**SAY WHAT?**

“You don’t really know what would have been really important to somebody 2,000 years ago. But I can tell you that the picture that many people have in their mind, the manger with the brilliant star over it, that didn’t happen.”

**PAT HARTIGAN**  
Rice University astronomer, on any link between the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter and the Christmas star

“It’s a sad trend at a time when the vaccines are almost within reach.”

**SPENCER FOX**  
associate director of the UT COVID-19 Modeling Consortium, on latest projections showing Houston could be next hot spot

“All I want for Christmas is my handsome reward from Dan Patrick... If you’re going to smear my state, then you need to pay up.”

**PENNSYLVANIA LT. GOV. JOHN FETTERMAN**  
on the $3 million reward Texas Lt. Gov. offered for evidence of voter fraud

“I ... should never have to clean my employee’s blood off my hands over wearing a mask.”

**LINDSAY BEALE**  
manager at Grand Prize Bar, after employee Josh Vaughan was physically attacked for asking a bar patron to wear a mask