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Weather



Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.
Monday: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Local Events

Dec. 9, 10, 11: First Church of the Nazarene's 36th Annual Live Drive-Thru Nativity will present the story of Christ's birth, life, and death for our sins nightly from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The church is located at 1400 S. Lancaster. For more information call the church office at 432-267-7015.

Dec. 10: The Coahoma Lions Club will sponsor Christmas at Coahoma in the Park from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The event will feature hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects, free coffee and hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies.

Dec. 11: Big Spring H-E-B will host its annual Feast of Sharing event Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barn. In addition to a free, delicious meal, Feast of Sharing guests will also enjoy live music, arts and crafts, children's activities and entertainment for the whole family throughout the day. The dinner is free and the memories are forever.

Dec. 17: The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present its Holiday Spectacular Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Auditorium. The event will feature soloists Nadia Kiley and Lawrence Thibeault, as well as an audience sing-a-long. Tickets are on sale now at bigspring-symphony.org as well as H-E-B, the Heritage Museum and the Karat Patch.

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Coahoma ISD board meeting scheduled Monday

By **ROGER CLINE**

Managing Editor

The Coahoma ISD school board will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m. Mon-

day. In addition, the Coahoma District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) will

meet at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. Both meetings will be held in the Elementary Board Room at 400 Ramsey Street in Coahoma.

On Monday evening, following the opening roll call, establishment of quorum, call to order and opening ceremony, the board will hold an open forum.

After those who desire to address the board have an opportunity to do so, the board will conduct a public hearing on the district's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) rating.

Next, the board will consider approval of the district's Audit Report for the 2021-22 school year.

The meeting's Consent Agenda is next, consisting of three items: approval of the minutes of previous meetings, approval of budget amendments, and consideration of CO (Local) policy revision.

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Tate's Place holding Christmas blanket drive

Herald Staff Report

Nothing says Christmas better than wrapping up in a warm, cozy blanket in front of a fire with a cup of cocoa on a cold winter's night.

For some that's just a fantasy, but local non profit Tate's Place wants to help the less fortunate at least have a blanket to wrap up in on those cold nights.

The organization is holding a blanket drive to help area families with donated blankets for Christmas. If you want to help, bring a blanket large or small to the Big Spring Herald.

For every donation of a new blanket the donor will be entered into a drawing for a Tate's Place Cooler. Blankets are being received now until Dec. 16. so bring your blanket donations to the Big Spring Herald office at 710 Scurry, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Dec. 10, Tate's Place and West Texas Fitness are taking donations for Fill Our Pantry located at 1011 E. 11th Pl.

Items needed are: pasta, pasta sauces, oil, breakfast bars, rice, homestyle bakes, canned



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin
Blankets for Tate's Place adorn the base of the Big Spring Herald's Christmas Tree.

chicken, knorr rice sides, peanut butter, cream of chicken soup and soups of all kinds, can openers, cereal, oatmeal, black beans, chili, enchilada sauce and jelly. The event will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and photos with Santa will be available.

Other events include Tate's Place Girls Night Out Wrapping Party Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. See their Facebook page to RSVP the event.

The second annual Western Night Benefit is slated for Feb. 23, and will feature a silent and live auction, dinner and entertainment with Coffey Anderson. The event is being held to raise money for Tate's Place! The event is slated for Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Grounds. Tickets are \$100 to \$400.

The non profit organization provides essentials to those in need. Our mission statement is vague because essentials look different for each person, each situation. Our goal is to close the gaps and provide essentials to those in need.

For more information visit their website at tatesplace.com or call 432-214-4232.

USPS Operation Santa is still accepting letters until Dec 12

Special to the Herald

The Postal Service is celebrating the 110th anniversary of its beloved USPS Operation Santa program this year. The program was established by the Postal Service to help as many deserving families as possible experience a happy holiday season. USPS Operation Santa allows children and families to send letters to Santa; then individuals adopt letters and send thoughtful, heartfelt gifts on Santa's behalf. The program provides an online channel where peo-

ple can safely and securely help children and families have a magical holiday when they otherwise may not - one Santa letter at a time.

FOR LETTER WRITERS: Letters to Santa are now being accepted and must be postmarked no later than December 12. Letter writers should include their full name and complete address, with apartment numbers and street directionals, if applicable. Tell Santa what type of year you've had. Have you been naughty or nice? Be honest. He knows! Requests for clothes and shoes should

include sizes and colors; and toys, games and books should include names and titles. Letters must have a postage stamp and be addressed to: SANTA CLAUS, 123 ELF ROAD, NORTH POLE 88888.

FOR LETTER ADOPTERS: The USPS Operation Santa program relies solely on random acts of kindness and the generosity of strangers. Registration and identity verification for adopters is now open. The last day to adopt a letter is December 19. Adopters who cannot have their identities verified online can be verified in person at a lo-

cal Post Office location. Once registration and verification are completed, scroll through the letters and select the one that touches your heart. Follow the instructions provided and grant someone's holiday wish. It's the magic of the season!

For more information, visit <https://www.uspsoperation-santa.com/>

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations.

Howard College Board to meet Monday

By **ROGER CLINE**

Managing Editor

The Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees, the governing board of Howard College, will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Fireplace Room in the Howard College Student Union Building. The meeting can also be accessed by telephone by calling toll-free 1-888-204-5987 and entering the access code 3148424#.

The meeting will begin with the call to order and recognition of guests, followed by communications to the board.

Next, the board will approve a list of routine matters, including: minutes of the Nov. 14 Regular Meeting; the checklist for November 2022; monthly reports of auxiliary services; personnel matters; and the internal audit report.

Howard President Dr. Cheryl Sparks will present the 32nd update on Howard College's COVID-19 Response Status, as well as an update on the "Open Howard College" plan for recovering from COVID-19.

Next, the board will consider performance measures and outcomes, including access, several quick facts regarding student success, the College's participation in the upcoming Howard County Leadership Summit; and a report on student round tables.

The board will consider affirmation of an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources/Communication Technology Services Division.

The board will also consider handbook and catalog changes, and a resolution authorizing the auction of Howard

county Trustee properties to the highest bidder for cash, without reservation.

Construction and renovation projects are next on the agenda, including Change Order No. 8 associated with the Big Spring/SWCD roof project and flood damage mitigation.

The board will also consider an update on the Library and Music buildings renovation project.

The board will consider an audit report, and an update on the Student Information System Project's implementation.

President Sparks will give her regular report, including highlights of upcoming activities, including ESPN+ coverage of the Jan. 12, 2023 Basketball doubleheader; and recognitions of

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Obituaries

Bettie Ruth Cox



Bettie Ruth Cox (née Crawford), born June 8, 1941, in Brownwood, Texas, passed in peace, Dec. 5, 2022, after a short illness in Westminster, Colo., with her daughter, Amy Kinsey Sperry, and son, Alan Cox, by her side. She is also survived by her brother, Robert Crawford; sister-in-law, Alene Crawford, both of Newton, KS; granddaughters, Alexandra Kinsey of Denver, Colo., and Genevieve Cox of Austin; nephew, Brian Crawford of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and nieces Kate Wolf of Burns, Kansas, and Phyllis Ray of Weaverville, N.C. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ira and Elda Crawford, and her husband of 57 years, Valcee Cox.

Bettie lived a life of devotion and determination, never suffering a moment of self-doubt. Growing up on a small farm in Brown County, she learned to tend to all God's creatures, both big and small, an experience that developed into a lifelong passion for service. Professionally, Bettie had been a math teacher in Odessa, Richardson, Seagraves, and Big Spring, having taught at Goliad Middle School for 22 years from 1977 until retirement in 1999. During that time, she also worked tirelessly for Big Spring's pet population by helping the community's humane society survive its early years. Needless to say, she was also an adoring, and always supportive, wife and mother.

After retirement, Bettie and her husband, Valcee, traveled extensively throughout the United States, having traveled to every state but Hawaii, mostly by RV, as well as abroad, visiting several countries including Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Egypt, England, Germany, Poland, Russia, and France. Her final international excursion was with her husband to Paris, along with her children and grandchildren, to celebrate her and Valcee's 50th wedding anniversary.

Bettie was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Big Spring Chapter No. 67, and the Social Order of the Beauceant, Austin Assembly No. 125. She was also an avid competitor, regularly battling wits with friends and family in spirited games of dominoes and joker.

Finally, Bettie was unwavering in her faith as a lifelong Christian and had been a member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring for 45 years. Although unable to attend in-person service during her final months, she remained resolute in not missing an online gathering of the faithful, singing the gospel along with the Big Spring assembly from her bedside in Colorado.

Funeral services for Ms. Cox will be held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12, at the First Baptist Church Chapel. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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

Joan Blackburn

Joan Blackburn, 91, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022. Visitation will be Friday Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be Saturday Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Joan was born on May 12, 1931, in Cisco, to Cecil & Emma Penn. She was a Baptist. She was a homemaker and volunteered at SMMC.

Joan is survived by 2 sons: Larry Blackburn of San Antonio and Lee Blackburn Crane; 1 daughter: Linda Jean Fralser of San Antonio; 9 grandchildren.

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

Police/Sheriff blotter

The Howard County Detention Center reported the following activity:

- **LISA BLATCHFORD**, 59, of 607 N. Bell, was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- **ROBERTO CISNEROS**, 43, of 2405 Morrison, was arrested on charges of sale/distribute/display harmful material and sexual assault of a child.
- **JESUS ANGEL FLORES**, 17, of 1005 W. Lamesa, was arrested on charges of evading arrest detention with vehicle of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- **ANSELMO HILARIO JR.**, 37, of 1708 W. 3rd., was arrested on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family.
- **ANTHONY MICHAEL MUNOZ**, 23, of 1501 1/2 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KING WAZURI TERRELL**, 30, of 1606 E. 6th St., was arrested on a charge of assault family/household member impede breathing.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at 1706 W. 3rd.
- **THEFT** was reported at 118 Collins Rd.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported at FM 820 and Hwy 350.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at 3rd and Nolan.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported at 1423 E. 6th St.
- **ASSAULT** was reported at 1325 Mesquite.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at 10th and Gregg.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported at 400 S. Main.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported at 406 S. Douglas.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported at 3700 Hamilton.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported at 706 E. I 20.

Do you have a favorite holiday memory? The Herald is seeking stories from our readers about their most memorable Christmases in their own words. Send mailed submissions to Big Spring Herald P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring TX, 79720 or by email to newsdesk@bigspringherald.com or editor@bigspringherald.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, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

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.

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.

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

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The board will hear an update on annual required hours of continuing education for school board members.

Next, the board will hear three Information Items, including a report on Enrollment, Average Daily Attendance and Weighted Average Daily At-

tendance; financial reports; and upcoming board meeting dates.

Superintendent Brad Cox will deliver his regular report, including information on the first and second iterations of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) school funding distribution; facility improvements; and planning for the 2023-24 school year.

The board will adjourn into closed executive session to discuss personnel. Any action to be taken

based on the closed session will be voted on when the board returns to open session.

After the board emerges from the closed session, it will consider appointing a school board vice president before adjourning.

On Tuesday morning, the DEIC will discuss safety, the 2023-24 school calendar, and miscellaneous issues before adjourning.

Members of the public are welcome to attend both meetings.

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deserving individuals.

The board will hear legislative and general updates, including an update on

the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) legislative appropriation request; Howard County Day at the Capitol scheduled Jan. 28; and Community College Day, scheduled Jan. 26.

The board will consider new trustee training issues.

Board Chairman Dr. John Freeman will present his report, and the meeting will be adjourned.

Take Note

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club, will be Saturday, Dec. 10 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The annual event will include hayrides, caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee and hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies. Enter your house for the Best Decorated House contest - houses must lie within the Coahoma city limits. Pick up an application at City Hall and return by Dec. 9. The winner will be announced at the event in the park, and will receive a yard sign and a stocking full of goodies.

• 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. We will not be distributing food in November or if there is inclement weather, i.e., snow or heavy rain. 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, call 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.

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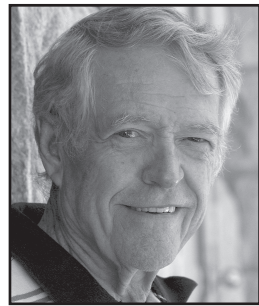
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DAILY PRAYER

Grant us your Spirit whenever we do not understand what we should do. Shelter us always in your hands, and allow us to see your miracles in souls and in bodies. Amen

Israel: The Other Lone Star State

We took a 12-hour flight from Miami to Tel Aviv, a modern city founded in 1909. Tel Aviv roughly translates to ancient spring. It is a growing metropolis (population approaching 500,000) with giant cranes used in constructing high-rise apartment buildings, where most people live.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

In Tel Aviv we met up with our fellow travelers from Temple Beth El in Fort Worth. Ralph Mecklenberger, the immediate past Rabbi there, arranged the trip. Our group numbered 25. We were ready to spend two weeks exploring the Promised Land. Our first meal at a restaurant lasted hours because the waiters kept bringing out platters of Armenian and Yemeni cuisine. There must have been a dozen courses. Such a variety of foods. Just like the variety of religions. So many tourists of all faiths go there. It's like Religionland.

We saw previous civilizations covered up by other civilizations, which were covered up by still others. We saw historic sights and heard stories about significant people from thousands of years ago. Our journey took us to Joppa, a suburb of Tel Aviv and saw the port where Jonah boarded a ship and would later be in the belly of a whale. We saw the Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, the Golan Heights, the Negev desert, traveled from the top to the bottom of Israel, looked into

Syria and drove along the border of Egypt. We saw miles of vineyards and date palm, banana and olive trees.

In Jerusalem we went to the West Wall, which was full of men and women praying in separate places. We toured the Old City and went to a busy market place where you could buy just about anything from jewelry to camels. In the City of David we saw an impressive sound and light show that told the story of the country.

We did lots of hiking. Once walking on the floor of a canyon the Rabbi asked us to pause and look around and soak in the beauty of the mountains, the streams, and the rich vegetation all under a perfect blue sky. He read some verses of scripture then led us in reciting the 23rd Psalm. Afterwards there was a profound silence among the group as well as a few tears and chill bumps. That was a highlight.

Another highlight was crossing into Jordan at Aqaba and getting to see the Treasury Façade at Petra. Some of us rode camels in front of the historic site, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It was a two and a half mile walk to the facade. At the start there were Indiana Jones gift shops and snack bars.

We spend three nights at Eilat at the very bottom of Israel. It is a resort city with malls (one had an ice skating rink), and all kinds of recreational opportunities. Wherever we went we saw young people in t-shirts riding skateboards, bicycles, scooters and motorbikes. Hard to realize we were far from home. We stayed in some of the finest hotels that laid out lavish breakfast displays. Getting a cup of coffee proved to be difficult because we had to stand in line to get it. We learned a lot in Israel.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

A long time ago - & as one who knew where, when, who, how & results, - it was good fortune to have met Mr. Gary Morris, Howard College Instructor & his crew of welding students at the time. In essence - it can be said - Big Spring would not be mandated by the State of Texas as the Poinsettia Capital were it not for him & his enormous production of exhibits for the Christmas Season at Comanche Park. These were incorporated within Festival of Lights & the wonderful memory

Ms. Pat Simmons bestowed on Big Spring. Not a word of honor or recognition of his accomplishments has been accorded him. Why this has slipped through the cracks all these years is difficult to explain. One Christmas he built & provided lighted exhibits of every important historical event beginning with Indian/Cabeza De Vaca through windmill and ranching era, railroad & aviation era (stagecoach/deer was conceived & build by someone else). Be it canes, cactus, engines - he build them all. It took a vast array of land labeled to Diorama

(after that of Atlanta) to display them all. Another Christmas he constructed a guardian angel of Big Spring with moving cables above & hanging over the waters of the historic Spring. As your eyes feast on the beautiful sight of a dam adorned by Poinsettia exhibits this Christmas, perhaps you can give a moment of appreciation to Gary Morris for it - a super modest retired person who never gives a peep about his accomplishment.

— Bobby McDonald

Letter From the Editor

I just wanted to fill this brief space with holiday wishes and an update for you all. This Christmas, I will be heading down to visit my septuagenarian parents in Port Arthur, Texas. It'll be the first time I've been to the land of my youth in many a year, and I'm looking forward to it. Of course, I've got a few things to attend to first - my car is making a strange

sound, and is currently in the shop being tended to. I've got some cardiology tests scheduled in San Angelo next week. And, of course, I still have to do the ever-important Christmas shopping. Merry Christmas to my Big Spring family, and a happy New Year!

— Roger Cline, Managing Editor

The Idle American

A 'Word in Wood' Testimony...

Not until his later years did Rev. Jerry Neill have the time needed to hone his woodcarving skills, but when he did, he was relentless, turning out small art objects that soon cluttered his workshop.

For about six decades, he and his wife, Judy, were immersed in Christian service, him centering primary efforts on church music ministry and her fully yoked. They reared two daughters, Kristi and Kasey, who are now Mrs. Sam Perry and Mrs. Brad Reedy, respectively. Judy also taught private piano lessons for a half-century



DON NEWBURY

Jerry and Will Rogers would have hit it off, each regaling the other with jokes and stories, all laced with laughter that were hallmarks of both lives....

A Lubbock native and graduate of Lubbock High School, Texas Tech and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Jerry never retired until last year. After serving as youth minister at First Baptist Church of Garland, he was Minister of Music and Youth at First Baptist Church in Snyder for 17 years. In 1989, they relocated to Palestine, TX, where he was Music Minister at Southside Baptist Church for 17 years. Then, he accepted what he thought was to be an interim music assignment at Faith Church, near Tyler. The "interim" stretched over 14 years.

Not until 2021 did the Neills sign off on fulltime Christian service, moving to Glen Rose to be nearer their daughters and their families.

That's when the woodcarving accelerated, with objects stacking up when COVID suddenly claimed Jerry's life on August 26. He died in a matter of days, this musical giant who was 81....

At his memorial service, his "word in wood testimony" was printed in the program.

It was a heart-touching account of his relationship with the Lord that began in 1951, when he was 10 years of age.

Dozens of his art pieces were displayed at his funeral, and guests chose items to take home. Many had Biblical sayings attached, but one read "Real Men Use Duct Tape," and another, "A Grouch Lives in this House." These hand-carved items will help

friends to remember a wonderful friend and Christian servant....

My wife and I knew the Neills during our five-years in Snyder.

Judy taught all three of our daughters in weekly piano lessons. As a result, all three were accompanists for church and school choirs.

We admired them greatly, as well as their daughters and families....

Judy learned early on that her hubby would ever thrive on practical joking, some of it bordering on impractical.

One Sunday service stands out. Our pastor was flanked by the minister of education--who had thick, gray hair--and Jerry, who wore hair pieces of varying quality over several decades.

That day, Jerry was sporting a new hairpiece. The education minister's hair drew attention because he obviously was the victim of a "dye job" that went terribly wrong. It had a purplish hue.

Looking first at one and then the other, our pastor observed, "Oh my soul. One dyes it and the other buys it."...

Another friend, musician/university teacher Steve Goacher, remembers a piece penned a half-century ago by his late father, Keith Goacher of Anderson, Indiana. It centers on the time pressures faced by college students. He thought combining months might help.

With school starting in hot weather, it opens with "Jugust." As students attend fast-fleeting classes, the next pair of months is called "Septober." Midterms and homecoming occur in "Octnember," followed by finals and Christmas in "Decembuary." Following are "Janufeb," "Februarch" and "Mapril," periods preceding "Mune," which features finals, graduations and weddings.

Remember "ring by spring" stories?....

One of Keith's favorite stories began with a question (one that "fits" today as we face many shortages.) His question: "Did you hear that the Russians invaded the Sahara Desert?"

Hearer asks, "What happened?"

Mr. Goacher's answer: "Nothing for a couple of years, but then there was a shortage of sand."....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write weekly and speak regularly throughout Texas. Contact information: Phone: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury.

Lady Hawks fall to Hill College 77-55 Game officials honor John Weeks



Left, Howard College's Sydney Rice blows past a defender for a layup during the Lady Hawk's 77-55 loss to Hill College on Thursday, Dec. 8. Top right, Howard College guard, Daysha Tijerina, takes a three point shot during the Lady Hawk's 77-55 loss to Hill College on Thursday, Dec. 8. Bottom right, The officials of the Howard College vs Hill College women's basketball game show off their "JW" arm bands they are wearing to honor the late John Weeks. The Lady Hawks played a hard fought game but in the end fell to the Hill College Lady Rebels 77-55. The Lady Hawks will face the Lady Rebels again on Dec. 13 in Hillsboro.

Courtesy photos/Tony Claxton - Claxton Photography

Big Spring Steers open Pinky Jones Hooptown tournament with win over Pecos



Left, Big Spring's Nick Garcia goes up and over a Pecos defender for the score in Thursday's opening game in the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic. Right, Big Spring's Gavin Padron drives past a Pecos defender in the Thursday's opening game of the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic. The Steers held off a late rally from Pecos in the fourth quarter to win 37-34.

Herald photos/Patrick Gonzales

BY PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer

STANTON - The Big Spring Steers varsity basketball team faced off against the Pecos Eagles in the opening round of the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic Thursday afternoon in Stanton.

Both teams played a hard fought defensive game from start to finish but the Steers held on to win 37-34. The Steers jumped out to a 10-6 lead in the first quarter. However, at the end of the first half the Steers led by just one point

with a score of 18-17.

The Steers started strong in the second half, going up 30-21 at the end of the third quarter. A late rally by the Eagles in the fourth quarter brought them with in one point but a missed free throw and fouls would help the Steers seal the win with a final score of 37-34.

Big Spring's Eli Cobos led the Steers in scoring with 7 points. Big Spring's Jesse Cantu and Kayden Kitchens finished the game with 6 points each for the Steers.

Howard Co. Area Sports Schedule

Dec. 10: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Varsity) at Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic in Stanton. Games 4:30 p.m. (Dec. 10)

Dec. 10: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Varsity) at Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic in Stanton. 10:30 a.m. (Dec. 10).

Dec. 10: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Freshmen & JV) at Andrews Tournament in Andrews. Game times TBA.

Dec. 10: Coahoma Bulldogs & Bulldogettes Basketball (Varsity) at Borden County Tournament in Borden County. Game times TBA.

Dec. 13: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV, & Varsity) non-district matchup against Lubbock Coronado in Big Spring. Games start at 5 p.m. (Freshmen), 6:15 p.m. (JV), and 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)

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Chamber happenings...

• Pathway Audiology



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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a Thank You presentation for Pathway Audiology located at 210 W. 3rd St., on Tuesday. The business, owned by Dr. Marisha Beck, is available for appointments. For more information, call 432-606-1933.

• K&K Auto Works



HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for K&K Autoworks, located at 3406 E. FM 700, on Wednesday. The business is an automotive reconditioning specialist, offering ceramic coating, paint correction, advanced auto detailing, vinyl wrapping and chrome deletes, paint protection film and truck accessories. For more information, call 432-2134032 or email kkautoworksllc@gmail.com

PBUWCD to begin annual water level measurements

Special to the Herald

Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) personnel are set to begin their annual depth-to-water level measurements in mid-December. The data collected helps determine the effect of the 2022 pumping on groundwater levels in the aquifers within the district.

After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water level measurement and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

PBUWCD personnel measure the same wells in the observation well network each year, as long

as the individual wells are accessible and provide satisfactory data. The current depth-to-water measurements in individual wells are compared to that of the previous years to determine the annual change in water levels of the aquifers within the district.

The staff of the PBUWCD appreciates the cooperation of the landowners as we continue to provide this service for the residents of Howard and Martin counties. Additional information about the observation well and water level measurement programs is available by contacting the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District at (432) 756-2136 or by visiting our website at www.pbuwcd.com.

Petroleum Hall of Fame 2023 inductees announced

Special to the Herald

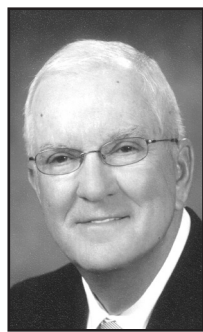
The Petroleum Hall of Fame is dedicated to those who cherished the freedom to dare, and whose work and service helped build the Permian Basin. The Petroleum Museum's Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the 2023 Petroleum Hall of Fame inductees: F. Marie Hall, Kenneth B. Nolen, Edward E. Runyan and Don L. Sparks.



HALL



NOLEN



RUNYAN



SPARKS

and former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans. Industry leaders of today's Permian Basin inducted into the Hall of Fame include State Rep. Tom Craddick, Tim Leach, Scott Sheffield, Mack Chase, and Jim Henry.

The Petroleum Hall of Fame was instituted in October 1967 by the authority of the charter of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum "to honor those persons and

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firms who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the petroleum industry or have served as worthy examples to those in the petroleum industry, and thereby to record such examples of service, strength of character and achievement for the inspiration and education of present and future generations." Each of the 2023 inductees have distinguished themselves as admirable examples for this and future generations to admire and aspire to emulate.

"To be inducted into the Petroleum Museum Hall

of Fame is an incredible accomplishment. The 2023 inductees are an exceptional group, as is proven by their innovation and leadership in their community and in the petroleum industry. The Hall of Fame committee and I are proud to honor these men and women," said John L. Kennedy, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee of the Petroleum Museum Board of Trustees.

The Induction Ceremony and Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the Bush Convention Center. To learn more about the 2023 inductees, go to www.pbpetro.org.

For more information about the event, contact Luanne Thornton at lthornton@petroleummuseum.org or 432-683-4403.

About the Petroleum Museum

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum was founded in 1975 by over 500 community leaders under the leadership of George T. Abell. The Museum is one of the largest in the country dedicated to the petroleum industry and its pioneers and has expanded its offering to include a Transportation Wing, featuring the world-renowned Chaparral Car Gallery, as well as one of the state's largest mineral galleries. Through education, technology and community leadership, the Petroleum Museum continues to serve the Permian Basin community as an evolving resource for the petroleum industry and honors the individuals that have helped create its rich history.

Wall Street drifts as US inflation slows but remains hot

By **STAN CHOE**

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks are drifting on Wall Street Friday after a report showed inflation is slowing, though not by as much as hoped.

The S&P 500 was 0.2% higher in midday trading after earlier shifting between very small gains and losses. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 15 points, or less than 0.1%, at 33,797, as of 12:05 p.m. Eastern time, and the Nasdaq composite was 0.4% higher.

Stocks around the world had earlier weakened after a U.S. government report showed prices getting paid at the wholesale level were 7.4% higher in November than a year earlier. That's a slowdown from October's wholesale inflation rate of 8.1%, but it was still slightly worse than economists expected.

The nation's high inflation, along with the Federal Reserve's economy-crunching response to it, have been the main reasons for Wall Street's painful tumble this year. Stocks have recovered some of their losses recently, as inflation has slowed since hitting a peak in the summer. But it remains too high, raising the risk the Federal Reserve will have to keep hiking interest rates sharply to get it fully under control.

Treasury yields erased earlier losses immediately after the release of the report. That reflected traders stepping up bets for how high the Fed will ultimately take interest rates. The central bank has already hiked its key overnight rate to a range of 3.75% to 4%, up from basically zero as recently as March.

Its next decision on rates is scheduled for next week, and the general expectation is for it to raise rates by another half of a percentage point.

Friday's economic data did not sway Wall Street's expectations on that, not after several Fed officials hinted recently they may step down from their string of four straight hikes of 0.75 percentage points. Such a dial down would mean less added pressure on markets and the economy. Even so, the Fed has said it may still take rates higher than markets expect before taking a pause.

Higher rates hurt the economy by making it more expensive for companies and households to borrow money, which forces them to cut back on spending. If rates go too high, it can cause a recession. They also drag down on prices for stocks and all kinds of other investments.

A separate report on Friday showed U.S. households are paring expectations

a bit for inflation in the future. That's key for the Fed, which wants to prevent a vicious cycle where households rush to make purchases on fears prices will rise further. Such buying activity only fans inflation higher.

Households are forecasting inflation of 4.6% in the year ahead, according to the survey by the University of Michigan. That's the lowest such reading in 15 months, though still well above where it was two years ago. Expectations for longer-run inflation remain stuck in the 2.9% to 3.1% range where they've been for 16 of the last 17 months, at 3%.

Overall sentiment among consumers was also stronger than economists expected, according to the University of Michigan's preliminary reading. That's good news for the economy, which gets most of its strength from spending by such consumers. But it can also complicate the Fed's task. If such spending remains resilient, it could keep up the pressure on inflation.

The last big piece of data on inflation before the Fed's next decision arrives on Tuesday, when economists expect the consumer price index to show that inflation slowed to 7.3% last month from 7.7% in October.

"The two most important questions for next year are how fast inflation will drop and how much will it need to drop for the Fed to stop tightening," foreign-exchange strategists wrote in a BofA Global Research report. "We are concerned markets too optimistic on both."

The yield on the two-year Treasury, which tends to track expectations for Fed action, rose to 4.31% from 4.26% just before Friday's inflation report was released. It was at 4.31% late Thursday.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury, which helps dictate rates for mortgages and other important kinds of loans, rose to 3.53% from 3.49% late Thursday.

In overseas stock markets, European indexes gave up some of their earlier gains following the U.S. inflation report.

Chinese benchmarks rose Friday on reports the government is planning new measures to support the ailing property sector, which has been a severe drag on growth over the past several years.

The relaxation of some of China's "zero-COVID" rules is also raising hopes the economy will gain momentum, though experts say it will take months for tourism and other business to recover from the disruptions of the pandemic. It historically has been a major source of the global economy's growth.

Wholesale inflation in US further slowed in November to 7.4%

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices in the United States rose 7.4% in November from a year earlier, a fifth straight slowdown and a hopeful sign that inflation pressures across the economy are continuing to cool.

The latest year-over-year figure was down from 8% in October and from a recent peak of 11.7% in March. On a monthly basis, the government said Friday that its producer price index, which measures costs before they reach consumers, rose 0.3% from October to November for the third straight month.

Still, a measure of "core" producer prices, which exclude volatile food and energy costs, accelerated, rising 0.4% from October to November. The core figure had risen just 0.1% from September to October. Looked at over the past 12 months, though, core producer prices were up 6.2% in November, less than the 6.7% in October.

The latest figures reflect an ongoing shift in inflation from goods to services. The cost of goods rose just 0.1% from October to November, with wholesale gas prices tumbling 6%. (Food prices were an exception: They jumped 3.3% last month, fueled by costlier vegetables, eggs and chicken.)

By contrast, services prices rose more, up 0.4%, led mostly by more expensive financial services. The wholesale cost of airfares and hotel rooms

both fell, though, and overall services prices have slowed in the past three months.

"Overall inflation is moving in the right direction, though at a slow pace," PNC Financial Services Group said in research note. "The Federal Reserve's monetary policy tightening plans will remain aggressive until clear, consistent signs of inflation's demise have been demonstrated."

Rising prices are still straining Americans' finances, particularly for food, rent and services such as haircuts, medical care and restaurant meals. Yet several emerging trends have combined to slow inflation from the four-decade peak it reached during the summer. Gas prices have tumbled after topping out at \$5 a gallon in June. Nationally, they averaged \$3.33 a gallon Thursday, according to AAA, just below their average a year ago.

And the supply chain snarls that caused chronic transportation delays and shortages of many goods, from patio furniture to curtains, are unraveling. U.S. ports have cleared the backlog of ships that earlier this year took weeks to unload. And the cost of shipping a cargo container from Asia has fallen sharply back to pre-pandemic levels.

As a result, the prices of long-lasting goods, from used cars and furniture to appliances and certain electronics, are easing.

Friday's producer price data captures inflation at an early stage of production and can often signal where consumer prices are headed. Next week, the government will report its highest-profile inflation

figure, the consumer price index. The most recent CPI report, for October, showed a moderation in inflation, with prices up 7.7% from a year earlier. Though still high, that was lowest year-over-year figure since January.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell, in a speech last week, pointed to the decline in goods prices as an encouraging sign. Powell suggested that housing costs, including rent, which have been a major driver of inflation, should also start to slow next year.

The Fed chair also signaled that the central bank will likely raise its benchmark interest rate by a smaller increment when it meets next week. Investors foresee a half-point Fed hike, after four straight three-quarter-point increases.

Yet Powell noted that services prices, which reflect the largest sector of the U.S. economy, are still increasing at a historically fast pace. Rapidly rising wages are a key driver of services inflation, he noted. That's because as wages rise, many businesses pass on their higher labor costs to their customers through higher prices, which drives up inflation.

Pay is still rising quickly and could continue to fuel higher inflation through most of next year. In last week's jobs report for November, the government reported that average hourly pay jumped 5.1% from a year earlier, far above the pre-pandemic pace. Powell said wage gains closer to 3.5% would be needed to bring inflation down toward the Fed's 2% annual target.

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Marriage Licenses

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Kyle Jacob Burger, 23, and Jenna Lynne Sosebee, 22, of Big Spring

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Defendant: Angela McGee
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Deeds

Warranty Deed
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Grantee: Steve Parker
Property: Lot 25, blk 8, Suburban Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Dec. 2, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Elodia Martinez
Grantee: Sergio Mendoza
Property: SW/4 of sec 33, blk 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County
Date: Dec. 1, 2022

Warranty Deed
Grantor: Stanley Louis Vick
Grantee: The Vick Family Trust
Property: SE/4 of sec 48, blk 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. survey, Howard County
Date: Nov. 29, 2022

Warranty Deed
Grantor: Lazy J. LTD
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Property: NW/4, sec 21, blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. survey, Howard County
Date: Nov. 29, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Michael Naim
Grantee: Sarah Case and Cayla Randolph
Property: Lot 23, blk 26, College Park Estates
Date: Nov. 29, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Louis Joseph Carusetta
Grantee: Shaylee Dawn Franks and Andrew Blade Franks
Property: Lot 9, blk 4, Douglass Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Nov. 29, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Justin Rice
Grantee: Natalee T. Castillo and Ronny N. Castillo Brito
Property: Lot 6, blk 6, Kentwood Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Nov. 29, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
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5. All entries must be received by the Big Spring Herald by 9 am on Monday, December 19, 2022. Winners will be published in the Wednesday, December 21, 2022 edition.
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Renters More Likely Than Homeowners to Spend More Than 30 percent of Income on Housing in Almost All Counties

Herald Staff Report

Over 19 million U.S. renter households spent more than 30% of their income on housing costs in 2021, according to data from the 2017-2021 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates released today.

Households are considered cost burdened when they spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent, mortgage and other housing needs.

The burden was especially high in some of the nation's largest counties where housing is more expensive or in areas where incomes are low.

The ACS collects a variety of housing cost information for renters (monthly rent and utility bills) and for homeowners (mortgage principal and interest, real estate taxes, homeowner's insurance, utilities, mobile home costs, second mortgage payments and condominium fees if applicable).

Out of the 44 million renter households, the vast majority (41 million) paid rent and had household income. Households with zero or negative income, or those in rented units not paying cash rent, were excluded from calculations.

In 239 or 7.6 percent of the nation's 3,143 counties, more than half of renter households that paid rent and had a household income faced housing cost burdens.

Among them are some of the most populous U.S. counties like Harris County, Texas, and Los Angeles County, California. Over 15.8 million renters,

roughly one-third of all renter households in the nation, lived in these 239 counties.

In contrast to the prevalence of burden faced by renters, the median housing cost ratio for homeowners rarely topped 30 percent, and homeowners with and without a mortgage frequently had lower overall housing costs than renters.

Homeowners in only 18 counties – less than half a percent of all counties – had a higher housing cost ratio than renters. In fact, there were only two counties where the median housing cost ratio for homeowners (with a mortgage) was above 30 percent: Taliaferro County, Georgia, and Trinity County, California.

High Housing Cost Burden Most Common in South, Large Metros

Nearly half of the counties where renters had the highest median housing cost ratios were in the South. Florida, Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi were among the states with the largest number of counties where renters' median housing costs exceeded 30 percent of their income.

But among states with more than 10 counties where the median cost ratio was a burden, New Jersey has the highest proportion of counties with cost burdened renter households.

Texas has 254 counties twelve of those counties has a median cost ratio greater than 30 percent. Harris county had 707,781 renter households in 2021. Statistics show that more than half of renter

households that paid rent and have household income spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs.

But areas where renters were cost burdened the most were not always the same areas where homeowners faced the highest costs.

For example, there were no counties where the median cost ratio exceeded 30 percent for homeowners who owned their home free and clear and did not have a mortgage.

The difference between renters and homeowners was clear in counties where renters had high housing cost ratios.

The cost ratio and total number of households with and without a mortgage for select counties in 2021.

In Howard County the median housing cost for renters in 2021 was 26.6 percent an increase of 2.1 percent. The count of occupied units paying rent was 3576 an increase of 379. The count of occupied housing units for the same year was 12,062 an increase of 302.

The American Community Survey is one of more than 50 surveys conducted every year by the U.S. Census Bureau field representatives.

More information on this survey as well as the many other surveys including the Decennial Census conducted every 10 years can be found at www.census.gov.

Stock Exchange Highlights

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks that traded heavily or had substantial price changes Friday:

Chewy Inc., up \$1.68 to \$43.65.

The online pet store surprised investors by turning a profit in the third quarter.

Broadcom Inc., up \$13.64 to \$544.72.

The semiconductor maker reported results that beat analysts' estimates and issued a better-than-expected forecast.

DocuSign Inc., up \$5.41 to \$49.16.

The cloud-based provider of

electronic signature services raised its forecasts for full-year results.

Lululemon Athletica Inc., down \$48.12 to \$326.39.

The maker of athletic apparel issued an earnings forecast for the current quarter that wasn't as strong as analysts were expecting.

Vail Resorts Inc., up \$7.43 to \$258.64.

The ski resort operator reported sales that were above what Wall Street was expecting.

RH, up \$8.10 to \$274.48.

The parent company of Restoration Hardware reported results that easily beat analysts' forecasts and raised its full-year outlook.

AmerisourceBergen Corp., down \$5.13 to \$165.33.

The drug wholesaler will buy back about \$200 million of its stock from Walgreens Boots Alliance.

Bath & Body Works Inc., up 16 cents to \$42.31.

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Santa visit brings joy to a frosty Alaska Inupiaq village

NUIQSUT, Alaska (AP) — Though the weather outside was frightful, schoolchildren in the northern Alaska Inupiac community of Nuiqsut were so delighted for a visit by Santa that they braved wind chills of 25 degrees below zero just to see him land on a snow-covered airstrip.

Once again, it was time for Operation Santa Claus in Alaska. And here in Nuiqsut, a roadless village of about 460 residents on Alaska's oil-rich North Slope, the temperatures may have been plunging but the children were warming quickly.

Never mind that Santa left Rudolph at home to catch a ride on an Alaska Air National Guard cargo plane to Nuiqsut, just 30 frosty miles (50 kilometers) south of the Arctic Ocean. Here, just a reindeer skip and a hop from the North Pole, the students were abuzz with good cheer.

"Some of them were out on the deck and they were jumping up and down, excited to see the plane coming in," said Principal Lee Karasiewicz of the Trapper School, as he kept watch over pupils from the 160-student K-12 facility privileged to get a pre-Christmas visit from the jolly, fat one.

"They knew right away by the size of the plane, who was on that plane," Karasiewicz said of the students.

When Santa and Mrs. Claus stepped off the hulking cargo plane, some of the children rushed to greet him with hugs, their beaming parents snapping photos on their phones.

Year after year across the decades the Alaska National Guard has delivered gifts, supplies and often Christmas itself to a few tiny rural Alaska communities, trying in particular to make things merry in villages hit by recent hardships.

Operation Santa Claus began back in 1956 when the residents of one community, St. Mary's, found themselves without money to buy gifts. Townsfolk stung by flooding and then a drought that wipe out their subsistence hunting and fishing opportunities were forced to spend Christmas money on food instead. That's when the guard stepped in, bringing them donated gifts and supplies.

For Nuiqsut, the adversity came last spring when an oil production facility about 7 miles (11 kilometers) from town sprang a natural gas leak. Though oil workers evacuated, there was no mandatory evacuation in Nuiqsut even though the community was put on alert, said Rosemary Ahtuanguak, the town's mayor.

Subsequently, she said, some people began experiencing symptoms related to gas exposure, such as headaches or trouble breathing. About 20 families, including some with pregnant women or elders and others with special medical conditions, decided to self-evacuate.

Long accustomed to helping out in disasters, the guard sent its tribal liaison official to the town after the leak was contained. The official spoke with community members and relayed their concerns back to guard leadership.

The Santa event held the last Tuesday in November was "a wonderful opportunity" to show children the guard in a different light — not always coming around just when there's trouble, Ahtuanguak said.

"It's about bringing in the National Guard in a non-stressful event so the kids could see them doing good work that's not during a scary event," she said.

While there were a few puzzled faces of children sitting on Santa's lap for the first time, there was nothing frightening about the visit — and certain-

ly no lists of who was naughty or nice.

Once all had gathered in the school gym, each child had the opportunity for a short visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and each received a backpack brimming with snacks and books, hygiene supplies and a gift.

Qannik Amy Alice Woods, a second grader, didn't want to open her backpack just yet. This was her first experience with Santa Claus, but he won her over like every other child in the world.

"He's cool," she said, flashing two thumbs up before heading to the bleachers to enjoy a fresh banana, a hard-to-find item above the Arctic Circle. Children also got a more location-appropriate treat: ice cream sundaes.

Fourth grader Mallory Lampe also had her first direct meeting with Santa but didn't wait to open her backpack. "I got this kind of toy," she exclaimed with joy, holding up an interactive creature whose eyes light up when you press its nose.

The Alaska National Guard delivered more than 1,400 pounds (635 kilograms) of gifts for the children of Nuiqsut. For the last 53 years, the program has been conducted in conjunction with the Salvation Army.

The two other villages served this year were Scammon Bay, which experienced fuel and food delivery problems last year, and Minto, chosen because it had never had a visit in the program's history, said Dana Rosso, a spokesperson for the Alaska National Guard.

About 650 pounds (295 kilograms) of gifts were delivered to Minto for about 65 children, and nearly 1,800 pounds (816 kilograms) of gifts for the 325 or so children in Scammon Bay.

During a mission briefing before the plane left Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage for Nuiqsut, Santa gave the volunteer elves an important tip.

In Alaska Native culture, it's considered rude to refuse a request or a gift offered by someone, even taking part in a dance.

That's why near the end of the program in Nuiqsut, Santa and Mrs. Claus

were on the school gym floor with uniformed guard members and scores of others performing a traditional Alaska Native dance. It started when a local drum and dance group performed to honor their guests, and it quickly turned into an impromptu hootenanny.

At the end of the last song, a beaming Mrs. Claus grabbed one of the dancers and hugged her tightly to show her gratitude.

"We can't go to all of our villages, but when we have a village celebrate this opportunity, it's a celebration that transfers through the tundra drums across our state," Mayor Ahtuanguak said. "We all get to share in the joy."

Santa Visits Heritage Museum



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• **K8 (0216) "Dash"**

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Tabloids fume, many in UK shrug over Harry and Meghan series

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain's press erupted in outrage Friday at Prince Harry and Meghan's documentary series, which lambasts the U.K. media over its treatment of the royal couple.

But much of Britain reacted to the Netflix show with a shrug. Buckingham Palace had no comment, and the prime minister didn't watch.

The first three hour-long episodes of "Harry and Meghan" were released Thursday, with three more due Dec. 15. So far, the series has contained few of the bombshells the palace had feared.

In the program the couple, along with friends and Meghan's family members, recount their early lives and blossoming romance, leading up to their fairy-tale wedding at Windsor Castle in 2018, and their growing discontent with what they saw as the media's racist treatment of Meghan and a lack of support from the palace.

Harry and Meghan walked away from royal duties in early 2020 and moved to California to start a new life as campaigners, charity benefactors and media personalities.

At the heart of the show is the symbiotic and sometimes toxic relationship between Britain's royal family and the media. Each side needs the other, but both are often dissatisfied with the ar-

rangements. Prince Harry has long railed against press intrusion that he says clouded his childhood and contributed to the death of his mother, Princess Diana. She was killed in a car crash in Paris in 1997 while being pursued by photographers.

Meghan claims in the documentary that the media wanted to "destroy" her, while Harry says his wife was subjected to a press "feeding frenzy."

That riled British newspapers, many of which splashed their anger across front pages and editorial columns.

Some objected to claims in the series that the Commonwealth of the U.K. and its former colonies — an organization led until her death by Queen Elizabeth II — is an extension of the British Empire and its racism. The Daily Telegraph's front page accused the show of being a "direct hit" on the queen's legacy. In an editorial, the conservative-leaning Daily Mail called the show "little more than a hatchet job from start to finish."

The tabloid Sun said the documentary was "made for an American audience — cementing their money-making potential in the US — and to hell with everything and everybody else, including the truth."

Scotland's Daily Record said the palace was stunned by the couple's allegations, running the headline: "We are not amused."



The Other Brain

Hey y'all! Thanks for joining again! This week, I'm going to touch on the (overactive) brain again. But this time, it won't only include my own. Go ahead, read on!

As many of us know, the society we're living in now is so extremely different than the society our grandparents and great grandparents lived in. Now, it's more than common for the wife to hold a full time job as well as the husband. Back then, wives were expected to exist on a different level.

With that in mind, it's no wonder why our brains are so overactive! I personally feel like I don't have a lot of time to just sit and think. I totally get it now when my mom would say, "I'm tired of talking." Sometimes, I don't want to talk, especially when it's repeating something to my children that didn't listen the first time. (Yeah...that will be another article/column/blog...whatever it is!) When I'm talking, there's no time for thinking! *Lightbulb goes off* This is why my brain goes 90 miles an hour when I lie down at night in silence! Or that thought I have about work in my "dreams" that suddenly awakens me and forces me to send a "Note to self" email so I'll remember it the next morning.

Now, onto the *other* brain, outside of my own. My dad had a massive stroke on September 1, 2022 while on a fishing boat on Lake Fork near Sulphur Springs with my brother. Just a little history: my dad hasn't been in the best of health for awhile. You name it, he's probably had it. Diabetes, cancer, A-fib, kidney failure...you get my point. So when I received the call about him having a stroke, I was unsure how to react. I waited on the next call for an update from my brother.

"Angela," my brother said, "Dad had a massive stroke and they need his medication list ASAP." As the day went on in somewhat of a blur, they decided to airlift him to a hospital in nearby Tyler, Texas because he had a clot on his brain. As you could expect, I jumped on Facebook and asked for thoughts and prayers. The weather changed and they were unable to fly him, so they took him by ambulance. After they arrived in Tyler to do the operation, the next report I received went something like this, "The clot dissolved itself." God is good, y'all.

After reports and phone calls and visits to Tyler, six hours away, we were unsure of the outcome. One doctor said that the stroke being on the left side of his brain, which affects the right side of your body, had paralyzed his whole right side. We went from happy times to extremely difficult times, and heartbreaking times when he wouldn't recognize us. Dad spent 25 days in the hospital in Tyler and then moved into an inpatient rehabilitation facility a few blocks away. There, he spent another three weeks. Maaaaaan, I just *thought* my brain was in overdrive before!

When I say the brain is a funny thing, I mean, this organ that we all rely on for survival, is a FUNNY thing. According to another doctor, it's a miracle that he survived. Did I mention that my dad also has a meningioma (small tumor) on his brain? I'm telling y'all, he's had it all. Between the month and a half that we watched my dad's stroke "journey," we couldn't help but wonder, *what's the final outcome?* Apparently, it takes up to a year to get to a "new normal."

My dad's brain has done a complete 360 since our hardest days of watching him in the hospital and wondering what his future will look like. As of today, my dad is residing in our local veterans' home. He went from not recognizing who his own children were, to being able to tell the nurse to call me because his iPad won't play a movie. He went from the doctor saying he'd never eat orally again to pulling his own feeding tube out of his stomach because it annoyed him (and he'd been eating orally for about 3 weeks). From the doctor saying that his whole right side is paralyzed to him getting rid of the wheelchair and racing down the hallway with his newfound friend and their walkers. He went from being so confused, irritated and impulsive that the hospital told us he'd possibly have to be admitted into the state hospital, to knowing exactly what he wants, when he wants it and physically showing us, with both sides of his body!

The only thing that the brain and stroke took from my dad was his speech and full independence. He is healthier now than he was prior to the stroke. He isn't in as much pain as he was, or at least that part of his brain doesn't send signals. I could go into all the details of what the stroke does when it affects the entire left side of the body, but instead, I'll just ask you to consider the health of your brain. I'm asking you all to be aware of the risk factors that lead up to a stroke. Of course, there are risk factors that are hereditary, but there are some that he could have changed. If you are unaware of the signs of a stroke, do a little research on those, too.

My dad survived because my brother knew those signs and made the immediate decision to call 911, as he tried to hold my dad upright and drove a boat as fast as he could to the dock. The quicker you recognize the signs and symptoms, the quicker you can react and the better the outcome may be.

So today, instead of complaining about the irritation of an overactive brain, I'll just be thankful that it still works....even if it is working overtime!

The Year of the Slap: Pop culture moments in 2022

By JOCELYN NOVECK

AP National Writer

Taylor Swift was up. Elon Musk was in, out, and in. Tom Cruise was back. BTS stepped aside, and so did Serena Williams, and Tom Brady too — oops, scratch that.

But the slap? The slap was everywhere.

Our annual, totally selective journey through a year in pop culture:

JANUARY

It's GOLDEN GLOBES time. But is a Globes with no telecast, boozy celebs or red carpet a Globes at all? The embattled Hollywood Foreign Press Association, reeling from stunning failures over diversity, holds a private event and plans a comeback next year. Hey, remember the original wardrobe malfunction? Well, JANET JACKSON says she and JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE have moved on, and so should we. The New York Times buys Wordle, and we're all thinking in five-letter words (though W-O-R-D-L-E is six, just saying.) Meanwhile, it's a month of loss, heading off a year of loss: pioneering Black actor, director and activist SIDNEY POITIER dies at 94.

FEBRUARY

What would a year in pop culture be without BRITNEY? Just months after her liberation from her restrictive conservatorship, Spears is reported to have signed a mammoth book deal, but at year's end we're still waiting for news. RIHANNA is pregnant! TOM BRADY retires! (Stay tuned, on that one.) TAYLOR watch: JAKE GYLLENHAAL speaks out, saying he really has nothing to do with that song, that it's about an artist's relationship with her fans — but fans shouldn't be cyberbullying, either.

MARCH

QUICH, who wins Oscars this month? Well, "CODA" does, a feel-good drama with a largely deaf cast, and TROY KOTSUR becomes the first deaf actor to win an acting Oscar. Alas, all anyone can talk about is — you know. SMITH, who wins the best actor award not long after slapping Rock over a joke about his wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, won't truly address the issue until the end of the year, so keep reading. KARDASHIAN watch: Kim K is declared legally single again in her ongoing divorce with YE, the rapper formerly known as KANYE WEST. And BRADY, retired for 40 days, says, "Never mind!"

APRIL

IT'S GRAMMY time, and JON BATISTE wins big, taking five statuettes. The musician's huge year will later include performing at the first state dinner of the Biden administration, for French President Emmanuel Macron. The next day Macron will meet with MUSK (thanks for the seg-

ue, Monsieur le President) who begins his acquisition of TWITTER this month, leading to untold — and still unfolding — changes at the social media giant.

MAY

So imagine you're sipping cocktails at the MET GALA and a musician comes sauntering through, playing the melodica — of course it's BATISTE, because the Met Gala's that kind of crazy party. The biggest splash of the night, though, is KARDASHIAN, on the arm of boyfriend PETE DAVIDSON, wearing the same sequined, skin tight gown MARILYN MONROE wore to sing "Happy Birthday" to JFK in 1962. In movies, "Top Gun: Maverick" opens, the highest-grossing domestic debut in CRUISE'S career, and his first to surpass \$100 million on opening weekend. HARRY STYLES fans rejoice! His album, "Harry's House," is here.

JUNE

Stunning news for the global fanbase of BTS as the K-pop supergroup announces it's taking a break to focus on members' solo projects. On the legal front, a Virginia jury hands DEPP a victory in his very messy libel case over allegations of domestic abuse, finding that former wife HEARD defamed him in a 2018 op-ed. On a happier note, Britney gets married....

JULY

Only one wedding, Britney? BENNIFER has two! Maybe what happens usually stays in Vegas, but not when you have 227 million followers on Instagram. With a winking reference to being a "Sadie" (married lady) JENNIFER LOPEZ directs fans to her newsletter where she shares pics of her quickie wedding to BEN AFFLECK. "Love is beautiful," she writes. "And it turns out love is patient." Speaking of patience, fans of BEYONCÉ are rewarded for theirs, with the release of her long-awaited seventh studio album, "Renaissance," her first solo album in six years.

AUGUST

So, we were saying Bennifer's second wedding, on Affleck's compound in Georgia, is bigger and fancier. One wedding, one split: KARDASHIAN and DAVIDSON are no longer. In other summer news, the world remembers Princess Diana, whose shocking death in a car crash happened 25 years ago, and whose life is being rehashed for a new generation in the current season of "The Crown." And only days later, that same Netflix series will pause production briefly as a mark of respect for Queen Elizabeth II as Britain — and the world — mourn the beloved monarch, who dies at age 96 after more than 70 years on the throne.

SEPTEMBER

Mounting political intrigue in Europe, and by that we mean ... did spit fly at the Venice premiere of "Don't Worry Darling"? Either way the movie, directed by OLIV-

IA WILDE and starring her boyfriend (alleged spitter STYLES), is saddled — or blessed? — with more than its share of extracurricular drama. At the EMMYS, behold SHERYL LEE RALPH, who wins for "Abbott Elementary" and schools the crowd on the power of dreams and self-belief. "This is what believing looks like," she says. You know what else believing looks like? Rachel Berry from "Glee" — aka LEA MICHELE — at last getting to play Fanny Brice in "Funny Girl" on Broadway. In sports, with four rueful words that resonate with working moms everywhere, SERENA WILLIAMS says she's stepping aside from tennis, because: "Something's got to give."

OCTOBER

The second HARVEY WEINSTEIN trial opens in Los Angeles. ADIDAS drops YE, part of a cascade of companies that will sever ties with the rapper over his an-ti-semitic and other troubling comments. The MUSK era begins at TWITTER as the world's richest man carries a sink into the office, to "let that sink in." HEIDI KLUM's Halloween costume is a slimy, glistening rain worm. But before the month worms away from us, let's cede it to SWIFT for dropping her new album, "Midnights" (Spotify's most-streamed album in a single day), then adding seven bonus tracks, then becoming the first artist to occupy all top 10 slots on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Let THAT sink in! P.S. Celebrity divorce watch: BRADY and wife GISELE BUNDCHEEN split.

NOVEMBER

Did we say LAST month was Taylor Swift month? Well now, millions of eager fans crowd a presale for her much-awaited Eras Tour, resulting in crashes and endless waits. Ticketmaster cancels the general sale, citing insufficient stock. Multiple state attorneys general announce investigations. Takeaway: People want Taylor Swift tickets. At the multiplex, they also want their Wakanda. "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" meets the double challenge of following up one of the biggest blockbusters in history and losing its biggest star.

DECEMBER

Love 'em or hate 'em, here come HARRY and MEGHAN again, with a Netflix "documentary" being watched very, very closely by royalty across the pond. Cameron's "AVATAR" sequel finally appears, 13 years after the original broke records. Will viewers flock to Pandora once again? And bringing the year full circle, SMITH emerges to promote his new film, "EMANCIPATION," and hoping people will forget about ... what was it? ... at least enough to check out the movie.

In this year of comebacks, will Smith's be the biggest? Check back with us in 2023.

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INVITATION FOR BID

The City of Big Spring will receive bids for the 2022 TDA Downtown Revitalization Contract until **3:00 PM on Tuesday, January 17th** at City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring TX 79720. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place including the names of the Offerors and their Bids. Bid received after this time will be returned unopened. Bids are invited for several items and types of work as follows:
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Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at 1500 Broadway Street, Suite 1150, Lubbock, TX 79401. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday, January 5th at 2:00 PM** at the address below.

City of Big Spring
310 Nolan Street
Big Spring, TX 79720

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City of Big Spring
Todd Darden, City Manager

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the total long-term cost to the District to acquire the vendor's goods or services; and
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December 13, 2022
December 14, 2022
Chad Williams
Police Chief

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Today in History

Today is Saturday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2022. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 2013, South Africa held a memorial service for Nelson Mandela, during which U.S. President Barack Obama energized tens of thousands of spectators and nearly 100 visiting heads of state with a plea for the world to emulate "the last great liberator of the 20th century." (The ceremony was marred by the presence of a sign-language interpreter who deaf advocates said was an impostor waving his arms around meaninglessly.)

On this date:

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state of the Union.

In 1861, the Confederacy admitted Kentucky as it recognized a pro-Southern shadow state government

that was acting without the authority of the pro-Union government in Frankfort.

In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.

In 1958, the first domestic passenger jet flight took place in the U.S. as a National Airlines Boeing 707 flew 111 passengers from New York to Miami in about 2 1/2 hours.

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received his Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, saying he accepted it "with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind."

In 1967, singer Otis Redding, 26, and six others were killed when their plane crashed into Wisconsin's Lake Monona; trumpeter Ben Cauley, a member of the group the Bar-Kays, was the only survivor.

In 1994, Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak

Rabin received the Nobel Peace Prize, pledging to pursue their mission of healing the anguished Middle East.

In 1996, South African President Nelson Mandela signed the country's new constitution into law during a ceremony in Sharpeville.

In 2005, actor-comedian Richard Pryor died in Encino, California, at age 65.

In 2006, former Chilean dictator General Augusto Pinochet died at age 91.

In 2007, former Vice President Al Gore accepted the Nobel Peace Prize with a call for humanity to rise up against a looming climate crisis and stop waging war on the environment.

In 2019, House Democrats announced two articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump, declaring that he "betrayed the nation" with his actions toward Ukraine and an obstruction of Congress' investigation; Trump

responded with a tweet of "WITCH HUNT!" At an evening rally in Pennsylvania, Trump mocked the impeachment effort and predicted it would lead to his reelection in 2020.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama told auto workers in Michigan that he would not compromise on his demand that tax rates go up for the top 2 percent of American earners to help reduce the deficit. A judge announced that former International Monetary Fund leader Dominique Strauss-Kahn and a New York City hotel maid had signed a settlement of her sexual-assault lawsuit stemming from a May 2011 encounter. Marijuana for recreational use became legal in Colorado.

Five years ago: Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz suffered a torn ACL during the team's win over the Rams; backup Nick Foles rallied the Eagles to a victory that secured the NFC East title. (Foles and the Eagles would go on to win

the Super Bowl.) Wearing a face mask, actor Rob Lowe live-streamed the evacuation of his family from one of the homes threatened by a massive Southern California wildfire.

One year ago: Tornadoes slammed into Kentucky, Arkansas and three neighboring states, killing more than 90 people, including 81 in Kentucky. Bob Dole was mourned at Washington National Cathedral and the World War II monument he helped create as leaders from both parties saluted the Republican Kansas senator's ability to practice bare-knuckle politics without compromising his civility. The Supreme Court left in place Texas' ban on most abortions. The government reported that prices for U.S. consumers jumped 6.8% in November compared with a year earlier as Americans faced their highest annual inflation rate since 1982. Reigning world chess champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway successfully defended his title in Dubai. Michael

Nesmith, the wool-hatted, guitar-strumming member of the 1960s, made-for-television rock band The Monkees, died at 78.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Fionnula Flanagan is 81. Actor-singer Gloria Loring is 76. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 76. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 71. Actor Susan Dey is 70. Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is 66. Jazz musician Paul Hardcastle is 65. Actor John York (TV: "General Hospital") is 64. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh (BRAH'-nah) is 62. Actor Nia Peeples is 61. TV chef Bobby Flay is 58. Rock singer-musician J Mascis is 57. Rock musician Scot Alexander (Dishwalla) is 51. Actor-comedian Arden Myrin is 49. Rock musician Meg White (The White Stripes) is 48. Actor Emmanuelle Chriqui is 47. Actor Gavin Houston is 45. Actor Alano Miller is 43. Violinist Sarah Chang is 42. Actor Patrick John Flueger is 39. Country singer Meghan Linsey is 37.

Horoscopes By Holiday

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10, 2022

Venusian Power Adjustment

The first full day of Venus in Capricorn features adjustments of power in the realm of romance, professional relationships and more. Pointed questions will be posed. Questions like "Who is in charge?" And more importantly, "Who is ACTUALLY in charge?" Note that true authority can be held by unlikely candidates such as small children or pets.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People seem to need you more than usual today. You'll help where possible, though sometimes it's best done by encouraging self-reliance. By backing off you could help someone find the courage to try harder.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Group agreement is featured. Savor this unanimous moment while it lasts. Use this part of the cycle to build together. In the future, the group will be defined by what you can make happen in times of peace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Space changes tension. Whatever frustrates you, back off of it. Give relationships breathing room. Leave projects for a while. The situation changes when you stop watching it. You'll return to something different.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). History only teaches you what worked or didn't for other people. There's no way of knowing how your untaken paths would have worked for you, so it's a useless thing to ponder. Continue ever-forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone likes to have fun, though would you believe that not everyone knows how? You can really lead the way with your laughter, joy and playfulness. When you let go, others feel like maybe they can too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even though you really do have a talent for choosing good people, it doesn't necessarily mean they are also easy to be around. Today's most auspicious company will challenge, sharpen and expand you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People appreciate what you do even if they're not in a position to give you what you ask for. Your efforts will be rewarded even if they are not reciprocated. You'll be true to yourself and something good will come of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A situation will change before your eyes. The new scene is different from anything you've known, yet you'll find something to trust about it. You're sure to adjust quickly -- adaptation is in your nature.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though you've sometimes been struck with inspiration from the beyond, now your creativity will come within the space of daily life. First your imagination will thrive on the mundane and then transcend it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your openness will attract all sorts of opportunities and takers, good and bad. Open-door policies are best managed with a screen, so you can see what's coming and keep the bugs out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want to spend your time where it will make the most difference. If someone wants to do a thing for you, let them. There is plenty else to focus on, but you won't see it if you're busy with tasks others would gladly claim.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've let go of certain habits, relationships and rhythms. That was the right thing to do, and now other things have become more important. Still, that won't keep you from pangs of bittersweet nostalgia.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 10). Your social stars are bright, and you'll often feel in sync with everyone you meet. Offers, invites and accreditations pepper 2023. More highlights: Your story takes a glamorous turn, an award for what you do best and finally the chance to help the ones you've wanted to lift and the means to do it easily. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 19, 4, 29 and 13.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Superstar chef, restaurateur and author Bobby Flay inked a deal with the Food Network to keep the tasty entertainment coming. True to his Sagittarian love of travel, Flay journeys far and wide to bring together flavors from all over the world back to home and restaurant tables. Tasting the food and drink of a region is a way to journey without a plane ticket.

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Today's Sudoku Answers

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Not bright at all</p> <p>5 Provided bonus footage</p> <p>15 Top</p> <p>16 Roomy party rental</p> <p>17 "Stop dreaming!"</p> <p>18 They don't care for customs</p> <p>19 Certain shows of support</p> <p>21 Creative pal of Clemenceau</p> <p>22 To some extent</p> <p>23 Never got</p> <p>25 What most Chadians believe in</p> <p>30 Down</p> <p>32 Encouraging words</p> <p>33 Diagnostic ink</p> <p>37 Winter whale-watching center</p> <p>38 For you and me</p> <p>39 Moves the needle</p> <p>40 Understated greeting</p> <p>43 Surprisingly</p> <p>44 Do the math</p> <p>46 It's a date</p> <p>47 Part of the bottling process</p> <p>50 Effortfully gain</p> <p>51 Emulate the Brownings</p> <p>53 "Thrice happy he whose name has been well ___": Byron</p> <p>55 Within reach for searchers</p> <p>60 "Pan-" antonym</p> <p>61 Face-blurring effect</p> <p>62 School-___</p> <p>63 Old-timey exhibitions with carousels</p> <p>64 It means "focused gathering"</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Generous gifts from the Czars</p> <p>2 Whom senators would listen to</p> <p>3 How ghosts do their thing</p> <p>4 Meet halfway</p> <p>5 On target</p> <p>6 Light weights</p> <p>7 Royal Society astronomer remembered for his Colonial partnership</p> <p>8 Flyer's announcement</p> <p>9 What a Biblical king wasn't called</p> <p>10 Crooked</p> <p>11 Blood ___</p> <p>12 '03 bestowal to Beckham</p> <p>13 First pronoun in the Gettysburg Address</p> | <p>14 Eliot collection at UT Austin</p> <p>20 Misses</p> <p>24 Curves for convenience</p> <p>26 Ascends with</p> <p>27 Miss one's conviction</p> <p>28 Indie pubs</p> <p>29 Sorry state</p> <p>31 Ethical ___ (marketers' "free gifts," e.g.)</p> <p>32 "I'm impressed"</p> <p>34 Brute</p> <p>35 <i>Making the Rounds</i> podcast producer</p> <p>36 Modern doorbell appurtenance</p> <p>37 As new</p> <p>41 Name related to an Old Testament queen</p> | <p>42 Nick's Scandinavian kin</p> <p>45 Make, as a comeback</p> <p>47 Word from Old English for "hateful"</p> <p>48 Possible premed precursor</p> <p>49 Put under</p> <p>52 Where blades are displayed</p> <p>54 Only Oscar role for a French performance</p> <p>55 Golf smartwatch function</p> <p>56 Silence, perhaps</p> <p>57 Cleaner starter</p> <p>58 What YWCAs can prepare you for</p> <p>59 Tennis center</p> |
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Here's How It Works:

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





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5:AM	(.05) Christmas Memory	Los González	Open House	Paid Prog.	Programa	(4:30) 9-1-1	Light of the Southwest	Mister Rogers	Paid Prog.	Identity Theft	American Dad!	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	NBA Basketball	MyBiotin	Barmageddon	Paid Prog.	Seasons	
5:30	Charles Stanley	Programa	Animal Rescue	Paid Prog.	Programa	Film Flickers	Gr8	Arthur	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	American Dad!	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	NBA Basketball	Outdoors	Potter	Paid Prog.	World Today	
6:AM	Good Morning America	Planeta de	DIY Sci	1st Baptist Midland	Programa	Yolo, TX	The Essentials	Elementary	Designing	Tomorrow	American Dad!	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	Heisman Trophy	Texas	Law & Order: SVU	Triple Digit Flip	Destroyed Elite	
6:30	Leading America	Planeta de	Faith Avenue	Faith Avenue	Programa	In Search	Gr8	Alma's Way	Homeowner	Charles	American Dad!	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	Daily Wager	CLEANBOSS!	Law & Order: SVU	Triple Digit Flip	Destroyed Elite	
7:AM	Christmas	Despierta América en domingo	FOX News Sunday	CBS News Sunday Morning	Programa	Sunday Today	HaYesod	Curious	Real Green	Stanley	Friends	NCIS: N.O. "Outlaws"	SportsCenter	Christmas	Christmas	Law & Order: SVU	Triple Digit Flip	Dirty Jobs	
7:30	State of Texas This Week	Faith	FOX NFL Kickoff	The NFL Today	Exploración	Meet the Press	On Wings o	Rosie's Rules	Big Deal	Catholic Mass	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	Sunday NFL Countdown	Fantasy Football Now	Mavericks	Law & Order: SVU	Zombie House Flipping	Dirty Jobs	
8:AM	First Baptist Odessa	Al punto con Jorge Ramos	FOX NFL Kickoff	Mission Messia	Exploración	Un equipo	Ankerberg	Shepherd's Heart	Our Messiah is	Donkey Hodie	Traveler	Perry Stone	Friends	NCIS: N.O. "Overdrive"	HR Sticks	Law & Order: SVU	Zombie Flip "Oaks"	Dirty Jobs	
8:30	First Baptist Odessa	Aquí y ahora	FOX NFL Sunday	The NFL Today	El viajero con	Paid Prog.	Ministerios Nueva Vida	Love of Quilting	Investigate TV	Dr. Carrasco	Sportsman	(.05) Friends	Movie: The Mummy Returns ('01) Brendan Fraser.	Wm. Basketball Louisville at Kentucky	Don't Ever Give Up	NBA Basketball	Law & Order: SVU	Customer Wars	Dirty Jobs
9:AM	To Be Announced	Movie: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	NFL Football Houston Texans at Dallas Cowboys	NFL Football	El viajero con	Paid Prog.	Update News	Test Kitchen	Mad Dog & M	Paid Prog.	Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman.	Movie: The Mummy Returns ('01) Brendan Fraser.	NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues	College Basketball	Mavs Post.	Law & Order: SVU	Road Wars	Dirty Jobs	
9:30	Wm. Basketball Connecticut at Maryland	República de la Copa	(25) NFL Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at San Francisco 49ers	Major League Fishing	Movie: The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final	Light of the Southwest	Great Performances "Anything Goes"	RaceWeek	Highway Thru Hell	Arnold Schwarzenegger.	Movie: The Mummy Returns ('01) Brendan Fraser.	College Basketball Marquette at Notre Dame	High School Scoreboard Live	High School Scoreboard Live	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Dirty Jobs	
10:AM	Memory	Amor en Navidad	(25) NFL Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at San Francisco 49ers	Major League Fishing	Movie: The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final	Light of the Southwest	Great Performances "Anything Goes"	RaceWeek	Highway Thru Hell	Arnold Schwarzenegger.	Movie: The Mummy Returns ('01) Brendan Fraser.	College Basketball Marquette at Notre Dame	High School Scoreboard Live	High School Scoreboard Live	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Dirty Jobs	
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11:AM	World News Now	Noticiero	(25) NFL Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at San Francisco 49ers	Major League Fishing	Movie: The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final	Light of the Southwest	Great Performances "Anything Goes"	RaceWeek	Highway Thru Hell	Arnold Schwarzenegger.	Movie: The Mummy Returns ('01) Brendan Fraser.	College Basketball Marquette at Notre Dame	High School Scoreboard Live	High School Scoreboard Live	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Dirty Jobs	
11:30	Avatar ('09) Sigourney Weaver, Sam Worthington.	Movie: Kung Fu Yoga ('17)	The Simpsons	Tree Lighting	Exaltón Unidos: All-Stars	(.15) NFL Football Miami Dolphins at Los Angeles Chargers	Light of the Southwest	All Creatures Great	A Baylor Christmas	Coroner "Safe Space"	Movie: A Christmas Story ('83)	Movie: RV ('06) Robin Williams.	NBA G League Basketball	Polaris	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Dirty Jobs (SP)		
12:AM	De noche pero sin sueño	Greatest Sports	The Simpsons	Tree Lighting	Exaltón Unidos: All-Stars	(.15) NFL Football Miami Dolphins at Los Angeles Chargers	Light of the Southwest	All Creatures Great	A Baylor Christmas	Coroner "Safe Space"	Movie: A Christmas Story ('83)	Movie: RV ('06) Robin Williams.	NBA G League Basketball	Polaris	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Dirty Jobs (SP)		
12:30	The Conners	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Noticias T	Update News	Inside the Mind	Chicago Fire	WOW - Women Of Wrestling	Movie: RV ('06) Robin Williams.	NBA G League Basketball	Polaris	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Dirty Jobs (SP)			
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2:AM	(.05) Christmas Memory	La rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	(.05) Offshore	(.35) Span. Fly	Zona mixta: Mundial	Meet the Press	Light of the Southwest	All Creatures Great	Paid Prog.	black-ish	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	
2:30	(.05) ABC World News Now	Al punto con Jorge Ramos	The Simpsons	Funny You	(.05) CBS Overnight News	Movie: Breaking In ('18)	The Rookie "Fallout"	Light of the Southwest	Early Today	Behind the Veil	HaYesod	Early Today	On the Walls of	Wai Lana Yoga	Sit and Be Fit	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
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Today is Sunday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2022. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson; his brother, Prince Albert, became King George VI.

On this date:

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1972, Apollo 17's lunar module landed on the moon with astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt aboard; they became the last two men to date to step onto the lunar surface.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed legislation creating a \$1.6 billion environmental "superfund" to pay for cleaning up chemical spills and toxic waste dumps. "Magnum P.I.," starring Tom Selleck, premiered on CBS.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in

spiring to murder thousands in the suicide hijackings. (Moussaoui pleaded guilty to conspiracy in 2005 and was sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2002, a congressional report found that intelligence agencies that were supposed to protect Americans from the Sept. 11 hijackers failed to do so because they were poorly organized, poorly equipped and slow to pursue clues that might have prevented the attacks.

In 2008, former Nasdaq chairman Bernie Madoff was arrested, accused of running a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme that wiped out the life savings of thousands of people and wrecked charities. (Madoff died in April 2021 while serving a 150-year federal prison sentence.)

In 2018, a Virginia jury called for a sentence of life in prison plus 419 years for the man who killed a woman when he rammed his car into counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. (James Alex Fields Jr. received that sentence in July, 2019.)

In 2020, the Supreme Court rejected a lawsuit backed by President Donald Trump to overturn Joe Biden's election victory, ending a desperate attempt to get legal issues that were rejected by state and federal judges before the nation's highest court. The Food and Drug Administration authorized an emergency rollout of the nation's first COVID-19 vaccine, developed by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech; the decision came as the U.S. recorded a new daily high in the number of coronavirus deaths. (Hours before the FDA action, according to two administration officials, a high-ranking White House official told the FDA's chief that he could face firing if the vaccine was not cleared by day's end.)

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A cunning ploy

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 4
♥ K 5 2
♦ 10 8 3
♣ Q J 5 3

WEST
♠ 9 8 3
♥ Q 8 7
♦ A 6
♣ A K 10 7 6

EAST
♠ Q 10 7 6 2
♥ 3
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K 5
♥ A J 10 9 6 4
♦ K Q J
♣ 9 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 2♣ 2NT Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

When declarer is missing the Q-x-x of a suit, it is mathematically better for him to cash the A-K to try to drop the queen than to take a finesse.

The difference in merit between the two plays is so slight, however, that declarer should not hesitate to opt for the finesse whenever there are clues pointing in that direction. Such clues might come from the bidding or from prior plays. In some cases, it might even be possible for declarer to exercise his own ingenuity.

Take this deal where South reached four hearts as shown and

Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

In 1998, majority Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee pushed through three articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, over Democratic objections.

In 2001, in the first criminal indictment stemming from 9/11, federal prosecutors charged Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee), a French citizen of Moroccan descent, with con-

Ten years ago: The Michigan Legislature gave final approval to a pair of right-to-work bills that were quickly signed by Republican Gov. Rick Snyder amid angry protests by union members and their supporters. Former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue (TAG'-lee-uh-boo) overturned the suspensions of four New Orleans Saints players in the league's bounty investigation but said three of the players had engaged in conduct detrimental to the league.

Five years ago: A Bangladeshi immigrant set off a crude pipe bomb in a New York City subway passageway in a botched suicide bombing; it did not fully detonate and Akayed Ullah was the only one seriously hurt. (Ullah was convicted on terrorism charges in federal court and sentenced to life in prison.) A Southern California wildfire exploded in size again, becoming the fifth largest in state history; officials handed out masks to those who stayed behind in an exclusive community where Oprah Winfrey and other stars had homes. Chef Mario Batali stepped away from his restaurant empire and his cooking show "The Chew" as he conceded that reports of sexual misconduct "match up" to his behavior. French President Emmanuel Macron awarded millions of dollars in grants to 18 climate scientists from the U.S. and elsewhere, allowing them to relocate to France for the remainder of Donald Trump's presidential term. The Pentagon said transgender recruits would be allowed to enlist in the military beginning Jan. 1; a ban ordered by Trump had suffered a series of legal setbacks.

One year ago: Anne Rice, author of best-selling gothic novels including "Interview With the Vampire," died at 80 due to complications from a stroke. Alabama's Bryce Young won the Heisman Trophy, beating out Michigan defensive end Aidan Hutchinson to give the Crimson Tide consecutive winners of college football's most famous individual award. Football star and TV celebrity Michael Strahan (STRAY'-han) was among the latest to ride into space aboard Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin, sharing the trip with Laura Shepard Churchley, daughter of Alan Shepard, who was America's first astronaut.

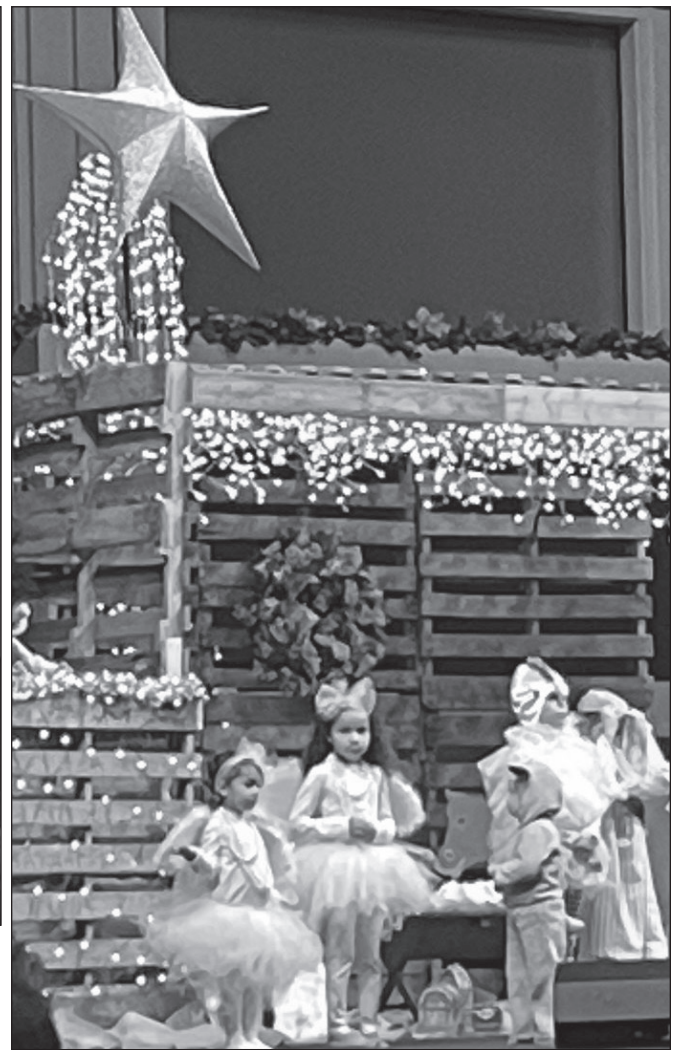
Today's Birthdays: Actor Rita Moreno is 91. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 82. Actor Donna Mills is 82. Former Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 81. Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is 79. Singer Brenda Lee is 78. Actor Lynda Day George is 78. Music producer Tony Brown is 76. Actor Teri Garr is 75. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 71. Actor Bess Armstrong is 69. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 68. Rock musician Mike Mesaros (The Smithereens) is 65. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Motley Crue) is 64. Rock musician Darryl Jones (The Rolling Stones) is 61. Actor Ben Browder is 60. Singer-musician Justin Currie (Del Amitri) is 58. Rock musician David Schools (Hard Working Americans, Gov't Mule, Widespread Panic) is 58. Actor Gary Dourdan (DOOR'-dan) is 56. Actor-comedian Mo'Nique is 55. Actor Max Martini is 53. Rapper-actor Yasiin Bey (formerly Mos Def) is 49. Actor Rider Strong is 43. Actor Xosha (ZOH'-shah) Roquemore is 38. Actor Karla Souza is 36. Actor Hailee Steinfeld is 26.

More Big Spring Christmas Parade

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Trinity Baptist Church Christmas Program



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This snapshot photo is from last Sunday evening's performance from the Junior Choir at Trinity Baptist Church.

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The Christmas Spirit: To Santa or Not to Santa

Rebecca Holcomb | Wealth of Geeks

Companies spend millions every year hyping the myth surrounding Kris Kringle. But they're not the ones parenting your child - or shouldn't be anyway. Studies going as far back as the 70s all agree most kids figure out the truth one way or another at age 8. So do you or do you not tell your young children about the fat man in the red suit - and just how much can they handle?

Santa's who do shifts at their local malls can earn anywhere from \$30 to \$75 an hour. Too bad it's only seasonal work. He'd be rolling in money if Santa could sign an endorsement deal. The Coca-Cola company alone spends an average of \$3.3 billion on advertising, and without Santa's brand, they'd be scrambling around Christmas time.

Nature vs. Nurture

As a mom, the question of a belief in Santa came up early in my oldest daughter's life. Born in March, she was nearly a year old when her first Christmas came around. For many parents, however, the question comes up unexpectedly. Their child comes home from school or another child-centered space proclaiming that 'Tommy' told them there is no Santa Claus.

On the nature side of the coin, parents might argue that all kids find out eventually. After all, it didn't affect them adversely when they were children. For the majority, they'd be right. Most youngsters come through unscathed by the idea that Santa isn't real and push aside the fact that their parents and everyone else they know essentially lied to them.

On the nurture side, however, that's not always the case. A study in The Lancet Psychiatry shows that children can suffer psychological damage once they discover the lie. It's easy to assuage the conscience by telling yourself it's only a 'white' lie, but to a child, a lie is still a lie. This incidence is doubly true if you're trying to teach them not to lie or disciplining them for lying when they get caught.

The double standard can be confusing and frustrating to young children who are still learning why they shouldn't lie. These lessons can be even more complicated if a child is confused by a lie their parents or other trusted adults perpetuated.

Nurtured Behavior

Telling your child that Santa won't bring them anything good if they're misbehaving isn't likely to change their attitude for long. You might get a great moment or two from your little one if they are young, but their shenanigans will inevitably return within a matter of hours or days.

Getting children to behave over the long term is more about consistency and discipline than anything Santa offers. And when you still provide presents to a child who knows they've misbehaved, they might be left wondering where their lump of coal ended up.

Still, in the long run, the debate over whether to tell small children that Santa is or isn't real is more one of preference than necessity. From a very young age, my children learn that Santa, the Easter bunny, the Tooth Fairy, and other childhood myths aren't real. In others, however, the legends live in the hearts of children writing letters to Santa every winter. When the time comes, these children then grow up to pass them on to their children. These stories become a tradition that is part and parcel of the holiday season.

Positive Reinforcement

Clinical psychologist Paul DePompo makes a timely, practical point most parents can appreciate. "When a parent is already consistent in their discipline and positive praise for things like listening, talking nicely, being calm, a parent will often have enough credibility with their child where the child will believe the consequences of bad behavior."

You won't have to threaten that the elf on the shelf will tell Santa and he won't show up or deliver presents for Christmas to get your child to behave. They'll be so afraid of the consequences you lay out that they won't even care about Santa. Positive reinforcement and consistent discipline are the two most significant factors in getting children to behave in the way that you prefer. These two factors can also guarantee that your children behave rela-



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The Big Spring Festival of Lights has thousands of visitors each year.

tively well all year long instead of just in time for presents.

Monkey See, Monkey Do

It's never a good idea to do something you don't want your child to try. As a parent, it's a general rule of thumb that your children, for the most part, will follow a path you've modeled for them. If, for instance, a child grows up in an abusive home, they are likely to either abuse or suffer from abuse in adulthood.

Deciding to keep the secret of Santa for your children as they grow may be beneficial to their maturing as they grow up. It also means they're likely to keep the secret from their children. Respecting each parent's choice on whether to 'spill the beans' about Santa or other holiday traditions is the side on which we should all fall.

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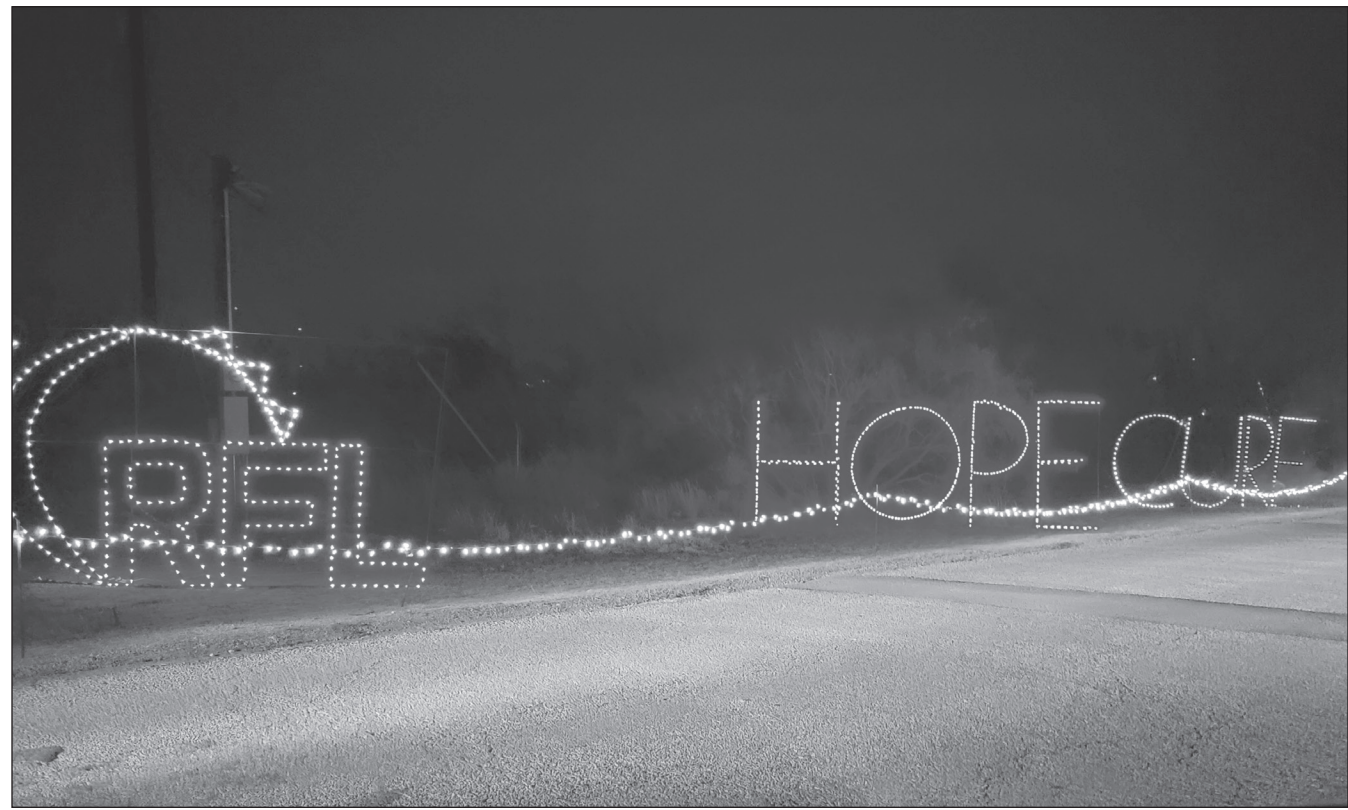
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SUNDAY COMICS

Agnes

by TONY COCHRAN

WHERE IS YOUR LIST OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT I WANT?

I DON'T HAVE A LIST LIKE THAT.

THEN HOW DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT TO BUY ME WHEN YOU GO SHOPPING?

I HAVE NO MONEY TO BUY YOU ANYTHING.

ARE YOU GOING TO AT LEAST MAKE ME A CARD?

FINE... IF I FIND A HUNK OF EASILY FOLDABLE CARDBOARD.

Archie

I HAVE TEST ANXIETY!

ARCHIE, THE TEST WAS YESTERDAY!

BUT THE GRADES ARE TODAY!

I'VE FINISHED GRADING YOUR TEST PAPERS!

GUHP?

WHOA!

WHOOPEE!

HAPPY DANCE! HAPPY DANCE!

ARCHIE, IT SEEMS I GAVE YOU AND DILTON EACH OTHER'S PAPERS BY MISTAKE!

HUH?

OH!

HEH! YOU MUST HAVE REALIZED SOMETHING WAS WRONG FROM MY REACTION!

NO, FROM DILTON'S!

ONE BIG HAPPY

12-11

HEY!

GRRR...

BOO!

YEOW!

MOM, RUTHIE SCARED ME!

ANDY CAPP

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO THE ROSE? GUITAR BOB'S PLAYING IN THERE TONIGHT

TO BE LOYAL CUSTOMERS TO JACK. IN FACT, 'LOYALTY' IS MY MIDDLE NAME

SO IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU BEING BARRED FROM EVERY OTHER PUB?

HAH, BOB SINGING REGGAE. EVEN YOU MUST ADMIT THAT'S IMPRESSIVE, ANDY

TO BE FAIR TO THE LAD, IT'S AMAZING

THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A SINGLE GENRE OF MUSIC HE WON'T RUIN

MAMMA

by MELL LAZARUS

FRANCIS, YOU KNOW MY FRIEND FIFI?

SURE!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DATE HER?

SURE! SHE'S CUTE!

OKAY, THEN I'LL SET IT UP!

I WANT YOU TO GIVE HER ALL YOUR ATTENTION, AS WELL AS THE FULL BENEFIT OF YOUR PERSONALITY!

I WILL!

THIS IS REALLY NICE OF YOU, SIS...

-BUT HOW COME? I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE HER VERY MUCH...

I DESPISE HER!!!

The BARN

by Ralph Hagen

IN THIS CORNER, WEIGHING 41 AND A HALF POUNDS, "RAGING RORY"!

AND IN THIS CORNER, WEIGHING 300 POUNDS, "KILLER SHEEPINSKI"!

OK, I WANT A CLEAN FIGHT. NO HEAD-BUTTING, EYE-GOUGING OR PULLING OFF YOUR OPPONENT'S LEG AND BEATING HIM WITH IT.

BLINK BLINK

LOOK!

PING

I LIKE YOUR NEW MOVE, RORY: HIDE UNTIL HE'S GONE. MORE LIKE "RUNAWAY RORY"!

SNORT