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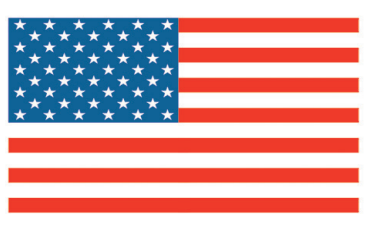
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Upcoming Events

*The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present "The Music of Queen" featuring Jeans 'n Classics, at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at BSHS Auditorium. Visit www.bigspringssymphony.org.*

*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. For information call 517-9097.*

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**Hearing on removal of Housing Authority Board next week**

**By ROGER CLINE**  
Herald Staff Writer  
According to a notice issued by the City of Big Spring, the City Council will meet next Monday, Jan. 10, to discuss removal of the current members of the Big Spring Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.  
The notice says that the meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on that day in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street.  
Members of the council will consider "Removal of Commissioner(s) for Inefficiency, Neglect of Duty, or Misconduct in Office," according to the notice.  
Listed in the notice are two "Specific charge(s)": "Neglect of Duty. The Big



Spring Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has failed to exercise adequate oversight of Director Sharon Fritz in accordance with Texas Local

Government Code Sec. 392.038"; and "Neglect of Duty. The Big Spring Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has failed to comply with Texas Local Government Code Sec. 392.062(b)."  
Texas Local Government Code 392.038, titled "Other Officers and Employees of a Municipal or County Housing Authority" reads "A municipal or county housing authority may employ a secretary, who shall serve as executive director, and may employ technical experts and other officers, agents, and employees, permanent or temporary, the authority considers necessary. The authority shall determine the qualifications,  
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**Howard College to host Real Estate Agent Safety course**

**By ROGER CLINE**  
Herald Staff Writer  
Howard College will host a Real Estate Agent Safety Course Jan. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school's Cactus Room.  
The event will be conducted at the college by U.S. Law Shield, a Texas-based company that identifies itself on its website - www.uslawshield.com - with the slogan "Legal defense for self defense."  
"Our mission...involves educating our members in self-defense law; empowering them to handle critical, life-threatening situations with confidence; and protecting them from potential injustices in the legal system after acts of self-defense."  
According to the U.S. Law Shield's



Facebook posting regarding the event: "A life-threatening situation can happen anytime and anywhere, and while you might know how to defend yourself in your own home, what about when you're in someone else's? What can you do? What protections does the law give you?"  
The posting goes on to say that the course, titled "Safety Has No Asking Price," will teach "critical safety skills tailored specifically for your profession to keep you safe on the job."  
There is a \$20 registration fee for the course, and signup is at www.uslawshield.com/seminar . Under "Select State" choose Texas, and under Select Event Type choose "Real Estate Agent Safety Course."

**Check this out at the Library this week**

**By SANDRA VERDIN**  
Howard County Library  
Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, the computer room closes at 5:30 p.m. You may reach us at 432-264-2260 and our fax number is 432-264-2263. Please visit our website at <http://howard-county.ploud.net> and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary) for more information about our services and any updates.  
With the New Year there are new goals to reach use library resources to help you reach your goals or New Year's resolutions. Aside from hundreds of available print materials the library also has activity kits, series DVD's, STEAM kits, Launchpad's and services like free Wi-Fi and free computer use. We also have an extensive digital collection, browse hundreds of eBooks,



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This week's review are fiction titles.  
After a heartbreak leaves her reeling, January Sanders is open to anything in *Love and a Little White Lie* - State of Grace series Bk# 1 (F GRAT) by Tammy Gray, including moving into a cabin on her aunt's wedding-venue property and accepting a temporary position at her aunt's church despite being a lifelong skeptic of faith. Choosing to keep her doubts to herself, she's determined to give her all to supporting Grace Community's overworked staff while helping herself move on. What she doesn't count on is meeting the church's handsome and charming guitarist. It's a match set for disaster, and yet January has no ability to stay away, even if it means pretending to have faith in a God she doesn't believe in. Only this time, keeping her secret isn't as easy as she thought it would be. Especially when she's constantly running into her aunt's landscape architect, who seems to know everything about her past-and-present sins and makes no apologies about pushing her to deal with feelings she'd rather keep buried. Torn between two worlds that can't coexist, can January find the healing that's eluded her, or will her resistance to the truth ruin any chance of happiness?  
Leif Metcalfe and his team, dubbed Reaper, need to recover the stolen, ancient *Book of the Wars* if they hope to stop the Armageddon Coalition and their pursuit of global economic control in *Kings Falling* - The Book of the Wars series Bk# 2 (F KEN R) by Ronie Kendig. But their attention has been diverted by a prophecy in the book that foretells of formidable guardians who will decimate the enemies of ArC. While Iskra Todorova uses her connections in the covert underworld to hunt down the Book of the Wars, Leif and Reaper attempt to neutralize these agents but quickly find themselves outmaneuvered and outgunned. The more Reaper tries to stop the guardians, the more failure becomes a familiar, antagonistic foe. Friendships are fractured, and the team battles to hold it together long enough to defeat ArC. But as this millennia-old conspiracy creeps closer and closer to home, the implications could tear Leif and the team apart.  
Richard Brockwell, the younger son of Ivy Hill's most prominent family, hasn't been home for Christmas in years in *An Ivy Hill Christmas* - Tales from Ivy Hill Series Bk 4 (F KLA J) by Julie Klassen. He prefers to live in the London townhouse, far away from Brockwell Court, the old family secret that haunts him, and the shadows of his past mistakes. But then his mother threatens to  
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## Obituaries

## Oscar "Lee" Garcia



Oscar "Lee" Garcia, 28, beloved son of Oscar and Sandra Garcia, passed away on Dec. 27, 2021.

Lee was born in Big Spring, TX on July 26, 1993. He is survived by his parents Oscar and Sandra Garcia of Big Spring TX, sister, Marissa Garcia of Big Spring Tx, son, Braydn Lee Garcia of Stanton, TX, and maternal grandmother, Patsy Tercero of San Antonio, TX. Lee was preceded in death by paternal grandparents Raul and Herminia Garcia, and maternal grandfather, Orlando "Chito" Tercero.

Lee was a life-long resident of Big Spring and is a graduate of Big Spring High School 2012.

Lee was employed in the oilfield industry for many years. He grew up playing numerous sports as a youth and throughout his high school years. He was an avid golfer and a huge fan of Texas Tech

football.

Lee was a devoted father, son, brother, nephew, and a true friend. He will be remembered by his vivacious laugh, humorous spirit, and contagious smile. He had a heart of gold and was always willing to give a helping hand.

Visitation for Lee will be held at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Sunday, January 2 from 11am-9pm with Rosary Vigil to begin at 7pm. Funeral mass will be on Monday, Jan. 3 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial to follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pallbearers: Braydn Garcia, William Currie, Brenden Garcia, Nicholas Garcia, Christopher Saucedo, Kyler McGee, Jake Moore, and Zac Terry. Honorary Pallbearers: Cameron Churchwell, Justin Epley, Raul Garcia III, Dylan Wright, Ethan Rocha, and TJ Chavez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Jackie Ray Rinard



Jackie Ray Rinard, 87 of Big Spring died in Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with family receiving friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Monday at Midway Baptist Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Jackie was born on Nov. 14, 1934 in Dundee, TX to Arch Edward and Velma Rinard. He has been in the Howard County since 1961 and was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Jackie loved to watch high school football and go

to the playoff games. He loved to hunt and fish, basically anything to do with the great outdoors.

Jackie is survived by 2 sons: Jackie Ray Rinard, Jr. (Michelle) & Jimmy Roy Rinard (Tasha); 1 daughter: Brenda Sue Burks (Guinn); 8 grandkids, 12 great grandkids; 1 sister: Marilyn Rinard (Robert) and several nieces and nephews.

Jackie was preceded in death by his parents and wife Linda "Charlene" Rinard.

Pallbearers will be Patrick Lindsey, Dustin Rinard, Cody McCutcheon, Justin Burks, Austin Rinard, & Cliff Snell. Honorary pallbearers will be Kaleb Stanley & Ian Park.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## W A Burchell



W A Burchell, (Framer to his friends and family), 91 years old, went to his Heavenly home to be with his beloved wife, Maurene on Monday, Dec. 27, 2021. Graveside memorial service will be held at a later date.

Farmer was born in Knott, Texas on April 30, 1930 to Annie & Wiley Farmer. He attended Big Spring High School.

Farmer is survived by his children and their spouses, Kim & Tony Dean and Randy & Sherry Burchell. And by his 5 grandchildren: Kyle, Zach, Jenny, Londi, & Stevie and 4 great grandchildren:

Kinsley, Colsen, Reese & Eli.

Farmer's life was a great fruitful journey. He was in the US Army in the Korea war. He spent 25 plus years at Cosden. During these years he formed life-long friendships. Farmer was a loving and humble man who never met a stranger. He was always willing to help anyone, be they family, friend, neighbor, or a stranger. He was loved by many and will be missed deeply as he continues his journey to be with his Lord.

Farmer was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers: Edward Burchell, Walton Burchell & R. D Burchell and 1 sister: Margaret Dangel.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## John Paul Kay



John Paul Kay (JP), 63, passed away December 26, 2021 following his battle with cancer. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, TX.

JP was born on 9 May 1958 in Big Spring, TX to Sovoy and Beverly Kay.

He is survived by his sister, Pau-

la Kay (Sharon Garcia), stepsister, Gina Lochausen (Matt) and numerous cousins.

JP is predeceased by his father and stepmother, Sovoy and Donna Kay, mother, Beverly Kay, maternal grandparents, Doyle and Mildred Vaughn, paternal grandmother, Dee Scarborough, Delbert Vaughn and wife Carolyn, and stepbrother, Jerry Don Thomas.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Mary Loretta Yarbrough



Mary Loretta Yarbrough, 81, of Forsan, passed away Wednesday, December 29, 2021. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm, Sunday, January 2, 2022 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:00 pm Monday, January 3, 2022 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Loretta was born March 18, 1940 in Avoca, Texas to Lottie Mary (Pope) and Coy

Floyd Turner. She married Elmer Lee Yarbrough on November 6, 1959 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on October 13, 2013. She enjoyed sewing, fishing, her church,

and visiting with her friends in Forsan. She loved her grandkids most of all. She was a member of Forsan Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons: Gerald Yarbrough and wife Susie, Darrell Yarbrough and Mark Yarbrough and wife Tiffany; one sister: JoNell McWhorter; a brother-in-law: Leslie Yarbrough and a sister-in-law: LaVerne Dean; 8 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Gilbert Turner and Gaylord Turner; one sister: Gretta Sue Yockers, and a daughter-in-law Wanda Yarbrough.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Helen Subia Martinez



Helen Subia Martinez, 91, was called to our Lord Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive.

Helen was born Sep. 16, 1930 in Big Spring to Luz & Juan R. Subia.

She is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Sacred Heart then Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Helen was a remarkable woman; a devout catholic, serving her family as a homemaker, jack of all trades, she had a green thumb you could always catch her gardening and taking care of her inside plant babies. Helen loved her lottery tickets and bingo. Her Favorite was Dairy Queen/Hunger Busters. She never missed her Days of Our Lives. Later in life, she also loved tuning into EWTN to watch her prayers and attend church also visits from her family and friends.

She made us feel like the biggest person when we felt like we were at our lowest point in life. She cared for children like they were her own. It didn't matter whose kids they were, she was there to listen and help where she could. Her faith in God was evident, marked-up and worn prayer books were never far from her.

She truly lived out Proverbs 31: 10-31. We know that she is at rest in the Lord and awaits the call, "well done good and faithful servant." Rest dear Mother, Wife, Sister Grandma, Teacher and Child of God—you have earned it.

Helen will be lovingly remembered by her 5 Children, Gilbert Martinez & wife Lolly of Big Spring, Felix

Martinez & wife Linda of Midland, Oswaldo Martinez & wife Sandra of Big Spring, Lawrence Martinez of Big Spring; Luz M. Paniagua & Late-Husband Elias Paniagua Jr. of Tahoka.

22 Grandchildren, 36 Great Grandchildren 3 Brothers & 3 Sisters Cruz Barrera, Johnny Subia, Concha DeLeon, Sisto Subia, Raymond Subia, & Anselma Subia.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents Juan & Luz Subia, Husband Gilbert Martinez; grandson Jason Martinez, Brother Abelardo Subia; 3 Sisters; Eloisa Hernandez, Olivia Porras, Trinidad Cochran She deeply loved her family including all her beautiful extended families, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. She had a zest for life that no one could measure.

With heartfelt gratitude, we the family respectfully thank and

acknowledge each and every one of you for your visits, calls, prayers, cards, floral arrangements and all other expressions of

sympathy shown during our time of bereavement.

Special "Thank You" to all of Mother's Caregivers Thank You, Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel Your support at this difficult time was very much

appreciated and of great comfort to all of the family

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- Age 18+ with underlying health conditions
- Age 18+ who work in high risk settings

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**HEARING**

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duties, and compensation of the persons employed.”

Texas Local Government Code 392.062 is titled “Reports,” and reads: “(a) At least once a year, each hous-

ing authority shall file a report of its activities for the preceding year and make recommendations for additional legislation or other action it considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.(b) A municipal housing authority shall file the report with the clerk of the municipality. A county housing authority shall file

the report with the county clerk. A regional housing authority shall file the report with the county clerks of the counties in the authority.”

The notice goes on to say that board members Margaret Cervantes, JoAnn Valle, Stephanie Guzman, Bruce Brown and Royce Savory were contacted via email regarding the hear-

ing on Dec. 23, and states that they may appear in person or by counsel. It goes on to say that they may call witnesses or submit exhibits and/or affidavits, which must be filed by 4 p.m. Jan. 7.

The notice is signed by Mayor Shannon D. Thomason.

**LIBRARY**

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stop funding his carefree life, unless he comes home for Christmas. Out of options, he sets out for Ivy Hill, planning to be back on a coach bound for London and his unencumbered bachelor life as soon as the festivities are over. But Christmas in the country presents unforeseen surprises, including encounters with an orphaned apprentice, the first love he disappointed years ago, and Arabella Awdry, a young lady who is far more appealing than he recalled and determined to have nothing to do with him. Will Christmastime in Ivy Hill, with

its village charm, kissing boughs, joyous songs, and divine hope, work its magic in his heart and hers as well?

Anna Beachy is eager to begin a new chapter in her life as a Lancaster County tour guide in the picturesque area where her Plain grandmother once stayed in “The Stone Wall” (F LEW B) by Beverly Lewis. Anna wishes she could talk with her grandmother about those long-ago days, but the elderly woman suffers from Alzheimer’s, and beyond a vague hint about an old stone wall, much about that time is a mystery. Thankfully, Martin Nolt, a handsome Mennonite, takes the young Beachy Amish woman under his wing for her training, familiarizing her with the many local highlights, includ-

ing Peaceful Meadows Horse Retreat, which serves children with special needs. The retreat’s mission so inspires Anna that she returns to volunteer, and she quickly strikes up a friendship with Gabe Allgyer, the young Amish widower who manages it. As Anna grows closer to both Martin and Gabe, she finds herself faced with a difficult choice, one in potential conflict with the expectations of her parents. Will Anna find true love and the truth about her grandmother’s past in Lancaster County? Or will she find only heartbreak?

“A book is a gift you can open again and again.”  
–Garrison Keillor

**Obituaries**

**James “Jim” Strain**

James “Jim” Strain, 68, of Big Spring passed away on Thursday, De-

cember 30, 2021. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

**Jonetta Sweatt,**

Jonetta Sweatt, 61, of Big Spring

died Sunday, January 2, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**Juan S. Robles, Jr.**

Juan S. Robles, Jr., 77, of Big Spring died Friday, December 31, 2021. Vigil service will be Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Fu-

neral Mass will be Thursday at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**Billy Capps,**

Billy Capps, 60, of Big Spring, died

Sunday, January 2, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**Take Note**

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

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

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

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit [www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine](http://www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine).

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

• 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](http://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 ore 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.

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Oscar Lee Garcia, 28, died Monday. Funeral Mass will be Monday 10 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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# Cards hold off Cowboys 25-22 in matchup of playoff teams

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

ARRINGTON, Texas — The troubles for Kyler Murray and the Arizona Cardinals weren't anything that a trip to the star quarterback's favorite stadium couldn't fix.

They might be back in two weeks for a wild-card game.

Murray threw two touchdown passes to Antoine Wesley and the Cardinals held on to beat the Dallas Cowboys 25-22 in a matchup of playoff-bound teams Sunday.

The outcome didn't do much to change the races for the NFC's No. 1 seed or the NFC West, but did leave the Cowboys and Cardinals with matching 11-5 records after Arizona ended a three-game skid and stopped the NFC East champion's four-game winning streak.

The teams go into the final weekend as the fourth and fifth seeds in the playoffs, which would mean a first-round meeting — once again at AT&T Stadium since Dallas won its division. The wild-card round is guaranteed for both teams since Green Bay's 37-10 win over Minnesota on Sunday night left them with no chance to get the NFC's first-round bye.

Murray improved to 8-0 as a starter at the home of the Cowboys. Most of those victories were as a Texas high school playoff star in the Dallas area, but the past two have been as a pro after last season's 38-10 rout.

"Coming home, I can't lose coming home," Murray said. "That's just how I feel. I'm not worried about two weeks from now. We got Seahawks next week, divisional game at home. The guys will come ready to play."

The Cardinals' victory over Dallas in 2020 was the first game after Dak Prescott's season-ending ankle injury. The star quarterback's presence was felt in a fourth-quarter comeback that fell short after ear-

ly misfiring similar to how the offense looked for weeks in the wake of Prescott's calf strain in Week 6.

Prescott's third TD pass, a 4-yarder to Amari Cooper, and a 2-point conversion toss to Cedrick Wilson pulled Dallas within three with five minutes remaining.

Murray ran for a first down and passed for another before Chase Edmonds went 11 yards to force Dallas to use its final timeout.

On the next play, Edmonds lost the ball at the end of a 6-yard run but was ruled down as Dallas' Osa Odighizuwa recovered right on the sideline.

Since the Cowboys were out of timeouts, they couldn't challenge even though the replay made it appear the call could have been overturned. As a result, Murray finished off a turnover-free showing against the NFL's leading team in takeaways coming in.

"Playing against the refs again, like usual. It seems like an every-week occurrence," Dallas defensive end Randy Gregory said. "We just have to tune that out and just deal with it. That's a good team. Hopefully we see them in the playoffs."

The Cardinals reached 25 points for just the second time in seven games, sparked this time by a successful fake punt in the second quarter when Jonathan Ward made an improbable catch of up-back Chris Banjo's throw. A pass interference penalty would have made it a first down anyway.

The trickery and another interference flag on third down led to Murray's 1-yard toss to Wesley on fourth down. The pair connected again from 19 yards in the third quarter for a 19-7 lead in yet another game without injured top receiver DeAndre Hopkins. Running back James Conner (heel) ended up not being able to go as well.

"They've been resilient this entire time, no matter what's been said, or thought, outside of our building," coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "Those guys have

worked their tails off and understand what we can be, and we've just got to keep fighting."

The Cowboys were the healthiest they've been all season coming in, but lost receiver Michael Gallup to a left knee injury on his 21-yard TD catch for their first points late in the first half. Owner Jerry Jones said Gallup was out for the playoffs with what appeared to be an injury to his anterior cruciate ligament.

Murray was 26 of 38 for 263 yards and two touchdowns while Prescott finished 24 of 38 for 226 yards with a lost fumble when the Cowboys were down eight early in the fourth quarter.

Prescott's fumble set up a short drive to the last of Matt Prater's four field goals for a 25-14 lead.

SPREADING IT AROUND

Wesley, who has scored the past three Arizona touchdowns going back to last week's loss to Indianapolis, had four catches for 30 yards. Christian Kirk (43 yards) and A.J. Green (42) each had a long catch to set up scores. Kirk finished with 79 yards on six catches, and Green had three for 74.

CARDINALS A HALT

The Cardinals shut down the struggling Dallas running game, holding Ezekiel Elliott to 16 yards on nine carries. Prescott was the leading Dallas rusher with 20 yards.

HOLDING THINGS UP

Dallas had four holding penalties, two of which wiped out third-down conversion runs. Both of those possessions ended in punts. The Cowboys committed 10 penalties for 88 yards, their fourth game with at least 10 this season.

"I think the biggest thing for us offensively was the timing of the penalties," coach Mike McCarthy said. "That was a big part of the struggle."

UP NEXT

Arizona's regular-season finale is at home against Seattle on Sunday, while Dallas visits Philadelphia for a Saturday night game.

## Bengals rally past Chiefs 34-31, clinch AFC North title

By MITCH STACY

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Patrick Mahomes had a message for young Bengals star Ja'Marr Chase when the two met on the field after Cincinnati's dramatic 34-31 win over Kansas City to clinch the AFC North title.

"Keep going — we'll see you in the playoffs," the Chiefs quarterback told Chase.

The Bengals (10-6) are finally back in the postseason, thanks to Chase and quarterback Joe Burrow, who both shattered the franchise record on Sunday. Chase's 266 receiving yards was more than Mahomes had passing (259) in the game.

Kansas City (11-5) had its eight-game winning streak snapped and fell out of the top seed in the AFC, ceding that spot to Tennessee.

The last Cincinnati playoff appearance was 2015 when the team started 8-0 and won the division, only to lose a bizarre wild-card game to the Steelers. The Bengals haven't won a playoff game in three decades.

There were plenty of heroics from a new generation of Bengals.

In addition to breaking Jerry Butler's NFL rookie record of 255 yards for Buffalo against the New York Jets on Sept. 23, 1979, Chase set a record for receiving yards in a season by a rookie. He has 1,429 yards with one game left in the league's first 17-game season, surpassing Minnesota's Justin Jefferson, who had 1,400 yards in 2020.

He had 11 catches, including three touchdowns.

Joe Burrow threw for 466 yards and four scores while outdueling Mahomes, and the Bengals rallied from three 14-point deficits against the AFC West champs, finally closing them out when rookie Evan McPherson kicked a 20-yard field goal as time expired.

"That was fun," said Burrow, who puffed on a victory cigar in the locker room that running back Joe Mixon had left for him a couple weeks ago.

Cincinnati completed a worst-of-first turnaround, winning its division the year after finishing in last place. It makes 17 of the past 19 seasons in which at least one team finished in first place the season after finishing in last or tied for last place.

The Bengals' winning drive was filled with drama.

On fourth-and-inches with under a minute left, Cincinnati decided to go for a touchdown instead of calling on McPherson for a field goal and giving the Chiefs the ball back with a chance to win.

"I knew we'd go for it," Burrow said. "They've got Patrick Mahomes on the other side. He could go down and win the game."

Burrow threw incomplete in the end zone, but Chiefs cornerback L'Jarius Sneed was flagged for illegal use of hands, giving the Bengals a fresh set of downs. With Burrow limping on the sideline, backup quarterback Brandon Allen was called on to kneel twice before McPherson came on for the game-winner.

Burrow said his right knee was sore but insisted he could have stayed in

the game and will be fine.

The second-year quarterback was outstanding again, completing 30 of 39 attempts. He was sacked four times and hit at least six more times but was as accurate as ever, and Chase caught everything that was thrown near him.

"If you play one-on-one, good luck with that," Burrow said. "I know he's down there somewhere. I just throw it and let him make a play."

Mahomes looked as if he had the game under control early. He threw two first-quarter touchdown passes to give the Chiefs the early lead, but he didn't get another one.

The Chiefs led 14-0, 21-7 and 28-14 in the first half. They were ahead 28-17 at halftime before the Bengals began the latest of several second-half surges this season.

A 69-yard TD pass from Burrow to Chase early in the second half cut the Chiefs' lead to 28-24. Kansas City responded with Harrison Butker's 34-yard field goal.

Burrow then hit Tyler Boyd for a 5-yard TD, capping an 86-yard drive that was twice extended by flags on Sneed, including an unnecessary roughness penalty that gave Cincinnati first-and-goal at the Kansas City 7.

Mahomes was 26 for 35 for 259 yards and threw touchdown passes to Demarcus Robinson and tight end Travis Kelce, who caught a pass in his 125th straight game.

Kansas City's Darrel Williams rushed for 88 yards and scored twice.

"You just go back to work, you don't

point fingers," Chiefs safety Tyrann Mathieu said. "You don't blame coaches, you don't blame a particular player or a particular series, you just go back to work. You keep bonding with your teammates, you keep that chemistry alive and you keep believing in your coaches, as well."

BURROW KEEPS BANGING

Burrow has 971 passing yards, eight touchdowns and zero interceptions in his last two games. On Sunday, he shattered the franchise record for passing yards in a season (4,611), passing Andy Dalton, who had 4,293 yards in 2013. Burrow also now holds the single-season franchise record for passing TDs with 34 (Dalton had 33 in '13). He has passed for 300-plus yards six times this season, also a Bengals record. He has four career games of 400-plus yards, the most of any player in his first two seasons since Hall of Famer Dan Marino had three in his first two years.

INJURIES

Chiefs: RT Lucas Niang suffered a knee injury in the first quarter and did not return.

Bengals: LG Quinton Spain suffered a right ankle injury in the second quarter and didn't return.

UP NEXT

Chiefs: at Denver in the regular-season finale next Saturday. Kansas City can still secure the AFC's top seed with a victory and a loss by Tennessee, which plays at Houston next Sunday.

Bengals: finish next Sunday at Cleveland.

## Analysis: Antonio Brown's mental health is no joke

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

Antonio Brown tossed his jersey and shoulder pads toward the bench, threw his glove and undershirt into the stands and ran off the field bare-chested, waving a peace-out sign to fans in the end zone while Tom Brady huddled the offense for an important play.

Following his strange outburst Sunday, Brown is out as a member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and one can only hope he finds peace.

Brown's bizarre behavior quickly blew up on social media and dominated NFL headlines around the league on a day Brady engineered another impressive comeback and several teams clinched playoff berths.

But Brown's mental health is no joke to be trivialized by a meme.

It's easy to pile on the four-time All-Pro wide receiver, especially after he was suspended three games for misrepresenting his vaccination status.

However, Brown clearly needs help. His on-field, in-game meltdown was the latest troubling incident in a career filled with big plays and absurd actions.

Brown wore out his welcome in Pittsburgh, was released by the Raiders before even playing a game for them in 2019 and lasted one game with the Patriots. He got another chance in the NFL with Brady and the Buccaneers last year after

serving an eight-game suspension for multiple violations of the league's personal-conduct policy, and ended up winning a Super Bowl ring. Even Brady couldn't save his buddy's roster spot after this incident.

"It's a difficult situation," Brady said after throwing a 33-yard touchdown pass to Cyril Grayson with 15 seconds remaining to lead Tampa (12-4) to a 28-24 win over the New York Jets (4-12). "Everybody should do what they can to help him in ways that he really needs it. We all love him. We care about him deeply. We want to see him be at his best. Unfortunately, it won't be with our team. ... I think everyone should be very compassionate and empathetic toward some very difficult things that are happening."

Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians rescinded the one-strike policy he originally gave Brown and brought him back after his most recent suspension. Brown made it easy for Arians to get rid of him this time.

"He is no longer a Buc," Arians said. "All right? That's the end of the story. Let's talk about the guys who went out there and won the game."

Brown's career in the NFL is most likely over. It's hard to imagine another team would give the 33-year-old an opportunity and risk all the drama he brings.

Still, Brown should get the benefit of various mental health services the NFL offers players and team personnel. The league and the players' union have plenty of resources

available for anyone who needs it — if they ask.

While Brown deserves criticism for quitting on his team during a game — the Buccaneers were facing a third-and-7 and trailed 24-10 in the third quarter when he walked out — the mercurial seven-time Pro Bowl pick needs support from his friends and those close to him.

"I instantly sent him a text," said Le'Veon Bell, the former Steelers star who played his second game with the Buccaneers. "Obviously, he texted me back and I talked to him. He's still one of my close friends. You won't hear me talking bad about AB at all. Obviously, I understand things happen, but he's one of my closest friends, a close teammate. Overall, he's a good person. Some bad decision-making sometimes but he's human, he's not perfect, and we'll continue to move on without him and keep moving forward."

Bell and others are disappointed things went down this way.

"It's tough," he said. "Obviously, when I came over here, I was happy to be reunited with him. Unfortunately, it was only two games but at the end of the day, I wish the best for him outside of football or whatever's next for him. I'll still be hanging out with him, taking to him on a daily basis and I'll continue to try and make plays for this team."

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5:30	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	Freedom Master	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Paid Prg.	Chrisley	Jeremiah	Misfit Garage
6:30	Good Morning America	¡Despierta América!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy día (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Eye on Cowgirl	Peg & Cat Super	Paternity Court	Highway Thru Hell	George George	Charmed	SportsCenter	NHL Hockey: Stars at Coyotes	NHL Hockey: Stars at Coyotes	NCIS (DVS)	Invisible Monsters	Misfit Garage
7:30	The 700 Club	Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Rocks M:25	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up	Breaking Sports	Chicago P.D.	Invisible Monsters	Fast N' Loud	
8:30	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso	Today-Hoda	The Counter	Go Luna	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends	Supernatural	Supernatural	Supernatural	Supernatural	Supernatural	Supernatural	Supernatural
9:30	Jeopardy News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	Charles Dr. Young	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Thunder	Premier League Soccer	Invisible Monsters	Fast N' Loud
10:30	GMA3: What Jeopardy!	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	Pasión de gavilanes	Days of our Lives	Truth Zion	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot Hot	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	NBA Today	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Fast N' Loud
11:30	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Biblical	Cyber	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supernatural	This Just In	SportsCenter	NHL Hockey: Stars at Coyotes	Goal Last Man	The First 48	Fast N' Loud
12:30	Rachael Ray	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	En casa con	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Elinor	Friends	Supernatural	NFL Rewind	NBA Today	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Street Outlaws	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Street Outlaws	
1:30	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends	Movie: Avengers: Endgame, Mark Ruffalo (DVS)	NFL Live	Jalen	Spotlight	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Street Outlaws
2:30	Jdg Judy	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Wonder A Prom	Almas Xavier	25 Words	Sheldon	Sheldon	Monday Night Countdown	Around Pardon	Football	Spotlight	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Street Outlaws
3:30	You Bet Jeopardy!	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Noticias	News	Rico Cor	Hero	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King
4:30	Big 2 ABC	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Noticias	News	Families	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
5:30	News Wheel	¿Qué le pasa a	Sheldon	CBS 7	Por amor o por	News	Rocks	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
6:30	The Bachelor (DVS)	Rosa de Guadalupe	9-1-1: Lone Star	Neighbor Bob Heart	Hercal: amor y venganza (SS)	Kenan	Man on Odd	Man on Odd	Law & Order: SVU	All American	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
7:30	Abbott black-ish	La de-salmada	FOX 24 News at 9	NCIS: Hawaii	Malverde: el santo	Ordinary Joe	Light of Southwest	Cyber	Mike	News	American	Movie: Kingsman: The Secret Service (DVS)	Postgame	Postgame	Mavs	Vigil (DVS)	(:01) The First 48	Street Outlaws
8:30	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Telemundo 20	News	Wisdom	Pink	Friends	Burgers	American	Postgame	Postgame	Mavs	Vigil (DVS)	(:03) The First 48	Street Outlaws	
9:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James Corden	Sin Senos Si	News	Creation	Xavier	Forensic	Creek	Wipeout (DVS)	Bones	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	Mavs	Dateline	(:04) The First 48	Street Outlaws
10:30	Extra	Las tontas no van	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Programa	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Emeril	Wipeout (DVS)	Bones	SportsCenter	College Football: Outback Bowl	AVP Pro Beach Vol	Dateline	(:05) The First 48	Street Outlaws
11:30	Emeril's Outages	¿Qué le pasa a	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa	Blast	Issues4	Odd	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Wipeout (DVS)	Bones (DVS)	SportCtr	UFC Unleashed	Life	Chrisley	Prince
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4:30	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	Shepherd	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Home	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Famous Hand

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 9 6 3  
♥ 9 8  
♦ A Q J 10 9  
♣ Q 5

**WEST**  
♠ 8 5 2  
♥ 2  
♦ K 8 6 2  
♣ J 8 7 6 4

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 7  
♥ Q 7 6 4  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ 10 9 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 4  
♥ A K J 10 5 3  
♦ 4  
♣ A K 2

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♦ Pass 2♥  
Pass 3♦ Pass 4NT  
Pass 5♦ Pass 5NT  
Pass 6♦ Pass 7♥

Opening lead — six of clubs.  
The scene was the 1947 Vanderbilt team championship. It was the last hand of the 36-board semifinal round match, and Dick Frey (South) had left with his team ahead after the 35th board to catch the 1:15 a.m. train for home. Jigger Dornbusch, a reserve member of the team, took Frey's place for the final deal.  
Dornbusch was unaware that his North-South adversaries at the other table had already bid and made six hearts and that all he had to do to win the match was to duplicate this result. Instead, he undertook a grand slam.  
Dornbusch won the club lead in his hand, played the ace of trump (to guard against West's holding the singleton queen), led a club to the queen and took a trump finesse. The finesse succeeded, but he could not avoid losing a trump trick and went down one.  
Had Dornbusch taken two trump finesses through East — that is, without cashing the ace of trump first — he would have been 2,310 points better off. He also would have won the match instead of losing it.  
It is doubtful whether, in the long history of bridge, there has ever been such a dramatic combination of circumstances revolving about one deal. Dornbusch became the goat of the year by playing a single hand! Moreover, the hand itself proved to be very instructive because, though the ace-of-hearts safety play looked attractive, it was in fact a terrible blunder.  
In attempting to guard against West holding the singleton queen, Dornbusch in effect neglected to guard against West's holding the singleton 7, 6, 4 or 2. These four singletons were four times as likely to occur as the singleton queen, so Dornbusch's ace play at trick two was decidedly against the odds.

Tomorrow: Low-card entries.  
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## Annie's Mailbox

### Words to Avoid When Consoling a Friend

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I enjoy your column and often read it out loud to each other and discuss possible answers before reading your response.  
In regard to "Grossed Out in Georgia," about the brother-in-law who licked his fingers or plate to "get every drop of dinner," we would counter that the writer simply wait until it starts to happen and then immediately remark: "Oh, George! Let me get you some more! I am so happy you like my cooking!" Then she could jump up and hold her hand out for his plate, ready to serve him a bit more. Maybe he really likes her cooking and he doesn't eat as well when he's on his own! She could even make some extra for him to take home when he leaves. Or maybe just mentioning it will snap him into awareness of what he's doing. -- Being Proactive

### Dear Proactive:

Thank you for your kind words and wonderful suggestion. I love seeing the brother-in-law's table manners through a positive lens.  
**Dear Annie:** This is a suggestion for "Grossed Out in Georgia," who can't stomach her brother-in-law's habit of cleaning the last bit of food from his plate with his finger (or tongue).  
My dad was raised "country," and it was considered good etiquette to return plates "clean." Guests were always provided a slice of bread (butter optional) to accomplish this. They used it to sop up gravy, push peas onto their forks and sponge off every last crumb from the plate. This ensured there was no waste, the diners were sufficiently full and plates were easier to wash without having to be scraped and rinsed.  
Advise "Grossed Out" to tactfully offer her brother-in-law a slice

of bread. If he doesn't know what it's for (but I bet he does!), she could say, "It's sweet that you love my cooking so much you don't want to waste a drop, but I bet it would be easier with this!" She could even demonstrate. -- Butter Side Up

**Dear Butter Side Up:** A great number of you suggested that he use bread.  
**Dear Annie:** I've been a grief therapist for 37 years, and I find that there are some "experts" who often need to change their language when offering advice to grieving individuals.  
Your comments answering a gentleman's confusion on whether to replace his wife after their lifelong love affair was poignant and beautifully said. But please refrain from using the trendy term "new normal."  
Once someone loses the love of their lives, their life never becomes

"normal," whether it's new or old. Rebuilding a life filled with love and lessons from loss experiences helps us to understand and navigate through life without that partner who was always our "other half."  
I strongly recommend the writings of Megan Devine, who is a brilliant educator and writer on grief and loss.  
Many thanks for your input on often extremely difficult life circumstances. -- Grief Therapist

**Dear Grief Therapist:** Thank you for your letter. Your counsel based on a lifetime of experience is much appreciated.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### WORDS

- ADSORPTION
- ALLELE
- ANTIBODY
- ANTIGEN
- ANTIGLOBULIN
- BANK
- BLOOD
- CALIBRATION
- CELLS
- CODOMINANT
- CROSSMATCH
- DISEASE
- DONATION
- DONOR
- DOSAGE
- ENDOTHELIAL
- ENZYMES
- GENETIC
- GROUP
- HEALTH
- STEM
- SYRINGE
- THERAPY
- TYPE

# FEATURES

## Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2022. There are 362 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

### On this date:

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1861, more than two weeks before Georgia seceded from the Union, the state militia seized Fort Pulaski at the order of Gov. Joseph E. Brown. The Delaware House and Senate voted to oppose secession from the Union.

In 1868, the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of

Japan's emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as shoguns.

In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced the United States was formally terminating diplomatic and consular relations with Cuba.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1977, Apple Computer was incorporated in Cupertino, California, by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Mike Markkula (MAHR'-kuh-luh) Jr.

In 2002, a judge in Alabama ruled that former Ku Klux Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry was mentally competent to stand

trial on murder charges in the 1963 Birmingham church bombing that killed four black girls. (Cherry was later convicted, and served a life sentence until his death in November 2004.)

In 2007, Gerald R. Ford was laid to rest on the grounds of his presidential museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, during a ceremony watched by thousands of onlookers.

In 2008, Illinois Sen. Barack Obama won Democratic caucuses in Iowa, while Mike Huckabee won the Republican caucuses.

In 2013, students from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, reconvened at a different building in the town of Monroe about three weeks after the massacre that had claimed the lives of 20 first-graders and six educators. The new 113th Congress opened for business, with House Speaker John Boehner (BAY'-nur) re-elected to his post despite a mini-revolt in Republican ranks.

In 2020, the United States

killed Iran's top general in an airstrike at Baghdad's international airport; the Pentagon said Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of Iran's elite Quds force, had been "actively developing plans to attack American diplomats and service members" in Iraq and elsewhere. Iran warned of retaliation.

Ten years ago: The Iowa Republican Party held its caucuses; although Mitt Romney was originally considered the winner by an extremely narrow eight-vote margin, officials later said that Rick Santorum had in fact beaten Romney by 34 votes; in the Democratic caucuses, President Barack Obama ran unopposed.

Five years ago: Ford Motor Co. canceled plans to build a new \$1.6 billion factory in Mexico, and said it would invest at least some of the savings in new electric and autonomous vehicles. The national president of the NAACP and five others were arrested after staging a sit-in at the Alabama office of Sen. Jeff Sessions, President-elect Donald

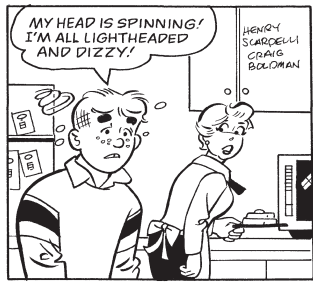
Trump's nominee for U.S. attorney general. It was announced that Fox News star Megyn Kelly would be leaving the network to work at NBC News.

One year ago: An outpouring of current and former Republican officials warned that President Donald Trump's effort to overturn the election result was undermining Americans' faith in democracy. A bipartisan group of 10 senators issued a statement saying that the election was over, and that further efforts to cast doubt on the result were "contrary to the clearly expressed will of the American people." All 10 living former secretaries of defense, writing in the Washington Post, warned against any move to involve the military in pursuing claims of election fraud, saying it would take the country into "dangerous, unlawful and unconstitutional territory." Nancy Pelosi was narrowly reelected as speaker, giving her the reins of Democrats' slender House majority. Gerry Marsden, lead singer of the 1960s British group Gerry and the Pacemakers, died

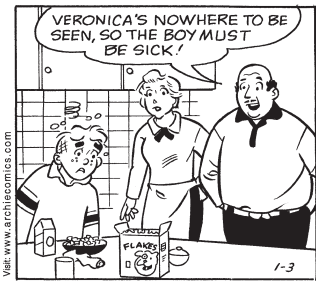
at 78.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dabney Coleman is 90. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 86. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Hull is 83. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 79. Musician Stephen Stills is 77. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 76. Actor Victoria Principal is 72. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 66. Actor Shannon Sturges is 54. Actor John Ales is 53. Jazz musician James Carter is 53. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 50. Musician Thomas Bangalter (Daft Punk) is 47. Actor Jason Marsden is 47. Actor Danica McKellar is 47. Actor Nicholas Gonzalez is 46. Singer Kimberley Locke (TV: "American Idol") is 44. Actor Kate Levering is 43. Former NFL quarterback Eli Manning is 41. Actor Nicole Beharie is 37. Pop musician Mark Pontius is 37. R&B singer Lloyd is 36. Pop-rock musician Nash Overstreet (Hot Chelle (shel) Rae) is 36. Actor Alex D. Linz is 33.

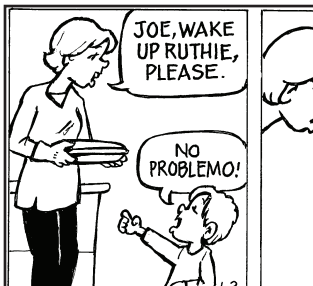
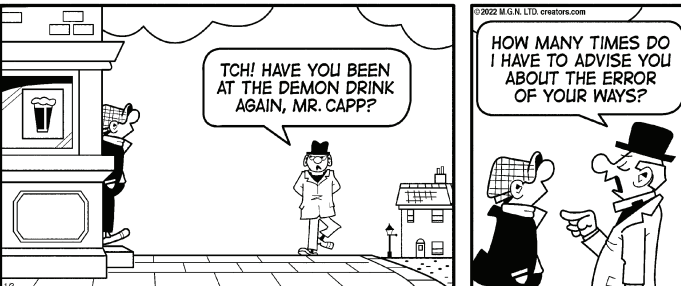
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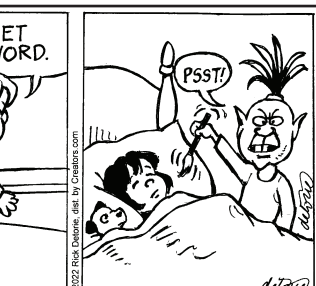
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## Horoscopes By Holiday

### MONDAY JANUARY 3, 2022

#### Triple Conjunctions

The moon makes three conjunctions today. First, it's Venus, the love goddess, getting attention from the realm of traditional Capricorn. Then Pluto gets a nod, and finally, after a sign change, Mercury. These lunar visits promise an active day in which ambition gets us into the strangest situations, and emotions get processed after the fact.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Maybe it's cyclical to think that people are being nice in hopes of future favors returned but it's not altogether wrong. Good thing you are well-versed in the land of politics.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Managing expectations will be an important part of your day. Master it by underpromising and overdelivering. In the end, you'll be someone's hero.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). From Shakespeare to Disney, the dramatists agree that evil plans are most harmful to the planner. This is a good day to let play out, unplanned. Let your creed be one of minding your own business.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The current problem is integral to the well-being of the people around you, and you'll derive great satisfaction and pride from solving it even if you go uncompensated. The solution will be the reward.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). While it would be foolish to aim to make mistakes, it's equally silly to avoid and fear them. The wise do not aim to live without folly. There's much to learn in a tidy little mess.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Reflection is in order. Why did you start this journey? Your reasons have changed along the way, which is perfectly natural and will be very helpful to keep track of.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Thinking is the brain's natural sorting process. Maybe it's enough to let your mind comfortably sift through the day without putting extra pressure on yourself to solve everything for everyone.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is a way to have your cake and eat it, too. It's all about portion control. By acting in moderation, you'll be able to savor the present pleasures without ruining your chances for future ones.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A social circle opens to include you. There was a time you would have found this crowd intimidating but now you fit right in, like you've always belonged there.

win in a minor league game or lose in a major league game? You have a choice to make. Which option offers you the biggest opportunity to learn?

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not trying to make jokes but when you say the truth, it makes people laugh. Oddly enough, the truth can be a very unusual thing to say.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone trusts you enough to give you great responsibilities and seemingly impossible duties. You'll rise to the occasion and hone your skills on these difficult tasks. This is the price of greatness.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 3). This will be a year of truly magical moments. A wondrous mix of luck, talent and opportunity will culminate in no less than 10 2022 events. You'll focus on your loved ones' needs, connect with them on deep levels and understand how to make them happy. Your people will be very loyal to you and be advocates and ambassadors for your cause. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 18, 6 and 40.

**THE QUADRANTIDS METEOR SHOWER:** Five hundred years ago, a comet broke apart, and we are still enjoying the effects of this in the annual meteor shower of the Quadrantids. If you happen to be in the Northern Hemisphere, the shower can be seen by the naked eye very high in the sky near the North Star before sunrise on a dark and cloudless morning. With so many stipulations around its visibility, it's no wonder this annual celestial event wasn't detected until about 175 years ago. Little attention has been given to the astrological implications of this omen, and the reasons are sound. Just because it doesn't involve the zodiac constellations or our eight planets doesn't mean it's insignificant. If the flap of a butterfly's wings on another continent can have an effect, then surely the pretty lights caused by tiny meteors burning up in the earth's atmosphere can communicate something. You decide. What feeing does this event inspire in you? Note: If your timing, location or weather prevents you from seeing the shower, try listening to the brilliant pings online. Then see if you can interpret the language of stars!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** While many other authors had published works of fantasy before J.R.R. Tolkien, the great success of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" popularized the genre, earning Tolkien a fatherly position in the world of high fantasy. The British

author was born when the sun and Mercury were in ambitious Capricorn, and the moon and Venus were in altruistic Aquarius.

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## Newsday Crossword

## YEAR'S BEGINNING

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- ACROSS**
- Stick around
  - "Hurry up!"
  - Unseen trail for a bloodhound
  - Give employment to
  - Go by bus or train
  - Cabbies' vehicles
  - Notion
  - Burn-soothing plant
  - Taken \_\_\_ (unpleasantly surprised)
  - Not far away
  - 36-inch rulers
  - Gas that glows in signs
  - Campers' shelters
  - Quit one's job
  - \_\_\_ and cons (sides of an issue)
  - In a group of
  - Be scared of
  - Days of \_\_\_ (ancient times)
  - Urban air pollution
  - What "haste makes"
  - "Excuse me . . ." sound
  - Berets and caps
  - Pantry pests
  - Futuristic novel genre
  - In addition
  - One sharing emcee duties
  - Rapid eyelid movement
  - Blast from the \_\_\_ (song oldie)
  - Children
  - Messy person
  - Declare legally invalid
  - Take a crack \_\_\_ (make an attempt)
  - A second helping
  - Rental document
  - Revere or McCartney
  - \_\_\_ so (nevertheless)
  - Made a blunder
  - Otherwise
  - Home for a robin
- DOWN**
- Front of the lower leg
  - Ocean's rise and fall
  - General region
  - Strong desires
  - Kid's coloring stick
  - Italian fashion city
  - Aroma
  - Have to have
  - New Mexico and Nebraska
  - Home made of logs
  - Precise
  - Minor shaving mishaps
  - Sounds of disapproval
  - Shopping mall tenant
  - Something broken for an omelet
  - Poison ivy reaction
  - Actress Watson or Thompson
  - Chimney dust
  - Green pasta sauce
  - Long-tailed rodents
  - Ceiling-mounted room coolers
  - Guys who own pricey boats
  - Cleveland's locale
  - Football arbiters, for short
  - Radiate, as light
  - Takes a stroll
  - Sailor's distress signal
  - Shaped like a square's corners
  - Royal palace
  - Embarrassing mistake
  - Of the moon
  - Occupied now, as a meeting room
  - Toyota hybrid model
  - New Haven university
  - Ticker-\_\_\_ parade
  - "And others" abbreviation
  - Deep affection
  - Metallic rocks
  - Twisted out of shape

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## SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8		6			9		5	4	
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		4		3	2	8		5	
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			4		7				
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Level: Beginner

## CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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