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Weather



Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 54. South wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 59.
Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Local Events

Dec. 17: The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present its Holiday Spectacular Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Auditorium. The event will feature soloists Nadia Kiley and Lawrence Thibeault, as well as an audience sing-a-long. Tickets are on sale now at bigspring-symphony.org as well as H-E-B, the Heritage Museum and the Karat Patch.

Daily Quotes

“Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, And looks to that alone; Laughs at impossibilities, And cries: It shall be done!”
 — **Charles Wesley**

“I regret to this day that I never went to college. I feel I should have been a doctor.”
 — **Ty Cobb**

“The practice of putting women on pedestals began to die out when it was discovered that they could give orders better from there.”
 — **Betty Grable**

“Any form of art is a form of power; it has impact, it can affect change - it can not only move us, it makes us move.”
 — **Ossie Davis**

“Everyone talks about rock these days; the problem is they forget about the roll.”
 — **Keith Richards**

“People have forgotten how to tell a story. Stories don’t have a middle or an end any more. They usually have a beginning that never stops beginning.”
 — **Steven Spielberg**

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Two teens killed in Lynn County accident

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Managing Editor

Two people were killed Wednesday in a one-vehicle accident in Lynn County.

According to a report issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, a 15-year-old minor O'Donnell resident was driving a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado west on FM 2053 about 1.23 miles northeast of O'Donnell when the vehicle drifted left across the eastbound lane and into the south ditch. The driver overcorrected to the right, causing the truck to travel back across the eastbound lane and into the westbound land. The driver then overcorrected to the left, causing the vehicle to rotate and enter a side skid as it traveled southwest across FM 2053 and into the south ditch. The truck rolled before coming to a rest.

The minor driver was transported to University Medical Center Hospital in Lubbock with incapacitating injuries.

The vehicle's two passengers, another 15-year-old minor female of O'Donnell and Jady Taylor Boyd, 18, of O'Donnell, were both pronounced deceased by Justice of the Peace Chris-

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tie Olivan.

According to the report, none of the three occupants of the Silverado were wearing safety belts.

Weather conditions were reported as cloudy and dry. The investigating DPS trooper was not listed in the report.

INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION!

"All I want for Christmas"
LETTERS TO SANTA
 Sunday, December 18, 2022

Christmas fun for Forsan students



Courtesy photos/Amanda Duforat

Elementary Christmas programs and gingerbread houses were made recently by teachers and staff at Forsan Junior High and High Schools.



HCVFD receives \$250K equipment grant



Courtesy photo

Firefighters with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department stand with Howard County Commissioners Craig Bailey (center) and Jimmie Long (far right) and County Judge Kathryn Wiseman (second from right) as they receive a check for \$250,000 for self-contained breathing apparatus equipment from the J.C. Broughton Foundation Thursday.

Special to the Herald

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department was presented with a check in the amount of \$250,000 this month from the G.C. Broughton Foundation, to be used to purchase new air packs (SCBAs), spare air bottles, and air masks

for each firefighter.

The G.C. Broughton Foundation was established in 2005 and is made up of a Board of Trustees consisting of Jean Broughton-Powell as President, John Grant, Dr. John Marshall, Clif Talbot, and Jim Weaver.

“We appreciate that the G.C. Broughton

Foundation recognizes the importance of reliable breathing air equipment for the volunteers of Howard County Vol Fire Dept, and we are grateful that they are committed to providing the tools to help keep our citizens and volunteers safe, said Eric Barber, president of the HCVFD.



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Obituaries

Robert Coleman Hunt II



A Celebration of Life service together with a Funeral Mass for Robert Coleman Hunt II (Cole), 57, of Tecoman, Colima, Mexico will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Lamesa with celebrant Fr. Chacko Thadathil officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Gonzales Funeral Home.

Visitation and viewing held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 16 with a Rosary Prayer service at 7 p.m. each evening at Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Family Visitation Hours are 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday the 15th.

Robert Coleman Hunt II departed from this life on Friday, Dec. 9, in Lamesa. Cole was born on May 6, 1965, in Memphis, Tenn. He was specially chosen by Robert (Bob) and Janie Hunt when he was only two months old. Cole grew up on the family farm in Ackerly, where he attended school at Sands ISD and graduated in 1983. He attended Texas Tech until he moved back to Ackerly to farm, which he did for many years. Cole loved his three children more than anything in the world, and he treasured every minute with them. From an early age, he got them involved in 4H and FFA.

In 2012, he met Maria Jimenez by happenstance, and they married on Sept. 18, 2015. Cole always said it was fate that brought them together. His lifelong dream was to live on the beach, and he and Maria brought that dream to fruition when they moved to Mexico in 2016. He enjoyed traveling back to Texas to visit his children and grandchildren every chance he could.

Cole's heart was as big as Texas. He was passionate about his family, loved life to the fullest, and loved making people laugh. Every year, he would volunteer at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, he loved watching Yellowstone, and he'd watch every football game he could. Cole loved music, going to the "picture show" as he called it, and playing craps in Vegas. His smile and Texas drawl would light up a room, and he will be sorely missed by all who loved him.

Cole was preceded in death by his father, Robert Ray (Bob) Hunt.

Cole is survived by: his wife, Maria Hunt; his mother, Janie Hunt of Big Spring.; his daughters, Hannah Bullard and husband, Cody of Post; Meghan Hunt of Lubbock; his son, Robert (Bo) Hunt of Midland; his step-children, Judy Tejeda-Gonzales and husband, Robert Gonzales of Lubbock; Natalie Tejeda of Lubbock, Adam Tejeda of Monroe, LA; and Kristian Tejeda of Tecoman, Colima, Mexico; and 6 grandchildren, Kyndall Bullard, Jagger Tejeda, Damien Gutierrez, Mia Tejeda, Logan Gonzales, and Grayson Gonzales. He is also survived by his sisters, Carla Coupland of Tow, Jill Tubb of Big Spring, and Kaye Glaeser of Marble Falls; as well as countless nieces, nephews, cousins, relative, and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gonzales Funeral Home in Lamesa TX.

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.

Jacob Alamazan Bustamante



Jacob Alamazan Bustamante, 51, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cornerstone Covenant Church with burial at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Jacob was born Sept. 28, 1971, in Midland to Mary Ann and Vicente Bustamante. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Cornerstone Covenant Church.

Jacob was employed by Sharp Energy for 21 years. He was very devoted to children and grandchildren. Jacob is survived by: his wife, Irma Bustamante of Big Spring; 4 children, Justin Bustamante, Albert Bustamante, Albert Bustamante, Vicki Bustamante and Stephanie Bustamante, all of Big Spring; 6 grandchildren: Albert Bustamante Jr., Dominick Bustamante, Amaya Cruz, Julianna Puga, Justin Jacob Bustamante, and Armani Bustamante Ortiz; mother, Mary Ann Bustamante, of Big Spring; father, Vicente C. Bustamante; and 1 brother, Vicente A. Bustamante.

Jacob was preceded in death by one son, Jacob Bustamante Jr.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Manuel Ramirez Sr.



Manuel Ramirez Sr., 79, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 9 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Manuel was born June 23, 1943, in Big Spring to Estefana and Juan D. Ramirez. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He married Rosario Moralez on Oct. 5, 1963.

Manuel was a member of AFT/CIO while working at Cosden. He was a member of the Chicano Golf Association. He had four hole-in-ones and received a plaque from Callaway Golf. He played golf with "Too Tall Jones" from the Dallas Cowboys. He was a coin collector and had a coin that was a 1776 New Hampshire Copper Coin. He was an avid Cowboys and Raiders fan. He loved working in his yard and shining his truck. He loved his grandkids and great-grandkids; he was a very family oriented man. He would give the shirt off his back and never met a stranger.

Manuel is survived by: his wife, Rosario Ramirez, of Big Spring; 2 sons, Manuel Ramirez (Debbie) of Big Spring and Randy Ramirez (Danielle), of Fort Worth; daughter-in-law, Nina Ramirez; 6 grandchildren, Matthew Ramirez (Andrea), Randy Martinez (Isaac), Tyson Ramirez, Garrett Ramirez, Rocky Ramirez Jr., and Tyler Ramirez; 3 great-grandchildren, Jaxon Martinez, Charlye Martinez and Lyla Ramirez; 3 brothers, Robert Ramirez, Albert Ramirez and Raul Ramirez; 1 sister, Lorenza Limon; and numerous neices and nephews.

Manuel was preceded in death by his son, Rocky Ramirez; parents, Juan and Estefana Ramirez; 1 brother, Ramon Ramirez; and 2 sisters, Carmen Johnson and Mary Lou Perez.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Charles Green

Charles Green, 84, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Do you have a favorite holiday memory? The Herald is seeking stories from our readers about their most memorable Christmases in their own words. Send mailed submissions to Big Spring Herald P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring TX, 79720 or by email to newsdesk@bigspringherald.com or editor@bigspringherald.com

Mary H. Perez



Mary H. Perez, 68, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022. Funeral Mass will be 10am, Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She will lie in state from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18, and Monday, Dec. 19, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Mary was born July 1, 1954, in Big Spring, to Frederico M. and Elvira A. (Alvarez) Olivas. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Mary worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for many years. She married Jesse Perez June 25, 2016. Mary enjoyed TexMex music. She loved her Bible, praising the Lord and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She enjoyed her grandchildren, traveling, and her family.

Mary is survived by her husband Jesse; two daughters: Leticia Rodriguez (Jesse) and Cynthia Urias (Josh) and one son: Gabriel Hernandez; two sisters: Irene (John) Dominguez and Sylvia Rodriguez (Joe) and one brother: Edward (Linda) Olivas; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Fred Olivas, Jr.

Pallbearers will be Eric Sanchez, Henry Enriquez Sanchez III, Chris Dominguez, Jesus Rodriguez, Josh Urias and Edward Olivas Jr.

Friends may pay their respects to the family at 1507 Vines Ave.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

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Police/Sheriff blotter

The Howard County Detention Center reported the following activity:

• **MARINA CRESENCIA FAIR**, 39, of 1905 Wasson Rd. apt. 48, was arrested on a charge of fail to maintain financial responsibility.

• **MARK PEREZ**, 37, of 202 E. 11th St., was arrested on a charge of terroristic threat imp pub serv/pub fear.

• **CHELSEA RENE SAWYERS**, 28, of 1501 Lincoln Ave., was arrested on a parole violation.

• **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported at 1601 Martin Luther King Blvd.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported at 202 E. 11th Pl.

• **TELEPHONE HARASSMENT** was reported at 1701 E. FM 700.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at 1009 N Lamesa Hwy.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at Gregg St. and Third Street.

• **ASSAULT** was reported at 2518 E. 24th St.

• **TELEPHONE HARASSMENT** was reported at 9410 S. Service Rd.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported at 202 E. 11th Pl.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at 615 Steakley.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported at 1501 Martin Luther King Blvd. Suite 104.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported at 1416 Stadium Ave.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 3300 block of Gail Hwy. One person transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 100 block of W. Robinson Rd. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 500 block of Gregg St. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 3800 block of Piper Rd. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 1000 block of Sycamore. One person transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** reported at the 7000 block of S. Service Rd. One person transported to SMMC.

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Pilot ejects from fighter jet in Texas in failed landing

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A pilot safely ejected from a plane Thursday after a failed landing that was caught on video at a North Texas military base, officials said.

The Marine Corps variant of a fighter jet, known as a F-35B, took a nose dive and spiraled after its wheels briefly touched down on the shared runway at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth. Video taken by people who were watching the plane come in show it slowly descending in a straight line as smoke appears in the rear of the aircraft before the nose digs into the runway and the jet spins to a stop.

The F-35B has special modifications that allow it to take off and land vertically like a helicopter.

At the Pentagon, a spokesman said that the aircraft was being flown at the time of the crash by

a U.S. government pilot, although it had not been transferred to the military yet by manufacturer Lockheed Martin.

The pilot safely ejected from the airplane, according to Pentagon spokesman Air Force Gen. Pat Ryder. The condition of the pilot is not known.

About a dozen local officers responded to the base, where first responders and base personnel were already on site following the incident, said Chris Cook, police chief for the nearby city of White Settlement. Officers helped keep away a growing crowd of people who had stopped on a roadway or walked over after the plane went down.

"You never want to get that call that there is an aircraft down," Cook said. "We have a very fond spot in our community for the military. White Settlement is a military community."

A spokesman for the Navy referred all questions to Lockheed Martin, the aerospace and defense company that manufactures the plane involved.

Officials from Lockheed Martin said in a statement that they were aware of the crash and were under the impression the pilot was safe.

"Safety is our priority, and we will follow appropriate investigation protocol," the company said in the statement.

The failed landing came just over a month after two historic military aircraft collided during an airshow 40 miles (64 kilometers) away at the Dallas Executive Airport, killing six people. A report from the National Transportation Safety Board said there had been no coordination of altitudes in briefings before the flight or while the planes were in the air.

El Paso grapples with surge of migrants, braces for more

By MORGAN LEE

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Authorities in El Paso, Texas, described a humanitarian crisis Thursday as they grapple with the daily release of roughly 1,600 migrants to local shelters and the streets of the border city amid preparations for even larger flows if Trump-era asylum restrictions end next week as scheduled.

El Paso Mayor Oscar Leeser told a news conference that the city is distributing outdoor toilets and water stations as it offers overnight hotel rooms to migrants, whose numbers are exceeding capacity at a county reception facility and the region's network of shelters with nonprofit and faith-based groups.

The Department of Homeland Security is indicating it may release more migrants into the United States when Trump-era asylum restrictions end next week, with local government and border officials warning of immigrants waiting to cross into the U.S. Under current restrictions, migrants have been denied rights to seek asylum more than 2.5 million times on grounds of preventing the spread of COVID-19.

El Paso in recent days has witnessed hundreds of migrants wading across shallows waters of the Rio Grande into the U.S., forming lines along a border wall to approach immigration authorities and request refuge. City officials fear the asylum-rule change could double local migrant crossings, estimated at roughly 2,500 migrants a day over the past week.

Fernando Garcia, director of the Border Network for Human Rights, said migrants currently perceive Ciudad Juárez, across from El Paso, as a relatively secure place to approach the border amid dangers in Mexico of extortion and organized crime.

The City of El Paso announced Wednesday it received a new \$6 million com-

mitment to underwrite its migrant response from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"This funding and shelter is not the answer, it's a Band-Aid to really a bigger problem," said Leeser, a Democrat elected in 2020. "It's something we're going to have to work with the (United Nations) and other countries, to work through a situation ... that's again is bigger than El Paso and that now has become bigger than the United States."

Mario D'Agostino, a deputy city manager leading the emergency response, said the sheer number of migrants is straining not only local staff but also U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

"They're working long hours, day and night, they're doing processing rather than their primary function of securing the border," he said.

City officials say that most of the migrants released in recent days by federal immigration authorities have some financial means or sponsors in the U.S. to pay for transportation to communities in the U.S. interior. But he said the city is bracing for an even larger surge in asylum-seeking migrants that may not have resources for further travel.

The city recently disbanded its aid and communications center for migrants, while suspending a busing program that delivered thousands of mostly Venezuelan migrants to Chicago and New York in September and October.

D'Agostino outlined a new strategy that might ferry migrants to large, nearby transportation hubs, such as Dallas, Denver and Phoenix. He said federal immigration authorities are preparing to possibly process and directly release migrants at a bridge that connects Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, and El Paso.

The city's response to surges in migration numbers stands in contrast to border-security efforts by Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott, who has deployed troops to the border and gotten attention for busing migrants to faraway Democratic strongholds.

Take Note

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

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

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

• Starting in October, we will be switching food distribution to the fourth Friday of every month. Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will not be distributing food in November or if there is inclement weather, i.e., snow or heavy rain. Distribution will take place at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Our food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring a plastic bag or box and let us know how many are in their household to pick up food. We will post any updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>

• The BSAA meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospital-ity services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon and other assistance will take

place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

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

• 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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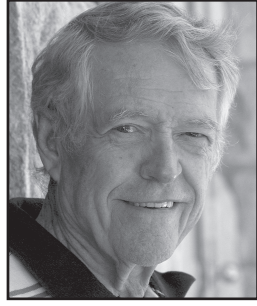
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WEEKLY PRAYER

May our lives be entrusted to your hands, and may we always find our strength in you, our God and Savior. Amen.

Motorized Outhouses Are Parade Favorites

Several people around Carthage told me I needed to interview Rodney Wooten about his signs and stuff. So on a recent trip to East Texas I did just that. I drove to his 400-acre farm just outside Carthage in the tiny community of Antioch. When I contacted him by phone he gave me directions and said, “Just drive on into my man cave.” When I stepped out of my car I looked around and saw a variety of gasoline and cold drink signs, sure enough. But that’s the tip of the iceberg. The first thing I noticed was a stack of Model As, two of them in pristine condition separated by substantial shelving. “I used to enter them in parades,” says Rodney, “but I haven’t done much of that lately.” He collects everything from cold



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

drink bottles to old telephones, but mostly he collects vintage signs.

His 7,000 square foot man cave used to be a shop for his oil field servicing business, which he had for 25 years. He retired this year and now spends a lot of time traveling the country looking for collectable items. He has also started a new enterprise called Bent-Rod Industries. He makes fencing that has the barbed wire principle but he twists sucker rods to make the fencing material. “It’ll hold a rhino,” says Rodney.

At one time his business had 54 employees. “I was diversified,” he says. “Part of the oil field service business we had porta potties. I had 1,300 of them

out in the oil fields. We motorized a couple of them and used them in Christmas parades around East Texas. We actually got first place in Marshall for our uniqueness.

“We took zero-turn mowers and cut them down and fitted them inside porta potties and took them to parades. They were big hits, especially with the kids. I think U-Tube has some footage of our motorized porta potties. One year we had a guy (he was really my son) dressed up in the Grinch outfit and as the parade moved along he’d come out of a porta potty and kids loved to see that. He’d wave at them and run along the sidewalk, mess with the kids then get back in the porta potty. He’d go down a little bit further and get out and do the same with another group of kids.

“You could drive those things. They had a steering wheel and gas pedal and everything inside. We had the fastest porta potties in Texas. They’d run probably 30 miles an hour. You could do little wheelies with them. We had flashing lights all over them and had horns on them. One year we rigged them up where we had green smoke come out of them. We had two. One was regular size and one was for the handicapped. The handicapped one was a little bigger than the regular one. We had the name of our company on both of them. It was called JUST IN TIME SANITATION. They were great advertisements and boosted the business a lot. We had a big time with them.”

Rodney is an active civic leader in Carthage and is involved in several community activities. “Carthage has been voted the best small town in Texas for many years. I think it’s the best place in Texas to live.”

Home Country

Pearls Before Swine

Dud was awfully quiet all through the daily dissemination of anything on page one of the Valley Weekly Miracle, which wasn’t like him at all. Just sucked down caffeine and silently shook his head now and then. “Anita okay, Dud?”



SLIM RANGLES

“Oh ... sure, Doc.”
“You okay?”
He nodded, then looked up with a wistful, philosophical look that our guys don’t usually

get until after the buttered toast. “Sometimes,” he said, “I think it’s pearls before swine, that’s all.”

We waited.
“Music, I mean. You know how you practice and practice and then you get good enough to actually do something? Well, I took the accordion and went to the accordion festival to compete ... well, you know I’m not really that bad any more...”

“You’re getting pretty darn good on that thing, Dud.”
“Thanks, Steve. Well, we drove down to the capital and I got in the competition and did okay. Placed third in polka. I played that new piece. It’s kinda hard because it has those minor bass buttons in it and it took me forever to learn not to miss them.”

“It was after that. You see, I put the accordion back in the

car and we went in for a lunch they gave everyone.”

“What’s wrong with that?”
“I forgot to lock the car. We were halfway through lunch when Anita asked me if I’d locked the car and then it hit me that I might not have locked it. She insisted I run right out and check and that’s what I did. And that’s when I lost my faith in human beings.”

“Oh, Dud,” Doc said, “someone stole your accordion?”
“No, it was still there in the back seat. But someone had put two more in there with it.”
He shook his head. “Pearls before swine.”

Fans of the late Max Evans should check out Ol’ Max Evans’ letters to Jim Bob Swafford and family at Amazon.com. Jim Bob is Max’s cousin.

The Idle American

It’s Beginning to Sound a Lot Like Christmas...

The intent of this piece is to provide comfort to folks who are hearing more than they want to hear. There is much noise in the world, some of it pushing Christmas carols-and other worthwhile sounds-to the side of the road. In spousal conversations-whether interest in what the other is saying is sincere or feigned-we are prone to smile and/or nod, either of which may be sufficient to get couples back in sync on topics that are interesting to both.



DON NEWBURY

My aged Uncle Mort-allways on the quest of helping humankind while providing relief for an ever-shrinking bank balance-is excited about his latest “invention.” He’s convinced that it may save marriages and extend friendships. He’s proposing a double-pocketed leather holster that will serve a dual purpose, hanging from men’s belts and ladies’ purses, keeping smartphones and battery-powered toothbrushes close at hand....

Mort gives his long-suffering wife Maude credit for his latest gimmick, one that he thinks may be popular in record time. Married for almost 90 years, Mort and Maude’s conversations have largely been with each other in their modest home down in the thicket. He has often noticed that her attempts to start conversations occur at the precise moment that he commences to brush his teeth. He usually hears little during such moments when battery-powered toothbrushes make sounds akin to dentists’ drills or even pavement-piercing jackhammers a block or more away.

Maude’s question the other morning caused him to turn off his toothbrush, partially because she had asked it three times before her yelling led to his “smartening up” with a “Yes, dear” response....

She wanted to know if he intended to “gussy up” for the senior adult Christmas luncheon at church. “Gussy up?” He hadn’t heard the expression in years, but her mention of it served as a reminder

that in our ever-growing, open-collared men’s world, whatever “gussying” we’re doing-if any-isn’t ascending. Its trajectory is decidedly downward. I know what she meant.

For many decades, I’ve been given neckties accented by Christmas scenes. Most of them are marred by dropped food, so the red and green colors of Christmas are barely dominant over the yellows, oranges, purples and blacks. I wear them during the Yuletide season; that’s usually when Brenda says I am “gussied up.”...

It seems important to take a Googling sideroad. I was set to wondering about the origin of the expression. It turns out that the first use likely occurred in Australia, early in the 20th century. A famous novelist used it to describe a “foppish dandy.” Huh? Consult Google further if you want to know more about “foppish dandies.” Numerous vague definitions are cited. If Google claims “gussying up” to run in tandem with “foppish dandies,” so be it. I’ll decide that I am indeed “gussied up,” merely by wearing both a necktie and sox. This’ll probably satisfying my wife of 56 years....

Brenda’s specific instructions about my luncheon attire weren’t discernible above the roar of my battery-powered toothbrush. That’s why I have moderate interest in the holster Uncle Mort is designing. With it, I’ll have my toothbrush at hand, not only to use for multiple brushings, but also for drowning out sounds I’d sooner not hear. In the adjacent holster pocket will be my smartphone, handy for both real and pretended uses. The only downsides I can see is that there’ll be one more item to lose and another one to keep charged.

Before we finished our phone conversation and exchanged greetings of the season, Mort asked me if I knew that the ordinary toothbrush may have been designed by someone living in the swamp. “If the guy had lived in any other part of the state, it would have been called a “teethbrush,” he opined, roaring with laughter. That’s his story, and he’s sticking to it....

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Howard Co. Area Sports Schedule

Dec. 17: Coahoma Bulldogs Basketball (Varsity) at Buena Vista ISD Tournament in Imperial. Game times TBA.

Dec. 17: Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) at Sands Hoopapalooza in Ackerly. Game times TBA.

Dec. 19: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV, & Varsity) non-district matchup against Andrews at Big Spring. Games start at 4:30 p.m. (Freshmen & JV) and 6 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec. 20: Big Spring Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Idalou at Big Spring. Games start at 5 p.m. (JV) and 6:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec. 20: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Midland Classical at Big Spring. Games start at 12 p.m. (JV) and 1:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec. 20: Coahoma Bulldogs & Bulldogettes Basketball (JV & Varsity) district matchup against Ballinger at Coahoma. Games start at 4 p.m. (JV Girls), 5:15 p.m. (JV Boys), 6:30 p.m. (Varsity Girls), and 8 p.m. (Varsity Boys)

Dec. 20: Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) district matchup against Sterling City at Forsan. Games start at 5 p.m. (JV) and 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec. 20: Forsan Lady Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) district matchup against Sterling City at Forsan. Games start at 4 p.m. (JV) and 6:15 p.m. (Varsity)

Dec. 28-30: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Varsity) at Brownwood Tournament in Brownwood. Game times TBA

Dec. 27-29: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Varsity) at Monahans Tournament in Monahans. Game times TBA

Dec. 28-29: Coahoma Bulldogs and Bulldogettes Basketball (Varsity) at Jayton Tournament in Jayton. Game times TBA

Big Spring Little League will host board meeting Tuesday

Special to the Herald

Big Spring Little League will host a board meeting Tuesday, Dec 20 at 7 p.m. at Pizza Inn. The board will look to elect new officers for the upcoming season. Anyone that is interested and would like to be a part of the board are encouraged to attend.

BSYSA 12U team places third at Tournament of Champions



Courtesy photo. Tiffany Sayles

Recently, Coach Nathan Austin and Assistant Coach Amber Wilson took the BSYSA 12U soccer team to the Tournament of Champions in Dallas. The tournament took place Dec. 2 through Dec. 4. This amazing group of kids along with their two awesome coaches took 3rd place in their division out of 16 teams. All the parents and families would like to say how proud they are of these kids and what a joy it was to watch them play this soccer season! Top row (left to right), Reese Fernandez No. 6, Hudson Paredes No. 8, Ayden Starr No. 9, Gaudalupe Cruz No. 16, Karrysn Barriga No. 19, Coach Nathan Austin, Joshua Austin No. 24, Addison Woodard No. 4, Kendyl Wilson No. 12, and Assistant Coach Amber Wilson. Bottom row (left to right), Linken Lasacter No. 7, Zachary Lindsey No. 1, Kimberlie Rodriguez No. 3, Brandon Smith No. 5, and Justice Stapp No. 15. Congratulations to the BSYSA 12U Team on a great season and tournament performance!

Texas advances past San Diego for 9th NCAA title appearance

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Logan Eggleston, the three-time Big 12 player of the year, had the game-winning kill to reach 16 on the match and No. 1 overall seed Texas beat San Diego 26-28, 25-16, 25-18, 25-20 on Thursday night in the semifinals of the NCAA volleyball tournament.

Texas (27-1), in its 14th semifinal appearance, is going to the championship match for the ninth time in program history. The Longhorns will go for their fourth national championship on Saturday against Louisville, the second overall seed.

Texas trailed 4-0 to start the fourth set but rallied with four unanswered points for an 8-7 lead. Eggleston, who struggled with four attacking errors in the first set, turned it around and had the game-winning kill to send Texas to the championship match.

Other Texas players stepped up with their leader struggling early as Madisen Skinner and Molly Phillips each finished with double-digit kills with 17 and 14, respectively. Zoe Fleck reached 20-plus digs for the fifth time this season with 21 and Bella Bergmark came off the bench for four key blocks.

"I thought we did a great job from the service line after Game 1," Texas coach Jerritt Elliott said. "And then we really started to get a lot of touches and controlling the ball, getting good tran-

sition swings. We weren't great at transition for a lot of points with Logan, but we started to figure it out and I'm glad she ended the match with that last swing."

Second-seeded San Diego (31-1), which was competing its first NCAA semifinal in program history, had its 28-match win streak snapped. The Toreros were seeking to become fourth team in the last 25 years to make NCAA final in first appearance at final four.

San Diego was undone by 29 errors.

San Diego took the first set 28-26 after 10 lead changes, 21 ties and four set points. It was just the fifth time this season Texas dropped the first set, due to 11 attacking errors and hitting .056.

The first three-point lead for either team came in the second set with Texas leading 16-13. The Longhorns used a 4-0 run for a 21-14 lead in the second set and closed on another 4-0 run.

Texas was much cleaner in the second set, hitting .333 and holding San Diego to .077. The Longhorns had just two attacking errors in the second set compared to eight for San Diego.

The first ace for Texas came in the third set and Bergmark had back-to-back blocks for a 22-16 lead and her fourth block capped a 3-0 run to win the set.

Micah Parsons made valid point about Jalen Hurts, MVP debate

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

Micah Parsons took a lot of heat this week for expressing an opinion many people share.

The Dallas Cowboys' star linebacker said the Philadelphia Eagles are 12-1 more because of the overall talent on the team than Jalen Hurts. The Eagles' third-year quarterback is a frontrunner for NFL Most Valuable Player entering Week 15.

Speaking on Von Miller's podcast, Parsons pointed out the Eagles have an excellent defense and superb players on offense around Hurts.

"It's system and team!" Parsons said about the credit.

He's not wrong.

The Eagles have the league's most dominant offensive line.

A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith are among the best wide receiver tandems. The rushing attack led by Miles Sanders is outstanding. And, coach Nick Sirianni and offensive coordinator Shane Steichen have devised an offensive scheme that maximizes Hurts' skills and helped him elevate his all-around game.

Parsons also argued that Patrick Mahomes would be his MVP choice because he's having another tremendous season for the Kansas City Chiefs without star wide receiver Tyreek Hill, who was traded to Miami.

Of course, some Eagles fans took offense to Parsons' comments. Others considered his words a compliment for the team. Hurts and his teammates, to their credit, refused

to engage. The Eagles and Cowboys face each other in Dallas on Christmas Eve.

Parsons provided plenty of fodder for talks shows and reporters by openly sharing his thoughts. He didn't do his team any favors by giving Hurts and the Eagles bulletin-board material for next week's game. Then again, players shouldn't need extra motivation to play their best, especially in a rivalry game that could have playoff implications. The Cowboys (10-3) still have a shot at the NFC East.

The conversation between Parsons and Miller about Hurts and other MVP candidates is a similar debate voters are having. With four games remaining, it's a close race between Hurts and Mahomes with Joe Burrow and Josh Al-

len also in the mix. Tua Tagovailoa could enter the discussion with spectacular finish. Hill and Justin Jefferson deserve consideration, though a non-quarterback hasn't won the award since Adrian Peterson in 2012.

Parsons was at least one voter's choice at the midpoint of the season but only two defensive players have ever won MVP. Parsons also is the leading pick for the AP Defensive Player of the Year.

Hurts has made a dramatic leap in his second full season as Philadelphia's starter. He led the team to a 9-8 record and a playoff appearance last season but the front office still had questions about his ability to be a franchise QB and considered trading for Russell Wilson and other proven starters.

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Chamber happenings...

• *Texas Blessed Boutique*



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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for their new member, Texas Blessed Boutique, on Monday. The new business, owned by Chisom and Jaclyn Connolly, offers a variety of clothing for children and adults, and has a dress-up area for children to try on a variety of costumes. A salon is planned to be added. Texas Blessed Boutique is located at 1714 Gregg St.

Arrington leads letter to Appropriations in support of cotton farmers

Special to the Herald

This week, Representative Jodey Arrington (TX-19), along with Representatives Ronny Jackson (TX-13) and August Pfluger (TX-11), led several Texas colleagues in a letter to both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, urging leadership to support funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Emergency Relief Program (ERP) for the 2022 crop year. This crop season – particularly cotton – has faced historic production loss not only in West Texas, but across the entire nation.

"Agriculture is the lifeblood of rural economies like West Texas, and all Americans benefit from a safe, affordable, and abundant source of food. Unfortunately, producers across the nation have experienced unprecedented challenges this year — from historic drought conditions to record input costs, supply chain disruptions, and labor shortages. Congress must maintain a reliable and stable food supply to ensure food security for all Americans," said Rep. Arrington.

"Texas' cotton farmers help clothe the world, making their operations critical to the state and global economy. Texas is the largest cotton-producing state in the country with the High Plains region alone accounting for 65% of production. The devastating drought we experienced this year is a serious threat to everything our cotton farmers have built, and it is not something Congress can ignore. The cotton industry is critical to the success and vibrancy of the communities I represent in TX-13. I am proud to lead my colleagues in this effort to help ensure Texas' cotton farmers have the resources they need to be successful for future generations and that cotton gins can weather the devastating effects of this year's drought," said Rep. Jackson.

"Texas' agriculture producers, and the programs that allow them to continue to operate, are critical to National Security. Our farmers and ranchers have suffered through several tough years. Without an extension of the Emergency Relief Program

(ERP), this year's losses will be devastating to our communities that support and depend on agriculture. Congress must provide this relief immediately," said Rep. Pfluger.

"Plains Cotton Growers Inc. fully supports the request for an extension of the Emergency Relief Program funding for the 2022 crop year. In addition, we support that adequate assistance be allocated to cotton infrastructure segments to help mitigate the economic challenges they continue to face. Texas has been plagued by one of the most catastrophic droughts on record in 2022, which has had a detrimental effect on our cotton producers and infrastructure segments, particularly cotton gins. PCG fully supports and appreciates the bipartisan effort led by Representatives Ronny Jackson, Jodey Arrington, and August Pfluger, along with additional House and Senate members, acknowledging the challenges faced by the cotton industry. We look forward to working with Congress to ensure these key initiatives are addressed in the upcoming omnibus legislative package," said Plains Cotton Growers Inc. CEO Kody Bessent.

"Texas Farm Bureau appreciates Congressmen Ronny Jackson, Jodey Arrington, and August Pfluger for leading a bipartisan letter to key appropriators requesting disaster funding be extended through the 2022 crop year. We are also glad the letter addresses the needs of cotton gins that have faced economic challenges due to staggering crop losses this year. We urge the inclusion of these provisions in the FY2023 appropriations package and look forward to continuing to work toward solutions that will keep farmers and ranchers in operation," said Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening.

Additional cosigners include Representatives Brian Babin (TX-36), Kevin Brady (TX-08), Michael Cloud (TX-27), Henry Cuellar (TX-28), Jake Ellzey (TX-06), Pat Fallon (TX-04), Louie Gohmert (TX-01), Vicente Gonzalez (TX-15), Lance Gooden (TX-05), Troy Nehls (TX-22), and Pete Sessions (TX-17).

Texas achieves full year of employment highs

Special to the Herald

In November 2022, Texas added 33,600 jobs to reach 13,672,900, one year after first hitting an all-time high and surpassing the pre-pandemic jobs count in November 2021. The Texas economy added 657,600 positions annually while the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.0 percent in November.

"Texas continues to set employment records thanks to our growing workforce and world-class employers," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "The growth we've seen in the Lone Star State in the past year leads the nation."

Leisure and Hospitality led job growth in November with 20,200

positions added, followed by Education and Health Services, which grew by 5,400 jobs. Also of note, Mining and Logging employment added 3,800 jobs over the month and expanded by 22.7 percent since November 2021.

"The extraordinary job growth we've seen over the past years shows that Texas continues to be the best place for business," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson. "In addition, TWC continues to be a support system for our Texas employers, large and small, by providing resources to keep our economy thriving."

The Amarillo, Austin-Round Rock and Midland Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded

the lowest unemployment rates among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.8 percent each in November, followed by College Station-Bryan and Lubbock at 3.1 percent each, then Abilene and San Angelo both at 3.2 percent.

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit TexasLMI.com.

The Texas Labor Market & Career Information Data for December is scheduled to be released on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. (CST).

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Stocks lose ground on Wall Street, extending weekly losses

By **DAMIAN J. TROISE**

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell on Wall Street Friday as worries grow that the Federal Reserve and other central banks are willing to bring on a recession if that's what it takes to get inflation under control.

The S&P 500 shed 1.4% as of 10:41 a.m. Eastern and is headed for its second straight weekly loss. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 407 points, or 1.2%, to 32,796 and the Nasdaq fell 1%.

The losses were broad. More than 90% of companies in the benchmark S&P 500 fell. Technology stocks had some of the biggest losses. Microsoft fell 1.3%.

The Fed this week raised its forecast for how high it will ultimately take interest rates and tried to dash some investors' hopes that rate cuts may happen next year. In Europe, the central bank came off as even more aggressive in many investors' eyes.

Inflation has been easing from its hottest levels

in decades, but remains painfully high. That has prompted the Fed to maintain its aggressive attack on prices by raising interest rates to slow economic growth. The strategy increasingly risks slamming on the brakes too hard and sending an already slowing economy into a recession.

A mixed report from S&P Global on Friday highlighted that risk. It showed that business activity slowed more than expected this month as inflation squeezes companies. It also noted that it was the sharpest drop since May of 2020, but that inflation pressures have also been easing.

"In short, the survey data suggest that Fed rate hikes are having the desired effect on inflation, but that the economic cost is building and recession risks are consequently mounting," Chris Williamson, chief business economist at S&P Global Market Intelligence, said.

Markets in Europe fell and markets in Asia were mostly lower.

Bond yields gained ground. The yield on the 10-year Treasury, which influences mortgage rates,

rose to 3.52% from 3.45% late Thursday. The yield on the two-year Treasury, which closely tracks expectations for Fed moves, rose to 4.26% from 4.24% late Thursday.

The Fed on Wednesday ended its final meeting of the year by raising its short-term interest rate by half a percentage point, its seventh straight increase this year. Wall Street had been hoping that the central bank would signal an easing of rate increases heading into 2023, but the Fed instead signaled the opposite.

The federal funds rate stands at a range of 4.25% to 4.5%, the highest level in 15 years. Fed policy makers forecast that the central bank's rate will reach a range of 5% to 5.25% by the end of 2023. Their forecast doesn't call for a rate cut before 2024.

Several companies bucked the broader losses on Friday after reporting strong financial results and forecasts. Software maker Adobe rose 4% after topping Wall Street's fiscal fourth-quarter earnings forecasts. United States Steel gain 4.3% after giving investors a strong earnings forecast.

Starbucks workers plan 3-day walkout at 100 US stores

By **DEE-ANN DURBIN**

AP Business Writer

Starbucks workers around the U.S. planned a three-day strike starting Friday as part of their effort to unionize the coffee chain's stores.

More than 1,000 baristas at 100 stores are planning to walk out, according to Starbucks Workers United, the labor group organizing the effort. The strike will be the longest in the year-old unionization campaign.

The union says it expects the strike will shutter some stores entirely; at others, managers or other workers may keep the stores open.

A message seeking comment was left with Starbucks Friday morning.

This is the second major strike in a month by Starbucks' U.S. workers. On Nov. 17, workers at 110 Starbucks stores held a one-day walkout. That effort coincided with Starbucks' annual Red Cup Day, when the company gives reusable cups to customers who order a holiday drink.

More than 264 of Starbucks' 9,000 company-run U.S. stores have voted to unionize since late last year.

Starbucks opposes the unionization effort, saying the company functions better when it works directly with employees. But the company said last month that it respects employees' lawful right to protest.

Tori Tambellini, a former Starbucks shift supervisor and union organizer who was fired in July, said she will be picketing in Pittsburgh this weekend. Tambellini said workers are protesting understaffed stores, poor management and what she calls Starbucks' "scorched earth method of union busting," including closing stores that have unionized.

Workers United noted that Starbucks recently closed the first store to unionize in Seattle, the company's hometown. Starbucks has said the store was closed for safety reasons.

Starbucks and the union have begun contract talks in about 50 stores but no agreements have been reached.

The process has been contentious. According to the National Labor Relations Board, Workers United has filed at least 446 unfair labor practice charges against Starbucks since late last year, including that the company fired labor organizers and refused to bargain. The company, meanwhile, has filed 47 charges against the union, among them allegations that it defied bargaining rules when it recorded sessions and posted the recordings online.

So far, the labor disputes haven't appeared to dent Starbucks' sales. Starbucks said in November that its revenue rose 3% to a record \$8.41 billion in the July-September period.

US recession a growing fear as Fed plans to keep rates high

By **PAUL WISEMAN and STAN CHOE**

AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — After scaling 40-year highs, inflation in the United States has been slowly easing since summer. Yet the Federal Reserve seems decidedly unimpressed — and unconvinced that its fight against accelerating prices is anywhere near over.

On Thursday, stock markets buckled on the growing realization that the Fed may be willing to let the economy slide into recession if it decides that's what's needed to drive inflation back down to its 2% annual target.

The S&P 500 stock index lost roughly 100 points — 2.5% — in its worst day since early November. The losses came a day after the Fed raised its benchmark interest rate for the seventh time this year. The half-point hike the Fed announced — to a range of 4.25% to 4.5% — had been widely expected.

What spooked investors was Wall Street's growing understanding of how much further the Fed seems willing to go to defeat high inflation. In updated projections they issued Wednesday, the Fed's policymakers forecast that they will ratchet up their key rate by an additional three-quarters of a point — to a hefty 5% to 5.25% — and keep it there through 2023. Some Fed watchers had expected only an additional half-point in rate hikes.

Those higher rates will mean costlier borrowing costs for consumers and companies, ranging from mortgages to auto and business loans.

The policymakers also downgraded their outlook for economic growth in 2023 from the 1.2% they had forecast in September to a puny 0.5% — as near to a recession forecast as they were likely to make.

What's more, they raised their expectation for the unemployment rate next year to 4.6% from 3.7% now.

All of which suggested that the officials expect — or at least would accept — an economic downturn as the price of taming inflation.

The message the Fed was sending, said Ryan Sweet, chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics, was blunt: "We're going to break something. We're going to break inflation or we're going to break the economy."

Many investors had convinced themselves that with inflation pressures gradually easing, the Fed might soon declare some progress in their fight and perhaps even reverse course and cut rates sometime in 2023.

There was seemingly reason for optimism: Consumer prices rose 7.1% last month from a year earlier, down from 9.1% in June and the fifth straight drop. Even more encouragingly, on a month to month basis, prices inched up just 0.1%. And core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy costs and which the Fed tracks closely, rose just 0.2% from October to November, the mildest rise since August 2021.

A slowing economy has eased pressure on supply chains, which had previously been overwhelmed with customer orders, causing shortages, delays and higher prices. Oil prices, too, have plunged, easing prices at the pump. A gallon of unleaded gasoline cost an average \$3.19 on Thursday, down from \$5.02 in mid-June, according to AAA.

Yet Fed Chair Jerome Powell, who had been slow to recognize the inflation threat when it emerged in the spring of 2021, was in no mood to celebrate. Powell essentially shrugged off the signs of incremental progress.

"Two good monthly reports are very welcome," he told reporters Wednesday. "But we need to be honest with ourselves... 12-month core inflation is 6%" — three times the Fed's target. "It's good to see progress but let's just understand we have a long ways to go to get back to price stability."

Powell seemed to bat down hopes that the Fed might end up cutting rates by late next year — a move that typically acts like steroids for markets and the economy — unless inflation had dropped significantly by then, which he does not appear to

expect.

The policymakers increased their inflation forecast for next year above what they were expecting back in September. It suggested that they feel their anti-inflation fight isn't having as much impact as they had hoped.

Many economists were caught off-guard by that change. For next year, the Fed is projecting more rate hikes, a slower economy and higher unemployment than it did three months ago.

All those things typically help tame inflation. Yet the Fed's officials predict that their preferred inflation gauge will be 3.1% at the end of 2023, up from their 2.8% forecast in September. That's above their 2% target and likely too high for them to feel they can cut rates.

The Fed wasn't the only source of rising recession fears Thursday. The European Central Bank, which is waging its own aggressive war against inflation, signaled that it, too, might send rates higher than markets expected, thereby raising the likelihood of a downturn in Europe.

On Thursday, the U.S. government reported that Americans slashed their spending at retailers in November. That was disconcerting news in the midst of the holiday shopping season. And the Federal Reserve Banks of New York and Philadelphia issued downbeat reports on manufacturing in their regions. Yields on long-term Treasuries fell, a sign that bond investors are growing more concerned about a possible recession.

Even the goods news out Thursday — a drop in the number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits — had a downside: It reinforced the Fed's concern that a strong and resilient job market is putting upward pressure on wages and overall inflation.

The Fed is especially worried that a worker shortage in the labor-intensive services sector — everything from restaurants and hotels to airlines and entertainment venues — could keep pay growth high and make inflation more intractable.

RECORDS

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Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Deeds

Warranty Deed
Grantor: Jeremiah Clayton Peters
Grantee: Justin Martinez
Property: N/10', W/50' of lot 5 and E/90' lot 5 blk 25, Original Town of IRR 0592 blk/tract 321 N O.115 acres ACQ 06182021
Date: Dec. 5, 2022

Warranty Deed

Grantor: The Leonard's Group LLC
Grantee: Big Spring Area Community Foundation Inc.
Property: Lot 9, blk 64, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Dec. 6, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.
Grantee: Jason Daniels
Property: Lot 12, blk 1, Mittel Acres Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Dec. 7, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.
Grantee: Jason Daniels
Property: Lot 11, blk 1, Mittel Acres Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Dec. 7, 2022

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Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.
Grantee: Jason Daniels
Property: Lot 10, blk 1, Middle Acres Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Dec. 7, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.
Grantee: Jason Daniels
Property: Lot 14, blk 22, College Park Estates, a subdivision to the City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Dec. 7, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Elrod Hobbs LLC and RCP 1958 LLC
Grantee: Trent A. Thrasher and Leah S. Thrasher
Property: Lot 29, blk5, Coronado Hills

Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Dec. 8, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Juan A. Carreon and Deyra Vaquera
Grantee: Tearell Audran McVae
Property: Lot 1, blk A, Merrick-Greene Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Dec. 9, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Robert K. Vise and Alayna M. Vise
Grantee: Michelle A. Cummins
Property: Lots 11, 12 and 13, in blk 6, Washington Place, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Dec. 9, 2022

Christmas Lights: A Judgmental Guide

By JASE GRAVES

Guest Columnist

One of my fondest childhood memories of Christmas in the 1970's was riding around in the family station wagon, "Bessie," to look at Christmas lights while I whined to my parents about needing a snack – again. There was something magical about a familiar evening landscape transformed to a radiant wonderland at the expense of someone's lumbar spine.

My dad always made sure that our house was exemplary in its presentation of illuminated holiday décor, and even now, his legendary displays make my own attempts look like those of an unsupervised toddler with a Lite-Brite toy.

Little did I know as a child exactly how much work goes into producing a respectable home display that delights passersby and annoys the neighbors. But now that I'm an adult (sort of), I take pride in climbing on the roof and crawling around the yard for the sake of an electrified Christmas spectacle that makes me feel like I've sprained everything except my belly button.

Maybe because of the intense effort I put into my own residential Christmas lights, I've become a bit of a snob when evaluating those of others—to the point that I've come up with the following categories:

The Griswold

This is the type of display for which I strive each year. It includes every string of lights that can be scrounged up from the attic – along with a cartload purchased as soon as Walmart replaces the Brach's Mellowcreme Pumpkins with Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes in late October. This is the kind of overwhelming display that might cause acute retinal damage with prolonged exposure. It's truly a sight to behold – if you dare.

The My-Wife-Made Me-Do-It

This display (if you can call it that) is clearly installed under duress – and probably during the commercial breaks of a Dallas Cowboys football game. The jumbled lights look as if they've been strung by someone being attacked by hornets, and they include the absolute minimum – maybe one string of bulbs and a mildewed inflatable Nutcracker sagging toward the storm drain. It's better than nothing—but just barely.

The Cheater

It's obvious that someone paid big bucks to have professionals do all the work on this geometrically-precise display with meticulous ridge line coverage. It's beautiful, no doubt, even bordering on the Griswold, but I say that if you aren't in a bad mood and in need of prescription painkillers when you're done, it doesn't count.

The Grinch

This is the house without so much as a plastic baby Jesus glowing on the porch, a single cheap light-up deer in the yard, or even a wreath of dilapidated pine cones on the front door. It's almost ostentatiously dark and gloomy.

When I see these houses during the holidays, I often catch myself mumbling something like, "How can they not put out a single decoration? Are they out of Tylenol?"

My wife inevitably replies, "Maybe they can't afford decorations. They could be ill or elderly. Or maybe they don't celebrate Christmas."

Then I feel like The Grinch, Scrooge, The Abominable Snow Monster, Heat Miser, Mr. Potter, Frank Shirley and Scut Farkus all rolled into one insensitive naughty-list doofus.

It's at those times that I need a good lecture from Linus in "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Sure, Snoopy has the best lights, but Linus knows what Christmas is all about.

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Holy Trinity Catholic Parish receives blessing for new Grotto



By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**

Reporter

Holy Trinity Catholic Church is building an area for the faithful to pray or spend time in contemplation at its location on Hearn St.

Two and a half years in the making, the project was delayed due to the Covid pandemic, and while some are still uneasy about returning to church, the sanctuary will hopefully be completed next year with the efforts of donors and the labor of its members.

The sanctuary is being built in reverence to Our Lady of Guadalupe the Virgin Mary who, according to literature, appears to a peasant St. Juan Diego and says she wants a church built in Mexico.

The addition to the church was requested by Holy Trinity Rev. Serafin Avenido.

“The Reverend wanted it,” explained parishioner Irene Rodriguez, and with the approval of the diocese, the members of the church organized and funded the project.

Once the stations and grotto were completed the presiding Bishop of the San Angelo Diocese Michael Sis held a blessing ceremony Sunday.

The stations depict Jesus’ 14 steps going to Calvary. Each station features the name of a donor to the project. The completed sanctuary will be available to anyone who wants to pray or have a moment of peace and contemplation.

The sanctuary is the first to be built in Big Spring despite the Catholic church’s long history in the area. At one time there were four parishes: Sacred Heart, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Thomas and St. Joseph in Coahoma.

The project features a limestone grotto that features statues of Mary and St. Diego. Rodriguez explained what the scene depicts, “You can see on his clothes (vest) is stamped with roses to prove that Mary appeared to him.”



HERALD photos/Andreia Medlin

While the sanctuary is still under construction there are benches at each station and throughout the area for those who wish to pray or visit.

The word “grotto” has become used almost exclusively to refer to Catholic shrines built into a rock formation. Often these rock formations are man-made, but they can also be found in natural

caves throughout the world.

For more information contact Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 432-714-4930. The church is located at 1009 Hearn St.



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Big Spring Jr. High Band



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Chosen for the honor band are: Isaac Leos, Andrea Guerra, Keila Reyes, Ehren Garza, Edward Tino, Aubry Lopez, Marina Salinas, Summer Miller, Zachary Robles, Urijah Jasso, Monserath Holguin.
Directors for the junior high band are Steven Hearn and Romi Ftaiti.



Courtesy photo

Chosen for the symphonic band: Damian Deleon, Erick Ortiz, Kaden Reyes, Natalia Pedraza, Brathan Harrell, Avani Limaye, Joshua Torres, Isabella Chavez, Liah Garza, Brianna Partlow, not in picture: Kaleb Torres.

Big Spring JH Students Selected for Region 6 Honor Bands

Special to the Herald

On Saturday, December 3rd, students from the Big Spring Junior High School Band traveled to San Angelo to tryout for region 6 honor bands. Twenty-five students were selected to participate in an all-region honor band clinic/concert in January 2023.

Birth



Zay Banks Uranga

Eric and Kristi Uranga are happy to announce the birth of their baby boy, Zay Banks Uranga. He was born November 29, 2022 in Odessa and weighed 6 lbs 5 Oz and was 18 inches long. He was welcomed home by his large loving family. His grandparents are Ambrose and Debbie Uranga and Linda Porter.

Favorite Christmas movies in Texas

Christmas is right around the corner, and it's the perfect time to catch up and get in the coziest mood of the year with a story about Texas's favorite Christmas movies in 2022.

According to the Most Popular Christmas Movies Report - a study of the preferences and trends of people in the United States conducted by Scholaroo, an educational research company and website search engine - Americans' favorite movie to watch in the holiday season is the animated comedy-fantasy, The Grinch.

But do you know which is the favorite in Texas? Here are the preferences of the state:

**** MOST POPULAR CHRISTMAS MOVIES****
(The most popular Christmas films in Texas ranked in order of popularity in 2022)

#1 The Grinch
The favorite movie in 23 states including Alabama, Montana, and Tennessee.

#2 Home Alone
The classic is the favorite movie in 18 states including New York, Nevada, and Massachusetts.

#3 The Nutcracker
The movie was ranked as the favorite only in Alaska.

Do you have a favorite holiday memory? The Herald is seeking stories from our readers about their most memorable Christmases in their own words. Send mailed submissions to Big Spring Herald P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring TX, 79720 or by email to newsdesk@bigspringherald.com or editor@bigspringherald.com

Rotary Students of the Month Tuesday Club-December



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Rotary Club (Tuesday club) ... picture shows Dana Johnson who introduced the Students of the Month with David Summers from Big Spring High School, Hana Rodriguez from Coahoma and Jackson Hopper from Forsan High School. Nolan Dominguez, club President on far right.

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Shelter Pet Spotlight

There are no cats this week due to them all being tagged by rescue.



• K1 (0914) "Gina"

Hi, my name is Gina. I am a 1-year-old, brown and white, female Pit. I have been at the shelter since 8/24/2022. I weigh 53 pounds. I am very friendly and good with kids. I love to play and be loved on. I was signed over to the shelter by my owners. I am currently in K1 at the Big Spring Animal Shelter.



• K30 (0939) "Lolita"

Hello, my name is Lolita. I am a 1- to 2-year-old, black, female, Collie mix. I weigh 61 pounds and have been at the shelter since 9/3/2022. I am a super friendly girl. I love to run and play. Playing in water is my favorite thing to do. I also love trying to play with the water out of a water hose. I am currently in K30 at the Big Spring Animal Shelter.

The Big Spring Animal Shelter, 3605 E. 11th Place, is open from 1 to 4 p.m. To adopt an animal, new pet parents will need to travel to the Big Spring Police Department, show a valid driver's license, and pay any fees associated with adoption. For more information contact the shelter at 432-264-2372.

Menus

BIG SPRING ISD KENTWOOD PRE-K

Breakfast
Monday: Blueberry muffin, 100% juice box, 1% white milk.
Tuesday: Coco Puff cereal bar, strawberry apple-sauce cup, 1% white milk.
Wednesday-Friday: Christmas holiday

Lunch
Monday: Chicken nuggets, smile fries, mixed fruit cup, 1% white milk.
Tuesday: PBJ Uncrustable sandwich, cucumber slices, 100% juice box, 1% white milk.
Wednesday-Friday: Christmas holiday

ELEMENTARY

Breakfast
Monday: French toast bites, Poptart with string cheese, orange smiles, 100% juice box, assorted milk.
Tuesday: Cinnamon toast, crunch pastry, Frosted Flakes with string cheese, applesauce cup, 100% juice box, assorted milk.
Wednesday-Friday: Christmas holiday

Lunch
Monday: Chicken nuggets with roll, grilled cheese sandwich, made-to-order salad, hashbrown rounds, 100% juice box.
Tuesday: PBJ Uncrustable, carrots, 100% juice box, assorted milk.
Wednesday-Friday: Christmas holiday

INTERMEDIATE

Breakfast
Monday: French toast bites, Poptart with Bear Grahams, orange smiles, 100% juice box, assorted milk.
Tuesday: Smores Cereal Bar with string cheese, Apple Jacks pouch with string cheese, Granny Smith apple, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Wednesday-Friday: Christmas holiday.

Lunch
Monday: Sausage pizza, assorted burgers and chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads and sandwiches, french fries and orange, 100% juice box, assorted milk.
Tuesday: Turkey and cheese sandwich, carrots, apple, assorted milk.
Wednesday-Friday: Christmas holiday

JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast
Monday: French toast bites, Poptart with Bear Grahams, orange smiles, 100% juice box, assorted milk.
Tuesday: Smores Cereal Bar with string cheese, Apple Jacks pouch with string cheese, Granny Smith apple, 100% juice box, assorted milk.
Wednesday-Friday: Christmas holiday

Lunch
Monday: Sausage pizza, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, french fries, oranges, juice box, and assorted milk.
Tuesday: Turkey and cheese sandwich, carrots, apple, assorted milk.
Wednesday-Friday: Christmas holiday

HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast
Monday: French toast w/fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cereal bowl, cheese stick, assorted fruits, and assorted milk.
Tuesday: Waffles w/fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cereal bowl, cheese stick, assorted fruits, and assorted milk.
Wednesday-Friday: Christmas holiday

Lunch
Monday: Burger or Chicken sandwich or nachos, cheese or pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.
Tuesday: Sack lunch.
Wednesday-Friday: Christmas holiday

COAHOMA ISD

K-12 Grade

Breakfast
Monday: Pancakes with bacon OR muffin with yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito with hash brown OR strudel with cheese stick, fruit, juice, milk.
Wednesday: Waffles with sausage OR cereal with toast, fruit, juice, milk.
Thursday-Friday: Christmas holiday.

K-8 Grade
Lunch
Monday: Breaded drumstick with biscuit OR hamburger salad, tomato cup, fresh fruit, milk.
Tuesday: Pizza OR lasagna with breadstick, broccoli, applesauce, milk.
Wednesday: Sack lunches: Ham/cheese sandwich, chips, carrots, apples, Rice Krispies, milk.
Thursday-Friday: Christmas holiday

9-12 Grade
Lunch
Monday: Breaded drumstick with biscuit OR hamburger salad, tomato cup, fresh fruit, milk.
Tuesday: Pizza OR lasagna with breadstick, broccoli, applesauce, milk.
Wednesday: Sack lunches: Ham/cheese sandwich, chips, carrots, apples, Rice Krispies, milk.
Thursday-Friday: Christmas holiday

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Christmas holiday!
SANDS ISD
Christmas holiday!
BIG SPRING SENIOR CENTER MENU
Monday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, baked beans, waffle fries, chocolate chip cookies, milk.
Tuesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, chopped spinach, banana pudding, roll, milk.
Wednesday: Chicken soft taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, refried beans, peaches, chips and salsa, milk.
Thursday: Philly steak sandwich, baked chips, carrot raisin salad, strawberry Jell-O, milk.
Friday: Christmas holiday.

3 in critical condition after crush at London concert venue

LONDON (AP) — Three people remained hospitalized in critical condition on Friday after hundreds of people forced their way into a London concert venue during a performance by Nigerian Afrobeats star Asake. Police said eight people were taken to hospitals after being caught in a crowd trying to get into the O2 Brixton Academy. Initially four were listed in critical condition. Two less seriously injured people were treated at the scene. The Metropolitan Police force said emergency services were called Thursday night after “a large crowd attempted to gain entry without tickets.” Video footage shot by bystanders shows a crowd of hundreds outside the concert hall, and scores of people pushing through the doors and rushing upstairs. Akin Oluwaleimu went to the concert with his 14-year-old

daughter but said he decided to leave after things turned “rowdy” outside. “Two ladies fainted and were carried up high away. People were injured because there was a lot of pushing, a lot of pushing,” he told the BBC. The concert was halted, with a promoter going onstage to tell the audience that people had “breached the doors.” Asake posted a message of support for the injured on Instagram saying “I pray you get well soonest.” London Mayor Sadiq Khan said he was “heartbroken that this could happen to Londoners in our city.” “I won’t rest until we have the answers their loved ones need and deserve,” he said on social media. The police force said it would hold a thorough investigation into what happened and how offi-

cers responded. One piece of footage shows an officer appearing to shove a woman down a few stairs at the venue entrance. Metropolitan Police Gold Commander Ade Adelekan said officers who use force “know they have to be accountable for their actions.” He said officers’ body-worn video footage would be studied as part of a “thorough” probe into the incident. “This is an extremely upsetting incident which has left four people critically ill in hospital. My thoughts and prayers are with them and their families,” he said. Police said one person was arrested on suspicion of assaulting an officer. The Brixton Academy in south London is one of the city’s most famous music venues. Built as a movie theater in the 1920s, it has a capacity of just under 5,000.

NFL Honors awards show to be hosted by Kelly Clarkson

Musical artist Kelly Clarkson will host the 12th annual NFL Honors awards show Feb. 9 in Phoenix, recognizing the league’s best players, performances and plays from the 2022 season. The Emmy and Grammy-award winning artist will be the first woman to host the show, where multiple NFL awards will be announced, a spokesperson said Friday in a new release. The NFL Honors show debuted in 2012 and features the announcement of The Associated Press’ annual awards, the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year award, and the newest Pro Football Hall of Fame class, among others. The show is held annually the week before the Super Bowl.

Past hosts include Keegan-Michael Key, Steve Harvey, Alec Baldwin, Seth Meyers, Rob Riggle and Conan O’Brien. The show will air live at 9 p.m. EST from Symphony Hall. It will be carried by NBC, NFL Network and Peacock. A partial list of the awards that will be announced: AP Most Valuable Player, AP Coach of the Year; AP Comeback Player of the Year; AP Offensive Player of the Year; AP Defensive Player of the Year; AP Offensive Rookie of the Year; AP Defensive Rookie of the Year; AP Assistant Coach of the Year; Best Moment of the Year; Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year; NFL Inspire Change Tribute; Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2022.



Grief and Holidays

One thing’s for sure; I’m very honest about my feelings and beliefs. When it comes to grief, I’m a very odd person. There’s probably a few of you that can relate. I don’t handle emotions well, let alone grief. Those of you that know me best know how awkward it can be. I almost refuse to attend funerals. I could attend a complete stranger’s service in a town I’ve never been to, with people I’ve never met before, and I’d still seem to be the most devastated individual there. It’s quite ridiculous, actually. It’s a personal thing for me, as I can still honor the family and individual in other ways. Some say, “You should go pay your respects.” or “You’re supposed to go to support the family in their time of need.” Let me tell ya, I’ve been in their shoes, and in that moment in time, you’re not taking roll to see who’s there and who’s not. So, I’ll choose to be there when the world settles down...when the quiet hits. I, myself, have lost a few family members too soon, and each loss is tremendously incomparable. In 2015, my step-son was taken from this earth entirely too soon, at sixteen years old. I used to believe that *everything happens for a reason*. That year, I stopped believing it. Even though he wasn’t “from my womb,” he was mine from 8 years old. I’ve shed tears on several occasions, but I still don’t know how to grieve over his loss to this day. My mom passed after a long illness with COPD and pneumonia in 2017. She was in and out of the hospital for weeks at a time for about a year. The day she passed, I never would’ve known it would be her last. It felt so routine. As I cried in the hospital hallway after watching her take her last breath, I had a sense of relief come over the sadness. Not my own relief, but relief for her. My mom was 59 years old and 84 pounds when she passed. She had been in so much pain over the past few months, her heart and lungs continuously fought against each other. I just knew when her heart stopped beating that she was no longer in pain. I guess that’s why I haven’t grieved over her like I feel like I should. And part of me feels super guilty for that. Grief is the worst during the holidays. The gathering at Thanksgiving and Christmas should be a joyous one, and while it is, we can’t help but still feel that gaping hole of the loved one that should be sitting there with us. One of my closest friends lost a parent during the month of December, and another recently lost her toddler. My heart breaks for them, and for every one of you going through a rough time right now. Don’t allow anyone to compare their grief to yours, as the entire circumstances surrounding the cause is distinct. We all grieve differently, at different times and in various ways. This year, I’m going to try to focus on the good during the holidays. In case you’re looking for a way to get out of a “grief funk,” perhaps do something nice for someone. Adopt an Angel from the Salvation Army tree, or a Veteran from the Veterans’ Home tree. Do something that will turn that grief into joy, and what better way than to do so as you’re honoring the true meaning of Christmas! And if it’s too soon for you, take your time. Though grief is extreme and even surreal at times, always know that you’re not alone. Remember to make the most out of the moments that are left with the ones still surviving this earthly life with us. And lastly, whether they want to or not, TAKE THE PICTURE.


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Today is Sunday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2022. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 18, 2019, the U.S. House impeached President Donald Trump on two charges, sending his case to the Senate for trial; the articles of impeachment accused him of abusing the power of the presidency to investigate rival Joe Biden ahead and then obstructing Congress' investigation. (It was the first of two Trump impeachment trials that would end in acquittal by the Senate.)

On this date:

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

In 1892, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia; although now considered a classic, it received a generally negative reception from critics.

In 1917, Congress passed the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting "the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors" and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)

In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the government's wartime evacuation of people of Japanese descent from

the West Coast while at the same time ruling that "concededly loyal" Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained.

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)

In 1958, the world's first communications satellite, SCORE (Signal Communication by Orbiting Relay Equipment), nicknamed "Chatterbox," was launched by the United States aboard an Atlas rocket.

In 1969, Britain's House of Lords joined the House of Commons in making permanent a 1965 ban on the death penalty for murder.

In 1992, Kim Youngsam was elected South Korea's first civilian president in three decades.

In 2003, two federal appeals courts ruled the U.S. military could not indefinitely hold prisoners without access to lawyers or American courts.

In 2011, the last convoy of heavily armored U.S. troops left Iraq, crossing into Kuwait in darkness in the final moments of a nine-year war. Vaclav Havel, 75, the dissident playwright who became Czechoslovakia's first democratically elected president, died in the northern Czech Republic.

In 2020, the U.S. added a second COVID-19 vaccine to its arsenal, as the Food and Drug Administration authorized an emergency rollout of the vaccine developed by Moderna

Inc. and the National Institutes of Health; a vaccine from Pfizer Inc. and Germany's BioNTech was already being dispensed.

Ten years ago: Classes resumed in Newtown, Connecticut, except at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the scene of a massacre four days earlier. Two bank robbers pulled off a daring escape from downtown Chicago's high-rise jail by scaling down 17 stories using a makeshift rope. (Kenneth Conley and Jose Banks were later recaptured.) Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel became the first freshman to be voted The Associated Press Player of the Year in college football.

Five years ago: An Amtrak train making the first-ever run along a faster route hurtled off an overpass south of Seattle and spilled some of its cars onto the highway below; three people were killed and dozens were hurt. (Investigators found that the train was traveling 80 mph in a 30 mph zone.) A fire and blackout at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest, forced the cancellation of more than 1,500 flights just days before the start of the Christmas rush; airlines said some of the grounded travelers would have to wait days before there would be available seats on flights. The Los Angeles Lakers retired numbers 8 and 24, both of the jersey numbers worn by Kobe Bryant, the leading scorer in franchise history.

One year ago: Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said all of the people reported missing in Kentucky after tornadoes swept through the state a week earlier had been accounted for;

more than 90 people were confirmed dead in five states, including 81 in Kentucky. Nations across Europe moved to reimpose tougher measures to stem a new wave of COVID-19 infections spurred by the highly transmissible omicron variant, with the Netherlands leading the way by imposing a nationwide lockdown. "Saturday Night Live" aired without a live audience, and with only limited cast and crew, due to a recent spike in the omicron variant.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Keith Richards is 79. Writer-director Alan Rudolph is 79. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 76. Blues artist Rod Piazza is 75. Movie director Gillian Armstrong is 72. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 72. Rock musician Elliot Easton is 69. Comedian Ron White is 66. R&B singer Angie Stone is 61. Actor Brad Pitt is 59. Professional wrestler-turned-actor "Stone Cold" Steve Austin is 58. Actor Shawn Christian is 57. Actor Rachel Griffiths is 54. Singer Alejandro Sanz is 54. Actor Casper Van Dien is 54. Country/rap singer Cowboy Troy is 52. International Tennis Hall of Famer Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is 51. DJ Lethal (Limp Bizkit) is 50. Pop singer Sia is 47. Country singer Randy Houser is 46. Actor Josh Dallas is 44. Actor Katie Holmes is 44. Actor Ravi Patel is 44. Singer Christina Aguilera is 42. Actor Ashley Benson is 33. NHL defenseman Victor Hedman is 32. Actor-singer Bridgit Mendler is 30. MLB outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. is 25. Electro-pop singer Billie Eilish is 21. Actor Isabella Crovetti is 18.

Advertisement for 'All Aboard' featuring a hand holding a red toy train on a track. Text includes 'Get on the track to success with the classifieds. Many career opportunities are in store!' and 'BIG SPRING HERALD 710 Scurry • 79720'.

Coahoma Lions Club Lighted Home Winners

The Coahoma Lions Club sponsored Christmas at Coahoma in the Park



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The Coahoma Lions Club sponsored Christmas at Coahoma in the Park and Best Decorated House Saturday. Winners of the contest were: First Place-Chris Mulkey at 300 S. Ave.; Second Place-Brice Born at 411 Ramsey; and Third Place-Ashley Pena at 101 Ramsey.



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SANDY COMICS

Agnes

by TONY COCHRAN

WANNA GO SKIING?

NAH... WE DON'T SKI.

WANNA GO SLEDDING? OR SKATING?

NO SLED. NO SKATES.

WANNA MAKE SNOW ANGELS?

NO SNOW AND I'M NO ANGEL.

Arch

HENRY SHARPELLI CRAIG BOLDMAN

ZZZ

HOW DOES JUGHEAD DO IT? HE STAYS UP SO LATE AND CAN STILL GET UP IN THE MORNING!

EASY! HE GAINS BACK THAT LOST TIME BY SLEEPWALKING TO SCHOOL!

WAITING FOR THE SCHOOL BUS!

ZZZZZ

ZZZZZZ

A SHORT TIME LATER...

BOY! SOME PEOPLE TAKE A LONG TIME TO GRADUATE!

SENIOR SPECIAL

SENIOR CITIZENS' BUS

12-18

ONE BIG HAPPY!

HI, SANTA!

HO, HO, HO! AND YOU ARE?

RUTHIE! DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?

AH, YES, RUTHIE!

HAVE YOU BEEN A GOOD GIRL THIS YEAR?

UH, WELL...

OKAY, I ADMIT IT!!! I NAILED MY BACKPACK TO THE GARAGE WALL AND MY BROTHER JOE HELPED ME!

RUTHIE!

SORRY, JOE! SANTA DRAGGED IT OUT OF ME!

IS IT TIME FOR MY BREAK YET?

ANDY CAPP

12/18

THAT LOT IS A RIGHT BUNCH OF FLIPPIN' CHEATS, CHALKIE

HOW HAVE THEY CHEATED, ANDY?

BY BEING AT LEAST 30 YEARS YOUNGER THAN US

THE TEAM IS PLAYING AWFUL

I THINK THE LADS ARE SUFFERING FROM A TERRIBLE LACK OF CONFIDENCE...

...COMBINED WITH A TERRIBLE LACK OF ABILITY

MAMMA

by MELL LAZARUS

HE MADE YOU UNHAPPY?! I KNEW HE WAS A BUM!! I TOLD YOU SO!!!

YOU NEVER LISTEN! I WANT YOU TO DROP HIM LIKE A HOT POTATO!!!

OKAY, OKAY...

HELLO, JUSTIN...

HI! WHY SO PENSIVE, MARYLOU?

I JUST HAD AN UNPLEASANT MOMENT I'D LIKE TO FORGET...

WITH WHOM?

WITH WHOM?

WHY SO PENSIVE, MARYLOU?

...SIGH...

I HAD AN UNPLEASANT MOMENT I'D LIKE TO FORGET...

WITH WHOM?

MY NEW BOYFRIEND, JUSTIN.

The BARN

by Ralph Hagen

BRUSH

BRUSH BRUSH

BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH

GRUNT

BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH

WINTERBURN VETERINARY CLINIC

HEY, LITTLE DUDE! NICE DO!

IMITATION IS THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY. EVEN WITH MULLET!