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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 information call 517-9097.

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By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

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The month of January, the first month of each New Year, is named after Janus, who was venerated by ancient Romans as the god of transitions and points in space and time they occur: beginnings, gates, doorways, passages, thresholds, and endings. Pictured with two faces, Janus was eternally looking back at the past, remembering and honoring what came before; and at the same time forever looking forward to the future. What lies ahead? How can I use what came before and apply it to upcoming challenges?

Big Spring had some rough challenges arise during 2021. The year started out with unusually wintery weather for this part of Texas, but that was just a blip on the radar. We had COVID-19 still rumbling with its Delta and Omicron variants, thankfully less virulent locally than in other parts of the world (knock on wood). We saw property taxes expand to, well, where they probably should have been in the first place; but when you're paying significantly less than that to begin with, it certainly seems like somebody just took a large bite out of your paycheck.

And then there's the prisons. As I'm sure all Herald readers are

aware by now, in January 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. signed an executive order "Reforming Our Incarceration System to Eliminate the Use of Privately Operated Criminal Detention Facilities." That's a fancy way of saying he called a halt to contracts with all prisons not owned and operated by employees of the federal government. Big Spring had, until the order went into effect at the end of November, two privately-operated federal prisons: Flightline and FCI Big Spring, formerly run by GEO. They're now closed, and 600 people are out of work.

With that challenge on our plates, what lies ahead in 2022? Like Janus, we must look to the past, taking stock of our experience, knowledge and resourcefulness; as well as ahead to the future, finding new ways to use what we have available to overcome not just the prison issue, but to make Big Spring and Howard County a stronger, growing, thriving community.

In December, many local leaders met at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the first Howard County Joint Summit. Ten groups, including Howard County Commissioners; Big Spring City Council; Howard College Board; Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan School Boards; Big Spring EDC; Big Spring Chamber of Commerce; West Texas VA Healthcare System; and Scenic Mountain Medical Center, met, and each gave brief speeches on topics important to their organization – their resources, their challenges, and their plans for the future.

The Summit, though sparsely attended

by the general public, was, we hope, the start of a growing and continuing effort. This isn't the sum total of the work that will be required to see Howard County through the obstacles it faces and into a great future, but it's the work that has to be done before any of that other work. It's getting our local leaders – and hopefully more than a few local citizens – talking to each other about what's wrong, what needs to be done, and how we go about getting from here to there.

It's not going to be a quick fix to all our area's issues. Even assuming we can figure out a new source of jobs to replace those lost with the end of GEO's federal prisons, new challenges will come. That's something we know, like Janus, from looking to the past. New challenges always come.

We need to strongly support our leaders in their efforts to build a framework of cooperation for the benefit of Big Spring and Howard County, so that when new challenges are on the horizon, we can recognize them, work together, and figure out how to get to work to overcome them.

Big Spring is great about working together when it comes to charity. One doesn't have to look any further back than the Andrews bus crash to see that fact. Now we need to come together to support our county and our local cities, and bring new jobs, new business, and new prosperity to Howard County.

Have a Happy New Year, Howard County! And may 2022 be healthy and prosperous for you and your families.

The Music of Queen?
Will this finally be the BSSO concert featuring songs of the iconic group?



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The Big Spring Symphony played with Jeans 'n Classics in 2015. The group is scheduled to return Jan. 22, if conditions allow.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra has been trying to hook up with Canadian cover

group Jeans 'n Classics to put on a show featuring the music of British supergroup

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Happy Birthday, Mr. Spradling!



Courtesy photo

This past week, well-known and beloved Big Spring personality Orville Spradling celebrated his birthday in style with a party thrown by Big Spring's Staked Plains Masonic Lodge #598. Shown (l-r) are Spradling himself; his grandson, Robin Spradling of Klamath Falls, Ore.; and his niece and nephews, Ann Carson, Mark Werner and Ron Carson, all of New Mexico. Orville is 98.

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• 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 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.scenicmountain-medical.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.

• 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 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 more information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

• 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 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.

• 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 Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• 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 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. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytxdems@gmail.com.

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CONCERT

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Queen since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic put life and especially international travel on hold for many people.

Add to that intensive construction on the Symphony's regular venue, the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, and a change in lead vocalist for Jeans 'n Classics, and you've got a situation rife with frustrating delays.

Now Jeans 'n Classics is scheduled to join the orchestra on stage at the Big Spring High School Auditorium Jan. 22, and the big question is, will it happen? Once again, the specter of COVID is casting a bit of doubt on international travel.

"That's always been the issue. We've had to cancel three or four times already, and every time it's been that kind of thing," said Big Spring Symphony President Mark Watt. "It's been a situation where they were told, 'Hey, if you leave, you can't come back,' or that sort of thing. So that has been

the issue every time, and with the rise of Omicron and what have you, it is a little bit of a scary thing. We're sure hoping and praying it doesn't happen. We're in a situation where the airlines have worked with us. Since they've had to cancel because of COVID, they've allowed us to carry across. We purchased the tickets back the very first time back in 2019, March of 2019. So the airlines have been very good to work with us, but we're really hoping and praying we get this one done."

Watt said a representative from Jeans 'n Classics has told him immediately before Christmas that the show is still on.

"They haven't had any problems, and we're hoping, of course," he said. "But the way things are exploding around, you just don't know what Canada will do. But at this point, we're still good."

Watt said the group's change in lead singer is also linked to COVID.

"Part of that has to do with some of the Canadian guidelines as well," he said. "The original singer they had, my understanding is, he refused to get the vaccine and Canada would not let him travel

on airplanes without it. So he said, 'Fine, I'm not going to.'"

Watt said the change might be a blessing in disguise.

"I've also heard that the guy they got might be better than the one they had," he said. "We're really excited about it. I think it's going to be a really good situation."

Watt said Queen is band that a lot of people love.

"We've had Jeans 'n Classics three or four times and they've always been a big hit. They did The Beatles a few years ago, and they've done The Eagles here," he said. "But Queen is just one of those groups that really seems to speak to a lot of people from my generation and maybe a little younger than me as well. It's always been very unique. Freddy Mercury is just one of those people who had a very, very unique talent, a very unique voice."

Following the January concert, the BSSO will present another concert in February, which should see the group's return to the Municipal Auditorium.

Support Groups

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.

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

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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.

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• 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. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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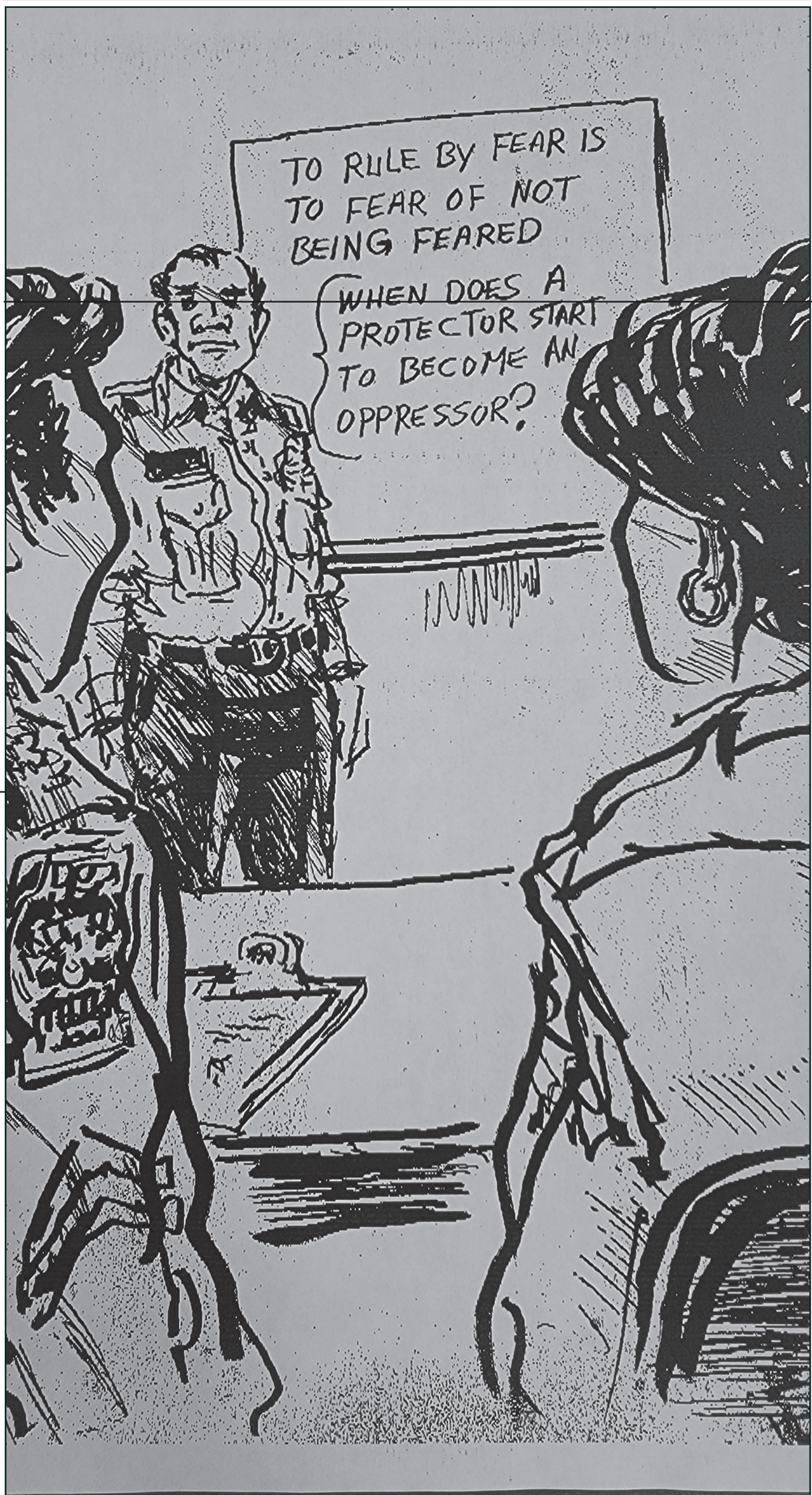
By **BOBBY MCDONALD**

The season brings to mind the origin of Festival of Lights. Seldom mentioned these days is Pat Simmons, who started with a unique community idea and called it Festival of Lights. After a few years of installing standard Christmas lights on park trees, she instructed one of her staff to look for something that would enlarge the presentation and provide additional visionary spirit to visitors. On a cold, stygian, black moonless night, a truck proceeded on a acquisition/ appraisal mission of a property in Pecos, Texas. Apparently, a few wanted to share interstate 20 on such a cold winter night. Vehicle headlights provided access into a horizon of darkness. Suddenly startlingly to the right, red and green colored pierced the blackness. The long turn back revealed a beautiful sight. Some still unknown person had attempted to make a Christmas flower out of steel rods and Christmas tree lights. Intuition was immediate. Remodified, this object and duplicates could anoint the dam at Big Spring Comanche Park. The next day spouse Gloria, after viewing the object, confirmed the idea though there was some discussion that it took the darkness of the night to bring out the

beauty of this "thing."

Mr. Gary Morris, then a Howard College instructor, taught inmates the profession of welding. The first year's poinsettias to be installed required the highway to be blocked off at both ends through Big Spring. The next year they were assembled in components like rifle vs. musket. Mr. Morris and his crew built dozens and dozens modified units of the poinsettia without a dime for enormous labor. It's a unsolved puzzle why the community of Big Spring has failed to honor Mr. Morris for this remarkable accomplishment. Big Spring and Park visitors see his handiwork every Christmas.

This story could go on in its revelations. Festival of Lights is a difficult, unique project that goes on through generous, dedicated generational volunteers. Big Spring unfourtantly became certified by The Texas Senate and the Texas House with a title. My understanding it was for a specific amount of time, of which about half has been used. Are you next year's volunteer? Big Spring should never, never lose its certification. Pat Simmons, Mr. Gary Morris, and many long gone or aged others gave Big Spring a unique gift.



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DAILY PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for Your gentle understanding of us. May we be gentle with others. Amen

Second Time Around

By **STEVE BELVIN**

Contributing Writer

The changing of the guard for Howard College softball.

For 16 years Kelly Raines has controlled the reins of the Howard College softball program. A program that has risen to become one of the top junior college softball powers in the nation. For 16 years Raines has constantly molded Howard from just a softball team to "the softball team."

That and all that went with it led Raines to accept the job of Athletic Director and Head Softball Coach at Galveston College a junior college in Region XIV.

"It's a great opportunity and being Athletic Director, I couldn't afford to pass it up," Raines said.

I can't say I didn't see this coming. Raines is a hard commodity to keep, especially when someone sweetens the pot. Her resume is immaculate. She notched her 600th career win last year when the Lady Hawks were on a 25 game winning streak.

Her accolades? Her record at Howard was 636-232. Her teams averaged 39 wins a year, for an amazing .727 winning percentage. She's won a ton of league titles, regional titles and Coach of the Year honors. About the only thing Coach Raines hasn't done is win that ever-elusive national championship. Howard's highest finish was fourth.

She's help develop numerous All-Americans. Most recently was short-stop Amanda Gonzales, who was the NJCAA 2019 Player of the Year. Gonzales, from Santa Monica, is one of Raines' many California recruits. She put up unbelievable numbers that season - .505 batting average, 29 homers, 102 runs batted in while stealing 33 of 36 bases.

Last year Saviola, a second baseman from Chez Republic, who's also a member of the Chez national team, had the same type year, .533 batting average, 30 homeruns and 26 stolen bases.

I still wonder how coach figured out to bat Gonzalez leadoff and Saviola coach. Too bad they didn't play on the same squad. That's the mystique of coach Raines, she's been there, done that. She knows the game.

The Hallsville, Mo. native was an All-American pitcher at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. and was recently inducted into the Lindenwood Sports Hall of Fame. She started earning her coaching stripes at Midland College for three seasons. After that it was time to build the Howard Dynasty.

One of the reasons for that was the California Connection. Raines brought in players from California. A swell idea since California is the leading state for producing softball players. Good weather allows the players to play year round. Also California junior colleges don't award softball scholarships, so there's lot of good players needing a school to play for.

Raines took the advantage, creating what i called the "California Connection". Each year Howard has an abundance of California players on the roster. There will be eight on this year's squad. "A lot of the kids don't need the hours, they've already taken them," Raines said. "They just needed a place to play. That's how I was able to keep the California Connection alive. Most of these girls hve one thing in common. They end up liking it here and they get attached to each other and I get attached to all of them. I have so many fond memories of this place.

"At Galveston it will be a little bit different. We are so close to Houston and they're a lot of good players to choose from. But I'll still recruit some out of California."

Taking over the reins for Raines will be former HC assistant Ashley Lopez as Intermin head coach. Lopez played centerfield for Raines at Howard in 2015-216 before going to Eastern New Mexico University to finish her career and get her Bachelor's degree. That 2016 team finished fourth at nationals.

"She's one of my California Connection kids," said Raines of Lopez. "I don't think she ever came out of centerfield in two years. She was a very consistent player."

Is Lopez up for the challenge? "I think she is. The only way to find out is for someone to give you a chance. said Raines"

Much like Howard did for a young Raines in 2005, We see how that worked out.

In passing league, some teams still find success on ground

By **JOSH DUBOW**

AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Relying on a big-play quarterback to carve up opposing defenses in the passing game remains the best path to offensive success in the modern NFL.

But for teams that don't have an accomplished passer like Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady or Patrick Mahomes, sticking to the ground can also work.

"If you want to establish any type of dominance, especially in the trenches, I think it is necessary," San Francisco 49ers left tackle Trent Williams said. "You got to run the ball. You got to make your opponents respect that."

The 49ers are one of several teams with less-than-elite quarterbacks that have relied on the run to get into playoff contention, along with Indianapolis, Philadelphia and New England.

Perhaps no team has transformed as much as the Eagles, who flipped their script by running just 39% of the time the first seven weeks to a league-high 61% the last nine weeks. That has coincided with a resurgence that has taken Philadelphia from 2-5 to 8-7 and playoff contention.

"I think you're always evolving and changing to make sure you're doing the best things for your players," Eagles coach Nick Sirianni said. "I think we definitely changed who we had been and who we are, and to find out what we do best."

Running behind a powerful offensive line and using quarterback Jalen

Hurts in the run game has been that as the Eagles became the first team since the 1985 Bears to run for at least 175 yards in seven straight games.

The Colts, Titans, 49ers and Eagles all rank in the top eight in the league in running on first and second downs in the first 28 minutes of the game, when the game situation doesn't dictate strategy like it might later and on third downs.

"It keeps the defensive line out of rhythm," said Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan, whose team has gone back to a heavier reliance on the run in coach Arthur Smith's first season.

"When they don't have the chance to just pin their ears back and know it's going to be drop-back pass, it makes it more difficult for them when they've got to defend both. ... This league is about slowing down those guys on the other side of the ball and finding ways to do that, and running the football has certainly helped with that."

The Niners also turned their season around with a three-game stretch when they ran the ball at least 39 times each week. It started when coach Kyle Shanahan challenged his team to run the ball 40 times in a Week 10 game against the Rams that the 49ers won 31-10.

San Francisco finished with 44 rushes thanks in part to the defense generating turnovers, efficient third-down passing from Jimmy Garoppolo, and a tone-setting opening 18-play drive that featured 14 runs.

"I don't want to say it took their soul

away, but it definitely did something," Garoppolo said.

While that opening drive may have set the tone, maintaining that approach all game is only possible when playing with a lead. Passing is still overall more efficient and necessary if teams are forced into catch-up mode.

Even as offense has regressed a bit this season, passing the ball on average still generates more yards, with teams averaging 6.26 yards per drop back compared to 4.31 per rush.

While the pass leads to more explosive plays that have a big influence on wins and losses, running the ball does bring other elements to the game.

"The data will tell you that you don't need a run game to play pass. You don't need that," Chargers coach Brandon Staley said. "But what the running game does for you, it brings a physical dimension to the football game. What the running game does that the passing game does not, is the running forces the defense to play block and to tackle."

But differentiating between runs and passes isn't as clear cut as it used to be with teams using more RPOs than ever, when the play call includes both a pass and run option and the quarterback determines which to do based on how the defense reacts at the snap.

The RPO percentage has risen from 6% in 2020 to 9.5% this season, according to Sportradar, with teams passing on about 45% of those plays.

"Because we have Jonathan Taylor and the offensive line we have, teams get very creative with run blitzes and in heavy boxes," Colts coach Frank Reich said. "So, one of the ways to combat that is formationally to do things, and another way is RPOs. So, we're going to continue to not major in RPOs, but it's going to be a part of what we do."

Taylor leads the NFL with 1,626 yards rushing and has the Colts in position to seize an AFC wild-card spot.

The run game has been a major part of New England's resurgence with the Patriots running at a higher rate this season with rookie Mac Jones at quarterback than they did in any of Brady's last 12 seasons as starter. That has helped the Patriots win nine games and tie Buffalo for the lead in the AFC East despite relying on a rookie quarterback.

New England is in this position in large part to a 14-10 win three weeks ago in Buffalo when the Patriots threw only three times on a windy night and ran it 46 times for 222 yards.

"I don't think they've ever been given enough credit of how physical they are on both sides of the line of scrimmage," Falcons coach Arthur Smith said. "They've always been able to manage to run it. ... Year over year the teams that can handle the line of scrimmages whether that's part of the run game or they're very physical on the other side of line of scrimmage are usually the ones playing in January."

Column: Virus finds its way into the NFL playoff picture

By **TIM DAHLBERG**

AP Sports Columnist

The Las Vegas Raiders were feeling pretty good about themselves after beating Denver on Sunday to keep their playoff hopes intact. In a city built on losers they were suddenly looking a lot like winners, thanks to a defense that allowed only 27 points in its last two games.

Then a big sorry for that defense went into COVID-19 protocol and all bets were off.

Hard to feel sorry for the Raiders, who took advantage of COVID outbreaks on opposing teams just to get in playoff contention at 8-7. And their opponent this week, the Indianapolis Colts, have even more issues, with quarterback Carson Wentz — who is not vaccinated — joining six others Tuesday on the protocol list.

Making the playoffs and advancing to the Super Bowl used to be an easy equation. Ride a hot quarterback or a stifling defense, play hard-nosed football and take advantage of the breaks that inevitably come your way.

But with COVID raging through the league, it may come down to something even more simple: The teams that find the best ways to deal with the virus will likely end up in Los Angeles in February.

That might mean an untested rookie being thrown in at quarterback because no one else was left, as the Saints were forced to do in a loss to Miami that was as unwatchable as Monday Night Football can be. It might mean tossing away a game plan days before a crucial game because the players who would have executed that plan were not available.

It might mean going without a big chunk of your defense into a must-win game. And it might mean losing your quarterback just when he is needed the most.

Not the best way to crown a Super Bowl champion, that's for sure. Not the best product to put on prime time TV, either, as evidenced by the Saints-Dolphins game and the Dallas-Washington matchup that preceded it the night before.

Unfortunately, even the NFL can't solve this. Short of canceling games — something that hasn't happened all season and won't happen now — there's not a lot the league can do to contain omicron.

On Monday night, the Saints played without a third of their team with 16 active players sidelined. The same day a dubious record was set, with more than 100 players across the league put into COVID protocols.

"This is something every team is dealing with," Colts head coach Frank Reich said before the Wentz news was announced. "We'll continue to deal with it in a

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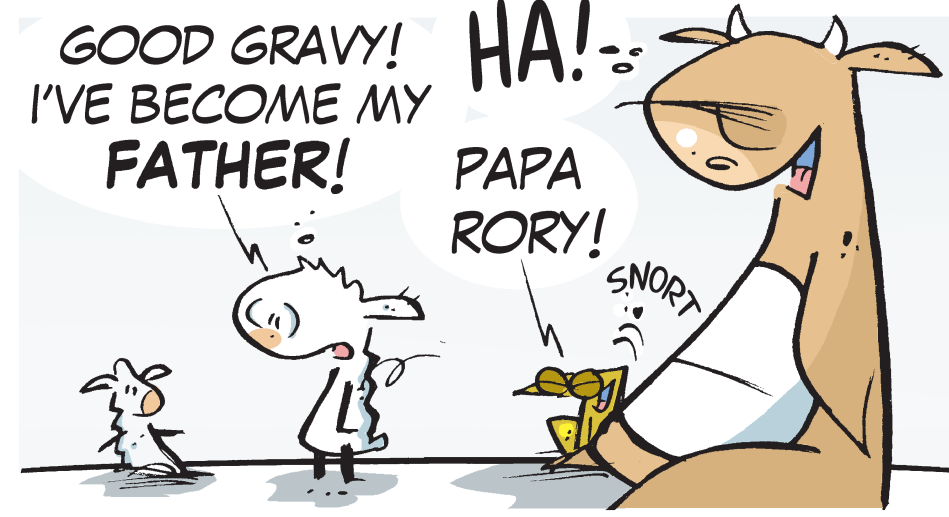
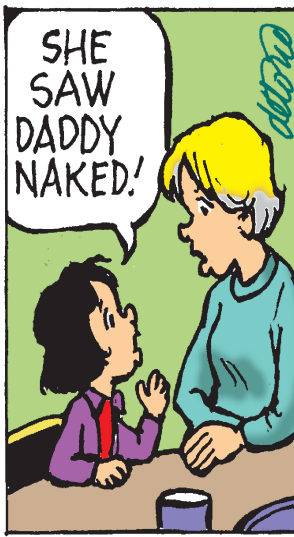
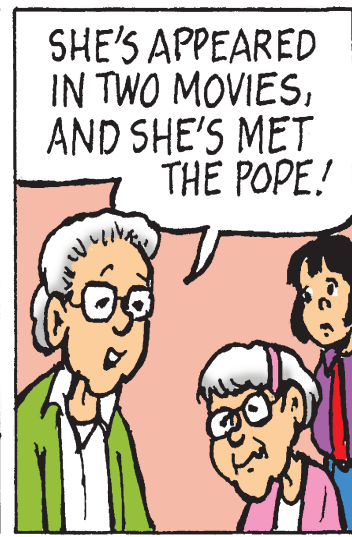
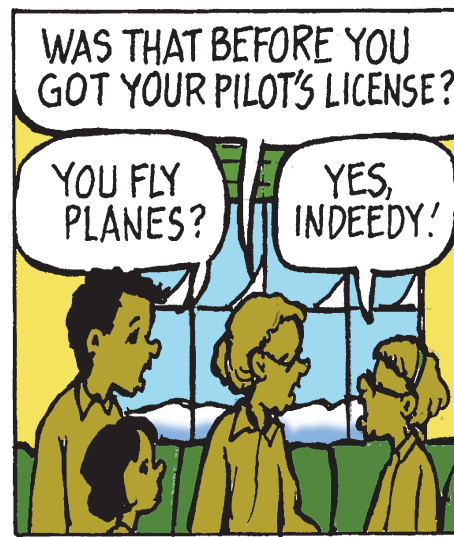
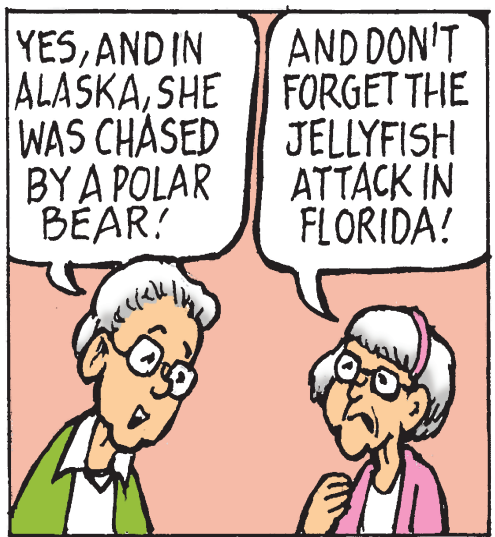
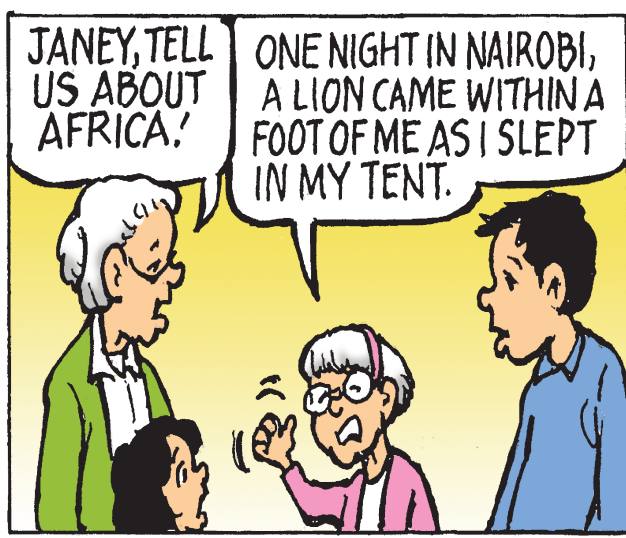
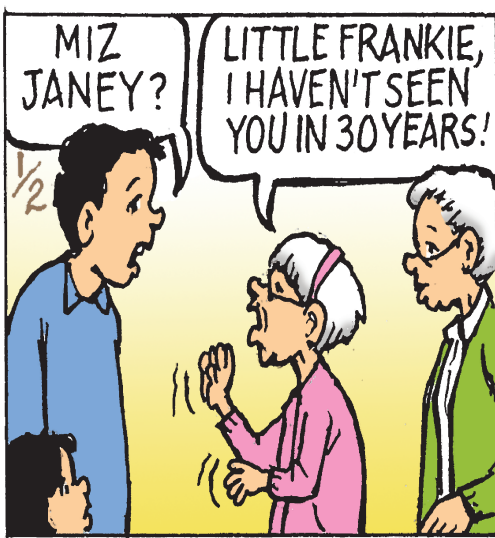
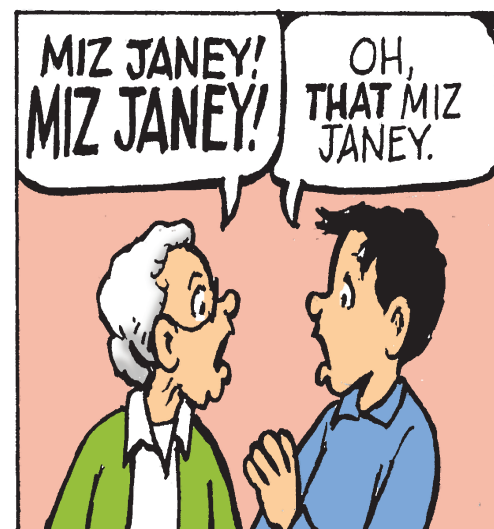
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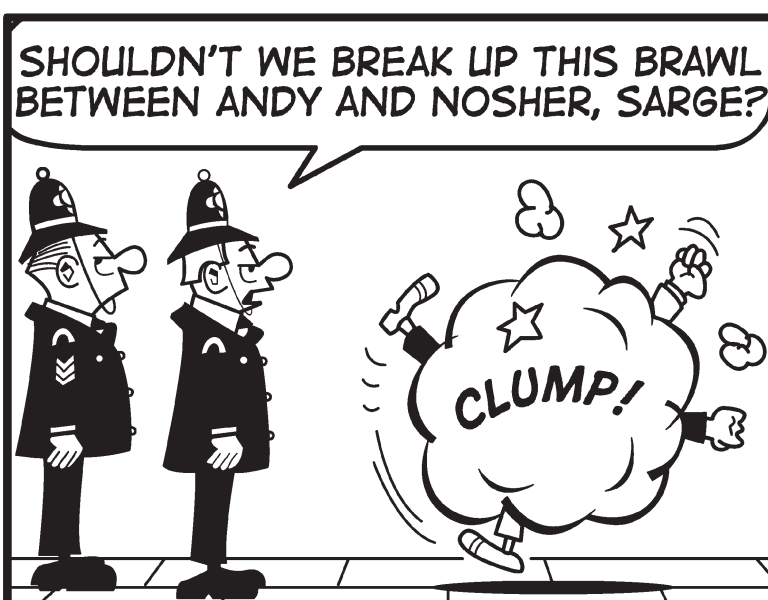
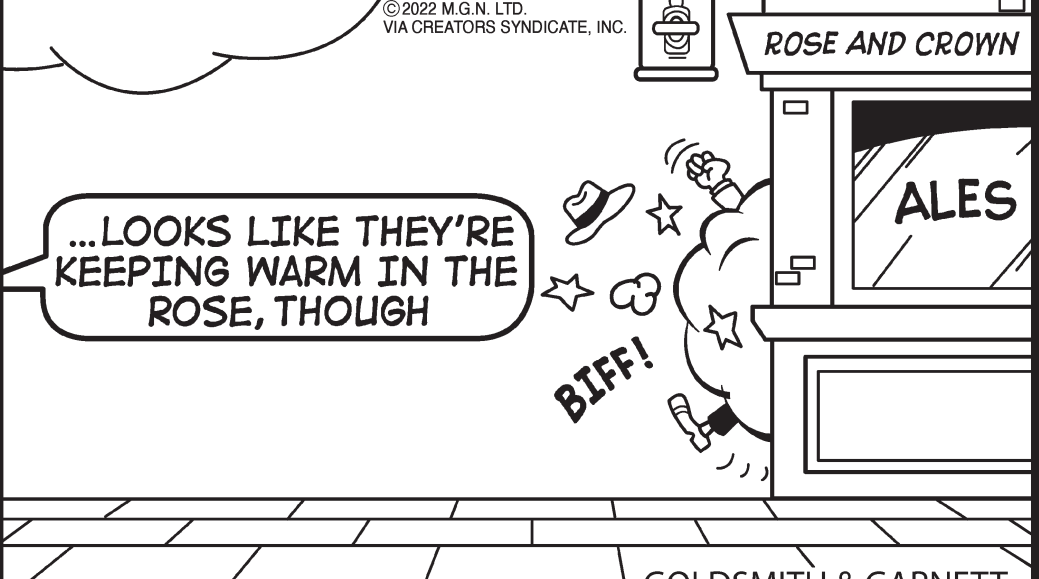
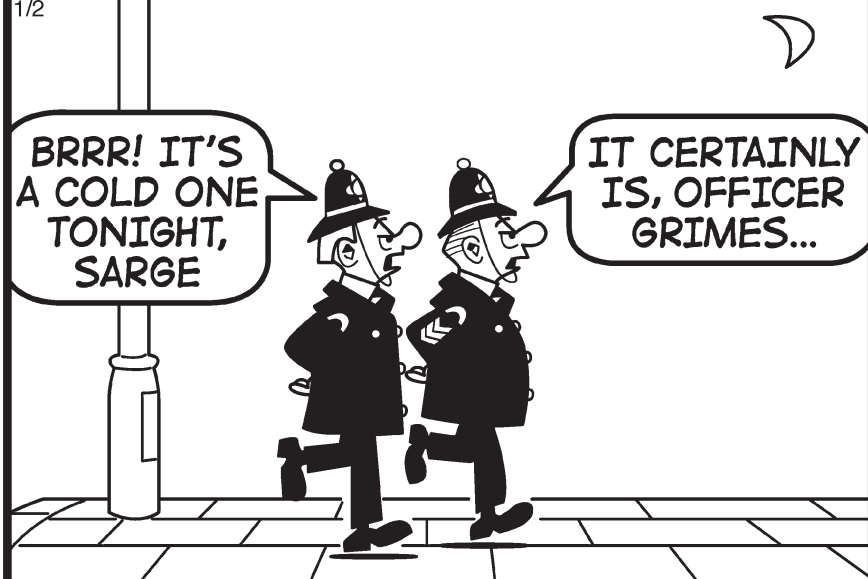
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US move to shorten COVID-19 isolation stirs confusion, doubt

By ZEKE MILLER and KATHLEEN FOOD

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. health officials' decision to shorten the recommended COVID-19 isolation and quarantine period from 10 days to five is drawing criticism from some medical experts and could create more confusion and fear among Americans.

To the dismay of some authorities, the new guidelines allow people to leave isolation without getting tested to see if they are still infectious.

The guidance has raised questions about how it was crafted and why it was changed now, in the middle of another wintertime spike in cases, this one driven largely by the highly contagious omicron variant.

Monday's action by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cut in half the recommended isolation time for Americans who are infected with the coronavirus but have no symptoms. The CDC similarly shortened the amount of time people who have come into close contact with an infected person need to quarantine.

The CDC has been under pressure from the public and the private sector, including the airline industry, to shorten the isolation time and reduce the risk of severe staffing shortages amid the omicron surge. Thousands of flights have been canceled over the past few days in a mess blamed on omicron.

"Not all of those cases are going to be severe. In fact, many are going to be asymptomatic," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said Monday. "We want to make sure there is a mechanism by which we can safely continue to keep society functioning while following the science."

CDC officials said the guidance is in keeping with growing evidence that people with the virus are most infectious in the first few days.

Louis Mansky, director of the Institute for Molecular Virology at the University of Minnesota, agreed there is a scientific basis to the CDC's recommendations.

"When somebody gets infected, when are they most likely to transmit the virus to another person?" he said. "It's usually in the earlier course of the illness, which is typically a day or two before they actually develop symptoms and then a couple of days to three days after that."

Research, including a study published in the journal JAMA Internal Medicine in August, backs that up, though medical experts cautioned that nearly all of the data predates omicron.

The CDC released a report Tuesday on a cluster of six omicron cases in a Nebraska household and found the median incubation period — the time between exposure and the appearance of symptoms — was about three days, versus the five days or more documented earlier in the pandemic. The six people also experienced relatively mild illness.

But other experts questioned why the CDC guidelines allow people to leave isolation without testing.

"It's frankly reckless to proceed like this," said Dr. Eric Topol, founder and director of the Scripps Research Translational Institute. "Using a rapid test or some type of test to validate that the person isn't infectious is vital."

"There's no evidence, no data to support this," he added.

Mansky said CDC probably didn't include exit testing in its guidelines for logistical reasons: There is a run on COVID-19 rapid tests amid the spike in cases and the busy holiday travel season. In many places, at-home tests are difficult or impossible to find.

The CDC is "driven by the science, but they also have to be cognizant of the fact of, you know, what are they going to tell the public that they'll do," Mansky said. "That would undermine CDC if they had guidance that everybody was ignoring."

Qamara Edwards, director of business and events for Sojourn Philly, which owns four restaurants in Philadelphia, said about 15% of its employees are out sick with COVID-19, and staffing is tight.

The CDC changes are "great for businesses, they do allow people to return to work sooner than they've expected," Edwards said, though she un-

derstands why workers might be resistant and worried about their safety.

In Los Angeles, King Holder, who runs the StretchLab Beverly fitness business, likewise said omicron has caused "ample disruption" to his company, and he welcomed the more relaxed guidelines.

"The possibility of five days compared to 10-14 days is huge for our business and allows us to stay afloat," he said.

But Dana Martin, a 38-year-old Philadelphia teacher and educational consultant, said: "The looser COVID guidelines make me nervous. I'm more hesitant to participate in holiday activities because of the omicron variant and the seemingly more lax protocols."

Marshall Hatch, senior pastor of New Mount Pilgrim Church on Chicago's West Side, said he is bracing for some confusion in his congregation. The church has been a strong advocate for testing, vaccinations and booster shots.

Hatch said the CDC's latest guidance is confusing and "a little incongruous."

"Either we're in a surge that we need to take very seriously or are we winding down the pandemic and that's why we're shortening the isolation and quarantine times," he said Tuesday. "They might want to give us a little more information to go with."

Hatch said some members of the largely Black congregation, particularly senior citizens, are skeptical of information from government.

The CDC move follows global efforts to adjust isolation rules, with policies differing from country to country.

England last week trimmed its self-isolation period for vaccinated people who have tested positive for COVID-19 to seven days in many cases, provided two negative lateral flow tests are taken a day apart.

The French government said Monday that it will soon relax its isolation rules, although by exactly how much isn't yet clear.

Health Minister Olivier Veran said the rule changes will be aimed at warding off "paralysis" of public and private services. By some estimates, France could be registering more than 250,000 new infections per day by January.

Italy, meanwhile, is considering doing away with a quarantine altogether for those who have had close contact with an infected person as long they have had a booster shot. Projections indicate as many as 2 million Italians could be put in quarantine over the next two weeks as the virus spreads.

The U.S. airline industry applauded the CDC move.

"The decision is the right one based upon science," said the lobbying group Airlines for America.

But the head of a flight attendants union criticized the change, saying it could lead businesses to pressure sick employees to come back before they are well.

If that happens, "we will make clear it is an unsafe work environment, which will cause a much greater disruption than any 'staffing shortages,'" warned Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA International.

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Final goodbye: Recalling influential people who died in 2021

By **BERNARD MCGHEE**

Associated Press

They both carved out sterling reputations as military and political leaders over years of public service. But both also saw their legacies tarnished by their actions in the long, bloody war in Iraq.

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell and former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld are among the many noteworthy people who died in 2021.

Powell, who died in October, was a trailblazing soldier and diplomat. He rose to the rank of four-star general in the Army before becoming the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. And under former President George W. Bush, he became the nation's first Black secretary of state.

Rumsfeld, who died in June, had a storied career in government under four U.S. presidents and was seen as a visionary of a modern military.

Rumsfeld was secretary of defense and shouldered some of the blame as Iraq sank into chaos after the toppling of Saddam Hussein's regime. In the leadup to the war, Powell cited the lack of information during a United Nations Security Council address while claiming Hussein had secretly stashed weapons of mass destruction.

Others political figures the world said goodbye to this year include former U.S. Vice President Walter F. Mondale, former South African President F.W. de Klerk, former Sen. Bob Dole, former South Korean President Roh Tae-woo, talk radio host Rush Limbaugh, former Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, former Danish Prime Minister Poul Schluter and Iranian ambassadors Ali Akbar Mohtashamipour and Ardeshir Zahedi.

Also among those who died this year was a man who held the title of baseball's home run king for years. Hank Aaron, who died in January, endured racist threats on his path to breaking Babe Ruth's record and is still considered one of the game's greatest players.

Other sports figures who died in 2021 include Los Angeles Dodgers Manager Tommy Lasorda, college football coach Bobby Bowden, Olympic swimmer Clara Lamore Walker, NBA players Paul Westphal and Elgin Baylor, auto racer Bobby Unser, golfer Lee Elder, track and field star Milkha Singh and boxer Leon Spinks.

Among the entertainers who died this year was a children's author whose books were enjoyed by millions around the world. Beverly Cleary, who died in March, channeled memories from her youth in Oregon to created beloved characters such as Ramona Quimby, her sister Beatrice "Beezus" Quimby and Henry Huggins.

Others from the world of arts and entertainment who died this year include actors Cicely Tyson, Ed Asner, Cloris Leachman, Christopher Plummer, Olympia Dukakis, Ned Beatty, Jane Powell, Sonny Chiba, Gavin MacLeod, George Segal, Jean-Paul Belmondo, Johnny Briggs and Dustin Diamond; magician Siegfried Fischbacher; Bollywood star Dilip Kumar; Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts; theater songwriter Stephen Sondheim; ballerina and actress Carla Fracci; rappers DMX and Biz Markie; artist Arturo Di Modica; telenovela writer Delia Fiallo; authors Anne Rice, Eric Carle, Joan Didion, bell hooks and Norton Juster; reggae musician Bunny Wailer; comedians Norm Macdonald and Paul Mooney; singers Pervis Staples and Sabah Fakhri; ZZ Top bassist Dusty Hill; and filmmaker Richard Donner.

Here is a roll call of some influential figures who died in 2021 (cause of death cited for younger people, if available):

George Whitmore, 89. A member of the first team of climbers to scale El Capitan in Yosemite National Park and a conservationist who devoted his life to protecting the Sierra Nevada. Jan. 1.

Paul Westphal, 70. A Hall of Fame NBA player who won a championship with the Boston Celtics in 1974 and later coached in the league and in college. Jan. 2.

Brian Urquhart, 101. The British diplomat was an early leader of the United Nations and played a central role in developing the U.N. practice of peacekeeping. Jan. 2.

Gerry Marsden, 78. The lead singer of the 1960s British group Gerry and the Pacemakers that had such hits as "Ferry Cross the Mersey" and the song that became the anthem of Liverpool Football Club, "You'll Never Walk Alone." Jan. 3.

Eric Jerome Dicksey, 59. The best-selling novelist who blended crime, romance and eroticism in "Sister, Sister," "Waking With Enemies" and dozens of other stories about contemporary Black life. Jan. 3. Cancer.

Tanya Roberts, 65. She captivated James Bond in "A View to a Kill" and appeared in the sitcom "That '70s Show." Jan. 4.

Tommy Lasorda, 93. The fiery baseball Hall of Fame manager who guided the Los Angeles Dodgers to two World Series titles and later became an ambassador for the sport he loved. Jan. 7.

Meredith C. Anding Jr., 79. A member of the "Tougaloo Nine," who famously participated in a library "read-in" in segregated Mississippi about 60 years ago. Jan. 8.

Sheldon Adelson, 87. He rose from a modest start as the son of an immigrant taxi driver to become a billionaire Republican powerbroker with a casino empire and influence on international politics. Jan. 11.

Siegfried Fischbacher, 81. He was the surviving member of the magic duo Siegfried & Roy who entertained millions with illusions using rare animals. Jan. 13. Pancreatic cancer.

Phil Spector, 81. The eccentric and revolutionary music producer who transformed rock music with his "Wall of Sound" method and who later was convicted of murder. Jan. 16.

Hank Aaron, 86. He endured racist threats with stoic dignity during his pursuit of Babe Ruth's home run record and gracefully left his mark as one of baseball's greatest all-around players. Jan. 22.

Larry King, 87. The suspenders-sporting everyman whose broadcast interviews with world leaders, movie stars and ordinary people helped define American conversation for a half-century. Jan. 23.

Walter Bernstein, 101. The screenwriter was among the last survivors of Hollywood's anti-Communist blacklist whose Oscar-nominated script for "The Front" drew upon his years of being unable to work under his own name. Jan. 23.

Sifis Valyrakis, 77. A former minister and resistance fighter against Greece's 1967-74 military dictatorship who twice made daring escapes. Jan. 24.

Carlos Holmes Trujillo, 69. As Colombia's defense minister, he was one of the country's most recognized conservative politicians. Jan. 26. Complications of COVID-19.

Cloris Leachman, 94. An Oscar-winner for her portrayal of a lonely housewife in "The Last Picture Show" and a comedic delight as the fearsome Frau Blücher in "Young Frankenstein" and self-absorbed neighbor Phyllis on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." Jan. 27.

Cicely Tyson, 96. The pioneering Black actor who gained an Oscar nomination for her role as the sharecropper's wife in "Sounder," won a Tony Award in 2013 at age 88 and touched

TV viewers' hearts in "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman." Jan. 28.

Paul J. Crutzen, 87. A Dutch scientist who won the Nobel Prize for chemistry for his work understanding the ozone hole and is credited with coining the term Anthropocene to describe the geological era shaped by mankind. Jan. 28.

John Chaney, 89. One of the nation's leading basketball coaches and a commanding figure during a Hall of Fame career at Temple. Jan. 29.

Hilton Valentine, 77. He was the founding guitarist of the English rock and roll band The Animals who is credited with coming up with one of the most famous opening riffs of the 1960s in "The House of the Rising Sun." Jan. 29.

Sophie, 34. She was the Grammy-nominated Scottish disc jockey, producer and recording artist who had worked with the likes of Madonna and Charli XCX. Jan. 30. Accidental fall.

Abraham J. Twerski, 90. An esteemed Hassidic rabbi and acclaimed psychiatrist who championed treatment for substance abuse and authored over 80 books on subjects both spiritual and scientific. Jan. 31.

Dustin Diamond, 44. An actor best known for playing Screech on the hit '90s sitcom "Saved by the Bell." Feb. 1. Cancer.

Jack Palladino, 76. The flamboyant private investigator whose clients ranged from presidents and corporate whistleblowers to celebrities, Hollywood moguls and sometimes suspected drug traffickers. Feb. 1. Injuries suffered in an attack.

Rennie Davis, 80. He was one of the "Chicago Seven" activists who was tried for organizing an anti-Vietnam War protest outside the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago in which thousands clashed with police. Feb. 2. Lymphoma.

Millie Hughes-Fulford, 75. A trailblazing astronaut and scientist who became the first female payload specialist to fly in space for NASA. Feb. 2.

Tony Trabert, 90. A five-time Grand Slam singles champion and former No. 1 player who went on to successful careers as a Davis Cup captain, broadcaster and executive. Feb. 3.

Jim Weatherly, 77. The Hall of Fame songwriter who wrote "Midnight Train to Georgia" and other hits for Gladys Knight, Glen Campbell and Ray Price. Feb. 3.

Christopher Plummer, 91. The dashing award-winning actor who played Captain von Trapp in the film "The Sound of Music" and at 82 became the oldest Academy Award acting winner in history. Feb. 5.

Leon Spinks, 67. He won Olympic gold and then shocked the boxing world by beating Muhammad Ali to win the heavyweight title in only his eighth pro fight. Feb. 5.

George P. Shultz, 100. The former secretary of state was a titan of American academia, business and diplomacy who spent most of the 1980s trying to improve Cold War relations with the Soviet Union and forging a course for peace in the Middle East. Feb. 6.

Mary Wilson, 76. The longest-reigning original Supreme. Feb. 8.

Marty Schottenheimer, 77. He won 200 regular-season games with four NFL teams thanks to his "Martyball" brand of smash-mouth football but regularly fell short in the playoffs. Feb. 8.

Chick Corea, 79. He was a towering jazz pianist with a staggering 23 Grammy Awards who pushed the boundaries of the genre and worked alongside Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock. Feb. 9. Cancer.

Larry Flynt, 78. He turned his raunchy Hustler magazine into an empire while fighting numerous First Amendment court battles. Feb. 10.

Johnny Pacheco, 85. A salsa idol who was a co-founder of Fania Records, Eddie Palmieri's bandmate and backer of music stars such as Rubén Blades, Willie Colón and Celia Cruz. Feb. 15.

Bernard Lown, 99. A Massachusetts cardiologist who invented the first reliable heart defibrillator and later co-founded an anti-nuclear war group that was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize. Feb. 16.

Rush Limbaugh, 70. The talk radio host who ripped into liberals and laid waste to political correctness with a merry brand of malice that made him one of the most powerful voices on the American right. Feb. 17.

Arturo Di Modica, 80. The artist who sculpted Charging Bull, the bronze statue in New York which became an iconic symbol of Wall Street. Feb. 19.

Ahmed Zaki Yamani, 90. A long-serving oil minister in Saudi Arabia who led the kingdom through the 1973 oil crisis, the nationalization its state energy company and once found himself held hostage by the assassin Carlos the Jackal. Feb. 23.

Michael Somare, 84. A pivotal figure in Papua New Guinea's independence and the South Pacific island nation's first prime minister. Feb. 26.

Kenneth C. Kelly, 92. A Black electronics engineer whose antenna designs contributed to the race to the moon, made satellite TV and radio possible and helped NASA communicate with Mars rovers and search for extraterrestrials. Feb. 27.

Johnny Briggs, 85. A British actor best known for his role as businessman Mike Baldwin in the long-running TV soap opera "Coronation Street." Feb. 28.

Vernon Jordan, 85. He rose from humble beginnings in the segregated South to become a champion of civil rights before reinventing himself as a Washington insider and corporate influencer. March 1.

Bunny Wailer, 73. A reggae luminary who was the last surviving founding member of the legendary group The Wailers. March 2.

Carla Wallenda, 85. A member of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act and the last surviving child of the famed troupe's founder. March 6.

Lou Ottens, 94. The inventor of the cassette tape, the medium of choice for millions of bedroom mix tapes. March 6.

Sister Janice McLaughlin, 79. A Maryknoll Sisters nun who was jailed and later deported by white minority-ruled Rhodesia for exposing human rights abuses. March 7.

Norton Juster, 91. The celebrated children's author who fashioned a world of adventure and punning punditry in the million-selling classic "The Phantom Tollbooth." March 8.

Roger Mudd, 93. The longtime political correspondent and anchor for NBC and CBS who once stumped Sen. Edward Kennedy by simply asking why he wanted to be president. March 9.

James Levine, 77. The conductor ruled over the Metropolitan Opera for more than four decades before being eased aside when his health declined and then was fired for sexual improprieties. March 9.

Luis Palau, 86. An evangelical pastor who was born in Argentina and went on to work with Billy Graham before establishing his own powerhouse international ministry. March 11.

Ronald DeFeo, 69. The man convicted of slaughtering his parents and four siblings in a home that later inspired the "The Amityville Horror" book and movies. March 12.

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Yaphet Kotto, 81. The commanding actor who brought tough magnetism and stately gravitas to films including the James Bond movie "Live and Let Die" and "Alien." March 15.

Elsa Peretti, 80. She went from Halston model and Studio 54 regular in the 1960s and '70s to one of the world's most famous jewelry designers with timeless, fluid Tiffany & Co. collections. March 18.

Elgin Baylor, 86. The Lakers' 11-time NBA All-Star who soared through the 1960s with a high-scoring style of basketball that became the model for the modern player. March 22.

George Segal, 87. The banjo player turned actor who was nominated for an Oscar for 1966's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and worked into his late 80s on the ABC sitcom "The Goldbergs." March 23. Complications from bypass surgery.

Jessica Walter, 80. Her roles as a scheming matriarch in TV's "Arrested Development" and a stalker in "Play Misty for Me" were in line with a career that drew on her astringent screen presence. March 24.

Beverly Cleary, 104. The celebrated children's author whose memories of her Oregon childhood were shared with millions through the likes of Ramona and Beezus Quimby and Henry Huggins. March 25.

Larry McMurtry, 84. The prolific and popular author who took readers back to the old American West in his Pulitzer Prize-winning "Lonesome Dove" and returned them to modern-day landscapes in works such as his emotional "Terms of Endearment." March 25.

Bill Brock, 90. A former senator from Tennessee whose long career in Washington included a key role in rebuilding the Republican Party after the Watergate scandal. March 25.

Bobby Brown, 96. An infielder who played on five World Series champions with the New York Yankees and later became a cardiologist and president of the American League. March 25.

G. Gordon Liddy, 90. A mastermind of the Watergate burglary and a radio talk show host after emerging from prison. March 30.

Clara Lamore Walker, 94. She swam for the U.S. at the 1948 Olympic Games in London, won three national championships, and later in life set hundreds of national and world swimming records in several masters age groups. April 2.

Sugako Hashida, 95. She was a renowned Japanese scriptwriter best known for the internationally popular TV drama series "Oshin." April 4.

Hans Kueng, 93. A Roman Catholic theologian who was an early colleague and friend of the future Pope Benedict XVI but later fell foul of the Vatican for challenging church doctrine and became a vocal critic of the pontiff. April 6.

Anne Beatts, 74. A groundbreaking comedy writer with a taste for sweetness and the macabre who was on the original staff of "Saturday Night Live" and later created the cult sitcom "Square Pegs." April 7.

John Naisbitt, 92. The author whose 1982 bestselling book "Megatrends" was published in dozens of countries. April 8.

Prince Philip, 99. The irascible and tough-minded husband of Queen Elizabeth II who spent more than seven decades supporting his wife in a role that both defined and constricted his life. April 9.

DMX, 50. The iconic hip-hop artist behind the songs "Ruff Ryders' Anthem" and "Party Up (Up in Here)" whose distinctively gruff voice and thoughtful messages in his rhymes made him one of rap's biggest stars. April 9.

Bernard Madoff, 82. The infamous architect

of an epic securities swindle that burned thousands of investors, outfoxed regulators and earned him a 150-year prison term. April 14.

Charles "Chuck" Geschke, 81. The co-founder of the major software company Adobe Inc. who helped develop Portable Document Format technology, or PDFs. April 16.

Walter F. Mondale, 93. The former U.S. vice president was a liberal icon who lost one of the most lopsided presidential elections after bluntly telling voters to expect a tax increase if he won. April 19.

Jim Steinman, 73. The Grammy-winning composer who wrote Meat Loaf's best-selling "Bat Out Of Hell" debut album as well as hits for Celine Dion, Air Supply and Bonnie Tyler. April 19. Kidney failure.

Shock G, 57. He blended whimsical wordplay with reverence for '70s funk as leader of the off-kilter Bay Area hip-hop group Digital Underground. April 22.

Christa Ludwig, 93. The mezzo-soprano was a renowned interpreter of Wagner, Mozart and Strauss who starred on the world's great stages for four decades. April 24.

Michael Collins, 90. An Apollo 11 astronaut who orbited the moon alone while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin made their historic first steps on the lunar surface. April 28. Cancer.

Jason Matthews, 69. An award-winning spy novelist who drew upon his long career in espionage and his admiration for John le Carre among others in crafting his popular "Red Sparrow" thrillers. April 28. Corticobasal degeneration.

Eli Broad, 87. The billionaire philanthropist, contemporary art collector and entrepreneur who co-founded homebuilding pioneer Kaufman and Broad Inc. and launched financial services giant SunAmerica Inc. April 30.

pia Dukakis, 89. The veteran stage and screen actor whose flair for maternal roles helped her win an Oscar as Cher's mother in the romantic comedy "Moonstruck." May 1.

Bobby Unser, 87. A beloved three-time winner of the Indianapolis 500 and part of the only pair of brothers to capture "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." May 2.

Jacques d'Amboise, 86. Grew up on the streets of upper Manhattan to become one of the world's premier classical dancers at New York City Ballet and spent the last four and a half decades providing free dance classes to city youth. May 2.

Lloyd Price, 88. The singer-songwriter was an early rock 'n' roll star and enduring maverick whose hits included such up-tempo favorites as "Lawdy Miss Clawdy," "Personality" and the semi-forbidden "Stagger Lee." May 3.

Paulo Gustavo, 42. A popular comedian whose character Dona Herminia dealt with everyday family and L G B T Q issues in some of Brazil's biggest-box office movies and television shows. May 4. COVID-19.

Mohamed Ashraf Sehrai, 78. A prominent politi-

cian in Kashmir who challenged India's rule over the disputed region for decades. May 5. Died while in police custody.

Pervis Staples, 85. His tenor voice complimented his father's and sisters' in the legendary gospel group The Staple Singers. May 6.

Norman Lloyd, 106. His role as kindly Dr. Daniel Auschlander on TV's "St. Elsewhere" was a single chapter in a distinguished stage and screen career. May 11.

Charles Grodin, 86. The actor and writer who scored as a caddish new-lywed in "The Heartbreak Kid" and later had roles ranging from Robert De Niro's counterpart in the comic thriller "Midnight Run" to the bedeviled father in the "Beethoven" comedies. May 18. Bone marrow cancer.

Paul Mooney, 79. A boundary-pushing comedian who was Richard Pryor's longtime writing partner and whose sage, incisive musings on racism and American life made him a revered figure in stand-up. May 19. Heart attack.

Lee Evans, 74. The record-setting sprinter who wore a black beret in a sign of protest at the 1968 Olympics then went onto a life of humanitarian work in support of social justice. May 19.

Alix Dobkin, 80. The lesbian singer and feminist activist who appeared in an iconic and recently resurgent 1975 photo wearing a T-shirt that read "The Future is Female." May 19. Brain aneurysm and stroke.

Yuan Longping, 90. A Chinese scientist who developed higher-yield rice varieties that helped feed people around the world. May 22.

Max Mosley, 81. Shook off the stigma of his family's links to fascism to become international motorsport's top administrator and later made a stand as a privacy campaigner in response to tabloid stories about his sex life. May 23.

Eric Carle, 91. A beloved children's author and illustrator whose classic "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and other works gave millions of kids some of their earliest and most cherished literary memories. May 23.

John Warner, 94. He served for 30 years in the U.S. Senate and was a longtime military expert who became famous as the sixth man to walk down the aisle with movie star Elizabeth Taylor. May 25.

Lois Ehlert, 86. Her cut-and-paste shapes and vibrant hues in books including "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" put her among the most popular illustrators of books for preschoolers of the late 20th century. May 25.

Kay Lahusen, 91. A

pioneering gay rights activist who chronicled the movement's earliest days through her photography and writing. May 26.

Carla Fracci, 84. An Italian cultural icon and former La Scala prima ballerina renowned for romantic roles alongside such greats as Rudolf Nureyev and Mikhail Baryshnikov. May 27.

Poul Schluter, 92. Denmark's prime minister for over a decade who negotiated exemptions for his country to a key European Union treaty after Danes rejected the initial text in a referendum. May 27.

B.J. Thomas, 78. The Grammy-winning singer who enjoyed success on the pop, country and gospel charts with such hits as "I Just Can't Help Believing," "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head" and "Hooked on a Feeling." May 29.

Gavin MacLeod, 90. The veteran supporting actor who achieved fame as sardonic TV news writer Murray Slaughter on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and stardom playing cheerful Capt. Stubing on "The Love Boat." May 29.

F. Lee Bailey, 87. The celebrity attorney who defended O.J. Simpson, Patricia Hearst and the alleged Boston Strangler, but whose legal career halted when he was disbarred in two states. June 3.

John Patterson, 99. A former Alabama governor who entered politics as a reformer after his father's assassination but was criticized for failing to protect the Freedom Riders from angry white mobs. June 4.

Clarence Williams III, 81. Played the cool undercover cop Linc Hayes on the counterculture series "The Mod Squad" and Prince's father in "Purple Rain." June 4.

David Dushman, 98. The last surviving Soviet soldier involved in the liberation of the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz. June 5.

Chief Leonard Crow Dog, 78. A renowned spiritual leader and Native American rights activist who fought for sovereignty, language preservation and religious freedom. June 6.

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Marriage Licenses

Miranda Marie Gonzales, 24, and Christin Maria Rodriguez, 21, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Michael Creel
 Defendant: Joye Creel
 Type of Case: Divorce – No Children
 Date: Dec. 22, 2021

Plaintiff: SM Energy Company
 Defendant: Occidental Petroleum Corporation
 Type of Case: Civil Case - Other
 Date: Dec. 22, 2021

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Plaintiff: Jennifer Dahlin
Defendant: Eric Dahlin
Type of Case: Divorce – No Children
Date: Dec. 27, 2021

Plaintiff: Daimler Trust
Defendant: Cynthia Islas, Royce Islas
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: Dec. 23, 2021

Plaintiff: David Arguello
Defendant: Ashley Luna
Type of Case: Divorce – No Children
Date: Dec. 27, 2021

Plaintiff: Brigitte Torres
Defendant: Sammy Torres Jr.
Type of Case: Divorce - Children
Date: Dec. 22, 2021

County Court Judgements

Defendant: Brandy Martinez
Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750 with previous conviction
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$60 reimbursement fee, time served.
Date: Dec. 22, 2021

Defendant: Brandy Martinez
Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750 shoplifting
Date: Dec. 22, 2021

Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$60 reimbursement fee, time served.
Date: Dec. 22, 2021

Defendant: Marie Kauss
Offense: Criminal trespass – property/building/aircraft/vehicle
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$110 reimbursement fee, time served.
Date: Dec. 20, 2021

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Elvis Payne and Ramona Payne
Grantee: Chelia Charlene Cook
Property: Lot 6 and N/5 feet of Lot 7, Blk. 3, Settles Addition
Date: Dec. 20, 2021

Grantor: John Dobbs and Shawna Dobbs
Grantee: Judy Dobbs
Property: A 5.485-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 25, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 20, 2021

Grantor: Judy Dobbs
Grantee: John Dobbs and Shawna Dobbs
Property: A 5.0-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 25, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T& RR Co. Survey, and an access easement in the same quarter section.
Date: Dec. 20, 2021

Grantor: Jonathan Simpson
Grantee: Old Big Spring Property LLC
Property: Surface estate only of Lot 11, Blk. 9, College Park Estates Addition
Date: Dec. 23, 2021

Date: Dec. 23, 2021

Grantor: Scottie Marlin Simpson
Grantee: Old Big Spring Property LLC
Property: Surface estate only of Lot 11, Blk. 9, College Park Estates Addition
Date: Dec. 23, 2021

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Brian D. East and Barbara J. East
Grantee: James Allen
Property: Lot 7, Blk. A, Stone Creek subdivision
Date: Dec. 21, 2021

Grantor: Jeffery Blackwell, individually and as heir of Callie Blackwell
Grantee: Roger Glenn Alphin
Property: Lot 14, Blk. 2, Belvue Addition
Date: Dec. 22, 2021

Grantor: Triple Play Investments
Grantee: Morgan Paige Flores and Luis Javier Vargas Cruz
Property: Lot 15, Blk. B, Merrick-Greene Addition
Date: Dec. 22, 2021

Grantor: Charlotte Sue Walker Dalton and Phyllis Gale Walker Franks
Grantee: Jeremiah Waimanu Simmons Jr.
Property: Tract 1: A tract in Sec. 31, Blk. 33 T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: A tract in SE/4 Sec. 31, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.
Date: Dec. 23, 2021

Charities wade into NFT craze with mixed financial results

By MICHAEL THEIS

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On GivingTuesday, officials at New Jersey-based health care charity Sostento learned they would receive a donation of roughly \$58,000 by the end of the week.

The donation was unlike any the nonprofit had received before. It was derived from the proceeds of the sale of a nonfungible token, or NFT, for a digital artwork called "The NFT Guild Philanthropist — Healthcare Heroes." You've likely heard of NFTs. They're built on the same technology that underlies digital currencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum. These digital assets shot into the limelight in March 2021 after Mike Winkelman, known by his artist moniker Beeple, auctioned off an NFT for \$69 million at Christie's. Think of an NFT as a deed or token associated with a work of digital art, like an image, an audio recording, or a video. That token can be used to keep track of the file's provenance and sale history, allowing someone to prove ownership of the asset.

While the technology was created to give artists more control over their work, NFTs have spawned a frenzy as collectors look to cash in. As that speculation intensifies, a growing number of charities have begun to explore fundraising efforts tied to NFTs. Although some NFT charity auctions have yielded eye-popping sums, others have had limited success. Complicating matters, NFTs use new technologies that are generating lots of questions for accountants and regulators.

The "Guild Philanthropist" NFT sold for 6.3 Ethereum, the equivalent of roughly \$28,000. The artist provided a donation to match the sale price. For Sostento, accepting the donation was fairly simple. The organization worked with Giving Block, a nonprofit that helps other charities accept cryptocurrency, to convert the crypto into U.S. dollars. The NFT will also continue to benefit charities in the future. It was created with a provision that obliges proceeds of future sales to be given to charity.

But there is still a steep learning curve associated with NFTs and cryptocurrency, said Joe Agoada, CEO of Sostento, which develops software and communication products for the health care industry. Accountants advising Sostento cautioned against accepting NFTs and other cryptocurrency directly. Working with an intermediary to convert the NFT proceeds from ones and zeros to dollars and cents was crucial.

"It took a long time to understand how we could actually make this possible," said Agoada.

Sostento wasn't the only group to see a windfall from these novel tokens last week. Officials at Giving Block said they helped process roughly \$1 million in charitable donations on GivingTuesday derived from the proceeds of NFT auctions. And on Dec. 7, Giving Block will launch the inaugural NFTuesday, a day focused on driving more NFT-derived philanthropy.

Some nonprofits have entered the NFT fray as a way to reach a broader audience.

In July, officials at Save the Chimps, a chimpanzee refuge in Fort Pierce, Florida, scanned finger paintings done by three of its residents: Cheeta, Clay, and Tootie. From those scans, they created a series of NFTs and listed them for auction on Truesy, an NFT marketplace. Think of them like prints of a photograph. They were priced to sell at a value equivalent to about \$25. Save the Chimps set up its NFT to provide a royalty to the charity in the event of future sales. The fundraising haul so far? Just a few hundred dollars.

"The exciting part was they were all first-time donors," said Sara Halpert, the group's marketing director.

That's the appeal for many charities that have started to dabble in the world of NFTs and, more broadly, cryptocurrency. These collectors and investors could be a valuable new audience for fundraisers to tap, said Pat Duffy, CEO of Giving Block. They tend to be richer-than-average, financially savvy younger donors who are very active online.

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2021 REDISTRICTING PROJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BIG SPRING, TEXAS — 2021 REDISTRICTING PROJECT:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Big Spring, Texas ("City"), by and through its governing body, the Big Spring City Council ("City Council"), will hold public meetings at the following date, time, and location — and at those meetings will conduct public hearings regarding the City's 2021 Redistricting Project ("Project"):

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: January 11, 2022
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers 307 E 4th St. Big Spring, Texas 79720

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

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DATE: January 25, 2022
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers 307 E 4th St. Big Spring, Texas 79720

According to the 2020 United States Census data, the City's single-member districts from which Council members are elected are not of sufficiently equal population and must be redrawn to comply with the "one-person, one-vote" principle established by the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1955, as amended in 1975 and 1982. The City Council is considering new boundaries for its single-member districts. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss potential options for the drawing of those new boundaries in compliance with the law for the Project.

Any redistricting plan submitted to the City for consideration must conform to the Redistricting Criteria adopted by the City Council. The Criteria may be reviewed and downloaded from the City's website at www.mybigspring.com.

Should you have questions regarding the scheduled public meeting and hearing, please contact the office of the City Secretary: Tami Davis, 310 S. Nolan St., Big Spring, Texas 79720. Or call (432) 264-2513.

The City Council encourages participation in the redistricting process for the Project and invites all interested persons to attend the meeting and participate in the public hearing.

NOTE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who need auxiliary aids or ?services should contact City Secretary's Office, at (432) 264-2513 at least seventy-two (72) hours before this meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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TO: The heirs, executors administrators, devisees, trustees, successors and assigns, immediate and remote, known and unknown, of THE ESTATE OF LETA B. EIDSON, DECEASED, and the heirs, executors administrators, devisees, trustees, successors and assigns, immediate and remote, known and unknown, of THE ESTATE OF LETA E. WASSON, DECEASED, **Defendants in the cause describes in this citation.**

NOTICE: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney.

You, and each of you, or your attorney, are commanded to appear and to answer before the 118th Judicial District Court, Howard County Courthouse in Big Spring, Texas, at or before 10:00 AM on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation being at or before 10:00 AM on Monday, the 18th day of January, 2022, then and there to answer the petition in Cause NO. 55248, styled

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remote, known and unknown of The Estate of Leta E. Wasson, deceased, in the 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas.

In case of failure by you or your attorney to file an answer, judgement by default may be rendered for the relief demanded in the petition. The petition filed on the 29th day of November, 2021, discloses the nature of the suit and describes the property interest at issue as follows:

Concerning the ownership of a 27.54/167.7 royalty in a tract of land described as: 167.7 acres, more or less out of the T&P RR Co. Survey, Abstract No. 1424, Howard County, Texas, being the North 167.7 acres of the South 392.7 acres of Section 48, Block 32, Township 3 North.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. If you fail to file and answer, judgement by default may be rendered for the relief demanded in the petition.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 30th day of November, 2021, at Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

[SEAL]

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HIGHPEAK ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 385826] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 27, Bk. 31 T1S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-117, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 5.4 miles SW direction from COAHOMA, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL, FAX, E-MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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Lease/Unit Well No. : D 1H

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Abstract: 111
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Field notes for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :
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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8700 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Mary Crosswell, at (817)312-8504.

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New Year's Eve recovery tips

New Year's Eve often marks the culmination of a season of celebration. Part of the fun of New Year's Eve gatherings is letting loose and partying into the wee hours of the morning — which also marks the first day of the new year.

The saying "go big or go home" is never more appropriate than on New Year's Eve, when the festive atmosphere can compel people to stay up a little later than they otherwise would.

Waking up hours later tired and lacking motivation is not uncommon on New Year's Day. Fortunately, there are various ways for individuals who burn the midnight oil on New Year's Eve to feel better on January 1.

- Take a nap. Too little sleep can make you feel grouchy and out of sorts. Sleep debt occurs after lack of sleep adds up consecutively, and Harvard Medical School says it occurs when you fail to get 6 to 9 hours of sleep each night, which is a common occurrence during the busy holiday season. Making time for a nap can be a great way to feel better on January 1.

• Drink plenty of water. Rehydrating after a night of celebration can help individuals overcome the overindulgence of the previous night.

• Enjoy a soothing cup of tea. Rich foods and desserts may wreak havoc on your digestive system. A cup of chamomile tea can have anti-inflammatory effects and also settle your gastrointestinal system. Add a little ginger for even more stomach-smoothing properties.

• Look to caffeine as a pick-me-up. While you shouldn't go overboard with caffeinated products, a cup of coffee can chase away cobwebs in your head and sluggishness. Caffeine can help you be more alert and improve reaction times, according to Healthline.

• Eat light. Go lighter on meals for a few days to start to detoxify the body from the heavy, calorie-laden meals that mark the holiday season. Lean toward meals that are heavy on vegetables and whole grains.



A fusion of flavors for big game snacking

Each year, football fans gather to watch their favorite teams battle it out on the gridiron. Those battles can get pretty fierce, and football fans know they're best watched with some delicious food on hand.

This recipe for "Philly Cheesesteak Dumplings" from "Judy Joo's Korean Soul Food" (White Lion Publishing) makes for a great addition to any game watch party table. These crispy appetizers meld Korean and American flavors together for a truly unique offering.



Philly Cheesesteak Dumplings
Makes about 45

50 thin square eggless wonton wrappers (around 4 inches in size)

Vegetable oil, for frying

Filling:
5 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stems removed and finely chopped

1 tablespoon roasted sesame oil

1 pound, 2 ounces cooked, shredded beef short ribs

11 ounces cabbage kimchi, drained and finely chopped

3 1/2 ounces spring onions, finely chopped

3 ounces pickled jalapeños, finely chopped

1 pound, 2 ounces mature cheddar cheese, grated

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

To serve:
Silgochu (dried chilli threads)

1 spring onion, julienned and soaked in ice water until curled, then drained

Sriracha

For the filling

First sauté the mushrooms in the sesame oil in a large nonstick frying pan over medium-low heat until just softened.

Remove from the heat and set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the rest of the filling ingredients with the mushrooms. Mix together using your hands, really breaking up the short rib meat to make a uniform texture.

Line a couple of baking sheets with parchment and set aside.

Fill a small bowl with water.

Unwrap the wonton wrappers and cover lightly with a piece of clingfilm to keep them moist.

Lay a wrapper on a clean work surface and put 1 ounce of the meat filling in the center.

Dip a forefinger into the water and run it along the edges of the wrapper to moisten the surface. Now bring the open edges to the center, and pinch where the edges meet each other, creating four seams in a cross shape.

Set aside and cover with clingfilm or a damp tea towel while you shape the rest.

Repeat with the remaining wrappers and filling, making sure the dumplings are not touching on the baking sheets.

To a medium saucepan, add the vegetable oil and heat to 340 F (170 C).

Working in batches, place the dumplings on their sides in the pan in a single layer without crowding.

Cook for 3 to 4 minutes until golden brown. Transfer the fried dumplings to a wire rack or kitchen paper-lined plate to drain.

Repeat with the remaining dumplings.

If you don't plan on cooking them straight away, you can freeze them on the baking sheets, then bag them up and store in the freezer.

Top with some of the silgochu and curly spring onion and serve immediately with the sriracha.



By Steve Becker

A question of priorities

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 10 6
♥ 10 4
♦ K 6 4
♣ A J 9 3 2
WEST
♠ A 9 5
♥ J 8 5 3
♦ Q 9 7
♣ 7 4
EAST
♠ 8 7 4
♥ K 6 2
♦ J 8 3 2
♣ K 6 5
SOUTH
♠ K J 3 2
♥ A Q 7
♦ A 10 5
♣ Q 10 8

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of hearts.
There are so many seemingly contradictory rules which are supposed to guide declarer during the play that it is not at all surprising that many players occasionally become confused.
For instance, one source might advise developing your strongest suit, while another might advocate developing your longest suit. Some one else tells you to count your winners, and another says to count your losers, and so on, ad infinitum.
All such advice, though offered in good faith, is intended to be merely general and should be categorically

rejected whenever following the general rule seems unwise. In most deals, the goal is to make the contract, and this takes precedence over mere generalities. One should always try to avoid a result where it can later be said that the operation was a success, but the contract died.
Take this case where declarer wins East's king of hearts with the ace at trick one. What should he do next? Should he attack spades or clubs? Undoubtedly, many declarers would immediately tackle clubs, the longer suit. If they did, they would finish down one. East would win with the king and return a heart, establishing West's suit, after which South could not score more than eight tricks.
Declarer should, however, lead spades first — not because they're shorter, longer or more solid, but because leading spades first assures the contract. The only real threat is that East has the king of clubs and West has five or six hearts with the ace of spades as an entry. West should therefore be disarmed as soon as possible, and that is the reason for attacking spades first.
When West takes the ace of spades, he returns the jack of hearts, which you, of course, duck. You win the next heart and then try the club finesse. True, it loses — but you make four notrump.

SUDOKU

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

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

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Lunar Conjunctions

When we leave the house with the intention of having an experience, what often results is a whole lot of fun. But when our intention is dutiful attendance to familiar places, things and people, our spirit of adventure has a way of falling asleep. Three lunar conjunctions will shake the spirit of adventure awake, magnetizing life's interesting side.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You felt trapped and now you'll be released, not because someone else had the key but because you have come to understand the situation from a vantage point that shows you all the ins and outs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Going into a new situation is exciting and scary. There's no amount of forethought that will let you know what you're getting into. You will prevail, though; trust that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Much is riding on your decisions. Other people's lives

will be affected, not to mention in some way, however small, the course of history. So even though it would be easier to act impulsively, you'll take time to reflect.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've just reached the top of a mountain only to discover there are several more ranges to cross. Don't lose heart. If you can do it once, you can do it a hundred times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The opportunity to bring your work to a new crowd or to mingle outside of your usual setting is not to be missed. Don't worry about fitting in. Whether you technically fit or not, you'll be a smashing success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In life and music, one rhythm is not inherently better than other, rather there are different moods produced by different beats. You'll groove, march and tap dance through the day, responding perfectly to its many tones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-

Oct. 23). You learn a lot about people because you don't make assumptions. Your listening skills help you deepen a connection and create understanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's a waste to wait for inspiration or motivation. Move even when you are not motivated and you'll get the same good result as if you had moved when you were.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Trust your instincts. They are creative, accurate and healthy. What you want to do may be difficult but you have the courage and tenacity to do hard things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you downplay your accomplishments, you'll insinuate doubt in an otherwise

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 2). You've a permanent home in the hearts of others. There's comfort in this. Feeling loved and safe inspires you to take risks. You'll get to spend more time with someone you've been missing. You'll have the means to spoil the people you love, and their reactions will be precious. A new professional circle will open to you. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 4, 14, 44 and 20.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Three lunar conjunctions start the week off with a spirited shake-up. Questions burble to the surface, many having to do with identity and the social landscape. Where do you fit in? Getting a solid answer to the question isn't the point; it's more about realizing you can get along with a number of people. You have more in common with perfect strangers than you might guess. Exercises in empathy will roll out gently over the course of the week. It's an opportunity to build your network, or to understand and participate in your community better.

alignment of the Capricorn sun and Venus, heralding the turn of love into zones of tradition. Love itself doesn't change much but almost nothing about the way it's expressed stays the same from generation to generation. Though different vernacular, new rules and an ever-changing approach are undeniable facts of modern love, even unconventional types could feel the sudden urge this week to play their love lives as their parents and grandparents did. The habits of generations will be analyzed, and the parts that work will be woven into the new fabric of the day.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aquarius actor Rainn Wilson played megalomaniac Dwight Schrute of "The Office," though in real life, he follows closely the humanitarian ideals of his sign, as exemplified in the website he founded, soulpancake.com, a mind-expanding, feel-good, artistic place in cyberspace. Wilson was born when the sun, Venus and Mars were in Aquarius.

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Saturday brings an

Annie's Mailbox

Hello to You, 2022

Dear Readers: Happy New Year! May the following thoughts encourage, enlighten and inspire you as we begin anew in the chapter of 2022.

"For last year's words belong to last year's language

And next year's words await another voice." -- T.S. Eliot, "Four Quartets"

"In the New Year, never forget to thank your past years because they enabled you to reach today! Without the stairs of the past, you cannot arrive at the future!" -- Mehmet Murat ildan

"The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes." -- G.K. Chesterton, "A Chesterton Calendar"

"We should celebrate every year that we made it through and every year that we're happier and healthier." -- Ellen DeGeneres, "Seriously... I'm Kidding"



"This year, let's take ownership of our lives and pursue our goals by taking 100 percent responsibility for their realization." -- Richie Norton

"New year is another opportunity of seeing life with little more caring, compassion, maturity and beauty." -- Amit Ray, "Peace Bliss Beauty and Truth: Living with Positivity"

"You can't get to where today needs to take you if you're holding on to yesterday." -- Toni Sorenson

"The present is too often squandered grieving the past or fearing the future, which makes the present nothing more than a cheap facsimile of what was or what will be instead of what it could be." -- Craig D. Lounsbrough, "An Intimate Collision: Encounters with Life and Jesus"

"Well, we have a whole new year ahead of us. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little more gentle with each other, a little more loving, and have a little more empathy, and maybe, next year at this time we'd like each other a little more." -- Judy Garland

"Tomorrow is the



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first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one!" -- Brad Paisley

"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been." -- Rainer Maria Rilke

And for those of you who are not particularly fond of New Year's resolutions, some humor to brighten up your day:

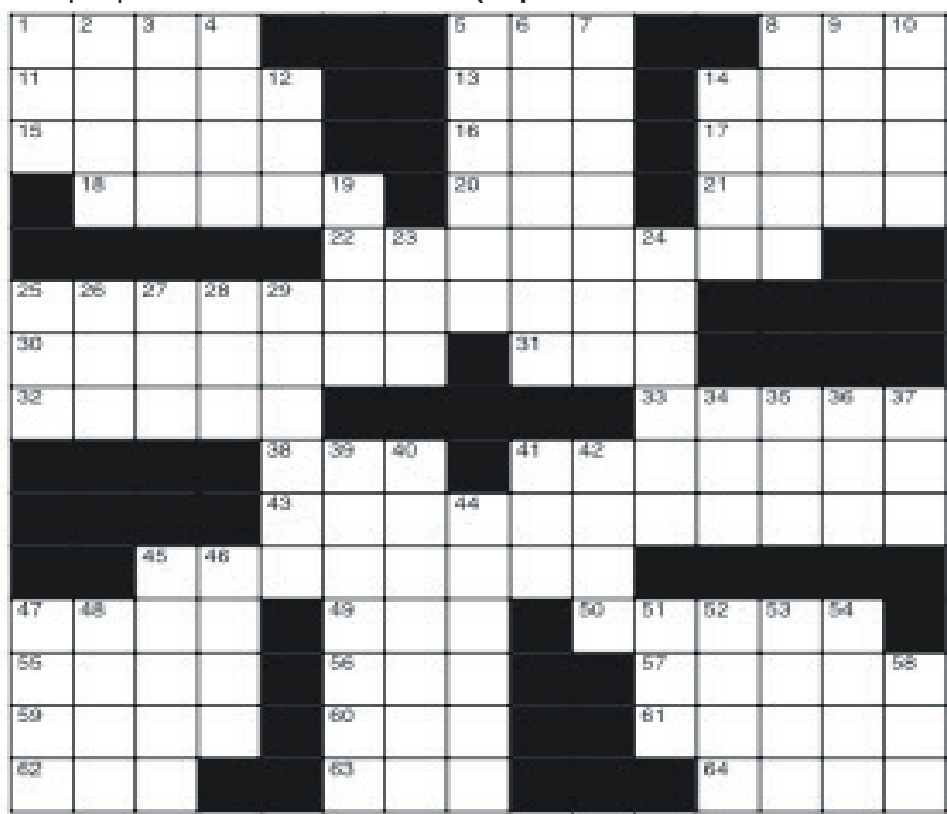
"Yesterday, everybody smoked his last cigar, took his last drink and swore his last oath. Today, we are a pious and exemplary community. Thirty days from now, we shall have cast our reformation to the winds and gone to cutting our ancient shortcomings considerably shorter than ever." -- Mark Twain

"Many years ago, I made a New Year's resolution to never make New Year's resolutions. Hell, it's been the only resolution I've ever kept!" -- D.S. Mixell

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Loud cheer
5. Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
8. Type of cell
11. Oblong pulpits
13. Pitching statistic
14. Uncommon
15. Liabilities
16. Thin, straight bar
17. Oh goodness!
18. Competitions
20. Jima, WW II battlefield
21. Professional assn. (abbr.)
22. Italian mountain range
25. Taking possession of
30. Used in cooking and medicine
31. Water (French)
32. Parent a child
33. Sun-dried brick
38. One point south of due east
41. Female fashion accessory
43. A way of making a copy of
45. A way to debilitate
47. Wings
49. Social insect
50. Dull brown fabrics
55. Indian musical pattern
56. N. England university
57. Portable stands for coffins
59. Iranian district
60. Envision
61. Passerine bird genus
62. Container
63. Falter
64. Tunisian city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cool!
2. Passover offering
3. Swedish rock group
4. Collegiate military organization
5. Large nests
6. Beloved baked good
7. 1980s pop legend
8. Finger millet
9. Hillside
10. Surrender
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Long, narrow strap
19. Discount
23. A type of cast
24. Large, tropical lizard
25. Half of "Milli Vanilli"
26. Single
27. Big truck
28. Midway between east and southeast
29. Et ___ : indicates further
34. Insecticide
35. Luke Skywalker's mentor ___-Wan
36. Cast out
37. Breakfast food
39. By reason of
40. One who makes thread
41. Baseball stat
42. Breezed through
44. Frothy mass of bubbles
45. Tony-winning actress Daisy
46. Made of fermented honey and water
47. Member of a Semitic people
48. Monetary unit of the Maldives
51. Run batted in
52. Makes publicly known
53. Disagreement
54. Soluble ribonucleic acid
58. Single-reed instrument