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The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present "The Music of Queen" featuring Jeans 'n Classics, at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at Big Spring High School Auditorium. Visit www. bigspringsymphony. org for more information.

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City redistricting hearings scheduled in January

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

The City of Big Spring will hold a pair of public hearings this month regarding their 2021 Redistricting Project.

According to a press release issued by the city, the two hearing will be January 11 and January 25, both at 5:30 p.m. Each hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street. The press release goes on to explain

the reason for the redistricting process.

"According to the 2020 United States Census data, the City's single-member districts from which Council members are elected are not of sufficiently equal population and must be redrawn to comply with the 'one-person, one-vote' principle established by the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended in 1975 and 1982," the release says. "The City Council is considering new boundaries for its single-member districts. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss potential options for the drawing of those new boundaries in compliance with the



law for the Project."

Local citizens may try their hand at drawing new boundaries for the city's six districts. Criteria for redistricting established by the City Council at its Dec. 8 special meeting include:

- 1. The plan should ensure that all applicable provisions of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions, the Voting Rights Act, and the Texas Election Code are honored.
- 2. The plan should be drawn in such a manner that the maximum deviation from an ideal size, as determined by di-

by the number of single member districts that compose the City Council of the City of Big Spring be not more than plus or minus five (5%) percent for any individual single member district, or a total top to bottom deviation (percentage of deviation below and above the ideal size) between the most populated district and the least populated district by not more than a maximum deviation of no more than ten (10%) percent.

3. The plan should address minority representation, and if at all possible, in conformity with constitutional standards, avoid retrogression in the percentage of population and voting age demographics consistent with existing minority representation.

4. The plan should, avoid fragmentation and preserve minority communities of interest to the maximum extent possible. These communities of interest should be recognized and retained intact where possible. Only when the overall

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Drunk and impaired driving involved in nearly one quarter of all holiday traffic deaths

Special to the Herald

A night of drinking at a friend's house for Richie Griffin in Austin led to the holidays spent in the court system after he crashed into a home when he got behind the wheel drunk. This is just one of many stories that highlight the costly and tragic consequences of driving under the influence. This holiday season, TxDOT wants to remind Texans to always find a sober ride.

Throughout December, TxDOT's Drive Sober. No Regrets, campaign will host events across the state featuring video testimonials of Texans like Griffin who deal with the daily consequences of drunk driving, either as an offender or survivor. These powerful stories and

drunk driving facts can be found at SoberRides. org.

"It is our hope that these movfirsting, hand accounts will encourage

all of us to make the right choice and not ever drive after drinking or doing anything that can alter our judgment," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "We don't want to turn a happy time of year into one that could be marked by tragic loss caused by someone's poor decision to drink and drive."

There were 2,462 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes in Texas during the holiday



Drinking and driving is 100% preventable and can have serious physical, emotional and financial consequences that can last for years. A DWI can hurt or kill someone, devastating the lives of victims and survivors forever. It can also cause significant and expensive legal issues, create difficulty finding or keeping a job and bring a lifetime of regret.

There are many sober ride

options available. Designate a sober driver, call a taxi, use a rideshare service, stay put, call a friend or family member, or use mass transit to ensure you don't drive impaired.

The Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel such as wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. November 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

Check this out at the Library this week

By SANDRA VERDIN

Howard County Lirary



Howard County Library is open from 9 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday, the computer room closes at 5:30 PM. You may reach us at (432) 264-2260 and our fax numis (432)264-2263. Please visit our website at http://howardcounty.ploud.net and our Facebook

page at www.facebook.com/HowardCo-Library for more information about our services and any updates. Howard County Library wishes ev-

eryone a happy and prosperous New Year, may it be filled with joy and new reading adventures! The library will be closed Friday, December 31 in observance of the New Year's Eve. We will reopen Monday, January 3 at 9 AM.

This week's review are fiction titles.

Six years ago, a shocking secret sent Agnes Pratt running in search of a new start in "A Life Once Dreamed" (F FOR R) by Rachel Fordham. She found it in Penance, a rugged town of miners and lumberjacks in the Dakota Territory, where she became Miss Aggie, respected schoolteacher and confirmed old maid. But the past has a way of catching up with people. When childhood friend and former sweetheart James Harris accepts a position as the town doctor, Aggie's pleasantly predictable days suddenly become anything but. James wants to know why Agnes left behind the life they had dreamed of creating for can never know

themselves but he is the one person who In 1933 Louisville, Kentucky, even the ongoing economic depression cannot keep Piper Danson's parents from insisting on a debut party in "An Appalachian Summer" (F GAB A) by Ann H Gabhart. After all, their fortune came through the market crash intact, and they've picked out the perfect suitor for their daughter. Braxton Crandall can give her the kind of life she's used to. The only problem? This is not the man or the life she really wants. When Piper gets the opportunity to volunteer as a horseback Frontier Nursing courier in the Appalachian Mountains for the summer, she jumps at the chance to be something other than a dutiful daughter or a kept wife in a loveless marriage. The work is taxing, the scenery jaw droppingly gorgeous, and the people she meets along the way open up a whole new world to her. The longer she stays, the more an advantageous marriage See LIBRARY, page 3

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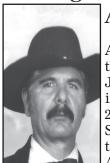
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Obituaries

Santiago "Jimmy" Barraza Abreo



Santiago "Jimmy" Barraza Abreo, 84, went peacefully into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the early morning hours of Tuesday, December 21, 2021. Jimmy was born in Big Spring, Texas on March 8, 1937, to parents Domingo W. and Luz B. Abreo of Big Spring. He was the sixth of ten children.

Jimmy grew up in Big Spring, Texas. At the age of nineteen, he enlisted in the United States Army and served as a member of Heavy Mortar Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division in South Korea.

After being discharged, Jimmy was employed with the Department of Air Force where he earned several certificates. During which time he earned a Diploma of General Dynamics skilled in the 111 Aircraft. In 1969, he began his career at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

In 1972, Jimmy married Eloisa Recio of Corpus Christi, Texas. Eloisa and Jimmy settled into their home in Howard County, where they still reside 49 years later. Eloisa and Jimmy have two children, Sunday Abreo and Priscilla Glass.

Jimmy was a multi-talented well-rounded musician with the stellar ability to play a multitude of instruments ranging from: guitar, piano, saxophone, violin, and trumpet. With the voice of a mariachi.

He was a master woodworker, welder, electrician

and was known to fix anything he put his hands on. Having a love for fast cars and speed, he was also a skilled auto mechanic. Story has it that he had a long list of citations as a young man for racing on Gregg St. in Big Spring, Texas.

As an avid adventurist and cave explorer, in search of gold and treasures, his metal detector was always packed and ready to go.

Above all else Jimmy was a devoted Christian and a lifelong, faithful member of Iglesia Bautista La Fe in Big Spring, Texas.

Jimmy is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Eloisa, son Sunday Abreo and daughter Priscilla Glass and her husband Jefferson L. Glass; daughters Laura Hernandez and Connie Hernandez, son Anthony Abreo. He was blessed to have several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Noe Abreo and wife Rosa of Lubbock, Texas, brother David Abreo and wife Lisa of Fort Worth, Texas, sister Mary Elizabeth Rainey and husband Roy of Boerne, Texas. He was preceded in death by his daughter Becky Abreo, brother Salvador Abreo, sister Fe Acosta, sister Gloria Galan, brother Efren Abreo, sister Hope DeSilva, and sister Mary Ann Fickie.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, December 29th, 2021, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel, 301 E. 24th St., Big Spring, Texas. Graveside services will follow at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring

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

Paid Obituary

Marie Woody



Marie Woody of Stanton, Texas passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2021. She is survived by her children Linda (Steve) Cobb, Carolyn (Michael) VanDyke, Jim (Julie) Woody. six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Acey Vandever, her husband Pete, and loving sister Billie Jean Lively.

Marie was born in San Angelo, Texas on September 25, 1928, to Charles and Acey Vandever. She grew up in Tyler, Texas and graduated from John Tyler High School. She attended Lamar University and earned a Bachelor's in History degree and a Master's in Education degree at the University of North Texas. She was an elementary school teacher in Banquete and Baytown, Texas before joining her sister, Billie Jean Lively, in Stanton where she taught 1st and 4th grade. She met and married J.N. "Pete" Woody, a local farmer and rancher in February 1956.

Marie loved the companionship within the Stanton community and was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Stanton until retiring to The Village at Manor Park. She was a member of the Stanton Chapter of Eastern Star for 61 years and the Big Spring Chapter of the Social Order of the Beauceant for over 20 years. She was a supporter of the Martin County Library encouraging all to be strong and avid readers. Marie enjoyed volunteering and visiting with her friends at the Martin County Senior Center. She was active in City of Midland and Midland YMCA water exercise programs as a student and substitute instructor for many years. Determined to earn the physically challenging water instructor certificate at Texas Tech University she succeeded despite being 40 years senior to the next eldest student in the program.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Monday, December 27, 2021, at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Services will be held at 1:00 pm Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at Evergreen Cemetery Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

The family suggests memorials to Martin County Library, P.O. Box 1187, Stanton, Texas 79782, or Martin County Senior Citizens, 210 Convent St, Stanton, TX 79782.

Paid Obituary

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.

 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 ex-

ercises 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

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



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HEARINGS

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minority population of the county is sufficiently large to require more than one minority district should minority populations be divided, and only then to the least degree possible.

- 5. The plan should not, however, attempt to unreasonably join geographically remote minority populations into a single precinct unless there are strong and genuine connections between these communities as reflected by common schools, churches, or cultural ties. For example, minority populations in two separate neighborhoods, located miles apart, may not have sufficient links or common political cohesion to justify joining these two minority population centers into a single electoral group. Particularly when dealing with distinct minority groups, such as Black and Hispanic populations, a general assumption that separate minority populations will vote in a "block" may be unsupportable in fact.
- 6. The plan should seek compact and contiguous political boundaries. Physical boundaries of cultural or economic significance, such as rivers, multi-laned control access highways or turnpikes, which tend to divide populations in fundamental ways, should be recognized and where possible, should only serve as necessary to achieve recognized objectives. Communities of interest should

- be retained intact where possible. To the maximum extent possible, clearly recognized boundaries, such as streets and highways, should be used to facilitate ease of voter identification of boundaries, as well as election administration.
- 7. Where possible, well-recognized and long used election precinct boundaries should be retained intact (within the limitations imposed by state and federal law) or with as little alteration as possible.
- 8. Election precincts in the plan should be sized in conformity with state law. For example, in counties that use traditional, hand counted paper ballots, no election precinct may contain more than 2000 voters. In jurisdictions with voting systems that allow for automated ballot counting, this number may be increased to as many as 5000 registered
- 9. The plan should afford incumbent office holders with the assurance that they will continue to represent the majority of individuals who elected these incumbents, and all incumbents' residential locations should be retained in their reformed precincts to ensure continuity in leadership during the remaining term of incumbents to the extent possible. 10. The plan should address fundamental and
- necessary governmental functions, and to the extent possible, ensure that these functions are enhanced rather than impaired. Election administration should not be unduly complex as a result of election boundaries.

- 11. The plan should attempt to locate polling places in convenient, well-known locations that are accessible to disabled voters to the maximum extent possible. Public buildings should be utilized to the maximum extent possible as polling places. Where necessary, buildings routinely open to the public, such as churches, retail businesses, or private buildings dedicated to public activities, can be used as polling places.
- 12. If the reduction of polling places can be accomplished, without impinging upon voter convenience and minority voting rights, such reductions can be considered.
- 13. Citizen input should be encouraged, but in order to minimize cost and to have sufficient information to evaluate such proposals fairly, the City will only consider proposed plans submitted to the City for evaluation by individual citizens or groups if the proposed plan is submitted to the City in a commonly used GIS format, such as .SHP, .MAP, .KLM, .GPX, .MOB, along with maps and demographic data suffi-

cient to address voting rights concerns.

Those with questions regarding the public hearings can contact City Secretary Tami Davis at City Hall, 310 S. Nolan, or by phone at 432-264-2513.

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Terry Beeler, 66, died Saturday. Memorial service will be Monday, Dec. 27 at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church

Santiago "Jimmy" Abreo, 84, died Tuesday. Visitation will be Tuesday 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service Wednesday 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive

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- 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 Jan. 21, 2022. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information call 517-9097. 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 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 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: 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.
- 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.
- 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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slips from her grasp. But something much more precious, true love, is drawing

Investigative reporter Rae Burke will do anything to find her missing sister-inlaw, even if it means facing Liam McKade, a man who almost lost his life saving hers in "Don't Keep Silent"-Uncommon Justice Series BK# 3 (F GOD E) by Elizabeth Goddard. A former DEA agent, Liam thought he could find peace at his Wyoming ranch, but he doesn't feel at home anywhere anymore. When the reporter who blew his cover on an important investigation inserts herself back into his life, he's less than thrilled. But Rae's keen investigative skills have led her down the right path and directly into the dragon's mouth leaving Liam no choice but to protect her. As the danger increases, the past they both tried to flee catches up to them, along with the feelings they once had for each other. After Savannah Mast's fiancé dumps her a week before their wedding, she flees

California for the safety of her Amish grandmother's

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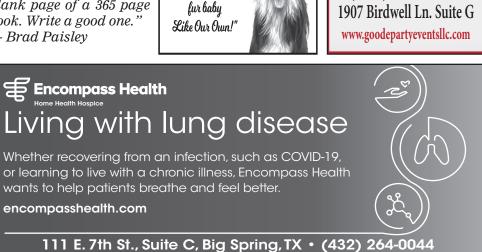
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farm near Nappanee, Indiana, where she used to spend her summers in "Don't Keep Silent"-Uncommon Justice Series BK# 3 (F GOD E) by Elizabeth Goddard. Savannah intends her stay to be brief, but when an Amish woman goes into labor in the middle of a blizzard and needs Savannah's help, she finds herself unexpectedly entangled in their family's drama. The woman's oldest daughter, Miriam, goes missing and Savannah's childhood friend Tommy Miller is implicated. Jane Berger, the local historian and owner of a nearby quilt shop, tells her a similar tale of another

woman's disappearance in the 1800s, inspiring Savannah to do all she can to help with the search for Miriam. But when Tommy's own cousin testifies against him, she isn't sure who she can trust. And when events stir up painful memories of her mother, she must face her own truth: that her engagement isn't the only thing in her life that is broken.

"Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.' - Brad Paisley





BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2021

General

Fund

Revenues:					
Local and Intermediate Sources		28,843,558	\$ 4,699,988	\$	33,543,546
State Program Revenues	\$	7,294,775	541,531	Ψ	7,836,306
Federal Program Revenues		838,854	5,840,104		6,678,958
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Total Revenues	\$	36,977,187	\$ 11,081,623	\$	48,058,810
Expenditures:					
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Instruction	\$	19,751,095	\$ 1,997,540	\$	21,748,635
Instructional Resources and Media Services		426,815	17,521		444,336
Curriculum and Staff Development		171,553	904,442		1,075,995
Instructional Leadership		416,934	166,021		582,955
School Leadership		2,557,631	36,689		2,594,320
Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services		922,420	698,658		1,621,078
Social Work Services		34,971	10,935		45,906
Health Services		412,794	3,804		416,598
Student Transportation		2,533,753	9,123		2,542,876
Food Services			2,297,823		2,297,823
Extracurricular Activities		1,484,355	101,206		1,585,561
General Administration		998,117	5,580		1,003,697
Plant Maintenance and Operations		6,140,359	190,714		6,331,073
Security and Monitoring Services		53,163			53,163
Data Processing Services		1,069,178	17,663		1,086,841
Debt Service - Principal			1,575,000		1,575,000
Debt Service - Interest			1,868,400		1,868,400
Debt Service - Fees			1,700		1,700
Facilities Acquisition and Construction		1,062,127			1,062,127
Other Intergovernmental Charges		418,153			418,153
Total Evpanditures		38,453,418	\$ 9,902,819	¢	48,356,237
Total Expenditures	\$	30,433,410	9,902,019	Φ.	40,330,231
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Under Expenditures	\$	(1,476,231)	\$ 1,178,804	\$	(297,427)
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

August 31 - Fund Balance



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Prescott, Cowboys celebrate with 56-14 rout of Washington

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys didn't have to worry about the NFC East title anymore once they kicked off against Washington.

So they took care of the star quarterback's slump

Prescott threw four touchdown passes, DeMarcus Lawrence returned an interception for a score and the Cowboys celebrated their clinching of the division crown with a 56-14 rout of Washington on Sunday night.

The Cowboys (11-4) tied the franchise record for points in a first half while taking a 42-7 lead and frustrating Washington to the point that defensive tackles Jonathan Allen and Daron Payne scuffled on the sideline.

Dallas didn't need to win to add the division title to the playoff berth that was sealed with San Francisco's loss to Tennessee three nights earlier. Las Vegas' 17-13 victory over Denver took care of that about an hour before kickoff, giving the Cowboys a tiebreaker over Philadelphia.

Prescott and company didn't seem to care, and now the Eagles can't tie them for the division title after Dallas scored its most points, playoffs included, since a 59-14 victory over San Francisco in 1980.

"I don't know if many people knew that we'd clinched before the game, I didn't," Prescott said, "I don't know if we're in the world or in the business of trying to send messages more than we're just trying to get better."

Washington (6-9) allowed its most points since 2010 in the most-lopsided loss for either team in a storied rivalry played 124 times. Washington's playoff hopes are faint, but not gone.

"I told them you play this game long enough, you're going to get beat like this," coach Ron Rivera said. "How you respond to it, how you bounce back, how you play, that tells more about you than anvthing else."

Prescott tied the club record for passing TDs in a half with four before halftime — one each to a running back (Ezekiel Elliott), a tight end (Dalton Schultz), a receiver (Amari Cooper) and a backup tackle (Terence Steele, who was lined up as a tight end when Prescott faked the handoff for an easy

Taylor Heinicke, making a second consecutive start against Dallas after missing the game in between because of COVID-19, gave up Trevon Diggs' NFL-leading 11th interception on the first offensive play for Washington, which was playing five days after a coronavirus-delayed loss to Philadelphia.

The Dallas offense took it from there, recording 389 yards before halftime as Prescott ended a run of mediocre showings by completing 22 of his first 25 passes and finishing with the most yards in a first half in his career with 321. He was 28 of 39 for 330 vards when he left for good in the third quarter.

"I thought he was in total control." coach Mike McCarthy said. "His numbers in the first half reflect that. Had some shot opportunities, was patient with the checkdowns. I really like the way he played tonight."

The Cowbovs were already up 14-0 late in the first quarter when Lawrence, a defensive end, deflected Heinicke's pass with his right hand, corralled the ball and rumbled down the left sideline 40 yards for

"Nothing was more impressive than D'Law's pick-6," said Elliott, who scored once each on a run and a catch. "I was impressed with the stiff arm, the high knees, making the last guy miss on the sideline. I think he said he was an all-state tight end on the sideline. You saw that today."

Lawrence was mobbed by other members of his defensive line, just as Steele was by fellow Dallas blockers on his score. It was a different scene for the guys in the trenches for Washington.

The defensive linemen were on the Washington

bench when Allen and Payne appeared to exchange words before both got up and Allen, a team captain, threw a punch at his former Alabama teammate. COPYCAT LEAGUE

The Washington scuffle happened on benches the club brought in, adorned with its "W" logo, after the Cowboys did the same thing when visiting its NFC East rival two weeks ago.

The difference is, the rematch was in climatecontrolled AT&T Stadium. The retractable roof was closed. Regardless, temperatures were in the

The Cowboys pulled the stunt because temperatures were in the 40s and they had been told the warmers on the benches were unreliable. SACK TIME

While Dallas' three-game streak of forcing four turnovers ended with just the two first-quarter takeaways, but the Cowboys recorded five sacks. Micah Parsons had his 13th, and is 1 1/2 from Jevon

Kearse's NFL rookie record for Tennessee in 1999.

INJURIES/COVID-19

Washington rookie linebacker Jamin Davis was after reporting to team doctors with possible CO-VID-19 symptoms before the game. The club said there wasn't enough time to process a COVID-19 test before reporting the inactive players so Davis was held out as a precaution. ... Dallas LT Tyron Smith (ankle) missed his second consecutive game and fifth overall. ... Dallas DBs Malik Hooker and Jourdan Lewis went on the COVID-19 reserve list during the week.

UP NEXT

Washington: The home finale is against Philadelphia next Sunday. It's the fourth of five consecutive division games to finish the regular season. A loss will eliminate Washington from the playoffs.

Cowboys: The No. 1 seed in the NFC is still in play for Arizona's visit next Sunday. Dallas and the other teams trailing Green Bay (12-3) need the Packers to lose.

Texans run past Chargers 41-29, ding LA's playoff hopes

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

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HOUSTON — After a loss to the lowly Houston Texans on Sunday, Los Angeles Chargers coach Brandon Staley was quick to remind his players they still have plenty to play for.

"This is the tough side of the NFL," Staley said. "It's been a fight this entire season for us. It's going to continue to be that way. We still have a lot in front

Rex Burkhead ran for a career-high 149 yards and two touchdowns, and the Texans took advantage of three turnovers to beat the Chargers 41-29 with both teams missing more than a dozen players because COVID-19 protocols.

The Chargers' playoff chances took a serious blow with the loss. Outside linebacker Joey Bosa, running back Austin Ekeler, receiver Mike Williams and center Corey Linsley were among the major contributors on the COVID-19 list for LA (8-7), which entered in second place in the AFC West.

"We had tons of guys out, they had tons of guys out," Los Angeles cornerback Chris Harris Jr. said. "A lot of guys had an opportunity to step up and show what they could do, and we couldn't really do that today. I don't think we took full advantage of the opportunity we had."

Houston (4-11) had 16 players miss the game on the COVID-19 list — including top receiver Brandin Cooks, center Justin Britt, defensive end Jonathan Greenard and kicker Ka'imi Fairbairn — but managed to win consecutive games for the first time this season. The Texans beat Jacksonville last week. Coach David Culley was impressed with the players who filled in for the

"Those guys came in and they showed that they were ready to do what we

needed to get done," he said. "This team is so resilient. They've never really worried about what happens on the outside, all we've tried to do is just get

Burkhead had TD runs of 25 yards and 1 yard as the Texans, who entered the game ranked last in yards rushing, ran for a season-high 189 yards. Rookie Davis Mills threw for 254 yards and two touchdowns.

"We played our most complete football game," Culley said.

The Chargers' Justin Herbert threw for 336 yards with a garbage-time touchdown and two interceptions. Justin Jackson ran for 64 yards and two touchdowns and had 98 yards receiving filling in for Ekeler, but his fourth-quarter fumble led to a Houston field goal that hurt LA's comeback bid.

On the Chargers' next possession, Jackson scored on a 9-yard run and Herbert connected with Jared Cook on the 2-point conversion to get the Chargers within 27-23.

But Mills hit Nico Collins for a 13-yard touchdown with less than three minutes left to extend Houston's lead to 34-23. Tavierre Thomas effectively ended with a pick-6 for 48 yards with just under two minutes to go.

Staley took responsibility for the loss, which came after last week's overtime defeat to Kansas City.

"I didn't coach well enough," he said. "I didn't put our guys in a good enough positions to be consistent in the game, and that's why we lost."

Burkhead's second TD, a 1-yard run early in the fourth quarter, made it 24-

Three plays later, DeMarcus Walker stripped the ball from Jackson and the ball was recovered by Jonathan Owens, who also created another turnover late in the second quarter that helped Houston take the lead for good. Owens picked off Herbert at the goal line with about four minutes left in the first half.

Owens' girlfriend, Olympic gold medal-winning gymnast Simone Biles, attended the game and was seen on the in-stadium video board clapping and cheering after the interception.

The Texans cashed in on the miscue with a 94-yard drive capped by Mills 41-yard touchdown pass to Chris Conley for a 17-12 lead at halftime.

Dominik Eberle, signed this week with Fairbairn on the COVID-19 list, made his first NFL field goal on the first attempt of his career — a 51-yarder that cut LA's lead to 12-10 in the second quarter. He finished 2 for 3 on fieldgoal attempts.

Dustin Hopkins connected on field goals of 50, 46 and 35 yards for the Chargers.

INJURIES

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By Steve Becker

Famous Hand — Part 1

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH **♦**532 **♥**6

♦ A K 10 9 4

♣Q953 WEST **EAST ♠** A 9 4 **♠** J 10 8 6 **♥**73 **♥**9852 ♦ Q 7 **♦** J 8 5 ♣ A K 10 8 7 2 **SOUTH**

♦ K Q 7

♥A K Q J 10 4 **♦**632 The bidding: South West North East

2 🏚 2 ♦ Pass Opening lead — king of clubs.

Here is a gem of a hand. It was played in Paris in 1964, and it would probably have never seen the light of day except that a very observant kibitzer witnessed the deal and recorded it for posterity.

West, the then-young French star Jean-Marc Roudinesco, led the king of clubs against four hearts and was faced with a difficult play at trick two. After considering the matter thoroughly — and paying due homage to dummy's threatening diamond suit — Roudinesco shifted to a low spade.

find his partner with the K-J-10 or K-x, or at the very least the J-10-xx East actually held, but whatever his thoughts, he obviously felt the low spade lead was the best play he could make.

king and played three rounds of trump, planning next to lead a diamond and let West win a trick with the queen whenever he chose to play it. In that way, South would keep East out of the lead and eventually score four diamond tricks to make the contract.

declarer might be plotting this very play, made a second brilliant move when, on the third round of trump, he discarded the queen of dia-

He recognized that the queen of him — regardless of whether East or South held the jack — and that

At this point, the kibitzer was called to the phone and left the table, certain that Roudinesco's magnificently planned defense would prove successful. But when the kibitzer returned shortly thereafter, he learned to his surprise that South had made the contract! Just how he managed to do so will appear in this space tomorrow.

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sister told me out loud, in front of my other sisters, that they are never

Probably Roudinesco hoped to

Declarer took East's ten with the

But Roudinesco, suspecting that

diamonds was of no possible use to it was potentially a millstone around his neck.

> funeral, I was right back to being abandoned again. I tried to keep in touch. I made sure to send Christmas cards to the ones for whom

Annie's Mailbox ®

I had contact information, but I received no reply. Later, I got blocked, as their address had changed. Now we're all in our

60s and 70s, and I kept hoping that our relationships would change, but they have not. I've been divorced for 10 years, and my sisters don't care to check on me.

I miss my sisters very much and can't let them go. I can't remove them from my heart or thoughts. -- Abandoned in Vegas

Dear Abandoned in Vegas: I am so sorry for your loss -- not only the loss of your father and sister but the loss of your relationship with your other sisters as well. Your oldest sis ter harbors long-term resentment toward you, and your other sisters are following her lead. I would suggest starting with one of your sisters who you feel closest to and letting her know how much you love and miss her.

You can't control how she or any of your other sisters will react, but you can control how to communicate your love for them. Good luck.

Dear Annie: Lately, I see so many emails from grandparents who are wondering how to deal with grandchildren who fail to acknowledge gifts, and my heart breaks for them.

My husband and I have been struggling with this for years. When we actually do see his grandchildren at Christmas, the older ones thank us for our gifts, but if we are mailing them anything for birthdays and so on, they are not acknowledged. We don't expect a reaction from the little ones (that should be the parents' job), but teenagers ought to know better. They should be taught to send an acknowledgement of appreciation.

One year, I mailed a self-addressed stamped envelope with a generous gift to the oldest granddaughter with a note saying that we'd love to hear from her. She's a teenager. We never received a response. I doubt sending a box of thankyou cards would help, though I sincerely hope it just might for others.

Many of us who are elderly and now have serious health issues can only mail gifts, especially during the pandemic. A brief message acknowledging a gift

would mean so much. I think this is the last time we'll send a gift through the mail, and we'll follow your suggestion in today's column to let them know the time after that we won't send anything else and why. -- Fed-Up Granny in Ontario

Dear Granny:

Showing appreciation for gifts is always gracious, and I am printing your letter to remind parents to instill that message in their children. It is beneficial not only to the gift giver but also to the receiver. The more we appreciate, the more it appreciates. Many readers have written in to say that their last gift will be their last and final gift because there was no acknowledgement or thank you from the

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WINTER SCENES WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

FEATURES

BIG SPRING HERALD Monday, December 27, 2021

Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 27,
the 361st day of 2021. There
the story days left in the year

are four days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 27, 2001, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced that Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners would be held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

On this date:

In 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a roundthe-world voyage aboard the HMS Beagle.

In 1932, New York City's Radio City Music Hall first opened.

In 1949, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed an act recognizing Indonesia's sovereignty after more than three centuries of Dutch rule.

discovery of a second radiation belt around Earth, in addition to one found earlier in the

In 1964, the Cleveland Browns defeated the Baltimore Colts 27-0 to win the NFL Championship Game played at Cleveland Municipal Stadium.

In 1968, Apollo 8 and its three astronauts made a safe, nighttime splashdown in the

In 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin (hah-FEE'-zoo-lah ah-MEEN'), who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.

In 1985, Palestinian guer-rillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; 19 victims were killed, plus four

police and security personnel. American naturalist Dian Fossey, 53, who had studied gorillas in the wild in Rwanda, was found hacked to death.

In 1995, Israeli jeeps sped out of the West Bank town of Ramallah, capping a seven-week pullout giving Yasser Arafat control over 90 percent of the West Bank's i million Palestinian residents and onethird of its land.

In 1999, space shuttle Discovery and its seven-member crew returned to Earth after fixing the Hubble Space Telescope.

In 2000, President Bill Clinton put the first Black judge on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals serving several Southern states. (The nomination of Roger Gregory had been stalled in the Senate, but Clinton used a recess appointment to put him on the bench.)

In 2002, a defiant North Korea ordered U.N. nuclear inspectors to leave the country and said it would restart a laboratory capable of produc-ing plutonium for nuclear weapons; the U.N. nuclear watchdog said its inspectors were "staying put" for the time being.

Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of defiant Syrian protesters thronged the streets of Homs, calling for the execu-tion of President Bashar Assad shortly after his army pulled its tanks back and allowed Arab League monitors in for the first time to the city at the heart of the anti-government uprising.

Five years ago: Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (shin-zoh AH'-bay), accompanied by President Barack Obama, visited Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, where he offered his "sincere and everlasting condolences to the souls of those who lost their lives" in Japan's 1941 attack; Abe did not apologize, but conceded his country "must never repeat the horrors of war again. Actor Carrie Fisher died in a hospital four days after suf-fering a medical emergency aboard a flight to Los Angeles; she was 60.

One year ago: Nearly 1.3 million people went through U.S. airports, the highest level of air travel in more than nine months, despite fears that trips would lead to more cases of COVID-19. President Donald Trump signed a \$900 billion pandemic relief package, ending days of drama over his refusal to accept the bipartisan deal that would deliver cash to businesses and individuals and avert a federal government shutdown. Federal authorities identified the man they said was responsible for a Christmas Day bombing that tore through downtown Nashville; they said Anthony Quinn Warner had died in the blast.

Today's Birthdays: Actor **ARCHIE**

John Amos is 82. Rock musi cian Mick Jones (Foreigner) is 77. Singer Tracy Nelson is 77. Actor Gerard Depardieu is 73. Jazz singer-musician T.S. Monk is 72. Singersongwriter Karla Bonoff is 70. Rock musician David Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 69. Actor Tovah Feldshuh is 68. Journalist-turned-politician Arthur Kent is 68. Actor Maryam D'Abo is 61. Actor Iar Gomez is 57. Actor Theresa Randle is 57. Actor Eva LaRue is 55. Wrestler and actor Bill Goldberg is 55. Bluegrass sing er-musician Darrin Vincent (Dailey & Vincent) is 52. Rock musician Guthrie Govan is 50. Musician Matt Slocum is 49. Actor Wilson Cruz is 48. Actor Masi Oka is 47. Actor Aaron Stanford is 45. Actor Emilie de Ravin is 40. Actor Jay Ellis is 40. Christian rock musician James Mead (Kutless) is 39. Rock singer Hayley Williams (Paramore) is 33. Country singer Shay Mooney (Dan & Shay) is 30. Actor Timothee Chalamet is 26.





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The final moments of

Jupiter in Aquarius is like

a garage sale: Deals are

struck simply to reduce

the workload of putting

the hour before the end of

everything away. Shedding

what's left is a relief to the

seller, and the buyer gets

include social currency, no-

tions about friendship and

useful connections.

ARIES (March 21-April

19). Roller coasters and

ment. Your excitement

love affairs cannot compete

with the thrill of accomplish-

builds as you make remark-

able progress toward your

goals, but you also inspire

your team to produce rapid

TAURUS (April 20-May

thát they want to promote

20). Someone has a feeling

you, hire you or put you in a

role. For now, they are just

watching to know you bet-

ter. Keep in mind, they see

only what you do, not what

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). You will be faced with

what you believe and what

is occurring in front of your

reality, so it's the beliefs that

CANCER (June 22-July

22). Relationships grow

closer in funny ways. Con-

a harmless admission that

is perfect to tell a friend.

sider making a confession --

Honesty is a bonding agent.

Your cat qualities will come

quietly observe, in no hurry

see the perfect opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Go on, try to ignore the

restlessness in your soul. It

as well listen and see where

isn't going away. You may

it's urging you on ... most

likely toward a touchstone

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

been a while since you've

it into a plan. A trip in the

21). Don't make people

guess how to treat you,

what you want or how to

move in the world with you

in it. Tell people what to do

Dec. 21). You are a retinal

you wherever you go. You

with intrigue, relate with

CAPRICORN (Dec.

22-Jan. 19). Your prefer-

into the comfort of famil-

ences fortify you. So, settle

walk with confidence, smile

warmth. Strangers will say

hello -- even the shy ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

magnet, pulling eyes toward

with you and they'll do it.

your life at present.

visited someplace com-

23). You've traveled, but it's

pletely new. Look into it. Put

distant future will invigorate

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

of goodness

to get involved unless you

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

out. You'll be smart, chic

and mysterious. You'll

Then you'll pounce.

contradictions between

eyes. You can't change

you intend to do.

have to move.

a bargain. Themes will





HE'S GIVEN UP *BUYING*



HI. RUTHIE.

HI, MRS.

MANDEL BAUM



WELL, TO TELL YOU

THE TRUTH, BUBELEH!

AREN'T YOU GLAD IT'S CHRISTMAS?



I'M JOYISH!



By Holiday iar things: Sitting in your

Monday favorite chair; sipping your **DECEMBER 27, 2021** favorite drink; watching your favorite TV show. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. Jupiter's Final Mo-

18). Your influence grows as you learn how to better accommodate others. They are attracted to you because of the way they feel around you. You make their lives easier and more comfortable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not pessimistic to reduce your expectations. Rather, it's a strategy that will allow you to be pleasantly surprised by life. You'll love what happens when you let go of needing it to be one way.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Dec. 27). You don't have to add a single thing; your power comes in the form of subtraction. You home in on the important things to get right and you cut out the unnecessary, strengthening your overall position while making your life much easier to manage. Glorious shared experiences bond friendships for life. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 33, 1, 14 and 26.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I'm a Sagittarius, and my

coworkers don't like me. I've learned this because I read an email that was accidentally forwarded to me that included some snarky comments about me. When I confronted the sender of the email, my boss called a meeting of a few of the people involved. They apologized; I accepted, but I'm seriously thinking about trying to find another job. They think I'm pushy, bossy, selfish and loud. I think they are just intimidated because I have ideas and I'm not afraid to make things happen. What do you think?' In many settings, your

fire-sign boldness and passion are an advantage, but your ability to work in a group is also an essential part of your package, professional and otherwise. So, before you start applying elsewhere, see if you can take this upset as a challenge to gain some political savvy. Regardless of your co-worker's motives or how off-base they may be, this is the perfect excuse to work on interpersonal skills that will serve you well beyond this situation. Start with some soul-searching. Is there a grain of truth here a behavior you can adopt or one you might curb? If you can turn this scene around, you'll be invincible!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Among Hollywood's brightest young stars, Timothee Chalamet is turning out the sun, Mercury, Mars,

Uranus and Neptune were all in the sign of the powerful sea goat. Moon and Saturn in Pisces lend the talent for empathy.

ANY CHANCE OF A REFILL, CHALKIE?

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9 Spoken aloud

and thread

12 Trips around a

13 Monumental, as

20 Not at any time

11 Light brown

a movie

26 Narrow shelf

27 Wide belt

(rarity)

sound

28 Collector's _

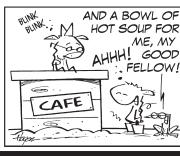
29 Depend (on)

30 Throat-clearing

shade

track

21



Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Miles_ gallon (fuel economy stat)

4 Police officers, informally

8 Purchase price 12 Walk out the

door

Feline that roars **15** Neighborhood

Cook's cover-up DOWN

garment

17 In addition 18 Sunrise

19 Miner's two

digging tools

22 Devious plan 23 Houseplant

holder 24 New Year's _

(12/31)

26 Baton Rouge

school: Abbr.

What a corporal calls a sergeant

30 India's continent

34 Otherwise 36 Wooden

shipping box

38 Sculptor's two chopping tools

41 Online memo **42** How takeout

orders are placed

"Good heavens!" 44 Tex-_ _ cuisine

45 Hive insect

47 College website suffix

49 Congress

website suffix **50** Pack up in a box

55 Gardener's two

lawn tools "Scat!"

61 Pleasant **62** Indoor sports

venue

63 First-learned basics

64 Testy mood 65 Puts in a certain

order

66 Jab with a finger

67 Gambling probabilities

68 Letters before ens

1 Cause to be

thirsty

2 Draw out, as

memories

3 Give a new

title to 4 Dressed (in)

7 Is nosy 8 West Point

student

furnished

Lubricates

6 Expensively

31 Identical 32 Huge cinema

screen format

33 Male pal in Paris 60 Game of 35 _-cone

(icy treat)

www.stanxwords.com 37 de Janeiro, 10 Work with needle Brazil

Edited by Stanley Newman

TOOL TWOSOMES by Sally R. Stein

39 Arm joint 40 Created. as a

secret message

46 Nevertheless

48 Restless feeling 49 Bird that honks

51 Platter-shaped data holder

_ for (attest to) 52 Golden /lake very happy

(senior citizens)

53 Shipped out **54** Historical

periods

55 Make fun of 56 Watermelon's

cover

57 Corrosive liquid

Tennis court barriers

59 Drain of strength Thrones

cable channel

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Today's Answers

new releases, including the star-studded "Don't Look Up," "Dune: Part Two" and "Wonka," in which he will play the title role. Chalamet is a Capricorn born when

8 2 9

3