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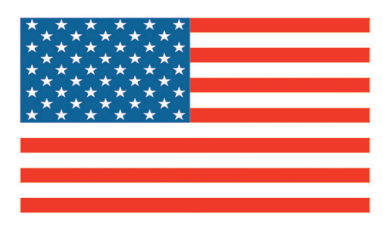
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**Weather**

**Tuesday Night:** A slight chance of rain between midnight and 3am, then a chance of freezing drizzle. Increasing clouds, with a low around 27. Northeast wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Wednesday:** A chance of freezing rain and sleet before noon, then a chance of snow, freezing drizzle, and sleet between noon and 3pm, then a slight chance of rain after 3pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.  
 Source: weather.gov

**COVID-19 in Howard County:**  
**Jan. 24, 2022**  
 Confirmed Cases: 3,487  
 Probable Cases: 2,610  
 Fatalities: 157  
 Source: dshs.texas.gov

**Daily Quotes**

“Books are the mirrors of the soul.”  
 — Virginia Woolf

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**Accident claims life of DPS Special Agent in Maverick County**

Editor's note: The Texas Department of Public Safety forwarded the following press release to the Big Spring Herald Monday:

**Special to the Herald**

It is with great sadness the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announces the death of DPS Special Agent Anthony Salas.

On Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, around 7:30 p.m., Special Agent Salas was conducting tactical operations in Maverick County as part of a DPS Special Operations Group working jointly with the US Border Patrol BORTAC when he was



**Salas**  
 involved in a tragic accident near Eagle Pass. Local EMS personnel transported

him to Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center and later he was airlifted to University Hospital in San Antonio. Special Agent Salas passed away just after 11 a.m. on Jan. 22, 2022, with his family by his side.

Special Agent Anthony Salas, 37, joined the department in 2013 and was stationed in El Paso. He served as a Trooper with the Texas Highway Patrol before promoting to a Special Agent in the department's Criminal Investigations Division. Special Agent Salas was a member of the DPS West Texas Special Response Team, and he served in the United States Marine Corps before joining the department.

**Commissioners meet reps from Ryan, Cruz**

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

At their meeting Monday, Howard County Commissioners welcomed representatives of two people of political and economic importance to Big Spring and West Texas: Brint Ryan and Ted Cruz.

At the start of the meeting, Ryan LLC representative Maher Maso addressed the county leaders.

Maso explained that the City of Big Spring and Ryan LLC are in the process of setting up a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ), a tax structure which directs a portion of tax revenue to fund investment projects for a designated area. Maso told the commissioners that, by law, county's aren't allowed to set up their own TIRZ, but may work together with a city that has set up a TIRZ.

“For the city to create a TIRZ, they have to have a project plan, basically, what projects they're trying to accomplish,” he said. “It has a finance plan, the financial impact. They'll create a board of directors, which can be five to 15 individuals, and then they can choose to fund projects in different ways. With the projections in this area, most likely the TIRZ will be used to reimburse projects. We wouldn't recommend right now that the city would sell



**Bobbi Hanson, West Texas Deputy Regional Director for U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, introduced herself to the Howard County Commissioners at their meeting Monday.**

bonds or anything like that, to forward-fund projects. You See **COUNTY**, Page 3

**Howard College plans to implement new Student Information System**

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

At their meeting Monday, Howard College trustees heard about plans for a new student information system for the college, and approved the purchase of computer servers, software and storage media to implement the new system.

“We have a new Student Information System, it's called CAMS, and we are going to be implementing that new Student Information System,” said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. “That project will begin in March, and it will be a 12- to 15-month implementation.”

The software, produced by Thesis America, is known as CAMS - Comprehensive Academic Management System. Sparks said the system will be used by all student-facing facets of the college.

“It's a software that's used by your Admissions Office, your Financial Aid



Office, your Registrar's Office, your Student Accounting Office,” Sparks said. “Again, sharing of information among all those offices and storing the information relative to your student body.”

The trustees met in closed session at 10 a.m. Monday to discuss litigation related to the Travelers Indemnity Company and the college's insurance claim re-

lated to the March 2021 hail storm. In the closed session, trustees also discussed a confidential agreement and general release with Thesis America and the Student Information System.

After lunch, the trustees reconvened and approved routine matters, including minutes and financial statements from December of 2021, monthly reports of auxiliary services, personnel matters and an internal audit report.

In New Business, the trustees approved the agreement with Thesis America and the implementation of the Student Information System and then heard an update on the status of COVID-19 at Howard.

Dr. Sparks said the college has made some changes when it comes to returning to work or school following COVID.

“The CDC came out right before the first of the year and changed the quarantine and isolation requirements, and

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## Obituaries

## Joyce Madine "Dean" Priest



Joyce Madine "Dean" Priest, 83, Friday, Jan. 21, 2022. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday with family receiving friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Wednesday 11 a.m. at College Baptist Church. Grave-side service will be Wednesday 3 p.m. at Sweetwater Cemetery.

Dean was born on June 24, 1938 in Clyde to Lota and Floyd Rogers. She moved to Big Spring in 1959 from Sweetwater. She was member of College Baptist.

Dean taught Sunday School at Bera & College Baptist. She had taught jewelry making at Howard College. She was an avid fisher lady and reader. She was a seamstress, knitting, crocheting, and needle pointing. And all of the crafts were for her family

and church.

Dean is survived by 1 daughter: Kathy Daniels (Gordon) of Big Spring; 1 son: Kenneth Priest of Big Spring; 4 grandchildren: Kendra Smith (Andrew), Kevin Matthews (Jessica), Rory Kristen Wheeler (Asa) & Acacia Daniels all of Big Spring; 7 great grandchildren: Derian McCrary (Elizabeth), Jesse Smith, Aislin Smith, Danni Matthews, Catti-Brie Wheeler, Lyndon Wheeler, & Arlis Wheeler all of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents and husband Gene, Dean is preceded in death by 1 son: Danny Priest; 6 brothers; and 1 great grandson.

Pallbearers will be Landon Kelley, Matt Ham, Toby Philips, Joseph Dekeyser, Cameron Chavera, & John Rios

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

*Paid Obituary*

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## Johnnie West

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## Terry Jenkins

Terry Jenkins, died Sunday, January 23, 2022. Memorial service will be Thursday at 11:00 AM at First United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Shawna Gail Ellison



Shawna Gail Ellison, 39, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022. Memorial services were held Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, at Life Church.

She was born January 20, 1982 in Stanton, Texas. Shawna was a lifelong resident of Howard County and graduated from Borden County High School in 2000. She was an avid gardener, enjoyed arts and crafts and was an advocate for suicide awareness.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Atkinson; one son, Saul Moreno; two daughters, Samara Moreno and Evayne Moreno; her parents, Patty

and Dusty Choate and Brian and Jerri Ellison; two sisters and one brother, Jessica Reel, Kevin Ellison and wife, Rayna, and Ashley Ellison; her maternal grandmother, Lois Ellison; and three nieces, Elana Deax, Isabel Reel and Eva Day.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, James Ellison; and her maternal grandparents, Jim and Gail Hale.

The family suggests memorials to the National Suicide Prevention at <https://suicideprevention-lifeline.org/>

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Mary Ryals

Mary Ryals, 61, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Mary was born on Dec. 1, 1960 in Pampa, TX to Helen and Ray Jackson. She had been in Big Spring for over 10 years.

She was a Christian and was a Baptist.

Mary is survived by her husband: Alvin Ryals Big Spring; 1 son: Jimmy Atwood of Pampa; 1 sister Rhonda Gilpatrick (Ted) of Pampa; 3 sisters in law.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Ray & Helen Jackson; step dad Ernest Crow.

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

## Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

## HC

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we've been following the CDC guidelines on quarantine and isolation. When they've changed it from the 10 days to where you can go down to the 5 days and then back into society if you're wearing a mask, what we've done, because in the state of Texas, you can't require people to wear a mask, we have given people the choice."

Sparks said people can return to work or school after five days and continue wearing a mask for five days after that, or they may remain at home for the full 10-day quarantine if they prefer not to wear a mask.

She said the college has about 15 people on COVID "protocol."

In other business, Sparks spoke about several resolutions being approved by the College Board.

"The first resolution is for the school boards that we have the opportunity to serve in our 13-county service area," she said.

The resolution recognizes the school boards' work educating students in conjunction with January being School Board Recognition Month.

Other resolutions recognized two donations to the college's Big Spring campus and two donations

to its San Angelo campus.

At Big Spring, the school received a \$170,000 donation from the Dora Roberts Foundation for scholarships and for the nursing program; and an endowed scholarship from Steve and Jo Stone in the amount of \$25,000 in memory of their son, Derek Wayne Griffith.

In San Angelo, the Ellis Family donated \$20,000 to the school for scholarships; and Fred Krebs donated \$25,000.

Jan Thomas of Logan, Thomas and Johnson accounting firm presented preliminary results of the their audit of the college's finances. Dr. Sparks said the audit will be completed within about a week, but she wanted the board to hear the preliminary results as soon as possible.

"I don't anticipate any changes to this draft," Thomas said. "I just wanted to let you know that, from the spot that we're still going through our final review process."

Thomas said her firm's audit of the college's finances would receive an "unmodified opinion."

"Which is the good opinion," she added. "It says everything is fairly stated and follows generally accepted accounting principles."

"It's, again, just a testament to the great job that (Chief Fiscal Officer) Brenda Claxton and all of

the individuals that are in that area do on a daily basis," Sparks said regarding the audit result. "They've just done a super job. During this last two years with all of the things that have been happening with pandemic-related reporting and changes, the CARES fund and having to account for all of that, and the decisions that had to be made, can we spend those funds for this reason or not? They've had a tremendous overload of new items they would not have had in a normal year. So the fact that there were no findings I think is a great testament to the job they do."

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# COUNTY

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want to grow the economic base.” Maso said the area the TIRZ will help develop is basically the downtown Big Spring area. “So the boundary right now that’s being discussed, that we will present to the Council is between First and Sixth streets, and Goliad and Gregg streets,” he said. “So that rectangle is the boundary.” Maso said the boundaries will be finalized in the near future, but can be amended, or additional TIRZ areas can be created.

The commissioners took no action on Maso’s presentation, treating it as a discussion item.

Also present at the meeting was the West Texas Regional Deputy Director for U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, Bobbi Hanson.

“I just wanted to let y’all know that I’m here,” she said. “I live in Abilene. I’ve been here for 12 years now. I’ve been working for the senator for a while now, and I’m here as a liaison. Any time you guys need me. If an organization wants to talk about issues, or citizens, farmers and ranchers, small businesses, any issues you have that you want to talk to me about, I’m here. I can meet with you personally or by phone call, or your organization’s meeting, I’m happy to be here and listen to your concern and hopefully figure out a path forward.”

Hanson can be reached by email at [Bobbi\\_Hanson@cruz.senate.gov](mailto:Bobbi_Hanson@cruz.senate.gov)

After the two guests led off the meeting, County Treasurer Sharon Adams presented personnel considerations, which was approved unanimously with no details given.

Adams presented her monthly report for December, and her quarterly report for Quarter 4 of 2021, both of which were also approved unanimously.

County Auditor Jackie Olson presented an item regarding financial statements for Community Supervision, the Corrections Department and the Juvenile Probation Department.

“You’re required by law to accept that,” Olson said. The commissioners did so unanimously.

Olson also presented invoices and purchase requests, which were approved unanimously.

During discussion of purchase requests, Elections Administrator Jodi Duck and County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek brought up their request for the purchase of a printer/plotter and a scanner, as well as mapping software, for creating maps of county roads.

The purchase request for the Colortrac Smart LF 35-inch scanner indicates that it’s cost is \$3,000, while the request for the HP DesignJet T730 printer, along with spare print heads, ink and a roll of 36-inch by 150-foot paper totals \$3,782.27. The mapping software was approximately \$14,000. Commissioners approved funding for the hardware and software, as well as the other requisitions presented by Olson.

Howard County Library employee Sandra Verdin once again presented an item tabled at the commissioners’ previous meeting: a request from Big Spring High School art class to create a mural on the small building in front of the Howard County Library.

“The proposed general theme for the mural is ‘Literacy, Knowledge and Imagination,’” Verdin told the commissioners. “Students would prepare a design for the building based on this theme, and design approval would take place at a later commissioners’ meeting. The proposed time frame is, weather permitting, sometime in March.”

Verdin said the county would not be responsible for any cost due to the project.

Commissioner Craig Bailey (Precinct 2) brought up two potential problems with the plan. First, he asked about what the procedure would be if another school or organization wanted to create a mural at the library, and whether agreeing to the BSHS project would obligate them to consider mural projects from other sources. Second, he pointed out that large vehicles parking at the library might bump the structure, damaging the mural.

Commissioners once again voted to table the item until these concerns can be investigated.

In other business, commissioners approved going out for bids for windows at the County Courthouse, as well as for boiler systems at the Courthouse and the Library.

County Sheriff Stan Parker presented his annual Racial Profiling Report for 2021, which was ap-

proved unanimously by commissioners.

“We’ve had no complaints filed and everything seems to be in order,” Parker told the commissioners regarding the report.

“Sheriff Parker, I want to thank you and your officers,” County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said. “This is the very issue that has caused such racial unrest in other areas of our country, and we really appreciate you.”

In his monthly report for December 2021, County Clerk Brian Zitterkopf said his office’s receipts were \$71,345.63, down about \$200 since the previous month. Zitterkopf also asked commissioners to once again consider writing off bad debt in the amount of \$1,239 from Bexar County which has been on the books since 2013. The commissioner approved both items unanimously.

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Gregoria Brooks, 76, died Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Vigil service will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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Gerardo “Jerry” Saucedo Jr., 64, of Big Spring died Saturday, January 22, 2022. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## Take Note

- The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Feb. 19 “Winter Wonderland”; and Spring Pops concert, featuring Marie Osmond, 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.bigspring-symphony.org](http://www.bigspring-symphony.org).

- 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>.

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## Big Spring Steer powerlifting team takes home first place in Coahoma meet



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Top Left: Sonny Ledesma and Kenny Richardson both placed 2nd in their weight class. Top Right: The Big Spring Steer powerlifting team all pose for a team photo after finishing in first place out of ten teams in Coahoma this past weekend. Bottom Left: Kayen Johnson placed 1st in the 198 weight class. Bottom Right: Kenny Richardson placed 2nd in the 132 weight class

## Agbaji helps No. 5 Kansas beat Texas Tech 94-91 in 2OT

By DAVID SMALE

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Ochai Agbaji scored a career-high 37 points to help No. 5 Kansas avenge its only conference loss of the season with a 94-91 double overtime win over No. 13 Texas Tech on Monday night.

Agbaji outdueled Bryson Williams, who poured in 33 points for Tech. Agbaji, the reigning co-Big 12 Player of the Week, had seven of Kansas' eight made 3-pointers. He had 24 points in the second half and two overtimes.

Agbaji hit a guarded 3-pointer near the end of the first overtime to send the game to another period.

"It was kind of like our game Saturday (when KU overcame a 17-point second-half deficit to beat Kansas State) and the Chiefs game" Agbaji said. "When we went to overtime, I thought (the Chiefs) won at all costs. We have to do the same thing. That was so much fun."

An exhausted Kansas coach Bill Self had nothing but praise for his star.

"It was a great win," he said after the game. "We played a terrific team that played terrific. We didn't play great, but we played good. We had one guy go off."

"I think we can play better, but I don't know if an individual can play better. I told him that I don't ever remember us having a player play better than that."

Kansas led by one in the second overtime when Williams banked in a 3-point

er. KJ Adams tipped in a miss to tie the game at 91 with 1:39 left. Jalen Wilson gave the Jayhawks (17-2, 6-1 Big 12) the lead, hitting the second of two free throws 21 seconds later.

After both teams went scoreless over the next 50 seconds, Christian Braun hit two free throws with 10.1 seconds remaining to make it a 94-91. Terrence Shannon missed a 3-pointer that would have tied it a few seconds later.

Braun added 15 points for Kansas, which also got 13 from David McCormack. Texas Tech (15-3, 5-3) got 17 points from Kevin Obanor and 15 for Davion Warren.

Agbaji and Williams carried their teams early in the second half. Williams had 11 second-half points by the second media timeout. After Texas Tech trimmed the deficit to 3 points, Kansas went on an 8-0 run to grab its first double-digit lead of the game.

"He gave us problems last year (with UTEP), he gave us problems when we played them at Tech, and he gave us problems tonight," Agbaji said. "He's a great player. He's a dangerous, complete player."

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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	Shepherd Dr. Wil	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Legs, feet	Chrisley	Jeremiah	Blind Frog Ranch
6 :AM		Despierta América!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy día (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Families News	Peg & Cat Super	Paternity Court	Highway Thru Hell	George	Charmed	SportsCenter	NHL Hockey: Stars at Flyers	NHL Hockey: Stars at Flyers	NCIS (DVS)	Joyce M. Angeles	Blind Frog Ranch
7 :AM	Good Morning America		Good Morning Basin	CBS Mornings		Today	Light of Southwest	Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce	George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter	Snow	NCIS (DVS)	Parking	Blind Frog Ranch
8 :AM			FamFeud Wom				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elinor	CBS7 Wake Up	Maury	George	Charmed		SportsCenter	Epic	NCIS (DVS)	Parking	Catastrophes
9 :AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	The Is	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up	P1 APBA Offshore	NCIS (DVS)	Parking	Catastrophes
10 :AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso	Today-Hoda	The China	Go Luna	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends	Supernatural			Spotlight	NCIS (DVS)	Storage	Catastrophes
11 :AM	Jeopardy News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	To Be Announced	The Gath	Nature	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line	NCIS (DVS)	Storage	Catastrophes
12 :PM	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	Pasión de gavilanes	Days of our Lives	News Hidden	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	NHL Hockey: Stars at Flyers	NHL Hockey: Stars at Flyers	NCIS (DVS)	Storage	Catastrophes
1 :PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	House	Cyber	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supernatural	This Just In	2022 Australian Open Tennis: Quarterfinals	World Poker	Movie: Die Hard, Bonnie Bedelia (DVS)	Storage	Catastrophes
2 :PM	Rachael Ray		Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	En casa con	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink Elinor	Monk	Jerry	Friends	Movie: Avengers: Endgame, Mark Ruffalo (DVS)	NBA Today	NFL Live	Live on the Line	Storage	Storage	Catastrophes
3 :PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la fiaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends				Live on the Line	Storage	Storage	Farmtruck and AZN
4 :PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7 News	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Retro	Almas	25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Sheldon		Around Pardon	NFL Live	P1 APBA Offshore	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
5 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS	Tele	News NBC	MMTV	Molly Hero	King	Nick Cannon	Big Bang		SportsCenter	Daily Wager	Snow	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
6 :PM	News	¿Qué le pasa a	Sheldon	CBS 7	Exatión Estados Unidos (SS)	American Grand	News	You Need Wild Kratt	Freedom	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Tip-Off	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	High School Football	Storage	Storage	Outlaws: Fast
7 :PM	Judge Steve Harvey	Soltero con hijas	9-1-1: Lone Star	FBI				Our Mess	Eye on	Chicago Fire	Superman & Lois				Spotlight	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
8 :PM	Abbott black-ish	Vencer el pasado	Our Kind of People	FBI: International	Hercal: amor	This Is Us	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Chicago Fire	Naomi	Wipeout		College Basketball	2022 Australian Open Tennis: Quarterfinals	High School Football	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
9 :PM	Judge Steve Harvey	Madre	FOX 24 News at 9	FBI: Most Wanted	Malverde: el santo	New Amsterdam	Light of Southwest	Cyber	Mike	News	Wipeout	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Warriors			High School Football	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
10 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Noticias	News	Being	Pink	Friends	Burgers	Sheldon		College Basketball: Arizona at UCLA.		Sooner	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Pawn	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias	Tonight Show	Words of Jesus IS	Elinor	Friends	Burgers	Sheldon		College Basketball: Arizona at UCLA.		High School Football	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
12 :AM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James Corden	Patientes a la fuerza	Seth Meyers	Creation	Tiger	Minute	Black-ish	Sheldon	NBA on TNT			High School Football	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
1 :AM	Extra	Las tontas no van	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Señora Acero (SS)	News	The	Xavier	Forensic	Creek	George		SportsCenter	Around Pardon	Supergirl Surf	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
2 :AM	DailyMail	¿Qué le pasa a	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Programa De siones	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Jerry Springer	Liquidator Gold	George	NBA Basketball: Lakers at Nets			Tennis Clasics	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America
3 :AM	Lose Brain Fog	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Pelicula: Tres veces mojado	Inside Ed. Blast	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	More Hair	Jokers		SportsCenter	UFC 265: Lewis vs. Gane	Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America	
4 :AM	World News Now	P. Luche	Seinfeld	Overnight News	Noticias SVU	Minute	A Prom	Odd	Paid Prg.	LegalHelp	Misery	Snowpiercer	SportsCenter		Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America	
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6 :AM	ABC	Nosotr.	Laughs		Programa	Early Tdy	The Is	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Eye	Matters				Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America	
7 :AM	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	The Gath	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Disease	Matters				Storage	Storage	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America	

Annie's Mailbox



Contract Bridge  
By Steve Becker  
Winning technique

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2♠ 2♦ Pass Pass  
2♠ 3♣ 4♠ 5♣

Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
Good technique in declarer play is simply a matter of consistently choosing the play that has the best chance to succeed. Every deal offers opportunities for good technique, and it is up to declarer to make the most of them.  
In today's hand declarer was guilty of poor technique. He won the opening diamond lead and cashed the ace of spades, on which West showed out. South could see no way to get to dummy to finesse against East's queen of spades, so he cashed the king and then played

the A-K of hearts, hoping the queen would fall. When it didn't, he was down one.  
Declarer should have made the contract. His proper play, after West shows out of spades, is to lead a low heart toward dummy!  
Before discussing the reasons for this play, let's examine its effect. East wins the nine of hearts with the queen. South ruffs the diamond or club return, crosses to the ten of hearts and takes the indicated spade finesse to make the slam.  
As the cards lie, declarer can also make the slam by playing the A-K-x of spades and later entering dummy with the jack of spades to take a heart finesse. But this line of play fails if West was dealt the Q-x of hearts.  
There is excellent reason for South to lead a low heart from his hand at trick three. If East started with Q-x-x-x, Q-x-x, x-x-x, Q-x or x-x, declarer cannot be prevented from eventually gaining entry to dummy with a heart. Only if East started with the singleton queen of hearts does this approach fail. This one possibility is heavily outweighed by the others.  
Note that in his deliberations, South does not consider the possibility of East's being dealt a singleton small heart, since in that case the contract cannot be made no matter how he proceeds.

Tomorrow: No easy road to success.  
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What Happened to Customer Service?

Dear Annie: Am I the only one who is annoyed by the lack of customer service in our country today? I am in my 70s, and I vividly remember the days when I would call a hotel to make a reservation. A live human being would answer the phone and handle my request.

Now we have to use our computers to find the hotel. Very often, the phone number on the hotel's website goes to a third party that books the reservation and knows nothing about the actual hotel. If you ask a question like, "Do you keep the swimming pool heated?" the answer is that the person on the phone doesn't have the faintest idea.

It used to be easy to call an airline to make a reservation. Once again, real people answered the phone -- usually on the first or second ring. You could ask questions, change your mind, find alternatives and hang up with your flight and seat secured just the way

you wanted it.

Now calling an airline requires waiting, being put on hold and being given a series of choices; everything is designed to send you back to your computer to proceed online. At my age, this is incredibly frustrating, especially because I remember when the airlines took pride in customer service.

How about dealing with your bank? I remember the days when I knew my banker and could call her up to ask a question, and she was always courteous, personal and efficient. Now I feel like you need a degree in computer science just to get the answer to a simple question.

The same is true with medical care. For many years, our family had the same doctor, who took pride in his practice as a family physician. He died in his sleep in his mid-80s during the lockdowns, and my wife and I are still trying to find a family doctor with a private practice. We have found some very good doctors, but they

are all affiliated with corporate-run hospitals, and you can feel that your visit is being timed. Everything is on the clock, so you are ushered in and out. It is so impersonal!

During my annual physical, our old doctor would spend a few minutes chatting after he took a series of tests. I once asked him why he did that, and he said it was to observe my eyes, my mental clarity and a host of other things that were visible just by observing. Oh, to have a doctor like that back again!

We see this impersonal approach to "customer service" everywhere. How many businesses can you call on the phone and a real person answers it? There are very few, and they are confined mostly to small businesses.

No doubt the new technology has made things more efficient in the long run, but individual people live day to day, not in the long run, and I am concerned that this lack of individual attention is driving me crazy. Am I the only one who has

noticed the change? -- Too Impersonal

Dear Too Impersonal: Yours is one of many letters I have received on this topic. I am printing it because you give some good examples of frustrations that we are all coping with in 2022. I am younger than you, but I do sense that you are right -- that companies used to place a greater emphasis on interacting with their customers. I would be curious to see any feedback from other readers or from executives at large companies who believe that bigger is better, even if it makes the customer feel smaller.

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# FEATURES

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2022. There are 347 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion.

### On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1913, entertainer Danny Kaye was born David Daniel Kaminsky in New York City.

In 1957, a trio of B-52s completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1975, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1990, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.

In 1993, the Martin Luther

King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 2005, the world's largest commercial jet, the Airbus A380 "superjumbo" capable of flying up to 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

In 2011, Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for a four-day state visit; President Barack Obama welcomed him with a private dinner in the White House residence. The first director of the Peace Corps, R. Sargent Shriver, died in Bethesda, Maryland, at age 95.

In 2019, Jason Van Dyke, the white Chicago police officer who gunned down Black teenager Laquan McDonald in 2014, was sentenced to nearly seven years in prison.

In 2020, ahead of opening statements in the first

Senate impeachment trial of President Donald Trump, House prosecutors wrote that Trump had "used his official powers to pressure a foreign government to interfere in a United States election for his personal political gain," while Trump's legal team denounced what it called a "brazen and unlawful attempt to overturn the results of the 2016 election."

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama rejected the Keystone XL project, a Canadian company's plan to build a 1,700-mile pipeline to carry oil across six U.S. states to Texas refineries. Wikipedia and other websites went dark to protest two congressional proposals intended to thwart the online piracy of copyrighted movies and TV programs.

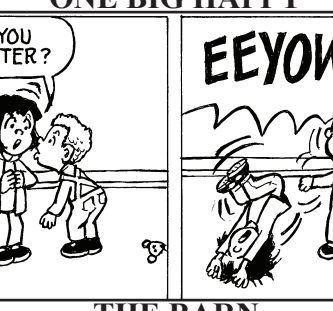
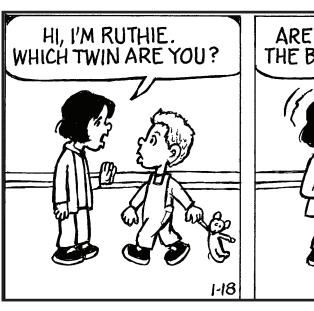
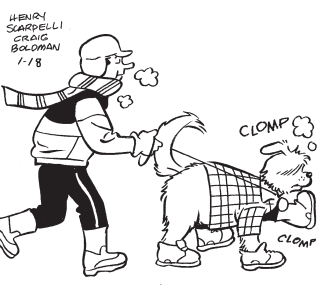
Five years ago: Twenty-nine people were killed when an avalanche buried the Hotel Rigopiano in central Italy (nine people were pulled out alive by rescuers). Jeff

Bagwell, Tim Raines and Ivan Rodriguez were elected to baseball's Hall of Fame. Opera singer Roberta Peters, 86, died in Rye, New York.

One year ago: California became the first state to record more than 3 million known coronavirus infections, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. Speakers at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration in Atlanta called for a renewed dedication to nonviolence following a turbulent year in which a deadly pandemic, protests over systemic racism and a divisive election capped by an attack on the U.S. Capitol strained Americans' capacity for civility. Jimmie Rodgers, singer of the 1957 hits "Honeycomb" and "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine," whose career in music and movies was disrupted by a severe head injury a decade later, died in California at age 87.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is

89. Former Sen. Paul Kirk, D-Mass., is 84. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 81. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 69. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 67. Country singer-actor Mark Collie is 66. Actor Mark Rylance is 62. Actor Alison Arngrim (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 60. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is 59. Actor Jane Horrocks is 58. Comedian Dave Attell (uh-TEHL) is 57. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 53. Rapper DJ Quik is 52. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 51. Former NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous is 49. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 48. Actor Derek Richardson is 46. Actor Jason Segel is 42. Actor Samantha Mumba is 39. Country singer Kristy Lee Cook (TV: "American Idol") is 38. Actor Devin Kelley is 36. Actor Ashleigh Murray (TV: "Riverdale") is 34. Tennis player Angelique Kerber is 34. Actor Mateus Ward is 23.



## Horoscopes By Holiday

### TUESDAY JANUARY 18, 2022

#### Direction Change for Uranus

Mercury and Venus are still retrograde, but Uranus gives us a break, bailing on the idea that surprises are best delivered without rhyme or reason. After all, what could be more delightful than a reasonable, rhyming surprise? We also welcome the return of poetic justice and tidy endings wrapped up with the moral of the story.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As the proverb goes, "If you have given nothing, ask for nothing." You'll get a request from someone who should not be asking for anything from you -- but you won't be sorry for giving anyway.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your secrets are safe with you, and yours is the only name on the list today. Keep the inner world on lock. Even sharing what seems silly and harmless could be problematic because things will get twisted in the retelling.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Comfort is something you haven't had a lot of lately, so savor these moments when the prevailing feeling is that everything is going to be OK.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The way to build a support system is to be a beam in someone else's framework. It doesn't have to be that organized a situation -- just coming together and figuring out how it fits will come quite naturally. Together you'll be stronger.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The planning stage is half the fun. Imagine the opportunity you wished for is finally knocking at your door. Do you have everything you need to meet the challenge? Get ready for what's surely coming.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People tell you things that are hard to wrap your head around -- not lies, exactly, yet you're not sure how much credence to give the story. Think of it as entertainment. Suspend disbelief.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friendly cooperation with others will be necessary in order for you to reach your goal. Keep introducing yourself to new people. You have yet to meet the one who will help you the most.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some of the rules you live by are imposed by society but the ones that govern most of your life were made by you. Revisit a few of them today to decide if they still apply.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Things have a way of getting overly complicated unless you are vigilant about keeping it simple. You will succeed in straight-forward missions that involve but a few steps.

22-Jan. 19). Tried-and-true methods will always be there to employ. Today brings a chance to try something new. Even if it doesn't work as well, you'll be better for taking part in the experiment.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your curiosity will be stirred by tales of peril, glamour and adventure. The more you learn about other lives, the greater your appreciation will be for the comforts of your own.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Unlike some you know, you are happy to shine when it's your turn but don't always have to be the center of attention. People thoroughly enjoy your presence, which involves the perfect balance of give and take.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 18). What is really yours has and will always be yours. As for the rest, your hard work and tenacity pay off. You'll be drawn to an unfamiliar situation that is nonetheless a natural fit; you were meant to be a part of this scene. The care you give to relationships will shine in the world; a loved one will make you proud. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 6, 9, 23 and 15.

**COSMIC QUESTION:** "I'm desperately in love with a Cancer woman. We've eaten lunch together and I've gotten to know her pretty well, but what she mostly wants to talk about with me is her ex-boyfriend who she still sometimes sees and is all hung up on. I'd like to ask her out, but I don't know if she'll say yes and I'm afraid that it will ruin the connection we already have. What should I do? I'm a Scorpio."

You are in a terrible position with this Cancer woman, considering that you want to date her. You've already established yourself as a crying shoulder, a role that should go to friends and therapists. For most it would be difficult to turn her perception around and switch up your role, but you're a Scorpio -- the sign of transformation -- so you'll manage it. Stop being available and friendly. Be nice but keep your distance. Start dating someone else and make sure she sees you with this person. When you finally make contact again, flirt and show your attraction to her immediately -- but keep it light and short. Be the first to leave. Have a few flirtatious encounters like this before you finally ask her out.

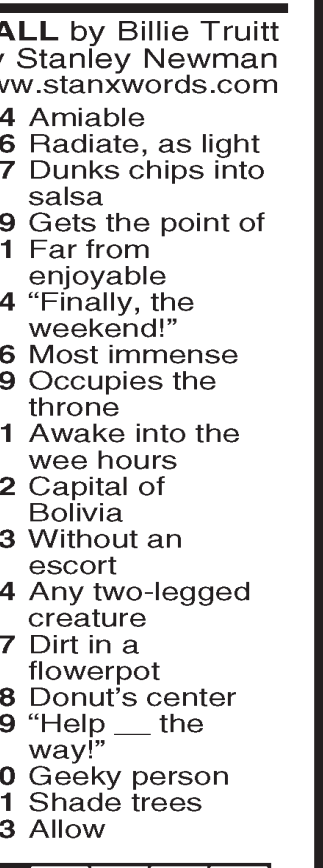
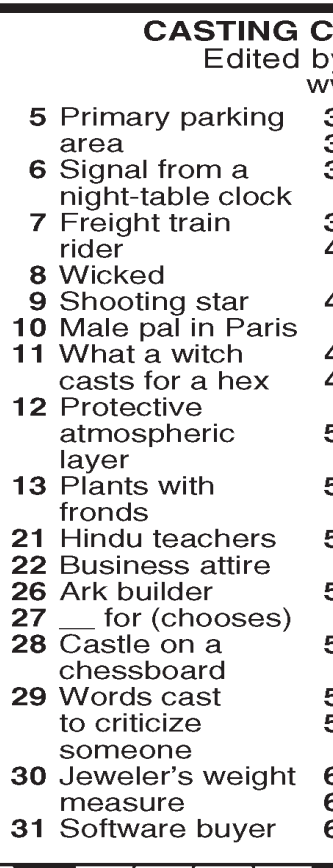
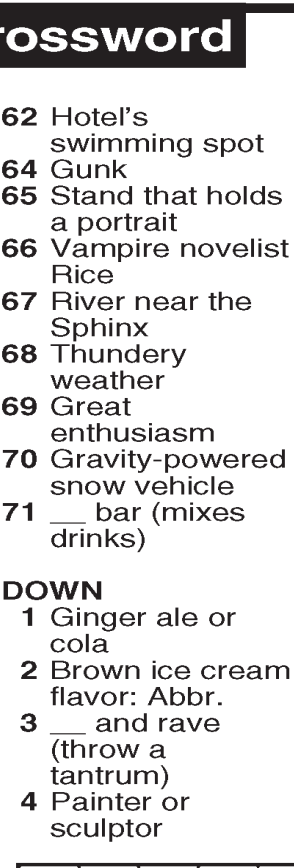
**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Widely considered the greatest leading man of the Golden Hollywood era, Cary Grant was among the 20th century's most famous entertainers. The classic Capricorn is still much beloved and often referenced for his timeless sense of style. Grant was born when the sun and Mercury were

in classy Capricorn, and Venus, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune were in sophisticated Sagittarius.

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## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Beat it!"
  - 6 Throat-clearing sound
  - 10 "I \_\_\_ the opinion that . . ."
  - 14 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
  - 15 Adore
  - 16 Lab rat's pathfinding challenge
  - 17 "\_\_\_ know you?" ("Have we met before?")
  - 18 Just slightly
  - 19 Frankenstein's assistant
  - 20 Jobs cast for a film
  - 23 Rustic hotel
  - 24 Run-down neighborhood
  - 25 Fractions of a pound
  - 27 Skilled speechmaker
  - 30 Quaint collectibles
  - 32 Centers for mail: Abbr.
  - 33 Albacore and yellowfin
  - 35 Sealed up, as a carton
  - 38 Shirts and blouses
  - 40 Police car's wail
  - 42 "Half" prefix for sphere
  - 43 Clay pigeon sport
  - 45 Christmas song
  - 47 Place to apply gloss
  - 48 Be sorry about
  - 50 Flaws
  - 52 Scottish girl
  - 54 Baby's after-meal sound
  - 55 \_\_\_ Baba (Arabian Nights hero)
  - 56 What an angler casts into the water
- DOWN**
- 1 Ginger ale or cola
  - 2 Brown ice cream flavor: Abbr.
  - 3 \_\_\_ and rave (throw a tantrum)
  - 4 Painter or sculptor
  - 62 Hotel's swimming spot
  - 64 Gunk
  - 65 Stand that holds a portrait
  - 66 Vampire novelist
  - 67 River near the Sphinx
  - 68 Thundery weather
  - 69 Great enthusiasm
  - 70 Gravity-powered snow vehicle
  - 71 \_\_\_ bar (mixes drinks)
  - 5 Primary parking area
  - 6 Signal from a night-table clock
  - 7 Freight train rider
  - 8 Wicked
  - 9 Shooting star
  - 10 Male pal in Paris
  - 11 What a witch casts for a hex
  - 12 Protective atmospheric layer
  - 13 Plants with fronds
  - 21 Hindu teachers
  - 22 Business attire
  - 26 Ark builder
  - 27 \_\_\_ for (chooses)
  - 28 Castle on a chessboard
  - 29 Words cast to criticize someone
  - 30 Jeweler's weight measure
  - 31 Software buyer
  - 34 Amiable
  - 36 Radiate, as light
  - 37 Dunks chips into salsa
  - 39 Gets the point of
  - 41 Far from enjoyable
  - 44 "Finally, the weekend!"
  - 46 Most immense
  - 49 Occupies the throne
  - 51 Awake into the wee hours
  - 52 Capital of Bolivia
  - 53 Without an escort
  - 54 Any two-legged creature
  - 57 Dirt in a flowerpot
  - 58 Donut's center
  - 59 "Help \_\_\_ the way!"
  - 60 Geeky person
  - 61 Shade trees
  - 63 Allow



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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!

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Level: Beginner

## CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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