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<u>Upcoming Events</u>

Big Spring's Festival of Lights Christmas display in Comanche Trail Park, featuring more than 1 million light bulbs and Big Spring's famous lighted poinsettias on the dam, is open nightly from 6 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 25. Enter at the north

entrance on U.S. Highway 87, across from Wal-Mart.

Senior Citizens Dances are held the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is Jan. 21. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information call 517-9097.

DAV, Young Marines, Abilene Air Force bring Christmas cheer to Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez



Courtesy photos

At left, KRP Rentals donated use of the grill, as well as the cooks, to grill 125 ribeye steaks for the residents of the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home Friday. Top center, Lamun-Lusk staff and residents enjoyed the festivities. Bottom center, servicemen from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene brought a snow-cone machine to make icy treats for the veterans, and then donated the machine to the veterans home. Right, CrossRoads Young Marines helped out with the event.

By ROGER CLINE Herald Staff Writer

This past Friday, Big Spring's Chapter 47 of the Disabled American Veterans provided a Christmas cookout for residents at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home.

Veterans Home Admissions Coordinator Daphne Glenn said she appreciates the DAV's efforts.

"(The residents) are always wanting something different, and we can't always give them exactly things like this," Glenn said in a statement to KBEST Media. "So for somebody to step up and offer this for them to get to enjoy a good old steak dinner for Christmas, it's pretty special for them." Activity Director Amy Romero said the DAV asked what they could do for the residents at the Veterans Home.

"Since the COVID has been going on, they have not been able to have family, friends or any type of visitors," Romero said. "After myself and Daphne were talking to Mr. Tarpley, we told him they requested for someone to come out...they wanted steak. They wanted someone to actually cook for them. We made it happen. Mr. Tarpley made it happen. They were just overwhelmed. We had residents who were very touched and some were very emotional with tears."

DAV Vice Commander Mike Tarpley said the request came

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Courtesy photos

The Comanche Trail Festival of Lights has blazed brightly in Comanche Trail Park this December, but this weekend it will all be over until next year.

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

It's almost Christmas, and the opportunity to see Big Spring's famous lighted holiday display in Comanche Trail Park, the Festival of Lights, is slipping away until next year. After Saturday's show, the Festival will be packed up once more until Christmas 2022.

Big Spring's Community Services Di-

rector Hayley Herrera said this year's Festival is a tribute to former Festival coordinators Vicki and Howard

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EDC announces Truck Relief Route reopened

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

In a moment long awaited in Big Spring, Economic Development Corporation Associate Director Teresa Morris announced at Tuesday evening's meeting: "The roads are open!"

Morris went on to say, "We've gotten all the signatures. The barricades were taken down today, so they are open to the public."

The "roads," of course, are the U.S. Highway 87 Truck Relief Route skirting Big Spring to the west. Although a ribbon-cutting on the route was held in August of 2020, additional construction was needed on a

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LOCAL

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weighin is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance.

13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Police blotter

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of Dow Dr.

of Sheppard Ln.

block of S Runnels St.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

•ROYCE DON ROWDEN, 75, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd was arrested on a charge of stalking.

•JAVORION JASHAY WILLIAMS, 19, of 1203 Mesa Ave was arrested on a charge of warrant form another agency.

•ALEXIA NICHOLE ROBLES, 28, of 2522 Dow Drive, was arrested on a charge of warrant from Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

 Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver. whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. 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 attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700.

•FOUND PROPERTY was reported in 1100 block of S. Benton St.

•THEFT was reported in the 400 block of N Gregg St.

•THEFT was reported in the 2600 block of S Gregg St.

•ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the 500 block of E FM 70.

•THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy

•FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 1800

•THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W HWY

•DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2500 block

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Obituaries **Bud Grantham**



Bud Grantham, 84, of Big Spring, passed away on Saturday, Dec 18, 2021. He will lie in state from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec 22, 2021, and 9:00 a.m. to 11 am Thursday, Dec 23, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

He was born Apr 11, 1937, to Odie and Kathryn Grantham. He

married Angel Denton on Jun 16, 1960. In his early life, he farmed with his dad in the Knott community. Through hard work, Bud and Angel, together with their kids, farmed that cotton that provided many blessings for the family. Rodney and Bud continued farming together until Bud's retirement. Rodney continues to maintain the farm. Bud was mischievous, witty, and loved to joke around with people. A farmer, a cowboy, a husband, a daddy, and a special Ppaw.

He is survived by his son, Rodney Grantham, and wife Dena, of Big Spring, daughters, Jami King and husband Roland of Big Spring, Texas, and Lana Follis and Rob Runnels of LaPorte, Texas. Grandchildren Jared Stevens and wife Randy of Baird, Texas, Blake Grantham and wife Rachael of Big Spring, Texas, Austin Grantham of San Antonio, Morgan Follis of Pasadena, Chasidy Grantham of Lubbock, Tyler Runnels of La-Porte, Texas, and Karmin Castillo and husband Steven of Big Spring, Texas, six great-grandchildren, Charlie Stevens, Landry Stevens, Stokley Stevens, Reid Grantham, Tucker Grantham, Leonidas, and Lazarus Castillo. One sister, Vicky Ware and husband Gary, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Angel Grantham, a grandson, Jason Stevens, brother, Grady Grantham.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www. npwelch.com.



another agency x2.

•MOISES ANTONIO SARACHO III, 28, of 2522 Dow Drive was arrested on a charge of warrant form another agency x2.

•JONATHON JOEL GUTIERREZ, 30, of 1519 E 17th St was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass-habitation/shelter.

•JOSE AGUSTIN RIVERA, 24, of 4228 Bowling Green St, Forrest Hill Tx was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated-open container, unlawfully carrying a weapon.

 ACCIDENT MAJOR was reported in the area of I-20 WB MM 195.

•SUSPICIOUS ACTIV-**ITY** was reported in the 1200 block of E 11th Place.

•HARASSMENT was reported in the area of WB on 3rd.

•THEFT was reported in the area of HWY 176 and FM 2599.

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portion of the route, so it was closed to through traffic.

The announcement was met by cheers and applause from the EDC Board. EDC Director Mark Willis confirmed that the roadwork is now under warranty.

"What minor issues there are are covered under the warranty until May," he said. "They could've been covered under the warranty since May, but that's neither here nor there."

Following the meeting's opening invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the board's president, Shane Seaton, called for public comment, but nobody chose to address the board.

Board members unanimously approved the minutes of their Nov. 16 meeting, as well as the November Investment Report and Financial statements, before Willis began his Director's report. He ceded the start of his report to Morris' announcement.

After the Relief Route news, Willis continued his report with financial indicators

"Since October, we were up 1.2 percent, which means we actually lost ground when we adjusted for inflation," he said. "Rig count's up a bit, that's good. Labor statistics, again, we're starting to see the hit from the prisons, I think at this point. Sales tax wise and unemployment-wise, it will probably get worse third quarter and then we'll start to climb

out of that hole."

Willis reported on the Dec. 6 county-wide Leadership Summit held at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"The Leadership Summit went well," he said. "Basically, nothing concrete came out of it, but the idea was to get people talking. I know all three school districts and Howard College have met up since then, and that's positive. I came out if with, now I will go to workshop with the County Commissioners once a quarter and give them a report and tie in with them. For me, the important part was to put out the concept of how the TIRZ (Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone) out west will work. I know it was a shock to some people that I said the county and the city need to participate at 75 percent, but I didn't get any real negative feedback when I talked to the people who were surprised by it, so I'm happy with that."

Willis reported on the status of a federal grant for the TIRZ area.

"The revised grant will go in January 10, and rather than \$5 million, now the federal government has told us that we only can get \$1.5 million. It will be turned in on Jan. 10," he said. "They will tell me before mid-March whether we get it or not."

Activity at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpart was next up in Willis' report.

"The Compute North agreement is signed," he said. "Rekord Tents has purchased a building out north. They do big event tents, not camping tents and stuff like that. They're a Belgian company. We're glad to have them."

Other companies are also interested in setting up shop on the Airpark, he said.

"To give you an idea how short we are on places to put these people, Horizon Ag Products, which is an ag tech company out of Houston who wants to be here, were also bidding on that same building,' Willis said. "Now, they are set to come in Monday and meet with (Big Spring Director of Public Works) Shane Bowles and look at Building 75 out on the Airport. They need a long-term lease."

And that's not all.

"We also have another couple of companies that are also interested in that same building because it's the only building of any size that we've got," he added.

The search is underway to find a new Airpark Director following the retirement of former director Jim Little.

I've sat in on interviews with two of the candidates for Airpark Manager," Willis said. "Teresa sat in on the other one yesterday. They're down to three finalists, and either one of the two I was involved in the interview with would be good for the position. Teresa said the third guy would fit too. I have my personal favorite, but I don't think the city cares, but we were able to get them to understand and see that they understood how that type of thing works. All three of them has the kind of experience you need."

Willis said he planned to travel to Austin and to Las Vegas on work-related trips in January.

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as something of a surprise.

"We were gonna offer presents to the veteran residents and we figured they'd want socks or jogging suits, but they said they wanted steaks," he said. "Thanks to the community providing us with the funds, we were able to purchase 125 ribeyes."

Kenneth Pool of KRP Rentals donated the grill and helped cook along with his son and Gerald King. The Cross Roads Young Marines pitched in to help

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Stewart. Vicki passed away Dec. 26, 2020, while Howard died July 15 this year.

"We have done a memorial area for Vicki and Howard Stewart that is by Haynes Pavilion when you're going into Kid Zone. That is new this year," she said. "Without Vicki and Howard this year, we just tried to do the best we could to honor them and keep the lights going. We hope that anyone who hasn't been able to come out is able to come out between now and Dec. 25. The lights will be on from 6 to 10 p.m. It's free. We do take donations on the weekends."

Herrera said this year's Festival has only posted greeters on the weekends, so no accurate count of guests was taken.

"On the weekends, we've averaged probably

Take Note

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44.

• Senior Citizens Dances are held the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is Jan. 21, 2022. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information call 517-9097.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Jan. 22: 'The Music of Queen' at Big Spring High School; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. Venues for the February and April concerts will be announced at a later date. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian

about 2,000 people per weekend night, which is fairly average for us. So it's been going really well," she said.

The Festival of Lights began illuminating the

park in the Christmas season of 1996, making this year the 25th Anniversary of the event.

out, and Air Force service members from Abilene's Dyess Air Force Base

brought a snow cone machine and provided snow cones to the home's resi-

the activities director, and I wasn't even aware of it. They were about to leave,

Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, located on U.S. Highway

87 north of Big Spring, opened in 2001 and provides long-term care for up to

a capacity of 160 residents, including a separate, secure unit for Alzheimer's

and they handed the snow cone machine over to me. I couldn't believe it."

"They donated that snow cone machine to our residents," Romero said. "I'm

dents...and then left the machine as a Christmas gift.

patients. Currently, 100 residents live at the facility.

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Donald Wallace, 65, died Saturday. Graveside will be Wednesday 11 a.m. at Trinity **Memorial Park**

Terry Beeler, 66, died Saturday. Memorial service will be Monday, December 27 at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest **Baptist Church**

COWBOYS STEAKHOUSE

LOCAL

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6

p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.



Christmas Eve Service: Friday, December 24 at 7pm

December 26 - Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 Service at 10:30

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Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

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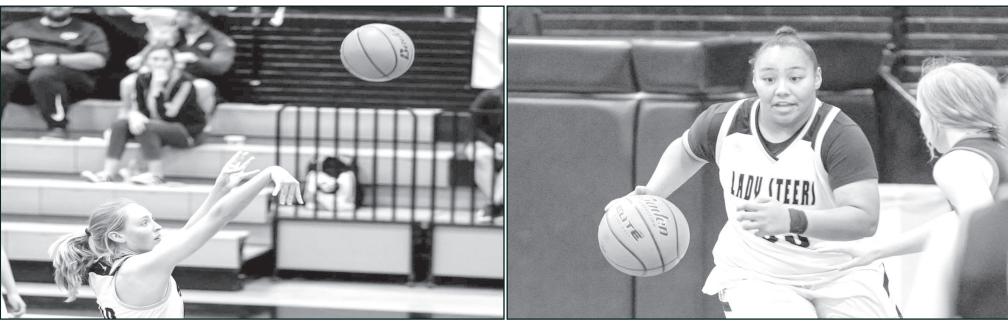
Sports

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BIG HERALD

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Lady Steers basketball team wins on last second shot to beat Andrews 38-37



Courtesy Photos

The Lady Steers pulled out a last-second victory on Tuesday, Dec 21, as they beat the Andrews Mustangs by a final score of 38-37. The game was a back-and-forth affair, with both teams leaving it all out on the court. Alex Enriquez was the hero on this day as she made the last-second three point shot off a assist from Tristan Smith to give the Lady Steers the win. The victory now puts them at 8-7 on the year. The Lady Steers will be on a short Christmas break and be back in action in Monahans for a tournament.

The Big Spring Boy basketball team destroys Denver City



Top Left: SaQuan Fizer goes up strong to win the tip-off. Top Middle: Eli Cobos sets up shoots the ball from deep range for a threepoint attempt. Top Right: Gavin Greathouse drives down the lane and works for his layup. The Steers cruised to an easy victory over Denver City, winning 64-35.

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Writer

The Steers made it rain Tuesday afternoon at Steer Gym - threes that is. Big Spring concluded a successful two game home stand by defeating the Denver City Mustangs 71-48 much to the pleasure of its fans.

Using their three-point barrage, the Steers started Monday by defeating Eldorado 64-35. Gavin Greathouse and Chris Martinez combined for six threes in the win with Greathouse making four. Greathouse led all scorers with 20 points, followed by post player Isiah Holloway with 18 points. Martinez scored 12 points and Eli Cobos chipped in eight.

Tuesday night it was all about Martinez who was lights out. Martinez had a tough act to follow after Big Spring won the junior varsity game 70-32, a game Derrick Wallach

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pumped in 31 points for Big Spring, many coming on three-pointers.

Martinez, a 5-foot-6 senior guard, was unstoppable, finishing with a career-high 36 points on a 12 of 16 shooting night. Nine of his shots were beyond the arch. "The thing about Chris is that once he hits a couple you could be in for a long night," said first year Big Spring coach Bobby Cash. "You know everybody looks at us and they laugh because we're so short. but these guys play pretty good," he said of his team that starts only one player over six foot tall.

Rebounding wise Big Spring held its own against a much taller D-City squad Leading the way was Saquan Fizer and Holloway, who combined for 11 rebounds. Greathouse, who made three threes himself, ran the offense well, dishing out seven assists.

Martinez got Big Spring on the

growing communities one business at a time.

right track by making three threes in the opening quarter. In the last minute of the quarter Big Spring scored 12 points, via four consecutive D-City turnovers. Big Spring led 21-6 after one.

Using its height advantage Denver City battled back and kept it close for a while. The Mustangs got as close as 28-22 when Rick Montes made back-to-back threes late in the second quarter. But every threat was answered by a barrage of Martinez three-pointers.

Coach Cash said he likes his team's chances as district play approaches. "Lubbock Estacado is the team to beat. They're ranked like fourth in the state and have a 6-10 player. Just about all of our kids are seniors, they've brought into what we're trying to teach them. We're starting to get some fan base and

people are getting excited," said Cash

The Steers will be in action Dec. 28 when they compete in the Brownwood tournament.

BIG SPRING (10-6) - Javarious Ford 0 1 1; Chris Martinez 12 2 35; Aaron Yanez 1 0 2; Gavin Greathouse 4 0 11; Isiah Holloway 3 0 6; Kavien Ford 1 0 3; Saquan Fizer 1 3 5; Eli Cobos 1 1 3; Kaegen Mitchell 2 0 4; TOTALS 26-55, 6-8 71.







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For additional information

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There's No Place Like Home for the **Holidays**

Dr. Young Arthur

Dear Readers: As 2021 comes to a close and we look to the start of a new year, it's the perfect time to reflect on ourselves and our lives. I'd love to hear what goals and resolutions you have for 2022. Send your responses to dearannie@ creators.com.

Here's a letter from a reader who, after years of elaborate Christmas hosting, decided to switch things up and take a low-pressure, stressless approach to celebrating.

Dear Annie: Around five years ago, still reeling from hosting

friends, random strays, you get the picture), always fun but always exhausting, I was asked what we were doing for Christmas. Out of nowhere, I said, "We're having a pajama Christmas." And so a new family tradition was born.

Matters

Pajama Christmas means we get up when we feel like it, we stay in pajamas (or other comfortable stay-athome wear) all day and we do whatever we want. Everyone we know is invited to come over, either to say hi or to stay. The ones who stay, who are also in pajamas, help themselves to food or drink, park themselves on a couch or chair (with a fleecy blanket, of course) and read, chat, watch movies on Netflix, nap, play a board game, whatever.

Annie's Mailbox 💩

Orleans

There's a tree but no gifts except for each other's company. No one waits on anyone or cleans up after anyone. It's a day to relax and enjoy.

> Every time someone hears about our pajama Christmas, they say something along the lines of "But I want to do that, too!" (often adding "instead of (fill in the blank)"). When I tell them that all they have to do is announce that that's what they're doing and then see what happens, I can almost see the light dawning that no, they don't HAVE to travel or buy 82 gifts or cook 28 tons of food, that they, too, can stay home (or come to my house).

enough to visit at another time instead. So save your money and stress and see your long-distance relatives on another important occasion (their birthday their anniversary, their town's annual Halloween dog parade, whatever) and spend your holiday doing what you most want to do.

Prince

Bush

SVU

Healthy

May everyone have a safe and happy time this season and a safe and happy 2022. -- Pajamas in Virginia

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Some deals have a lot more to them than at first meets the eye. As a case in point, consider this deal from a regional pairs tournament.

After opening a vulnerable weak two-bid in first seat, South quickly found himself in four spades. West started by cashing the A-K of clubs to indicate a doubleton, then shifted to a low heart.

Declarer guessed correctly by playing dummy's jack, whereupon East took the ace and returned a low club. With little hope, South ruffed the club with the nine and was delighted to see it hold the

trick, marking East with the Q-10. So declarer next crossed to dummy with a diamond and led the jack of spades, intending to let it ride. East covered with the queen, but South won, returned to dummy with a diamond and led a spade to

the eight to make his game. In the post-mortem, West contended that if East had not let the cat out of the bag by returning a club at trick four, declarer would not have found the winning play in spades. Left to his own devices after a diamond or heart return, West argued, South would probably have made the normal play of cashing the A-K of spades and gone down one.

East then turned to declarer and asked what he would have done had he not made the club return. "Well," said South, "I would certainly have wondered why you didn't return a club when you knew your partner had no more clubs. And the only answer I'd be able to come up with is that you had a spade holding you didn't want to reveal. So I think I would still have found the winning play — but I'm glad you didn't put me to the test."

What South would actually have done had East not returned a club will never be known. I can attest to that with confidence, because I was South!

Tomorrow: That old black magic. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

our 15th or so yearly sit-down Thanksgiving extravaganza (out-oftown guests, family,

P.S. Anyone who is important enough to visit for Christmas is (or should be) important

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FEATURES Today is Wednesday, Dec. 1945, the third in 1057

22, the 356th day of 2021. There are nine days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 22, 2010, President Barack Obama signed a law allowing gays for the first time in history to serve openly in America's military, repeal-ing the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

On this date:

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1937, the first center tube of the Lincoln Tunnel connecting New York City and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River was opened to traffic. (The second tube opened in

IS THIS THE MOTEL

WHERE WE WILL BE

SPENDING CHRISTMAS?

YES

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe rejected a German demand for surrender, writing "Nuts!" in his official reply.

In 1984, New York City resident Bernhard Goetz (bur-NAHRD' gehts) shot and wounded four youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to rob him.

In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu (chow-SHES'-koo), the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising

In 1990, Lech Walesa (lek AGNES

DON'T

SIT ON THAT

UNTIL I

SPRAY IT.

T'S OK, GRANDMA!

T'S MOSTLY CLEAN,

AND THE BEDS

LOOK COMFY.

vah-WEN'-sah) took the oath of office as Poland's first popularly elected president.

In 1991, the body of Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, an American hostage slain by his terrorist captors, was recov-ered after it had been dumped along a highway in Lebanon.

In 1992, a Libyan Boeing 727 jetliner crashed after a midair collision with a MiG fighter, killing all 157 aboard the jet-liner, and both crew members of the fighter jet.

In 2001, Richard C. Reid, a passenger on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami, tried to ignite explo-sives in his shoes, but was subdued by flight attendants and fellow passengers. (Reid is serving a life sentence in federal prison.)

In 2003, a federal judge ruled the Pentagon couldn't enforce mandatory anthrax vaccinations for military personnel.

THESE SHEETS

LOOK LIKE A

BEAUTIFUL

WATERCOLOR

I THINK

THEY'RE

SUPPOSED

TO BE

WHITE

In 2008, five Muslim immi-grants accused of scheming to massacre U.S. soldiers at Fort Dix were convicted of conspir-acy in Camden, New Jersey. (Four were later sentenced to life in prison; one received a 33-year sentence.)

Ten years ago: A wave of 16 bombings ripped across Baghdad, killing at least 69 people in the worst violence in Iraq in months days after the last American forces left the country, heightening fears of a new round of sectarian bloodshed.

Five years ago: President-elect Donald Trump named close adviser Kellyanne Conway as his White House counselor and former Republican National Committee spokesman Sean Spicer as press secretary. The Syrian government took full control of the city of Aleppo for the first time in four years after the last opposition fighters and civilians were bused out of war-ravaged eastern districts, ending a brutal chap

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 ter in Syria's civil war.

One year ago: President Donald Trump unexpect-edly released two videos, one falsely declaring that he had won the election in a "land-slide," and the other urging lawmakers to increase direct payments for most individuals to \$2,000 in a COVID relief package, a move opposed by most Republicans. The coronavirus pandemic reached every continent on Earth, as Chile announced that 58 people who were at military bases in Antarctica or on a navy ship that went to the continent had tested posi-tive. President Donald Trump pardoned four former government contractors who were convicted in a 2007 massacre in Baghdad that left more than a dozen Iraqi civilians dead; others pardoned included former Republican Reps. Duncan Hunter of California and Chris Collins of New York. California Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Secretary of State Alex Padilla to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Vice

President-elect Kamala Harris Padilla became California's first Latino senator.

BIG SPRING HERALD

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hector Elizondo is 85. Country singer Red Steagall is 83. Former World Bank Group President Paul Wolfowitz is 78. Baseball Hall of Famer Steve Carlton is 77. Former ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer is 76. Rock singer-musician Rick Nielsen (Cheap Trick) is 73. Rock singer-musician Michael Bacon is 73. Baseball All-Star Steve Garvey is 73. Golfer Jan Stephenson is 70. Actor BernNadette Stanis is 68. Rapper Luther "Luke" Campbell is 61. Actor Ralph Fiennes (rayf fynz) is 59. Actor Lauralee Bell is 53. Country singer Lori McKenna is 53. Actor Dina Meyer is 53. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, is 51 Actor Heather Donahue is 48 Actor Chris Carmack is 41. Actor Harry Ford is 39. Actor Greg Finley is 37. Actor Logan Huffman is 32. R&B singer Jordin Sparks is 32. Pop sing-or Machan Traine re is 30. er Meghan Trainor is 28

ARCHIE PROBLEM IS, IT'S MUCH TOO WARN TO WEAR INSIDE



Hey, Santa,

Last week at the mall I peeked in the

lounge and saw you ..

WHEN I SAW IT,

I THOUGHT OF

YOU, KARL!



get out.

THE BARN

YOU KNOW ?

A SOLAR-POWERED

WARMER! WHAT'S

100

COFFEE CUP

NOT TO LIKE?!

signed, silent Joe





WEDNESDAY **DECEMBER 22, 2021**

Pride of the Lunar Lion

Leo moon glows over our gatherings of family and friends in these Capricornsun moments leading up to the Christmas holiday. It will be tempting to try to impress and compete with one another. While pride is attached to achievement and status, pride's egoless cousin dignity can live inside of us regardless of our

successes or failures. ARIES (March 21-April 19). The problem needs a créative solution. Don't skip the brainstorm. Write down everything that comes to your mind on the subject: good, bad, realistic, fantastic... Workable ideas are

Sometimes you have to stop "doing you" in order to become who you really are. You're daring today and will let go of a comfortable pattern for the sake of selfknowledge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Michel de Montaigne wondered if he was playing with his cat or if he was a toy to his cat. Such questions apply to your role in a nonfeline relationship. You'll be keenly aware inside the

games people play. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Aesthetics matter to you more than usual, not just because you want to be surrounded by beauty but because a greater sense of order occurs around wellthought out environments.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Dec. 22). Appreciation is your general attitude, which tunes you into experiencing a source of endless moxie and enthusiasm.

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Newsday Crossword

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- 14 High-speed
- Mount Everest's 15
- 16 Part for a
- eye logo
- 58 Love, in Spain
- 60 Spine-tingling
- 62 Small
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 - No longer in
- 7 Letter carriers' org.
- Office neckwear Tightly packed 9
- popcorn brand
- 11 Humble abode
- 12 Without peer
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IN THE TRUNK by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

DO YOU

LIKE IT?

8

- fish
- 10 Caramel

oddly similar to ridiculous ones

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Getting yourself to do what you know you should can be tricky. When you resist your own self-discipline, assume you have your reasons. Maybe your approach is too harsh. Go easy. Try tenderness

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in the mood to get right to the point. It's a style that will be appreciated by efficient types who don't need a lot of fluff and extras. As for those with sweeter preferences, do it your way but add lots of sugar

ČANCER (June 22-July 22). All your relationships feed your soul. It's just that some serve cake and others serve vegetables. Today, your soul is most fortified by solid types serving sandwiches

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today's success formula is very simple: Recognize where you made a bad choice, make a better one and enjoy the difference this creates in your world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What would your life look like if you didn't have a worry in the world? Get a vision of yourself as a completely carefree person, and then analyze the vision for hints about your best next move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Watch your words, especially when you talk to yourself. Keep it sunny and warm. Fortune is truly smiling on you, and recognizing your good luck brings about even more of it

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Look again at your finances. You are paying someone to do what you would have more satisfaction doing all by yourself. Can you cut expense and do more with less?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been too hard on yourself in some regard. A gentle approach will reduce, if not erase, the hurt and tension. There's much to be gained by simply settling down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A paradox:

deeper levels of loveliness. Nuanced talents will send you in a fresh trajectory and at the end of the solar cycle, you'll feel like a new person. Family additions will turn up the energy levels; children and/or brainchildren will reflect brilliantly on you. Aries and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 25, 38, 11 and 4.

COSMIC QUESTION: "Is the planet Mercury named after the Greek god or is the Greek god named after the planet? My mom doesn't know, and she said that I should ask you. So now I am. P.S., I'm a Sagittarius and I just turned 9."

Excellent question. A long, long time ago, before the invention of television or the birth of Shakespeare, people would watch the stars for their nighttime entertainment. The Greeks and the Romans before them (and the Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Chinese, the Druids and, well, everyone in ancient history) used the stars as inspiration to create stories about how the world was born, how the universe works and all of the exciting things that might have happened to make things the way they were. Ancient Romans saw an interesting object in the sky at sunrise and they called it Apollo. They called a similar interesting object visible at sunset "Hermes. It's likely that they had some stories about these characters and they continued to develop the stories as they watched the sky. Later, they found out that this wasn't two objects but one object. And the mythology around Mercury is largely taken from Hermes.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Meghan Trainor's album "A Very Trainor Christmas" features a feel-good selection of originals and clas-sics. The Grammy winner, television talent judge, Fairy Godmother and podcast host is a Capricorn with natal sun, Mars, Uranus and Neptune all in the sign of moguls. Natal Mercury and Venus in fiery Sagittarius

- Olympic bar 19 Shakespeare's
- river 20 Three letters in
- "nanny" Mine's mineral 21
- deposits 22 Not all that bad
- 24 Makes unfair
- 25 Green slices for sandwiches
- 26 Given a makeover
- 29 Boat like a kayak
- 30 Triple-decker cookies
- 31 Remove, as a rind
- 32 Chessboard castle
- 36 Thailand's former name
- 37 Jobs for a detective
- 38 Be in harmony
- 39 Mailed away
- 40 Long walk on a trail
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- bidding
- 45 Scam victims 48 Champagne
- plug 49 One who fled to
- wed
- 50 Shy away from

style

DOWN

- 1 Muscle soreness 24 Plenty of space
- 2 Vanish into air
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 - movements
- 4 Fire remnant
- 5 Comes back to a club 6 Video arcade
- attractions
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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each 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!

Today's Answers

6	F				2			8
9	G	8	6	F	\mathbf{a}	S	Z	З
Z	7	2	8	З	G	9	F	6
4	З	9	9	6	F	Z	8	2
٢	Z	6	G	S	8	4	З	9
Σ	8	9	З	4	Z	F	6	G
8	9	\mathbf{a}	S	Z	6	Э	G	F
G	Σ	٢	4	8	З	6	9	Z
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