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Weather



Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Events

Dec. 31: New Years Eve at Hotel Settles – dine and dance 1930's style during the Hotel Settles New Years Eve Party! Make sure to dress to the nines. The best dressed couple will win a weekend getaway! If you would like to book the Deluxe Guest Room package, please call 432-267-7500 and book over the phone.
Jan. 10: The Big Spring City Council will have a regular session meeting on Tuesday Jan. 10. at the City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street. The public is welcomed to attend the meeting. Citizens can also view the City Council Meeting on our local channel 17 through Suddenlink or on our website <http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live>.

Daily Quotes

"I'm living my dream, and that's all you can ask for. At a certain point you have to ignore all the rest."
 – **Sienna Miller**
 "I think a role model is a mentor - someone you see on a daily basis, and you learn from them."
 – **Denzel Washington**
 "We live in a diverse society - in fact, a diverse world - and we must learn to live in peace and with respect for each other."
 – **Stan Lee**
 "It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership."
 – **Nelson Mandela**

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Martin and Ector County accidents claim 2

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Reporter

The Texas Department of Public Safety issued two reports on Dec. 27, with information of two fatal crashes that occurred on Dec. 21 and Dec. 25.
 The incident that occurred on Dec. 21, was in Martin County at 4:44 p.m. on SH-349, 10 miles north of Midland that involved four vehicles.
 Vehicle one was a 2016 Chevy 2500 driven by Joshua Paul McCracken, 25, of Big Spring who was pronounced deceased at Midland Memorial Hospital. McCracken was not wearing a seatbelt.
 Preliminary information revealed that vehicle two, a 2015 Freightliner with trailer driven by Jorge L. Valdes, 53, of Lakeland, FL, was southbound on SH 349 and was stopped in the inside lane waiting to turn left onto a private road. Vehicle one was also southbound on SH 349 when the driver failed to control speed and struck the trailer of vehicle two from the rear. Vehicle three, a 2018 Ford Explorer driven by Barbara Browning Dunton, 64, of Midland, was also southbound on SH 349 and as a result of the collision between vehicle two and

vehicle one, it also struck the trailer of vehicle one. Vehicle 4, a 2018 Ford F 150 driven by Ronald William Mann, 51, of Lamesa, was northbound on SH 349 and was struck by debris as a result of the crash in the southbound lane. None of the other drivers were injured.
 On Dec. 25, at 7:05 p.m. a fatal crash occurred on State Loop 338, 1.5 miles south of Odessa.
 Preliminary information revealed that vehicle one, a Volkswagen Jetta driven by Alondra Celesta Perez, 26, of Crane, was traveling northbound on SL 338. Vehicle two, a 2019 Kia Forte driven by Felipe Quinones-Baeza, 51, of Odessa, was traveling southbound on SL 338. For unknown reasons, vehicle one veered into the southbound lane and continued to travel on the wrong side of the road. Baeza attempted evasive action but was struck by the vehicle driven by Perez. The passenger of vehicle two, Aracelli Villa, 47, of Odessa, was transported to Medical Center Hospital where she was pronounced deceased.
 Perez, driver of vehicle one, was not injured. Baeza was treated and released. This crash is still under investigation as of today's publication.

Veteran Roy Smith receives Quilt of Valor



Courtesy photo/ Amanda Duforat
Roy Smith was presented with a Quilt of Valor by Mike Tarpley, at the D.A.V. meeting house earlier this month. Smith was an Air Force Veteran who was stationed at Webb Air Force Base when it first opened.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Contributing Writer

Honoring those who serve is an opportunity to give back to those who gave so much. A Quilt of Valor presentation is one of those opportunities that allows for such honor.
 Veteran Roy Smith was the recipient of a Quilt of Valor at the D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans) meeting house in a small ceremony.
 Smith was stationed at Webb Air Force Base during the 1950s. According to Smith, he was one of the first groups to go through Webb AFB.
 "I hated to see this base close. I believe it was the best training base they had. More days of flying time than anywhere else, at the time," he said.
 Smith's military service began with his visit to the draft board.
 He entered the United States Air Force on Oct. 22, 1952, giving him an opportunity to learn to fly.
 "They had found out that they had made a mistake on my paperwork while I was turning in my equipment (after 12 weeks of training)," Smith said. "They had sent me to Biggs Air Force Base when they were supposed to have sent me to Big Spring Air Force Base."
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TPWD Responds to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Decision to List the Lesser Prairie-Chicken

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN— Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) executive director David Yoskowitz, Ph.D. said Wednesday he applauds 16 years of "tremendous" voluntary collaboration with private landowners and industry to conserve lesser prairie-chicken habitat and reiterates the department's opposition to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) listing the species.
 "This decision jeopardizes decades of voluntary conservation efforts, increases regulatory burden and does not assure recovery of the species," Yoskowitz said.
 USFWS published a final rule Nov. 25 listing the lesser prairie-chicken under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Once implemented in January, the decision would affect 14 counties in Texas, listing the bird as threatened in some and endangered in others.
 "Notwithstanding this very unfortunate decision, TPWD stands committed to working with private landowners and industry to conserve the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat, just as we have for decades," Yoskowitz said.
 The new USFWS designation comprises a Northern Distinct Population Segment (DPS), where the bird will be listed as threatened in seven counties in the northeast Texas Panhandle, and the Southern DPS, where the species will be listed as endangered in seven counties in the southwest Texas Panhandle. The listing under the ESA goes into effect Jan. 24, 2023 and makes "take" of lesser prairie-chickens or their habitat a federal violation. Take means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. Incidental

take refers to takings that result from, but are not the purpose of, conducting an otherwise lawful activity.
 Under the final USFWS ruling, a 4(d) rule for the Northern DPS provides for incidental take exemptions for routine agricultural activities on cultivated lands, prescribed grazing conducted under an approved plan and prescribed fire. Landowners in the northeast Texas Panhandle interested in receiving an approved prescribed grazing plan under the 4(d) rule should contact a USFWS-certified prescribed grazing planner to initiate enrollment into that plan. A list of FAQs and certified planners will be continuously updated and available at www.fws.gov/lpc, and a list of FAQs is available on the USFWS Lesser Prairie-Chicken Listing FAQs website.
ONGOING EFFORTS
 In 2006, TPWD entered a 20-year Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCA) with USFWS to work with private landowners to manage and improve lesser prairie-chicken habitat in exchange for assurances that no additional regulatory burden would be placed on participants if the species were listed. The 91 properties currently enrolled in the program, which cover 649,780 acres across 19 Texas Panhandle counties, are exempt from lake and habitat management restrictions while they operate under a TPWD-approved wildlife management plan.
 Enrollment for the Texas lesser prairie-chicken CCA program is open until the official effective date of Jan. 24, 2023. Private landowners within the lesser prairie-chicken range are encouraged to contact the TPWD Panhandle Wildlife District prior to the effective date to initiate the enrollment process.
 "The CCA provides landowners the assurances that they can continue to

manage their properties to meet their goals while also benefiting the lesser prairie-chicken," said John Silovsky, TPWD director of wildlife. "We appreciate the tremendous collaboration with private landowners during the past 16 years and we want to continue those important partnerships for the benefit of the lesser prairie-chicken habitat."
 In 2013, TPWD along with the state wildlife agencies for Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, developed the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-Wide Plan (RWP). The plan established population goals for four lesser prairie-chicken ecoregions and designated focal areas and connectivity zones to incentivize voluntary conservation for the species and its habitat.
 Under the direction of WAFWA, the RWP also produced a CCAA for oil and gas companies to voluntarily mitigate for new development and operations across the species' range. This CCAA provides funding to private landowners to improve or maintain lesser prairie-chicken habitat on their lands and provide a net conservation benefit to the species and regulatory certainty for industry.
 Since then, USFWS has also approved an Oil & Gas Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Renewables HCP that provide additional opportunities for industry to mitigate for the incidental take of the species.
 Landowners or industries interested in the Texas Lesser Prairie-Chicken CCAA, industry CCAA or HCP options should contact Brad Simpson, TPWD Panhandle Wildlife District Leader, (806) 651-3012 brad.simpson@tpwd.texas.gov or Russell Martin, TPWD Panhandle Wildlife Diversity Biologist, (806) 452-9616 russell.martin@tpwd.texas.gov.

Obituaries

Joshua "Josh" Paul McCracken



Joshua "Josh" Paul McCracken, 25, of Big Spring, passed away Dec. today, Dec. 28, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland.

Josh was born on July 30, 1997, in Talihina, OK., to Johnny and Tricia McCracken. Josh graduated Antlers High School in Antlers, OK in 2016 where he enjoyed playing football. Josh graduated from Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology in 2019 with a degree in Natural Gas Compression. Josh married Sydney in 2020 and became a devoted, loving husband and then loving father of Emery. Josh was excited to learn the family was growing again and they are having a boy. Josh loved being a daddy. He enjoyed playing with and taking care of Emery. He loved to cook and was very good at it. He loved to mechanic and fix things, but got excited about putting together Emery's toys and things. Josh liked to fish, and joke around and drink beer with his friends around a fire when he was not in the oil fields working full throttle at a job that he truly enjoyed. Josh was an exceptional person.

Josh is survived by: his wife, Sydney Dunham; daughter, Emery McCracken and yet to be born baby boy; parents, Johnny and Tricia McCracken; and was the baby of eight siblings.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards Officers Stanton and Toumey, Texas State Troopers, the EMS crew and Midland Memorial Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to his wife Sydney Dunham.

Honorary pallbearers will be Garrett Yeager, Billy Kinsey, Matt Horsley, Amos Crader, Johnny "Bubba" McCracken, and Christopher Ellington.

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

Paid Obituary

Patsy Jarrett Rowden



Patsy Jarrett Rowden, 86, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Graveside service will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Patsy was born March 23, 1936, in Lamesa, to Thelma and Layne Jarrett. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Patsy is survived by 4 children: Jeanette Wall (Rodney) of Temple, Hubert Layne Rowden (Sherry) of Lubbock, Phillip Charles Rowden of Big Spring, and Becci Anne Shelton (Garry) of Nevada; and 1 brother: Henry (Buddy) McKinney (Judy) of Goldthwaite.

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

Support Groups

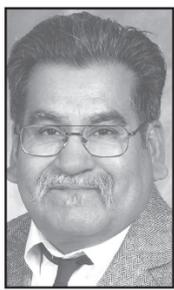
MONDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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,

Juan Michael Cervantes



Juan Michael Cervantes, 70, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022. He will lie in state Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022 from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Rosary Service will begin at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with interment at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Juan was born May 16, 1952, in Big Spring, to Jessie (Ontiveros) and Jesse Cervantes. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. Juan had worked for Diamond Seed Corporation for about 11 years and for Charles Construction for 18 years. He was a faithful member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. He was a baseball and football fan and loved spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed singing to them and joking around with them. He was involved with their sporting events as well.

Juan is survived by two sons: John Cervantes and Arthur Cervantes, both of Big Spring; and one daughter: Christina Whitley of Stanton; 4 grandchildren; two sisters: Rosario Medrano of Big Spring and Lucy Robles of Boomer, North Carolina and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Martha Cervantes in 2003; two brothers: Oscar Cervantes and CQ Cervantes and one sister: Mary Helen Doporto.

Pallbearers will be Aissa Cervantes, Erica Cervantes, Michelle Irvin-Ruth, Paul Diaz, Carlos Diaz, Danny Doporto and Michael Doporto. Honorary pallbearers will be Mia Melendez, Alma Gusman and Adiel Melendez.

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

Paid Obituary

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 4300 block of E CR 48. One person transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 500 block of W. 17th St. One person transported to SMMC.

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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 2000 block of S. Runnels. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1500 block of Tucson. One

person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1300 block of S. Runnels. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1700 block of S. Owens. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1400 block of Stadium. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 3200 block of S. Hwy 87. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 900 block of Lamesa Hwy. One person transported to SMMC.

Police/Sheriff blotter

The Howard County Detention Center reported the following activity Dec. 23-27:

• **MICHAEL DEVORENCE GREEN**, 33, of 1213 W. 6th St. was arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance PG 2 greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 400 grams; possession of controlled substance PG 3 greater than 28 grams; possession of controlled substance 1/1 B greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams two counts; unlawful possession of firearm by a felon and theft of a firearm.

• **SHERY LYNN JOHNSON**, 56, of 1513 S. Main St., was arrested on a charge of assault family violence.

• **PATRICIA MERCEDEZ RIOS**, 24, of 511 Nolan, was arrested on charges of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• **LAWRENCE NATHAN SHROYER**, 21, of 823 W. 7th St., was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. and unlawful carry of a weapon.

• **KENNETH C. TREVINO**, 35, of 815 N. Victoria Rd., was arrested on charges of reckless driving and fleeing police officer.

• **JOSHUA MOE POLANCO**, 33, of 1213 E. 17th St., was arrested on charges of assault class C and terroristic threat of family/household member.

• **JOHN TOBIAS TANT**, 19, of 2103 Borning St., was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• **RACHEL MARIE CRUZ**, 40, of 1404 E. Pacific Ave., Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

• **TYLER JACKSON**

GROVE, 17, of 3602 Parkway, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.

• **CHLOE ANDREYA SANCHEZ**, 17, of 609 NE 8th St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.

• **KELLY PATRICK AMOS**, 64, of 902 S. Douglas, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LASARA ELEXIS CERVANES**, 22, of 316 E. Henry, Garden City, was arrested on a charge of no driver license when unlicensed.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported at 4304 Connally.

• **FORGERY** was reported at 1811 S. Gregg.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at 1513 Main St.

• **ASSAULT** was reported at 906 Sgt. Paradez.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at 510 N. Lamesa Hwy.

• **ASSAULT** was reported at 4304 Connally St.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at 1501 E. FM 700.

• **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported at 1601 Martin Luther King Blvd.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at 1213 E. 17th St.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at 2105 Grace St.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at 609 E. 4th St.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported at 3200 Ave. C.

• **THEFT** was reported at 201 W FM 700.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of FM 700 and Virginia.

• **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported at 1601 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Orlando Brown Pleads Not Guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — Former child star Orlando Brown has pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor assault charges stemming from an alleged altercation in Lima, Ohio. According to Allen County Sheriff's Office records, the 35-year-old Brown was taken into custody Thursday morning and held on a \$25,000 bond. He was arraigned Friday in Lima Municipal Court and charged with aggravated menacing, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Police told the Times that they had been summoned to a home and witnessed a verbal argument they feared could turn violent. The Times said an attorney had not yet been assigned to represent Brown. Brown, best known for the Disney Channel series "That's So Raven," has had numerous legal and other personal troubles, including charges of domestic battery, resisting arrest and drug possession.

He has been in out of medical and rehabilitation facilities. In 2018 he reached out for help to Dr. Phil McGraw, who brought him onto his television show to discuss Brown's struggles.

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QUILT

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Once the paperwork was straightened out, the journey to Big Spring began. With a projected time frame (no way of really knowing) of a year or two in mind, Smith began his time in Big Spring.

"I thought I had come to the end of the world. I had lived in East Texas most of my life," he said. "It was the middle of a drought, and on the day I arrived there were four pilots that went down on the end of 170; they came in under one another and that was the beginning of my duty out here."

For the next three years and nine months, Webb Air Force Base was where Smith called home. During his time at Webb Air Force Base, Smith worked on the flightline team. Smith earned the rank of Buck Sergeant and put in charge of 9196 Section - servicing piston airplanes.

Following his time in the military, Smith would move onto the next chapter where he would own and operate a filling station. As expansion in Big Spring took place and the addition of 4th Street making 3rd Street a one way, business went down and that chapter closed. The transition would be an easy one as Smith would help manage a Gulf filling station for another gentleman for a couple of years, and then, eventually making his way to become a member of the Big Spring Fire Department.

"Once the owner of that station sold out, I ended up going to work for the Big Spring Fire Department," he said.

The next chapter of his story would find Smith at Higginbotham-Bartlett for 33 years. After four

years, his career would advance him to the next level, in 1968. In 1979, Smith had been employed there for 17 years when the store manager retired and promoted him to manager. For the next 17 years, before retiring in April 1996, he served as Higginbotham-Barlett Store Manager.

Over the years, his journey has taken him to different avenues and accomplishments. While life threw some twists and turns, there were moments that will be cherished forever. From his time in the military, one lesson that has served him well is that as long as you do your job, you will make it.

"My time in the military was good for me," he said.

While that time may have been long ago, the impact it made is still evident, the memories still - at times - seem fresh, and the doors that were opened are priceless.

Recently, those memories were revisited as Smith was presented with a Quilt of Valor.

"When that quilt went around his shoulders, he was speechless," Mike Tarpley, Quilt of Valor presenter, said.

Smith added, "I still am ... it is really a nice made thing. The ladies put a lot of love into that blanket."

There have been more than 350,000 quilts awarded in the United States, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. With each quilt the mission to honor service members and veterans is fulfilled - one human-being reaching out and touching another without judgement, reaching out with acceptance and with acknowledgement of service to our nation in very trying circumstances.

"The Quilts of Valor Foundation recognizes war

demons that plague soldiers from all wars. There are thousands of quilters across the United States working to make these quilts to cover our warriors, from all conflicts," Tarpley said. "Each of these quilts is composed of love, tears, and heartfelt appreciation and gratitude from many ladies."

The quilts are made up of three layers: the top with its many colors, shapes and fabrics represent the community and the many individuals we are; the batting - filler - is the center of the quilt, its warmth.

"This second layer represents the hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to the individual who receives it," Tarpley said during the presentation.

The backing is the final layer and it represents strength that supports the other layers. It represents the strength of the recipient, the support of his or her family, communities and nation. Each of the stitches holding the layers together represent love, gratitude and sometimes the tears of the maker. Each quilt represents the three-part message from the givers to the recipient.

"We honor you for your service. We honor you for leaving all you hold dear and to stand in harm's way in a time of crisis, protecting us from the effects of war," Tarpley said. "Next, we know that freedom is not free. The cost of freedom is the dedication of the lives of men and women like you, and this quilt is meant to say thank you for your sacrifice."

He continued, "Finally, this quilt is meant to offer comfort to you and to remind you that although your family and friends cannot be with you at all times, you are forever in our thoughts and hearts."

Take Note

• Everyone welcome! Western Swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at Dora Roberts Community Center 100 Whiskey Dr. Every third Friday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments provided. For more information call 432-517-9097.

• Mystic Wonders Healing, located at 204 S. Main St., presents: Full Moon Markets. Every month on the 8th join us from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and learn about the full moon, how to make moon water, take advantage of sales in the store and meet a variety of vendors.

• History Nerds - Great Courses Lecture Series of the American West: History, Myth and Legacy meets every Wednesday at 12 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels, in the Theater Room. Each 30-minute lecture is followed by an in-class group discussion. There is no charge.

• Starting in October, we will be switching food distribution to the fourth Friday of every month. Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Distribution will take place at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Our food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring a plastic bag or box and let us know how many are in their household to pick up food. We will post any updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>

• The BSAA meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 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.

• 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 noon and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• 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.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+)

and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

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

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

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

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

• 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.

• 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.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Carl Reid, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, 432-268-7535 or carl.reid@hhs.texas.gov.

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Angela McMullen, 48, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help assist the family with funeral expenses.

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Howard Co. Area Sports Schedule

Dec. 28-30: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Varsity) at Brownwood Tournament in Brownwood. Game times TBA

Dec. 28-29: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Varsity) at Monahans Tournament in Monahans. Game times TBA

Dec. 28-29: Coahoma Bulldogs and Bulldogettes Basketball (Varsity) at Jayton Tournament in Jayton. Game times TBA

Dec. 29-31: Forsan Buffaloes and Lady Buffaloes Basketball (Varsity) at Caprock Classic Tournament in Lubbock. Game times TBA

Dec. 29-31: Howard College Lady Hawks Basketball at Bruce Fleck Classic in Tucson, AZ. Game times are 5 p.m. Dec. 29 against Mesa Community College, 7 p.m. Dec. 30 against Co-chise College, and 9 p.m. Dec. 31 against Pima Community College.

Jan. 2: Howard College non-Hawks Basketball match-up against Southwest JV at Howard College. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

Jan. 3: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Freshman, JV, & Varsity) non-district match-up against Seminole at Seminole. Games times are 5 p.m. (Freshman), 6:30 p.m. (JV), and 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Jan. 3: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district match-up against Coleman at Big Spring. Games times are 4 p.m. (JV) and 6:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Jan. 3: Coahoma Bulldogs & Bulldogettes Basketball (JV & Varsity) district match-up against Jim Ned at Coahoma. Game times are 4 p.m. (JV Girls), 5:15 p.m. (JV Boys), 6:30 p.m. (Varsity Girls), and 8 p.m. (Varsity Boys)

Jan. 3: Forsan Buffaloes and Lady Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) district match-up against Reagan County at Big Lake. Games times are 4 p.m. (JV Girls & Boys), 5 p.m. (JV-2 Boys), 6:15 p.m. (Varsity Girls), and 7:30 p.m. (Varsity Boys)

Jan. 6: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Freshman, JV, & Varsity) non-district match-up against Monahans at Monahans. Game times are 4:30 p.m. (Freshman), 6 p.m. (JV), and 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Jan. 6: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Freshman, JV, & Varsity) district match-up against Levelland at Big Spring. Game times are 5 p.m. (Freshman), 6:15 p.m. (JV), and 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Jan. 6-7: Big Spring High School Swim Team (Boys & Girls) at Andrews Invitational. Swim times TBA

Jan. 6: Coahoma Bulldogs Basketball (JV & Varsity) district match-up against Merkel. Game times are 5:15 p.m. (JV) and 8 p.m. (Varsity)

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TCU's Sonny Dykes at home, coaching 1st CFP team from Texas

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Sonny Dykes was nearing the end of an off-field offensive analyst, and pondering his next move.

Fired from his previous head coaching job and with three young kids at home, the son of longtime college coach Spike Dykes even considered a career change after more than two decades in football. He had researched what he would need to do to get a real estate license.

Five years later, the 53-year-old is settled in at home, in Texas, still doing what he always wanted to do and is now near the peak of his profession with TCU (12-1) making it into the four-team College Football Playoff.

"It's been a lot of things, a culmination of a lot," said Dykes, The Associated Press Coach of the Year who is in his first season as head coach at the school where he was a consultant for coach Gary Patterson in 2017.

State in the Big 12 championship game, play Big Ten champion Michigan (13-0) in the CFP semifinal Fiesta Bowl on Saturday. They are the first Big 12 team other than Oklahoma — and first from Texas — to make the CFP.

"Being a Texas guy, the state of Texas means a lot to me, the history of college football in the state of Texas means a lot to me," Dykes said.

That season working for the Frogs, when they made their only other Big 12 title game, was an opportunity for Dykes to get home after going 19-30 in four seasons at California. The job out West was never really a good fit for the folksy, Texas-born coach.

"I was looking around, trying to get a job and trying to decide ... taking a job some place that I didn't necessarily want to go, was that the direction I wanted to go in," he said. "I've obviously always wanted to coach."

Then SMU offered its head coaching job, only about 40 miles and four years away from a return to replace Patterson at TCU.

Dykes, whose first head coaching job was at Louisiana Tech, led SMU to 30 wins in its best four-season stretch since it became the only program ever shut down by the so-called NCAA death penalty three decades earlier.

The Frogs went 23-24 during that same time, and parted ways with Patterson even before the end of his 21st season. Dykes was immediately considered the favorite to replace him, which happened after the regular season.

"I didn't want them to think about coming in and think this was supposed to be a rebuilding year," Heisman Trophy-finalist senior quarterback Max Duggan said, recalling his initial conversation with Dykes. "We can win now. We've just to fix a lot of our issues, culture-wise and discipline and accountability."

The Frogs did win, and a year after Dykes was formally introduced, they were back in the same room for the playoff announcement.

Dykes grew up in the Lone Star State, where his late father coached at several levels over 38 years. That included Spike's 14 seasons as the helm of Texas Tech, where the younger Dykes played baseball, not football.

Sonny Dykes was a Texas Tech assistant for seven seasons, the first seven after his father retired when on the staff of the late Mike Leach. He went west for the first time as offensive coordinator at Arizona from 2007-09, then had a 22-15 record in three seasons at Louisiana Tech before taking the Cal job.

Now, Dykes is leading a TCU program that won its only AP national title in 1938, when quarterback Davey O'Brien was the school's only Heisman Trophy winner. The Frogs, then still in the Mountain West, were 13-0 during the 2010 season that ended with a Rose Bowl victory and No. 2 national ranking.

When TCU wrapped up this regular season with a win over Iowa State, it was Sonny's 83rd career win — one more than his father.

"Felt him kind of all year with me," Dykes said. "He would certainly get a kick out of our guys ... what kind of people they are, because it's a heck of a group and guys that I'm certainly proud of. I know he'd feel the same way."

Cowboys face short week again, still alive in NFC East race

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Another short week for the Dallas Cowboys, another chance to keep alive their chances of catching NFL-leading Philadelphia in the NFC East.

The Cowboys (11-4) visit Tennessee on Thursday night, which means the one victory needed by the Eagles to dethrone the defending division champs can't happen until three days later.

"For me, it's about worry about what you can control," quarterback Dak Prescott said after a 40-34 victory over the Eagles on Saturday that delayed Philadelphia clinching the NFC's top seed at least one more week.

"Obviously, I want the title and that would be great, but it would be getting into distractions that don't really pay us anything forward."

Dallas is about to finish its second stretch of three games in 12 days this season. The Cowboys almost always get the first because they play on Thanksgiving every year.

This second stretch has been different. Dallas blew a 17-point lead in the second half and lost at Jacksonville on Dec. 18 but clinched a playoff spot anyway a few hours later when the New York Giants beat Washington.

Six days after that, the Cowboys rallied from 10-point deficits in each half to beat the Eagles and split the season series. Dallas would hold the tiebreaker with a 2-0 finish if the Eagles lose their last two games.

Now, it's a five-day turnaround to face the Titans (7-8), who are in the unusual position of playing a meaningless second-to-last game before a finale against Jacksonville with a playoff spot on the line.

"If it wasn't there, if it was there, we still

have to keep our foot on the pedal," safety Jayron Kearse said of chasing the Eagles. "We have a whole other season in three weeks. You want to go into that post-season with momentum."

WHAT'S WORKING

The connection between Prescott and No. 1 receiver CeeDee Lamb is the best it has been in their three seasons together.

Lamb has four 100-yard games in the past seven after getting to triple digits in a half for the first time in his career against the Eagles. Lamb finished with 10 catches, one off his career best, for 120 yards and two touchdowns.

Pro Football Hall of Famer Bob Hayes is the only Dallas receiver with more 100-yard games in his first three seasons with 13. Lamb has nine.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Through Week 14, the Cowboys had the second-best pass defense in the league at 182 yards per game. Trevor Lawrence threw for 318 yards in the Jaguars' 40-34 overtime time in Week 15 before Gardner Minshew had 355 yards passing filling in for the injured Jalen Hurts for Philadelphia.

Part of the problem is the pass rush. Dallas was leading the league in sacks before the current three-week stretch with just one sack.

STOCK UP

WR T.Y. Hilton's first catch in his Dallas debut was a 52-yarder on third-and-30 when the Cowboys trailed by a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter against the Eagles. It sparked a 13-0 finish.

Hilton went unsigned after a 10-year run in Indianapolis before agreeing to a deal with the Cowboys less than two weeks before his first game.

The 33-year-old played 12 snaps against the Eagles. That number figures to go up, perhaps substantially.

STOCK DOWN

CB Trevon Diggs' streak of games without a pass breakup is at a career-worst five after the second consecutive 300-yard day surrendered by the Dallas secondary.

Last year's NFL interceptions leader with 11 has been stuck on three this season since Week 7, and he seemed to acknowledge a subpar showing against the Eagles by tweeting "bad ball on my part" after the game.

INJURIES

Rookie DE Sam Williams has been cleared to return from a concussion after emerging relatively unscathed from a scary car crash Thursday and missing the Philadelphia game. Williams' Corvette was heavily damaged after another vehicle collided with his.

"My first thing was like, 'Thank you, God,' because it could have been worse," Williams said Monday in the locker room. "I was thinking about my son and his mom. I could have been gone like that fast without seeing them and saying goodbye or anything."

KEY NUMBER

800 — Tony Pollard (988 yards rushing) and Ezekiel Elliott (829) are the first pair of Dallas backs to surpass the 800-yard mark since Calvin Hill (942) and Walt Garrison (818) in 1969.

NEXT STEPS

The fate of the finale against Washington on Jan. 8 will be decided by the Philadelphia-New Orleans outcome on New Year's Day. If the NFC East race is over, there's a strong chance the Cowboys will be locked in to the fifth seed and a road wild-card game against the NFC South champion.

Even if Dallas doesn't have anything to play for, there's a chance Washington will be in the playoff hunt. That would make for some intriguing decisions with the Cowboys and some of their starters.

McClanahan buzzer beater gives Hawaii first title over SMU

HONOLULU (AP) — Jovan McClanahan gave Hawaii fans in general and Rainbow Warriors fans in particular a delayed Christmas present, hitting a long, contested 3-pointer at the buzzer for a 58-57 win over SMU on Sunday night in the championship game of the Diamond Head Classic.

McClanahan's shot, after he weaved up the court before launching his shot a couple steps behind the 3-point line, gave Hawaii its first tournament title in the event it hosts.

After Noel Coleman's 3-pointer pulled Hawaii within 57-55 with 1:41 to play, the teams traded misses and then turnovers before SMU's Zhuric

Phelps was fouled with eight seconds to go. Phelps missed the front end of a one-and-one but Samuta Avea promptly turned the ball over for Hawaii.

Samuell Williams was fouled with five seconds to play but he, too, missed the front end of the one-and-one. The Rainbow Warriors called a timeout before McClanahan worked his way up court and getting fouled after he released the shot.

It was Hawaii's first lead since 18-

15. SMU led 31-22 at the half and by as many as 12 in the second half. The lead was 46-36 midway through the second half.

Bernardo Da Silva and Beon Riley both had 13 points to lead Hawaii (9-3). McClanahan had

five points.

Phelps had 20 points to lead the Mustangs (5-8) and Zach Nutall added 15. Williams had 10 rebounds. SMU was 5 of 9 from the foul line, 4 of 6 in the second half.



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Public Notice

County Auditor, Jackie Olson, 300 S Main, Room 203, Big Spring, TX. Bids will be opened at that time.

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Stews and slow cookers often go hand-in-hand. Enjoy this recipe for "Chicken Stew with Herb Dumplings" from "Crock*Pot* 365 Year-Round Recipes" (Publications International, Ltd.) by the Crock*Pot Test Kitchen.

Chicken Stew with Herb Dumplings
Makes 4 servings

- 2 cups sliced carrots
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 large green bell pepper, sliced
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 2 cans (about 14 ounces each) chicken broth, divided
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch

- pieces
- 1 large red potato, unpeeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 6 ounces mushrooms, halved
- 3/4 cup frozen peas
- 1 1/4 teaspoons dried basil, divided
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 3/8 teaspoon dried tarragon, divided
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 3/4 to 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup biscuit baking mix
- 1/3 cup reduced-fat (2%) milk

1. Combine carrots, onion, bell pepper, celery and all but 1 cup chicken broth in the slow cooker. Cover; cook on low 2 hours.
2. Stir remaining 1 cup chicken broth into flour in small bowl until smooth. Stir into vegetable mixture. Add chicken, potato, mushrooms, peas, 1 teaspoon basil, 3/4 teaspoon rosemary and 1/4 teaspoon tarragon. Cover; cook on low 4 hours or until vegetables and chicken are tender. Stir in cream, salt and pepper.
3. Combine baking mix, remaining 1/4 teaspoon basil, 1/4 teaspoon rosemary and 1/8 teaspoon tarragon in small bowl. Stir in milk to form soft dough. Add dumpling mixture to top of stew in 4 large spoonfuls. Cook, uncovered, 30 minutes. Cover; cook 30 to 45 minutes or until dumplings are firm and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve in shallow bowls.

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5:30	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	Ring Nation Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo	Newsweek 9 Early Sunrise	Hidden Restaura Zion	Xavier Riddle Arthur	Paid Prog. Paid Prog.	Paid Prog. Paid Prog.	Family Matters George Lopez	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Paid Prog.	Movie: Pitch Perfect (12)	David Jeremiah Joni: Tabl	Diesel "Diesel Rat Rod"
6:30		¡Despierta América!	Les Feldick James Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy día	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Truth for Life	Molly of Denali Wild Kratts	Paternity Court Couples Court	Judge Jerry	George Lopez	Charmed	SportsCenter		Tennis	Skyler Astin, Anna Kendrick	Parking Wars	Diesel Brothers
7:30	Good Morning America		Good Morning Basin	CBS Mornings		Today	Light of the Southwest	Elementary Alma's Way	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce Court Providence	George Lopez	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter		Movie: Pitch Perfect 2 (15) Rebel Wilson, Anna Kendrick	Parking Wars	Diesel Brothers
8:30			You Bet A. Wornmack				Light of the Southwest	Curious Daniel Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Maury	2 Broke Girls	Charmed "Scary Hard"		SportsCenter	NASCAR Race Rewind		Parking Wars	Expedition Unknown
9:30	The 700 Club		Sherri	Live with Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado	Today 3rd Hour	Rico Cortez	Rosie's Rules Donkey Hodie	The Kelly Clarkson Show	The Steve Wilkos Show	2 Broke Girls	Supernatural "Shadow"	First Take	Get Up	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Nashville Predators	Law & Order: SVU "Gone"	Neighbor.	Expedition Unknown
10:30	The View	Como dice el dicho	Tamron Hall	The Price Is Right	Caso cerrado Decisiones	Today With Hoda & Jenna	Families Words of	Sesame Street Pinkalicious	Barrymore	Karamo	Friends	Supernatural "Hell House"					Neighbor.	Expedition Unknown
11:30	Judge Judy	Noticiero	TMZ Live	The Young and the Restless	Más sabe	The Jennifer Hudson Show	Shepherd's Heart	Dinosaur Train TBA	Paternity Court Couples Court	Maury	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line	Law & Order: SVU "Class"	Court Cam	Expedition Unknown
12:30	GMA3-Need to Know	Amor dividido	Law & Order: SVU	News Bold/Beautiful	En casa con Telemundo	NBC News Daily	You Need a The China Files	Super Why! Rosie's Rules	Highway Thru Hell	Hot Bench	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter		NBA Basketball	Law & Order: SVU "Fat"	Court Cam	Expedition Unknown
1:30	General Hospital	The People's Court	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con Telemundo	Daily Blast Live	Eye on Health Biblical Israel	Let's Go Luna!	The First 48	Relative Justice	Friends	Supernatural	College Football Military Bowl: UCF vs. Duke	SportsCenter	Premier League Live	Court Cam	Expedition Unknown	
2:30	Rachael Ray	Corazón guerrero	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	La mesa caliente	Dateline	Light of the Southwest	R. Steves Samantha	Chicago Fire	Judge Jerry	Friends	Lucifer "Lady Parts"	Daily Wager	College Football	Soccer Leeds United vs. Manchester City	The First 48 "Last Shift"	Moonshiners	
3:30	Judge Judy	El gordo y la flaca	Family Feud	The Kelly Clarkson Show	Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of the Southwest	Parks In the America	Pictionary	Karamo	Friends	Lucifer	To Be Announced	College Hockey Holiday Face-Off: Massachusetts vs. Clarkson	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners	
4:30	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7 News	En casa con Telemundo	Newsweek 9 Inside Edition	Ignite Your Hidden	DW News BBC News	25 Words	The Steve Wilkos Show	Young Sheldon	Lucifer "Monster"	College Football AutoZone Liberty Bowl: Kansas vs. Arkansas	College Basketball Florida at Auburn	The Card Life College Hockey	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners: American Spirit
5:30	Big 2 News at 5	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Tele	News	The Gather	France 24	King	Judge Lake	Big Bang	Lucifer						
6:30	World News	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS News	Noticias	NBC News	Foundations	World News	King	Judge Lake	Big Bang	NHL on TNT	College Football	College Basketball	The Card Life College Hockey	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners: American Spirit
7:30	Big 2 News at 6	Noticiero	Young Sheldon	CBS 7 News	Exaltón	News	Rico Cortez	PBS NewsHour	Last Man	Divorce Court	Big Bang	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Pittsburgh Penguins	College Football Texas Act Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss	College Basketball Teams TBA	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48 "Stray Shot"	Moonshiners: American Spirit	
8:30	Celebrity Jeopardy!	Vencer la ausencia	College Football	The 45th Annual Kennedy Center Honors	Unidos: All-Stars	The Wheel	Update News Truth	Nature	Dateline	Dogs of the Year 2022	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite		College Football Texas Act Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss	College Basketball	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners: American Spirit	
9:30	Abbott	Mi camino es amarte	La madrastra	The Gift: Kindness	Amor y traición	Chicago "The Real You"	Light of the Southwest	Great American	Chicago Fire	cbs 7	Young Sheldon	NHL Hockey Vegas Golden Knights at Anaheim Ducks			World Poker Tour	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners: American Spirit
10:30	Big 2	Noticiero	SaborDe	FOX 24 News at 9	CBS 7	Telemundo 20 at 10P	News	Amanpour and Company	Friends	Chicago P.D.	Young Sheldon				Hit Sticks	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners: American Spirit
11:30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Modern Family	(:35) James Corden	Enemigo íntimo	(:35) Seth Meyers	Issues4Life	NOVA	Hollywood	Family Guy	George Lopez	Cold Case "Debut"			College Football	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners: American Spirit
12:30	(:05) Extra	Herida "Mal de amores"	TMZ	(:35) Barney	(:05) ABC World News Now	(:10) Top Story With	Light of the Southwest	Recipe "Love Language"	Justice for All	Bob's Burgers	George Lopez	Cold Case			College Football	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners: American Spirit
1:30	(:05) Paid Prog.	Rosa "Amor de Navidad"	Housewife Two Men	(:05) ICRIME	Programa	Inside Edition	Light of the Southwest	Great American	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Family Matters	Jokers			College Hockey	Law & Order: SVU "Blast"	The First 48	Moonshiners: American Spirit
2:30	(:05) ABC World News Now	P. Luche	Pawn Stars	(:05) CBS Overnight News	12 corazones	Daily Blast Live	Light of the Southwest	Great American	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Family Matters	Jokers			College Hockey	Law & Order: SVU "Blast"	The First 48	Moonshiners: American Spirit
3:30	World News Now	El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU	Noticias	Early Today	The Essentials	Antiques Roadshow	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Family Matters	Family Matters	Cold Case "One Night"			College Hockey	Law & Order: SVU "Taboo"	Paid Prog.	Moonshiners: American Spirit
4:30	Morning	(:35) Noticiero	Funny You	CBS News	Programa	Early Today	Dr. Brad Young	Wai Lana Yoga Sit and Be Fit	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Family Matters	Cold Case "Superstar"			College Hockey	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prog.	Moonshiners: American Spirit



Today in HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 28, the 362nd day of 2022. There are three days left in the year.

ipal Railway began operations with Mayor James Rolph Jr. at the controls of Streetcar No. 1 as 50,000 spectators looked on.

playing with stove burners. (A 13th victim died of his injuries days later.) Officials in Alabama certified Democrat Doug Jones as the winner of a special U.S. Senate election over Republican Roy Moore, who charged that the election was "fraudulent."

By Steve Becker
Similar is not the same

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 3
♥ K Q 6 4
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A 2

WEST
♠ J 9 6 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 8 2
♣ J 10 9 7 3

EAST
♠ 10 8 5
♥ A J 10 8
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K 8 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 4
♥ 9 5 2
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ Q 6 4

and returns his last club to declarer's queen. South, in need of a ninth trick, now leads a heart to the king. Fortunately, East has the ace, so South is home with nine tricks — three spades, three diamonds, two clubs and a heart.

However, this is not the full story, since declarer should not make the contract! If East plays the eight of clubs rather than the king at trick one, South goes down one. When East next gains the lead with the diamond queen, he returns the club king to dummy's ace, and West later scores three club tricks.

How should East know to duck the opening club lead? First, given South's opening bid, dummy's 15 points and East's 10, West is known to be virtually bereft of high cards, so the only real hope is that he has a long club suit.

Next, East should reason that if West has the J-10-9-x of clubs and South the Q-x-x-x, ducking will yield two club tricks instead of just the king. But if West started with the J-10-9-x-x, it is surely better to duck because the defense can then score three club tricks.

The lone fly in the ointment is that West might have six clubs and South only two, in which case the king play wins. However, this is unlikely: Since South could not raise hearts or bid spades, he doesn't figure to have only two clubs. Therefore, ducking at trick one is the right play.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 1914, the war in Afghanistan, fought for 13 bloody years and still raging, came to a formal end with a quiet flag-lowering ceremony in Kabul that marked the transition of the fighting from U.S.-led combat troops to the country's own security forces.

On this date:

In 1612, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei observed the planet Neptune, but mistook it for a star. (Neptune wasn't officially discovered until 1846 by Johann Gottfried Galle.)

In 1895, the Lumiere brothers, Auguste and Louis, held the first public showing of their movies in Paris.

In 1908, a major earthquake followed by a tsunami devastated the Italian city of Messina, killing at least 70,000 people.

In 1912, San Francisco's Munic-

In 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1972, Kim Il Sung, the premier of North Korea, was named the country's president under a new constitution.

In 1973, the Endangered Species Act was signed into law by President Richard Nixon.

In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American "test-tube" baby, was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1991, nine people died in a crush of people trying to get into a rap celebrity basketball game at City College in New York.

In 2007, Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was laid to rest as the country's army tried to quell a frenzy of rioting in the wake of her assassination.

In 2015, a grand jury in Cleveland declined to indict a white rookie police officer in the killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, a Black youngster who was shot while playing with what turned out to be a pellet gun.

In 2016, film star Debbie Reynolds, who lit up the screen in "Singin' in the Rain" and other Hollywood classics, died at age 84 a day after losing her daughter, Carrie Fisher, who was 60.

Ten years ago: Dockworkers along the East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico agreed to extend their contract for more than a month, averting a strike that could have crippled major ports from Boston to Houston and bottled up billions of dollars' worth of cargo. (A new contract was ratified in April 2013.) Russia's President Vladimir Putin signed a law banning Americans from adopting Russian children.

Five years ago: Twelve people died in a Bronx apartment building fire; officials said it was caused by a 3-year-old boy

One year ago: Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid died at his Nevada home of complications from pancreatic cancer; the Democrat was 82. Hall of Fame football coach and broadcaster John Madden died at 85; his exuberant calls had provided a weekly soundtrack to NFL games for three decades. Los Angeles Angels two-way superstar Shohei Ohtani was named the Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dame Maggie Smith is 88. Former Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson of South Dakota is 76. Rock singer-musician Edgar Winter is 76. Actor Denzel Washington is 68. TV personality Gayle King is 68. Actor Chad McQueen is 62. Country singer-musician Marty Roe (Diamond Rio) is 62. Actor Malcolm Gets is 59. Actor Mauricio Mendoza is 53. Actor Elaine Hendrix is 52. Political commentator Ana Navarro is 51. Talk show host Seth Meyers is 49. Actor Brendan Hines is 46. Actor Joe Manganiello is 46. Actor Vanessa Ferlito is 45. R&B singer John Legend is 44. Rapper-musician-producer Terrace Martin is 44. Actor Andre Holland is 43. Actor Sienna Miller is 41. Actor Beau Garrett (TV: "The Good Doctor") is 40. Actor Thomas Dekker is 35. Actor Mackenzie Rosman is 33. Pop singer David Archuleta is 32. Actor Mary-Charles Jones (TV: "Kevin Can Wait") is 21. Actor Miles Brown is 18.

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Horoscopes By Holiday

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 28, 2022**
**Countdown to a
Retrograde**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone says unexpectedly silly things once in a while, but if you can manage to say them more often, you'll break the ice, build rapport and help people feel comfortable enough to share real information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While no person's reputation in the world is entirely under their own control, you have a good handle on what you think of you -- an idea that will translate into confidence that everyone around you senses and responds to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The ability to see things differently will be like a superpower. Life is kaleidoscopic now, susceptible to changing with the slightest shift of your position and vantage point. Slide over but an inch and the pattern changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Other people's kind of fun can be an interesting experience, and you're willing to give it a whirl. In the overlap between your kind of fun and theirs is an opportunity to expand your capacity for joy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An inner calm serves to sharpen you in unexpected ways. Your powers of observation are augmented. You'll notice things about people, things that were there all along, but you're now able to see with great clarity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Of course, complaining is useless. If you can fix it, you will. If you can't, there's nothing to talk about. The simplicity of this will make your life and relationships much better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Caution is often a sign

of intelligence. But it is also possible to be overly cautious, micromanaging movements and stumbling in the process. You'll find balance with a sweeping gesture of trust and goodwill.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The ones in the middle of the two-lane road are only as safe as the drivers around them. As much as you'd like to remain neutral, you'll avoid trouble now by choosing a side and getting into the flow of traffic.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 28). You'll get a shimmering vision of what could be. The prospect of exciting work will seduce you. Your cosmic gift will be great fortitude and follow-through. Early wins bolster your confidence, but you'll need to add people to your team to make this work. Eventually, you'll conquer what you set out to and luck into some unexpected bounty along the way. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 3, 15, 9 and 40.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: On the heels of his "Love in Las Vegas" residency at Planet Hollywood, John Legend has released a new album, aptly named "Legend." Legend shares his traditional Capricorn side posting adorable family holiday pics online and giving the world relationship aspirations in the process. Legend's natal moon and Mercury in Sagittarius bring the passion, while Jupiter in Leo, the sign of the entertainer, speaks to his talent for producing smiles, songs and swoons in the hearts of audiences everywhere.

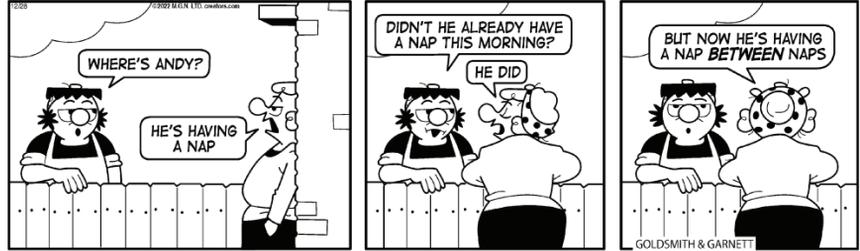
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THE BARN



Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Stacks of things
- 6 Triangular sails
- 10 Give approval for
- 14 What surrounds Hawaii
- 15 Pac-12 sch.
- 16 Renown
- 17 Jousting weapon
- 18 Web-footed diving bird
- 19 Shorten slightly
- 20 Unable to choose
- 22 Carry on, as a battle
- 23 Reheat in a microwave
- 24 Exactly correct
- 26 Prepared, as prunes
- 30 Native American carving
- 32 Auto for hire
- 33 Steer clear of
- 35 Gave as an example
- 39 Writer of poetic tributes
- 41 Exist
- 42 Untrustworthy person
- 43 Hiking trails
- 44 Misplace
- 46 Made a sketch of
- 47 Informal conversation filler
- 49 Turnover or Danish
- 51 Window-shop
- 54 Make repairs to
- 55 Peru's capital
- 56 Unable to choose
- 63 Long time
- 64 Incite
- 65 Had title to
- 66 Close by, in verse

- 67 Sitcom-streaming service
- 68 Defeated in chess
- 69 WWII turning point
- 70 Quick scissor cut
- 71 Floor of a building
- DOWN**
- 1 Sport on horseback
- 2 Optimist's comment
- 3 Gave for a while
- 4 Apiece
- 5 Allergic reaction, maybe
- 6 Bourbon drink with mint
- 7 Computer screen symbol
- 8 Voting coalition
- 9 Most sensible
- 10 Unable to choose
- 11 Gold purity measure
- 12 Panamanian pal
- 13 Saudi Arabia neighbor
- 21 Short-lived crazes
- 25 Quick kiss
- 26 Go no further
- 27 "See, I did it!"
- 28 Freeway off-ramp
- 29 Unable to choose
- 30 Presumed Innocent author
- 31 Cash register compartment
- 34 Sainly symbol
- 36 Sour-tasting

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SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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!

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

A	R	O	T	S	P	I	N	S	A	V	D	A
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S	I	V	E	I	N	D	E	C	I	S	I	V
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P	A	S	T	R	A	Y	L	O	N	E	K	N
W	D	R	E	W	L	O	S	E	L	O	S	E
E	A	R	E	K	N	A	V	E	S	T	A	R
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G	E	W	A	G	E	F	E	N	C	E	N	O
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P	I	L	E	S	J	I	B	S	J	I	B	S

Today's Answers

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