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*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.bigspringsymphony.org for information.*

*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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 Send announcements of events, births, engagements, weddings, and anniversaries to editor@bigspringherald.com.

**BSPD offers information about Citizens Police Academy**

*Editor's note: The following is a press release submitted for publication by the Big Spring Police Department regarding the local Citizens Police Academy.*

**Special to the Herald**

"The Citizens Police Academy is a 24-hour program intended to enhance understanding and cooperation between the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County and the personnel of the Big

Spring Police Department," said Brian Gordon, Administrative Lieutenant of the BSPD.

The Academy is designed to give participants a "tip of the iceberg" overview of the tasks, responsibilities and procedures of the men and women serving in local law enforcement. It is an opportunity for citizens to hear from officers in various functions of police work such as: Dispatch, Records, Animal Control, Recruiting and Training, Patrol Opera-

tions, Criminal and Narcotics Investigations, Crime Scene Processing, Crime Stoppers and SWAT functions. Robust question-and-answer sessions are encouraged throughout the program. Few questions are considered off-limits, and participants receive the most honest, straightforward answers available, from the people most qualified to give them.

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**Annual walk set to honor civil rights leader Martin Luther King**



**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

*"Even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream." - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Monday, Jan. 18, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year, and the occasion will be observed in Big Spring with the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Commemorative Walk.

"We're going to start at the corner of Highway 87 and MLK, right across from Subway," said event organizer Ida Hambrick. "Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home has allowed us to park on their back side, where it does not interfere with their business. Every year, they're very generous. We will start right there on that corner at 6 p.m. The Police Department has been notified and the Fire Department, so you'll see police cars and fire engines following the entire procession."

Hambrick added that several streets along the route will be blocked off for the safety of the procession.

*Left, HERALD file photo; above, courtesy photo*

**At left, Big Spring's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day walk makes its way down MLK Boulevard in 2020. Above, King speaks during a 1963 Washington, D.C., rally.**

"For several years now, people just drive, plow right through parades and things like that," she said. "I don't know why they do that, but they have blocked off those small streets going in and out."

Hambrick said the procession will continue down the entire length of Martin Luther King Boulevard, past Scenic Mountain Medical Center, to FM 700.

"We will walk all the way up to 700 right past the hospital," she said, noting that a short program will ensue at the intersection of MLK and FM 700. "That is where we will convene. You know, words of encouragement, and different city officials will just have something short to say. Then it will end in words of encouragement and prayer, and we will be released from that corner in front of the apartment buildings."

Hambrick said the event was originally started by Mount Bethel Baptist Church several years ago.

"We've done that for years," she said. "It was long before I

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**Forsan ISD to mull Superintendent choice tonight in special meeting**

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

The Forsan ISD school board will hold a special meeting this evening to advance the search for a new superintendent. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the board room located at 411 W. Sixth St. in Forsan.

According to the meeting's agenda, following the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and call to order, the board will establish a quorum and hear public comment, which will be limited to items on the meeting's agenda.

Following the public comment portion of the meeting, the board will adjourn into executive session to interview and discuss potential replacements for Superintendent Randy Johnson, who has announced his upcoming retirement. Any action resulting from the closed session will be taken when the board returns to the open meeting.

Following the executive session, the board will discuss and consider narrowing the candidate pool for the superintendent's post to one finalist, and then vote on naming the lone finalist.

After selecting a finalist, the board will set the date of its next meeting before adjourning for the evening.

**Sinclair flare creates alarm Wednesday**



*Photo courtesy KBEST Media*

**Flames and gouts of black smoke off Birdwell lane south of FM700 Wednesday alarmed many local residents. Reports from Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson indicate the fire and smoke were simply an overactive flare at the Sinclair site in the vicinity.**

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## Obituaries

### Benita Ornelas



Benita Ornelas, 91 of Big Spring died Sunday, January 2, 2022. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Thursday with vigil service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 AM Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Benita was born on April 3, 1930 in Rankin, TX to Juan and Julia Perez. She married Jose Ornelas on August 19, 1953 in Big Spring, he passed away March 6, 2020. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Benita worked at Best Western, Settles, Golden Plains, Mountain View, and Park View. She loved

to watch her grandkids games and cooking for her grandkids and fixing their bicycles. And she loved her church.

Benita is survived by 3 daughters: Josie Kohorst (Ed) of Lubbock, Sylvia Ornelas (Rocky Garcia) of Big Spring & Debbie Doporto (Jerry) of Big Spring; 2 sons: Daniel P. Ornelas of Big Spring & Rick P. Ornelas (Bertha) of Big Spring; 3 sisters: Maria P. Mendoza of Ft. Worth, Tommie P. Harris of Ft. Worth, & Elepidia P. Ramirez of Mississippi; 15 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren.

Benita was preceded in death by her parents and husband and also 2 brothers: Preciliano Perez and Matias Perez, Sr.; and one sister: Sabina Soto.

Pallbearers will be Michael Ornelas, Jerry Doporto, Jr., Nathan Doporto, Jarred Doporto, Mark Hernandez, Eric Hernandez, & Christopher Ornelas. Honorary pallbearers will be Zay Doporto, Eric Hernandez, Jr., & Devin Hernandez.

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

*Paid Obit*

### Patricio J. Rodriguez,

Patricio J. Rodriguez, 94, of Big Spring died Monday, January 3, 2022. Graveside services will be Friday at 2:00 PM at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Linda Torres,

Linda Torres, 39, of Big Spring died Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Washington Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. No transport was required.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Caroline. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Sgt Paredez. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of S Moss Lake Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran Blvd. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5300 block of N Service Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

### 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.

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

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

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### FRIDAY

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

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

### SATURDAY

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

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 96 inmates at the time of this report.

• **BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear x4, possession of controlled substance less than 1g, possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

• **CAROLYN JEAN HANKE**, 27, was arrested by

HCSO on a charge of nail jumping and fail to appear.

• **KENNETH HART**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of robbery, parole violation.

• **ALLISON REDDING**, 49, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief impair/interrupt.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **RODNEY TOUDLE**, 27, of 100 block NW 8th St was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CARLOS ANN MUNOZ**, 34, of 1104 Sycamore was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention, public intoxication.

• **KIMBERLY SUE BROWN**, 44, of 3509 e I20 #5A was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

• **DONNI KAY ROBERTSON**, 37, of 1809 Mittle Ave was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

• **ANDREA DELGADO**, 28, of 2206 S Monticello was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention, possession of marijuana less than 2oz, warrant from another agency.

• **JAVON ROMELL WESTON**, 31, of 2609 MarganAnn Ave, Mansfield Tx was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

• **BUCK B CHAPPELL JR**, 48, of 1200 Madison was arrested on a charge of illegal dumping more than 5lbs less than 500lbs, illegal dumping more than 500lbs less than 1000lbs or more than 100cft less than 200cft.

• **JIM BOB WHITE**, 54, of 410 E Davis Rd was arrested on charge of illegal dumping more than 5lbs less than 500lbs.

• **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1 Courtney Place.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore St.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1 Courtney Place.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of Saunders Ave.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1100 block of W I20.

• **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 3200 block of Duke Ave.

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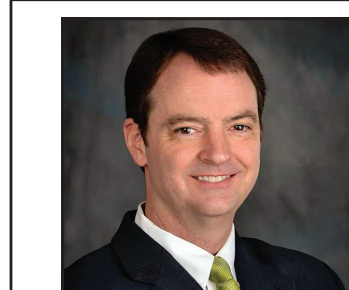
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# CPA

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Many of the sessions are hands-on exercises that provide the participants with opportunities to step into the role of the police officer and handle various situations officers are called upon to deal with daily. "Participants also spend a working shift riding in a patrol car with an on-duty officer to gain a first-hand perspective of a day in the life of a local cop," explains Gordon. Historically, this is one of the aspects of the program enjoyed by all of the participants.

The program will also introduce participants to the Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) group. Representatives of this group will attend and assist

with the classroom activities. According to Marvin Boyd, President of VIPS, "We are an active group who assist the BSPD with activities such as traffic control for parades and other activities, the house watch program and monitoring handicap parking violations." Graduation from the CPA will qualify participants to join the VIPS group. Boyd encourages all past and future graduates of the CPA to consider joining the volunteer group.

"We have a real need for additional volunteers so we can provide more assistance to our Law Enforcement Officers," states Boyd.

Since its inception in 1994, the CPA has provided a forum wherein citizens and police can exchange information and viewpoints. "We have found that this exchange benefits the participants, the officers and instructors, the Department and the communi-

ty in general," Gordon said. The community comes to a better understanding of the often-conflicting expectations and requirements placed on law enforcement and law enforcement comes to a better understanding of the expectations of their community.

"Over the years, as a result of this exchange, the department has modified some of its practices and procedures to better meet the needs and desires of the citizens. In turn we have seen an increased acceptance of our role in the community and have enjoyed a more open dialog with its members," adds Chad Williams, Chief of Police.

For information or questions regarding the Citizens Police Academy, please call Administrative Lieutenant Brian Gordon at (432)264-2561 or email [bgordon@bigspringpd.net](mailto:bgordon@bigspringpd.net)

# MLK

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became a member there. The history goes back to the church, Mount Bethel Baptist Church, and I've been a member there for about nine years. They were doing it way before I got there."

Hambrick said the event has grown into a truly city-wide event, no longer centered specifically on Mount Bethel, but for the entire community.

"This is one of the activities that goes on in the city of Big Spring, and of course everyone is invited, everyone. It's citywide," she said.

Those who aren't physically able to walk the route – approximately 1.5 miles – are welcome to drive, she added.

"Cars, buses...several years, the VA has sent their bus over to drive people up," she said. "You'll see lines of cars, you'll see minivans...this year especially. Because, although we're not in the throes of COVID, we're still in COVID, so we're encouraging people to drive their cars, to drive their vans, to drive their buses. And those who care to walk, we're encouraging masks. By all means, those who want to participate and drive their cars, absolutely."

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968) was an American Baptist minister who was the most important spokesman and leader in the American Civil Rights movement starting with the 1955 Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott; including

his presidency of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the organization of the 1963 March on Washington including his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial; earning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his use of non-violent resistance to campaign for racial equality in America; and organization of marches from Selma to Montgomery in 1965. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, and posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2003. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday starting in 1971, and enacted at the federal level by President Ronald Reagan in 1986. In 2011, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was dedicated.

"It's actually a 'day on' instead of a day off," Hambrick said. "Yes, we're all off and we do different things, and so on and so forth. But you know, Martin Luther King encouraged us as Americans to be active in Civil Rights and Civil Rights movements. And yes, don't get me wrong, we've made lots of strides. We have made lots of strides. But there's still work to do. So it's a day on instead of a day off. There's still things. There's still rights. There's still fairness. And don't forget equality, that has to be fought for. I just happen to be a veteran, and you know, freedom isn't free. I served in the military for 28 years, and freedom isn't free. You have to always be active, and you have to always be fighting for what's absolutely what's right and fair for everyone. Not just for blacks. I'm not just talking for blacks, but right and fair for everyone."

## 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.bigspringssymphony.org](http://www.bigspringssymphony.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](mailto: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.

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Juan S. Robles, Jr., 77, died Friday. Funeral Mass will be Thursday at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jonetta Sweatt, 61, died Sunday. Graveside services will be Thursday at 10:00 AM at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas.

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## Coahoma girls open district with a win



Courtesy Photo

**Pressured by Compass' Autumn Garza, Coahoma's Brynn Rodgers looks for an open teammate during the Bulldogettes varsity game against the Lady Cougars on Tuesday night.**

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes overpowered the Odessa Compass Academy Lady Cougars on Tuesday night to start league play with a 66-13 win.

"I was very proud of them," said Coahoma girls Head Coach Joe Mireles. "They did well especially coming back after a three-day break and then coming off that tournament (Mary Tatum Classic)."

Coahoma took a commanding lead after the first quarter outscoring the Lady Cougars 21-2, but faltered on offense in the second quarter.

"We got sloppy in the second quarter," Mireles said. "We were throwing the ball away and trying to make things happen that weren't there. They settled down in the second half, and we were able to pull away from them."

Shae Lang had a team high of 15 points for the evening and had five out of six completions at the charity stripe. Rounding out Coahoma's top scorers were

Katelyn Johnson with 10 points and Isabella Cox with eight. Both Bulldogettes nailed two 3-point goals each during the second half of the game.

Next, the Bulldogettes will travel to Crane to face the Lady Birds, the 2021 5-3A district champions.

"They have some girls who are pretty tall, and they have a shooter," Mireles said. "They are going to be a tough team to play with, but, if we keep doing what we are doing, we will be OK."

In sub-varsity action, the JV Bulldogettes earned a 23-18 win over Compass after a close game.

The varsity Bulldogettes (1-0, 13-9) will face Crane at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. The JV girls' game begins at 5 p.m.

COAHOMA 66, ODESSA COMPASS ACADEMY 13

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Compass Academy: 2, 7, 2, 2 -- 13

Coahoma — Merrick Alvarez 1, Shae Lang 15, Baylor Wright 6, Isabella Cox 8, Katelyn Johnson 10, Analyse Mendonza 2, Brynn Rodgers 4, Madison Rodgers 9, Kayden Lee 5, Cayhill Lewis 4, Hannah Wells 2.

Compass Academy — Emma Coleman 2, Kinzee Jamierson 2, Sofia Lavin 2, Autumn Garcia 4, Neema Mendez 2, Alli Lara 1.

Free Throws — Coahoma 12-22, Compass Academy 3-11; 3-Point Goals — Coahoma 4 (Cox 2, Johnson 2); Fouls — Coahoma 16, Compass Academy 19.

JV BULLDOGETTES 23, COMPASS 18

Coahoma: 4, 4, 9, 6 -- 23

Compass: 5, 0, 10, 3 -- 18

Coahoma — A. Bose 9, B. Arrendondo 6, K. Beeman 2, K. Key 6.

Compass Academy — Sara W. 3, Amber G. 3, Elly W. 4, Montse P. 6, Natalie R. 2.

Free Throws — Coahoma 4-19, Compass 0-6; 3-Point Goals 1 (Bose), Compass Academy 4 (Montse 2, Sara, Amber); Fouls — Coahoma 4, Compass Academy 17.

## Maui musings: Finau happy to be back and feels he belongs

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Tony Finau has been in Hawaii long enough to become a motivational speaker.

For football, not golf.

Finau arrived three weeks ago to spend time with his wife's family near the North Shore on Oahu. His good friend, an assistant football coach at Kuhuku High School, asked Finau to speak to the Red Raiders before they played for the state title.

The stories he shared sounded familiar. They were about staying hungry and working hard even during the lean years and crushing losses. Finau knows that as well as anyone.

He also makes no excuses and doesn't grouse about any criticism carelessly thrown his way.

"That's how it is, and this is what I signed up for," Finau had said after ending more than five years without winning at The Northern Trust.

Kukuhu overwhelmed Saint Louis, 49-14, for its first state title in six years.

"I made it clear when I talked to them. I said, 'I'm definitely not going to tell you guys how to play football because I would be way out of my lane,'" Finau said Wednesday. "A lot of these young men made it known to me that they look up to me as a Polynesian athlete and how I've conducted myself. They made it known that they like it."

Finau, of Tongan and Samoan heritage, is 6-foot-4 with a wingspan of 6-foot-8. He could at least pass for a football player.

"I just tried to explain to them some of the things that — my life experiences — that have helped me to stay humble and to stay hungry throughout my career," he said. "I think they have enjoyed it and hopefully some of them take it with them as they go throughout their life and throughout their careers."

That brings him to the Sentry Tournament of Champions with a renewed sense of pride.

Finau was at Kapalua a year ago with an asterisk. Because of a year shortened by the COVID-19 pandemic, the criteria was changed for the winners-only start of the new year by adding anyone who reached the Tour Championship.

Finau was among 16 players who fell into that category.

"It was a different feel for me," Finau said. "Being a champion and being here feels great. This is one of those tournaments, when you win a golf tournament you look so forward to this week. Just teeing it up with all the guys that have won, it's a special field."

Finau's enthusiasm for a week in paradise is matched by Jordan Spieth, who began his career believing he would be a regular at Kapalua. That ended when he failed to win in 2018, and the following two years as his game went so off the rails that he nearly fell out of the top 100 in the world.

Spieth arrived a week early, playing down the Maui coast at Makena, traveling for the first time with his wife and 6-week-old son, Sammy. He won the Texas Open, his first title since capturing the 2017 British Open at Royal Birkdale.

All it takes is one win to get to Kapalua. Spieth could have had more, failing to convert chances in Phoenix and Pebble Beach, Colonial and the British Open.

"If you told me what last year was going to be at this time last year, I would have said I'm obviously very pleased," he said. "But I can also look back and say I really wish I had won three or four events, given the amount of times I had a chance on Sunday."

He talks about getting back to his DNA, and for the first time in years, he feels he is finally heading back in the right direction. There is excitement in his voice.

"For me, it's maybe different from a lot of guys," Spieth said. "For the first time in years, I feel like I've got some momentum."

Finau can relate, which doesn't winning any easier for either of them.

Finau had eight runner-up finishes — three of them playoff losses — and 39 top 10s between winning the 2016 Puerto Rico Open and beating Cameron Smith in a playoff at Liberty National last August.

"I know how hard that second one came and I put a lot of work into just getting better, and so that's where my attention will be," he said. "You never know when your week is going to be, but being properly prepared every week is the most important thing and that's all I can do."

He does not lack for preparation. Finau wasn't on the North Shore to give a speech to the Kuhuku Red Raiders.

Finau has a relationship with Turtle Bay and played there often during his two weeks on Oahu in plenty of wind and rain, all the elements Hawaii has to offer.

The pursuit of winning doesn't get any easier. The joy of the game has never left him, even in the wake of criticism that he should be winning more.

"We didn't really know we signed up for it when we were kids. We just wanted to play golf," he said. "But this is what comes with it. There's expectations when you get to a certain level. There's expectations that come with trying to become a great player and trying to become a great winner. You take them in strike and just keep going no matter what."

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Natural disasters and extreme weather pose a significant threat. No one is invulnerable to such events, and even if the idea of evacuating your home seems unlikely, preparing for evacuation can ensure calmer heads prevail in the case of adverse situations like natural disasters.

Ready.gov is a public service campaign that was established in February 2003 to help people prepare for, respond to and mitigate various types of

emergencies, including natural disasters. The campaign notes that many types of emergencies can necessitate evacuation, and offers the following tips to individuals who have been told evacuation is their best option.

- Download the FEMA app. The FEMA app is an invaluable resource for individuals facing evacuation. The app, which is available for download through the Google Play store as well as the Apple App Store, provides a host of important information, including a list of open shelters for individuals living in areas where

officials are urging residents to evacuate.

- Follow local evacuation instructions. Everyone has seen images of individuals stranded in areas that have been overtaken by flooding or destroyed by storms like hurricanes and tornados. Staying in place when evacuation orders have been issued puts your own life at risk as well as the lives of those who may attempt to help you, such as public safety officials. Many local public safety organizations will not send workers to help citizens if the conditions pose a threat to the workers, which underscores how important it is that individuals evacuate when orders are issued.

- Don't delay. The longer individuals wait to evacuate, the more risky the situation becomes. Ready.gov urges individuals to leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather. Even if the storm is not scheduled to touch down for awhile, getting caught in last-minute traffic could put evacuees in harm's way. When you begin to evacuate, stick

to the recommended evacuation routes, as alternative routes may be closed.

- Respect shelter pet policies. Evacuees who hope to stay in shelters must recognize that only service animals will be allowed in public shelters. Evacuees should still take their pets with them but should make arranging shelter for their companion animals part of their emergency strategy. Speak with friends or family members who live nearby but beyond the eye of the storm to determine if they can take in your pets should

you be forced to evacuate your home.

- Secure your home. Prior to evacuating, secure your home by locking doors and windows and unplugging electrical equipment like radios, televisions and small appliances. Pay attention to evacuation order details, which may advise residents to shut off water, gas and electricity before leaving their homes.

- Stay in touch. Do your best to stay in touch with friends and family once you have evacuated your home.

Let others know where you are going and inform them once you have arrived at your destination. In the days prior to evacuating, forward a copy of your evacuation plan to family members in other regions but also those who live locally so they can follow suit if need be.

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5:AM	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	Being Zion	Cat in the Hat Ready Jet	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Paid Prg.	NCIS: Los Angeles	Jeremiah Joyce M.	BattleBots	
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7:AM	Good Morning America		Good Morning Basin	CBS Mornings			Light of Southwest	Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce Jerry	George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter	Snow	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	BattleBots	
8:AM	The 700 Club		FamFeud Wom				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elinor	CBS7 Wake Up	Maury	Broke Girl	Charmed		SportsCenter	P1 AquaX USA 2021	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	BattleBots	
9:AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Eye on News	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	BattleBots	
10:AM	The View																		
11:AM	Jeopardy News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	Shofar Cost	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take		Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	BattleBots	
12:PM	GMA3: What Jeopardy!	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	Pasión de gavilanes	Days of our Lives	News Rocks	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot Hot	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter			NBA Basketball: Warriors at Mavericks	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	
1:PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Dollars Called	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supernatural	This Just In	SportsCenter		Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	BattleBots	
2:PM	Rachael Ray		Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	En casa con	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Elinor	Monk	Jerry	Friends	Bones	NBA Today	The Point	Jersey Retirement	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48		
3:PM	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	Bones	NFL Live	Coll. Football Live	Inside Focused	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	BattleBots	
4:PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7 News	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Creation Con	Almas Xavier	25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Sheldon	Bones	Around Pardon	Jalen Around	Covering the Bases	Figure Skating	The First 48		
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6:PM	News Wheel	Noticias	Sheldon	CBS 7 News	Por amor o por	News	HaYesod House	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Tip-Off	NHL Hockey: Minnesota Wild at Boston Bruins.	College Basketball: Maryland at Illinois.	Champ Spotlight	Winter olympic trials	The First 48	BattleBots	
7:PM	Women of the Movement	¿Qué le pasa a	Joe Millionaire: For Richer or Poorer	Sheldon United-AI	Hercia: amor y venganza (SS)	The Blacklist	Master Counter	Odd	Dateline	Walker	Big Bang	College Basketball: UCLA at Stanford.	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Suns	College Basketball: Florida Panthers at Dallas Stars.	NHL Hockey: Stars Pre.	Figure Skating	The First 48	BattleBots	
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12:AM	DailyMail	¿Qué le pasa a	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa	Programa	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Jerry Springer	Liquidator	Wipeout (DVS)		SportsCenter	UFC Archival	Postgame Tennis	Last Man	(:05) The First 48	(:01) BattleBots	
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♥ 10 9 8 6 4 3  
♦ Q 2  
♣ 10 7 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 10 7 4 2  
♥ K J  
♦ 10 7  
♣ 8 6 5

the contract. But if you lead a low diamond at trick two, South goes down one. Your partner wins with the queen and returns a heart, bless him, and it's all over.  
**How can you possibly be expected to know that a low diamond lead at trick two is the only winning play?** It's the right play, but it takes a few mental gyrations to reach this conclusion.  
**Your sole task is to interpret the meaning of your partner's deuce of diamonds.** Ordinarily, a deuce means "stop playing the suit." But in the present case, it would be a serious error to attribute this meaning to it.

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♦  
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

After the play to the first trick, you should reason that East cannot have either the Q-10-2 or the 10-2, since he would have played the ten from either holding to ask for a continuation. Therefore, he must have either the singleton deuce or the Q-2 doubleton.  
**Consequently, no harm can come from leading a low diamond at trick two.** If East has no more diamonds, he will ruff and return a heart; if East started with the doubleton queen, he will win and also return a heart. So, oddly enough, the deuce cannot possibly mean what it appears to say.

Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
**Things are not always what they seem;** in fact, sometimes they are exactly the opposite! Assume you're West and lead the king of diamonds against four spades. East plays the deuce and South the seven. Looking at only your own hand and dummy, what should you do next?  
**If you continue with the ace of diamonds,** which seems the natural thing to do, declarer easily makes

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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### Unbalanced Dinner Bill

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I have been friends with this couple for over 10 years. We met when our kids were in grade school. We would get together with this couple regularly over the years for dinner and drinks, while the kids would stay at home.

When we go out, we would always split the bill 50/50. Fast-forward to today, their kids are always joining us for dinner and drinks. When it comes time to pay the bill, they always ask for one check and expect us to split the bill 50/50 still. We have tried to do separate checks, but they keep asking for one. How do we politely tell them we do not want to pay for their family's food and drinks? -- Paying More Than Our Fair Share

### Dear Paying

**More:** If these dinners are frequent, such as once a week, then you should tell them that dividing the check in half is not fair. But if they are only occasional get-togethers, remember that friendship shouldn't require such precise math. If the bill really bothers you, invite them over to your house for drinks and appetizers instead.

**Dear Annie:** My wife has started withdrawing from our relationship and tells me I am not supportive of her. Last year, we agreed she could quit her full-time job to pursue her dreams of owning her own business and achieving her master's degree in business administration. During which time I completely renovated her new commercial space and have held down my own job that provides a stable income and

health insurance for our entire family. I cook most nights, stay on top of the bills and keep the house organized, all while she frantically runs her business by the seat of her pants. But the second I ask anything of her, she loses her mind and tells me I'm not supportive. I've tried to have these talks with her, but every time I bring up my feelings, she is quick to make it about herself. How do I get through to her while keeping her civilized? -- Solo at Home

**Dear Solo at Home:** It's inspiring that your wife is chasing her dreams, and it's commendable that you're making that possible for her -- but it can't come at the expense of her family. She needs to contribute to the well-being of the household, and it's up to you two what that means.

Maybe it's cooking dinner every night. Maybe it's coming up with a deadline for her business to start generating an income for your family. Maybe it's managing the household finances, cleaning on the weekends or dropping the kids off at school. The bottom line is that her professional goals are no excuse to neglect her responsibilities to the family.

A couples therapist can help you communicate effectively and create these clear guidelines.

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## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2022. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 6, 2021, supporters of President Donald Trump, fueled by his false claims of a stolen election, assaulted police and smashed their way into the Capitol to interrupt the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's victory, forcing lawmakers into hiding; most of the rioters had come from a nearby rally where Trump urged them to "fight like hell." A Trump supporter, Ashli Babbitt, was shot and killed by a police officer as she tried to breach a barricaded doorway inside the Capitol. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, injured while confronting the rioters, suffered a stroke the next day and died from natural causes, the Washington, D.C., medical examiner's office said. (In the weeks that followed, four of the officers who responded to

the riot took their own lives.) Congress reconvened hours later to finish certifying the election result.

On this date:

In 1412, tradition holds that Joan of Arc was born this day in Domremy.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, New York, at age 60.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, outlined a goal of "Four Freedoms": Freedom of speech and expression; the freedom of people to worship

God in their own way; freedom from want; freedom from fear.

In 1974, year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo.

In 1982, truck driver William G. Bonin was convicted in Los Angeles of 10 of the "Freeway Killer" slayings of young men and boys. (Bonin was later convicted of four other killings; he was executed in 1996.)

In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack. (Harding pleaded guilty to conspiracy to hinder prosecution, but denied any advance knowledge about the assault.)

In 2001, with Vice President Al Gore presiding in his capacity as president of the Senate,

Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

In 2005, former Ku Klux Klan leader Edgar Ray Killen was arrested on murder charges 41 years after three civil rights workers were slain in Mississippi. (Killen was later convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 60 years in prison; he died in prison in 2018.)

In 2006, velvet-voiced singer Lou Rawls died in Los Angeles at age 72.

In 2020, throngs of Iranians attended the funeral of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who'd been killed in a U.S. airstrike in Iraq; Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei wept while praying over the casket. Former White House national security adviser John Bolton said he was "prepared to testify" if subpoenaed by the Senate in its impeachment trial of President Donald Trump. (The Senate voted against calling witnesses.)

Ten years ago: A bomb exploded at a busy Damascus intersection, killing 25 people and wounding dozens in the second major attack in the Syrian capital in as many weeks. The Obama administration expanded the FBI's more than eight-decades-old definition of rape to count men as victims for the first time and to drop the requirement that victims physically resisted their attackers.

Five years ago: Congress certified Donald Trump's presidential victory over the objections of a handful of House Democrats, with Vice President Joe Biden pronouncing, "It is over." An arriving airline passenger pulled a gun from his luggage and opened fire in the baggage claim area at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Florida, killing five people and wounding eight. (An Alaska man, Esteban Santiago, admitted to the shooting and was sentenced to life in prison.) Mother-and-daughter actors

Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher were laid to rest together at Forest Lawn Memorial Park - Hollywood Hills.

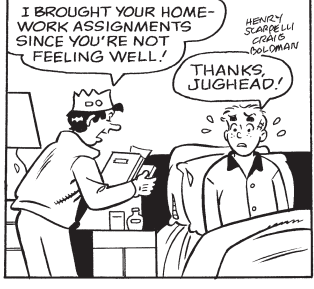
One year ago: As final votes were counted in the preceding day's Senate runoff in Georgia, Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock emerged as the winners over Republicans David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler, giving Democrats control of the Senate.

Today's Birthdays: Country musician Joey Miskulin (Riders in the Sky) is 73. Former FBI director Louis Freeh is 72. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 71. Singer Jett Williams is 69. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson is 67. World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez is 65. Actor Scott Bryce is 64. R&B singer Kathy Sledge is 63. TV chef Nigella Lawson is 62. R&B singer Eric Williams (BLACKstreet) is 62. Actor Norman Reedus is 53. Food writer and blogger Ree Drummond is 53. TV personality Julie Chen is 52.

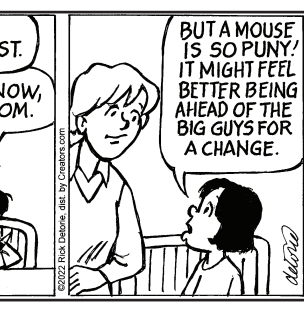
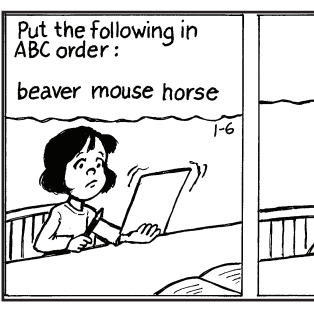
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### ONE BIG HAPPY

## Horoscopes By Holiday

THURSDAY  
JANUARY 6, 2022

### Lunar Square to Mars

The Pisces moon forms a square to Mars in Sagittarius challenging us to experience more of the world, regardless of how inconvenient and uncomfortable the exploration will likely be. If it were easy, everyone would be worldly. Looking back, it's the daring, not the awkwardness, that will stand out in our memories.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The more you think something the more power you give it. You can't change (SET ITAL) them, (END ITAL) but you can change you, which could be enough to create just the result you were hoping for.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The person talking isn't always communicating. The person hearing isn't always listening. Regardless, right now you're so tuned into people's motivations and intentions, you'll come to a deeper understanding of your situation.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Social awareness will be a forte of yours. You'll be careful to take the temperature of the rooms you enter, and you'll change the climate just by being there, too.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). As any dinosaur would attest, adaptability is the talent of survivors. It doesn't matter how big and powerful you are; it's the ones who respond well to change who defy extinction.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The thing that stressed you out a little while back now holds a different place in your mind. You've finally made it to the day when you chalk it all up to a learning experience, or maybe even a funny story.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you compete with others, you give away the advantages that have held you in good stead. Back off instead. Think it over. What would you do if you knew you were in a league of your own?

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Creative, playful people will make your life better. One idea leads to another and suddenly you're caught into the swirl. Some people have a talent for turning ordinariness into adventure.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When the passenger inside your head is in a dark mood, spouting unhelpful opinions, get up and change seats. You'll be surprised at how one move can interrupt the whole pattern, allowing you a brighter outlook and experience.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Here comes the kind of yearning that doesn't happen every day. It's actually quite rare and, for all its discomfort, could be considered a gift. Desire is an ache but it's so much better than the numbness of wanting nothing.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's an art to managing your emotions.

You're learning to use the power of your feelings as motivation instead of seeing them as burdens you must work around on your way to success.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When it comes to relationships, one good one is better than a million flimsy ones. You'll overlook minutiae. Pettiness helps no one. You know solid relationships are cultivated over time and you're in it for the long game.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). In the classroom of life, you teach people how to treat you. Lectures in this forum are extremely unpopular. Rather, it's usually a modeling situation. You care for yourself, and others pick up the cues.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 6). You're a deep person who feels things acutely and thinks farther into life than most. You'll meet your resonant equals and create a kind of poetry in the way you relate to one another. Debts will be paid, wrongs righted. You'll be a teacher and your students will show you new ways to take your interests. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 12, 11, 4 and 20.

**COSMIC QUESTION:** "I'm a Libra with that classic problem of not being able to make a decision quickly, and this has recently put me in a bad financial position. I couldn't decide whether to take an offer on my house, and my hesitation lost the sale. Now it has been two months and I have not received another offer. Do you have any advice for Libras who need to be quicker on the uptake?"

Selling a house certainly seems like one of the larger decisions of life, but were you to make it to 100 years old, would you look back and kick yourself for selling in July instead of April? Unlikely. So don't agonize. Be lighter. Think: levity. Decide not to make every pro and con into a gigantic stress-fest and your decision-making process will get short. Minimize the amount of personal upset associated with making the wrong choice. These are not life-threatening matters; some choices lead to doing what they were intended to do, while others lead to an education. Or send you on an adventure or give you a funny story or align you with a destiny you wouldn't have considered ... There are many categories beyond the so-called right choice. Pick the one you find interesting instead of the one you think is correct.

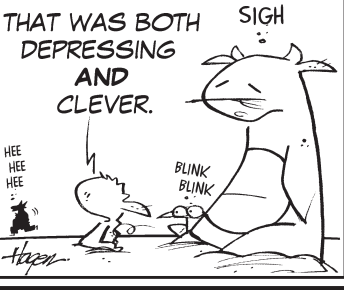
**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Rowan Atkinson's iconic characters including Mr. Bean and Johnny English are beloved worldwide. Atkinson was born when the sun and Mercury were in Capricorn, the sign of ambition, social standing and business savvy. Natal Moon, Jupiter and Uranus in Capri-

corn promise that Atkinson's comedy instinct comes from soul-sensitivity. Look for him in the upcoming adventure comedy, "Wonka."

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## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Advance of funds
  - 5 Elaborate bash
  - 9 Part of some addresses
  - 14 Horde
  - 15 Cameo gem
  - 16 Advil alternative
  - 17 *The Big Sleep* author
  - 20 What you mean to do
  - 21 Bumbler's comment
  - 22 Man of mystery
  - 23 Geode stone
  - 24 Innermost part
  - 25 Was ripped
  - 26 Lobster's leg complement
  - 27 Chase after
  - 28 Cantina food
  - 29 Acts sullen
  - 31 "Watch me do it too!"
  - 32 With 33 Across, *The Postman Always Rings Twice* author
  - 33 See 32 Across
  - 34 Movie medium
  - 36 Ivanhoe creator
  - 37 Not as common
  - 38 Irish dramatist
  - 39 *Survivor* airer
  - 42 Arabian monarchy
  - 43 Governmental center
  - 44 Get sidetracked
  - 46 Pecs' neighbors
  - 47 Ponder (over)
  - 48 Shuts up
  - 49 *The Maltese Falcon* author
  - 52 Exclamation in westerns
- DOWN**
- 1 Prop in westerns
  - 2 Sherbet flavor
  - 3 *The Joy Luck Club* novelist
  - 4 NL East athlete
  - 5 Abundant source
  - 6 Follower of business or bitter
  - 7 Big shots in business
  - 8 Admonish urgently
  - 9 Cook's collection
  - 10 Of long standing
  - 11 Capital of Belize
  - 12 Invaded
  - 13 Victor at Thermopylae
  - 18 Unspecified person
  - 19 Big bumbler
  - 24 Stage director's responsibility
  - 25 Unexpressed but understood
  - 27 Soldier's copter
  - 28 Ideally
  - 29 Printer's arc
  - 30 Persian master poet
  - 31 Large freight handler
  - 32 Dinosaur's heyday
  - 33 Hurdle for would-be GPs
  - 34 Timber-cutting tool
  - 35 '90s fad dance
  - 36 Superficial
  - 38 Have as a customer
  - 39 Sleazy sort
  - 40 Baker's creation
  - 41 Computer network
  - 43 \_\_\_-happy (litigious)
  - 44 Totality
  - 45 Against the clock
  - 47 Ramen ingredient
  - 48 A preceder
  - 50 Hard to keep in stock
  - 51 Cultivator



### THE BARN

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## SUDOKU

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

### Today's Answers

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## CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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