is present with us now.

Transportation Ministry - You need a ride to Lectionary passages for the First Sunday of church? CCC offers pick-up services on Sundays

for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride for Sunday please contact the church office. Cornerstone Covenant

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12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or

email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

# College Baptist Church

Christmas past for another year. What did you give Him for His birthday? There is still time to serve Him. Start your New Year right. Go to Church. What an opportunity to serve Him! Just praising God at College Baptist Church, as we welcome new members through salvation and baptism! Come see what God is doing at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. We are open on Sunday morning at 9:15 for Bible Study for all ages. Worship time is at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday activities begin at 5:45-6:30 p.m. for a fellowship meal. Youth activities start at 6 p.m. and adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. with children meeting for King's Kids and Krafts. Girl's Missions meet on Sunday at 5 p.m. Come join in the fun as we prepare for the celebration of a New Year serving our Lord.

Services for Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020, are in the building. We are live streaming and on our Face Book page as well. Come catch God's perfect 2020 vision! We have face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer available, and we are practicing social distancing. Families are sitting together. Visitors, it was a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us—it will be exciting to welcome new faces and old alike. Our services are lively and worshipful.

College Baptist Church has set our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal. This goal is a challenging one that will reach to the foreign mission field as we continue on mission for our Lord.

We definitely enjoy the worship time as our ministry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God's Word, leading us as Jesus lives through us. Come study the makings of a Godly family founded on the Rock Solid Foundation of Jesus. Keep your spiritual 2020 Vision on as we near the end of this age, as our pastor reminds us every Sunday. Jesus is coming SOON! Take a part in these joyful activities, and exciting worship, praising the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning Men's, Ladies' and youth meetings at this great and friendly

# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by social gathering outside the church in the Courtyard & Bennett Garden. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Facebook Live Streaming

Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's will be Live Streaming their service on Facebook, website www.facebook.com/ StMarysBigSpring/. What a great way to listen OR participate

in the service at the comforts of your home or where ever you may be at that time of day.

# Memories of Christmas: Part 3

# <u>By LILLIAN BOHANNAN</u>

Special to the Herald

When my son was a child, we went to my mother's home from Big Spring, Texas to Northern Nevada to spend Christmas with my family. My son was eight years old, and hung out with my younger brothers, his uncles. They played in the snow, went car hooding, where you tied a rope to your pick up truck, and an old car hood, and went up and down the

country roads so fast that you would be thrown off in the snow banks. When my brothers first asked if

they could take him, I told them not without me. I was thirty at the time and scared to death they were going to kill us both. We had a ball.

During this time in our world there is a lot more going on than dangerous rides behind an old pick up truck in the snow. We are dealing with friends dying, people we've known for years,

all of a sudden not there anymore.

Christmas is especially hard to lose loved ones, because we may even have to deal with left over presents under the tree with their names on them. So how do you deal with the stress in the

season of peace and goodwill to men? Well, I'm so glad you asked. When I think of those gone on before me, I think of what Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." He came at this time as a baby placed in a feed trough

as the Bread of Life. He lived that perfect life as the only Begotten Son of God. Then He took the most dangerous journey into death for you and me to forgive our sin debt. He rose again victorious over that death. When I think of people in this season

who pass on to Heaven, I realize they took their last breath here and their next breath in the most beautiful of places. They get to spend Christmas with Jesus this year.

# Something to think about ...

I believe that human beings are seekers by nature. We are always searching for something.

We find ourselves searching for meaning, seeking significance, looking for more information, or just looking for our car in the parking lot. Too often, I'm simply trying to find the remote control. I think that my family intentionally hides it from me just for fun.

Why is that little device so difficult to find? The popularity of internet search

engines shouldn't be all that surprising because human beings are

of who we are. We want to know. We long to understand. Google has become so popular, most of us don't know what we would do without it. 20 years ago, if you told someone to "Google it" they would have looked at you like you were crazy. Now it is a part of our everyday life because we

are seekers by nature. It is also no surprise that our children love seek-

ing games. Where's Waldo, Hidden Pictures, I Spy, and Scavenger Hunts can keep our kids occupied for hours. In fact, I will never forget a time that my kids begged me to play hide and seek. They really wanted me to hide, and they loved searching to find After several rounds, I decided I was making it

way too easy, so I found a really good hiding place in our house. They searched and searched, but

o search carefully for the child. ~ Matalways searching for something. It is simply a part—couldn't find me. I could hear their voices in the other room. Pretty soon, they got distracted. After a little while, they decided to play another game. I was still hiding, but they stopped searching for me. I finally got tired of waiting and came out of my hiding place. They were into whatever new game they were playing and had forgotten all about

I wonder, are you still seeking after the Lord? Or have you gotten distracted by other games and stopped looking for Him?

One day God will come out from His hiding place.

I wonder what He will find His children up to on that day. God tells us through the prophet Jeremiah, "You

will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart!" (Jeremiah 29:13)

What are you searching for these days?

# Reflections: Covid Christmas

ast week my wife baked cookies, brownies and snacks for our neighbors. We both donned our masks and walked down the street distributing bags of Christmas goodies to our friends, a token of our love and appreciation for them during this Covid year of 2020.

> BILL goodies to her house, the door. Her mother

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One of our neighbor families is Vietnamese. They have a bright and cheerful nine-year-old daughter, Anna who loves to play with our grandchildren. When we took our Christmas Anna greeted us at

doesn't speak English. The following day, Anna rang our doorbell with a gift bag of her own. Inside she placed a Hershey's bar, two fun-size Snickers and M&Ms. We suspect it was her leftover Halloween candy. She was thrilled to give it, and we were touched beyond measure. Little acts of kindness help us all get

through. For many this Christmas is especially painful. While we feel some relief with the first vaccines, we recognize that more than 300,000 families lost loved ones to Covid-19 this year. Many years ago, I officiated a funer-

al on Christmas Eve for one of our best friends who was barely twenty-nine. The Holidays are not always joyous. But the meaning of the day when God sent His Son to save us from our sins is all the more meaningful. We all know the stories that led up

to the birth: Joseph and Mary on their long journey to Bethlehem, turned away from every inn until they found a stall where the child was born; the hovering star that led the Magi from the east bearing their prophetic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The shepherds shocked from their sleep on the hillside by the angels of heaven proclaiming a Savior. But we pay little attention to what happened "the day after."

Like most of us, Mary and Joseph had little time to enjoy the Christmas events that surrounded them. They were immediately faced with Herod's efforts to hunt down their Son. The soldiers fell upon Bethlehem with a vengeance, slaughtering every male child two years old and younger. (Matthew 2:16). Warned in a dream, Joseph fled with his little family to Egypt where they spent eight years hiding as refugees from Herod's

Thousands today are living in exile, refugees from war. In some places believers are spending these days in prison for their faith. Some are facing death because they have embraced Jesus as Son of God and Savior. Many others have heavy hearts from the loss of loved ones.

The full story of Jesus' birth embraces both the heights of joy and the depths of sorrow. Whether we are filled with celebration and happiness or thrown into heartache and despair, God is sufficient. He has been there. He knows our joy and our sorrow, and He has given His Son that we might know Him.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@ tinsleycenter.com.

# Taking a look at the tradition of the Epiphany

Special to the Herald

While some may think the holiday season ends once New Year's Day comes and goes, for Christians, the season continues into January with the feast of the Epiphany.

The Epiphany occurs 12 days after Christmas, which falls on January 6 (or January 19 for some Orthodox churches that celebrate Christmas on January 7). The Epiphany celebrates the Three Kings, also known as the Three Wise Men, who visited Jesus shortly after his birth.

The Epiphany is celebrated by Catholics and Orthodox Christians. Among Hispanics, the day is known as El Día de los Reyes.

Many traditions are included in Epiphany celebrations. According to the Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University, three historical traditions of the Epiphany include baking a "Kings' Cake," marking a door lintel with the Magi's blessing, and participating in worship with lighted candles. Some families also exchange gifts on the Epiphany to commemorate the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Three Wise Men presented to Jesus upon arriving at the manger.

Chalking doors

Celebrants of the Epiphany can mark their own doors, also called "chalking the doors." This tradition is a centuries-old practice that serves as a request of Christ to bless the homes marked so that all those who dwell inside remain blessed through-

out the year. The marking includes the first digits of the year, followed by the initials of the Magi Caspar, Malchior and Balthazar — followed by the last digits of the year. For 2018 the formula should read: 20 + C + M + B + 18. Others believe the letters represent abbreviation of the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat," or "May Christ bless the house.

# King cakes

King cakes vary by region. In Spain,

local bakers make a special ring-shaped roll. In France, it is a flat almond cake with a toy crown cooked inside. In Mexico, bakers put a figure of Baby Jesus inside a cake. The person who finds the figure is awarded the honor of baking or providing the cake for the following year and hosting the Epiphany celebration.



The Epiphany occurs 12 days after Christmas and is focused on celebrating the three kings - Three Wise Men - who visited Jesus shortly

after his birth.

Lighting candles

Individuals are urged to keep candles lit on the Epiphany. This is to symbolize how Jesus' presence on Earth was comparable to light entering a

darkened world. The arrival of the New Year beckons an important religious celebration that extends the magic of the Christmas season.

# History and lyrics of O Christmas Tree

"O Christmas Tree" is a wildly popular holiday song. In fact, the song is so popular that there are many different versions, each of which is based on a traditional German folk song. That song, "O Tannenbaum," is centuries old and has nothing to do with Christmas.

"O Christmas Tree"

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree Thy leaves are so unchanging O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree Thy leaves are so unchanging Not only green when summer's here But also when it's cold and drear O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree Thy leaves are so unchanging

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree Such pleasure do you bring me O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree Such pleasure do you bring me For every year this Christmas tree Brings to us such joy and glee O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree Such pleasure do you bring me

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree You'll ever be unchanging A symbol of goodwill and love You'll ever be unchanging Each shining light, each silver bell No one alive spreads cheer so well O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree

You'll ever be unchanging

foot was stomped on and two bones broken by a draft horse I was shoeing, and this scar on the back of my neck? Low branch on a tree and a runaway colt. And on this other arm ... see these? That's all from a horse jerking his hoof while I was shoeing him and I hadn't clinched the nail yet.

Bobby thought for a minute. "That's a lot of learning, Steve. Did it hurt?

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"I .... well ... I guess I'd better ask my folks first."

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Drake Maye

**Tanner Atkins** 

Trainer





2020 Academic All State Honorable Mention

By SHAWN MORAN **Herald Sports Writer** 

Now that we have moved past football season in Howard County, the post-season honors and recognitions are beginning to come in for football and the other fall sports. The Texas High School Coaches Association recently compiled their Football Academic All-State Teams and 10 student-athletes from Howard County landed on those prestigious teams. The THSCA bases its honor on the following areas: GPA, class rank, and ACT/SAT score.

From Coahoma, a total of nine players and trainers were recognized for their work off the field and in the classroom by the state organization.

Bulldog players Seth Brooks, Colin Daniels, Noah Dials, Bryden Fontana, Brenner Gartman, Gravson Glidewell, and Kolt Redden were honored, as well as CHS trainers MaKynlee Overton and Tanner Atkins. All of them were named to one the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) Football Academic All-State Teams and should feel a great sense of accomplishment. All of those student-athletes have shown the dedication to be successful both on the field and in the classroom.

"This is a big honor and a testament to these kids taking care of their business in the classroom," Coahoma ISD Athletic Di-

rector Chris Joslin said. "These are excellent student leaders who work hard both on the field and in their academic studies, and it's a well deserved honor for them to be recognized as among the top academic student-athletes in the state."

Glidewell was the lone First Team selection for the Bulldogs. Atkins, Brooks, Daniels, Fontana, and Overton were all Second Team selections. Dials, Gartman, and Redden were all chosen as Honorable Mentions.



From Forsan, Cameron Allen was the lone Buffalo to find a spot on an Academic All-State Team as an Honorable Mention.

All of these student-athletes did a tremendous job of representing for their schools and Howard County. "Education is a priority over and sport be-

cause without a mind you can't contribute to society," PGA golfer Tiger Woods once "Sports programs are an important part of young people's lives but should never

overshadow the true purpose of high school and that is to earn a diploma," Indiana high school football coaching legend George M. Gilbert said in his book. Athletes from all over the country strive to succeed in both the classroom and at their

respective sports. The reality is that only a special group of student-athletes excel enough to reach that accomplishment. Coahoma has led the way during the fall

in terms of All-Academic selections and are a program that has shown they show just as much commitment to their schoolwork as they do to their game plan.

Congratulations to all of the selections.

Shawn Moran is the sports writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-



Kolt Redden #12





College

Ohio State Alabama

Undecided

Undecided Alabama Miami (FL) Clemson N. Carolina Ohio State Undecided Georgia Alabama Texas

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Texas A&M Alabama Notre Dame Texas A&M Undecided Florida Undecided

N. Carolina

Clemson

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Ohio State

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# tball Recruits

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2020 ESPN Top 50 High School Footba											
Rank	Player	Hometown	Position								
1	Jack Sawyer	Pickerington, OH	DE								
2	Tom Brockermeyer	Fort Worth, TX	OT								
3	Korey Foreman	Corona, CA	DE								
4	J.T. Tuimoloau	Bellevue, WA	DT								
5	J.C. Latham	Bradenton, FL	OT								
6	Leonard Taylor	Miami, FL	DT								
7	Jeremiah Trotter Jr.	Philadelphia, PA	OLB								
8	Keeshawn Silver	Rocky Mount, NC	DE								
9	TreVeyon Henderson	•	RB								
10	Terrence Lewis	Miami, FL	OLB								
11	Smael Mondon	Dallas, GA	ATH								
12	Dallas Turner	Fort Lauderdale, FL	OLB								
13	Ja'Tavion Sanders	Denton, TX	ATH								
14	Sam Huard	Burien, WA	QB								
15	Caleb Williams	Washington, D.C.	QB								
16	Mario Williams Jr.	Plant City, FL	WR								
17	Dylan Brooks	Roanoke, AL	DE								
18	Jake Garcia	Loganville, GA	QB								
19	Amarius Mims	Cochran, GA	OT								
20	Xavien Sorey	Bradenton, FL	ATH								
21	Will Shipley	Matthews, NC	RB								
22	Tristan Leigh	Fairfax, VA	OT								
23	J.J. McCarthy	Bradenton, FL	QB								
24	Damon Payne	Belleville, MI	DT								
25	Jake Rubley	West Des Moines, IA	QB								
26	Derrick Davis Jr.	Monroeville, PA	S								
27	Savion Byrd	Duncanville, TX	OT								
28	Emeka Egbuka	Steilacoom, WA	WR								
29	Kyle McCord	Philadelphia, PA	QB								
30	Payton Page	Greensboro, NC	DT								
31	Garrett Dellinger	Clarkston, MI	OT								
32	James Williams	Fort Lauderdale, FL	OLB								
33	Nolan Rucci	Lititz, PA	OT								
34	Brock Vandagriff	Bogart, GA	QB								
35	Demeioun Robinson	Gaithersburg, MD	OLB								
36	Miller Moss	Mission Hills, CA	QB								
37	Shemar Turner	DeSoto, TX	DE								
38	Ga'Quincy McKinstry	Pinson, AL	ATH								
39	Tyler Buchner	La Mesa, CA	QB								
40	Tunmise Adeleye	Katy, TX	DE								
41	Camar Wheaton	Garland, TX	RB								
42	Jason Marshall	Miami, FL	CB								
43	Tywone Malone	Oradell, NJ	DT								
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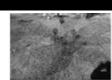
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**Environmental** Assessment for the **Proposed Land Exchange** of Federal and Private Lands

**Plains Area Office Agricultural Research** Center

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Research Service, Plains Area Office has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts associated with the proposed land exchange of ARS land in Big Spring, Howard County, TX with privately-owned land in Hale County, near Abernathy, TX. This notice announces the availability of the EA for public review and comment. The EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, and evaluates the potential impacts of the Proposed Action and No Action alternatives. Under the Proposed Action Alternative, the ARS land in Big Spring, TX would be exchanged for privatelyowned land near Abernathy, TX to provide land suitable for farm cultivation research, allowing the ARS Cropping Systems Research Laboratory to meet their current research needs and mission priorities. The Big Spring site would be acquired by a thirdparty oil and gas company that would construct and install a wellsite and associated flow pipelines.

This EA will be open for public review for 30 days, from December 18 through January 16. An electronic copy of the EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is available on the ARS 's website at https://www.ars.usda.gov/plai ns-area/lubbock-tx/croppingsystems-researchlaboratory/docs/lubbock-landswap/. Hard copies may be

obtained by contacting Ms. Shanna Henk, Facilities, Safety, and Real Property Branch, USDA ARS, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building D, Suite 300, Fort Collins, CO 80526 or via email at shanna.henk@usda.gov. If you wish to comment on the draft EA and FONSI, you can email or mail comments to Ms. Henk at the addresses listed above. All comments must be received by no later than 30 days from publication of this notice, January 16, 2021.

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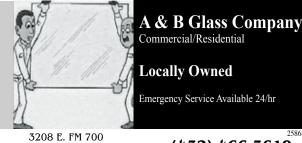
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### "Santa" (author unknown)

"Two merry blue eyes "A very little nose "A long snowy beard "And cheeks like a

"A round, chubby

"A big, bulging pack "Hurrah for old Santa "We're glad he's

Contrac

Some bidding sequences are

regarded as impossible — that is, you

can't have a hand that fits the bid or

bids you've made. In each of the fol-

lowing five cases, specify whether

South's last bid is Possible or Impos-

South

Pass

2 🏚

Pass

North

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North

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2♦

South

1 🕊

Pass

1. Impossible. The redouble prom-

ised 10 or more points, so South must

bid over one spade, since his side has

substantially more than half the 40

points in the deck. Furthermore,

North's hand is unlimited; he could

have a very good hand and pass one

South

Redble 1 ♠

West

West

Pass

East

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**Tomorrow:** Extrasensory perception.

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1 NT

4 NT

Pass

1 ♦

2 🕈

1.North East

2. North East

3. South West

4. South West

5. North East

Dble

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

come back!"

### "Five Little Reindeer" (author unknown)

"Five little reindeer playing in the snow "The first one said, 'Can you see my nose glow?'

"The second one said, 'Listen to me sing!

"The third one said, 'I can hear the bells ring.' "The fourth one said,

'Let's eat the pie!' "The fifth one said, 'I'm ready to fly.'

"Then clomp went their hooves

"And the snow fell white

"As the five little reindeer flew out of sight."

"A Peppermint Stick" (anonymous)

By Steve Becker

spade, knowing that South is not per-

**2. Impossible.** North and South

have agreed on spades as trump, so

South cannot pass three clubs. North

is probing for a game or slam and

cannot suddenly be left high and dry

in three clubs. The least South can do

3. Impossible. North's three-

notrump bid says "We have enough

points for game but not enough for

slam, even if you have a maximum."

South therefore cannot bid four

**4.** Impossible. It is a fundamental

principle of bidding that a new suit

bid by responder is 100% forcing.

South must therefore bid again.

North's two-diamond bid implies a

reasonable hand of at least 10 high-

card points and could be much stron-

5. Possible. A new suit bid by

opener is not forcing, so responder

may pass with minimal values (six or

seven points) and a preference for

opener's second suit. With more (or the same number of) cards in open-

er's first suit, responder must return

opener to that suit regardless of how

weak his hand might be.

is bid three spades.

mitted to let the bidding die.

**Bidding Quiz** 

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"Oh, I took a lick? of my peppermint stick?

"And I thought it tasted yummy.

"It used to be? on my Christmas tree?

"But now it's in my tummy!"

### "A Chubby Little Snowman" (anonymous)

"A chubby little snowman?

"Had a carrot nose.? "Along came a bunny,

"And what do you suppose?

"That hungry little bunny,?

"Looking for some lunch,?

"Ate that little snowman's nose,?

"Nibble, nibble, crunch!"

### **Little Pine Tree** (author unknown)

"As you can see, "All the other pine "Are bigger than me.

"I'm a little pine tree

"Maybe when I grow up,

"Then I'll be "A great big merry Christmas tree!"

## "Little Tree" (e.e. cummings)

"little tree "little silent Christmas "you are so little

"you are more like a flower "who found you in the

green forest "and were you very

sorry to come away? "see i will comfort you "because you smell so sweetly

"i will kiss your cool bark "and hug you safe

and tight "just as your mother

would, "only don't be afraid "look the spangles

"that sleep all the year in a dark box "dreaming of being taken out and allowed

"the balls the chains red and gold the fluffy

to shine,

threads,

"put up your little

"and i'll give them all to you to hold

"every finger shall have its ring

"and there won't be a single place dark or unhappy..."

## "Christmas Bells" (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day "Their old, familiar

carols play,

"And wild and sweet "The words repeat

"Of peace on earth, good-will to men! ..."

### "Winter-Time" (Robert Louis Stevenson)

"Late lies the wintry sun a-bed, "A frosty, fiery sleepy-

"Blinks but an hour or two; and then,

"A blood-red orange, sets again. "Before the stars

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have left the skies, "At morning in the

dark I rise;

"And shivering in my nakedness, "By the cold candle,

bathe and dress. "Close by the jolly fire

I sit "To warm my frozen

bones a bit; "Or with a reindeer-sled, explore

"The colder countries

round the door. "When to go out, my nurse doth wrap

"Me in my comforter and cap;

"The cold wind burns my face, and blows "Its frosty pepper up my nose.

"Black are my steps on silver sod;

"Thick blows my frosty breath abroad; "And tree and house, and hill and lake,

"Are frosted like a

wedding-cake." Send your questions for Annie Lane to

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# Tomorrow's Horoscope

# **Presents and Pres**ence Under the Taurus Moon

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Merriness will have to do with observing, connecting and accepting reality while letting go of anything that doesn't fit or serve it. The comfort and the joy come from saying "yes" to what is.

**TAURUS (April 20-**May 20). You've a gift for holding a moment with exactly the right amount of strength. You don't squeeze, nor do you lend a floppy grip. You cup with care, and the graceful minutes breathe like perched birds in your steady hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The peace in your heart is not from circumstances settling, people agreeing or things suddenly going your way; rather, it comes on the wings of a realization that reality has its own kind of perfection.

**CANCER** (June **22-July 22).** Your sweet connections, offset by equally lovely spaces, form lovely patterns over this day, a day that promises to give you joyful memories for years to come.

LEO (July 23-Aug. **22).** The creative spirit vibrates through even the most mundane tasks, and it elevates the more inventive moments to the realm of events worthy of an angel choir soundtrack.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You give something tender to the moment and teach others, through your example, a style of engagement that nurtures and fortifies the child-

like spirit inside us all.

# By Holiday Mathis from a LI-**BRA** (Sept. Oct. Your drive

to contribute to the group is a wonder. It's not just your imme-

23-

23).

diate circle you care for 19-March 20). Mirth either, as you see the whole of humanity as partially your responsibility. Your best work will be aimed at fulfilling a deadline.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This doesn't unfold in the expected way, and yet, your preparation pays off. What happens is much more playful, humorous, quirky and delicious than you imagined it would be.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be fulfilled by aspects of the day you could not have anticipated would bring you that intake of breath and rush of emotion to remind you of your shared humanity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. **22-Jan. 19).** Your faith in life's process will be fortified. You'll be presented with comforting news and gestures that wrap you in the warmth of belonging. Still, it's what you give that fulfills you the most.

**20-Feb. 18).** If, at the end of this day, you were asked to sing out the highlights, it would be a rollicking opera indeed, merry, jubilant and worthy of "bravo"

AQUARIUS (Jan.

will come easily to you.

It's a matter of cutting the rope and throwing the sandbags over the edge. The mood sails up and up, giving you the most glorious view of your current landscape. **TODAY'S** BIRTHDAY (Dec. 25).

### When you were small, you couldn't have imagined this current version of you. Had you met, it would have been like meeting a foreigner from an exotic land. Your reality can be better than dreams -- a theme that will keep repeating for you. There's a windfall in February. A realization electrifies your work sector. Virgo and Libra

adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 22, 1 and 19. **WEEKEND LOVE** FORECAST: ARIES: A skill you made sure to learn (was it dancing, posing for a picture, mixing a drink) will come in handy and be impressive, too. TAURUS: Icebreakers don't usually come to people in the moment. You'll be glad you did the prep work. GEMI-NI: Someone pines for you. You have compas-

sion for the situation,

as you've been there

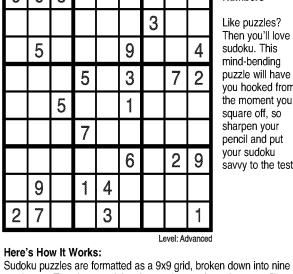
many a time. CANCER: Your best is more than enough, literally. The low-key version is the one that makes for the most interesting connection. LEO: Physical exertion gives you a rosy glow and a rush of confidence. You have no idea how attractive you are. VIRGO: You don't have to like all the same things to be absolutely mad for a person. Differences will intrigue. LIBRA: You'll be amazed at what competition inspires you to do. This wasn't in the plan; it's better than that! SCORPIO: Your mystery is so alluring, you should consider keeping a secret indefinitely. SAGITTAR-IUS: When people feel seen by you, it's special because you see deeper and differently from most. CAPRICORN: You don't have throw money at a situation because your involvement is a high-value gift as it is. AQUARIUS: It's as though the universe is following you around with a dazzling lighting scheme. PI-SCES: The love words send a delighted shiver through you.

COUPLE OF THE **WEEKEND:** Capricorn and Gemini are the classic odd couple -careful and carefree, adherent and rebel, compulsive neat freak and frequent freak flag flier. These two don't have to try to have an interesting time together as their natural contours make for fascinating clashes as well as brilliant collaborations. They make a stellar team due to the checks and balances they provide one another, often to humorous effect.

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# SUDOKU



row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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### Fun By The Numbers Like puzzles?

Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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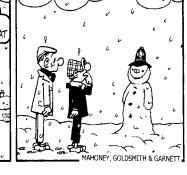
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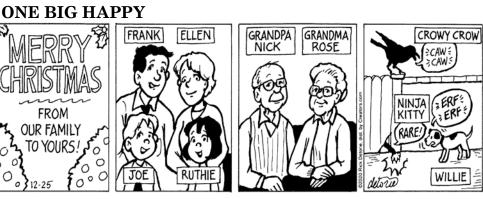




### MERRY CHRISTMAS, I'M SORRY IT I'M GLAD WE **W**AS THIS IT HAD A PULLED THREE A GOOD CHRISTMAS, GRANDMA? DID GOT YOUR JAW MOST DISTINCT OF YOUR CROWNS AGNES. STEAMED OPEN FLAVOR. YOULIKE THEJELLY OFF ... IT GOT A AGAIN. BIT STICKIER THAN PLANNED















# This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 25, the 360th day of 2020. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 25, 1990, the World Wide Web, the system providing quick access to websites over the Internet, was born in Geneva, Switzerland, as computer scientists Tim Berners-Lee and Robert Cailliau (KAH'-yoh) created the world's first hyperlinked webpage. On this date:

In A.D. 336, the first known commemoration of Christmas on Dec. 25 took place in

In 1066, William the Conqueror was crowned King of England.

In 1776, Gen. George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack against Hessian forces at Trenton, New Jersey, during the American Revolutionary War.

In 1818, "Silent Night (Stille Nacht)" was publicly performed for the first time during the Christmas Midnight Mass at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Aus-

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan, succeeding his father, Emperor Yoshihito.

In 1946, comedian W.C. Fields died in Pasadena, Cal-

ifornia, at age 66. In 1977, comedian Sir

Charles Chaplin died in Switzerland at age 88. In 1989, ousted Romanian

President Nicolae Ceausescu (chow-SHES'-koo) and his wife, Elena, were executed following a popular uprising. Former baseball manager Billy Martin, 61, died in a traffic accident near Binghamton, New York.

In 1991, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev went on television to announce his resignation as the eighth and final leader of a communist superpower that had already gone out of existence.

In 1999, space shuttle Discovery's astronauts finished their repair job on the Hubble Space Telescope and released it back into orbit.

In 2003, sixteen people were killed by mudslides that swept over campgrounds in California's San Bernardino Valley. Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf (pur-VE-HZ' moo-SHAH'-ruhv) survived a second assassination bid in 11 days, but 17 other people were killed.

În 2009, passengers aboard Northwest Airlines Flight 253 foiled an attempt to blow up the plane as it was landing in Detroit by seizing Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab (OO'-mahr fah-ROOK' ahb-DOOL'-moo-TAH'lahb), who tried to set off explosives in his underwear. (Abdulmutallab later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: The top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, Gen. David Petraeus, crisscrossed the mas visit to coalition troops at some of the main battle fronts in a show of appreciation and support in the tenth year of the war against the Taliban. A female suicide bomber attacked an aid center in Pakistan, killing at least 45 people. The West Bank town of Bethlehem bustled with its biggest crowd of Christian pilgrims in years. Former Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez died in Miami. Olympics documentary filmmaker Bud Greenspan, 84, died

in New York. Five years ago: President Barack Obama paid tribute to six U.S. service members killed in a suicide attack in Afghanistan on Dec. 21 as he delivered a Christmas Day gesture of gratitude to U.S. troops at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay. Pope Francis, in his Christmas Day greeting from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica, encouraged U.N.-backed peace deals for Syria and Libya and praised those who welcomed migrants. Tennis star Serena Williams was named The Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year for the fourth time. Science-fiction writer George Clayton Johnson, 86, died in Los Angeles. One year ago: The annual

reenactment of George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River in 1776 was completed for the first time in three years, after being scrapped twice in a row be-

cause of bad weather.

Today's Birthdays: Author Anne Roiphe is 85. Actor Hanna Schygulla (SHEE'goo-lah) is 77. Rhythm-andblues singer John Edwards (The Spinners) is 76. Actor Gary Sandy is 75. Singer Jimmy Buffett is 74. Pro and College Football Hallof-Famer Larry Csonka is 74. Country singer Barbara

Mandrell is 72. Actor Sissy Spacek is 71. Blues singer/ guitarist Joe Louis Walker is 71. Former White House adviser Karl Rove is 70. Actor CCH Pounder is 68. Singer Annie Lennox is 66. Reggae singer-musician Robin Campbell (UB40) is 66. Country singer Steve Wariner is 66. Singer Shane Mac-Gowan (The Pogues, The

Popes) is 63. Baseball Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson is 62. The former chair of the Council of Economic Advisers, Christina Romer, is 62. Actor Klea Scott is 52. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is 49. Rock musician Noel Hogan (The Cranberries) is 49. Singer Dido is 49. Rock singer Mac Powell (Third Day) is 48. Rhythm-

and-blues singer Ryan Shaw is 40. Country singer Alecia Elliott is 38. Pop singers Jess and Lisa Origliasso (The Veronicas) are 36. Actor Perdita Weeks is 35. Rock singermusician Lukas Nelson (Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real) is 32.

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# **ACROSS**

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- **5** Play charades
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- 14 Admit
- **15** Egyptian goddess
- 16 Best-possible
- 17 One and only
- 18 Little fellas
- **19** Runway worker
- 20 Jackie Gleason catchphrase
- 23 Schedule slot abbr.
- 24 Prince Harry's prep school
- 25 Enraptured
- 27 Bar bottle
- 29 Mouth part
- 31 Encouraging word
- 32 Innovations' originations
- **34** Branch of govt.
- 36 Sighing
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- 42 See 40 Across **44** Be abundant
- 45 Bear up above
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- **53** Violin part 57 Say if you'll be
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- 59 Explosive stuff 60 Sensible
- **64** Intermission follower

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# **Newsday Crossword**

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- 68 Upholstery fabric
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  - preposition
  - **71** Some sandwiches
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7 Labor leader?

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