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Commissioners welcome new tax appraiser at Monday's meeting

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners welcomed new Howard County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Patricia Clark to the job during their meeting Monday afternoon.

Davis has worked as a tax assessor in several locations, including Nolan County, Sweetwater, and Rockwall, Texas, over a career spanning more than 30 years. She said Richard Petree, who served as interim tax assessor prior to Clark's arrival, called her about the position in Howard County.

"Mr. Petree was here and he gave me a call and said, 'I've been thinking...'. We knew each other from way back, and we had trained together," Clark said. "I knew his character, I knew his ethics, and all of that. So he said, 'Would you consider (taking the job in Howard County)?' and I said 'No.'"

Clark said Petree convinced her that Howard County's assessor's office had undergone a big change under his tenure.

"He said, 'They're doing a great job,'" Clark said. "'They're doing a good job educating the public, that's a key point.' So I said, 'Well, let me think about it and I'll call you back.'"

Clark agreed to take the local tax assessor position, and has been on the job 40 days as of Monday.

"Let me tell you, it's not quite as pleasant as Richard promised me, but I can see, from going into the system, the software that y'all have, and working with the public and things like that, y'all have made awesome progress," she said.

In other business, the commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding between Howard County and the City of Big Spring allowing the county to use space on a radio tower located on the city property behind the old police station on Fourth Street.

Commissioners approved an order for redistricting, allowing the law firm of Allison and Bass to draw up new district

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Upcoming Events

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Howard County Library, 500 S. Main Street, has re-opened.
 Hours: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Monday - Friday

Oct. 16
United Way Clay Shoot

Alive After 5 SMMG/OBGYN
 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 20

Fundraiser Event for Amanda White Delgado
 Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. at the Howard Co. Fairgrounds

The story of a life

Pickens family seeks relatives to return diary to

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Moving into a new home is exciting in itself, but discovering a piece of history is an added bonus.

The diary pictured at the right and discovered by the Pickens family belonged to Alice Mozelle Howard Clark.

In the research done by the family, Clark passed away Nov. 10, 2003, at the age of 82.

She is buried in the Andrews County Cemetery.

The family would like to return the diary to someone in the family of Clark, but at this time has not been able to locate any of her living descendants, siblings or other family members.

If you are related or know someone in the family of Clark, contact Diane Pickens at 432-223-7653.

HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat

A lost diary was discovered in the attic of a new home by Diane Pickens' daughter, and the family has been trying to find a family member of the diary's writer to return this piece of history to.



KBSB awarded \$500 Lowe's and KTB grant



Courtesy photos

Keep Big Spring Beautiful teamed up with Howard College to utilize the recently awarded Lowe's and Keep Texas Beautiful Grant. The partnership resulted in 15 petite knock out roses being planted across the campus in Big Spring.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The trees have been planted and the roots are taking hold, as Keep Big Spring Beautiful continues to be the driving force of beautifying Big Spring. While KBSB is leading the charge, it is the community partnerships that are helping make the efforts have a bigger impact.

Recently, Keep Big Spring Beautiful was awarded the 2021 Rebuilding Texas grant. Through the grant, KBSB was awarded \$500 from Lowe's and Keep Texas Beautiful. The funds provided 15 petite knock out roses along with sacks of

soil and root stimulators.

"This grant was in response to the freeze pandemic that occurred earlier in the year, in February," Tammy DePauw, Keep Big Spring Beautiful member, said. "Through this project and a few of our other local partnerships, we have been able to help restore or replace some of the trees, shrubs and flowers that were damaged during the freeze."

The roses were planted on the Howard College campus along Birdwell Street, near Howard Cottage, the women's dorm and the sub building.

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Obituaries

Nellie Kerby



Nellie Kerby, 88, of Big Spring died on Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, in Big Spring.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Olive Chapel.

Nellie was born on April 28, 1933, in Stamford, Texas, to William Cecil and Martha Angelina Jane Morehead. She married Hugh Leon Kerby on Oct. 16, 1954, in Big Spring. She

spent almost 70 years in Howard County and was also a member of First Baptist of Sand Springs.

Nellie was a hairdresser and owned Midway Beauty Salon. After retiring from the shop, she did substitute teaching for Coahoma ISD. She loved

people and helping anyone in need. She also loved cooking for people.

Nellie is survived by one son, Troy Kerby (Cindy) of Big Spring; one daughter, Gayla Coleman (Reggie) of Bethany, Okla.; one brother, Tommy James Morehead of California; one sister, Pauline Helms of Georgia; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, Nellie is preceded in death by one grandson, Wes Kerby; and several brothers and sisters.

Pallbearers will be Blaine Kerby, Brysen Kerby, Michael Pugh, Mark Tschetter, Craig Wallace, and Bryon Morehead. Honorary pallbearer will be Michael Morehead.

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

Paid obituary

Clovie Lyneta (Womack) Shannon



Clovie Lyneta (Womack) Shannon went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 10, 2021.

Visitation will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 13, from 5-7 p.m. Services will be held at First Baptist Church of Big Spring on Thursday, October 14, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial

Park.

Clovie was born on February 13, 1933, to Clovis and Thelma (McAuley) Womack in Baird, Texas. She graduated from high school in Baird. She settled in Big Spring in 1956, and later graduated from the University of Texas - Permian Basin in 1975 and began her teaching career. She taught at Moss Elementary until 1996. Never one to sit around and rest, Clovie revived a second career later in life selling real estate up until 2019.

Clovie was always secure in her relationship with the Lord, and she spent many years serving Him.

She taught Sunday school at First Baptist Church, shuttled people to doctor's appointments in Midland and Lubbock, and she was always looking for additional ways to serve others. She was a member of the Hyperian Club, and loved to play bridge. She was a huge fan of the Dallas Cowboys, and, like church, rarely missed either. She adored her family and friends and would do anything within her power to serve them. Grandchildren came along and she became "Nana". Nana poured her heart and love into those grandchildren and, later, great-grandchildren. Even all the way up to the end, her self-sacrifice, concern, and service to others was shining through.

She is survived by her daughter, Denise Coates of Belton; grandson, Brent Coates and his wife, Jennifer, of Temple; granddaughter, Kelsey Vu and her husband, Jimmy, of Celina; her great-grandchildren, Cooper, Clara, and Evelyn Coates of Temple; and her nieces, Sharon and Amanda Wright of Flower Mound. Clovie was preceded in death by her son, Brian Clark Johnson; her parents; her sister, Pat Aguilar; and her stepmother, Daphna "Babe" Womack.

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

Paid obituary

Angie Willborn



Angie Willborn of Big Spring died on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021, in Lubbock.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at La Hermosa Baptist Church in Sterling City, with burial at Sterling City Cemetery.

Angie was born on October 17, 1962 in Sterling City, Texas.

Angie is survived by one son, Isaac Willborn of Big Spring; one daughter; Britni DeCecchis of Carthage, N.Y.; her mother, Carolyn Garcia of Sterling City; two sisters, Sylvia Rodriguez of Sterling City, and Debra Adwell of Sterling City; and five grandchildren.

Angie is preceded in death by her father, Mercedes Gonzales; and one brother.

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

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of Courtney Place. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Birdwell Lane. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of Courtney Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of W. Robinson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of W. 6th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Wanda M. Watson-Young



Wanda M. Watson-Young, 89, of Big Spring passed away Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, at Parkview Nursing Center.

Visitation will be at 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday, with family receiving friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Wanda was born on June 11, 1932, in Seagraves, Texas, to John and Velma Anderson. After Wanda completed the first grade in Seagraves, the family moved to Brady, Texas, where Wanda completed school. Wanda was salutatorian of the Class of 1949 of Brady High School.

The family moved to Big Spring in 1950 and, after several minor jobs, Wanda went to work at Webb Air Force Base and completed 20 years there before the base closed.

After retiring, Wanda spent several years making quilts for the Mescolero Apaches in New Mexico, and keeping two grandsons.

Wanda married William Joy Watson December 19, 1952, and had two children Wynona (Noni) Watson & William Jack Watson. William Joy died June 6, 1970. Wanda married Dale Young November 14, 1975, and was married 45 years.

Wanda is survived by her husband, Dale Young; one daughter, Wynona Watson; one stepson, Eddie Young (Kathy); two grandsons, Seve Watson (Ashley) and Jimmy Watson (Kelsey); one great-grandson, Will Watson; and one sister; Nita Mallet.

In addition to her parents, Wanda is preceded in death by her son, Jack Watson; two sisters, Johnnye Black and Doris Rink; and one brother, Gerald Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, family asks that donations be sent to Relay for Life.

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Take Note

- Powderpuff game will take place Oct. 15 at Memorial Stadium. Gates open at 6 p.m. and Seniors v. Freshmen will start at 7 p.m. Championship will be at 9 p.m. This event is a Junior Class fundraiser.

- Fall festival will be hosted by Big Spring Intermediate Oct. 23 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. A haunted house will be 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. The events will be held at BSI, at 2000 South Goliad Street.

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lines in the county.

Commissioners tabled items regarding an agreement with Johnson Controls for HVAC equipment at the Howard County Library and a suggestion from Commissioner Jimmie Long (Precinct 3) — which he said was suggested to him by Howard County Attorney Joshua Hamby — to grant the County's interest in the surface estate and building of the Heritage Museum to the museum itself.

The commissioners unanimously approved an item including Howard County in the Texas Attorney General's Opioid Lawsuit Settlement.

County Treasurer Sharon Adams presented the Texas Association of Counties' new health insurance rates, which include a small increase, for the next fiscal year. The rates were approved unanimously.

Adams also presented personnel considerations, which were also approved unanimously.

County Auditor Jackie Olson presented her annual proposed order allowing her to pay County invoices early. The item was unanimously approved.

Olson also presented the one bid received by the county on fleet fuel for the upcoming fiscal year. The bid, from Delek, includes a 5-cent per gallon markup. The item was unanimously approved by the commissioners.

Commissioners also approved invoices and purchase requests.

County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek presented an update on a Texas Department of Transportation County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) grant. Klinksiek said the local TXDOT District Coordinator, Kristi Harwell, has accepted a promotion and a new position in the Brownwood District.

"Kristi Harwell has done both of these grants for the Abilene District...and we will now have somebody else doing it, so I am expecting delays with the bill that I will submit to them this weekend," Klinksiek said. "Just so y'all are aware of it. It will take somebody some time to get their feet on the ground. I don't know, maybe they'll handle it better than I suspect."

Klinksiek also presented a schedule of grant projects for fiscal year 2022 to the commissioners, which was unanimously approved.

County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf presented his regular monthly report and an annual financial report, both of which were unanimously approved.

The commissioners met in executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel, but took no action when they returned to open session.

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"We want to extend a special thank you to the crew at Howard College who helped us plant, but also with the ideas to find the best location for them," she said.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful has also partnered with Delek in the past couple of years to plant trees around the Howard College campus, at the Boys and Girls Club and inside the park.

To find out more about Keep Big Spring Beautiful efforts follow the social media page on Facebook or attend a meeting at

the beginning of the month. Meetings take place the first Monday of the month at Howard College in the Cactus Room.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Purchase requisitions

- \$58,216.75 for a 2022 GMC Sierra 2500HD Diesel four wheel drive truck from Gunn Auto Group for County Extension Agent Tommy Yeater.
- \$10,995 for a two-ton 19-SEER Heat Pump Mini Split Sys Replacement by Shane Clark A/C LLC for the 118th District Court building.
- \$1,000 for cleaning and maintenance supplies for the 118th District Court Building.
- \$1,200 for cleaning and maintenance supplies for the Howard County Courthouse.
- \$1,000 for cleaning and maintenance supplies for the Howard County Courthouse Annex.
- \$1,000 for cleaning and maintenance supplies for the Howard County Library.
- \$1,451.18 for a 24-inch curved frameless monitor, six feet of display port cable, and two Logitech wireless wave combos for the Howard County Attorney's Office.
- \$41,880.55 for two mobile radios and four portable radios for the Sheriff's Department patrol and jail.
- \$201,084 for four 2022 Chevy Tahoe vehicles, plus Buy Board fee, for the Sheriff's Office.
- \$27,740 for one 2022 Chevy Traverse vehicle, plus Buy Board fee, for the Howard County Jail.
- \$2,624 for two vehicle partitions for the Sheriff's Office patrol division. The item will require a budget amendment.
- \$6,007.44 for voter registration certificates and postage for the Elections Office. The item will require a budget amendment.
- \$1,500 for a Mentalix LiveScan Monitor for the Howard County Detention Center.
- \$38,400 for a Steel Belly Dump for the Road Department from American Equipment and Supplies.

Another item, concerning concrete work at the 118th District Courthouse, was tabled.

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Nellie Kerby, 88, died Friday. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside will be 2 PM Wednesday at Mount Olive Chapel.

Guy Privett, 63, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be 2 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Sylvia Torres, 58, died Thursday. Memorial service will be 10 AM Saturday October 23 at Myers & Smith Chapel

Cynthia Ainsworth died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

Dorothy Johnson, 74, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Angie Willborn, 58, died Sunday. Visitation will be 11 AM until 9 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 3 PM Thursday at La Hermosa Baptist Church in Sterling City with burial at Sterling City cemetery.

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• District 4 Large/Bulk Item pickup will take place Oct. 20. Those residents in District 4 wishing to have items picked up will need to schedule a pick up by Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. More information can be found by visiting mybigspring.com. To schedule a pick up call 432-264-2501.

• Community blood drive is set to take place Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the City Council Chambers. Chambers are located at 3047 E. 4th Street. To schedule an appointment e-mail sking@

mybigspring.com or call 432-264-2347. Walk in appointments are welcome, but appointments are strongly encouraged.

• City of Big Spring offices remain open by appointment and electronic means only. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2504); Water Utilities (432-264-2392); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); Municipal Court (432-264-2530)

Citizens who have an appointment in a City office will be asked to wear a face covering and present valid identification upon arrival. The identification can be as simple as a utility bill. The City of Big Spring Water Office is open to the public; no appointment is necessary. The Big Spring Senior Center remains closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information.

Obituaries (cont.)



Guy Jason Privett

Guy Jason Privett, 63, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Guy was born on Jan. 10, 1958, in Detroit, Michigan. Guy is survived by his wife, Ruth Privett of Big Spring; five children, Sarah Cerda of Brady; Wesley Helmers of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Thomas Privett of

Big Spring, Stephanie Helmers of Big Spring, and Jessica Privett of Lake City, S.C.; two sisters, Kim Privett of Crossville, Tenn., and Marina Walthers of Dayton, Tenn.; and 13 grandchildren.

Guy is preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Doris Privett.

In lieu of flowers, family ask that donations be made at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for funeral expenses. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Guy Hodnett

Guy Hodnett, 83, of Big Spring passed away Sunday, October 10, 2021.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, October 14, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at

10 a.m., Friday, October 15, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Helen Crandall

Helen Crandall, 89, of Big Spring passed away Saturday, October 9, 2021.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, October 15, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at

10 a.m. Saturday, October 16, 2021, at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CURTIS JOHN WACKER**, 40, of 1607 Ave. X was arrested for possession of a controlled substance (four to 200 grams); and on two warrants.
- **JOAN KITCHEN TATUM**, 61, of 1198 N. Birdwell Lane was arrested on two warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **ROBERTO MATA JR.**, 40, of 803 E. 14th St. was arrested on two outstanding warrants.

• **NORMA LEE RIOS**, 42, of 701 N. Gregg St. was arrested on warrants for expired registration and failure to appear; and on three other warrants.

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More than just your average coach



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Coach Tuttle talking to his players on the sideline. He is a great teacher of the game.

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

So, I'm going to have a unique piece from time to time where I introduce you to some of the local coaches from around the area. This week, we begin with one of the most fascinating men I have ever had the chance to sit down and chat with. His name is Coach Tuttle. In the time, I had to sit down with him I grasped how much of a superb coach, and even a stronger man, he is. His story and journey into coaching is admirable, and I'm blessed to share them with you. His passion for the youngsters he coaches and mentors is just part of this remarkable man's story. It's his commitment to being able to use his voice for such good causes. That stands out to me. Coach Tuttle uses his platform to help spread the word on Domestic Violence; it's a topic that is near and dear to his heart. So, without further ado, let me introduce you to Big Spring Steers's own Coach Tuttle.

Like many coaches before him, coach Tuttle started his expedition off in college. While in college, he knew he had a fondness for coaching but was uncertain where he wanted to take his life right away. However, while in college, he had some other life paths that he wanted to pursue, so he got a bachelor's in Criminal justice. After he earned his degree in criminal justice, he concluded his teacher's certification at West Virginia. That is where he took his life in the teaching and coaching direction.

So, after accomplishing all of his credentials to become a coach, he took a coaching job here in Big Spring. Throughout his childhood, Coach Tuttle had some influential teachers and coaches from which he could identify his coaching and teaching approach. Coach Tuttle has spent 14 years as a coach in Big Spring. He has coached all thought out the school levels. He has coached at the Junior High the High School and has taught various things. Coach Tuttle is like a jack of all trades. He does what is asked of him, and he does it well. His very first job for Big Spring was in Junior High. He coached football, basketball, and track. He excelled at that, so they promoted him to be the Junior High

coordinator only a couple of years later. Coach Tuttle became a well-known name in the coaching community and could again move up the ranks. This time, he found himself at the high school level. He was now the boy's head powerlifting coach for about a year. After his time as the powerlifting coach, he became a varsity and JV assistant for football and basketball.

All of his hard work and dedication paid off, as last year, he was asked to be the new head coach for the girl's basketball team. Coach Tuttle is coming into his second year as the head coach for the Lady Steers basketball team. He is extremely enthusiastic about this year's team as they will have a lot of returners, plus he now has one year of experience under his belt. He has coached for such a consistent period and over so many age groups, and sports have led to his success as a coach.

Learning from all other age groups how to handle the kids in the right way has been an enormous experience that is so great. Being able to switch his coaching styles to what he is coaching at that moment makes this coach so unique. Having been a coach for 14 years and counting, coach Tuttle has seen it all. He has seen the trials of being a coach and a mentor for these kids. He has seen kids grow up before his eyes, from coaching them in pre athletics to watching them walk across the stage and graduate. That is a superb achievement in its own right. One of his primary goals is to help these young people become better men, better women when they leave Big Spring. Yes, they want to win games and compete, but that is just part of the job.

Making better people is where coach Tuttle seems to shine. Helping the children is one of his loves, and you can hear the enthusiasm in his voice when he speaks about it. As a coach, some of the young children open up to the coaches about hard times at home or just hard times in life, and that is where coach Tuttle is so valuable. He can listen and give advice.

One of the major reasons I wanted to sit down with this remarkable coach was his stance on Domestic Violence and how he uses his platform and voice to warn others and maybe inspire people to speak up about an issue that is a powerful problem all thought the world. It is a subject that coach Tuttle is vehement about. His wife, Lyndsey lost a sister in a domestic violence situation about 16 years ago. He has been married to Lyndsey for 11 years now, and even though he will never meet his wife's sister Tonya, he has the honor of taking on her story. He tries to be her voice because she no longer has one. Sometimes domestic violence can be challenging to speak about, but it needs to be talked about

more. That's where coach Tuttle comes into play. It does not scare him to voice his opinion and get the story out there to help spread the word. Domestic violence is not trending in the right direction; just a few years ago, the numbers were one in seven men. One in every four women had encountered some domestic violence situation. Now it's down to one in every four men, and one in every three women has dealt with some form of domestic violence. Since he realizes these numbers are shifting in the wrong direction, he tries to be a voice for this situation. One of the fantastic things that coach Tuttle



Courtesy Photo

Coach Tuttle celebrates with a player after a play. His passion and excitement for his players is felt all over the team.

and his wife do is they try to raise money for many local places around town that also fight against domestic violence. One place he helps is Victim services and seventy times seven centers. Both organizations try to help with domestic violence.

The football team also does its part in helping coach Tuttle as they had their first Domestic Violence Awareness game here at Memorial Stadium just a few weeks ago. It is responses like this that fuel coach Tuttle to keep trying to get his word out. Having the players and the community support his cause means so much to him and his wife.

Domestic violence happens to people that we don't even realize are going through it. Sometimes it's hard for the man or woman to talk about what's going on. That is why it is so indispensable to get the word out on this subject. It is the silence in a Domestic violence situation that can be deadly. I recognize that it's a tricky subject to speak openly about, but if you or anyone you may know or even fear is going through a Domestic situation, please have that conversation with them and get the help you need before it's too late for you to help at all. Several organizations will help you. You can call the National Domestic Abuse hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). Or call the police if you are involved in a situation that needs help. Please get the help you merit. Together with conversation and knowledge, we can get out in front of this and maybe even beat this thing.

Thank coach Tuttle very much for taking time out of his day to sit and talk with me and fill me in on his coaching career. More notably, I want to thank him for sharing his story on Domestic Violence. His fight to get the word out is to be applauded. I was lucky enough to write this story over such a fascinating man, and hopefully, help him spread his word.

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Coach Tuttle and his wife Lyndsey Tuttle stand in front of a purple ribbon sign in honor of Lyndsey's sister Tonya Allen.

LEADING OFF: Braves make their pitch to close out Brewers

A look at what's happening around the majors on today:

BLANKIN' BRAVES

Boasted by a sharp start from Ian Anderson, Braves pitchers have now thrown 19 straight scoreless innings against Milwaukee in the NL Division Series.

Christian Yelich, Avisail Garcia and the Brewers have lost two games in a row by identical 3-0 scores. Atlanta leads 2-1 and can clinch the series at home in Game 4.

Anderson combined with four relievers on a five-hitter in Monday's win. Milwaukee's only runs in the series came on a two-run homer by Rowdy Tellez in the eighth inning of the opener.

"I thought we swung the bats better

today. Luck wasn't on our side today with some balls in some key spots. As the game got on, I think the first time through the order, we have to probably be a little tougher," Brewers manager Craig Counsell manager said. "And we've got to catch a break, frankly."

Neither team had announced a starting pitcher for Game 4 by Monday evening.

FIGHTING FOR FIVE

The reigning World Series champion Dodgers are facing elimination in their best-of-five NL Division Series entering Game 4 against right-hander Anthony DeSclafani and the rival Giants.

San Francisco took a 2-1 series lead with a 1-0 win Monday at a surprisingly blustery Dodger Stadium. Los

Angeles managed just five singles, and the formidable lineup that led the NL with 830 runs and hit 237 homers in the regular season has been shut out twice in three games against San Francisco.

The defending World Series champions went 0 for 4 with runners in scoring position, failing to come through in the few times when it mattered. Regular postseason star Max Muncy is injured and not playing, but plenty of past October heroes — Justin Turner, World Series MVP Corey Seager, Taylor and Betts — have all run low on playoff magic.

"I thought we took some good at-bats and we just didn't get rewarded," manager Dave Roberts said.

Roberts hadn't named a starter for Game 4 but said "everything's on the

table."

HOMER HAPPY

We're seeing all sorts of strategies in the postseason — openers, shifts, four-man outfields and a lot of analytics.

But the best way to win so far? Hit home runs.

The teams that hit the most homers were 11-0 through the first 13 playoff games as of Monday afternoon.

MORE MCCOLLERS
The Astros have revamped their rotation for the AL Division Series after a rainout in Chicago.

Lance McCullers Jr., who shut out the White Sox on four hits over 6 2/3 innings in the opener, will now pitch Game 4. José Urquidy had been set to start for Houston on Monday, but the game was postponed.

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Why small businesses should participate in holiday events

The holiday season is a busy time of year. From on or about Halloween through New Year's Day, calendars are filled with social engagements and other obligations.

Local bazaars, craft fairs and gift auctions are a hallmark of the holiday season. Participating in bazaars, fair and shows can help generate revenue for local businesses and provides a host of additional benefits as well.

Introduce your brand

Holiday vendor events provide opportunities to introduce people to your products

and services. These events tend to have rotating, captive audiences, and you can enjoy exposure to many different demographics all under one roof for a set period of time. Unlike in a retail situation, holiday bazaars may give you the chance to demonstrate your product or service and speak at length about its benefits.

Encourage customer feedback

Business owners can connect directly with customers and gauge in real time how consumers feel about their products. Chances are business owners will encounter repeat customers who can

offer recommendations or provide some useful insights into their experiences. This valuable information can strengthen a business by allowing owners to fine-tune their offerings and enhance the customer experience.

Explore possible opportunities

Participating in holiday vendor nights gives you the chance to check out the competition. While many bazaars and fairs try to limit similar businesses to one or two per event, you can still get a sense of which products move more readily. Also, if you have been pondering changing the scope of your business,

a holiday bazaar can be a great place to conduct some free market research.

Network with others in the industry

Business owners can reap the rewards of working alongside one another in an intimate setting by sharing tips for success with one another. Holiday fairs put you in close company with other entrepreneurs. During lag times, walk around and see their set-ups and sales tactics so you can learn how to boost your own sales. You also can offer advice to others about what works for you.

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nity pride

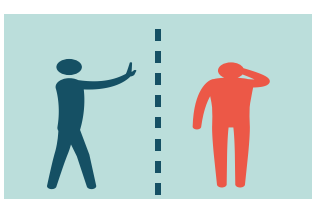
Businesses who participate in holiday bazaars are doing their part to build a community and may help foster a sense of pride within a community. These events also tend to celebrate things that make the town or city special and evoke good feelings, such as hometown foods or heritage crafts. Local customers may feel more inclined to interact with businesses that are contributing to the hometown feel.

Businesses can benefit in myriad ways from their involvement in holiday fairs and other seasonal, community-based events.

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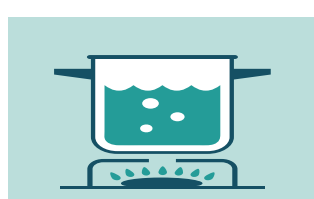
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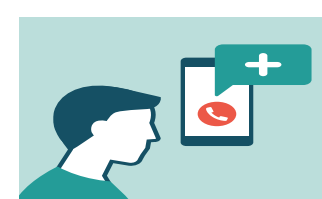
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5:30 AM	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	Shepherd Dr. Wil	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Disease	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Ideal	Law & Order: SVU	Jeremiah Joyce M.	North Woods Law	
6:30 AM	Good Morning America	¡Despierta América!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy día (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Families News	Peg & Cat Super	Paternity Court	Highway Thru Hell	George	Charmed	SportsCenter	Floor Mop	Law & Order: SVU	Shipping	North Woods Law		
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11:30 AM	Jeopardy News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	The Gath Israel	Nature	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	Supematural	SportsCenter	First Take	Ninja Warrior	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	North Woods Law	
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1:30 PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	House For the Pink	Cyber	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supematural	This Just In	SportCtr	ATP/WTA Tennis: BNP Paribas Open: ATP 3rd Round, WTA Round of 16.	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	North Woods Law	
2:30 PM	Rachael Ray	La madrastra	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	(1:58) Suelta la sopa	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Elinor	Monk	Jerry	Friends	Movie: Tomb Raider, Walton Goggins	The Point			Law & Order: SVU	Storage	North Woods Law	
3:30 PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Sheldon					Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Street Out-laws	
4:30 PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	News	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Retro	Almas	25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Sheldon		Around	Football		(:05) Movie: John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum (DVS)	Storage		
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6:30 PM	Wheel	¿Qué le pasa a	Sheldon	CBS 7	La casa de los famosos (SS)	News	Freedom	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Pregame		The Point	College Football: Appalachian State at Louisiana.	College Football: TMS Pre.	Storage	Street Out-laws		
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8:30 PM		Vencer el pasado	Our Kind of People	FBI: International	Hercal: amor	La Brea (DVS)	Light of Southwest	Arthur	News	Being	Pink		NBA Preseason Basketball: Warriors at Lakers	SportsCenter		Chucky (DVS)	Storage		
9:30 PM	A Night in the	La de-salmada	FOX 24 News at 9	FBI: Most Wanted	Malverde: el santo	New Amsterdam	Light of Southwest	Cyber	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Burgers				AVP Pro Beach Vol	Day of the Dead	Storage		
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11:30 PM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James Cordan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Seth Meyers	Creation	Tiger	Chicago Fire	black-ish	George		SportsCenter	WVan Pelt	ATP/WTA Tennis: BNP Paribas Open: ATP 3rd Round, WTA Round of 16.	Chucky	Storage		
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1:30 AM	St. Joseph, Our	La madrastra	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Programa De siones	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Holly	Liquidator	Gold	Wipeout		NHL Hockey: Penguins at Lightning	SportsCenter		Law & Order: SVU	Storage	
2:30 AM	(:06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Pelicula: Judicial pero honrado	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Forensic	Prostate	Neck Pain	Wipeout		Bones	SportsCenter		Law & Order: SVU	Storage	I Was Prey
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4:30 AM	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	The Is	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Brain Fog	Matters					Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Prince	

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The bird-in-the-hand principle

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J
♥ 8 4
♦ K Q 6 4 2
♣ K Q 6 5

WEST
♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 9 7 5 3
♦ 7
♣ A 10 9 7

EAST
♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ K 6 2
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 4
♥ A Q 10
♦ J 5 3
♣ J 8 3

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

Opening lead — five of hearts.

When a contract can be guaranteed by adopting a particular method of play, it stands to reason that it would be wrong to choose another line of play that jeopardizes the contract. This principle is self-evident, but it is sometimes not so easy to apply in actual practice.

Consider this deal where West leads a heart against three notrump. How should declarer proceed? If South does not give the matter much thought, he wins East's king with the ace and leads a diamond to the queen,

losing to the ace. Back comes a heart, and West's suit becomes established.

When the diamonds turn out to be divided 4-1, South goes down one because West has the ace of clubs as an entry to his hearts. The outcome could easily be attributed to bad luck, since it takes a very unlikely combination of events to sink the contract. However, this view dodges the real issue.

This is one of those hands where declarer can completely control his fate by playing his cards correctly. Luck is not a factor. To ensure the contract, all South need do is take East's king of hearts with the ace, lead a spade to dummy and return a low diamond.

If East has the ace and goes up with it, South has at least nine tricks. If East has the ace and does not go up, South wins with the jack and attacks clubs to assure nine tricks.

If West has the ace of diamonds, he can win South's jack but cannot effectively return a heart. Anything else West does gives declarer time to establish two club tricks before West's hearts can be established.

Superficially, it seems unimportant whether the first diamond lead comes from the South hand or from dummy, but in the actual deal, the contract stands or falls on this decision.

Tomorrow: That old black magic.
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Annie's Mailbox

Teaching Kids to Feel It All

Dear Annie: I enjoy reading your column in the Indianapolis Star. Today, I read the column, "How Do I Tell My Kids Our Dog Died?" I believe you were right on target when you wrote that one should avoid saying that the pets just went to sleep. After that suggestion, though, I think your answer fits into a narrow theological belief.

My grandmother used to say that "heaven and hell are here on earth." That is to say, she believed, in a sense, that we make our own heaven or hell in this life, and there is no hereafter. I, too, believe that. Not all of your readers believe in heaven or hell or any afterlife.

Others do believe in heaven and hell, but not for animals. In any case, a theology where animals and people are happily reunited after death is not inclusive to all readers. In our family, if I were to say that, I would be lying. When our pets die, we are sad. We bury them in the backyard. Being sad helps us in life, because it is important for us to experience and recognize all emotions.

I would suggest that "Explaining to Our Children" tell their children that we are very sad, and that that is OK; that animals, and even people, all die, and we are sad about that. And beyond that, we all can teach our children about our religious or secular beliefs. -- A Loyal Reader

Dear Loyal Reader: Thank you so much for your letter and perspective. I love the idea of encouraging children to feel their feelings, to recognize what feeling they are feeling, so that they can process any type of loss. If more adults learned how to do that as children, we would have a calmer society.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Explaining to Our Children," who wondered how to tell their young children about the death of their dog. My husband and I had a wonderful golden retriever before having children. Then we had two daughters. When the children were in elementary school, they kept asking for a cat. We were not "cat people."

We told the girls a fib -- that we couldn't have a cat because we had a dog. That seemed to suffice. When the dog was 14, he became quite ill and frail, and we had to make the decision to put him down. We were devastated and worried about how the girls would respond. Their response: "We don't have a dog anymore; can we get a cat now?" Children are very resilient. More so than adults. -- Cats and Dogs

Dear Cats and Dogs: Losing a pet is difficult for any of us at any age. You are correct that adults hurt as well, and perhaps even more than children. So, did you get a cat?

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WELLNESS WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ADMIT
ADVISE
APPOINTMENT
ASSISTANT
BLOOD PRESSURE
CHOLESTEROL
DIAGNOSE
DIET
DOCTOR
EXAMINATION
HEALTH
HEARTBEAT
HOSPITAL
ILLNESS
LABORATORY
MAINTENANCE
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FEATURES

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 2021. There are 80 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 12, 2000, 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

On this date:

In 1792, the first recorded U.S. celebration of Columbus Day was held to mark the tricentennial of Christopher Columbus' landing.

In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff, Jess Sarber.

In 1942, during World War II, American naval forces

defeated the Japanese in the Battle of Cape Esperance. Attorney General Francis Biddle announced during a Columbus Day celebration at Carnegie Hall in New York that Italian nationals in the United States would no longer be considered enemy aliens.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon nominated House minority leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan to succeed Spiro T. Agnew as vice president.

In 1976, it was announced in China that Hua Guofeng had been named to succeed the late Mao Zedong as chairman of the Communist Party; it was also announced that Mao's widow and three others, known as the "Gang of Four," had been arrested.

In 1984, British Prime

Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped an attempt on her life when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England, killing five people.

In 1986, the superpower meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, ended in stalemate, with President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev unable to agree on arms control or a date for a full-fledged summit in the United States.

In 1997, singer John Denver was killed in the crash of his privately built aircraft in Monterey Bay, California; he was 53.

In 2002, bombs blamed on al-Qaida-linked militants destroyed a nightclub on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people, including 88 Australians and seven Americans.

In 2007, former Vice President Al Gore and the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change won the Nobel Peace Prize for sounding the alarm over global warming.

In 2017, President Donald Trump lashed out at hurricane-devastated Puerto Rico, saying the federal government can't keep sending help "forever" and suggesting that the U.S. territory was to blame for its financial struggles.

In 2019, a Black woman, Atatiana Jefferson, was fatally shot by a white Fort Worth, Texas, police officer inside her home after police were called to the residence by a neighbor who reported that the front door was open. (Officer Aaron Dean, who shot Jefferson through a back window, resigned in the days after the shooting and is charged with murder; he has pleaded not

guilty and is scheduled to go to trial in November.)

Ten years ago: A Nigerian al-Qaida operative pleaded guilty to trying to bring down a jetliner with a bomb in his underwear; Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab (OO'-mahr fah-ROOK' ahb-DOOL'-moo-TAH'-lahb) defiantly told a federal judge in Detroit that he had acted in retaliation for the killing of Muslims worldwide. Eight people were killed in a shooting at a hair salon in Seal Beach, California. (Scott Dekraai, whose ex-wife, Michelle Fournier, was among the victims, pleaded guilty to murder in 2014 and is serving life in prison.)

Five years ago: Wells Fargo announced that its embattled CEO, John Stumpf, was stepping down as the nation's second-largest bank found itself roiled by a scandal over its sales practices.

One year ago: At the start of fast-tracked Senate confirmation hearings, Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett presented her approach to the law as conservative and fair, while Democrats cast her as a threat to Americans' health care coverage during the coronavirus pandemic. At his first campaign rally since he contracted COVID-19, President Donald Trump insisted to supporters in Florida that he had delivered the nation a "rapid recovery" from the pandemic. A Wisconsin judge allowed the state's mask mandate to stand, rejecting an attempt by the Republican-controlled Legislature and a conservative law firm to overturn it even as coronavirus cases spiked and the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 hit a new high. Facebook said it would ban posts that deny or distort the Holocaust. Roberta McCain, the mother of the late Arizona Sen. John McCain,

AGNES

HELLO, SIR... I FIGURED SINCE I USUALLY END UP HERE, I WOULD START OUT HERE TODAY.

I WILL BE QUIET AND NEAT. I COULD ALSO ASSIST IN HELPING YOU METER OUT JUSTICE TO THE ROGUE SCALAWAGS WHO FREQUENT YOUR JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE LATE, AGNES.

I WAS NOT NEEDED FOR JUSTICE METERING MENTORING.

ARCHIE

ARCHIE'S HELPING ME IN THE KITCHEN TODAY.

SOUNDS LIKE HE DROPPED SOMETHING!

I WONDER WHAT IT WAS.

I'D SAY PEAS.

ANDY CAPP

I MUST SAY, YOU'VE IMPROVED A LOT LATELY, PET

THOCK!

YOU'RE REALLY GROUPING THE DARTS TOGETHER NICELY

DOFF!

NOW YOU JUST NEED TO GET THEM IN THE BOARD

ONE BIG HAPPY

LET ME TELL YA, DUDE. WOMEN LIKE BAD BOYS. THAT'S WHY I'M MEAN TO 'EM.

I PUSH 'EM AROUND AND THEY LOVE IT.

WHAT A TOTAL DUFUS?

WHY YOU LITTLE... MMWAH!

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

ERF!

Horoscopes By Holiday

TUESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2021

Cranky Capricorn Moon

This Capricorn moon has four antagonizing interactions along the journey, pausing the mission of conflict but once to harmonize with Uranus. These lunar antics portend power plays and poking around emotional territory to find points of leverage. The ones who can hold their temper, resist temptation and generally keep cool win the day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People say "just kidding" when they mean "this is true to some degree." You'll hear the message behind the message and let it inform you, even if you don't react to it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll seize the opportunity to practice what you've learned ... once you recognize it, that is. Such opportunities often come disguised as perplexing problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your plan will be successful. Someone who keeps telling you that will be critical in this success. You could use a few more team members, so put out the word.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Not all outsiders are loners; many of them are soloists. You have an excellent sense about what energy level to bring to the scene. Your skill in relating to people in the way they prefer will connect you to many.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The day has 24 hours, but how many moments is that? Take it one at a time. Some require more building than others. It's not a bad time to start construction on a moment that will take months in the making.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is said that "nature abhors a vacuum." Relationships will run according to the principle today, making the main question one of casting: Who will play nature and who will play the vacuum?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One good idea will be the bridge between you and what you want. Give yourself lots of mental space and maybe some boredom, too, if you can manage it. Let yourself daydream.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are harder on yourself than even your harshest critic would be. A reminder: As a human, you're not always going to make the optimal choice. Accept your humanity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's more about believing than seeing today. This is the principle by which creations come together. Hang the vision in a high corner of your mind, then dance toward it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To effectively work a crowd, you must keep moving. The world is your "crowd" today, as dispersed as it may be. Through a

THE BARN

WHY DO YOU WALK AROUND WITH HIM? BECAUSE I LIKE HIM.

I WAS TALKING TO THE DOLL.

HA! ZING!

commute or digital technology, you will spread your goodwill one short interaction at a time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you get it right the first time, go up a level. There's little to learn in arenas that are too easy for you. If you're not learning, you're declining. When you're getting it wrong, the lessons are abundant.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Information comes to you like unmarked mail. It could be from anywhere -- next door or next continent. A lack of context calls for greater diligence in the testing of information. Question everything.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 12). You will be celebrated for those very same qualities you admire so much in others -- a sign that what you've done to create yourself and your life is effective. You'll repeat the success formula to bring relationships to new places. You'll launch a personal odyssey and create financial resources for yourself and others. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 1, 30, 3 and 18.

HALLOWEEN PAN-THEON: ZOMBIES, PART TWO: Zombies are a prevailing monster of pop culture with an appeal that is perhaps, in the postmodern world, metaphorical. With our various roles so intrinsically plugged into society's systems, it's possible to go about our days in a semi-sleepwalk. We get dressed, go to work, sit for hours in a digital existence and easily manage to show up for our various roles of life without coming into contact with that vital spark that makes us feel vividly and creatively self-possessed and fully alive. It could be argued that the zombie apocalypse has already happened sometime just after the Industrial Revolution.

Of course, not all zombies are alike. The White Walkers from "Game of Thrones" had no detectable individual personalities and were slaves to the evil Night King, whereas the "Santa Clarita Diet" zombies are stylish, with a lust for life and, in some cases, a moral imperative to elevate zombie consciousness. The large range of portrayable zombies gives rise to the Halloween-themed question: "If I were a zombie, which kind would I be?" Advanced students of life may take the question to an existential level by giving it a twist: "What do I do that proves that I'm not already a zombie?" Whatever it is, it's something to do more of.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Among the awards and accolades of Hugh Jackman is a Guinness World Record for having the longest career as a live-action superhero. With natal sun, Mercury and Uranus in Libra, Jackman balances and harmonizes his world in many ways. He sings, dances, tears up the big screen as Wolverine and

empowers communities with his fair-trade coffee company Laughing Man.

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Newsday Crossword

JUST A MOMENT by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS

- 1 Birthday present, for example
- 5 Ear coverings in winter
- 10 Kindergarten basics
- 14 Great Salt Lake's state
- 15 Non-studio film, for short
- 16 Layer of paint
- 17 Christmas season
- 18 Go into a skid
- 19 Voicemail signal
- 20 Brief moment
- 23 Tip of a sock
- 24 Cheer for a team
- 25 Expert in shooting arrows
- 27 Port of the Bahamas
- 30 Sum calculated
- 32 Halloween mo.
- 33 Highway or street
- 35 Chess game endings
- 39 Brief moment
- 43 Oddly frightening
- 44 Measly
- 45 Period in history
- 46 Stun gun
- 48 Steakhouse orders
- 51 Region like the Sahara
- 54 At the summit of
- 55 Lumberjack's tool
- 56 Brief moment
- 62 Pressed the doorbell
- 64 Back tooth
- 65 "Scat!"
- 66 "So what ___ is new?"

DOWN

- 1 Fellows
- 2 Whoop ___ (celebrate)
- 3 Harvest season
- 4 Belonging to those people
- 5 The Show Me State
- 6 Not yet rented
- 7 Savings protection org.
- 8 Generic dog name
- 9 Observed attending
- 10 Perform a role
- 11 Seating for four at a diner
- 12 Lake boat
- 13 Do the driving
- 21 Grind ___ halt (stop)
- 22 Serious play
- 26 Big family
- 27 Short memo
- 28 Muscle soreness
- 29 Suffix for young or prank
- 30 Greedy one
- 31 Unpleasant smell
- 34 "You can count ___!"
- 36 Adolescent
- 37 Jane ___ (Charlotte Brontë novel)
- 38 Large briny waters
- 40 Mosquito attack
- 41 Acquire knowledge
- 42 Restrained, as in shackles
- 47 Treads heavily
- 49 Constricting snake
- 50 Decides to participate
- 51 Takes a risk
- 52 Praise highly
- 53 Sight or smell
- 54 Astonish
- 57 Legal wrong
- 58 "Would ___ to you?"
- 59 Sailor's greeting
- 60 The ___ Ranger (Western hero)
- 61 Was defeated
- 63 Ruby or diamond

SUDOKU

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

Today's Answers

5	6	4	3	7	8	1	9	2
8	9	6	5	7	3	4	2	1
7	3	9	4	1	2	8	6	5
1	2	6	1	4	7	9	8	3
3	8	2	7	9	4	6	5	1
9	6	5	8	7	3	2	1	4
4	7	1	5	2	6	3	8	9
3	9	8	4	7	6	5	2	1
6	8	2	1	5	3	7	4	9

Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
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