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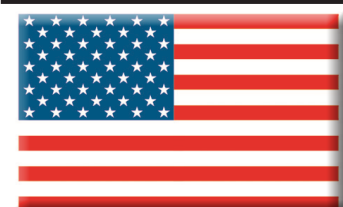
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Weather



Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 70.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.
New Year's Day: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72.
 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

“You can't be afraid to fail. It's the only way you succeed - you're not gonna succeed all the time, and I know that.”
 –**LeBron James**
 “The longer you're stuck in a position that doesn't truly challenge you, the less likely you'll be able to leave it. Inertia, in fact, is one of my worst fears.”
 –**Ryan Holmes**
 “If you are the person who gets the lion's share of attention in good times, guess what: you get the lion's share of attention in bad times.”
 –**Matt Lauer**

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YMCA Offers New Year Special

Special to the HERALD

Enough is Enough, Enough Excuses, Enough Waiting
 Jan. 2, 2023, The Big Spring Ymca will be offering a New Membership Special for the month of January, the first three weeks are free.
 We encourage all families adults, teenagers, kids to join our fight for great health and wellbeing. No more excuses enough is enough!
 The special is available Jan. 3-23, and there are 23 Reasons

to join-Improved health, classes and community, create positive habits, stress relief, decreased anxiety, family friendly, spin class, Zumba, child care, swimming pool, sauna, hot tub, swim lessons, affordable, variety of gym equipment, youth sports, gymnastics, community inoculation, fitter sitters (child watch), smoothie bar, basketball gym, after hours weightroom/cardio isolated workout rooms and body analysis.
 The Big Spring YMCA is located at 801 Owens. For more information call (432) 254-9949.

Big Spring's Festival of Lights ends on a high note



Herald photos/Roger Cline

Above, a couple of pictures from some of the many Christmas light displays that were enjoyed by many at the Comanche Trail Park's Festival of Lights. This year's Festival of Lights drew over 23,00 visitors from multiple states and over 15 countries which was fantastic according to Hayley Lewis, Community Services Director for the City of Big Spring.

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Comanche Trail Festival of Lights is now closed for the season but they were reported to have had a fantastic year with over 23,000 visitors from multiple states and over 15 countries.
 Hayley Lewis, Community Services Director for the City of Big Spring, told KBest News that this was the first year since the COVID-19 pandemic that they were able to have greeters stationed at the entrance to count visitors and record where they were from.
 The Comanche Trail Festival of

Lights is a non-profit organization that is run 100 percent by volunteers. Donations collected from the exhibit and fees collected for the large greeting cards are used to pay for the electricity and any other expenses that may occur. Donations can still be sent in by sending it to the following address:
 Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Attn: Comanche Trail Festival of Lights, 215 W. 3rd St., Big Spring, TX 79720.
 Lewis also advised that they will soon be recruiting for new members for the Festival of Lights Board.
 “We are going to need to start rebuild-

ing our board. We need people who want to work, who want to volunteer, who have great ideas. We know we have a great thing going on but we do need to kinda revitalize it and get some new ideas so we don't lose 23,000 visitors,” said Lewis. “We can continue to rebuild this event and make it so we stay on a Top 20 list of places to visit during the holidays.”
 If you're interested in being on this working board, email hlewis@mybigspring.com, call Hayley Lewis at the Big Spring CVB at 432-264-2516, or Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

Texas State Parks Kicks Off 100-Year Birthday Celebration with First Day Hikes

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN— Three, two, one ... Happy Birthday, Texas State Parks! Park lovers everywhere are invited to help Texas State Parks begin celebrating 100 years Jan. 1 with a First Day Hike. Almost every Texas State Park will host ranger-guided and self-guided walks, bike rides, paddling trips and polar plunges in honor of the national initiative aimed at getting people outdoors.
 “Texas State Parks is excited to kick off our 100-year celebration with the most First Day Hikes we've ever offered,” said Rodney Franklin, director of Texas State Parks. “Whether you're visiting for the first time, or you've visited many times before, more than 80 parks across Texas are ready to help you start 2023 off on the right foot. We can't wait to share all the exciting things happening in Texas State Parks this upcoming year with you. We invite everyone to make some memories in nature with friends and family!”
 The events scheduled throughout New Year's Day are designed to help introduce people of all skill levels to the outdoors and make the experience “a walk in the park.” Last year, 4,440 visitors ushered in 2022 by hiking, biking and riding a total of 8,764 miles statewide. Find a list of this year's First Day Hikes on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) calendar page.

performed hikers. Trail maps for all Texas State Parks can be found on TPWD's website, the recently redesigned official Texas State Park app and individual park webpages.
 Anyone planning a trip to a Texas state park is strongly encouraged to re-

pate in one of three guided birdwatching walks on New Year's Day.
 At Lake Tawakoni State Park in northeast Texas, visitors can hit the trail at any time and for any length on a self-guided hike.
 Guided hikes are available at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., starting from the Spring Point trailhead.
 Late risers don't have to wake up with the roosters to take part in a First Day Hike. Lockhart State Park is hosting a First Day Sunset Hike from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Creekview Trailhead.
 Folks looking to try something new or challenge themselves can take part in the “T.R.Y.athalon” at Tyler State Park. T.R.Y. stands for Trekking, Riding and kaYAKing. (How else were we going to fit in the “Y” in there?) Stations will be set up across the park so visitors can learn from the enthusiasts themselves.
 Members of the East Texas Trekkers, East Texas Trail Advocacy and park rangers will be available as guides.
 Along with First Day Hikes, Texas State Parks will celebrate the Centennial with signature events at all 89 parks across Texas. Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation is partnering with TPWD to celebrate all year long. H-E-B, the presenting sponsor of the Centennial Celebration, donated \$1 million to help all Texans in discovering and exploring their parks.
 For more information on the Centennial Celebration, including signature events, the history of Texas State Parks and how to make a day visit or overnight reservation, visit the 100 Years website at TexasStateParks.org/100years.



Courtesy photo/Texas Parks and Wildlife

serve a day pass in advance since some parks are expected to reach their capacity limit. Reserve day passes online through the TPWD reservation website or by calling (512) 389-8900.
 At Goliad State Park and Historic Site, visitors can walk through history and see the timeline of Mission Espiritu Santo and the state park. The 1.5-mile loop begins at the picnic area at the San Antonio River Trail, continuing to the Longhorn camping loop, the Angel of Goliad Hike and Bike Trail, then to the mission grounds and the Aranama Nature Trail before ending back at the picnic area.
 First Day Hikes aren't for the birds except at Lake Casa Blanca International State Park, where visitors can partici-

Coping With Depression

The past several years have been hard on everyone. Lost loved ones and the effects left behind on family and friends, lingering symptoms of Covid, isolation and the effects of the 'Great Pause' that will last for who knows how long. Having that stress along with the holiday blues can take its toll and while most of us carry on and cope the best we can, there are some who struggle and may need extra help. For most, periods of depression passes with little more than an occasional grouchiness or teary episode.

For others, depression is a way of life.

It is sometimes debilitating and often distracting and can make even the most mundane daily activities difficult.

There are many medications that can be prescribed for depression such as Zoloft, Prozac and Wellbutrin.

These and other similar (tricyclic antidepressants) are very effective and have few side effects.

However, for those who don't respond well to the more conventional medications mentioned above there are what are known as MAOI inhibitors.

Carefully read the label of any new medi-

cation a doctor gives you and consult with him before taking any over-the-counter medication, even cold or allergy medicine which can contain ephedrine.

Monoamine oxidase inhibitors such as Marplan, Nardil and Parnate are prescribed for those with a depression that is essentially difficult to treat.

They are usually given to patients who are in psychotherapy and who have shown neurotic behavior such as severe anxiety, obsessional thoughts and compulsive acts such as repeating an action over and over.

In other words the MAOI's are stronger drugs with more or stronger side effects and are given to the severely depressed.

If you or someone you know are on an MAOI it is important to know that there are many, many drugs that can interfere with the effectiveness of the medication being taken.

Foods containing large amounts of the amino acid tyramine such as cheese, red wine, smoked or pickled herring, beer and yogurt should be eliminated from the diet.

Eating these foods while taking an MAOI is likely to cause hypertensive crisis (sudden, severe high blood pressure leading to a heart attack or stroke).

For more information about MAOI's or if you are not sure you are taking one call your physician or a local pharmacist.



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New Orleans guitarist Walter 'Wolfman' Washington dead at 79

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans music legend Walter "Wolfman" Washington, a cornerstone of the city's musical nightlife for decades, has died of cancer, just days after turning 79.

Washington died Dec. 22 at Passages Hospice, The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reported.

Funeral services are scheduled for Jan. 4, at 2 p.m. at Jacob Schoen & Son Funeral Home. A benefit concert to help with medical and funeral expenses is planned for Jan. 8 at the Tipitina's music venue.

Washington and his band, the Roadmasters, mixed blues, R&B, funk and soul, punctuating songs with his trademark howl, the newspaper reported. In director Michael Murphy's 2005 New Orleans music documentary "Make It Funky!," Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards bows down to Washington in tribute to his guitar style and tone, the newspaper reported.

Washington started his career backing New Orleans musical legends Irma Thomas, Lee Dorsey and Johnny Adams, who ultimately became a mentor and close friend.

"Johnny taught me a whole lot," Washington recalled in 1999. "He'd say, 'If you want to

sing high notes, you've got to pay attention to how you go up there. Take your time. Don't rush yourself. Once you get used to going up there, it will come easy.' He played guitar, too. He'd show me how to hit notes and how to run from one note to another and pay attention to why that note fits there. He was like a dad. I could talk to him about anything."

Washington backed Adams on several Rounder Records albums before releasing his first album with the Roadmasters, "Leader of the Pack," for the Hep/Me label in 1981. He moved to Rounder for 1986's "Wolf Tracks" and the subsequent "Out of the Dark" and "Wolf at the Door." The 1991 album "Sada" was named for his first daughter.

He traveled abroad and occasionally toured domestically, but New Orleans' nightclubs were his heart and soul. He was one of the first musicians to play in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina via generator-powered shows at the Maple Leaf.

After more than 10 years without a new album, Washington made a comeback with 2018's "My Future Is My Past." The album reunited him with Thomas for a duet on the old Adams song "Even Now" and earned Washington some of the best reviews of his career.

More recently, he finished another batch of eight blues-tinged songs, produced by Galactic saxophonist Ben Ellman. Washington's manager, Adam Shipley, is currently shopping the finished album to record labels, the newspaper reported.

"For the last six or seven years, Walter got the recognition he deserved," Shipley said. "He put out some great music, and had a great life."

A dedicated smoker and drinker with a colorful personal life, Washington battled back from numerous health challenges over the years. Still, his March diagnosis of tonsil cancer was surprising.

Even as he underwent chemotherapy and radiation, he continued to perform, including at this year's French Quarter Festival and New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival.

"Nobody could tell what he was going through," his wife, Michelle Washington said. "He was a trooper to the end. He didn't want people feeling sorry for him."

He led an amazing life. He touched a lot of people and brought them a lot of joy."

In addition to his wife, survivors include two daughters, Sada and Mamadou Washington, and a son, Brian Anderson.

Cameraman hurt on New Mexico film set gets \$66M in lawsuit

A Los Angeles cameraman who suffered a spinal cord injury while on a New Mexico movie set has been awarded more than \$66 million in a lawsuit, among the largest settlements in the state's history, a news outlet reported.

The Santa Fe New Mexican quoted Jame Razo as saying that the jury's decision Friday was "a huge emotional relief."

"I can finally begin my healing journey," he said in a phone interview Tuesday, the newspaper reported.

The 55-year-old was a cameraman on the set of "Only the Brave," a film about elite firefighters starring Josh Brolin and Jeff Bridges, in June 2016. He was driving a mobile camera crane unit, which weighs over 3,000 pounds (1,361 kilograms) when fully loaded, up a steep road on Pajarito Mountain in the Pajarito Ski Area near Los Alamos, when the unit tipped over and fell on him, the newspa-

per reported.

Razo suffered crush injuries that left several areas of his body severely damaged.

Since then, he has had over 1,000 medical appointments and nearly a dozen surgeries, according to the report.

In the suit, Razo says producers were negligent by denying him time to scout the terrain first or install tank treads on the vehicle.

It took a jury four hours to decide that Razo should receive \$24.6 million in damages and his wife \$6 million. In addition, production companies Black Label Media and No Exit Film are liable for \$27 million and \$9 million in punitive damages, respectively.

Attorneys for the California-based production companies did not respond to messages from the newspaper seeking comment.

Obituaries

Mary Denise Emfinger

Mary Denise Emfinger, 58, died Tuesday, December 27, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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, whether medical professional or family mem-

ber. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

WEDNESDAY

- 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 325-212-8600.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to newsdesk@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331 ext. 235.

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

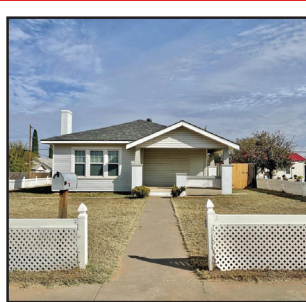
people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year 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.

Contact the Herald at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

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Imagine Heaven



I know there's a lot of worship, I know there's music. I know there's food and it's called manna which is considered angels food. Heard a preacher say that manna was whatever you desire. For example do you want cake? Manna would taste like cake. Which leads me to believe that the music that we would hear would be a song we would like! Perhaps even one of our favorite song. Ever wonder what Gods favorite song is? Perhaps we'll hear a new song.

I know that there will be people wearing white robes. I just wonder what I'll be wearing? But I can't help but wonder how old will we appear to be. I don't know if I wanna be a kid again.

I don't know if I want mansion. I know there are different rewards, and do I want to be known as the least or the greatest? I heard this song once, it was referring to abortion that in heaven God is pick-

ing up all the pieces and I believe in heaven God is mending all the broken pieces of a broken heart.

Spiritual meaning, the place of the everlasting blessedness of the righteous; the abode of departed spirits, christ calls it his "fathers house" (John 14:2). But all in all it's good to dream and hope for a place where one day we'll see/live at, but it won't be the same heaven it'll bea new heaven and earth, as it's written.

What heaven means; Revelation 24:4 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

Come walk with God on streets of gold, there's only one way to get there. Romans 10:9 KJV "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

I just know heaven would be nothing without Jesus Christ and where he is that's heaven! Stay excited God loves you whether you believe it or not.

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.
- 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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Mary Denise Emfinger, 58, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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

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Church News

College Baptist Church

New Year is upon us. Make a resolution to turn your hearts toward our Father. Come see what God is doing on SONday at College Baptist on the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. Join us as we study about Jesus and what we really believe.

Times on the Sign: Sunday morning- 9:15 a.m. for Bible Study for all ages. 10:45 a.m. Worship time 4:45 WOW Study on Women in God's Word. 5 p.m. Girl's Missions meet on Sunday. Sunday Evening Service-6 p.m. Bible study and worship. Wednesday Evening: 6 p.m. Fellowship meal. 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting and Youth activities. Children meet for King's Kids and Krafts. Nursery and extended care is as needed. As we celebrate our God together during this Winter season, serving Him, services for Jan. 1, 2023, is a great time for families to gather. Find us live streaming, and on our Face Book page, as well.

Visitors, it was a such a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us again as we gather in exciting and worshipful services. Come and find out about our great love for the youth of our community.

We definitely enjoy the worship time as our ministry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God's Word and what Christmas really means. Come and study with us as we Worship our God, knowing He really cares for us so much He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, not only to be born, but to suffer and die and rise again to save us. Focus on growth in Jesus, the Lamb of God, as we celebrate Winter 2023, as our pastor reminds us every Sunday, Jesus is coming SOON! Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning Men's, Ladies' and youth meetings at this great and friendly church. Pray for God to send revival, changing lives by His Presence, peace, and power of our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone!

Crestview Baptist Church

At Crestview Baptist Church, we believe the most fulfilling pursuit is not entertainment, gimmicks, or programs. The most fulfilling pursuit for a follower of Christ is to know Christ and His Word, so that we may live for him. If you believe that, please come and worship with us! Sunday School starts at 10 a.m., Worship begins at 11 a.m., and our Sunday and Wednesday

night meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We embrace the 1689 Baptist Confirmation of Faith. Come and be with us at 2305 Gatesville Rd, Big Spring.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Upcoming Event: Christmas Eve service will be Saturday, Dec. 24, at 10:30 p.m. Please come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. All are Welcome.

First Presbyterian Church

Worship services for Jan. 1, the first Sunday in the season of Christmas will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Organist/Music Director Gabe Martinez will be leading music this week. Reverend Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Jesus: Refugee Scripture readings for this Sunday are Psalm 148; Isaiah 63:7-9; Matthew 2:13-23.

Adult Sunday School Discovery class resumes this Sunday but will finish the Advent study "Incarnation." A new study begins Jan. 8, by Max Lucado entitled "Help is Here-Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit."

Two popular weekly events are back in full swing this Wednesday. The Women's Bible Study meets in the church library at 10 a.m. and the video history series about the American West meets in the theater room at noon. These weekly events are open to all the community so be sure to put them on your calendar.

Members and non-members alike are invited to take advantage of the spiritual resources available on our website and Facebook page. They include a six day each week prayer podcast, a weekly scripture reading and commentary, a weekly devotional, a

Sunday worship preview, and a video release of each Sunday's sermon. The sermon is also available in podcast form. All these tools and resources prepare us for the coming Sunday worship.

Digital Spiritual Resources- Church Calendar-Daily Prayer Podcast (Monday-Saturday). Scripture Commentary (Tuesdays). Video Devotional (Thursdays/Fridays). Video Preview of this week's bulletin (Fridays). Sunday Sermon Video (Sundays). Sunday Sermon Podcast (Sundays). Website: fpcbigspring.com. Facebook Page: FPC of Big Spring. YouTube Channel: FPC of Big Spring.

The following weekly events are open to the community: Wednesday-The Women's Bible Study meets at 10 a.m. The history seminar series meets at 12 p.m. The Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m. Thursday-Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.

All our worship services can be heard live on KBST 1490 AM and 95.7 FM at 11 a.m. as usual or seen recorded online at www.fpcbigspring.com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date. The website also has a tab that shows ways you can connect to our church community.

Please call the church office at 263-4211 for other information. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook. Although the physical address of First Presbyterian Church is 701 Runnels, the mailing address is P. O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ.

We would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! You can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship on Sunday's (onsite) at 9 a.m. (onsite and online) at 11 a.m. and Wednesday's (onsite and online) at 7 p.m. You can find us live online at facebook.com/CCCBigspring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church Live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Please join us this week at one of the following events: Sunday, Jan. 1. Mark your calendar as we Celebrate the New Year at Cornerstone Worship Service 2023 Sunday, January 1st- Celebrate with us as we bring in

2023 New Year! We would love for you to be apart of what is happening at CCC. Join us at our 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. Worship Service. We believe that experiencing purpose, hope and joy is possible in Christ Jesus. Whether it's your first time or you've fellowshiped with us before, our desire every Sunday is for you to feel sense and embrace the presence of the Lord.

Wednesday, Jan. 4- Join us for our MDWK service. We offer classes for all ages at 7 p.m. Adults meet in the Main Sanctuary. Youth: High School age meet in ARC and Junior High age meet in youth sanctuary. Children's church is divided into two locations with age specific classes: Kovantville (1st and 2nd grade)(3rd and 4th grade)(5th and 6th grade)Tiny Land (Newborn- 23 months) (2 and 3 y.o.)(4 y.o.-Kindergarten).

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015, email us at info@cccbigspring.org.

You can also find us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Kohl, Vicar Roeber or the church office, please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristx@gmail.com. Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 am and we are having class each Sunday morning. Our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You can catch us on Facebook Live on our Facebook page. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. Please come and join us. The readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 63:7-10, Galatians 4:4-7, and Matthew 2:13-23. The psalm is Psalm 111. Doline Budke will present the scripture readings this week. Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is continuing. A meal is served at 5:30 and our bible study begins at 6:00. Please come and join us. Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

The Year Looking Back

During this final week of 2022 we pause to remember the year that is rapidly slipping away.

Looking back is important.

Remembering helps us put in perspective the things that are to come.

In many ways 2022 has been difficult.

We are slowly recovering from the latest economic collapse.

The pandemic bailouts in 2020 resulted in an unprecedented market that bulldozed its way into 2021.

But, in 2022, we "paid the piper." The massive infusions of cash during Covid unleashed inflationary forces that spun out of control.

We face 2023 not knowing whether the economy will slide into recession or experience a rebound.

Millions are still struggling. Low-income families pinch pennies to buy gas and groceries.

Retirees have watched their annuity investments plunge.

And yet there have been celebrations: graduations, weddings, and the birth of babies!

Looking back long term helps us handle the present and the future. It helps us avoid arrogance and pride, dependency and despair. Some of us have a lot to remember.

We lived through the war in Vietnam, the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., the cold war and the space race. We lived through runaway inflation and the 1970s energy crisis when gas was rationed, and cars stretched around the block waiting for a pump. We survived Watergate and Richard Nixon's resignation, Desert Storm, the dot com bust,

9-11, the Iraq war, Afghanistan and the Great Recession of 2008. We have learned that things will get better. We have learned that God is faithful in every crisis and every difficulty. We know from experience that his promise is sure: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11).

When times get tough, it is easy to forget. We need to be reminded about God's faithfulness. The Passover was established to help Israel remember how God delivered them from slavery. We celebrate Christmas to remember God's gift of his only begotten Son, a light shining in the darkness. Jesus gave us the Lord's Supper to help us remember his death, burial and resurrection.

Just as important, the Bible tells us that God remembers us.

When we feel forgotten and alone, thinking that no one cares, God remembers.

Every rainbow reminds us that God remembered us when the greatest calamity in history struck the earth, a flood so great that it almost wiped all life from the earth. (Genesis 8,9). God never forgets. "He remembers His covenant forever, the promise He made, for a thousand generations." (1 Chron. 16:15). Jesus said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows." "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



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Why Do We Do What We Do

When I was a child, my parents taught me so much how to do things right the first time. I would clean my room by shoving everything under the bed or in the closet including the dust. Then I would have to take it all out again and clean it right.

When I did the dishes as a six year old, I always had to do them at least twice before I got them clean the right way. When I helped Daddy in the garden and pulled the wrong "weed," He would show me the difference between carrot leaves and weed leaves. Even if I tried to put the carrots back, the damage was done. As I grew older, I learned how to do the things I did right, so I wouldn't have to do them again and again. Because my parents made me do things the right way, I was able many times to do it right the first time.

We do what we do the right way, because that's the way we learned how to do it. When someone comes along in our lives and tries to show us a different way, we might think it's wrong. But that isn't necessarily so. We can always learn a better way to do something. Older people are supposed to teach the younger. But sometimes a younger person can teach an older one. A twelve year old student taught me how to use a computer for the very first time when I was Thirty-five. My three-



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year old granddaughter taught me a lot about the computer and was adamant about me doing it her way.

Well, Jesus is a lot older and wiser than any man. We can learn the way to Heaven through Him instead of doing it our way. Since we can't get there our way, it's best to learn His way and do it right the first time.

We can't get to heaven in a banana boat, 'cause a banana boat don't float. We can't get to heaven on someone's shirt tail, cause a shirt tail will surely fail. Seriously, the only way we can get to heaven is to ask Jesus into our lives, ask Him for forgiveness of all our sin, and be the Lord of our way. Then we will do things the way we do because He will show us how to do them right the first time. Follow His way so He can lead us in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Then even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I'll be doing it right the first time.

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**We invite you to join our
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THE 2022 MAMMOTH CROSSWORD

More than 200 clues in this puzzle reflect pop culture, trivia and news events of the year. We saw tourists in space, a slap at the Oscars and the reappearance of the original Bennifer, while saying farewell to a beloved Queen, country music royalty and comic kings. There were birthdays and celebrations, too — Miley Cyrus turned 30, Eminem made it to 50, Tom Cruise hit 60 and Mr. Potato Head turned 70. Watch for the answers on 1/1/2023.

- Across
- Monarch who died in Sept. after 70 years on the British throne (5,9)
 - This queen of country music, a coal miner's daughter, died in Oct. at 90 (7,4)
 - Tennis royalty, she retired with 23 Grand Slam titles (6,8)
 - Shivers by __ Sheeran stayed near top of charts for months (2)
 - Ariana Grande's nickname (3)
 - Common university degree; abbr. (2)
 - __ Landers wrote her advice column for 47 yrs (3)
 - This Egyptian king's tomb was discovered 100 yrs ago (11)
 - This king of rock and roll died 45 yrs ago (7)
 - Scream queen Jamie __ made another Halloween movie (3,6)
 - Horror author of The Shining turned 75 (7,4)
 - Part of the eye (4)
 - Gangster __ Capone died 75 yrs ago (2)
 - A negative prefix, such as 'it's a __ starter' (3)
 - 19th letter of the Greek alphabet (3)
 - Moving something into a more acceptable position (11)
 - Dysfunctional cartoon family who first appeared 35 yrs ago (3,8)
 - The Force was with George Lucas, as this hit movie opened 45 yrs ago (4,4)
 - A hidden motive (8)
 - __ butter & jelly (6)
 - Without, in texting (2)
 - A unit for measuring width in printed material (2)
 - District (4)
 - This company released its iPhone 14 (5)
 - Symbol for the chemical element tin (2)
 - Fire remnant (3)
 - A light run (3)
 - It was the 25th anniversary of this princess's death (5)
 - Attempt (3)
 - Spider-__ got a new movie (3)
 - Curve in the road (4)
 - Expression of disappointment (2)
 - Covert military operations; black __ (3)
 - Radio once popular with truckers (2)
 - __ Johnson was ousted as UK's prime minister (5)
 - It was the 100th anniversary of this type of skiing (5)
 - Classic hats (7)
 - Coagulate (4)
 - Discredit attorney; abbr. (2)
 - Nawaiian cocktail: __ tai (3)
 - Nordic country set record for gold medals at Winter Olympics (6)
 - The symbol for copper (2)
 - Singing show American __ turned 20 (4)
 - Distress signal (3)
 - The Cold __ with the Soviets started 75 yrs ago (3)
 - Actor Jude __ turned 50 (3)
 - Nathan __ won Olympic gold in men's figure skating (4)
 - __ Sajak had 41st anniversary on Wheel of Fortune (3)
 - Concludes (4)
 - As Good __ It Gets was released 25 yrs ago (2)
 - Distinctive atmosphere that surrounds someone (4)
 - What a pity! (4)
 - Joe Biden fell off one (4)
 - Actor __ Myers released The Pentavrate (4)
 - Now hear __! (4)
 - Curve in the road (4)
 - NBA Finals MVP was __ Curry (5)
 - Poker pot starter (4)
 - Breakfast staple (4)
 - Harbinger (4)
 - A climbing plant (4)
 - Broadcasts (4)
 - Boat (4)
 - Video game player (5)
 - The simulation of human intelligence, by computers (2)
 - The U.K.'s Charles became this (4)
 - It sits on top of the neck (4)
 - NASA's Charles became this (4)
 - Host city of the 2022 Winter Olympics (7)
 - Popular sandwiches (4)
 - NASA's Artemis program will take astronauts here (4)
 - Hush (2)
 - __ Bloom starred in Carnival Row (7)
 - Outer skin of a citrus fruit (4)
 - Passes away (4)
 - Singapore __ is a classic cocktail (5)
 - Manicurist's tool (4)
 - One plus three (4)
 - Hurricane Ian hit this state (7)
 - In academic citations, no date; abbr. (2)
 - Opposite of light (4)
 - This Johnny sued Amber Heard (4)
 - Swell'd head (3)
 - __ formula was imported to combat shortages for infants (4)
 - A naturally raised area of land (4)
 - Commanding officer; abbr. (2)
 - Disagree (9)
 - This Broadway award turned 75 (4)
 - Kind of moss (4)
 - 'Mogamer' __ Jenner made Time's influential people list (4)
 - I __ Lucy ended 65 yrs ago (4)
 - Classic dessert: Strawberry __ (9)
 - Style of poker (4)
 - Pelvic bones (4)
 - Composer of poems (4)
 - Tinfoil or plastic (4)
 - Close an envelope (4)
 - Ice cream holder (4)
 - Military group (4)
 - Off of sound mind (4)
 - In the military, an area of operations; abbr. (2)
 - Rapper Marshall Mathers, AKA __, turned 50 (6)
 - The hindmost part of an animal (4)
 - 7-Eleven rolled out low-cal versions of this drink 10 yrs ago (7)
 - Tom Selleck's __ Bloods had its 250th episode (4)
 - Company took first paying customers to Int'l Space Station (6)
 - Symbol for the chemical element Niobium (2)
 - A medical therapy to administer fluids (2)
 - To comprehend the words on a page (4)
 - Sing softly (5)
 - __ Pitt started in new movie Bullet Train (4)
 - Sizes: __, med and lg (2)
 - He was re-elected France's president (6)
 - Gangsta Paradise rapper died at age 59 in Sept. (6)
 - What to do at a red light (4)
 - When fruit goes bad (3)
 - Surprise attack (4)
 - He won Emmy for best reality show host (6)
 - U.K. city declared emergency due to heatwave (6)
 - __ unto others (2)
 - Billionaire __ Musk bought Twitter (4)
 - Half horse, half donkey (4)
 - A tool to cut wood (2)
 - America's Got __ had its 17th season (6)
 - Hockey's Stanley Cup winners were the __ Avalanche (8)
 - King of the jungle (4)
 - A small body of water (4)
 - Golden State __ were NBA champs (8)
 - New York, Paris, Vancouver and Mumbai (6)
 - Opposite of stop (2)
 - Breathe hard (4)
 - Cuts grass (4)
 - A former spouse (2)
 - Last Week Tonight With John __ won another Emmy (6)
 - Rainforest that reached new deforestation record (6)
 - Attractively lively (4)
 - Bird __, an avian disease, swept across the continent (3)
 - __ Inch Nails performed in their native Cleveland (4)
 - Foo Fighters drummer __ Hawkins died at 50 (6)
 - Country that used emergency power to end anti-mandate protests (6)
 - Form of ether (4)
 - Bruno __, in duo Silk Sonic, was big Grammy winner (4)
 - Crunchy (5)
 - California wine valley (4)
 - Roller coaster feature (4)
 - For undergrads, General Studies; abbr. (2)
 - Quick (4)
 - Edgy animated South __ turned 25 (4)
 - __ of the Lost Ark won five Oscars 40 yrs ago (7)
 - The __ Panther was rebooted, again (4)
 - Texting abbr. for 'I never said that' (4)
 - Physician (2)
 - Rendered form of animal fat (6)
 - Design detail (4)
 - Hunt for (4)
 - Arrange systematically in groups (4)
 - After-dinner drink (4)
 - Finished (4)
 - Penny (4)
 - A performance by two people (4)
 - Moves head in agreement (4)
 - Received money upon a relative's death (9)
 - An __ Warhol portrait sold for \$195 million (4)
 - The Real Love __ dating show debuted (4)
 - The new West __ Story got seven Oscar nominations (4)
 - Telegram (4)
 - A salt-rimmed tequila cocktail (9)
 - Large news agency (2)
 - Romantic comedy released in Sept. (4)
 - Eagle or canary (4)
 - Chapter in history (3)
 - Hogs (4)
 - Towering (4)
 - Canada's biggest city; abbr. (2)
 - Boneless pieces of fish (7)
 - Mausoleum (4)
 - __ Davidson and Kim K called it quits (4)
 - Commence (5)
 - New Mexico art community (4)
 - Bucket (4)
 - Similar to an onion (7)
 - This equals 16 ounces; abbr. (2)
 - Actors take these at the end of a play (4)
 - __ Campion won her second Oscar for directing (4)
 - Your parents' sisters (7)
 - Surrealist Salvador (4)
 - Not far (4)
 - An often-used abbr. for English in coding (2)
 - Assumed name (5)
 - TV's Better Call __ ended this year (4)
 - Sitcom My Three __ ended 50 yrs ago (4)
 - Swedish pop group that first broke up 40 yrs ago (4)
 - Bears' hibernation homes (4)
 - __ Bowl Stadium opened in Pasadena 100 yrs ago (4)
 - Obsolete phone feature (4)
 - Circus performer who works with lions (5)
 - Someone aged 13 to 19 (4)
 - To move a spoon around in coffee (4)
 - Be in pain (4)
 - Olive, canola and vegetable (4)
 - Face-off (4)
 - Shade trees (4)
 - Run amok (4)
 - American designer __ Jacobs (4)
 - __ and outs (3)
 - Bar Out of Hell's __ Loaf died at age 74 (4)
 - Texting abbr. for 'sorry not right now' (4)
 - Actress __ Heche died after an Aug. car crash (4)
 - Red, Black or Mediterranean (3)
 - Born and __ (4)
 - Give off (4)
 - Trevor __ announced departure from The Daily Show (4)
 - Dog command (3)
 - Event that often occurs when a game score is tied (2)
 - Actor __ Reynolds posed nude for Cosmo 50 yrs ago (4)

- ago (4)
- A new set of these building blocks created a bonsai tree (4)
- It's true (4)
- Students completing high school (5)
- __ Nicole Smith died 15 yrs ago (4)
- Slangy assent (4)
- Stepped (4)
- Emotional intelligence; abbr. (2)
- Make something greater by adding to it (7)
- Dating show __ is Blind was renewed for two more seasons (4)
- Space-age cartoon family debuted 60 yrs ago (7)
- Drug agent (4)
- Young females (5)
- TV's __ Lasso won Emmy for best comedy, again (3)
- Band booking (3)
- Example; abbr. (2)
- Chemical formula for carbon monoxide (2)
- Real Housewives producer Andy __ welcomed a second child (5)
- British rock group celebrated 60 yrs together (7,6)
- Singer and Grease star died at age 73 (6,6-4)
- Inflammation of a tendon (10)
- This Jackson 5 member did new shows to support his blues album (4)
- European Economic Community; abbr. (3)
- Weatherman __ Roker appeared on SNL (2)
- Easily excited or quick tempered (3-7)
- New temperature swings observed on eighth planet from the Sun (7)
- He resurrected Top Gun's Maverick role (3,6)
- Spud-like toy first distributed 70 yrs ago (2,6,4)
- Road race that allowed women to officially enter 50 yrs ago (6,8)
- Mega-successful 'final rose' dating show debuted 20 yrs ago (3,8)
- First Black player to hit the field in Major League Baseball, 75 yrs ago (6,8)
- Down
- Host country of 2022 FIFA World Cup (5)
- Something special; an addition to what was expected (5)
- Pilot and military pronunciation for 'nine' (5)
- Actress Lindsay __ tied the knot and got a Netflix movie (5)
- The Walking Dead introduced a new type of these creatures (7)
- Non-cancerous (6)
- The Doors performed, and then were banned, from the __ Sullivan show 55 yrs ago (2)
- Cruel or severe (5)
- Bucket and grocery are two types of these things (5)
- Watery fluid that collects in the eye (5)
- A lung disease spread through the air; abbr. (2)
- Rendered form of animal fat (6)
- Legal claims against one's property, such as a car (5)
- People, places and things (5)
- Opposite of westward (8)
- A nurse (2)
- Make certain that something will occur (6)
- Greg __ will follow Warren Buffet as Berkshire Hathaway CEO (4)
- Breathe in (6)
- Cyclist __ Armstrong married long-time girlfriend (5)
- An explanation of where you were, especially during a crime (5)
- Some countries had a shortage of this sweet stuff (5)
- Regarding (2)
- Mr. T and his __ went off the air 35 yrs ago (1-4)
- Pennsylvania's first space museum opened in this city (10)
- Company; abbr. (2)
- Symbol for arsenic (2)
- An organization for people with alcohol problems (2)
- A record that is longer than a single, but shorter than an LP (2)
- Emulates Eminem (4)
- Flowering (6)
- A doctor without a specialty (2)
- __ Grace's Bloodline Detectives got another season (5)
- The Tin Man used this regularly (6)
- The sharp end of a tool or weapon (5)
- Two sentences squashed into one (3-2)
- __ J astronaut James McDivitt died at 93 (6)
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- Peculiar (3)
- Believe it or __ (3)
- Big coffee holder (3)
- Kitchen, coffee and dining are types of these furniture items (6)
- Deliver a tirade (4)
- Where surgeries occur; abbr. (2)
- Country code for nation invaded by Russia (2)
- Pa's partner (2)
- A French village that used a whistled language (3)
- First movie about this 007 spy released 60 yrs ago (5,4)
- European nuclear reactor (3)
- Santa's laugh (2)
- TV drama about two Mexican-American sisters ended (4)
- Fuel you put in your car (3)
- Infrared; abbr. (2)
- Mark well or nota bene; abbr. (2)
- Wood-loving insect (7)
- The middle parts of eggs (5)
- Mouth of a big carnivore (3)
- Long, long time (3)
- Major political scandal occurred 50 yrs ago (9)
- Desire (4)
- Hilary __ starred in new TV drama set in Alaska (5)
- The smallest U.S. state; abbr. (2)
- Alone (4)
- Gisele and __ Brady suffered marriage woes (3)
- Fourth note of a major scale (2)
- Sally Field played Norma __ 43 yrs ago (3)
- A global shortage occurred of this tiny computer component (4)
- Party game: Truth or __ (4)
- Someone who envisions an ideal, rather than real, world (8)
- Up and about (5)
- Feed lines to (3)
- A young sheep (4)
- To vocalize along to music (4)
- You and me (2)
- Goatee site (4)
- Dried meat, traditionally bison (8)
- Abbreviation editors use to indicate spelling mistake (2)
- Got older (4)
- Takes in a view (4)
- Crooner __ Crosby died 45 yrs ago (4)
- Knowledge engineering; abbr. (2)
- American tax department (3)
- Chris Hemsworth reprised this superhero role (4)
- A laugh (2)
- Caught in the act, red-__ (6)
- Children's writer __ Blyton (4)
- Stated (4)
- Agatha Christie's Death on the __ became a film, again (4)
- Trattoria drink order (4)
- Quirky law show __ McBeal ended 20 yrs ago (4)
- Musical genre (4)
- TV show about comical spirits was renewed (6)
- Third person pronoun, masculine (2)
- Driver's licence, passport or birth certificate (2)
- A small two-winged insect (4)
- James Webb telescope delivered new photos of __ space (4)
- Sprightly dances (4)
- Neck-hanging cloths, designed to catch food (4)
- Double agent (4)
- A key measurement in fishing, standard length; abbr. (2)
- Punctual (2,4)
- To let something fall (4)
- Gush forth (4)
- To not pass a class (4)
- Number of Olympic rings (4)
- Steady, sure-__ (6)
- Sandwich shop (4)
- A tangle in a rope or cord (4)
- Golfers strive for these (4)
- A Scottish steep slope (4)
- Improve (4)
- Fashionable (4)
- A camera setting (3)
- What Earth revolves around (3)
- An Australian wild dog (5)
- 365 days (4)
- After-bath powder (4)
- Eager (4)
- Not quiet (4)
- A usual 'fouled up' situation (5)
- Feline (3)
- Ryan Gosling was cast as __ in upcoming Barbie movie (3)
- 'Anything else?' in texting (2)
- Fastens one's shoelaces (4)
- Cat's contented sound (4)
- Good name for a Dalmatian (4)
- Dressed (4)
- Don't Look __ was nominated for Oscar's Best Picture (2)
- Green Day's Billie Joe __ turned 50 (9)
- Not a thing (3)
- __ Night with David Letterman debuted 40 yrs ago (4)
- Part of a plant, underground (4)
- Fresh cheese (4)
- Symmetric multiprocessing; abbr. (3)
- Music/dance TV show American __ debuted 70 yrs ago (9)
- Enthusiastic approval and praise (7)
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- Pea holders (4)
- Highway (4)
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- Make a sweater (4)
- Tidy (4)
- Homonym of four (3)
- Denver's standard time zone (3)
- Philadelphia __ made it to the World Series (8)
- Moves slowly and carefully (6)
- Person with a superior attitude (4)
- A tiny opening in the skin (4)
- Rewrite (4)
- Golf hazard (4)
- Swimming or floating (6)
- Certificates received upon completion of a course (8)
- This 'broad rise in prices' soared (9)
- Upper body limbs (4)
- Take the bait (4)
- Spoiled child (4)
- Good grief! (4)
- Distinctive flair (4)
- The 1915 shipwreck Endurance was found in this icy area (9)
- Hollywood __ venue opened 100 yrs ago (4)
- Stiller, Affleck and Franklin (4)
- Italy's active volcano (4)
- Desert-like (4)
- Fly high (4)
- Fibbed (4)
- Internet domain name for Trinidad and Tobago (2)
- Expedition or excursion (4)
- Window glass (4)
- Long sandwiches (4)
- Ticked (off) (4)
- A type of gin (4)
- TV show about comical spirits was renewed (6)
- Third person pronoun, masculine (2)
- The end of a fishing line (4)
- Singer Elton __ turned 75 (4)
- Competent (4)
- Give the cold shoulder (4)
- Part of an archipelago (4)
- Precipitation (4)
- Gave temporarily (4)
- Indefinite article (2)
- To mention the obvious (5)
- Ryan Reynolds plays a character like __ in a new version of A Christmas Carol (7)
- The song '__ She Sweet' turned 95 (4)
- Steady, sure-__ (6)
- TV award since 1949 (4)
- Steals, pillages (5)
- FM's counterpart on the radio dial (2)
- A Great lake (4)
- Homily (6)
- Fishing (7)
- __ upon a time (4)
- Summer, spring or fall (6)
- He recorded his fourth album with wife Yoko Ono 50 yrs ago (6)
- A military operation (5)
- Besmirch (3)
- Coffee cup (3)
- Opposite of NW (2)
- A small battery size (2)
- In caving, single rope technique; abbr. (3)
- Much __ about nothing (3)
- Genetic fingerprint (3)
- Tarnish (5)
- Sweltering (3)
- This Michael Weatherly TV show ended (4)
- Lieutenant; abbr. (2)
- A charge for a service (3)
- Wish granter who lives in a lamp (5)
- Falling flakes (4)
- With the bow, in music (4)
- The hiring department (2)
- __ Lovato released her eighth studio album (4)
- Lil __ X did his first big concert tour (3)
- Small salmon (4)
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Howard Co. Area Sports Schedule

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

Dec. 30-31: Forsan Buffaloes and Lady Buffaloes Basketball (Varsity) at Caprock Classic in Tucson, AZ. Game times TBA

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

Jan. 2: Howard College Hawks Basketball non-conference matchup 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 matchup 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 matchup 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 matchup 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 matchup 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 matchup against Monahan at Monahan. 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 matchup against Levell 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 matchup against Merkel at Merkel. Game times are 5:15 p.m. (JV) and 8 p.m. (Varsity)

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Second Time Around

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Sports Writer

A look back at the Crossroads Country year in sports. There were so many memorable moments. But I've narrowed it down to the best I could Here's looking at you 2022. The five most memorable stories of this past year.

NO. 1

Sands Lady Mustangs winning the class 1A state basketball tournament. Coach Ben Connell's squad capped off a 37-3 season by running over two opponents in San Antonio. It was 61 years the last time Sands played in the state tournament. It was destiny.

The Lady Mustangs lost in regional in 2021. In 2022 season Connell played a loaded non-district schedule, beating the best from 6A Frenship on down 1A Nazareth. The Lady Mustangs did it with a tenacious pressing defense. In the state tournament, Sands ran over Huckaby 56-29 and Robert Lee 60-33.

In the title game, against Robert Lee, Sands forced 23 turnovers in the first half alone. Elysa Maritnez, who is back this season, scored 22 points and was named tournament MVP. Landry Morrow, who's now playing for Angelo State, scored 20 points.

Three months later Connell and the Lady Mustangs added more icing on the cake by winning a state track title, their second in a row. Like the year before the Lady Mustangs utilized its relays to outdistance second place Cross Plains 44-40. The group of Martinez, Morrow, Lili Porras and Hayley Connell won the 800 and 1600 meter relays and Morrow's fourth place finish in the 100 hurdles as the difference.

NO. 2

Coahoma Bulldogettes lose 6-5 in the softball Class 3A championship game to Hallettsville. It had been 14 years since the storied Coahoma softball program. It had made it to the state tournament. It has won one state title in 11 state appearances. Coach Alex Orosco's squad was on mission that left it one victory short.

Coahoma finished the season 35-5-1 and battled its way through a tough Region I on the way to McCombs field in Austin. Coahoma defeated Franklin 14-10 in a nine-inning affair in the semifinals. Freshman sensation Hannah Wells pitched a complete game and hit two homers.

Coahoma got a clutch two-run single by Avery Rodriguez in the eighth inning and that sealed the win. The title game was a well-pitched contest between Wells and Hallettsville sophomore Kaylie Olivares, Both allowed seven hits. Shae Lang's double was Coahoma's only extra base hit in the game.

NO. 3

Coahoma athlete Vance Ott has been a competitor all his life. Born with spina bifida, Ott never let it get in his way to compete. He won four gold medals at state track meet in the wheelchair 100- and 400-meter wheel chair events.

In June he learned his time qualified for him to compete in the U.S. Paralympics trials in Minneapolis, for a chance to compete against the best in the world in the Paralympics. In this whirlwind of a year, Ott was also awarded a scholarship to the University of Arizona to continue his Paralympic career.

NO. 4

The Big Spring Steers track team went on an amazing run that saw it win six of nine track meets in the spring. Coach Brandon Clemmons' crew won the district and area meets and finished third at the Region I-4A meet in Lubbock.

It was a team that had talented returners like weight person

Braxton Pearson, jumper Isiah Holloway and distance runners Adrian Solis, Roman Perez and Isaac Gonzales, sprinter Abram Jackson. They also got valuable help from basketball players Gavin Greathouse, Saquan Fizer and Chris Martinez.

To be honest this Big Spring surge began in the fall when the Steers cross country team finished fourth at the state meet in Round Rock.

NO. 5

The Howard College Lady Hawks were one game away from advancing to the NJCAA softball World Series, losing to Odessa College in the Region V championship game in Lubbock. Under the leadership of interim coach Ashley Lopez, Howard lost two games to Odessa 7-6 and 12-4 in the title game.

Howard had beaten OC early in tournament 4-2, via a two-run homer by Olivia Vargas in the bottom of the seventh inning. In the first elimination game OC turned the tables on Howard when Brooke Nauman hit a two out, two-run homer in the seventh inning.

In the championship game Howard spotted OC nine runs in the first two innings and the deficit was too much to overcome. Lopez, who was eventually named Howard's head coach, replacing longtime coach Kelly Raines, who took the job of athletic director and head softball coach at Galveston College. "AC" led Howard to a 39-9 record and a No. 22 national ranking.

WELL DESERVED

The Midland Reporter Telegraph named Coahoma head football coach Chris Joslin as the Coach of the Year. The four-year Coahoma mentor led the Bulldogs to a 7-4 record despite being picked to finish last in the district.

His selection is a very good choice. First of all, Joslin is a strong Christian man and his traits trickle down to his players. He's a motivator and a strong disciplinarian who has surrounded himself with a knowledgeable and strong coaching staff. One of Joslin's former players said "he taught us how to be good football players but also how to be strong men in life." That speaks volumes about a coach.

AREA GRIDDERS GET RECOGNITION

The Reporter Telegraph also released its All-Area Football Team and the crossroads country was well represented. Making the elite first team defensive team were Big Spring senior linebacker Ricky Escovedo and junior defensive back Nathan Vasquez. Escovedo made 90 tackles and intercepted two passes. Vasquez picked off six passes and made 60 tackles.

Coahoma senior linebacker Rance Redden was also a first team choice. Redden made 278 tackles over the past two seasons. Area players on the first offensive team were Big Spring junior receiver Zeyire Franklin who caught a school record 86 passes for 1,106 yards and eight touchdowns.

Lineman honors went to seniors Nick Garcia of Bg Spring and Nolan Park of Forsan. Park graded out 93 percent on his blocking and Park graded out 92 percent for the season. Utility players on the first team was Coahoma junior Billy Bailey and Garden City senior John Lopez. Bailey passed for 241 yards and 3 TDs, caught 27 passes for 419 yards and three TDs, carried 41 times for 340 yards and 3 TDs.

Lopez rushed for 536 yards on 66 carries for six TDs; passed for 171 yards and five TDs and caught 28 passes for 165 yards and nine TDs. A host of area players were named to the honorable mention squad. Big Spring led the way with 13 selections, followed by Coahoma with 9, Forsan 8, Garden City 7 and Stanton with 4.

Power vs. speed: Michigan, TCU present unfamiliar challenges

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Asked to consider what previous opponents were similar to Michigan, TCU's defensive players and coordinator mention Kansas State a lot.

A bigger Kansas State.

"We see that they have a pretty huge O-line," Horned Frogs linebacker Dee Winters said Tuesday.

As for the Wolverines, they don't have much experience to draw upon when it comes to facing a defense like TCU's that uses three down linemen and three safeties.

"This is all new to us," Michigan offensive tackle Ryan Hayes said.

No. 2 Michigan brings its smash-mouth ways into the College Football Playoff semifinal on Saturday to face No. 3 TCU. It's tempting to boil the Fiesta Bowl matchup down to Big Ten power vs. Big 12 speed, especially when the Wolverines have the ball.

Tempting, but not entirely accurate.

"I think maybe it's an oversimplification," Michigan co-offensive coordinator Matt Weiss said.

For the second straight season, Michigan won the Joe Moore Award given to the best offensive line in the country.

This season's group might be even better than last year's, which added center Olusegun Oluwatimi to a veteran group. The Virginia transfer won the Outland Trophy (best interior lineman) and Rimington Trophy (top center) this season.

Oluwatimi, tackles Hayes and Karsen Barnhart, and guards Zak Zinter and Trevor Keegan average 308 pounds, but what makes them different from even the best Big 12 lines is they also are long and

rangy.

The 6-foot-3 Oluwatimi is the only one of five starters under 6-5.

Offensive line coach Sherrone Moore is also Michigan's co-offensive coordinator now, handling play-calling duties with Weiss. The two were promoted after Josh Gattis left for Miami following last season's playoff appearance by the Wolverines that ended in an Orange Bowl semifinal loss to Georgia.

"I think (Moore) does a really good job of knowing what our strengths are," Hayes said. "It's great having him in our room. We get extra intricate detail of why we are doing this as a whole offense. He kind of lets us know what the whole offense is doing and that helps us."

Adding to all that beef up front, Michigan loves its big personnel packages. The Wolverines will regularly use two, three, even the occasional four-tight end formation.

It is an offense Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh's mentor, Bo Schembechler, would be proud of.

"It's going to be quite a bit different from what we've gotten to see week in and week out," TCU defensive coordinator Joe Gillespie said. "But I also feel like there's some differences that we'll bring to the table as well."

The 3-3-5 defense TCU plays was born as a counter-measure to spread offenses that proliferated college football — especially the Big 12 — in the 2000s and 2010s.

Those offenses often abandon the tight end position altogether, instead going with four or five wide receivers.

Ohio State dabbles in the 3-3-5, but for the most part Michigan didn't see much of it this season.

"So, it's really hard to watch the tape and say, 'OK, this will definitely work, but

this won't,'" Weiss said about game planning for TCU.

The Horned Frogs are not exactly undersized up front on defense. Nose guards Darnon Williams and Tymon Mitchell both weigh in north of 315 pounds. But usually only one of them is on the field at a time. All three of TCU's starting linebackers are listed at 230 pounds or more.

But if TCU wants to stick with its usual five defensive backs against Michigan, those players are going to be forced to get physical in ways they typically haven't faced this season.

Advantage, Michigan? Neither side is about to concede that.

"They look like NFL safeties and DBs," Weiss said of the TCU secondary. "They fly up there, they tackle, they're physical, they're really good tacklers and they're fast. That erases a lot of those problems."

The Horned Frogs ranked fourth in the Big 12 — but 65th in the country — in yards per carry allowed at 4.10. By far their best defensive game came against Texas and All-American Bijan Robinson, who had 29 yards on 12 carries.

In two games against Kansas State, though, the Frogs allowed 363 yards and 4.9 yards per carry.

Meanwhile, Michigan's offense ranked fourth in the country in yards per carry at 5.64, ninth in rushing attempts (571) and hardly dropped off when All-America running back Blake Corum went out with a knee injury in Game 11.

Donovan Edwards moved into starting role for the final two games and ran for 401 yards on 47 carries against Ohio State and Purdue.

"If they establish the run," TCU linebacker Johnny Hodges said, "it's going to be a long game for us."

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Homemade for the Holidays

Recipe Corner

Spaghetti is a versatile component in many meals

Spaghetti has been enjoyed around the world for centuries. While spaghetti is most often associated with Italy, pasta has deep ties to other Mediterranean nations like Greece, and several territories of the Middle East and Arabian Peninsula. In fact, centuries ago dry durable pasta was one of the main sources of nutrition for Arab traders, including those who landed in Sicily. The flavor profile of spaghetti can change significantly depending on which ingredients are added. Cooks needn't feel beholden to the standard "spaghetti and meatballs" recipe. "Spaghetti with Shrimp, Feta and Dill," for example, may take its

inspiration from Greek cooking. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of "Real Simple Dinner Tonight: Done!" (Time Home Entertainment) from the editors of Real Simple.

Spaghetti with Shrimp, Feta and Dill
Serves 4

- 1/2 ounces spaghetti (3/4 box)
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound peeled and deveined large shrimp
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 3 ounces feta, crumbled (3/4 cup)
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh dill

Cook the pasta according to the package directions, drain and return it to the pot. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season the shrimp with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper and cook, tossing occasionally, until opaque throughout, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in the lemon juice and zest. Add the shrimp mixture to the pasta, along with the feta, dill, the remaining 1/4 cup of oil, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Toss to combine.



By Steve Becker

Double-dummy problem

South to make Seven Hearts. West leads the eight of diamonds.

NORTH
 ♠ A J 7 6 5
 ♥ K J 9 7 5
 ♦ A J 9
 ♣ —

WEST
 ♠ K
 ♥ Q 10 8
 ♦ 8 7 6 5 4 3
 ♣ K 3 2

EAST
 ♠ Q 10 9 8 4 3 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ K
 ♣ Q 10 9 8 4

SOUTH
 ♠ —
 ♥ A 6 4 3 2
 ♦ Q 10 2
 ♣ A J 7 6 5

Double-dummy problems are a department of bridge some malevolent soul invented to try to drive people crazy. At least, that's the opinion of more than a few players who attempt to solve them.

The double-dummy problem is not necessarily instructive, but it's a good way to while away your time if you have nothing else to do. You're allowed to look at all four hands because you can't find the solution otherwise.

The contract in this deal is Seven Hearts. You have to make all 13 tricks against any line of defense chosen by East-West. West leads a diamond, and you play the ace, knowing it will catch East's king.

If you want to work out the solution for yourself, stop reading at the end of this paragraph — but we caution you that the contract is very difficult to make. After winning the ace of diamonds, you play the nine of diamonds to the ten and lead a low heart. Assume West plays the eight, in which case you finesse the nine. (If West plays the ten or queen, you win as cheaply as possible.)

Next you lead the jack of diamonds to the queen and again return a low heart. Assume West plays the ten, in which case you finesse the jack.

The king of hearts is now led from dummy, and what you play from the South hand depends upon East's discard on this trick. East, on the first five tricks, has presumably reduced his hand to four spades and four clubs and at this point has to make a crucial discard.

If he throws a spade, you follow low from your hand and then establish dummy's spades by ruffing a spade next and another one later. If he throws a club, you overtake the king of hearts with the ace and establish your clubs by ruffing twice in dummy.

When the third heart is cashed, East is caught in a seesaw squeeze that forces him to unguard one black suit or the other.

Tomorrow: The odds are 20-1.
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Today in HISTORY

Today is Friday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 2022. There is one day left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 30, 1903, about 600 people died when fire broke out at the recently opened Iroquois Theater in Chicago.

On this date:

In 1813, British troops burned Buffalo, New York, during the War of 1812.

In 1853, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for \$10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

In 1860, 10 days after South Carolina seceded from the Union, the state militia seized the United States Arsenal in Charleston.

In 1922, Vladimir Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which lasted nearly seven decades before dissolving in December 1991.

In 1954, Olympic gold medal runner Malvin G. Whitfield became the first Black recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award for amateur athletes.

In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees.

(John C. Salvi III was later convicted of murder; he died in prison, an apparent suicide.)

In 2004, a fire broke out during a rock concert at a nightclub in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 194 people.

In 2006, a state funeral service was held in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda for former President Gerald R. Ford.

In 2009, seven CIA employees and a Jordanian intelligence officer were killed by a suicide bomber at a U.S. base in Khost (hohst), Afghanistan.

In 2015, Bill Cosby was charged with drugging and sexually assaulting a woman at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. (Cosby's first trial ended in a mistrial after jurors deadlocked; he was convicted on three charges at his retrial in April 2018 and was sentenced to three to 10 years in prison, but the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned the conviction in June 2021 and Cosby went free.)

In 2020, Republican Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri said he would raise objections when Congress met to affirm President-elect Joe Biden's victory, forcing House and Senate votes. President Donald Trump asked the Supreme Court to overturn his election loss in Wisconsin; it was his second unsuccessful appeal in as many days to the high court over the result in the battleground state. Dawn Wells, who played the wholesome Mary Ann on the 1960s sitcom "Gilligan's Island,"

died in Los Angeles at age 82 from what her publicist said were causes related to COVID-19.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Russ Tamblyn is 88. Baseball Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax is 87. Folk singer Noel Paul Stookey is 85. TV director James Burrows is 82. Actor Conchetta Tomei (toh-MAY') is 77. Singer Patti Smith is 76. Rock singer-musician Jeff Lynne is 75. TV personality Meredith Vieira is 69. Actor Sheryl Lee Ralph is 67. Actor Patricia Kalember is 66. Country singer Suzy Bogguss is 66. Actor-comedian Tracey Ullman is 63. Radio-TV commentator Sean Hannity is 61. Sprinter Ben Johnson is 61. Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is 59. Actor George Newbern is 59. Movie director Bennett Miller is 56. Singer Jay Kay (Jamiroquai) is 53. Rock musician Byron McMackin (Pennywise) is 53. Actor Meredith Monroe is 53. Actor Daniel Sunjata is 51. Actor Maureen Flannigan is 50. Actor Jason Behr is 49. Golfer Tiger Woods is 47. TV personality-boxer Laila Ali is 45. Actor Lucy Punch is 45. Singer-actor Tyrese Gibson is 44. Actor Eliza Dushku is 42. Rock musician Tim Lopez (Plain White T's) is 42. Actor Kristin Kreuk is 40. Folk-rock singer-musician Wesley Schultz (The Lumineers) is 40. NBA star LeBron James is 38. R&B singer Andra Day is 38. Actor Anna Wood is 37. Pop-rock singer Ellie Goulding (GOL-ding) is 36. Actor Caity Lotz is 36. Actor Jeff Ward is 36. Country musician Eric Steedly is 32. Pop-rock musician Jamie Foxx (FAHL-es-ay) (Hot Chelle (shel) Rae) is 31.

Ten years ago: Recalling the shooting rampage that killed 20 first graders in Connecticut as the worst day of his presidency, President Barack Obama pledged on NBC's "Meet the Press" to put his "full weight" behind legislation aimed at preventing gun violence. A tour bus crashed on an icy Oregon highway, killing nine passengers and injuring nearly 40 on Interstate 84 east of Pendleton.

Five years ago: A wave of spontaneous protests over Iran's weak economy swept into Tehran, with college students and others chanting against the government. Forecasters issued winter weather advisories across much of the Deep South ahead of plunging temperatures expected as the new year arrived.

One year ago: In a phone conversation lasting nearly an hour, President Joe Biden warned Russia's Vladimir Putin that the U.S. could impose new sanctions against Russia if it took further military action against Ukraine; Putin responded that such a U.S. move could lead to a complete rupture of ties between the nations. A wildfire driven by wind gusts up to 105 mph swept through towns northwest of Denver, destroying hundreds of homes and forcing tens of thousands of people to flee. (The wildfire would cause more than \$2 billion in losses, making it the costliest in state history; it was blamed for

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Horoscopes By Holiday

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Mercurial Mischief

The problem with spending time with whimsical, effervescent people is that after you swim through colorful skies together, it becomes rather difficult to return to the world of pavement walking. This is why it's better to be such a person than have to keep finding or chasing one. Mercury's retrograde provides inspiration for capricious disruption.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can avoid the trouble that comes from misreading a situation with simple measures: take your time, pay attention, ask questions, view the situation from many different angles and ask for input and feedback.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your awareness of others increases after your own needs are met. That's why it's not selfish to focus on your own care. A more streamlined schedule and environment will allow for the nurturing your soul needs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you believe it's your job to make others feel better, people around you will sense this and gravitate to you, expecting you to fix things. Instead, be a guide for those who are willing to do the work it takes to help themselves.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This day is like a tricky recipe. Additional ingredients can throw it off and so can elements that

are missing or happening in the wrong amounts. Go by the book whenever possible and stay aware so you can improvise if necessary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll understand how to explore deeper into relationships. You'll separate who people really are from what you assume about them. You'll forget your story of people and listen to the one they tell.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'd be hard-pressed to find an endeavor that won't benefit from a lighter touch. For instance, a mild crush is fun, but a hard crush will squash your joy. Distractions can prevent you from getting overly obsessed with any one thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It turns out that someone else's framing has strongly influenced a vision you thought was uniquely your own. Since framing can change everything, including your understanding of the truth, investigate other ways of seeing it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loyalty is the fine quality that brings people together and makes the group stronger as a unit than the sum of individual strengths. A culture of trust is essential to fostering loyalty and therefore to the strength of the group.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll solve whatever problem comes up and you won't fuss over who it technically belongs to. If you can help, you will. Your lack of pettiness will earn you a place with the best and brightest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The effort needed will feel small and repetitive, but that doesn't make it futile. "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." -- Mother Teresa

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It feels like the decisions are more important than they are. Take the pressure off. Give yourself the leeway to experiment and explore. There are multiple ways through this labyrinth.

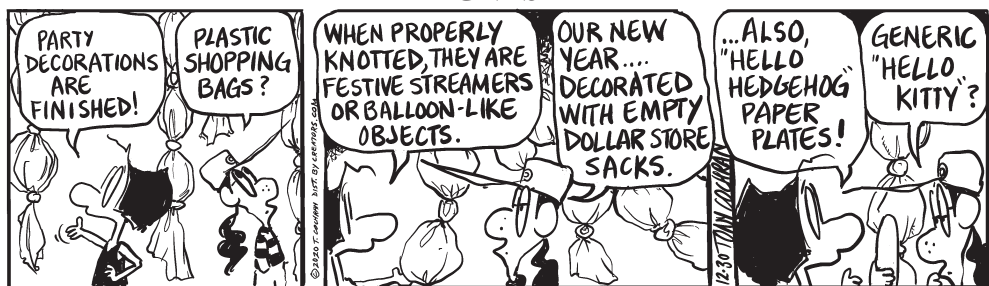
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Charm cannot be achieved through ordinary discourse. It delivers something unexpected. Even very charming people don't hit that note every time. The unrehearsed freshness comes with an element of risk.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 30). Where you used to have few choices, you now have options aplenty and an uncanny sense for finding excellent fits. You have much love to give and many worthy recipients. More highlights: a breakthrough in business, an important contribution to the minds of the next generation and an extraordinary vacation. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 4, 44, and 12.

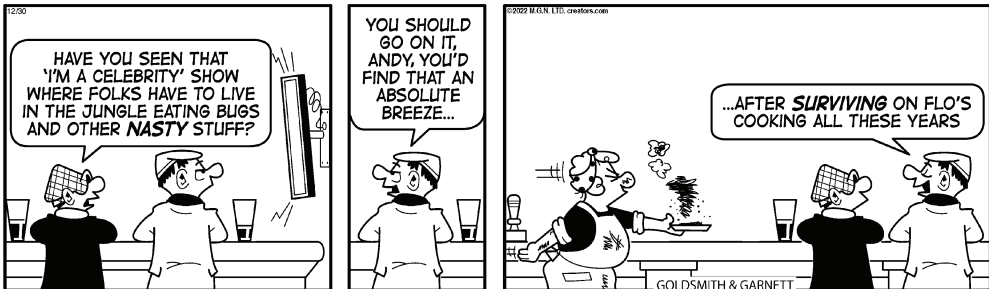
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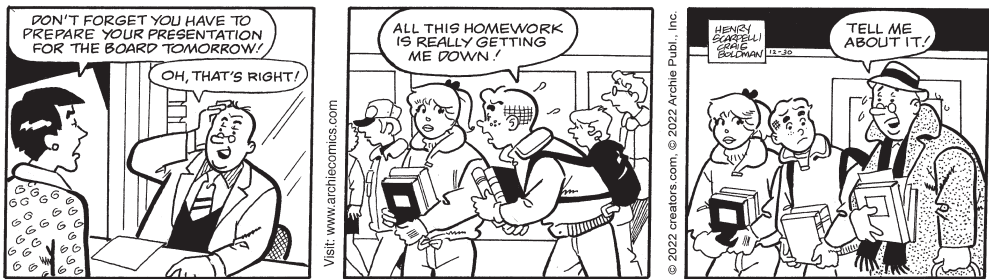
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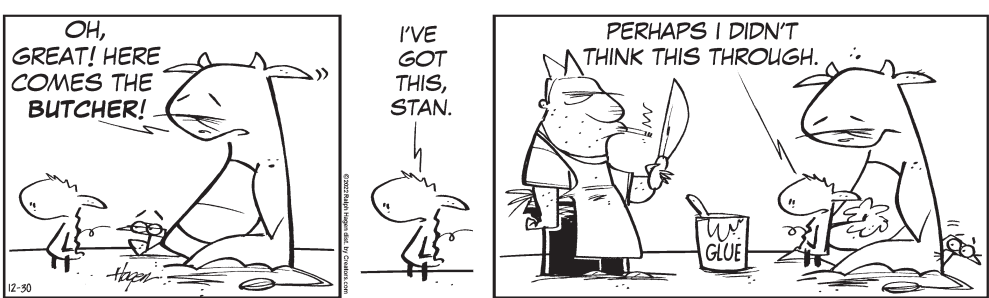
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- 1 Like pickle juice
- 6 Seafood serving
- 10 Keyboarding stat.
- 13 Broadcast element
- 14 Gung-ho
- 15 Contract category
- 17 Honor ___ thieves
- 18 Something to drop
- 19 Red state
- 20 Song to sing soon
- 23 Mid-10th century date
- 26 Stinging swimmers
- 27 Whiskered swimmer
- 28 Blushes, perhaps
- 30 Austrian high spot
- 32 NFL fifth quarters
- 33 Home of an Ibsen museum
- 34 Extra piece
- 37 Container to be opened soon
- 43 Western stars
- 44 Vocal showcase
- 45 *The Bachelor* airer
- 48 Tinker (with)
- 49 Beef servings
- 51 With no refinement
- 53 That bunch
- 55 Pivotal
- 56 Slogan to be shouted soon
- 60 Not unaware of
- 61 Academic challenge
- 62 Nerds
- 66 Skunk's defense
- 67 Give it a whirl

- 68 Spine-tingling
- 69 Valuable stuff in seams
- 70 Oodles
- 71 Four-wheel device
- DOWN**
- 1 Sound from a pasture
- 2 Sugarcane product
- 3 Ceremonial affirmation
- 4 Guatemalan girl
- 5 Dairy product
- 6 Blond color
- 7 Some picture frames
- 8 South American capital
- 9 Heaven on earth
- 10 Most egregious
- 11 Seek divine guidance from
- 12 Refrigerator decoration
- 16 Rude looks
- 21 Article in an 8 Down magazine
- 22 Give up amateur status
- 23 Swamp sunbather
- 24 Dovetail nicely
- 25 ___ land (dreamy state)
- 29 Rooster topper
- 30 Hotshots
- 31 Soft pitch
- 34 Custardlike
- 35 GPS reading
- 36 Data compression device
- 38 Sap
- 39 Time-wasting activity
- 40 Migratory journey
- 41 Low-cal
- 42 A pushover
- 45 Allergy season sound
- 46 AFI's #4 Male Legend
- 47 Chess piece, at times
- 49 Commission, for instance
- 50 Things seen
- 52 Allergy season seed
- 53 He wrote about the Finns
- 54 Choir renditions
- 57 Turtle's hangout
- 58 What some world's fairs were called
- 59 Offense to a sense
- 63 Major stretch
- 64 Bookcase in a flat box
- 65 Ascertain

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Level: Advanced

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!

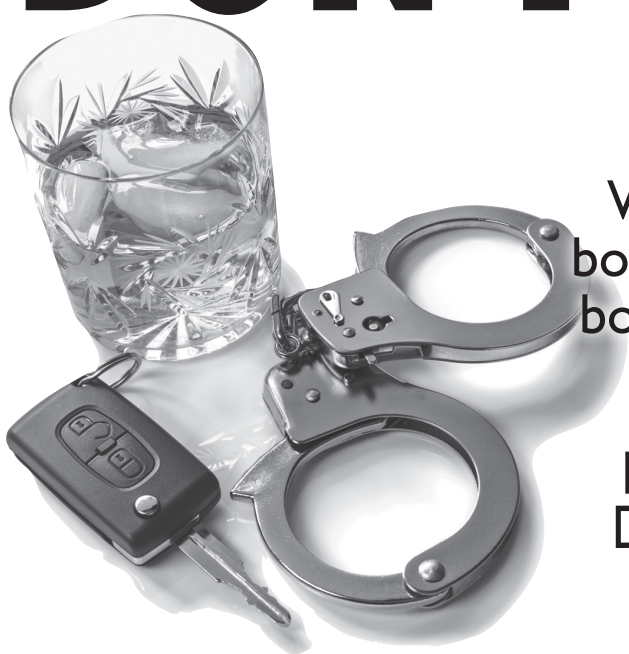
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Today's Answers

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