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**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 11. Wind chill values as low as -5. Northeast wind 15 to 25 mph.  
**Friday:** Partly sunny and cold, with a high near 25. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 13.  
**Christmas Eve:** Sunny, with a high near 36.  
*Source: NWS, via weather.gov*

**On This Day**  
**Dec. 22**

**1937:** The Lincoln Tunnel opens to traffic in New York City.  
**1944:** World War II: Battle of the Bulge: German troops demand the surrender of United States troops at Bastogne, Belgium, prompting the famous one word reply by General Anthony McAuliffe: "Nuts!"  
**1971:** The international aid organization Doctors Without Borders is founded by Bernard Kouchner and a group of journalists in Paris, France.

**Daily Quotes**

"The music of this opera (Madame Butterfly) was dictated to me by God. I was merely instrumental in getting it on paper and communicating it to the public."  
 — **Giacomo Puccini**

"An equation means nothing to me unless it expresses a thought of God."  
 — **Srinivasa Ramanujan**

"Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest."  
 — **Lady Bird Johnson**

"I have grown up loving Shakespeare."  
 — **Ralph Fiennes**

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 Mrs. Sam Cimino's Pre-K class at First Methodist Church in Big Spring recently collected a pile of diapers and baby wipes, and delivered them to the Life Center, 1801 S. Main St. in Big Spring. The Life Center is a faith-based organization advocating alternatives to abortion with locations in Big Spring, Midland, Andrews and Odessa.

**Coahoma kids get Christmas stories**



**Special to the Herald**

Christmas came a little early for students at Coahoma Elementary School. Members of the Coahoma High School National Honor Society personally delivered more than 570 books to elementary students as a holiday gift last week. "NHS decided they wanted to help CISD with our literacy goal, which is to improve reading across every grade level," said Melissa Watson, Coahoma NHS sponsor. For the past month, the NHS students have been collecting new or slightly used elementary-age books from the community. Overall, the drive gathered enough to provide every Coahoma elementary student with an age-appropriate book and a start on next year's project.

*Courtesy photos*  
 Left, Coahoma NHS member Makayla Chavez speaks with a Coahoma Elementary School student while distributing books. Above, members of the Coahoma National Honor Society pose for a photo before distributing books to students at Coahoma Elementary School. Below, Macy Roberts and Ashton Peña admire their presents given by the Coahoma NHS.

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**Santa and Grinch visit Alberto's**



*HERALD photos/Angela Lance*  
 Santa Claus himself recently took time out of his busy holiday schedule to bring a little Christmas cheer to Alberto's Crystal Cafe, 2401 S. Gregg Street in Big Spring. Not only that, he brought his grumpy buddy, The Grinch, along with him. The pair interacted with youngsters and the young at heart at the restaurant, and posed for a few Herald photos. Merry Christmas, all!

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## Obituaries

### Brandon Morrow

Brandon Morrow, 33, of Big Spring, Texas died Dec. 20, 2022 in Stanton, Texas in a motor vehicle accident. The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel Thursday, Dec. 22, from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel Friday morning Dec. 23, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. There will be a lunch reception immediately following funeral services at the Eagles Lodge.

Brandon was born April 5, 1989, at Midland Memorial Hospital. He met April Leistikow, the love of his life, about 2 and a half years ago. Since then... He has blossomed into the man that he always wanted to be.

His parents Rick and Shoni Morrow and Gary and Christy Romine couldn't have asked for a better son. He was so loving, very hard working, and a super sentimental young man. He would help anyone in need and fixed anything in his path that was not working properly. Brandon was employed at Sid Richardson for almost 10 years. He enjoyed hunting, roping, fishing, and spending time with April. He was a graduate of Forsan High School and attended Texas Tech University.

He is survived by the love of his life April, his parents, and his sisters Tiffany Salazar (Aron), Amber Morrow, Hannah Head, Lori Clemmons (Marc), and Missy Irwin (Coy) along with his grandparents Sam and Joyce Watts and Eugene and Carolyn Clanton as well as many nieces and nephews, and other family members.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Carl and Norma Morrow and his sister Krista Bounds.

Pallbearers will be: Ky Hoffackett, Adam Johnson, Shane Burt, Roland King, Orrin Mansfield, Jace Purser, Jeff Caffey, and Josh Ontiveros. Honorary Pallbearers will be Chad Pinkerton, Rusty Gressett, Michael Sizenbach, Scott Bentley and Ronnie Bureson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid Obituary*

## Police/Sheriff blotter

The Howard County Detention Center reported the following activity:

• **MEAGAN LASHAE BOLEN**, 36, of 3237 Duke Ave., was arrested on a warrant from another agency and a warrant for credit card or debit card abuse.

• **MARK ANDREW HANSON**, 53, of 6811 NCR 25, on a warrant from another agency and possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

• **JEFFREY WILLIAM JENDRZEY**, 43, of 7310 FM 756, Cuero, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$100 but less than \$750 and resist arrest search

or transport.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at 2507 Carol Dr.

• **ASSAULT** was reported at 1307 Lamar Ave.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported at 513 W. Marcy Dr.

• **ASSAULT** was reported at 3611 W. Hwy 80.

• **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported at 410 E. 3rd St.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at Cactus and Choctaw.

• **FORGERY** was reported on Gregg St.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at 21st St. and Johnson.

• **HIT AND RUN** was reported at 501 S. Birdwell Ln.

## 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.

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## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 3400 block of S. CR 3. One person transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** reported at N. Hwy 87 and Moore School Rd. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 6100 block of N. Service Rd. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 2300 block of Cindy Ln. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 150 block of 17th St. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 400 block of Sunset Blvd. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 1500 block of Sycamore. No transport.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 2900 block of E. I 20. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 200 block W FM 700. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80. One person transported to SMMC.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** reported at the 2900 block of E I 20. No transport.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** reported at Cactus and Choctaw. No transport.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** reported at 21st St. and Johnson. No transport.

## Holiday advice for home bartenders, plus 4 festive cocktails

LONDON (AP) — Looking to create a bit of winter luxury when tending bar at home this holiday season? London's top cocktail-makers have some tips.

"Christmas is a special time when you want to join with friends and family.

And sometimes, the centerpiece of any happiness is to have a good drink," says Salvatore Calabrese, an Italian-born drinks expert and author who has been making cocktails at top hotels, bars and private clubs for over 40 years.

Currently at the cocktail bar Velvet, at London's five-star Corinthia hotel, Calabrese goes by the nickname "The Maestro."

And The Maestro's advice?

First, choose the right glassware.

"The glass is the star. It's the canvas of the drink," he says. So if it looks elegant, things already feel festive.

Next, think about the quality of the ice and how it dilutes the drink.

"Remember, ice is like the heat for the chef when he is cooking," Calabrese says.

Cracked ice cubes that disintegrate in your palm are a no-go, as is crushed ice for Christmas. "It's not a Tiki night," he jokes. "It is about an elegant night, so make the effort and maybe you can make your own homemade ice."

Also, he advises, plan. Even prepare your cocktail in advance.

Especially when a drink is a little complicated.

"Put it in the freezer or in the fridge, so it's nice and cold, so the only thing you have to do is to put it in a mixing glass or, to show off, put it in the shaker and shake," Calabrese says.

Jake Burger, co-owner of The Distillery, a 19th century pub and gin dis-

tillery in London's Notting Hill neighborhood, says that knowing when to shake and when to stir is something a lot of home mixologists get wrong.

"It's fun using a cocktail shaker, so people think we should shake everything," he jokes. But it's only really needed when using fruit juices, egg whites or cream, he says. Otherwise, stirring is best.

"As a general rule, if all the ingredients are alcoholic, you probably don't need to shake it," says Burger. "So as an Englishman, it pains me to say it, but James Bond got it wrong. A martini should definitely be stirred, not shaken."

Liana Oster, bar director at The No-Mad Hotel London, suggests adding some seasonal luxury by decorating your glasses.

She creates a peppermint-bark paint by melting equal parts cacao butter and white chocolate, with a few drops of peppermint essence added in. She then paints a swirl on one side of a cold glass, sprinkles some crushed-up candy cane on it, and then places it in the fridge until needed.

This works particularly well with a heavier cocktail with a lot of body, as at will "mellow it out" on the palate, Oster says.

Alex Girvan, brand ambassador for Masons of Yorkshire, has more ideas on garnishes. For his chocolate orange martini, Girvan explains how he creates simple yet delicious dipped-chocolate candied fruits.

First, dehydrate orange slices by placing them on a baking sheet, sprinkling them with a bit of brown or fine granulated sugar (known in Britain as caster sugar), and then putting them in the oven on low heat for about an hour, until dried out.

Then melt some dark chocolate and

dip the slices. Place them in the fridge until hard.

To serve, balance them on the side of the glass.

Girvan also suggests a sharing platter of garnishes, "almost like a charcuterie board." By laying out rosemary, orange peel and lemon zest on sticks, "everybody can just pick the one that they like and pop it into their drink, and maybe they'll try something that they've never had before," he says.

"Just make a little effort," Calabrese sums up, "because really, a great cocktail is a great journey from the beginning.

"And when you taste something nice and delicious, the world seems to be a better place."

Four cocktail recipes:

### WINTERTIME NEGRONI, from The Distillery

1 ounce London Dry Gin  
1 ounce Campari  
0.5 ounces sweet vermouth  
0.5 ounces sloe gin  
Mix ingredients together over ice and stir.

Serve over fresh ice and garnish with an orange wedge studded with cloves.

### SCROOGE SOUR, from Common

Decency, at The No-Mad Hotel London

1 egg white  
0.75 ounces simple syrup  
0.75 ounces lemon juice  
2 ounces Irish whiskey  
0.75 ounces of mulled wine

Pour the egg white into the larger tin of your shaker, and the simple

syrup, the Irish whiskey and lemon juice into the smaller tin. Dry shake together in the shaker to emulsify the egg and the alcohol.

Then hard shake with ice and pour over a strainer into your glass.

Add 0.75 ounces mulled wine slowly into the corner of the glass, and then sprinkle edible gold dust over the half of the surface to cover and garnish.

### TRUFFLE SAZERAC, from Velvet, at Corinthia London

0.8 ounces Bourbon  
1 ounce Cognac  
Homemade truffle syrup (you can make your own by heating a few drops of truffle oil with a teaspoon of sugar)

A few drops of orange bitters  
Mix ingredients together over ice and stir. Serve over fresh ice and garnish with a slice of fresh truffle.

### MASON'S CHOCOLATE ORANGE MARTINI

2 ounces chocolate vodka  
1 ounce triple sec  
Mix ingredients together over ice and stir.

Serve in a martini glass and garnish with a chocolate-dipped, candied orange segment.

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“Our goal was to be able to give every student at

the elementary school a book for Christmas, and we surpassed that goal thanks to the generous response of our community,” Watson said.

The National Honor Society is a national high school organization. Selection to the Coahoma

NHS is based on scholarship, service, character and leadership. Community service is an essential part of the experience.

# Christmas isn't always holly jolly – even some of its best-loved songs are bittersweet

By DAVID W. STOWE

Michigan State University

In American culture, Christmas is supposed to be synonymous with joy. The familiar carols proclaim this message, with “Joy to the World” resounding in thousands of churches, while its secular counterpart exhorts listeners to have “A Holly Jolly Christmas.”

The real emotions of the season are a bit more complex. For many people, late December produces a kind of toxic brew of nostalgia and melancholy. It's difficult not to remember loved ones missing from the holidays. People move, grow apart, pass on – all these hit home with a special poignance at this time of year, and other kinds of changes, too. Parents might even remember with nostalgic sadness a more innocent time when their children still believed in Santa. Nearly everyone has too much to do, and gift-giving can be a minefield.

I've been writing about the role that music plays in social life for most of my career as a religion scholar. And each November, when Christmas music starts its multi-week marathon, I'm especially sensitive to the songs that go off script – the songs that recognize how the “most wonderful time of the year” can actually feel far from it.

## Blue Christmas

Elvis Presley captured some of this sentiment in his song “Blue Christmas,” which tells a tale of romantic separation: “I'll have a blue Christmas without you/ I'll be so blue just thinking about you.” Romantic holiday heartbreak is even more explicit

in 1980s pop group Wham!'s “Last Christmas”: “Last Christmas I gave you my heart/ But the very next day you gave it away.”

The notion of Blue Christmas is increasingly recognized by churches, of all places, where one would expect the message of holiday joy to be the least conflicted. Some congregations now offer Blue Christmas services, where readings emphasize the reality of loss but also the message of hope represented by the birth of Christ.

Sometimes called Longest Night services, this tradition is partly inspired by the winter solstice – the longest night of the year. It's also a reminder that seasonal affective disorder might have something to do with people's melancholy. It's no wonder that Romans, pagans and others around the world celebrated the winter solstice with bonfires. Today, many people light small paper lanterns called luminaria, a custom that developed in the southern U.S. borderlands.

## Season of waiting

In fact, the four weeks of Advent, the period of the church calendar leading up to Christmas, have a kind of somber quality that is at least as important to the season than the festive 12 days of Christmas. “The tyranny of relentless mandatory celebration leaves us exhausted and often, ironically, feeling emptier,” Anglican priest Tish Harrison Warren wrote in a 2019 column for The New York Times. “To practice Advent is to lean into an almost cosmic ache: our deep, wordless desire for things to be made right and the incompleteness we find in the meantime.”

Churches often emphasize the sense of mystery and confusion leading up to the birth of the child Christ. Probably the best known Advent song is “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” whose mournful, chantlike melody goes back to 15th-century France.

The opening verse refers to the inhabitants of ancient Jerusalem, conquered by Babylon and mourning in “lonely exile” there. Awaiting a messiah or “Immanuel,” meaning “God with us,” predicted by the prophet Isaiah, they yearn for him to “disperse the gloomy clouds of night/ And death's dark shadows put to flight.”

## From war to the White House

Beyond church doors, a very different song that captures the bitter-sweet quality of the holidays is Vince Guaraldi's “Christmas Time is Here,” with its moody jazz harmonies and waltz-feel behind an angelic-sounding children's choir. It's the opening song of the classic “Peanuts” animated TV special that begins, fittingly, with a depressed Charlie Brown going to Lucy for therapy.

But “I'll Be Home for Christmas” might convey the atmosphere of nostalgia and melancholy better than any other. Recorded in October 1943, almost exactly halfway through World War II, the song became a hit for iconic crooner Bing Crosby, just as his “White Christmas” had the year before.

“I'll be home for Christmas,” he sings in his rich baritone, describing snow and mistletoe he's hoping for – before listeners realize he may be home “only in my dreams.”

Crosby's version, with its unique

little warble on the final syllable of “I'll be home for Christ—ma-a-as,” is probably the best known – popularity due, in part, to how it captured the feelings of a world at war. Two decades later, astronauts Frank Borman and Frank Lovell requested the song be piped up to them as they returned to Earth aboard the Gemini 7 spacecraft.

Ironically, the BBC banned the song during World War II because of fear it might lower morale, saying it had “adopted a policy of excluding sickly sentimentality which, particularly when sung by certain vocalists, can become nauseating and not at all in keeping with what we feel to be the need of the public in this country.”

The most recent cover version is by the Cuban-American singer and songwriter Camila Cabello. In a performance last year at the White House, she brought in a mariachi band, giving her rendition a distinctly Mexican sound. She also makes a slight modification to account for today's more abundant gift-giving, switching in “presents under the tree” instead of “presents on the tree.”

My favorite is Frank Sinatra's 1957 rendition, with his usual cooler-than-cool sense of nonchalance – you get an impression that he's really not in much of a hurry to get home to celebrate, after all. Which may be how many of us feel, at least part of the time, at this season of the year.

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• 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. Organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and

more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

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

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

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+ and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The art of good salesmanship

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 10 8 2  
♥ 7 3  
♦ A K Q 6 3  
♣ K 9 6

**WEST**  
♠ 4  
♥ K J 6 5 4 2  
♦ 7  
♣ J 7 5 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ K J 5 3  
♥ A 9  
♦ 9 8 5 4 2  
♣ 8 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 9 7 6  
♥ Q 10 8  
♦ J 10  
♣ A Q 10

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass  
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠

Opening lead — five of hearts.  
On most hands, it is possible to get by with so-called automatic plays. But if you really want to excel at the game, you have to be continuously on the lookout for situations in which something out of the ordinary may be required. In other words, you cannot take familiar situations for granted and play mechanically.

Assume you're East in today's deal and that your partner leads a heart against South's four-spade contract. You take the ace and return the nine, South's ten losing to the jack. Partner then continues with the king, ruffed by dummy's ten.

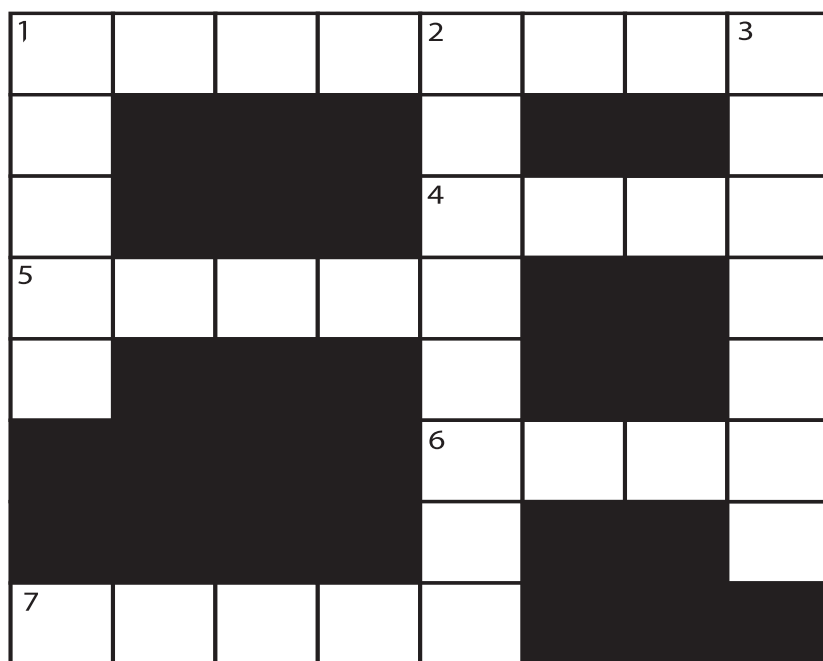
At this point, you have a chance to shine. If you overruff with the jack — which is the natural thing to do — declarer will later finesse you out of the king and wind up making four spades. But if you cleverly overruff the ten with the king — certainly the unnatural thing to do — you will almost surely defeat the contract.

Let's look at the matter from South's viewpoint after he sees you overruff the ten with the king. He will in all likelihood assume that your partner has the jack of trump, so after winning whatever you return, he will probably next cash the A-Q, hoping to drop your partner's jack.

It is unlikely declarer will even think of the possibility that you might have the jack after you overruff with the king, and that is precisely the bill of goods you should be trying to sell him. If he buys it, he will live to regret it.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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## Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- In good spirits
- Large grain cereal plant
- Come together
- Animated film
- Joyous

**DOWN**

- Santa \_\_\_\_\_
- Lately
- Yearning, desire

## THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- 1620: THE MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS LAND ON WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS PLYMOUTH ROCK.
- 1923: NEPAL AND THE UNITED KINGDOM SIGN A FORMAL AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP.
- 1968: APOLLO 8 IS LAUNCHED FROM KENNEDY SPACE CENTER.

## New word

### JOLLY

happy and cheerful

**Answers:**

Down  
1. Claus 2. Recently 3. Longing

Across  
1. Cheerful 4. Corn 5. Unite 6. Toon 7. Jolly



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ANSWER: SAINT NICHOLAS

## How they SAY that in...

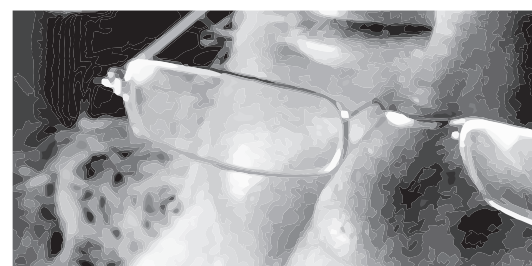
- ENGLISH:** Jolly
- SPANISH:** Alegre
- ITALIAN:** Allegro
- FRENCH:** Enjoué
- GERMAN:** Fröhlich

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5:AM :30	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	Ring Nation Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo	Newsweek 9 Early Sunrise	Being Your Restore Zion	Xavier Riddle Arthur	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Family Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Paid Prog.	Barnageddon	David Jeremiah Joni Tabl	Mystery "The Void"
6:AM :30		¡Despierta América!	Les Feldick James Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy dia	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Wisdom in the Update News	Molly of Denali Wild Kratts	Paternity Court Couples Court	Judge Jerry	George Lopez	Charmed	SportsCenter		Tennis Classics 2022: Rafael Nadal vs. Taylor Fritz	Barnageddon	Parking Wars Parking Wars	Blind Frog Ranch
7:AM :30	Good Morning America		Good Morning Basin	CBS Mornings		Today	Light of the Southwest	Elementary Alma's Way	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce Court	George Lopez	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter			Parking Wars	Blind Frog Ranch
8:AM :30			You Bet				Light of the Southwest	Curious	CBS7 Wake Up	Providence	George Lopez	Charmed		SportsCenter	Epic Trails		Parking Wars	A Cut Above
9:AM :30	The 700 Club		A. Wommack Sherri	Live with Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado	Today 3rd Hour	Eye on Health Update News	Rosie's Rules Donkey Hodie	The Kelly Clarkson Show	The Steve Wilkos Show	2 Broke Girls	NCIS: New Orleans	First Take	Get Up	Rivals Ohio State - Michigan		The First 48	A Cut "The Final Carve"
10:AM :30	The View	Como dice el dicho	Tamron Hall	The Price Is Right	Caso cerrado Decisiones	Today With Hoda & Jenna	House Call Words of	Sesame Street Pinkalicious	Barrymore	Karamo	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans					The First 48	Forbidden History
11:AM :30	Judge Judy	Noticiero	TMZ Live	The Young and the Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Jennifer Hudson Show	Shofar	Dinosaur Train	Paternity Court Couples Court	Maury	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line		The First 48	Forbidden History
12:PM :30	GMA3-Need to Know	Amor dividido	Law & Order: SVU "Bang"	News Bold/Beautiful	En casa con Telemundo	NBC News Daily	Update News Rocks, Shovels	Super Why! Rosie's Rules	Highway Thru Hell	Hot Bench	Friends	NCIS: N.O. "Krewe"	SportsCenter	NBA G League Basketball Teams TBA	NBA Basketball		Interrogation Raw	Forbidden History
1:PM :30	General Hospital		The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con Telemundo	Daily Blast Live	Dollars	Nature Cat: A Nature Carol	The First 48	Relative Justice	Friends	NCIS: N.O. "Knockout"	This Just In				Interrogation Raw	Forbidden History
2:PM :30	Rachael Ray	Corazón guerrero	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	La mesa caliente	Dateline	Light of the Southwest	Roots "The New World"	Chi. Fire "The Plunge"	Judge Jerry	Friends	Movie: Rocky (76)	NBA Today	PT Racing			Interrogation Raw	Forbidden History
3:PM :30	Judge Judy	El gordo y la flaca	Family Feud	The Kelly Clarkson Show	Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of the Southwest	American Experience	Pictionary	Karamo	Friends	NCIS: Shire, Sylvester Stallone.	NFL Live	NBA G League Basketball Teams TBA	PT Racing		The First 48	Mysteries of the Abandoned
4:PM :30	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7 News	En casa con Telemundo	Newsweek 9 Inside Edition	Creation Consumed	DW News BBC News	25 Words	The Steve Wilkos Show	Young Sheldon	Movie: Rocky II (79)	Around		The Rally		The First 48	Mysteries of the Abandoned
5:PM :30	World News	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7 News	Noticias	News	The Essentials	France 24	King	Judge Lake	Young Sheldon	Movie: Rocky III ('82)	SportsCenter	Daily Wager			The First 48	Mysteries of the Abandoned
6:PM :30	Big 2 News at 6	La rosa de Guadalupe	Young Sheldon	Ent. Tonight	Estados Unidos: All-Stars	Newsweek 9 Saturday Night Live	Way-Master Counter Cu	Mainstreet Unplugged	Dateline	iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2022	Big Bang	Movie: Rocky IV ('85)	College Basketball	College Football Lockheed Martin Armed Forces	High School Football		The First 48	Mysteries of the Abandoned
7:PM :30	Celebrity Wheel	Vencer la ausencia	Hell's Kitchen	Young Sheldon	Ghosts		Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Chicago P.D. "Ghosts"	Whose Line	Big Bang	(15) Movie: Rocky IV ('85)	College Basketball	High School Football			Critical Minutes	Brink of Disaster "Miami Sinking"
8:PM :30	Press Your Luck	Mi camino es amarte	Welcome to Call Me Kat	Ghosts	La reina del sur		Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Chicago P.D. "Ghosts"	Whose Line	Big Bang	(15) Movie: Rocky IV ('85)	College Basketball	High School Football			Interrogation Raw	Brink of Disaster "Miami Sinking"
9:PM :30	Alaska Daily "Pilot"	La madrastra	FOX 24 News at 9	Ghosts	Amor y traición	The Wheel	Light of the Southwest	Estate Scotland "Inveraray"	Chi. Fire "The Plunge"	cbs 7	Big Bang	(15) Movie: Creed II ('18)	SportsCenter	Basketball			(05) The First 48	Mysteries of the Abandoned
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11:PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	SaborDe	The Goldbergs	(35) Late Show-Colbert	(35) Noticias El secreto de la familia Greco	(35) Tonight Show	Hidden	This Old House	CBS 7	black-ish	Black-ish	Movie: Norbit ('07)	SportsCenter	College Basketball	Set Apart		(05) Critical Minutes	Brink of Disaster "Miami Sinking"
12:AM :30	(35) Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Modern Family	(35) James Corden	Enemigo Intimo	(35) Seth Meyers	Behind the Veil	O Holy Night	Justice for All	The Liquidator	Bob's Burgers	Movie: Norbit ('07)	SportsCenter	College Basketball	Set Apart		(05) Critical Minutes	Brink of Disaster "Miami Sinking"
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2:AM :30	(05) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(05) CBS Overnight News	Programa	12 corazonas	Light of the Southwest	Mary-Christmas	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Jokers	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	World Poker Tour			(05) The First 48	Mysteries of the Abandoned
3:AM :30		El gordo y la flaca	Pawn Stars	Law-SVU "Pandora"	Programa	Texas Music	Mission M.25	Antiques Roadshow	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Jokers	NCIS: New Orleans	College Football	SportsCenter	NASCAR Race Rewind			Paid Prog.
4:AM :30	Morning	(35) Noticiero	Funny You	CBS News	Programa	Early Today	House Call	Wai Lana Yoga	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Jokers	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	College Football	In the Spotlight			Paid Prog.

## Today in HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 2022. There are nine days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 22, 1990, Lech Walesa (lek vah-WEN'-sah) took the oath of office as Poland's first popularly elected president.

### On this date:

In 1858, opera composer Giacomo Puccini was born in Lucca, Italy.

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe rejected a German demand for surrender, writing "Nuts!" in his official reply.

In 1984, New York City resident Bernhard Goetz (bur-NAHRD' gehts) shot and wounded four youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to rob him.

In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu (chow-SHES'-koo), the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising.

In 1992, a Libyan Boeing 727 jetliner crashed after a midair collision with a MiG fighter, killing all 157 aboard the jetliner, and both crew members of the fighter jet.

In 1995, actor Butterfly McQueen, who'd played the scatterbrained slave Prissy in "Gone with the Wind," died in Augusta, Georgia, at age 84.

In 2001, Richard C. Reid, a passenger on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami, tried to ignite explosives in his shoes, but was subdued by flight attendants and fellow passengers. (Reid is serving a life sentence in federal prison.)

In 2003, a federal judge ruled the Pentagon couldn't enforce mandatory anthrax vaccinations for military personnel.

In 2010, President Barack Obama signed a law allowing gays for the first time in history to serve openly in America's military, repealing the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

In 2020, President Donald Trump unexpectedly released two videos, one falsely declaring that he had won the election in a "landslide," and the other urging lawmakers to increase direct payments for

most individuals to \$2,000 in a COVID relief package, a move opposed by most Republicans.

**Ten years ago:** The late U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye was praised as a humble leader who embodied honor, dignity and duty during a public visitation at Hawaii's state Capitol, five days after his death at age 88. Egypt's Islamist-backed constitution received a "yes" majority in a final round of voting on a referendum that saw a low voter turnout.

**Five years ago:** The wildfire that had burned its way through communities and wilderness northwest of Los Angeles became the largest blaze ever officially recorded in California; it had scorched 273,400 acres and destroyed more than 700 homes. iPhone owners from several states sued Apple for not disclosing sooner that it issued software updates deliberately slowing older-model phones so aging batteries would last longer. President Donald Trump signed the \$1.5 trillion tax overhaul into law. The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved tough new sanctions against North Korea in response to its latest launch of a ballistic missile that Pyongyang said was capable of reaching anywhere on the U.S. mainland.

**One year ago:** U.S. health regulators authorized the first pill against COVID-19, a Pfizer drug that Americans would be able to take at home to head off the worst effects of the virus. A New York man, Matthew Greene, pleaded guilty to storming the U.S. Capitol with fellow members of the far-right Proud Boys; he was the first Proud Boys member to publicly plead guilty to conspiring with other members to stop Congress from certifying the Electoral College vote. The Department of Homeland Security announced that 100 children, mostly from Central America, had been reunited with their families after being separated under President Donald Trump's zero-tolerance border policy. The NHL announced that players would not be able to participate in the Beijing Olympics; the league would spend the previously scheduled Olympic break making up games postponed because of COVID-19 protocols.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Hector Elizondo is 86. Country singer Red Steagall is 84. Former World Bank Group President Paul Wolfowitz is 79. Baseball Hall of Famer Steve Carlton is 78. Former ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer is 77. Rock singer-musician Rick Nielsen (Cheap Trick) is 74. Rock singer-musician Michael Bacon is 74. Baseball All-Star Steve Garvey is 74. Golfer Jan Stephenson is 71. Actor Bern Nadette Stanis is 69. Rapper Luther "Luke" Campbell is 62. Actor Ralph Fiennes (rayf fynz) is 60. Actor Lauralee Bell is 54. Country singer Lori McKenna is 54. Actor Dina Meyer is 54. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, is 52. Actor Heather Donahue is 49. Actor Chris Carmack is 42. Actor Harry Ford is 40. Actor Greg Finley is 38. Actor Logan Huffman is 33. R&B singer Jordin Sparks is 33. Pop singer Meghan Trainor is 29. Norwegian tennis player Casper Ruud is 24.

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## Horoscopes By Holiday

**THURSDAY**  
**DECEMBER 22, 2022**

### Venus Agreement

Venus forms a lucky angle to Uranus, signaling good surprises in the realm of the senses. The recipe turns out, the kiss is magic, the music is as beautifully complex as the wine. Let the problems of the world melt away. Tomorrow brings the new moon in Capricorn, an omen for a fresh start.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You normally get where you want to go with a series of small steps, but not today. You'll need to take a running leap. The good news is what you're trying to accomplish will be worth the vigorous effort.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You want to be around fun, creative, warm people because that is where you'll fit in best. But you can learn something from everyone you meet no matter what type they are.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). People's opinions interest you. There's good information there and you've the clever mind to use it well. Even so, their opinions do not define, fuel or limit you in any way. They matter far less than your own purpose and plan.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Instructions for a stress-free life: Plan for mistakes. Leave early to account for traffic and finding parking. A contingency plan helps in the case of a friend's flakiness. Preparation makes for an easier life.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You appreciate aesthetics and would rather be surrounded by beauty than given many resources in an ugly place. Well-designed environments convey a sense of order. This is something you will seek, create and be a part of today.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The direct route is not always best. It certainly doesn't give you the information you can gather from a roundabout journey. It is more scenic to curve around the mountain than to take the tunnel that runs through the middle.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Time to yourself is important to your health, so put it on the schedule. Perhaps you think you don't need to make an appointment with yourself, but you absolutely do, unless you want others to take the time slot.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You like to be around people who naturally align with your purpose because it makes you feel useful. You'll instinctively move toward the people who most need you and grow from helping them.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Unfortunately, other people's unwise decisions have an effect on you. You don't have to go along with a decision just because it was made before you got there. You have greater influence than you once believed.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ideally, all your conversations will be compassionate and truthful. You will, however, be dealing in different inter-

pretations of the truth, and compassion can take many different forms.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The pursuit of pleasure doesn't require constant accounting. Rush into your delights without worrying so much about the indulgence. Chances are that the only one judging you is you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't need to search for problems to find them. Rename the challenges and opportunities things like "challenges" and "opportunities," and leverage all that's good about the situation.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 22). Your imagination will open like a cave of shimmering jewels. It is a rare and beautiful discovery -- the treasure that always existed within you. It will seem to take forever to get you to the goal; don't focus on the amount of time, but on the fact that you are moving constantly forward, which will bring good fortune. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 33, 18 and 40.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Grammy winner, television talent judge, Fairy Godmother and new mom Meghan Trainor is a Capricorn with natal sun, Mars, Uranus and Neptune all in the sign of moguls. Natal Mercury and Venus in fiery Sagittarius, a source of endless moxie and enthusiasm, with over 15 million Instagram fans as proof.

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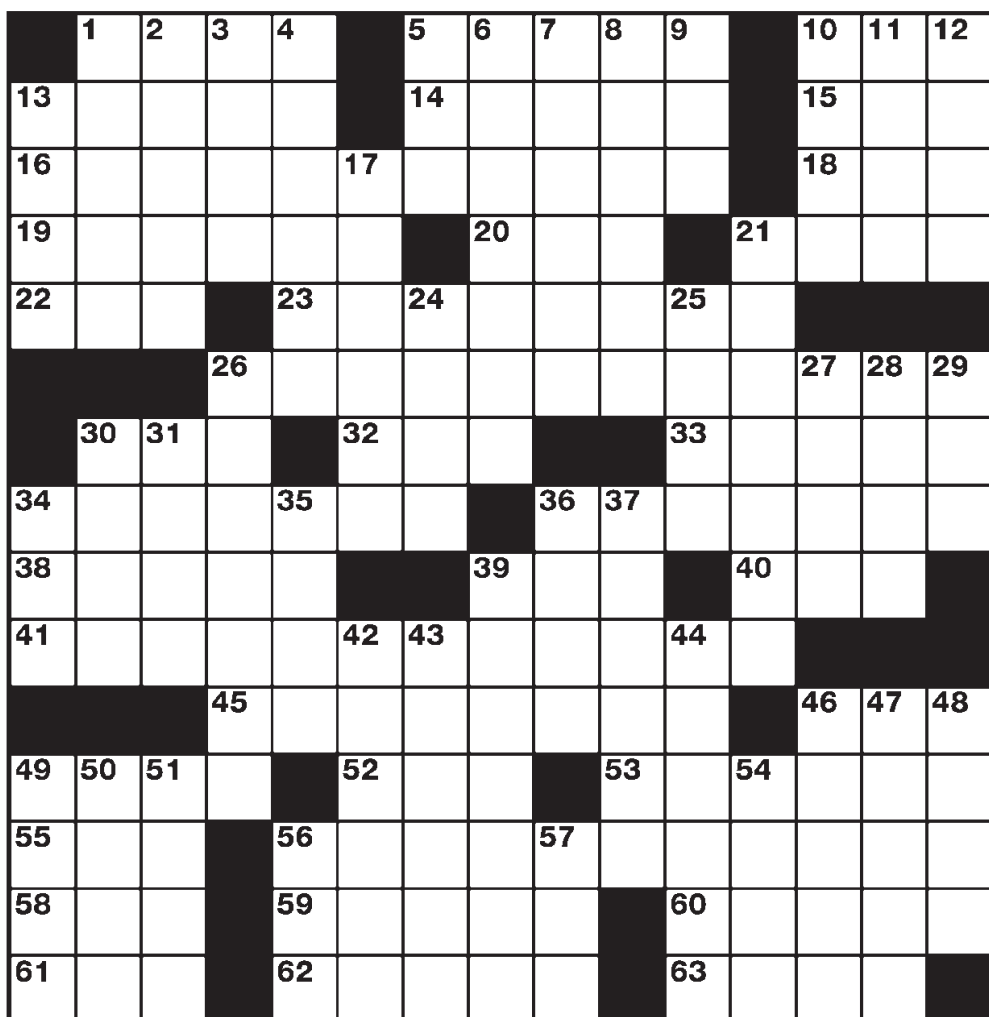
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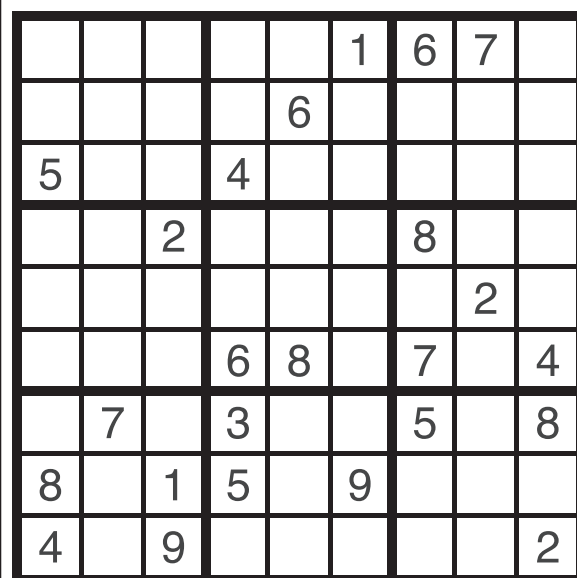
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  - 10 Barnyard baby
  - 13 Everyday
  - 14 Did fairway maintenance
  - 15 Many a brokerage account
  - 16 Middle-earth or Narnia
  - 18 Auction grouping
  - 19 Focused at work
  - 20 Mortgage statement no.
  - 21 Antonym of 40 Across
  - 22 Swedish-based carrier
  - 23 Psychological ploy
  - 26 Advisor about adoptions
  - 30 Night sch. class
  - 32 Tissue layer
  - 33 British song superstar
  - 34 Sanitize
  - 36 Video call inconvenience
  - 38 Deintensify
  - 39 DC confirmation questioner
  - 40 Everybody
  - 41 DKNY or YSL
  - 45 Toughened, as metals
  - 46 Board meeting attendee
  - 49 Sound of disapproval
  - 52 Over-the-top performer
  - 53 Albanian capital
  - 55 Resistance measure
  - 56 Tractor driver or grape picker

- 58 Extremely long period
  - 59 Paid in, with "up"
  - 60 Textile mill array
  - 61 Low part of a snowmobile
  - 62 Signs of spoilage
  - 63 Element of EGOT
- DOWN**
- 1 Yoga position
  - 2 Reunion contingent
  - 3 Pro \_\_ share
  - 4 Blood bank supply
  - 5 Comedian Poehler
  - 6 By a wide margin
  - 7 Sounding like a banjo
  - 8 Summer home for many
  - 9 Not the norm
  - 10 What might precede watt
  - 11 Do pressing work
  - 12 Palm fruit
  - 13 Sci-fi ships
  - 17 Cuts corners
  - 21 FDR program
  - 24 River to the Mediterranean
  - 25 Title for female Cabinet members
  - 26 Beret cousin
  - 27 Use your outside voice
  - 28 Flier to Casablanca and Dubai
  - 29 \_\_ U.S. Pat. Off.
  - 30 Island near Corsica
  - 31 Global expanses
  - 34 Half-\_\_ (kind of coffee)
  - 35 Rhinelander's refusal
  - 36 Bluish green
  - 37 Nearly ready for general release
  - 39 Angry exiter, perhaps
  - 42 In stock
  - 43 Close by
  - 44 Nutritive
  - 46 Angular bounce
  - 47 Opposing force
  - 48 Regatta gear
  - 49 Sod busters
  - 50 "If you insist"
  - 51 Prefix like pan-
  - 54 Dorm assignment
  - 56 Initials for a toy merchant ("since 1862")
  - 57 Sponsor of BYU



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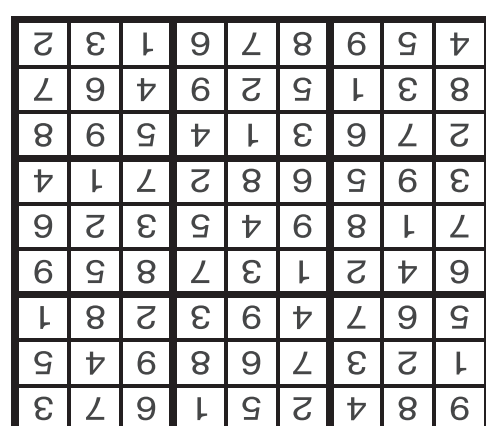
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Today's Answers



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### Coahoma seventh grader receives game ball from Patrick Mahomes II



*Courtesy photos/Daniel Rockholt*  
Coahoma seventh grader Daniel Rockholt III received an early Christmas present this past Sunday from none other than Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes II. Mahomes scored a rushing touchdown early in the fourth quarter in their match-up against Houston to tie the game up 24-24. After the touchdown Mahomes then gave the ball to Rockholt III. Left, Coahoma seventh grader Daniel Rockholt III holds the ball he received from Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes II during their game against Houston Sunday afternoon. Right, Daniel along with his dad (Daniel Rockholt) pose at one of his junior high games this past season.

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**Jaxon Chadwell**  
Age: 5



**Ava Van Pelt**  
Age: 7



**Annalayah Ruiz**  
Age: 10

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