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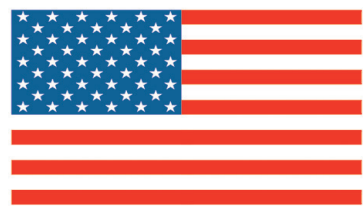


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Weather



Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. North wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 52. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 27.

Source: weather.gov

AARP offers free tax prep assistance

Special to the Herald

Need some help preparing your tax return this year? The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Foundation can help. And you don't even have to be retired.

The program is called AARP Tax-Aide, and it will offer free income tax preparation every Monday between Jan. 31 and April 4. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon, and the services are offered at the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.

"The service is available to all tax-

AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE

payers with moderate to low income," according to a press release issued by AARP. "Service will be low contact drop-off with pick up the following Monday."

COVID-19 protocols are required, including masks, appointments, and no children allowed to enter.

To make an appointment, visit bstasetmore.com. Those unable to make an

appointment online can visit the Senior Center on Monday mornings to make an appointment.

Items required include:

- A photo ID for the taxpayer and spouse, if any;
- Social Security cards for each person on the tax return. AARP will not do a tax return without seeing the Social Security cards.
- A tax return from the previous year.
- W-2s and any other proof of income received during 2021.

Free electronic filing, also known as "e-filing" will be available to help achieve faster refunds.

Symphony announces venues for final two shows of the season

Editor's note: The Big Spring Herald received the following press release Wednesday from the Big Spring Symphony Association:

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Symphony Association wants to first of all thank the community for supporting the "Bohemian Rhapsody" Concert held this past weekend. Special thanks goes to Jeans 'n Classics, the One Vision Vocal Ensemble and the outstanding Big Spring Symphony musicians for an epic performance that was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Due to continuing COVID related part shortages, the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium will not be available for the rest of the concert season, but alternative venues have been secured. The February 19, 2022 concert entitled, "Thank you, Maestro John" will be held at the Big Spring High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. This will be Maestro

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring Symphony Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann, second from left, shares a moment of conversation with members of Jeans 'n Classics at the concert Saturday evening. The Orchestra's final two shows of the season will be Feb. 19 and April 23.

Cisneros honored by Texas Bar Foundation

Special to the Herald

Ms. Reina Cisneros with Cisneros Law Firm PLLC has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation. Fellows of the Foundation are selected for their outstanding professional achievements and their demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the justice system throughout the state of Texas.

Election is a mark of distinction and recognition of Ms. Cisneros' contributions to the legal profession.

Selection as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation is restricted to members of the State Bar of Texas. Each year one-third of one percent of Texas attorneys are invited to become Fellows. Once nominees are selected, they must be elected



CISNEROS

by the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees. Membership has grown from an initial 255 Charter Members in 1965 to more than 10,000 Fellows throughout Texas today.

The Texas Bar Foundation is the largest charitably funded bar foundation in the country. Founded in 1965 by lawyers determined to assist the public and improve the profession of law, the Texas Bar Foundation has maintained its mission of using the financial contributions of its membership to build a strong justice system for all Texans. To date, the Texas Bar Foundation has distributed more than \$23 million throughout Texas to assist nonprofit organizations with a wide range of justice-related programs and services.

For more information, contact the Texas Bar Foundation at www.txbf.org.

HHSC offers hiring bonuses at SSLCs, State Hospitals

Special to the Herald

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is offering up to \$5,000 in hiring bonuses for certain health care positions at state supported living centers and state hospitals across Texas.

"We want to recruit qualified, motivated health care professionals to help support residents in our state supported living centers and patients at our state hospitals," said Scott Schalchlin, deputy executive commissioner for Texas HHSC's Health and Specialty Care System. "Many people right now

are looking for a new career or taking that next step in their current career. We have some great opportunities for people who are interested in working in an environment where they can make a true difference in the lives of others every single day."

These hiring bonuses are for registered nurses (RN) and licensed vocational nurses (LVN) at SSLCs and state hospitals, as well as psychiatric nursing assistants (PNA) at state hospitals and direct support professionals (DSP) at SSLCs.

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COVID-19 in Howard County:

Jan. 25, 2022

Confirmed Cases: 3,506

Probable Cases: 2,658

Fatalities: 157

Source: dshs.texas.gov

Daily Quotes

"Nevertheless the passions, whether violent or not, should never be so expressed as to reach the point of causing disgust; and music, even in situations of the greatest horror, should never be painful to the ear but should flatter and charm it, and thereby always remain music."
 — **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**

"I found that dance, music, and literature is how I made sense of the world... it pushed me to think of things bigger than life's daily routines... to think beyond what is immediate or convenient."
 — **Mikhail Baryshnikov**

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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, 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.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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

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Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Obituaries

Patricia Aaron



Patricia Aaron, 70, died Sunday, January 23, 2022. A memorial service will be held at late date.

Patricia was born on November 5, 1951 in San Diego, CA to Ladyne and Jack Tingle. She had been in Big Spring for most of her life and was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

Patricia played the piano and organ. She loved genealogy of family, always wanting to know more about family. She enjoyed crocheting and building castles in Minecraft.

Patricia is survived by her husband: Robert Aaron of Big Spring; 1 son: Robert Aaron, Jr. (Shawn) & children of Big Spring; 1 sister: Jackie Knight (Arlie) of El Reno, OK; 1 grandson raised like a son: Zechariah Akin (Maeghan Mauzey) of Colorado City, TX; and 1 great grandson: Aiden Akin.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents: Jack & Ladyne Tingle; 1 daughter: Susan Aaron Akin; grandson: Michael Akin; and 1 sister: Ladyne Marie Tingle Mahannah.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Lillie M. Jones,



Lillie M. Jones, 74, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2022. The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born September 1, 1947 in Hall County, Texas to Elnora Joseph Mitchell and Huey Aldridge.

Survivors include two daughters, Jacqui Crosby and husband, Harry, Meloney Sheppard; and one son, Robert Jones, Jr.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; and 4 brothers and 7 sisters.

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

Take Note

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.
- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.
- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of S Main St. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Hearn. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block

of E 19th St. 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 100 block of Weaver Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue. No transport was required.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:
Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 100 inmates at the time of this report.

- **TIMOTHY JAMES CRAIG**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.
- **JODY WAYNE DAWDY**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence.
- **REBECCA LYNN HODNETT**, 25, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of PROH substance/item in corr/civ.
- **ANTONIO DEVON JOHNSON**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family.
- **ARTURO B RUIZ III**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.
- **PRINCE CORPEL VANDERBILT**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid, possession or delivery of drug, disregard stop sign, driving while license invalid, failure to appear, possession of marijuana less than 2oz, forgery financial instrument.

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John Giordano's farewell concert. Giordano is a great friend to the Big Spring Symphony and has been a guest conductor for many years. The Spring

Pops concert will be on April 23, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. and will be at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus. Marie Osmond will be the featured guest artist to close out this incredible 40th Season.

In these fluid times, it is recommended that the public follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook

page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org for the latest information on the remaining 40th Season events and ticket purchases. The Big Spring Symphony cell phone is also available to call or text at 432-816-5196. Stay tuned for more details on these exciting live music events!

HIRING

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- New RNs can qualify for \$5,000 bonuses.
 - Eligible LVN new hires could receive \$3,500.
 - DSPs and PNAs may qualify for \$2,500 hiring bonuses.
- State supported living centers provide residential services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, while state hospitals provide inpatient psychiatric care for adults, children and adolescents. These positions are available at the following locations across Texas:

Abilene, Austin, Big Spring, Brenham, Corpus Christi, Denton, El Paso, Kerrville, Lubbock, Lufkin, Mexia, Richmond, Rusk, San Angelo, San Antonio, Terrell, Vernon, Waco and Wichita Falls.

HHSC offers paid health and dental insurance, vacation and sick leave, a retirement plan, paid training, and advancement opportunities.

To view all open positions and apply, candidates can visit the Health and Specialty Care System jobs page on the HHSC website, <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/>

Job seekers who have questions and want more information can e-mail healthcareers@hhs.state.tx.us.

Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Feb. 19 winter concert entitled "Thank you, Maestro John," celebrating the career and retirement of frequent BSSO Guest Conductor Maestro John Giordano, to be held at Big Spring High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.; and Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, on at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

• The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be February 10 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At the event, the annual Five under 55 Awards, the Russ McEwen Community Award and the 2021 Man and Woman of the Year will be announced. For sponsorship information, call 263-7641.

• 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>.

• New Life senior/mature adult dances are held the third Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Music is Western swing style. Entry fee is \$5 and refreshments are provided. 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.

• 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 Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a

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

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

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

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

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

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

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• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street.

For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains.

The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations.

Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs.

Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Jacqueline Roland at 432-213-1221.

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Gregoria Brooks, 76, died Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Vigil service will be Thursday at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Friday at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Virginia Parker, 92, died Saturday. Graveside service Thursday at 2:30 PM at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Gerardo "Jerry" Saucedo Jr., 64, of Big Spring died Saturday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial

Patricia Aaron, 70, of Big Spring died Sunday. A memorial service will be at a later date

Terry Jenkins, died Sunday. Memorial service Thursday 11 AM at First United Methodist Church.

Mary Railsback, 76, died Monday. Funeral service Thursday at 3 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity.

Raymond Harrison, 75, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Lady Mustangs have dominate victory over Garden City 85 to 13



Left: Elysa Martinez gets ready to take a shot for the Lady Mustangs in a game against Garden City. Right: Cyanne Compton plays stellar defense as she and her teammates blew out the Garden City Bearkats 85 to 13. *Courtesy Photos/ J'Lyn Ybarra*

Sands boys Mustang basketball team hangs tough with Garden City but fall 56-33



Left: Kaleb King takes the ball down the court. Right: Jaden Flentge looks for a opening in the Bearkat defense. The boys Mustangs kept fighting all game long, but came up a little short losing to the Garden City Bearkats 56-33. *Courtesy Photos/ J'Lyn Ybarra*

AP Source: Broncos hiring Packers OC Hackett as head coach

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — A person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Annotated Press Thursday morning the Denver Broncos are finalizing a deal to hire Packers offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett as their new head coach.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was still in the works and the team hadn't announced the hiring.

Hackett's hiring will bring immediate speculation about the Broncos trying to lure star quarterback Aaron Rodgers to Denver, perhaps along with his star receiver Devante Adams.

Rodgers said he's contemplating his future, including retirement, after the Packers' early exit from the playoffs last weekend when the top-seed was upset at home 13-10 by the San Francisco 49ers.

General manager George Paton interviewed 10 candidates to replace Vic Fangio, whom he fired after a disappointing 7-10 season, Denver's sixth consecutive without a playoff berth.

After crisscrossing the country with a team of evaluators, Paton narrowed that list to three finalists: Hackett, Cowboys defensive coordinator and former Falcons head coach Dan Quinn and Rams offensive coordinator Kevin O'Connell.

Quinn has received the most interest from teams looking for new head coaches after helping Dallas turn around its defense in 2021 and was seen as an early favorite in Denver because of his previous ties to Paton. O'Connell is seen as the next in a growing list of hires from the Sean McVay coaching tree.

In turning to Hackett, the Broncos have turned away from their focus on defensive-minded head coaches. Fangio replaced Vance Joseph, who has roots as a secondary coach, in 2019.

Fangio finished 19-30 in three seasons in Denver, his unremarkable tenure dotted with poor quarterback play, uncreative offenses under Pat Shurmur and sloppy special teams play under Tom McMahon, all of which negated a stout defense that was Fangio's calling card.

The Broncos have had 10 starting quarterbacks and no playoff appearances since Peyton Manning's retirement six years ago, and they are in the market for an upgrade at QB from oft-injured Teddy Bridgewater (7-7), who's set to become a free agent in March, and Drew Lock (0-3) this offseason.

They're also on the lookout for a new owner.

Joe Ellis, the team's outgoing president and CEO, said that once a new head coach was in place he would release details about the franchise's future in what's expected to be the most expensive team sale in U.S. sports history.

The Broncos are valued at nearly \$4 billion and if sold for that much, it would surpass the record \$3.35 billion that Alibaba co-founder Joe Tsai paid for the

Brooklyn Nets and the Barclays Center in 2019.

The team this month cleared the final legal hurdle to a sale when a district judge ruled a right of first refusal claim stemming from late owner Pat Bowlen's purchase of the team from Edgar Kaiser in the 1980s was no longer valid.

John Elway, who is in the final months as the team's president of football operations, and Manning are expected to get involved in the bidding as minority partners of billionaires competing to win the NFL's approval to acquire the iconic franchise.

The Broncos won two Super Bowl titles in the late 1990s with Elway under center and again in 2016 with Elway in the front office and Manning at quarterback in the final game of his Hall of Fame career.

The only holdover from their last championship parade is kicker Brandon McManus. Paton traded Super Bowl 50 MVP Von Miller to the Rams for a pair of second-day draft picks last fall and Miller has shined in his return to the post-season. The Rams host the 49ers Sunday in the NFC championship.

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Saints' Sean Payton steps down as coach after 16 years

By **BRETT MARTEL**

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Before Sean Payton took his first head coaching job in New Orleans in 2006, the Saints had a grand total of one playoff victory since their founding in 1967.

The standard will be considerably higher for the next head coach in the Big Easy.

Payton, whose 16-year tenure with the club included its only Super Bowl championship and also a one-season suspension stemming from the NFL's bounty investigation, is leaving coaching — for now.

Payton informed the team on Tuesday that he is leaving his first and only NFL head coaching job with a 152-89 regular-season record — and nine playoff appearances — in 15 seasons. The 2009 Saints won the NFL title.

"I don't like the word retirement," Payton said Tuesday afternoon at an announcement attended by owner Gayle Benson, top management and assistant coaches. "I still have a vision for doing things in football. And I'll be honest with you, that might be coaching again at some point. I don't think it's this year, I think maybe in the future. That's not where my heart is right now."

Payton is under contract with the Saints for three more seasons, and if he's hired by another NFL team before then, his new team would have to provide compensation to New Orleans.

The Saints made the relatively risky decision to hire Payton as a rookie head coach in their first season back in New Orleans after being displaced from the city by Hurricane Katrina for the entire 2005 season, when they went 3-13 under Jim Haslett.

Payton oversaw an immediate storybook turnaround. The Saints won the NFC South, captured the NFC's second playoff seed, and advanced to the franchise's first NFC title game by beating Philadelphia in a divisional-round playoff in a rebuilt Superdome — the site of widespread damage and suffering of stranded evacuees right after Katrina had flooded 80% of New Orleans.

Since then, Payton coached the Saints to the playoffs in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

New Orleans narrowly missed the playoffs this past season, going 9-8 in its first campaign since the retirement of Drew Brees. Payton had lured the quarterback to New Orleans as a free agent in 2006.

Payton said he urged the Saints to take a risk on Brees, who was coming off throwing-shoulder surgery, because "we weren't winning any jump balls" for talent — given the challenges the Saints faced rebuilding the franchise in a community simultaneously rebuilding from one of the worst disasters in American history.

Brees went on to set every significant franchise passing record in a high-flying offense designed and called by Payton, who'd been a quarterback in high school in Naperville, Illinois, and in college at Eastern Illinois.

Under Payton, the Saints became a perennial contender, and they beat Peyton Manning and Indianapolis 31-17 to win their lone Super Bowl. They also lost the 2018 conference title game to the Rams after a blown officiating call that led to a temporary NFL rules change.

Payton was a member of the league's powerful competition committee from 2017 until leaving that position last November.

"I don't know what's next and it kind of feels good," he said.

"Look, I read the reports and I understand — I've not spoken to anyone from a media outlet relative to doing television, or radio. Maybe that opportunity arises," Payton said. "But every time I read something that says he's in line

for this job, I'll call my agent Don (Yee) and I'll say 'Don, did you hear something because I've not heard anything?' That's OK. I think I'd like to do that. I think I'd be pretty good at it."

Payton said he wasn't burnt out on coaching and in fact enjoyed the challenges of the 2021 season, which not only was the second straight to occur with pandemic-related restrictions and the unpredictable roster instability that came with it, but also began with the club's displacement to the Dallas area for a month because of Hurricane Ida.

Rather, Payton sounded not unlike the countless people who've simply re-evaluated their work-life balance during the pandemic and didn't want life to pass them by without trying something fresh and new.

"I felt the time was right — for me," Payton said. "It's something I've been thinking about. ... Not many get to choose their terms. And I looked at it as an opportunity to see my kids more, to travel more, to get in better shape."

Saints owner Gayle Benson said she and top front office personnel hoped they could persuade Payton to stay — and believed he likely would — until he informed them Tuesday that he was definitely done.

"I was surprised and it really is a bittersweet day," Benson said. "I feel like he deserves this. ... It's been a wonderful ride."

A valued offensive assistant for the Eagles, Giants and Cowboys before landing the head coaching job in New Orleans, Payton actually played in the NFL — as a replacement player for the Bears during the 1987 strike.

He missed the 2012 season when the NFL handed down varying suspensions to Payton, assistant coach Joe Vitt, general manager Mickey Loomis and four players after an investigation found the Saints had a performance pool offering cash rewards for big and sometimes injurious hits. The player suspensions eventually were overturned by former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, and Payton was reinstated early in 2013.

Including playoffs, Payton has a 161-97 record, by far the most victories of any Saints coach. Jim Mora, who coached New Orleans from 1986 to 1996, is second with 93.

Payton's 152 regular-season victories rank 21st in NFL history. Payton has presided over seven NFC South titles.

Payton made his mark as an innovative designer of offensive schemes and as a play caller, coinciding with Brees' extraordinary production. The Saints never led the NFL in offense before Payton arrived, but finished first in that department six times since: in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2014 and 2016.

The Saints ranked first in scoring in 2008 and 2009. They ranked in the top 10 offensively for 14 consecutive seasons from 2006-2019. Although Payton wasn't coaching in 2012, his offensive coordinator, Pete Carmichael Jr., was calling plays based on the principles of the offense he designed.

In 2020, Brees' final season, the Saints, went with more of a ball-control attack featuring running back Alvin Kamara and ranked 12th offensively. This season, however, New Orleans dropped to 28th in offense.

Payton also had to miss a game in 2021 after contracting COVID-19 for the second time since the spring of 2020.

Defensive coordinator Dennis Allen stepped in as acting head coach for that game, which the Saints won 9-0 at Tampa Bay. Allen, a former head coach with the Oakland Raiders, has made no secret of his desire to be in charge again.

Now there's an opening on the very team that employs him.

"We're going to look in-house and outside also," Benson said. "We're going to make a thorough search and choose the right person. ... We're going to do a great job in choosing another person that's going to be able to lead us the way Sean did."

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Construction Invitation for Bids

The City of Coahoma will receive bids for the **2020 TxCDBG #7220099 Wastewater System Improvements** project until **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2022** at the Coahoma City Hall, located at 122 N. 1st Street, Coahoma, Texas 79511, at

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which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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7:AM	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	Good Morning Basin	CBS Mornings	Today	Today	Light of Southwest	Tiger Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce Jerry	George George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter	Law & Order: SVU	Parking	Gold Rush WW	
8:AM	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	FamFeud Wom	Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Eye on News	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson Show	Steve Wilkos Show	Supematural	First Take	Get Up	Women's College Basketball	Law & Order: SVU	Parking	Gold Rush WW
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1:PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Dollars	Cyber	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supematural	This Just In	2022 Australian Open Tennis: Women's Semifinals.	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Airplane Repo
2:PM	Rachael Ray	Rachael Ray	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	En casa con	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink Elinor	Monk	Jerry	Friends	Bones	NBA Today	NFL Live	Live on the Line	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	BattleBots
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7:PM	Truth and Lies: The Last Gangster	Soltero con hijas	J. Millionaire	Sheldon	United-AI	The Blacklist	Master	Odd	Dateline	Walker	Big Bang	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	Last Man	The First 48	BattleBots	
8:PM	Promised Land	Vencer el pasado	Kat	B Positive	Hercai: amor y venganza (SS)	Law & Order: SVU	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Chicago P.D.	Legacies	Go-Big Show	NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Warriors	Tennis	2022 Australian Open Tennis: Men's First Semifinal.	High School Football	Last Man	The	(01) BattleBots
9:PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Noticias	News	Zion	Pink	Friends	Burgers	Full	NBA Basketball: Lakers at 76ers	SportsCenter	W/Van Pelt	High School Football	Last Man	The	(01) BattleBots
10:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias	Tonight Show	Words of Hidden	Elinor	Friends	Burgers	Full	NBA Basketball: Lakers at 76ers	SportsCenter	W/Van Pelt	High School Football	Last Man	The	(01) BattleBots
11:PM	Nightline	Las tontas no van	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Programa	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Molly	Jerry Springer	Liquidator	Gold	NBA Basketball: Lakers at 76ers	SportsCenter	NFL Live	High School Football	Last Man	The	(01) BattleBots
12:AM	Extra	Las tontas no van	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Programa	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Molly	Jerry Springer	Liquidator	Gold	NBA Basketball: Lakers at 76ers	SportsCenter	NFL Live	High School Football	Last Man	The	(01) BattleBots
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2:AM	Outages	Soltero con hijas	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Molly	Jerry Springer	Liquidator	Gold	NBA Basketball: Lakers at 76ers	SportsCenter	NFL Live	High School Football	Last Man	The	(01) BattleBots
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Annie's Mailbox

Wife's Obsession Is Ruining Family Time

Dear Annie: Our daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren live in another part of the country, so we are only able to see them a few times a year. On our most recent visit, my wife asked my daughter where she kept some of the very nice, expensive wedding gifts that had been given to them by friends of ours. My daughter wasn't sure, pointing out that they have a large house and that the wedding gifts, though nice, are not something they use and that with five young children, she wasn't sure where they were.

The next thing we know, my wife has disappeared to hunt for the wedding gifts. When I find her, she is unpacking boxes in another part of the house looking for them. Why that was more important to her than helping with the grandchildren and enjoying time with the family, I don't know.

And I know I would not be happy if anyone, family or not, began looking through boxes stored at my house.

When she didn't find what she was looking for, I hoped she'd let the matter drop. Instead, the next day, she quizzed my daughter about where she kept some of the family heirlooms that have been given to her over the years. Like the wedding gifts, the heirlooms are not useful for everyday living, and frankly, it is better for them to be packed away safely rather than being left around where the grandchildren might damage them.

At this second inquisition, my daughter lost her temper. The argument that followed was loud and terrible for everyone in the house.

I still cannot make sense of this. Can you? We were guests in another person's house, where our help with the grandchildren

was needed and our time with them was precious. My wife maintains, however, that she has "a right to see" the wedding gifts and the heirlooms because of her own connection to them. That doesn't make sense to me. More importantly, I am worried about my wife's obsession over them. Could this be a sign of some sort of mental illness? How can I help her? I want to know before our next visit. -- Confused By Wife's Priorities

Dear Confused: Your wife's behavior is, indeed, strange and inappropriate. Props to you for wanting to help her rather than condemn her.

Your daughter's possessions -- regardless of who gifted them or how much they cost -- are hers to use, not use, stow away or trash entirely. It's really nobody's business but her own, and it makes perfect sense that she would want to keep

them in storage while she has young children running around.

There are a variety of explanations for your wife's behavior, and not all of them suggest a mental illness. Perhaps the heirlooms have sentimental value or were gifted by a friend or relative of your wife who has since died, or perhaps she fears your daughter doesn't value these items the way that she once did. If there is no such explanation, gently suggest to your wife that a therapist might be able to help her cope with her obsessions and focus on what really matters: spending time with her family.

"How Can I Forgive My Cheating Partner?" is out now! Annie Lane's second anthology -- featuring favorite columns on marriage, infidelity, communication and reconciliation -- is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A one-shot decision

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K Q 5
 ♥ A J 7 4
 ♦ Q 8 3
 ♣ K 10 4

WEST
 ♠ 2
 ♥ Q 10 8 5
 ♦ K J 5 2
 ♣ A J 7 3

EAST
 ♠ 9 3
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ A 10 4
 ♣ Q 9 6 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 10 8 7 6 4
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ 9 7 6
 ♣ 8

The bidding:
 East 3♠ South 3♠ West Pass North 4♠
 Opening lead — two of diamonds.
 Certain defensive plays are considered by many to be virtually automatic, such as playing second-hand low or covering an honor with an honor. But those with sufficient experience have learned that there are exceptions to all such "rules."
 Take this case where a defender could easily go wrong playing by rote. West had a choice of unattractive leads against four spades and finally settled on the two of diamonds. Declarer played low from dummy, and East, after considerable thought, inserted the ten! When this held, the defenders quickly collected the A-K of dia-

monds and ace of clubs to put South down one.
 As can be seen, had East played the ace of diamonds rather than the ten — paying blind obedience to the rule of "third-hand high" — declarer would have made the contract. The question, therefore, is why did East decide to play the ten?
 The answer lies in East's assessment that rising with the ace would almost surely hand South the contract. After dummy came down, East could see that, in due course, declarer would score seven spades, the ace of hearts and the king of clubs. East also knew from his partner's lead of the diamond deuce (fourth-best) that South had three diamonds. The play of the ace at trick one would thus ultimately establish the diamond queen as declarer's 10th trick.
 East could think of only one case where putting up the ace would be right. If South held ♠AJxxxx♥xx♦Jxx♣xx, East would have to take the diamond ace and return a heart before declarer could establish the king of clubs for a heart discard.
 But East reasoned that if declarer had this hand, West would have led the heart king from K-Q-x-x rather than a diamond from K-x-x-x. East therefore placed South with the king or queen of hearts, which meant that playing the diamond ten offered the best chance to defeat the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to slow cooking. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = C)

- A. 12 3 3 1 6 4 16
Clue: Preparing food
- B. 17 18 17 12 7 23 6 12
Clue: Powered by electricity
- C. 8 26 8 22
Clue: Opposite of here
- D. 14 6 4 4 17 23
Clue: Evening meal

Answers: A. cooking B. electric C. away D. dinner

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FEATURES

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2022. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 27, 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft.

On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1888, the National Geographic Society was incorporated in Washington, D.C.

In 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, greeted the 52 former American hostages released by Iran at the White House.

In 2006, Western Union delivered its last telegram.

In 2010, Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the iPad tablet computer during a presentation in San Francisco. J.D. Salinger, the reclusive

author of "The Catcher in the Rye," died in Cornish, New Hampshire, at age 91.

In 2013, Flames raced through a crowded nightclub in southern Brazil, killing 242 people.

In 2018, a suicide bombing in the Afghan capital of Kabul killed more than 100 people; the attacker was driving an ambulance full of explosives and raced through a security checkpoint after saying he was transferring a patient to a hospital.

In 2020, China confirmed more than 2,700 cases of the new coronavirus with more than 80 deaths in that country; authorities postponed the end of the Lunar New Year holiday to keep the public at home. U.S. health officials said they believed the risk to Americans remained low and that they had no evidence that the new virus was spreading in the United States; they advised Americans to avoid non-

essential travel to any part of China.

Ten years ago: A federal judge in Seattle sentenced "Barefoot Bandit" Colton Harris-Moore to 6 1/2 years in prison for his infamous two-year, international crime spree of break-ins and boat and plane thefts. (Harris-Moore was transferred from prison to a work-release facility in September 2016.) Former Boston Mayor Kevin H. White died at age 82.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump barred all refugees from entering the United States for four months — and those from war-ravaged Syria indefinitely — declaring the ban necessary to prevent "radical Islamic terrorists" from entering the nation.

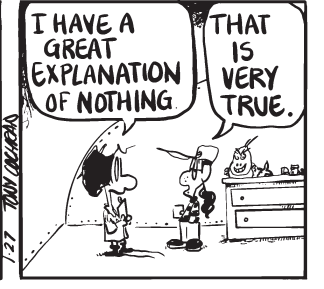
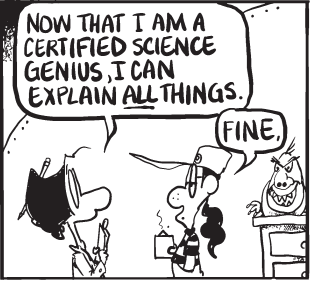
One year ago: In an effort to stave off the worst of climate change, President Joe Biden signed executive orders to transform the nation's heavily fossil-fuel

powered economy into a clean-burning one, pausing oil and gas leasing on federal land and targeting subsidies for those industries. The Department of Homeland Security issued a national terrorism bulletin warning of the lingering potential for violence from people motivated by antigovernment sentiment. Ty Garbin, one of six men charged in an alleged plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, pleaded guilty to conspiracy. Europe's aviation safety agency said a modified version of the Boeing 737 Max had been approved to resume flights in Europe, following nearly two years of reviews after the aircraft was involved in two deadly crashes. Cloris Leachman, who won an Oscar for the "The Last Picture Show" and Emmys for her comedic work in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and other TV series, died at 94.

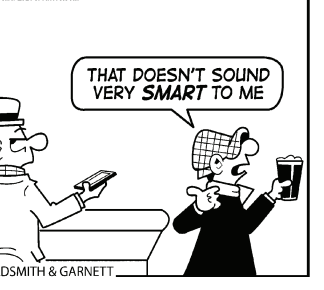
Today's Birthdays: Actor James Cromwell is 82. Rock

musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 78. R&B singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 76. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 74. Latin singer-songwriter Djavan is 73. U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts is 67. Country singer Cheryl White is 67. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 67. Actor Mimi Rogers is 66. Rock musician Janick Gers (Iron Maiden) is 65. Actor Susanna Thompson is 64. Political and sports commentator Keith Olbermann is 63. Rock singer Margo Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 61. Rock musician Gillian Gilbert is 61. Actor Tamlyn Tomita is 59. Actor Bridget Fonda is 58. Actor Alan Cumming is 57. Country singer Tracy Lawrence is 54. Rock singer Mike Patton is 54. Rapper Trickz is 54. Rock musician Michael Kulas (James) is 53. Actor-comedian Patton Oswalt is 53. Actor Josh Randall is 50. Country singer Kevin Denney is 44. Tennis player Marat Safin is 42.

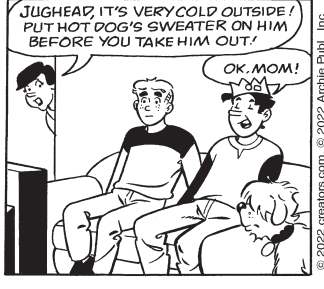
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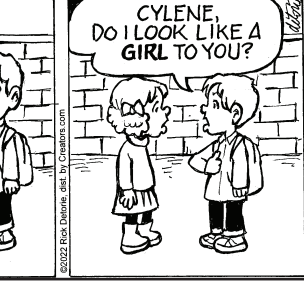
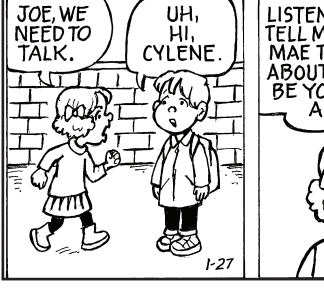
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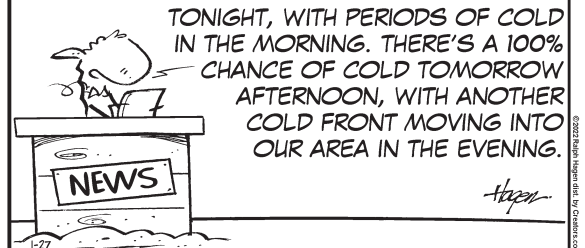
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Horoscopes By Holiday

THURSDAY JANUARY 27, 2022

Final Days of a Venus Retrograde

Comedian Jimmy Durante joked, "I hate music, especially when it's played." While his opinion was certainly in the minority, this Venus retrograde has shown us how overexposure can contribute to burnout with even the very best things in life. To avoid becoming jaded in these final days before the Venus turn, practice moderation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't have to try to be different; your uniqueness is innate. You don't have to try to be the same either; you have all the commonalities necessary to belong.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be a gamemaster of sorts. You have a knack for dreaming up creative challenges. If there's a simple setup and a clear goal, people will compete for the prize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your internal clock goes elastic, causing you to be in your own time zone. Some things are sped up, some take forever -- and because of this, being punctual takes real effort but is so worth it!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've seen people do unpredictable things out of fear, so you go out of your way to make others comfortable, allay doubts and assuage worries. As a result, you'll project the future of the relationship with greater accuracy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're working on a co-creation. How people treat each other affects the progress and development of the project. A successful outcome will be the ultimate sign of group health.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your interpretation of a subject is also a subject. How you see things is how you see you. And there's no action you can take now that won't point to what's on your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're preoccupied with playing out hypothetical conversations in your head. These mental negotiations, arguments and investigations will help you gear up for real-life scenarios of the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some of your experiences are like a concentrated spice: essential to the dish, but a dash goes a long way. These more intense flavors of life are best mixed into the fullness of many mundane activities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Four excruciating words will be uttered: "Not yet, but soon." Since the waiting is indeed the hardest part, don't wait. Make sure your spot is being held and go do something else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The challenge is to focus on how things are, not how they were. As you interact with things in real time, you find certain regrets

breaking off and drifting ever further away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The snack between meals can contain more calories than the meal. The parking can cost more than the event. The casual mention in party conversation can impact more than the entire celebration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll learn what you need to know with casual observation and indirect questioning. Tip: The question that causes people to hesitate, fidget or laugh is too direct and will also cause them to hide the truth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 27). You'll thrive on a balance of structure and spontaneity, which comes effortlessly. The loads of love heaped on you are well-deserved, not because you racked up the good karma in the past (you did, but that's beside the point ...) You were always worthy of the sweetest the world has to offer. Let yourself have more of it. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 44, 43, 27 and 17.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I'm a Capricorn with a strong idea of who I am and what I want, but I've made mistakes in the pursuit of goals that end up not being very satisfying. I get what I want, then find out that I didn't want the right thing."

Instead of wanting with your ambition, try listening to what your heart wants. This will require you to tune out the messages of the mind and turn up the volume on your inner guidance system. Being dead set on a particular outcome is the primary reason why people ignore the heart's messages. A narrow view of what constitutes a favorable result closes people off from universal wisdom. Their investment in one outcome prevents them from being open to other options, even ones that are much more beneficial. The primary reason people become so committed to one outcome that they cannot entertain the thought of any other result is the power of their egos. You can ask your ego to kindly step aside to allow for seeing the whole picture, but a tenacious ego will likely balk at the request, convinced that concession will lead to a loss of the ego's control. You can lessen your threat to the ego by playing games of make believe. Ask "What if?" and let your imagination entertain different possibilities. An open mind will diffuse the ego's grip on any one particular outcome.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: When Patton Oswalt is not narrating "The Goldbergs" or headlining comedy clubs or starring in an endless stream of film and television shows, he's commanding millions of followers on Twitter with his biting wit. This would seem an extreme workload for some, but the high-energy Aquarian brainiac born un-

der five air sign planets is uniquely equipped for the job. This is a mind that never stops!

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Golfer's target
- 4 Frozen breakfast selections
- 9 "Sorry to say . . ."
- 13 Ancestor to all
- 14 Got close to
- 16 Prudent word-processing action
- 17 Salesperson's perk
- 19 Skedaddle
- 20 Horde in motion
- 21 Possible cold symptom
- 23 Eavesdropping pros
- 25 Hiking locale
- 27 Triple-decker lunch
- 32 Horde
- 35 Umpire's call
- 36 Really get to
- 37 Corp. head
- 38 Don't take seriously
- 40 One-up
- 41 Response to "gesundheit!"
- 43 Kimono closer
- 44 Easy pace
- 45 Training for a floating team
- 48 Solid or liquid, to physicists
- 49 Fussy people
- 52 Without time for niceties
- 56 Crushing, as a quiz
- 58 Musical subject for Ken Burns
- 60 Thing in a swag bag
- 62 Surveyor's calculation
- 63 Apartment instrument

- DOWN**
- 1 Torso muscles
- 2 States with surety
- 3 Plan again, as a strategy
- 4 Cookware coating
- 5 Demographic cohort, for short
- 6 '70s Motown star
- 7 Swimmer to steer clear of
- 8 Put a black crust on
- 9 [see diagram]

LEADING GROUPS by Steve Mossberg Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- 10 Dressed down
- 11 Filmmaker DuVernay
- 12 Ready to roll
- 15 Tired-looking
- 18 Pretty high, in a way
- 22 Cantata conclusions
- 24 Muslim mystic
- 26 Kitchen utensil
- 28 __ nova (Brazilian dance)
- 29 Poison ivy relative
- 30 Top-tier group
- 31 Heavy promotion
- 32 Adapter designation
- 33 Nurtures from birth
- 34 Makes pay
- 38 Profundity
- 39 Model in a bottle
- 42 Year-end celebration
- 44 Nikon competitor
- 46 Gets the benefit of
- 47 Arts' partner
- 50 Yields to pressure
- 51 Say through the nose
- 53 Undermines
- 54 Take a spill
- 55 Multi-erupter of 2021
- 57 Cloudy-looking
- 58 Tough spot
- 59 "My lips __ sealed!"
- 61 Nevertheless

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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!

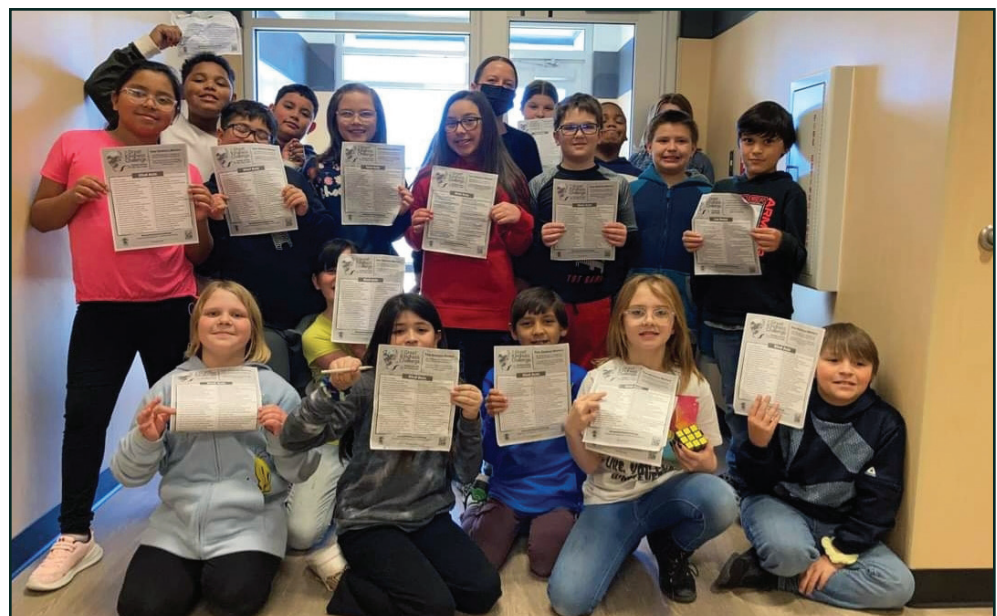
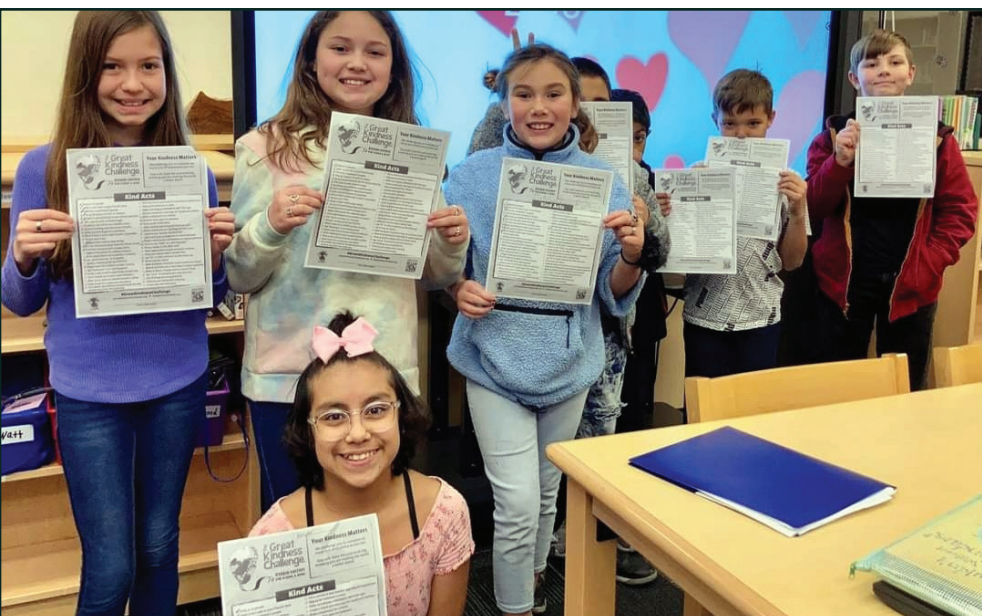
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Level: Intermediate

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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Goliad Elementary participates in The Great Kindness Challenge



Courtesy Photos

This week the fourth-grade students at Goliad Elementary had the opportunity to participate in the Great Kindness Challenge. The Great Kindness Challenge consists of random acts of kindness for the students to perform at school and home. It sounds like a great program to teach our future leaders how vital compassion is—great job to everyone involved.

Wedding Planner Guide

Planning a Wedding Checklist

- Choose a Date
- Set Budget
- Choose a Venue
- Shop for Rings
- Send Invitations
- Find Officiant
- Bridesmaids
- Plan Honeymoon
- Best man
- Wedding Dress
- Reception Dress
- Reserve Tuxedos
- Get Marriage License
- Schedule Rehearsal Dinner
- Photographer
- Choose a Ring Bearer
- Entertainment
- Choose Flower Girls
- Catering
- Register For Gifts
- Florist
- Plan Reception
- Transportation
- Hair and Beauty
- Bridesmaid's attire
- Wedding Cake
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