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Giving to the Salvation Army is a **Big Spring holiday tradition**

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

The second United Way and Friends Christmas Grocery Giveaway will be held from 5-7 p.m. today at Star Dodge, 821 W. Interstate 20. Enter at the main entrance. 100 grocery boxes, first come first serve. Call 267-5201 for info.

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's Christmas Concert, "Home is Where the Heart Is," will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at First United Methodist Church. The holiday event will feature soloists Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thibeault. Tickets are on sale now at www. bigspringsymphony. org.

Special to the Herald

BIG SPRING

As America moves toward becoming a cashless society, and in-person donation concerns remain during the COV-ID-19 pandemic, The Salvation Army is making it easier than ever for donors to give back during the Christmas season!

In addition to the traditional red kettles and the familiar ringing bell, The Salvation Army has placed smart chips and QR codes on Red Kettle signs allowing shoppers to simply "bump" or scan their phones to make digital donations. Shoppers will be directed to a donation page that accepts Apple, Google and other payment options.

"We're hoping that the ability to donate through for donors to help The

Salvation Army this year. And new for 2021 we've added PayPal and Venmo,"

give, especially for our younger donors who do everything from their phones these days."

Another touchless way to donate this year is through Text-to-Give. "We're asking people to text KETTLE to 91999, enter the donation amount, and you're done. It's as easy as that!" said Moretz. "You can even give on Amazon Alexa this year by saying "Alexa, donate to The Salvation Army."

Now in its 131st year, The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign is one of the oldest and largest charitable campaigns in the world. Every year, the campaign raises millions of dollars nationwide to provide toys for children at Christmas, clothes and shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, after-school programs for kids, and other services to America's most vulnerable populations year-round.

"Lastly, we encourage everyone to take the Red Kettle Challenge or donate to our virtual kettle," said Moretz. 'We're excited about this new opportunity for our supporters to set up their very own virtual Salvation Army red kettle, either as an individual or as part of a team. Spread the word on social media and challenge your friends, family members, or coworkers to donate and

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Apple Pay and Google Salvation Army Bell Ringer "Al" continued the Pay at each red kettle local chapter's annual tradition of red kettles will make it even easier and ringing bells outside Wal-Mart Wednesday.

said Major Dean Moretz of The Salvation Army. "As fewer people carry cash, this is a simple and convenient way to

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Forsan recognizes band for State Marching success



Courtesy photo The Forsan School **Board of Trustees** recognized the **Forsan High School** Marching Band the beginning its December of meeting. The band competed at the State Marching Competition at the Alamodome in San Antonio for the 13th time. This year, the band finished 10th in the state.

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Coahoma ISD to hold public hearings tonight of Texas (FIRST); while the second will consider the district's **By ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

The Coahoma ISD school board will meet at 6 p.m. this evening in the Elementary Board Room, 400 Ramsey St. in Coahoma.

The meeting will begin with roll call, establishment of quorum, call to order, and the opening ceremony, before the board will hold two public hearings.

The first hearing will address the Financial Rating System

ZBA to meet this evening

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street.

Following the call to order, citizens will have the opportunity to address the board during the public comments section of the meeting.

The board will consider approval of the minutes of its Nov. 18 regular meeting.

In New Business, the board will consider two permit applications for approval. The first is for a front yard carport to be located at 1025 Stadium Ave.; the second also involves a front-yard carport, to be located at 4110 Bilger.

Following considerations of the permit applications, members of the board will have an opportunity to offer input prior to the meeting's adjournment.

For more information, contact City Hall at 432-264-2346.



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Texas Academic Performance Report (TARP).

the 2020-21 school year.

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The board will next consider the district's Audit Report for

The meeting's consent agenda consists of four items: approv-

al of minutes of previous meetings; approval of budget amend-

ments; approval of a resolution amending the list of the

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LOCAL **Support Groups**

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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 325-212-860

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@Bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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 veteranbased 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.

Take Note

 Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. https://www.facebook.com/ healthynuggetsofgold44.

• Senior Citizens Dances are held the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is December 17. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information call 517-9097.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 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; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Dec. 18 "Holiday Spectacular" at First United Methodist Church; Jan. 22: 'The Music of Queen' at Big Spring High School; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. Venues for the February and April concerts will be announced at a later date. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

• 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



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• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held every from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.

 The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.





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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 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

• 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.

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• 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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• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent communitybased program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

 The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytxdems@gmail.com.

 The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Jacqueline Roland at 432-213-1221.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.

 The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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Beatrice Perry, 81, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Penny Athas, 64, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Alepholia Velas quez, 69, died Saturday. Visitation will be Sunday 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with prayer service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Oscar Padilla, 41, died Sat. Nov. 27, 2021. A memorial service will be Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Charles Evans, 85, died Thurs. Nov. 25, 2021. A memorial service will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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district's authorized representatives; and approval of remote counseling.

Next, the board will consider an update of annual required hours of continuing education for

school board members.

Information items to be discussed during the meeting inthe Enrollment/ADA/ WADA Report; financial reports;

and board meeting updates. Superintendent Brad Cox will present his reports on the status of COVID-19 in the school district; and updates on the Athletic De-

partment.

The board will adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel. If the board decides to take action on items discussed during the closed session, they will emerge into open session to do so.

Following the executive session, the meeting will be ad-



help reach your fundraising goal. Please go to www.SalvationArmyTexas.org/BigSpring/ to register, give to our virtual kettle, or find more ways to engage with The Salvation Army this Christmas.'

For more information about the Christmas programs of The Salvation Army, please call us at (432) 267-8239, or visit us at 811 West 5th Street.

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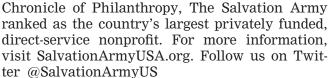




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Sports BIG HERALD BIG HERALD Page 4 Thursday, December 16, 2021 The Westbrook Wildcats are the 2021 State Champions!!!!



Courtesy Photos

This Wednesday, Dec 15, the Westbrook Wildcats made school history by winning their first-ever State Championship. The Wildcats were a 32 point underdog heading into this game against the mighty May Tigers. However, Westbrook won this game by a final score of 72-66.

By DUSTIN POPE

Managing Editor

Well, I guess the first time is a charm for the Westbrook Wildcats. The Wildcats made the most of their debut in the State championship game. They upset the May Tigers 72-66 to win the 1A Division 1 State Championship on Wednesday at AT&T Stadium.

The Wildcats came into this matchup with an 11-4 record; they relied heavily on star athlete Cedric Ware in this game to get the job done. Ware was wall over the field for the whole game, making play after play; he was named MVP. Ware rushed for a fantastic 304 yards and seven touchdowns while also completing his only pass for a TD.

Ware was responsible for five touchdowns to get Westbrook the lead in the first half. This included a 56-yard deep ball to Aiden Sullivan to take a 46 to 44 lead into the half.

The May Tigers did not go away quietly as they came out fighting in the sec-

ond half, working their way to a 60 to 52 lead over the Wildcats, but that did not last for very long.

After a seven-yard touchdown by Ware for the Wildcats, Westbrook decided to attempt an onside kick. The kick bounced off a May player, and the Wildcats took full advantage of the play and got the ball back. Once they had the ball back, they took full advantage of the play by scoring another touchdown. This put Westbrook up by a score. Seemingly giving the Wildcats the state championship

May had other ideas, though; The Tigers drove down the field with under a minute left and on a fourth down with 11 seconds left. It seemed as though the May Tigers had tied this game up on a pass to the endzone, only to have a Wildcat defender make the defensive play of the game by knocking the ball loose just before the Tiger player could complete the catch. The defensive play saved the game for the Westbrook wildcats and gave them their first State title in the Schools history.

Amid signing day chaos, SEC powers grab top recruits

By ERIC OLSON

AP College Football Writer

Through all the changes to the college sports landscape with money-making opportunities for athletes and open transfers, one thing remains the same.

A bunch of Southeastern Conference schools along with venerable programs like Ohio State and Texas are at or near might instead pursue experienced players in the portal. And players interested in transferring also might be looking at NIL potential.

All things considered, signing day isn't what it used to be, Mississippi coach Lane Kiffin said.

"That's basically your draft class," he said, "but then you're going to have your free agent class. I don't think people really say it this way, but let's not make a mistake. I mean, we have free agency in college football. The kids a lot of times go to where they're going to get paid the most. "No one else is saying that maybe, but the kid says, "This is what I'm getting here for NIL.' It is what it is," Kiffin added. "Free agency has been created in college football — except you can't lock people into a contract. They can go any time. It's a new world that we're in." joins a deep quarterback room led by Heisman Trophy winner Bryce Young.

Georgia signed 21 players, including four five-stars and 12 four-stars. Coach Kirby Smart downplayed the importance of those rankings.

"I care a whole lot more about how they play," he said. "We've seen evidence of the guys who have played a when cornerback Travis Hunter of Suwanee, Georgia, rated the No. 1 overall national recruit, spurned Florida State to sign with Deion Sanders and Jackson State of the lower-tier Football Championship Subdivision.

There were some notable flips among four-star recruits:

DB Terrance Brooks (Little Elm, Texas) signed with Texas after having pledged to Ohio State; CB Robert Woodyard (Mobile, Alabama) became the top player in Auburn's class after de-committing from Alabama; DL Tyre West (Tifton, Georgia) switched from Georgia to Tennessee; and LB Jaishawn Barham (Baltimore) became Maryland's highest ranked player when he flipped from South Carolina.

the top of the national recruiting rankings.

The three-day December signing period opened Wednesday, with Texas A&M finishing the day with the lead according to the 247Sports Composite rankings.

Aggies coach Jimbo Fisher put together his fourth straight top-10 class. Alabama, which won nine of the previous 11 recruiting titles, was No. 2. Georgia was No. 3, marking the fifth straight year the Bulldogs have been in the top five.

The team rankings could change with the next letter-of-intent period beginning Feb. 2.

Coaches said the recruiting process now has players taking into consideration where they could make the most money through endorsement work. The NCAA in July began allowing athletes to monetize use of their name, image and likeness. Some schools are better positioned than others in this new frontier and millions of dollars are swirling around the biggest programs.

"NIL has been going on for a long time. It just hasn't been above board," Fisher said. The rapid increase in number of players entering the transfer portal and moving to another school with immediate eligibility has also changed the way coaches build their recruiting classes.

Instead of trying to sign a high school player and develop him, a coach

TOP OF THE HEAP

Texas A&M signed 12 players ranked in the top 100 nationally. Two of its three five-star prospects are defensive linemen: Walter Nolen of Powell, Tennessee, and Gabriel Brownlow-Dindy of Lakeland, Florida. The other is quarterback Conner Weigman of Cypress, Texas. The Aggies have 17 four-stars.

Alabama brought in three five-star players and 16 four-stars, with edge rusher Jeremiah Alexander of Alabaster, Alabama, the highest rated of the 21 signed by coach Nick Saban. Fivestar Ty Simpson of Martin, Tennessee,



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big role on our team, some of those guys were not the guys we talked about on this day during their career."

Completing the 247Sports Composite rankings were Ohio State, Texas, Penn State, Notre Dame, North Carolina, Michigan and Oklahoma.

FLIPPING OUT

Amid all the decommitments shadowing the coaching changes this fall, the most surprising came Wednesday



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Take the party outside

Weather varies across the country during the holiday season. But if concerns of congregating in tight spaces still prevail, especially with new variants of COVID-19 driving up infection rates, it may be safer to socialize outdoors. Heaters and fire pits can warm up spaces if the weather is chilly.

them vulnerable to the virus and other threats to their health.

Provide transportation options

If the office party will include alcoholic beverages, develop a plan for getting attendees home safely afterwards This may include hiring a ridesharing or cab company, or financing rides in a town car. In addition, ensure employees who do not fee comfortable leaving a venue alone at night can get home safely. Pair up employees who can carpool together. Allow employees to expense ride services.



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holiday office

Many people look forward to annual celebrations with coworkers during the holiday season. The holiday office party is customary at many businesses, but those traditions were largely shelved in 2020.

COVID-19 had a direct impact on office parties, with the majority of employers opting out due to community-wide gathering restrictions. This holiday season, thanks to the successful rollout of vaccinations for people age 12 and up, social gatherings are once again increasing in frequency.

However, that doesn't mean caution should be thrown to the wind. Safety should be priority number one as businesses return to the tradition of hosting office parties this holiday season.

Opt for individually plated or prepackaged foods

Prevent the spread of germs and safely address the myriad food allergies employees may have by serving individually packaged meals. Similarly, suggest that well-meaning employees refrain from annual Christmas cookie or fudge exchanges this year.

Limit alcohol

S et parameters for how much alcohol is served, perhaps setting a drink limit for each employee. Alcohol can loosen inhibitions, which may make people engage in risky behaviors that can make

Carefully consider location

Think about how location may play into overall safety risk. If there are plenty of bars or clubs nearby, then employees may indulge before or after the company party and their employer could be held responsible for their actions. Employers also must be cognizant of the neighborhood in which the event is held. Does it have a high crime rate? Is it far from public transportation? Is it desolate after certain times? Let safety be a driving force when choosing a location for the party.

Holiday office parties are returning to holiday season social schedules, and there are many ways to make them safe and enjoyable.



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spades and West leads a trump. You're off to a bad start because if West had led anything else, you'd have made the slam easily by ruffing two hearts in dummy.

But there's no point in crying over spilt milk, so you do the best you can under the circumstances. You win the spade with the king, ruff a diamond, cash the A-K of hearts, ruff a heart and ruff another diamond.

You then cash the A-Q of trump, bringing you to the critical point of the play with five tricks remaining. You might feel tempted to try a club finesse now, but that would be a mistake, since it would give you

Outdated Tradition?

Dear Annie: |

am a baby boomer and appreciate the 20th-century tradition of "rising to the occasion" and taking in meals if a family member is ill or if there has been a death in the family. It is a kind and thoughtful gesture. I am in a club, and one member's husband was diagnosed with cancer two years ago. At that time, our president assigned each member a time to take a meal to them, staggered by a few days. Our president requested that we share the menu with other club members so there wouldn't be duplicated meals. The member's husband recently died, and our president has again

Annie's Mailbox 💩

career in government, and his retirement income was well over six figures annually. She is a successful Realtor. In 21st-century America, supermarkets have deli departments, and restaurants have takeout options. Home delivery of food is available. I agree that taking food to folks in these circumstances is a kind and gracious act, but I'm wondering whether that's still what etiquette dictates. -- Wondering

Dear Wondering: Sure, it's easier than ever to have food de-

livered. But the gesture of bringing meals to the grieving or sick has never really been about making things more convenient for them (though that's part of it). It's about community. It's about showing someone going through a hard time that he or she has the support of friends and neighbors. So I'd encourage you to do whatever you can. If you find you don't have time to cook, then picking up takeout is just fine, too. It's your stopping by that counts.

Dear Annie: As a survivor of abuse, I would like to share some things with "Ostracized," whose adult children seem to have chosen their dad's side despite his abusive behavior toward her: You are doing more for your children than you know. Leaving a toxic marriage teaches them how to stand up for themselves. Staying centered, calm and confident teaches them things that money won't buy. They have their own lessons to learn, and added demands will only continue this churning. Snail-mail letters are powerful because they can come back to them time and time again. You are their mom, and his money and control won't change that. I know it's hard (I

have been there), but new family dynamics call for new traditions. Anything you can do to make things easier for the kids will help them more than you know (and I've been the kid, too!). They will figure al of this out. It may take some time, but you will heal and show them that a happy life doesn' depend on money. Be gentle with yourself. --A Happy Survivor

Dear Happy Sur-

vivor: Thank you for your beautiful letter. I'm printing it to provide encouragement to "Ostracized" and anyone else who has left an abusive partner.

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Suppose someone offers you a bet where you can't lose, you might win, and the worst that can happen is that you break even. Presumably you'd grab a bet like that with alacrity — such propositions certainly don't come along every day.

Occasionally, this sort of situation arises at the bridge table. A hand comes along where a certain play might gain you a trick, while there is no chance it might cost you a trick.

Take this case where you're in six and nothing to lose.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

only about an even chance of making the slam.

Instead, you should lead your last heart! This play costs you nothing, but it might — and in the actual case does — give you the slam. East wins the heart with the queen and must return a club or a diamond into dummy's pair of A-Q's, handing you your 12th trick.

It is true that if West turns up with the missing heart, you will have done absolutely nothing to advance your cause. In that case, though, you'd still have the club finesse to fall back on. By leading your fourth heart at trick nine, you therefore have everything to gain and nothing to lose. requested that we take food to the house. And we are stepping up to the plate and doing so.

This member is financially very well-off. Her husband retired from a Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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FEATURES Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2021. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest tea taxes.

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1811, the first of the power-ful New Madrid (MAD'-rihd) earthquakes struck the central Mississippi Valley with an estimated magnitude of 7.7

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack against Allied forces through the Ardennes Forest

I HAVE A NEW

BOYFRIEND!

in Belgium and Luxembourg (the Allies were eventually able to turn the Germans back).

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "world conquest by Communist imperialism.'

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1982, Environmental Protection Agency head Anne M. Gorsuch became the first Cabinet-level officer to be cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to submit documents requested by a congressional committee.

In 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25.

In 2000, President-elect AGNES

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WHO KNOWS?

George W. Bush selected Colin Powell to become the first African-American secretary of state.

In 2001, after nine weeks of fighting, Afghan militia leaders claimed control of the last mountain bastion of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida fighters, but bin Laden himself was nowhere to be seen.

In 2012, President Barack Obama visited Newtown, Connecticut, the scene of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre; after meeting pri-vately with victims' families, the president told an evening vigil he would use "whatever power" he had to prevent future shootings.

In 2014, Taliban gunmen stormed a military-run school in the northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar, killing at least 148 people, mostly children.

In 2019, House Democrats laid out their impeachment case against President Donald the House Judiciary Committee said Trump had "betrayed the Nation by abusing his high office to enlist a foreign power in corrupting democratic elections." Boeing said it would temporarily stop producing its grounded 737 Max jet as it struggled to get approval from regulators to put the plane back in the air; it had been grounded since March after two deadly crashes.

Ten years ago: In San Francisco, eight years of being investigated for steroid allegations ended for home run king Barry Bonds with a 30-day sentence to be served at home. (Bonds never served the sentence; his conviction for obstruction of justice was overturned.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama put Russia's Vladimir Putin on notice that the U.S. could use offensive cyber muscle to retaliate for interference in the U.S. presidential election, his strongest suggestion to date that Putin

paign email hacking. John Glenn's home state and the nation began saying goodbye to the beloved astronaut and former U.S. senator starting with a public viewing of his flag-draped casket inside Ohio's Statehouse rotunda in Columbus.

One year ago: The first COVID-19 vaccinations were underway at U.S. nursing homes, where the virus had killed 110,000 people. Tyson Foods said it had fired seven top managers at its largest pork plant after an investigation confirmed allegations that they had wagered on how many workers at the plant in Iowa would test positive for the coronavirus. (An outbreak centered around the plant infected more than 1,000 employees, at least six of whom died.) Major League Baseball reclassified the Negro Leagues as a major league and said it would count the statistics and records of its 3,400 players as part of major league history.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

Center Morris Dees is 85. Actor Joyce Bulifant is 84. Actor Liv Ullmann is 83. CBS news correspondent Lesley Stahl is 80. Pop musician Tony Hicks (The Hollies) is 76. Pop singer Benny Andersson (ABBA) is 75. Rock singer-musician Billy Gibbons (ZZ Top) is 72. Rock musician Bill Bateman (The Blasters) is 70. Actor Xander Berkeley is 66. Actor Alison LaPlaca is 62. Actor Sam Robards is 60. Actor Jon Tenney is 60. Actor Benjamin Bratt is 58. Country singer-songwriter Jeff Carson is 58. Actor-comedian JB Smoove is 56. Actor Miranda Otto is 54. Actor Daniel Cosgrove is 51. R&B singer Michael McCary is 50. Actor Jonathan Scarfe is 46. Actor Krysten Ritter is 40. Actor Zoe Jarman is 39. Country musician Chris Scruggs is 39. Actor Theo James is 37 Actor Amanda Setton is 36 Rock musician Dave Rublin (American Authors) is 35. Actor Hallee Hirsh is 34. Actor Anna Popplewell is 33. Actor Stephar James is 28.

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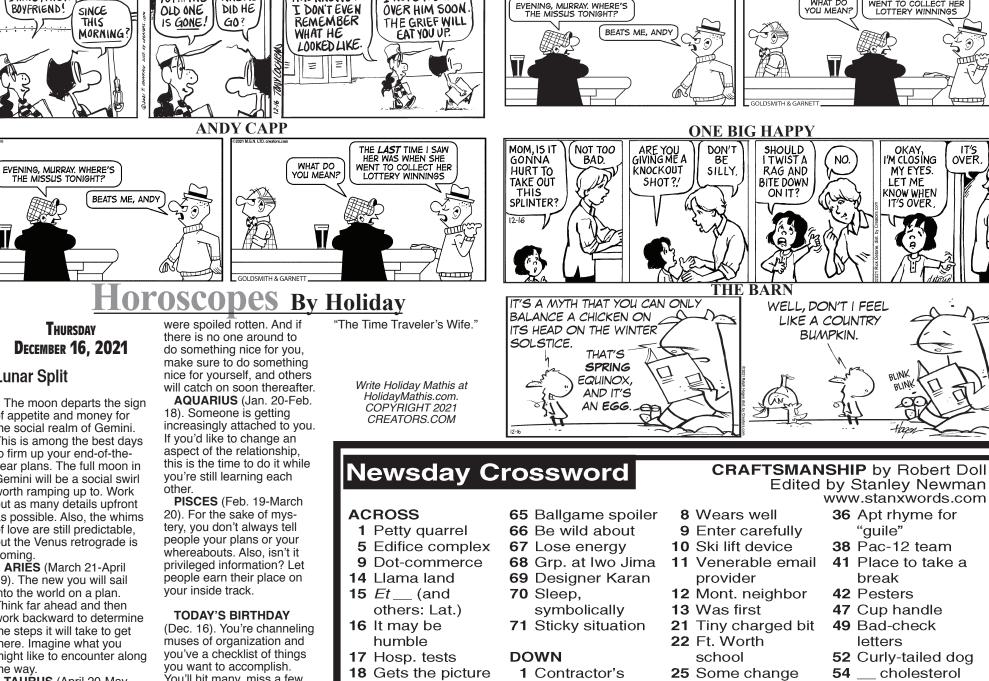
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19). The new you will sail into the world on a plan. Think far ahead and then work backward to determine the steps it will take to get there. Imagine what you might like to encounter along the wav. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If the fun event isn't there, invent it. You need something to look forward to. Anticipation of delight makes the whole day go better. Hard tasks get easier; easy ones are quickly completed. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). No one will give you time for things like self-reflection, hobbies and just decompressing. That's the kind of time you'll have to make, steal or carve out. Once you do, you'll need to protect and honor the appointment. CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are some sorts of trouble that squarely fall into a "luxury" category. When you were younger, you looked up to people with such quality problems. There's a strange satisfaction in today's inconvenience LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While it's easier to start something new from scratch than it is to alter an existing relationship, some relationships are worth the extra work. People can change, and when they do, their relationships change too. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't let unexpected turns deter you. Think of this as a test. Don't hesitate or wonder. Like a cowboy breaking in a new horse, once thrown you get right back in the saddle LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Small gestures and casual talk will teach you who a person is. You're an astute listener and will learn the most through conversations about nothing in particular. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's too awkward to wrestle with what's out of reach, so get closer. What will it take to get in the game? If you need to train longer or harder, this match will be worth the effort. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're no victim. If anything, you're the hero. Head for a change of scenery. A new environment will require you to take on a different role. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's about time you

Lunar Split

the social realm of Gemini. to firm up your end-of-theyear plans. The full moon in Gemini will be a social swirl worth ramping up to. Work out as many details upfront of love are still predictable, but the Venus retrograde is comino

ARIES (March 21-April

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had been well aware of cam-Today's Birthdays: Civil I HOPE YOU GET EVENING, MURRAY. WHERE'S THE MISSUS TONIGHT? OVER HIM SOON



You'll hit many, miss a few and along the way stumble into scenarios that make you deeper and more exceptional than any listworthy qualification could. You're a networking genius and relationships will lead to work. Gemini and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 19, 44 and 28.

COSMIC QUESTION:

"What are the signs that a Capricorn guy is into you? I'm getting mixed signals. Sometimes he's extra flirty, especially in late-night texts. Then when I follow up the next day, he sometimes doesn't answer at all. I'll see him when we're out and it sometimes works out magically. It feels like we have something really special. But then he doesn't call for weeks, and he seems reluctant to make plans. It's as though the stars have to align for us to meet up and when they do, it's amazing. When they don't I start to obsess. How do I play this one? I'm a Leo.

The obsessive energy drives him away. This is true even if you don't act on it because your Leo intensity (which is so helpful and positive when applied to many areas of life, but not to this) can be strongly felt on a spiritual and emotional level. It scares your practical Capricorn because he's not wanting a serious thing from you at this time. This ultracasual connection can only be enjoyed by both parties if they are on the same level with it. Release all expectation that this is "a thing," and see it instead as sheer fun in the moment.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

"Divergent" star Theo James has the cosmic endowment of a well-balanced natal chart featuring planets in each element, suggesting many talents. The actor, producer, singer and guitarist was born under an artistic and romantic Libra moon. Look for James in the upcoming television series based on the popular novel

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

Today's Answers

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