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Weather

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 32.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 51.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

BSPD seeking suspects in Saturday shooting

Special to the Herald
 Over the weekend, the Big Spring Police Department issued the following press release regarding a Saturday night shooting:

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the 2600 block of Chanute in reference to two gunshot victims. Upon arrival, an adult male and an adult female were found to have been shot. Big Spring Fire

If you have any information on this investigation you are urged to contact CrimeStoppers at 432-263-TIPS (8477). You can also leave an anonymous tip

Department and Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene and transported both victims to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment.

“The victims in this shooting have indicated that unknown subjects shot into the house, striking both of them before departing the area in an unknown direction. Both victims are currently being treated in Lubbock at UMC Medical.

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using the 'P3 Tips' mobile application or from web address www.P3tips.com/1277.”

Upcoming Local Events

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-along. Tickets are on sale now at bigspringsymphony.org as well as H-E-B, the Heritage Museum and the Karat Patch.

Daily Quotes

“I noticed the bushes all around where I stood in my fight with the machine guns were all cut down. The bullets went over my head and on either side. But they never touched me.”
 — *Alvin C. York*

“Everyone should dance. And everyone should sing. People say, ‘Well, I can’t sing.’ Everybody can sing. That you do it badly is no reason not to sing.”
 — *Dick Van Dyke*

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Sunday's H-E-B Feast of Sharing a hit



HERALD photos/Roger Cline
 Above, Mark Richardson, seated left, was the master of ceremonies at the annual H-E-B Feast of Sharing Sunday, held at the Howard County Fair Barn. Here, Richardson photographs an H-E-B employee and the H-E-Buddy mascot. Above right, as workers distribute barbecue with all the fixings in the background, a couple shows off their festive Christmas sweaters at the Feast of Sharing. Below right, volunteers and H-E-B employees quickly served up barbecue brisket and sausage, beans, potato salad, rolls, apple pie, and carbonated beverages, all courtesy H-E-B.



Tow-truck worker killed in hit-and-run accident

Special to the Herald
 The Texas Department of Public Safety issued the following statement regarding a hit-and-run fatality accident in Buchanan Dam, Texas:

“Texas DPS Troopers responded to a report of a fatality hit and run crash involving a tow truck driver. A tow truck driver, identified as 61-year-old Patrick Moran, of Buchanan Dam, Texas, was loading and securing a vehicle onto his tow truck on US 183 near Goldthwaite.

“An unknown pickup truck failed to move over or slow down and struck Moran. The vehicle sustained damage and failed to stop and render aid. Moran was pronounced deceased on the scene by Justice of the Peace, Kim Avants.

“Next of kin notification has been made. The crash investigation is active and open. Suspect vehicle is believed to be a 2011 to 2015 metallic brown Toyota Tundra 4x4 pick-up truck. Evidence left at the scene shows that the vehicle had aftermarket fender flares that were painted to match, as well as factory trailer tow mirrors. The suspect vehicle is missing the right front fender flare and right trailer towing mirror. Anyone with information about this crash please contact DPS Waco Communications at 254-759-7131.

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Obituaries

Gerald Gibson

Gerald Lane Gibson, of Mason, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Dec. 2, at the age of 72. He was born on Sept. 18, 1950, in Summerville, GA. Gerald is survived by: his wife Brenda Gibson; his children: Chris Gibson (Kara); Eddie McBee (Jeanette); Kimberly Durham (Robert); Christy Brownfield and Victoria Golleher, both of Big Spring; Elizabeth Stovall (Adam); and a brother Bob Allison.

A memorial service, celebrating Gerald's life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. at Mason Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to help with the funeral expense.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at masonfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Mason Funeral Home, P.O. Box 74, Mason, TX 76856.

Brandon Eugene Ceballos

Brandon Eugene Ceballos, 19, died Saturday. Services are pending with Myers&Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to help the family with funeral expenses.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1400 block of Bluebird. One person transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 600 block of NE 9th St. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 600 block of Vikki Rd. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 2700 block of Apache Dr. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 2500 block of Carol. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 800 block of Timothy. One person transported to SMMC.

Police/Sheriff blotter

The Howard County Detention Center reported the following activity:

- **RUBY ROSE GALAVIZ**, 21, of 906 Runnels, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JAY THOMAS TAGGERT**, 23, of 320 E. Davis Rd, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANTHONY GEORGE HERNANDEZ**, 54, of 103 S. 5th St., was arrested on charges of open container in motor vehicle, possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- **MICHAEL JOSEPH MEDFORD**, 44, of 6804 S. Service Rd. lot 17 was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid and fail to appear.
- **MICHAEL CLAY MCCUNE**, 50, of 1715 Hwy 350, was arrested on charges of fail to appear and forgery of a financial instrument.
- **RUDOLPH AVALOS JR.**, 35, of Rudd Unit TDCJ Inmate # 0206, Brownfield, was arrested on a parole violation.
- **CHERIE MARIE MAYES**, 39, of 3304 W. Hwy 80, was arrested on bail jumping and fail to appear.
- **ANSELMO ONTIVEROS JR.**, 36, of 4213 Hamilton, was arrested on motion to revoke probation/driving while intoxicated 2nd offense and driving while intoxicated.
- **BRANDON PINEDA-CAROZA**, 23, of 328 Van Ness, CA, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle.
- **THEFT** was reported at 1315 Mulberry Ave.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported at 1202 E. 3rd St.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported at 1406 Robin.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported at 5112 Dawson.
- **ASSAULT** was reported at 902 E. 15th St.
- **THEFT** was reported at 1700 S. Lancaster.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at 409 S. Owens.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at 201 W. FM 700.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported at 614 NE 9th St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at 1719 Harvard.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported at 1811 S. Gregg.
- **ASSAULT** was reported at 1312 Park St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at 1003 N. Runnels.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- 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.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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

Millions in central US brace for winter weather

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A massive winter storm blew across the center of the U.S. on Monday, threatening millions of people with heavy snow, freezing rain and flooding.

The National Weather Service warned that there would be "numerous, widespread, and impactful weather hazards in the heart of the country this week." People from Idaho spanning into Wisconsin and as far south as Louisiana were warned to be ready for blizzard-like conditions in the north and flash flooding in the south.

By Tuesday, Texas and northern Louisiana could be pummeled by severe hail, winds and tornadoes. The storm will contin-

ue southeast into Florida later in the week, forecasters said.

"It will be a busy week while this system moves across the country," said Marc Chenard, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service at the national center in College Park, Maryland.

Officials in western South Dakota on Monday told residents to brace for 6 inches (15 centimeters) or more of snow: "Get your shovels handy, get your groceries, and check other needed supplies. The roads will be hard to travel."

The weather is part of the same system that dumped heavy snow in the Sierra Nevada over the weekend, while downpours at

lower elevations already triggered flood watches across large swaths of California into Nevada.

The Heavenly ski resort at Lake Tahoe shut down some operations when the brunt of the storm hit Saturday. The resort posted video of lift chairs swaying violently because of gusts that topped 100 mph (161 kph), along with a tweeted reminder that wind closures are "always for your safety."

The UC Berkeley Central Sierra Snow Lab in Soda Springs, California reported Sunday morning that more than 43 inches (110 cm) had fallen in a 48-hour span.

Crews find 4th victim from blast in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Crews have found the body of a fourth person who died in an explosion at a San Antonio construction company and investigators worked Monday to determine the cause and origin of the blast.

The blast happened late Friday at K-Bar Services and could be heard miles away, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Responders immediately found one person dead when they arrived,

then two more bodies were discovered on Saturday.

The San Antonio Fire Department said a fourth victim was discovered Sunday.

"This is an extremely active case," SAFD spokesman Joe Arrington said Sunday. "The fire department's Arson Bureau has taken the lead on this case and are working with SAPD, the FBI and ATF to confirm what happened that night."

USA Today suspends weekly book bestseller list

NEW YORK (AP) — USA Today's weekly chart of top-selling books is on indefinite hiatus after the newspaper's parent company, Gannett, laid off the editor in charge of compiling the list that's closely followed in the publishing industry.

"USA Today's Books list will be on hiatus for the remainder of the year," a spokesperson told The Associated Press on Monday. "We will share further updates in 2023."

Gannett laid off hundreds of staffers earlier this month. Among them was Mary Cadden, who had worked on the list for more than a decade.

The newspaper drew upon hardcover, paperback and e-book sales from a wide range of outlets, including independent stores and online retailers, to put together 150 bestselling books from a given week. USA Today's list has been highly valued by authors, agents and publishers, who also look to lists from The New York Times and Amazon.com, among others.

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The Holy Birth



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Actors in Big Spring's First Church of the Nazarene's annual Drive-Through Nativity portray characters at the manger following the birth of Christ. The Drive-Through Nativity production was this past weekend, Lines for the display, which included several different scenes from the Biblical tale of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection, reportedly stretched from the church all the way to MLK Boulevard.

Take Note

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

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

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

- Starting in October, we will be switching food distribution to the fourth Friday of every month. Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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, hospital-ity services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

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

- 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.



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Texas officer testifies he saw gun before fatal shooting

By JAKE BLEIBERG

Associated Press

A former Texas police officer on trial for murder testified Monday that he made mistakes, but said he had no choice when he fatally shot a Black woman through a rear window of her home in 2019 while staring down the barrel of a handgun she was pointing at him.

Aaron Dean said Atatiana Jefferson had the gun “pointed directly at me” but repeatedly acknowledged his actions were “bad police work” on the fourth day of his trial in the killing of the 28-year-old woman. It was Dean’s first public statement in the more than three years since the white Fort Worth officer shot Jefferson while responding to a call about an open front door.

“I was looking right down the barrel of the gun and when I saw the barrel of that gun pointed at me, I fired a single shot from my duty weapon,” Dean said on the witness stand. Prosecutors contend Dean didn’t see the gun.

On cross examination, Dean, now 38, acknowledged that he didn’t say he was police nor mention the gun before shooting, and also didn’t tell another officer about the weapon before they moved into the house.

Running through events, prosecutors repeatedly asked if his actions were “more bad police work.” Again and again, Dean said “yes.”

The Fort Worth Police Department released body-camera video and arrested Dean on a murder charge within days of the Oct. 12, 2019, shooting. He’d completed the police academy the year before and quit the force without speaking to investigators.

Since then, Dean’s case was repeatedly postponed amid lawyerly wrangling, the terminal illness of Dean’s lead attorney and the COVID-19 pandemic. Tarrant County prosecutors rested their case Wednesday after about two and a half days of testimony.

Dean shot Jefferson after a neighbor called a non-emergency police line to report that the front door to Jefferson’s home was open. She had been playing video games that night with her nephew and it emerged at trial that they left the doors open to vent smoke from hamburgers the boy burnt.

Bodycam footage showed that Dean and a second officer who responded to the call didn’t identify themselves as police at the house. Officer Carol Darch testified last week that she and Dean thought the house might have been burglarized and quietly moved into the fenced-off backyard, guns drawn, looking for signs of forced entry.

There, Dean fired a single shot through the window a split-second after shouting at Jefferson, who was inside, to show her hands.

Dean testified Monday that his view of the darkened backyard was clearer than what’s shown in his body-camera footage but said that he could not make out the race or sex of the person in the window. He said he opened fire after seeing a gun “very close” and that he was briefly blinded by his muzzle flash.

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Brandon Eugene Ceballos, 19, died Saturday. Services are pending with Myers&Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to help the defray funeral expenses.

Emily Joan Blackburn, 91, died Tuesday. Visitation is Friday, Dec. 16, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Graveside service is Saturday Dec. 17, 2 p.m. at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

2023 Calendars have arrived.

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Steers and Lady Steers basketball teams fare well at Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic



Top left, Caleb Cantu goes up and scores during the Steers game against Dumas Friday morning in Stanton. Top middle, Big Spring's Eli Cobos shoots a free throw during the Steers game against Ozona Friday afternoon in Stanton. Top right, Big Spring's Emily Matthews looks to pass to a fellow teammate during the Lady Steers game against Portales Friday afternoon in Stanton. Bottom left, Elaina Arredondo drives past a defender during the Lady Steers game against Portales Friday afternoon. Bottom right, Big Spring's Erin Foresyth and Danigh Wrighter look to rebound during their game against Portales Friday afternoon. Both the Steers and Lady Steers finished with 2-2 records at the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic. Freshman Emily Carreon led the Lady Steers in scoring with 25 points and was selected to the All-Tournament team as. The Big Spring Steers will play at home today against Lubbock Coronado in a non-district matchup while the Lady Steers hit the road to take on San Angelo Central.

Herald photos/Patrick Gonzales

Texas coach Chris Beard arrested on family violence charge

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Chris Beard, who coached Texas Tech to the 2019 NCAA championship game and was hired away by Texas with expectations he'd elevate his alma mater to the same elite level, was arrested early Monday on a felony family violence charge.

Beard was arrested by Austin police and booked in the Travis County jail at 4:18 a.m. on a charge of assault on a family or household member in which their breath was impeded, or choking in common terms.

The charge is a third-degree felony in Texas, with a possible punishment of two to 10 years in prison. Jail records showed Beard had not posted bond as of Monday morning and did not indicate when he would be making an initial court appearance.

Beard attorney Perry Minton did not return a message from the AP seeking comment but he told the Austin American-Statesman the coach is innocent of the charge.

"He should never have been arrested," Minton told the newspaper. "The complainant wants him released immediately and all charges dismissed. It is truly inconceivable."

The seventh-ranked Longhorns (7-1) host Rice on Monday night. They were ranked No. 2 a week ago, the program's highest ranking in more than a decade.

"The university is aware of the situation regarding Chris Beard. We are continuing to gather information and monitoring the legal process," the school said in a statement.

Beard is in his second season of a seven-year guaranteed contract that pays him more than \$5 million per year. Before that, he was 112-55 in five seasons with the Red Raiders. He was named The Associated Press coach of the year in 2019 as he guided Texas Tech to a 31-7 finish and lost in an overtime thriller to Virginia in the national championship game.

His departure for Texas — a deal reached after a meeting with Texas athletic director Chris Del Conte that included a McDonald's breakfast an hour's drive north of Lubbock — left Texas Tech officials frustrated.

Beard said it was a difficult move, but he could not turn down a chance to coach his alma mater, where he spent the first three decades of his life. Earlier this year, he led Texas to a first-round victory over Virginia Tech that was the Longhorns' first NCAA Tournament win since 2014.

Beard's contract includes a provision under which he can be fired for cause for conduct the administration reasonably determines reflects poorly on the coach, program, school or university system. That includes being charged with a felony. University of Texas System Board of Regents Chairman Kevin Eltife did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

If Beard is suspended, Longhorns associate head coach Rodney Terry would be a likely candidate to lead the team. Terry has been a head coach at UTEP (2018-21) and Fresno State (2011-18).

Texas freshman guard Arterio Morris faces a misdemeanor family violence charge stemming from a June arrest after an incident with a former girlfriend. He faces a Wednesday court hearing in Denton County near Dallas.

Morris, a top national recruit, has been allowed to play this season despite the charge, and averages 17 minutes and 6.5 points per game. Morris' attorney, Justin Moore, has said Moore is innocent of the assault charge.

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On Dec. 13, 2000, Republican George W. Bush claimed the presidency a day after the U.S. Supreme Court shut down further recounts of disputed ballots in Florida; Democrat Al Gore conceded, delivering a call for national unity.

On this date: In 1862, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside launched futile attacks against entrenched Confederate soldiers during the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg; the soundly defeated Northern troops withdrew two days later. In 1937, the Chinese city of Nanjing fell to Japanese forces during the Sino-Japanese War; what followed was a massacre of war prisoners, soldiers and citizens. (China maintains that up to 300,000 people were killed; Japanese nationalists say the death toll was far lower, and some maintain the massacre never happened.)

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.) In 1993, the space shuttle Endeavour returned from its mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope. In 1996, the U.N. Security Council chose Kofi Annan (KOH'-fee AN'-nan) of Ghana to become the world body's seventh secretary-general. In 2001, the Pentagon publicly released a captured videotape of Osama bin Laden in which the al-Qaida leader said the deaths and destruction achieved by the

September 11 attacks exceeded his "most optimistic" expectations. In 2002, President George W. Bush announced he would take the smallpox vaccine along with U.S. military forces, but was not recommending the potentially risky inoculation for most Americans. In 2003, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit. In 2007, Major League Baseball's Mitchell Report was released, identifying 85 names to differing degrees in connection with the alleged use of performance-enhancing drugs. In 2014, thousands of protesters marched in New York, Washington and other U.S. cities to call attention to the killing of unarmed Black men by white police officers who faced no criminal charges. In 2019, the House Judiciary Committee approved two articles of impeachment accusing President Donald Trump of abuse of power in his dealings with Ukraine and obstruction of Congress in the investigation that followed. In 2020, the first vials of the Pfizer vaccine against COVID-19 began making their way to distribution sites across the United States. Ten years ago: U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice withdrew from consideration to replace outgoing Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton after running into opposition from Republicans over her explanation of the September attack

on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. (Rice had said the attack stemmed from a spontaneous protest over an anti-Islamic video, an assertion which later proved incorrect.) Five years ago: Congressional Republicans reached agreement on a major overhaul of the nation's tax laws that would provide generous tax cuts for corporations and the wealthiest Americans; middle- and low-income families would get smaller tax cuts. The New York Times published claims by three women that they had been raped by music mogul Russell Simmons in the 1980s and 1990s; Simmons denied the allegations. One year ago: The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection voted to pursue contempt charges against former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows; lawmakers also revealed a series of frantic texts he received as the attack was under way, in which members of Congress, Fox News anchors and even President Donald Trump's son urged Meadows to push Trump to act quickly to stop the siege by his supporters. (The House voted to hold Meadows in contempt, but the Justice Department declined to prosecute.) The Air Force said it had discharged 27 people for refusing to get the COVID-19 vaccine; they were believed to be the first service members removed for disobeying the mandate to get the shots. The Supreme Court refused to halt a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for health care workers in New York that did

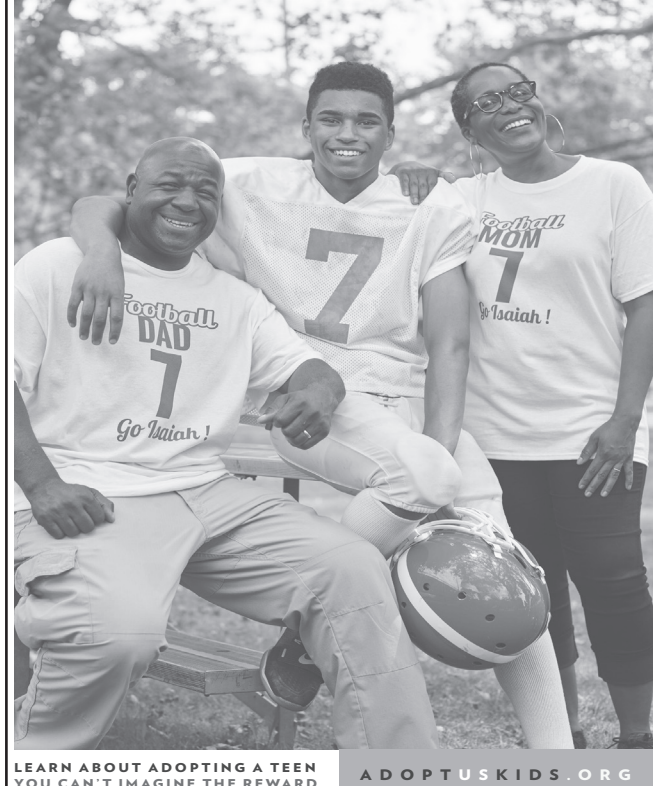
not offer an exemption for religious reasons. The Biden administration released a federal strategy to build 500,000 charging stations for electric vehicles across the country and ultimately transform the U.S. auto industry. Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 97. Country singer Buck White is 92. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 89. Singer John Davidson is 81. Actor Kathy Garver (TV: "Family Affair") is 77. Singer Ted Nugent is 74. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 74. Actor Robert Lindsay is 73. Country singer-musician Randy Owen is 73. Actor Wendie Malick is 72. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is 72. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is 69. Country singer John Anderson is 68. Singer-songwriter Steve Forbert is 68. Singer-actor Morris Day is 66. Actor Steve Buscemi (boo-SEH'-mee) is 65. Actor Johnny Whitaker (TV: "Family Affair") is 63. Rock musician John Munson (Semi-sonic; Twilight Hours) is 60. Actor-reality TV star NeNe Leakes is 56. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 55. Actor Lusia Strus is 55. Actor Bart Johnson is 52. Actor Jeffrey Pierce is 51. TV personality Debbie Matenopoulos is 48. Rock singer-musician Thomas Delonge is 47. Actor James Kyson Lee is 47. Actor Kimee Balmilero (TV: "Hawaii Five-0") is 43. Actor Chelsea Hertford is 41. Rock singer Amy Lee (Evanescence) is 41. Actor Michael Socha is 35. Actor Marcel Spears (TV: "The Mayor") is 34. Singer Taylor Swift is 33. Actor Maisy Stella is 19.

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Lunar Opposition

Saturn's rings, composed of the rubble of shattered moons, are a warning for those who orbit too close. Today's lunar opposition to Saturn focuses on the role of distance in relationships. When dangerous factors are in play, it's easy to sense what's too close for comfort. But even the safest relationships need a certain amount of distance. How much?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're happy to be there for your friends and loved ones, whether in good times or bad. Just showing up to witness what's going on in another person's world will make a difference. Shared joy multiplies, and shared grief reduces.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your charm emerges, sometimes unbidden but often at your summoning as you realize the high stakes involved in winning people to your side. You'll be particularly effective at tuning into what people need and want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You start out enacting a typical day in the life of you, but something happens to make business as usual impossible. Whatever comes up, you not only handle it but appreciate the variation and interest it brings to your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've chased dreams and caught a few, too. As for the ones that got away, carry a little hope around with you in your travels today and keep your eyes open for opportunity. Fresh

chances will be on offer. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships progress. You're starting to know someone very well and maybe even predict some of their reactions and next moves. Avoid getting too sure or comfortable, though, as mystery is a gift to savor and protect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a difference between observing and judging. It's easier to stay objective when you have nothing to gain or lose in the equation. Once the stakes involve you personally, you'll benefit from outside opinions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's said that children are best disciplined by speaking softly, which is heard loud and clear. Use the same principle with yourself. Tell your internal voices to pipe down. The firm and fair whisper of reason will ring.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's time to sell yourself. Don't sell yourself short, but definitely don't sell yourself tall either because that's a good way to seem desperate and insecure. Look into the pupils of your customer's eyes. Stop when it's sold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want everyone to feel at home even when you're not technically in your home, so your default is to act as a host. You'll encourage everyone to participate. Your friendly attitude will attract good fortune.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Help will come from somewhere -- maybe not the place that promised to provide it, but it will come. If you keep working

hard, your team will eventually join you.

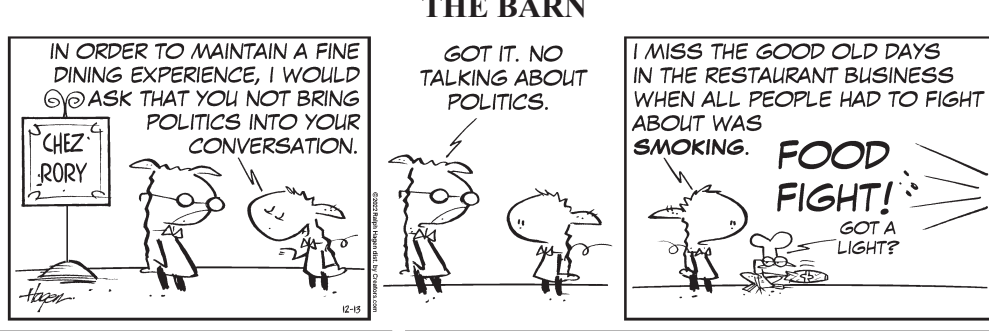
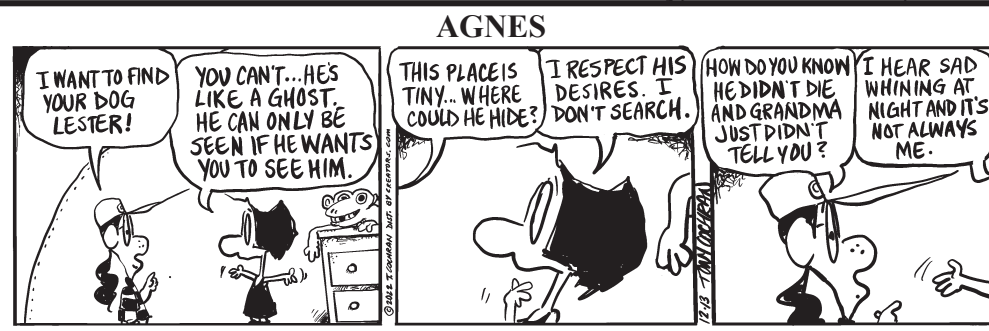
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have many gifts, but it's your tenacity that makes you a winner. It's your day to learn the difference between helpful and unhelpful input, especially coming from your own mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Creating puts you in a beautiful mood. Whether it's a tasty meal, a well-thought-out piece of work, a doodle or a tune to hum, you'll be in top form when you execute this.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 13). Because you know yourself better than ever, you'll key into your own delight. You'll choose a new focus, and as you quickly advance through this realm, you'll be happy with your choice. You'll revel in rare moments of complete freedom when you have the means to do exactly what you'd most prefer. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 22, 31, 16 and 2.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sagittarian superstar Taylor Swift continues to break chart records, recently claiming all top 10 spots in the Billboard Hot 100. Her follow-up to that feat is unprecedented presales of concert tickets to her "Eras" tour, causing a ruckus at Ticketmaster. Swift was born when the moon and Jupiter were in Cancer -- deeply feeling, soulful and ever-changing.

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 - 38 Fluffy serving of spuds
 - 43 San Juan, Puerto ___
 - 44 Figure of speech like a metaphor
 - 45 Soul music icon Franklin
 - 48 Mobile phone, for short
 - 49 Author's negotiator: Abbr.
 - 52 Church bench
 - 53 Tack on
 - 55 Traditional Arctic dome home
 - 57 Very stern and tough
 - 62 Wife or husband
 - 64 Self-confidence
 - 65 Joins in marriage
 - 66 Sign seen by a seer

- 67 Any pick-me-up drink
 - 68 ___-jerk reaction
 - 69 Raven or robin
 - 70 Laid out, as cash
 - 71 Tax form IDs
- DOWN**
- 1 Saudi ___ (Mideast nation)
 - 2 Shaped like Santa
 - 3 Lacks the skills for
 - 4 Struck down, in the Bible
 - 5 Sear on a grill
 - 6 50% portion
 - 7 Wine region of Italy
 - 8 Smelled awful
 - 9 Combines two companies

- 10 Slightly open
- 11 Unnaturally high voice
- 12 Tooth doctors' org.
- 13 Hi-___ monitor
- 21 Retired police officer
- 22 Swelled head
- 26 Green citrus fruit
- 27 Untidy room
- 30 Find a purpose for
- 31 Fishing poles
- 32 Subject for discussion
- 34 Hourly charge
- 35 Small stain
- 36 Alaskan city
- 38 Rolled-up sandwich
- 39 Add to the payroll

- 40 Free drink at a restaurant
- 41 Up to, in ads
- 42 Bold poker bet
- 46 "That's what you think!"
- 47 Adjusts to change
- 49 Visitors from another planet
- 50 California's ___ Gate Bridge
- 51 Throws softly
- 54 Start to sag
- 56 Stares awkwardly
- 58 Transmit
- 59 Sup in style
- 60 B ___ "boy"
- 61 Splinter group
- 62 Crowd around
- 63 Male pal in Paris

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

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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Match The Santa To His Workshop!!



| Santa No. | Business |
|-----------|------------------------------|
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| _____ | Medrano's Oil Change |
| _____ | Big Spring Fire Extinguisher |
| _____ | Hull's Meat Market |
| _____ | Franklin & Son |
| _____ | Big Spring Herald |

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY: _____

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