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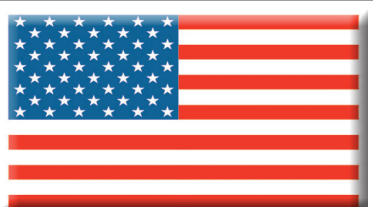
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Wednesday: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 32.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 51.
Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Events

Dec. 16-6:30 p.m. Paint and Sip at Ryan Hall, contact Victim Services for information.
 Dec. 17,-Breakfast with Santa, 10 a.m. at the Courtyard 117 S. Main.
 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. Tickets are on sale now at bigspringsymphony.org as well as H-E-B, the Heritage Museum and the Karat Patch.

Daily Quotes

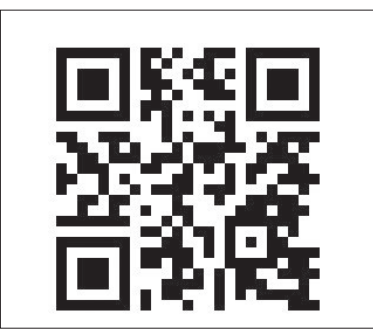
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 — Alan Turing

"Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you."
 — Unknown

"For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple and wrong."
 — H.L. Mencken

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Knights of Columbus Thank HEB For Help



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HEB and the Knights of Columbus chapter 9130 partnered through Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and St. Vincent de Paul to provide food and supplies for Christmas dinner to 50 needy families in Big Spring. The Knights of Columbus presented certificates of appreciation Tuesday to HEB for their exceptional service to the community. Pictured are: Mario Gonzales, Doroteo Alvear, Victor Torres, Frank Ornelas, Kenda Jones, Jennifer Reed, Charlie Rodriguez, Jesse Saenz, Ray Deleon, and Jesse Salazar.

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Reporter

Giving is better than receiving as the saying goes. In keeping with that sentiment and to promote the holiday spirit, HEB and the Knight's of Columbus in partnership with Holy Trinity Catholic Church are making sure needy families don't do without for Christmas. Fifty local families who might otherwise not have what they need, received a little help with their Christmas dinners this year.

Generous donations were made from the Knights of Columbus chapter 9170, HEB, as well as the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. The meals were distributed by Holy Trinity's St. Vincent de Paul distribution center. Grateful for the local HEB's contribution, the Knights of Columbus wanted to thank the local store. To show their appreciation for helping with the endeavor, members of the Knights of Columbus presented HEB manager Jennifer Reed with

a certificate of appreciation. Reed said that she and HEB were happy to help. "We are grateful for the opportunity to work with the Knights of Columbus to help those in need," Reed. "We are always happy to take advantage of any opportunity to help the community." With their help, The Knights of Columbus chapter 9170 provided food boxes that included a turkey and all the accompaniments. Holy Trinity's St. Vincent de Paul distributed the boxes to 50 local

families to help provide them with a Christmas meal. St. Vincent de Paul distributes food supplies to the public 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 take place at 1009 Hearn at the SVDP Building. For more information call Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 432-606-5000. The church is located at 1009 Hearn.

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Howard College Meeting Presented Quick Facts About District

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Managing Editor

Howard County Junior College District Board members heard several "Quick Facts" about the district – an event prepared annually for the final meeting each year by the college's staff. The report came during Monday's meeting. After the meeting began at 12:30 with an invocation and recognition of guests, the board approved several routine matters, including minutes of the Nov. 14 regular meeting; November 2022 checklist; monthly reports of auxiliary services; personnel matters; and the internal audit report. Next, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks reported on the college's response to COVID-19 – the 32nd such report since the onset of the pandemic. "We are finding ourselves, really



moving hopefully past the pandemic, although we do have some more activity as far as COVID in our area," Sparks told the board.

"Mainly what we're working on right now is how to spend the remaining CARES money that we must have expended by June of '23. So we're working on that. We continue to just be responsive to things that are happening as far as confirmed cases or exposures. We work through all that following the Open Howard College document that y'all approved earlier." The "Quick Facts" report came next. The purpose of the report is to provide a snapshot of the district and its schools in Big Spring, Lamesa and San Angelo, as well as the SouthWest College for the Deaf. "It basically goes through and looks at each of our campuses, and specifically it looks at how we are faring as a district," Sparks said, noting that the report includes the district's vision, mission and values statements.

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Nominations for 5 Under 55 and Man and Woman of the Year are being accepted

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Contributing Writer

A big heart and love for the community is evident when one takes the time to look around Big Spring and Howard County. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is offering an opportunity to shine some light on those people. Nominations for 5 Under 55 and Man and Woman of the Year are being accepted for the next week or two.

"Our community has grown over the years and some great initiatives have been launched thanks to the giving hearts that exist in our community," Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said. "Each year, we like to recognize a few of those people and let them know their efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are very much appreciated."

5 Under 55 is an honor that was first implemented about four years ago and has since seen almost 20 people recognized for their professional positive impact on the community. Each year, a committee selects four recipients who are considered to be upstanding community members who give back to beyond the duties of their employment. These recipients show their heart for Big Spring and Howard County by their deep involvement in community events, their ability to showcase their place of employment, and by presenting new ideas that impact community services and more. "One individual can make a big impact and age does not matter. We have so many young business professionals that are making their mark on this community and while they may not be doing this for the recognition, they deserve to be appreciated," ValVerde said.

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Obituaries

Brandon Eugene Ceballos

Brandon Eugene Ceballos, 19, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Kerry Warren Youth Minister at Spring Creak officiating. Burial will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Mount Olive Cemetery with his mother.

Brandon was born Feb. 6, 2002, in Sherman. He attended Coahoma ISD for most of his schooling and graduated from Big Spring ISD in May 2022.

He loved making music and playing with his dogs, especially his oreo. He had a very big heart. He was always willing to help others and he enjoyed helping with his nieces and nephew. He would play with them until they were frustrated with him. He was a big kid at heart and yet at the same time he could be very stubborn.

Brandon was going to be a father to a baby girl that is due in February with Ashlyn Means.

Brandon is survived by: his parents, Rodolfo and Christina Brito; 4 sisters, Delia Ceballos, Jasmine Ceballos, Natalie Ceballos and Brittany Ceballos; 2 brothers, Roodolfo Brito Jr. and Adam Brito; 2 dogs, Oreo Brito and Akamaru Brito; grandmother, Helena Mora; favorite aunt, Delma Zamora; 2 nieces, Alanah and LoriAna; 1 nephew, Mathew; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Brandon was preceded in death by his mother, Natividad Ceballos and his welo, Fortino Bautista Hernandez.

The family of Brandon Ceballos wishes to extend our sincere thanks to all family and friends for all your prayers, condolences and monetary donations.

A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help assist the family with funeral expenses.

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

Paid Obituary

Police/Sheriff blotter

The Howard County Detention Center reported the following activity:

- **ORLANDO CASTALAN JR.**, 40, of 1607 Osage Rd., was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and parole violation.
- **COREY RYAN HATCHER**, 29, of 1203 Rhett Dr., Midland, was arrested on a charge of fail to comply sex off duty to reg
- **MICHAEL EUGENE MENEFIELD JR.**, 31, of 2910 Cherokee St., was arrested on charges of fail to maintain financial responsibility, use of vision reducing matter on vehicle, evading arrest detention resist arrest search or transport.
- **CODY RAY OLIVARES**, 23, of 2403 Alabama, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **JUAN MIGUEL ORTIZ**, 33, of 3118 Chacota apt. 1, Laredo was arrested on a motion to revoke probation driving while intoxicated 2nd offense.
- **ALLEN RAY WARD**, 50, of 1105 N. Scurry, was arrested on a charge of theft of service greater than or equal to \$2,500 but less than \$30,000.
- **SHERRIE ANN THOMPSON**, 38, of 2910 Cherokee, was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported at 706 E. I 20.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported at 500 W. 4th St.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at 1501 Sycamore.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at Cedar/Canyon.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at 1506 E. 4th St.
- **ASSAULT** was reported at 3613 W. Hwy 80.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported at 409 S. Ave.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported at 201 W. FM 700, Coahoma.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported at 613 Steakley.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at W. Hwy 80 and Airbase Rd.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 2700 block of Lynn Dr. One person transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 200 block of Refinery Rd. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 400 block of Sgt. Paredes St. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 200 block of Circle Dr. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 2800 block of Macauslin St. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 1100 block of Marijo. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 100 block of Airbase Rd. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 1800 block of Nolan. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 800 block of Highland. One person transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

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.

Festival of Lights Holiday Tradition



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Driving around with family and friends has been a Christmas tradition for many families for many years. The Festival of Lights will continue through Dec. 31 at the Comanche Trail Park. The entrance for the lighted displays is on Highway 87 and the park closes at 10 p.m.

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MEETING

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Sparks next announced that the college has been asked to participate in the Howard County Leadership Summit scheduled Feb. 28. The Leadership Summit, first held in December of 2021, was instituted to coordinate efforts among local governmental entities and leading businesses to move the county forward economically.

The board approved an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources – Communication Technology Services Division; and approved the auction of Howard County Trustee properties to

the highest bidder for cash.

The board approved Change Order No. 8 on the ongoing roofing project at Howard’s Big Spring and SWCD campuses.

Howard’s Special Project Officer Terry Hansen said the project is nearly complete.

“It never fails. We again had substantial completion inspection on the schedule for Thursday and Friday this week, and naturally we had about three or four days of rain,” he said. “It wasn’t heavy rain, but it was enough to keep things wet and slick and dangerous on the roofs. So that pushed us back a little bit. Right now it looks like we’re going to do that on the 20th of December.”

Howard’s Workforce and Community

Development Officer Fabian Serrano said work on the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is almost complete.

“The coliseum should be completed sometime this week,” he said. “All of the cabinets in the main room have been rebuilt. All of the vanities in the locker rooms – except for the men’s locker room, which was not damaged – are currently being installed. The coliseum should be done this week.” Hansen said renovations on the Big Spring campus’ Library and Music Building are proceeding well.

“Those buildings, all the demolition is complete. I was over there in the Library this morning, and there’s some new walls going up where the new classroom will be, and the lab – the little video lab where instructors

or even students will be able to go in and do little video clips to share with class members or even with friends...it’s going to be available for a lot of different uses. The Library will be completed before the Music Building, even though both projects were scheduled for 280 days. The contractor has told us – I don’t want to jinx it, but he’s looking at an April completion date on the Library. The Music Building, we’re looking at June or July.”

Addressing the board by telephone link, school officials announced that work on the district’s upcoming audit, as well as work on implementation of the new Student Information System, are proceeding well.

CHAMBER

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“Our place of employment offers a platform to reach further into the community, and serves as an open door to endless opportunities for a positive impact. There are many in our community who have taken that launch pad and started avenues of positive impact for their business, group and organizations.”

Nominations for 5 Under 55 can be submitted until Friday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. Nominations should come from Chamber members and/or Chamber businesses. The nomination should include the name of the nominee, place of employment and a detailed description of how they have positively impacted Big Spring and Howard County.

Man and Woman of the Year is a notable award that has been presented for the past 30 plus years. This esteemed honor is a way to give honor to individuals who have not only

planted roots in Howard County, but have done things that have demonstrated just how deep those roots run. Last year’s Man of the Year was John Weeks and Woman of the Year Suzanne Markwell.

“The impact that our previous Man and Woman of the Year recipients have made can still be seen in our community. These individuals have demonstrated their love for the community and benefits of that love can still be seen,” ValVerde said. “There are so many people who are doing great things, and while we will never be able to recognize each of them, but we do want to make an effort to let these people know all that they do are appreciated.”

Nominations for Man and Woman of the Year will be selected by a committee and selection will be based on all around contributions to the community. The nominee should demonstrate a consistent track record of accomplishments rather than being honored for a single act of merit.

“Man and Woman of the Year is a special honor to receive. We do ask that a Chamber

member nominates them, but the nominee does not have to be a Chamber member,” ValVerde said. “We do want to remind those looking to nominate someone that those who are currently holding a political office are not eligible for nomination.”

Applications for 5 Under 55 and Man and Woman of the Year can be taken to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building, located at 215 W. Third Street.

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Emily Joan Blackburn, 91, died Tuesday. Visitation will be Friday Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be Saturday Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. at Mount Olice Cemetery.

Brandon Eugene Ceballos, 19, died Saturday. Funeral service will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Mount Olive Cemetery with his mother. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help assist the family with funeral expenses.

2023 Calendars have arrived.

Take Note

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

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

• Starting in October, we will be switching food distribution to the fourth Friday of every month. Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 news-

papers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

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

• 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.

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4. Adults may assist in completing entry form information, but NOT in coloring pictures.
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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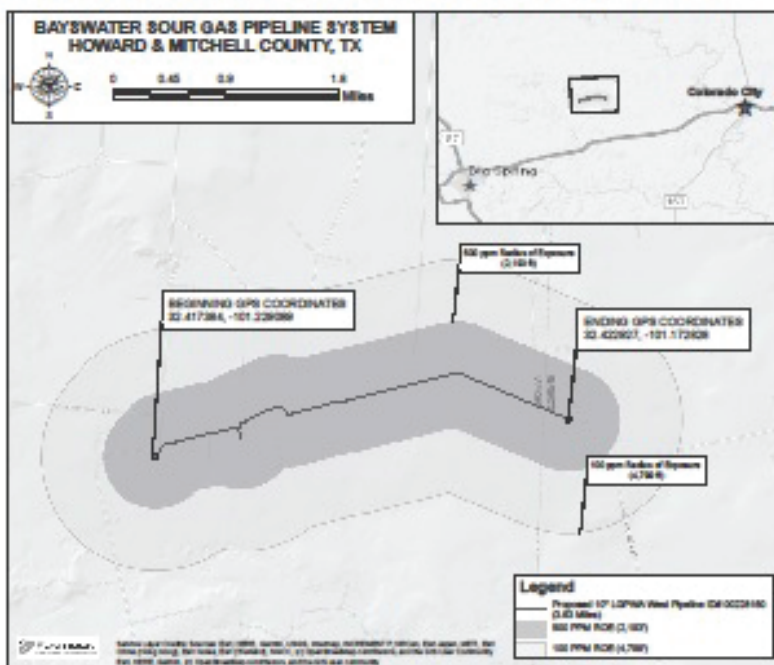
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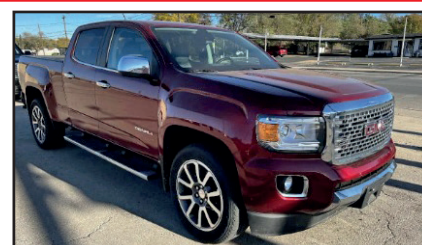
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North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠ Q 9 3 ♥ A 7 5 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ J 8 4 WEST ♠ J 8 7 6 2 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ 5 2 ♣ A 7 2 EAST ♠ K 10 5 ♥ J 9 6 3 ♦ Q J 10 8 ♣ 6 3 SOUTH ♠ A 4 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ K 7 6 4 ♣ K 10 9 5

The bidding: North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — six of spades. The Rule of Eleven is a handy gadget that can be used by either side. Here is an unusual case that demonstrates the value of the rule. West leads the six of spades, dummy following low, and the question is what East should play on this trick. If he plays the ten, which is probably what most players would do, declarer can make the contract by establishing clubs and guessing to play the nine of spades on West's spade return (or later leading a spade to the nine himself) to produce his ninth trick. Let's suppose that East is a devout

disciple of the Rule of Eleven and understands its workings perfectly. In that event, after West leads the six of spades and dummy follows with the three, East plays the five! The effect of this startling play is that South goes down one. Declarer wins and attacks clubs, whereupon West takes the ace and leads another low spade. If the queen is played from dummy, East quickly defeats the contract by taking the king and continuing with the ten to West's jack; if the nine is played from dummy, East wins with the ten, cashes the king and returns the queen of diamonds, leaving South with only eight tricks. In applying the Rule of Eleven (which assumes that the lead is fourth-best), East subtracts the number of the card led from 11, which in this case tells him that there are five cards higher than the six in the North, East and South hands. East sees two of them in dummy and two of them in his own hand, so he knows South has only one spade higher than the six. Given South's two no-trump bid, this card is most likely to be the ace, which means East can safely play the five. Even if South's spade honor is the jack, the play of the five can do no worse than break even, since South is assured of a spade trick no matter what East plays.

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Today in History

On Dec. 14, 2020, the Electoral College decisively confirmed Joe Biden as the nation's next president, ratifying his November victory in a state-by-state repudiation of President Donald Trump's refusal to concede he had lost; electors gave Biden 306 votes to Trump's 232. Speaking from Delaware, Biden accused Trump of threatening core principles of democracy, but told Americans that their form of self-government had "prevailed."

On this date: In 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Virginia, home at age 67. In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state. In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died at Windsor Castle at age 42. In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen (ROH'-ahl AH'-mun-suhn) and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott. In 1939, the Soviet Union was expelled from the League of Nations for invading Finland. In 1961, a school bus was hit by a passenger train at a crossing near Greeley, Colorado, killing 20 students. In 1964, the U.S.

Supreme Court, in Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States, ruled that Congress was within its authority to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against racial discrimination by private businesses (in this case, a motel that refused to cater to Blacks). In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967. In 1985, former New York Yankees outfielder Roger Maris, who'd hit 61 home runs during the 1961 season, died in Houston at age 51. In 1986, the experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world. In 2006, a British police inquiry concluded that the deaths of Princess Diana and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, in a 1997 Paris car crash were a "tragic accident," and that allegations of a murder conspiracy were unfounded. Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun died in New York at age 83. In 2020, the largest vaccination campaign in U.S. history began getting shots on the same day the nation's COVID-19 death toll hit 300,000. Ten years ago: A gunman with a semi-automatic rifle killed 20 first-graders and

six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, then took his own life as police arrived; the 20-year-old had also fatally shot his mother at their home before carrying out the attack on the school. Five years ago: The Federal Communications Commission voted to repeal the Obama-era "net neutrality" rules, a move that gave internet service providers a free hand to slow or block specific websites and apps as they see fit, or charge more for faster speeds. The most serious charge against James Alex Fields, accused of driving into a crowd protesting a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August, was upgraded to first-degree murder; a 32-year-old woman, Heather Heyer, died and dozens were injured. One year ago: The House voted to hold former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows in contempt of Congress after he ceased to cooperate with the Jan. 6 committee investigating the Capitol insurrection. (The Justice Department would decline to prosecute.) A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit that was brought by former President Donald Trump in his attempt to block congressional lawmakers from obtaining his tax returns. The U.S. death toll from COVID-19 topped 800,000, according to the count kept by Johns Hopkins

University. Stephen Curry set a new NBA career 3-point record; the Golden State Warriors' guard hit his 2,974th 3-point shot against the New York Knicks at Madison Square Garden. Authorities in South Carolina said an autopsy found unusually severe brain disease in the frontal lobe of Phillip Adams, a former NFL player accused of fatally shooting six people in South Carolina before killing himself in April. Today's Birthdays: Singer-actor Abbe Lane is 91. Actor Hal Williams is 88. Actor-singer Jane Birkin is 76. Pop singer Joyce Vincent Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 76. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 76. Actor Dee Wallace is 74. R&B singer Ronnie McNeir (The Four Tops) is 73. Rock musician Cliff Williams is 73. Actor-comedian T.K. Carter is 66. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 64. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 64. Actor Cynthia Gibb is 59. Actor Nancy Valen is 57. Actor Archie Kao is 53. Actor Natascha McElhone is 53. Actor-comedian Michaela Watkins is 51. Actor-comedian Miranda Hart is 50. R&B singer Brian Dalmirple (Soul For Real) is 47. Actor KaDee Strickland is 47. Actor Tammy Blanchard is 46. Actor Sophie Monk is 43. Actor-singer-musician Jackson Rathbone is 38. Actor Vanessa Hudgens is 34. Rock/R&B singer Tori Kelly is 30.

FEATURES

Horoscopes By Holiday

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 14, 2022

Neptune Gets Real

The sun squares off with Neptune, reminding us how our common notions about the way things work can be a bit unrealistic. For instance, winning the lottery doesn't equal living happily ever after, and being in love doesn't resolve all problems or create earthly nirvana. Our illusions and mythologies can be a fun escape, but they shouldn't be mistaken for actualities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Problematic teammates may actually be good for the group, as they disrupt the status quo, causing everyone to look at things they otherwise wouldn't notice. Agents of chaos keep group dynamics from getting stale.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have high expectations for your social life, but the party hasn't met those standards lately. It is inevitable that the tide will turn. It's a fortunate time to get out and go searching for someone as playful and fun as you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Go through your possessions and assess what you no longer need, as well as what you're missing and would like to try. Assessing your material world will be a lucky start to attracting good things in the next phase.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You could use the help of an expert and will have no trouble finding one who will take your money, though you might solve the problem quickly and for free with an online video tutorial. Asking the right question will be key.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Focus on what will enhance your bottom line and ignore what won't. You're still learning to tell the difference. The faster you get at figuring this out, the more productive and effective you'll be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Over time, the task at hand goes from being pleasant to tolerable to tedious. You can make the "pleasant" phase last longer, though, especially by taking breaks and altering your approach to keep a fresh mindset.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Matters of image come up, and you may decide to make some changes. This might include updating your skills or finding a new way to tell your story. Image is about so much more than how a person looks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've become masterful at what you do and will continue to turn out a fantastic result. Others want to know your secret, but it's not something you can share. It comes so naturally to you that you have no idea how you do it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's no perfect amount of socializing that fits every individual. The amount that works well for you will change in different seasons of life. You're happiest when you heed signals telling you when you've had enough or need more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A clash of wills doesn't show whose is more powerful; it only shows who is more stubborn. Today will offer the opportunity to sidestep a conflict, which may be the wisest use of your feet. Most arguments aren't worth taking on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Perplexing entanglements and ridiculous plot twists are part of the fun. Don't expect to sort it out quickly, but at least you'll be entertained. Ultimately, without the complications there would be no story.

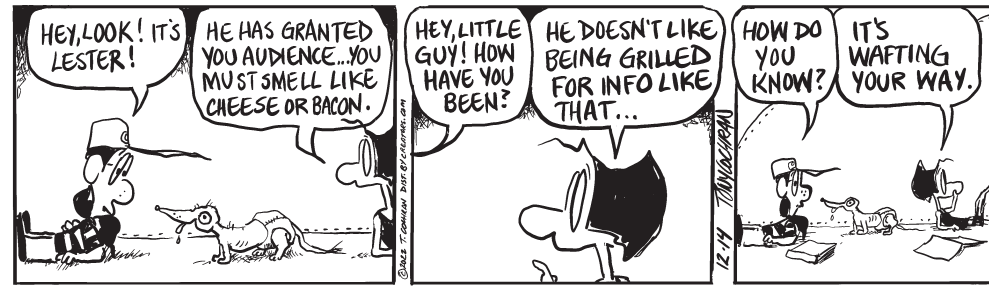
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Having friends who truly enrich your life begins with being adept at spotting people who have great potential. Notice how you feel about yourself when you're around them. The importance of first impressions cannot be overstated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 14). The best leaders have also been followers. You'll toggle between the two roles in 2023, sometimes unsure about which to take. The fact that you wonder indicates your readiness to lead, and indeed when you're in charge you will be brilliant. More highlights: a connection with someone who fills your heart and a well-earned certificate. Gemini and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 17, 10, 36 and 1.

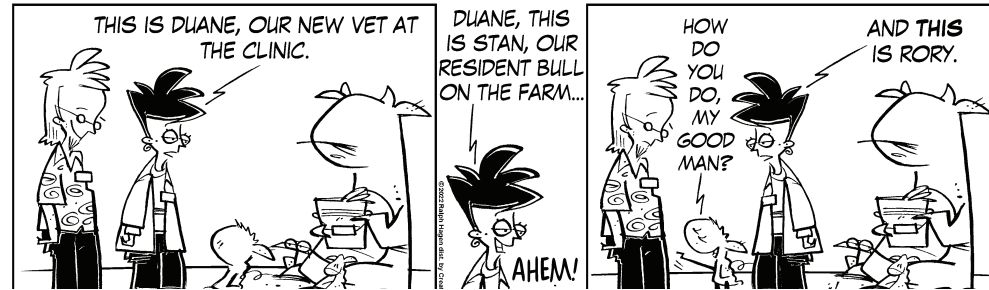
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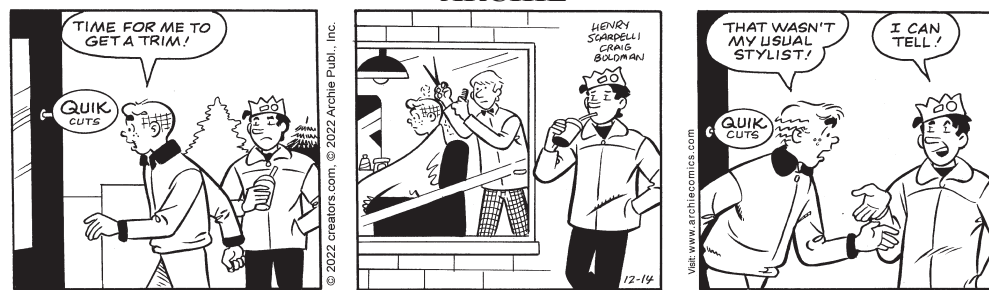
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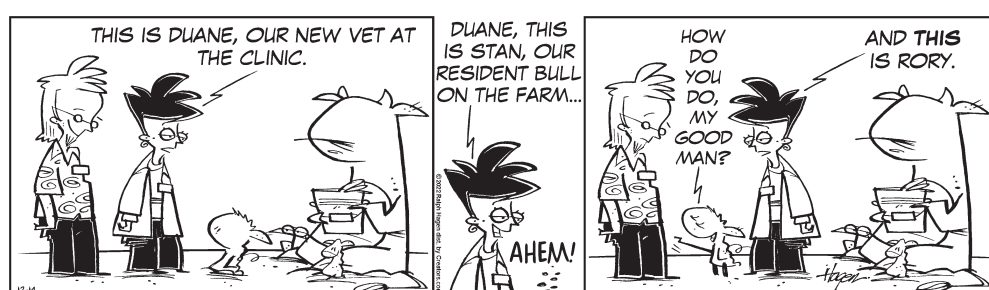
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Do damage to
 - 5 In addition
 - 9 Say out loud
 - 14 Unpleasant aroma
 - 15 Shoe's bottom
 - 16 Self-respect
 - 17 Hollywood headliner
 - 19 Stovetop cooker
 - 20 Poetic "before"
 - 21 Have to
 - 22 Extinguished, as a fire
 - 23 Cash in, as coupons
 - 25 Thailand's former name
 - 26 Icky little critter
 - 32 Bedtime reading to a tot
 - 35 President Madison or Monroe
 - 36 Color gradation
 - 37 Lima's nation
 - 38 Man's rounded hat
 - 39 Offer for purchase
 - 40 Time period with a name
 - 41 Lizard in insurance ads
 - 42 Compete in a bee
 - 43 Handheld two-way radio
 - 46 Gets something wrong
 - 47 Senior members
 - 51 Stand in the way of
 - 54 Vacuum bag's contents
 - 56 Photo
 - 57 Only one-syllable state

- 58 Cold symptom
 - 60 Modify
 - 61 Just a single time
 - 62 Plow-pulling bovines
 - 63 Decade fractions
 - 64 Transaction
 - 65 "Big Board" of Wall St.
- DOWN**
- 1 Big hit in baseball
 - 2 Idolize
 - 3 Wandered around
 - 4 Medical scan letters
 - 5 Take for granted
 - 6 Outdoor parking areas
 - 7 Wooden strip
 - 8 "___ the fields we go ..."
 - 9 Big disturbances
 - 10 Emotional shock
 - 11 Sardine cans
 - 12 Outer border
 - 13 Swamp grass
 - 18 Manicurist's abrasive
 - 22 Not at all certain
 - 24 Brown hosiery hue
 - 25 % or \$
 - 27 Retrieves a DVD
 - 28 Hooded coat
 - 29 "This is fun!!!"
 - 30 Quiet period
 - 31 Holler
 - 32 Gush forth
 - 33 Prefix meaning "trillion"
 - 34 Spoken out loud
 - 38 Farm machinery giant
 - 39 Hurried along
 - 41 Steel support beams
 - 42 Full of sediment, as a river delta
 - 44 More perceptive
 - 45 Bit of corn
 - 48 Strong glue
 - 49 Gains altitude
 - 50 Part of a play
 - 51 "That's a possibility for me"
 - 52 Drake or bull
 - 53 Pocket bread
 - 54 Hill of sand
 - 55 Ancient native of 37 Across
 - 58 Fishing pole
 - 59 Persona ___ grata

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Level: Intermediate

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

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Today's Answers

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