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

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*Howard Harvest Oct. 23 Memorial Stadium Parking Lot 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Woodcarvers Show Casey's Campers Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

*A western-style Senior Citizens Dance will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Dora Roberts Community Center*

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## Four Seasons Mineral and Land Deed on Commissioners agenda

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

When they meet Monday afternoon, Howard County Commissioners will consider possible action on a proposed Mineral and Land Deed with Four Seasons Operating Company for the Heritage Museum of Big Spring.

The meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the County Courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St.

Prior to the meeting, citizen may register to provide comments to the commissioners at the meeting's onset.

Following public comment, commissioners will discuss and consider action on fire alarm maintenance at the County Courthouse.

Tax Assessor/Collector Tiffany Sayles will present information on a possible Master License and service agreement with Montreal-based Harris Govern. According to the company's website, it is an "Industry Leader in Property Appraisal and Tax Software."

Commissioner Jimmie Long (Precinct 3) will present the item regarding the mineral and land deed at the Heritage Museum.

County Treasurer Sharon Adams will present personnel considerations, a Texas Association of Counties fund reserve refund, her Treasurer's Monthly Report, and her Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will present a notice of a public hearing

regarding the proposed voluntary dissolution of the Howard County Control and Improvement District No. 1.

Olson will also present invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments, and the September Financial Report for the commissioners approval.

County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will present roadway maintenance updates, as well as requests for quotations on three types of bulk road repair materials: Limestone Rock Asphalt, Road Base, and Emulsion.

Klinksiek will also request that the commissioners make two revisions to speed limits on county roads: The first to return the speed limit on Center

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## Woodcarvers annual show kicks off Monday, runs through Friday

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Creativity comes in all shapes and sizes. This coming week - Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. - that creativity will shine during the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club's annual show. The show will be at Casey's Campers and will feature all different shapes and sizes of wood décor.

"There will be carvers from around the area attending. There will even be a wood distributor on hand," Monroe Casey, member of the Woodcarvers said.



HERALD photo/Dustin Pope

**Monroe Casey of the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club showed off samples of work that will be on display at the woodcarvers' annual show this coming week. The community is encouraged to stop by Casey's Campers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Monday through Friday to view the woodwork.**

See **CARVE**, Page 3A

## Annual reports, security top Howard College Board agenda

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

During its regular meeting Monday, the Howard County Junior College District's Board of Trustees will consider annual reports on security and fire prevention for Howard College's Big Spring, Lamesa and San Angelo campuses, as well as the SouthWest College for the Deaf campus.

The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. with an executive session. Following the closed session, the board will break for lunch and reconvene in open session at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room of the college's Student Union Building.

Following the invocation and recognition of guests, the board will consider approval of routine matters including the minutes of its Sept. 27 meeting; a checklist from Sept. 2021; monthly

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## World Polio Day - Rotarians working together in communities to eradicate Polio

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The fight continues to eradicate polio. Over the past several years polio cases have seen a drastic decline and are only totally about 0.1 percent across the world. Communities across the nation are being asked to focus their attention on the fight against polio for World Polio Day and join together to eliminate polio for good.

World Polio Day is Oct. 24 and aimed at raising awareness of Rotary's polio eradication efforts, a push to raise funds and other educational outreach opportunities. Recently the Greater Big Spring Rotary hosted the annual Pints for Polio event and raised more than \$44,000. According to statistics put together by Rotarian Jeff Ward, through the donation there will be \$66,000 donated from the Pints for Polio event and in turn will be able to purchase 132,000 doses of the vaccine. Each dose costs about 50 cents.

Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyz-

ing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in hours. It can strike people of any age but mainly affects children under five.

"We are 99.9% of the way to eradicating polio, but until that last 0.1 percent is eradicated we have to keep pushing forward and working to end polio," Jason Beck, Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Treasurer, said.

According to statistics, it has been more than 275 days since the last case of the wild poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Afghanistan; more than 245 days since the last case of wild poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Pakistan. Since New Year's Day there has been two cases of wild poliovirus Type 1.

When Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. We've made great progress

against the disease since then. Today, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent, and just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. And we remain committed to the end.

With polio nearly eradicated, Rotary and its partners must sustain this progress and continue to reach every child with the polio vaccine. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk. Rotary has committed to raising US\$50 million each year to support global polio eradication efforts. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total yearly contribution of \$150 million.

To find out how to help locally reach out to any member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club or the Big Spring Rotary Club. Also visit [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) to find out more about the Rotary campaign to End Polio Now.

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## Obituaries

### Gary Wayne Howell



Gary Wayne Howell, 62, went home to his reward Oct. 4, 2021, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Aug. 31, 1959, in Big Spring, Texas, to Kenneth and Mary Jo Howell. Both preceded him in death as well as an older brother, Michael Barton Howell and a half sister Cindi Smith. He also was preceded in death by his beloved nephew, Joshua Howell.

Gary is survived by his precious children, Michael Hope Howell and Samuel Wayne Howell and their mother, Kim Parsley. They were his world.

He also leaves behind his younger brother Terry Howell, wife Kelley and niece Sheena Howell, and his sisters Becky Winters and Judi Cook; nieces Amy Winters and Sydney Harris and nephew Chris Felts, along with many other nieces and nephews and family members.

Also too many friends to count. He will be missed by all who knew him.

*Paid Obituary*

### Billy McIntosh



Billy McIntosh, 23, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, in Lubbock. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 11 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park

Billy was born on July 27, 1998, in Brownwood, Texas, to Frank and Sue McIntosh and he spent most of his life here in Big Spring.

Billy worked at Taco Villa. He loved country western music and pick up trucks. Billy was a family oriented young

man. He was Trevor's protector. Billy adored his mom and dad with a tattoo to prove his love. He called his oldest brother Matthew his twin for life.

Billy is survived by his parents; Frank and Sue McIntosh of Big Spring, two brothers; Matthew McIntosh and Trevor McIntosh both of Big Spring, grandfather; Merardo (Mano) Bonilla of El Paso, Texas, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Billy is preceded in death by his grandparents; Mary Bonilla and Billie and Aliene Shults and one cousin; Kevin Shults.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid Obituary*

### Francisco "Frank" Joseph Martinez



Francisco "Frank" Joseph Martinez of Big Spring, died Tuesday, October 19, 2001 in San Angelo at Shannon Hospital. Frank was 46 years and born in Rio Grande, Texas.

With our deepest sadness in our heart - our son Frank has left this world to be with our Heavenly Father, he will be greatly missed by his parents and family.

Visitation will be Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Vigil will be held Sunday evening at 7:00 pm at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Frank grew up in Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School and played Baseball with the Steers Football they went to the State Finals at the direction of Coach Doe and won the Bronze Medal in 1992 and they went back in 1994 and won the Silver Medal Frank was inducted in the Hall of Fame twice at Big Spring High School.

He also played Baseball at Howard College, New Mexico Jr. College and Incarnate Word University in San Antonio, Texas. He worked at Isomeric Industries

Frank Loved sports especially the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys!

Frank is survived by his parents Jose F. & Mary Martinez, Girlfriend Jennifer Lopez of Big Spring, sister Gina Martinez of Dallas, Tx, Daughter Mia Gomez of Big Spring, Son Jeremy Gutierrez of Big Spring, Sabastian Lopez (who he loved him like a son) of Big Spring, one grandchild, uncles Joe Puga of Houston, Jos Lewis Gonzalez of Big Spring, and aunts Emma Brown aunt of Big Spring Janet Hilton (Steve) and Karen Carlin (David) of Cleveland, Ohio and several cousins.

Frank is preceded in death by sister, Porfidia Angela Martinez and Grandparents Rudy & Francis Rodriguez, Jesus & Angela Puga and Frank Martinez.

Pallbearers will be Jessee Deleon, Ricky Nunez, Chris Nunez, Joey Gutierrez, Jonathan Gutierrez, Ruben Gonzales

Honorary Pallbearers Chris Hawkins & all the co-workers from Isomeric Industries, Sabastian Lopez, and Malikye Aguiler.

The Family request to please wear face masks.

Arrangements of the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

*Paid Obituary*

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Harding. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Sherrod Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 10000 block of S. Midway Road. No transport was re-

quired.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Donley. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Edwards. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. I-20 S. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Settles. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 8900 block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers

### Dolores Cantu

Dolores Cantu, 71, of Ackerly Texas, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until



9 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Dolores was born April 10, 1950. Dolores is survived by one daughter; Robin Molina of Ackerly, one son; David Renteria of Ackerly, one granddaughter; two brothers; Benny Garza and John Paul Garza

both of Big Spring, two sisters; Mary Johnson and Erlinda Dixon both of Big Spring and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband Dolores is preceded in death by her mother; Inez Garza, her father; Vidal Garza, step-father, one brother, and two sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **SOMER DANAE LANCASTER**, 43, of 1606 Settles Street, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **RAMIRO VALENCIA MARQUEZ**, 31, of 2010 S. Rannels, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 shoplifting.
- **KEATON MCKINZIE HILL**, 20, of 2201 Williams Road, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 shoplifting.
- **JODY WAYNE DAWDY**, 57, of 205 W. 6th Street, was arrested on a charge of violation protective order - communications.
- **CHARLENE ELIZABETH STORIE**, 41, of 1101 Marijo Avenue, was arrested on a charge of warrant from other agency.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block W. I-20; 1100 block of W. I-20.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Johnson Street; 400 block of E. 9th Street; 1300 block of Marijo Avenue.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama Street.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 400 block of E. FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of E. 18th Street; 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of W. 6th Street.

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 103 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MORGAN DIONE AUSBIE**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **ANGELA VIOLA GARRARD**, 47, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of MTA/Forgery financial instrument.
- **FRANCISCO VALDEZ LICON**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid (DWLI) and failure to appear.
- **SHIMEON RASHAD MAGERS**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of terroristic threat of family/household.
- **CAMPA ANTHONY PETE**, 51, was arrested by DPS, on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more and terroristic threat against public servant.

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## Take Note

• Woodcarvers Annual Show will be taking place Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The community is invited to attend the show and help support the woodcarvers. There will be an opportunity to take home a lighted Christmas Tree with 100 wood carved ornaments.

• Senior Citizens Dances are held every other Friday at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is Oct. 15. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information contact Cotton Mize at 270-5060.

• Bling a Bra, sponsored by Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, will be taking place Oct. 21 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Contact Christy Brownfield for more information at 432-816-2977. This year the event will take place at the Coahoma Community Center.

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

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

• 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.

• 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 congregating meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. Rentable facilities including the Dora Roberts Community Center will remain open, however, users are requested to maintain social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.


• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Dec. 8 "Holiday Spectacular"; Jan. 22: "The Music of Queen"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. The remaining concerts will all take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringssymphony.org.

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

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For more information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124.

## City issues Covid-19 weekly update



### City of Big Spring COVID-19 UPDATE October 22nd, 2021

## ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES: 70

|                   |     |        |                               |       |
|-------------------|-----|--------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Vaccinated 1 dose | 12+ | 41.89% | Total Positives               | 5741  |
| Fully Vaccinated  | 12+ | 36.84% | Cases Closed                  | 5531  |
| Vaccinated 1 dose | 65+ | 60.94% | Region J Hospitalization rate | 6.42% |
| Fully Vaccinated  | 65+ | 56.14% | Patient Fatalities            | 130   |

\* Tests Performed includes ALL PCR and Antigen testing in Howard County.

## MEET

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auxiliary services reports; personnel matters; and a report on the college system's internal audit.

In New Business, the trustees will consider an update on the status of the college's response to COVID-19, including a report on the school's "Open Howard College" program of reopening the school following the COVID quarantine.

Trustees will also consider performance measures and outcomes, including a report on the college's small classes and the security and fire reports mentioned previously.

The trustees will also consider an overview of the college system's purchasing process, and updates on construction and renovation projects including the roofing project at the Big Spring and SWCD campuses, the Texas Attorney General's opinion

on the emergency purchasing process, and damage to the college and repairs regarding the most recent hailstorm.

Board members will hear reports on upcoming activities and recognitions from Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

The board will also hear a report from Board Chairman Dr. John Freeman.

The meeting can be attended in person, or by toll-free telephone at 1-888-204-5987, using the access code 314842#.

## COUNTY

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Point Road to 65 miles per hour; and the second to return the speed limit on County Road 34 to 65 miles per hour. County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf will

present information on a possible Preservation Project to the commissioners for consideration.

*Roger Cline is a staff writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com.*

## CARVE

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The annual show will also serve as the annual fundraiser for the organization. As usual, there will be an opportunity to take home a lighted Christmas Tree with 100 hand carved ornaments. Each of the members work on the ornaments which allows for an array of talent and design to be displayed.

"Our numbers are shrinking, our members are getting older and this serves as our one fundraiser for the year," Casey said.

The show is free to attend and the community is encouraged to drop in and view the creations. The Mustang Draw Woodcarver's Club includes wood carving enthusiasts from around the area. Locally the members meet weekly on Saturday and once a month in Midland at the Sibley Center on East Wadley, on the third Monday.

To find out more about the Woodcarver's Club stop by the show and speak with one of the members.



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Billy McIntosh, 23, AM until 3 PM and 6 died Monday. PM until 9 PM with Visitation Monday 9 AM until 9 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service 11 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Johnny Garcia, 71, died Saturday. Visitation 6 PM until 9 PM with prayer service at 7 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service 2 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Chester Faught, 93, died Saturday. Memorial Service Wednesday October 27 at 10 AM at Mt. Olive Chapel.

Francisco "Frank" Martinez, 46, died Tuesday. Visitation 11

Mass 10 AM Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive

Delores Cantu, 71, died Tuesday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM with a Prayer service at 7 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service 10 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Ackerly Cemetery.

Armando Delgado, 85, died Thursday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM with vigil service at 7 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass 10 AM Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive



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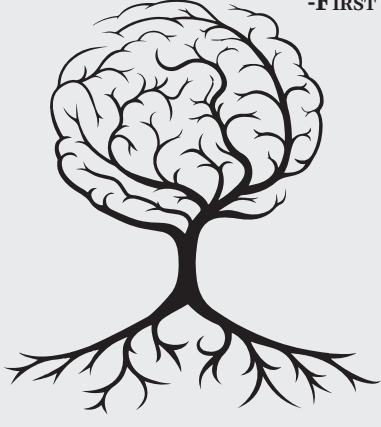
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# Opinion

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*Lord, thank you for being faithful.  
Lay your blessings and anointing  
upon our paths, provide the  
courage to follow you. Amen*

# A quick bunch of interviews

Sue Land sent me an email and said, “You oughta come to Hico. We’ve got a bunch of great folks here and they would make good subjects for your radio program and newspaper column.” So I went. I parked my car just before noon on a Friday and left 4 hours later with 7 interviews. They all took place within a 2-block area of downtown Hico. Sue arranged all the interviews, scheduling them 30 minutes apart.

Sue is a magnificent host and guide. And by the way, she is an interesting person herself. She writes murder mysteries. “The stories are all from my imagination. I just get an idea and start writing.” She has written 4 books and is spearheading a big book signing of prominent Texas writers the first weekend in November. She volunteers at the Billy the Kid Museum in Hico. “Billy was killed in New Mexico but he died in Texas,” says Sue. She told me a little bit about how

Billy ended up in Hico and Hamilton but referred me to Robert Dean, President of the Billy the Kid Museum.

“Billy the Kid came here and was known as Brushy Bill Roberts,” says Robert. “We sell copies of his autobiography here at the museum and they sell like crazy. He’s buried in Hamilton and people leave all kinds of things at his grave. He died here on a downtown street in 1950 of a heart attack at the age of 91.”

My next stop was my favorite: Kevin Wenzel’s chocolate kitchen. He makes Wiseman House Chocolates that go all over the US. He specializes in truffles, ganache and toffee with origins in Belgium and Venezuela flavored with unique liqueurs and spices. He’s been making delicious and exotic chocolates for 25 years. I took home some samples. Exquisite. I’ll order more.

I interviewed Trish McMillin who lives upstairs in a downtown building full of antiques, gift items and clothing. Her business is called Sugar Moon Market. She and her sisters started the business 15 years ago

and have shopped for antiques in Europe and the US. After retiring from an electric utility Trish spent 2 years in Iraq working as a government contractor keeping track of money spent for military supplies.

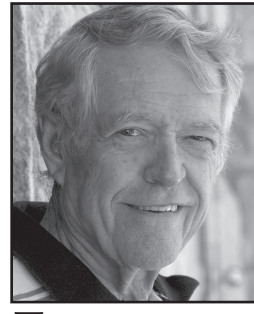
Then I went to the Wooden Indian Cigar store owned by Roy Ward. He sells cigars (from \$5 to \$30 each) and Arbuckle Coffee, which has been around since 1959 and comes with a peppermint stick in every package.

My next stop was the popcorn store owned by Steve and Donna McInnis. You wouldn’t believe how much popcorn they sell: thousands of dollars at a time to schools, businesses and all kinds of events. They can do popcorn in a variety of colors. While I was there they were getting ready to ship 200 huge bags of popcorn to Norway.

I interviewed Dillon Riechard at Jersey Lilly’s, a Mexican Food Restaurant that is an anchor business in downtown Hico. It’s kind of like the community center. He bought the business from his parents a year ago.

I finished up at Hill Country Dwellers, which designs homes and sells home furnishings. Good trip.

Thanks, Sue.



**TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A New Chicken Farm

Dear Editor

“Trey, books are dinosaurs, a thing of the past,” crowed the new head rooster to me. In March, the Big Spring State Hospital gave me a certificate of service for fifteen years of volunteering at the Chalet Resale shop. On October 1, 2021 I was asked to leave the book nook at the Chalet. Thank you to the community of Big Spring, Howard County and all of West Texas customers for allowing me to serve you these many years.

I would like to tell you a story about the events these past months at the Chalet. Since I grew up on a farm, I will relate how the Chalet is to a hen house or chicken coop. We have been very productive in the community with multiple roosters and hens working for free for over thirty years. Early this year a new head rooster was appointed

and a new head hen was hired at the Chalet. First thing the head rooster did was install cameras all over the hen house like George Orwell’s book “1984”. Second, the head rooster does not like hens, but prefers other roosters like himself. Third, the head rooster closed the hen house and stopped production of eggs by the mother hens. The feed (donation) door was closed for the season. Fourth, over the few months, he insulted the senior mother hens saying to them, “You are a thing of the past, afraid of change.” Many left after numerous years of service. Fifth, the head rooster and head hen closed the hen house again and the feed door. The price of eggs went up. Sixth, as a result of hen and rooster shortages, the head hen hired new hens to produce eggs and contend with the donation door. Does it make financial sense to hire new hens and discourage the senior moth-

er hens who worked for free?

The lone rooster (me) has separated myself from the chaos of the hen house. I predict record losses for the Chalet because of unprofessional behavior and management of the head rooster and head hen. Praise God, the hen house still is functioning due to the hard work of the new hens and a few mother hens that are left. Management no longer operates with ethics and morality as it did in the past.

This Bible verse holds true, “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain,” Psalm 127:1. Even the charm and sweet talk of the head rooster is no substitute for GOD-LY character. God bless you. I bid you farewell.

*Trey Lancaster  
Big Spring*

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## Sticks and stones

Alexander William Kinglake is a name I’ve snuggled deeply inside of all-knowing Google. He was a 19th century lawyer who gave up his legal practice to become an author, best known for a single proverb: “Sticks and stones may break your bones, but words will never hurt you.”

It is believed that Kinglake’s intent was to help children understand that sticks and stones were to be avoided, but words, not so much. Further, he recommended that hurtful words should be “pushed out the other ear” without delay.

Okay, I’m ahead of myself. During my first-grade year of 1944, my view of injections was skewed greatly by an unannounced onslaught of vaccinations....

That was then and this is now, however. Kinglake’s expression may have served well at the time to remind youngsters not to take some words so seriously, but today, it is so much bunk. His “ditty” may have held water many decades ago, but along the way, it has become a leak that now gushes. Many words hurt.

To me, the proverb started falling apart in 1944. Soon after beginning the routine of going to school, we learned to dread the arrival of a lady dressed in white, reeking of rubbing alcohol. She’d take the stage of the auditorium, thus permitting clearest views and sounds.

Before leaving our desks, we’d hear the assorted shrieks, yells, moans and cries of all the grades

before us, first-graders being last. There was no air-conditioning, so doors and windows were wide open, allowing us to enjoy puffs of fresh air as we were subjected to an unending cacophony of sounds suggesting that the inoculation injections were not being well received.

It is my first memory of shots, and it won’t go away. I still dislike them.

Further, this may have marked the beginning of bullying-verbal abuse, if you will-developed by second-graders who were given to taunting.

They had been first-graders a year earlier, remembering keenly the scary words and other sounds sent their way on “shot day.” Some of their comments are lodged in my mind, like a shred of food holding out against probing toothpicks.

\*Here are some of their comments; see if you agree:

“She can’t help it if she looks like a witch, but surely she could suppress that fiendish laugh. The nurse learned how to give shots in the army.... She ran out of regular needles, so she borrowed one to use today from a veterinarian.... I heard that she gave a shot at another school yesterday and broke the needle off in a kid’s arm; they had to take him to the hospital.... They say she has an alcohol problem, and it ain’t the ‘rubbing kind.’ Maybe that explains her ‘wobbly’ injection.”



**DON NEWBURY**

tions. They say she has really hard times on Mondays.” (We seemed always to be on her Monday calendar.)

It should be noted that she appeared twice, since I think she had at least four shots to “share” with us: measles, whooping cough, diphtheria and mumps, limiting her “sticks” to one in each arm....

Since then, my fear of injections has lessened, but has far from disappeared. Newscasts with the latest COVID accounts are almost always accompanied by close-up shots of needles entering arms.

Why, pray tell? Must we view the entire process?

Continuing to see needles entering arms is cruel and unusual punishment for bunches of us who were herded through vaccination lines starting in 1944.

My eyes twitch when conversations lead to negative word associations. Searches like “looking for needles in a haystack,” “stitches in time” or “needling pranksters” inevitably lead to thoughts of hypodermic needles. Arrgggh!

When my wife and I got COVID shots the other day, she complimented the nurse, saying she hardly felt the needle. The nurse assured that they are much improved.

For me, “much improved” needles are more than 80 years too late.

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# Huge night for all three local teams, Steers win, Buffs win, and Bulldogs Win



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**Top Left: Kaegan Mitchell takes the pass and plays against the Andrews Mustangs this past Friday night. Top Right: Devin Manning breaks loose for a long TD pass against the Mustangs. The Steers went on to dominate this game 48-19.**

**By DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

Wow!!! What a night for our local football teams. All three of our teams won this Friday night dominantly. First, the Big Spring Steers opened district play against one of their main rivals in the Andrews Mustangs in Andrews and dominated them by a final score of 48-19. Next, the Forsan Buffaloes continued their perfect season, winning against Haskell 28-0. Finally, the Coahoma Bulldogs bounced back beautifully, winning over the Reagan County Owls 55-7. All three teams showed that they are in district football mode and played excellent football tonight.

We will start with the Big Spring Steers game and what a game it was for the Steers. The Steers were coming off a bye week in which they used that week to get healthy and mentally refreshed. They also had two weeks to prepare for the start of district play. They faced off against one of their main rivals, the Andrews Mustangs. The Mustangs have gotten the best of the Steers in recent years, which gave this year's Steers team even more motivation.

It was a great night for football; the weather was great, and the atmosphere in Andrews was even better. You could feel the fact that both teams wanted this game throughout the stadium. The Steers won the toss and differed until the second half letting the Andrews Mustangs take the field first. The Steers defense stepped up immediately, holding the Mustangs to a punt on the very first drive of the game. After the punt from Andrews, the Steers had their first shot

with the ball. The Mustang's defense held firm and made the Steers turn over the ball on downs. Andrews now started their second drive of the game on their 25-yard line. Andrews started to move the ball down the field when the Steers defense stepped up and made their first big play of the game. Kaegan Mitchell made a fantastic interception and had a great return. The long interception return set the Steers up at their 11-yard line. The Steers scored the game's first touchdown when they ran an end-around pass play in which Eli Cobos threw a touchdown pass to Kavien Ford from six yards away. Cobos then kicked the extra point making this a 7-0 lead for the Steers with 5:40 left in the first quarter. The Mustangs answered right back when they scored on a 34-yard pass on a nice screen play. However, they missed the extra point making this a 6-7 game for the Steers. With how this first quarter ended, with the Steers clinging to a one-point lead.

In the second quarter, the Steers scored very quickly when Gabriel Baeza hooked up with Devin Manning for a 42-yard touchdown pass. Cobos kicked the extra point giving the Steers a 14 to 6 lead. So, with 11:37 left in the second quarter, the Steers were back in the lead. Andrews then answered with an excellent defensive play of their own when they caused a Steers fumble and returned it 80 yards for a touchdown. The Mustangs then decided to go for the two-point conversion to tie up the game. The Steers' defense stood firm, keeping the Mustangs out of the endzone, making the score 12 to 14 with 6:23 left in the first half of play. Andrews then scored an-

other touchdown on a nine-yard run making this a 19 to 14 game in favor of the Mustangs with only 2:42 left in the half. The first half ended with a huge defensive stand from the Steers, and The Andrews Mustangs were going in to score another touchdown with only five seconds left in the second quarter. Still, the Steers stood firm, keeping them out of the endzone and keeping this at a 14 to 19 game at halftime. Trailing in a rivalry game on the road, the Steers knew it was time to take control of this game. Since the Steers differed until the second half, they received the second-half kickoff. The Steers' offense came out of the locker room clicking. They took the first drive of the second half down the field with ease. They capped off the drive with a 34-yard touchdown pass from Baeza to Eli Cobos. After Cobos put the extra point through the uprights, the Steers had the lead back at 21-19. This was a huge second half of football after that touchdown. The Steers' defense played lights out and didn't allow another point. The offense went on to put up 27 more points in the half. Completely dominating the Andrews Mustangs. The Steers went on to win this game, going away 48-19.

The win is huge for the Steers. Not only did they dominate one of their biggest rivals, but they are also now 1-0 in District play and now 6-2 on the season. When this team is clicking like they were tonight, they are a hard team to beat. When Baeza is 100% healthy, this team is by far the best in the district, and they shined that tonight.

Next up, we have the Forsan Buffaloes. What can I say about the Forsan

Buffs I haven't said before? They are one of the best teams I have ever been able to watch. They are utterly dominant on both sides of the ball. They came into Friday night's game with a perfect record of 7-0. They were taking on a frankly overmatched team in Haskell. Like all their other games this season, they dominated Haskell, winning easily 28-0. I haven't got stats for this game yet, so I can't do a complete breakdown, but I can tell you this team is flat-out dominant without looking at the stat sheet. After next week, they should go 9-0 and set up a massive game on their home field for the district title against Hawley. I have said it multiple times. This team is something special what we see from the Forsan Buffs is astonishing.

Like the Forsan game, I have not got full stats on the Coahoma game. But I know they dominated the Reagan County Owls tonight 55-7. This was a huge bounce-back game for the Bulldogs as they are now right into the playoffs picture.

I will have more on both Forsan and Coahoma in the Monday edition of sports. We should get the article over Coahoma written by the great Steve Belvin that I will include on the Saturday page. He has done a great job of covering the Bulldogs all season long, and I want to give him a big thank you for all that he does.

Once again, this was an excellent night for the three local teams in this area. They all dominated in their games and represented this area to the best of their ability. Next week will be another great week of football, as now all these teams are squarely in the playoff race.

## Red Sox run out of fight, fall to Astros in ALCS Game 6

HOUSTON — Backs against the wall — occasionally by their own doing — these Boston Red Sox proved hard to pin down.

The Houston Astros finally got them for good Friday night.

Boston's bats went quiet for the third straight game and the Red Sox punched out of the AL Championship Series with a punchless 5-0 loss to the Astros in Game 6.

They had just two hits Friday, baffled by starter Luis García and a quartet of relievers, and combined for just three runs and 10 hits over the final three games of the series.

The game-card of Red Sox arrived in Houston needing consecutive victories to avoid elimination and keep alive their pursuit of another World Series title after winning in 2018.

"We don't quit," catcher Christian Vázquez vowed. Instead, they barely showed up.

Such a muted dismissal hardly fit with the rest of the team's season. This was a club with a knack for exceeding expectations — even when they were the ones undercutting their own chances.

Boston was hardly projected as an October favorite entering the year. Manager Alex Cora was fired prior to the 2020 season for his involvement in Houston's 2017 cheating scandal, and Mookie Betts was salary dumped to the Dodgers a month later. No surprise, then, when Boston sank to last place in the AL East in 2020.

Even with Cora rehired in November, little better was expected this spring. Instead, the Red Sox

emerged rejuvenated and ready to challenge for a postseason spot, leading the division for much of the first half behind resurgent stars Xander Bogaerts and Rafael Devers, plus free-agent acquisition Kiké Hernández.

Nathan Eovaldi emerged as a Cy Young Award contender, Eduardo Rodríguez rebounded from a COVID-related heart illness that kept him out of 2020, and ace Chris Sale was expected back in the second half after two years gone following Tommy John surgery.

A COVID-19 outbreak in the clubhouse threatened to derail that rolling start.

Just six teams failed to reach MLB's 85% vaccination threshold for relaxing safety protocols, and the Red Sox were one of them. So when the virus began to spread around the clubhouse in late August, it led to a dozen players and two support staffers being sidelined after positive tests.

Those forced out of action included Hernández, Bogaerts and Sale. The team slumped and nearly fell out of the playoff picture, but a seven-game winning streak in mid-September rekindled its wild-card charge. Boston won four of its final five games to clinch a postseason berth on the last day of the regular season.

Suddenly, the Sox were unstoppable.

Boston throttled Yankees ace Gerrit Cole to win the wild-card game, batted .341 as a team while pounding the top-seeded Rays 3-1 in the Division Series, and began a similar clobbering of Houston in the ALCS by winning Games 2 and 3 by a com-

bined 21-8.

"We just got beat at the end, but when we look back and everything that we went through, the thoughts of this team early in the season, it's just amazing," Cora said. "It was a great year."

The October-tested Astros got their pitching in order and began stifling the red-hot Sox in Game 4. Boston dropped that one 9-2, lost 9-1 a day later and fell into a 3-2 series hole heading to Houston for Game 6.

"We've had our backs against the wall all year long," Hernández said Friday afternoon. "We've been battling, we've been grinding all year long, and we didn't get to this point to go out without a battle."

The fight never came.

For the second straight game, they were held hitless through four innings, this time by García, who didn't allow a knock until Hernández's triple with two outs in the sixth.

Starter Nathan Eovaldi kept it close. The AL Cy Young Award contender threw 4 1/3 effective innings, including a gutsy fourth when he struck out two with runners at second and third, then got an inning-ending punchout of Chas McCormick after an intentional walk of Yuli Gurriel loaded the bases.

"No one expected us to be here," Eovaldi said. "We proved a lot of people wrong."

The bullpen kept things close, but the offense never broke through.

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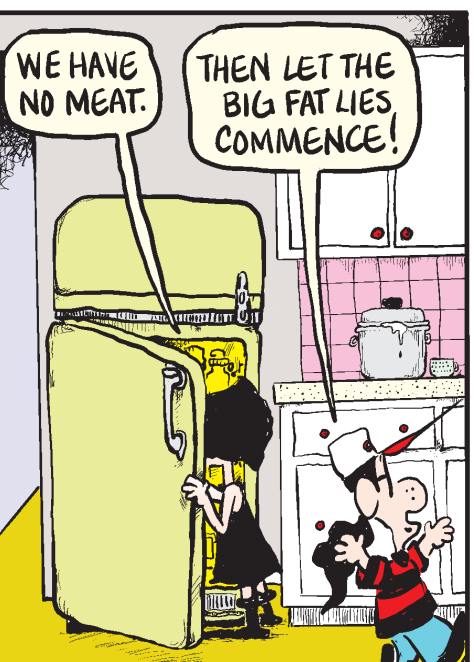
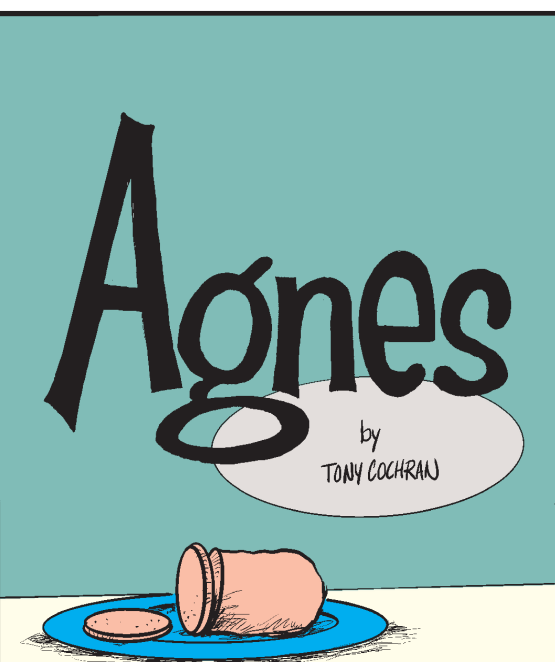
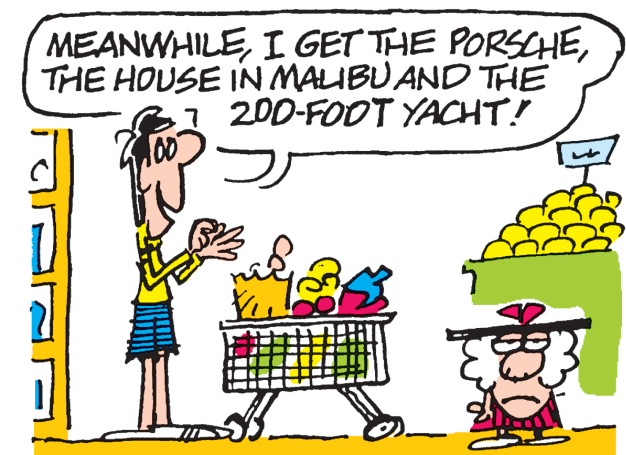
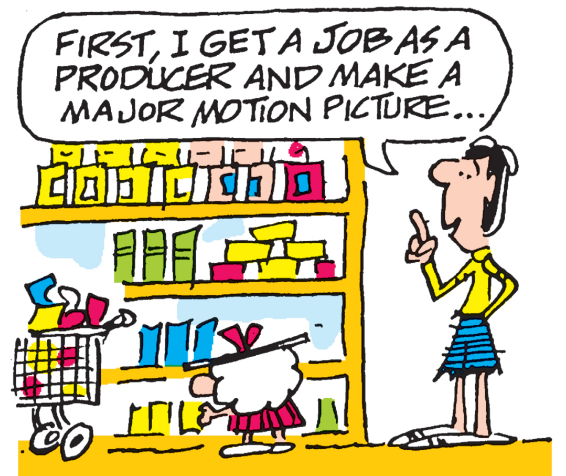
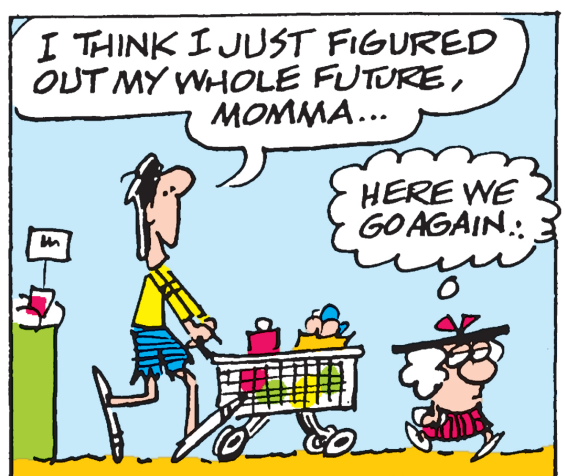
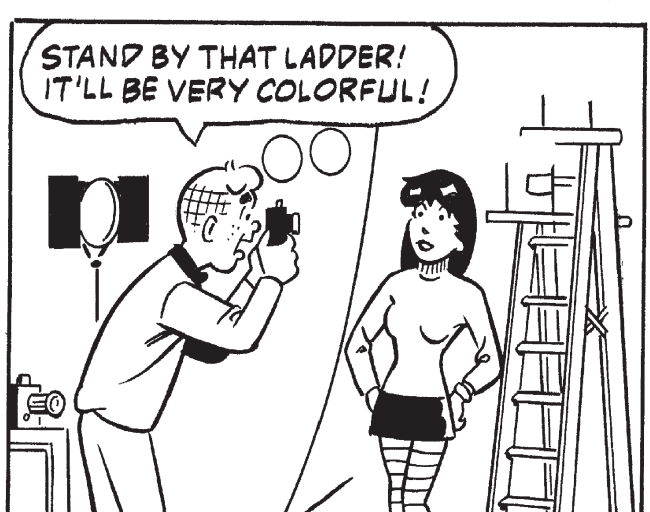
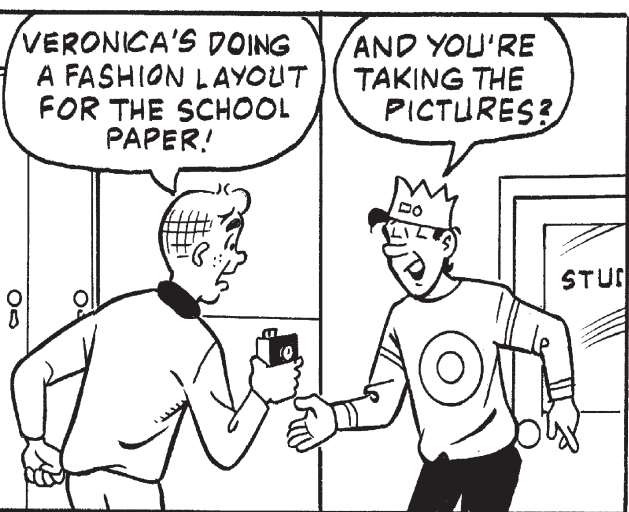
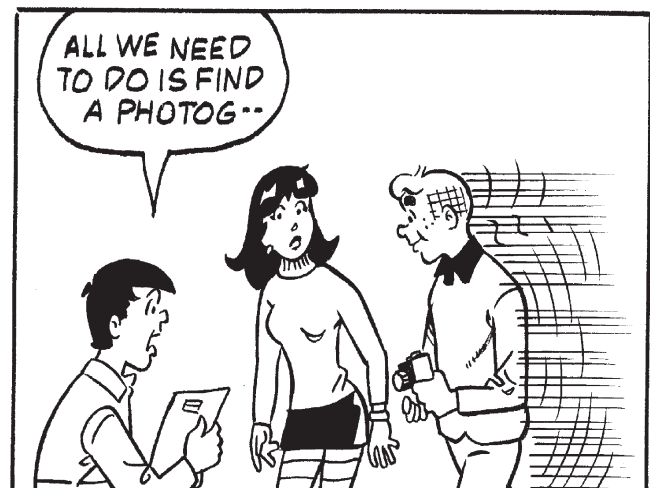
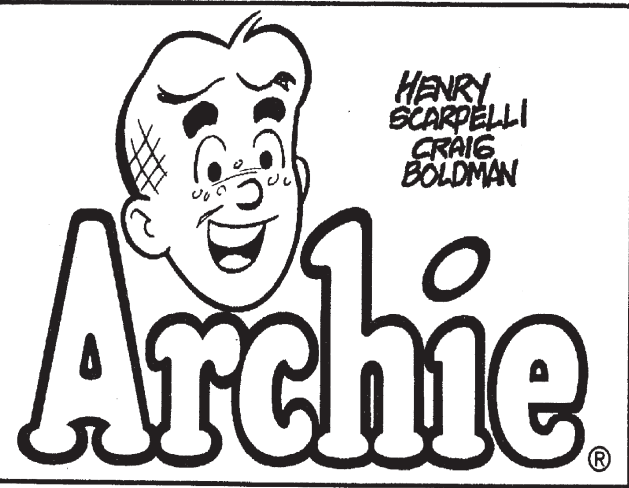
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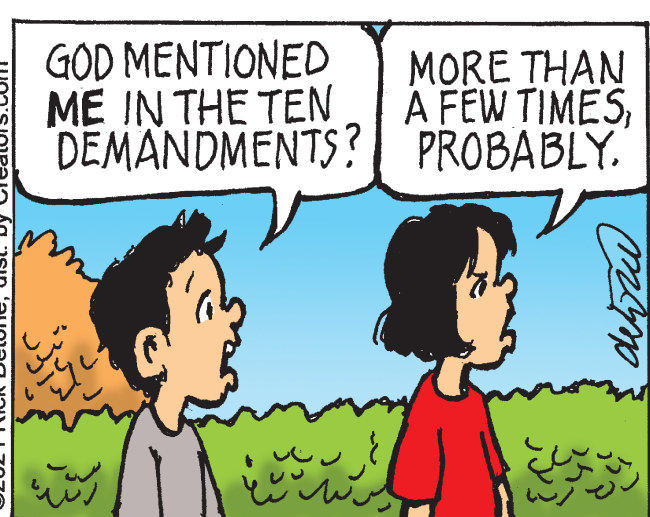
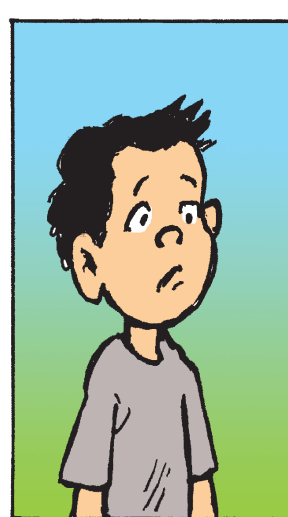
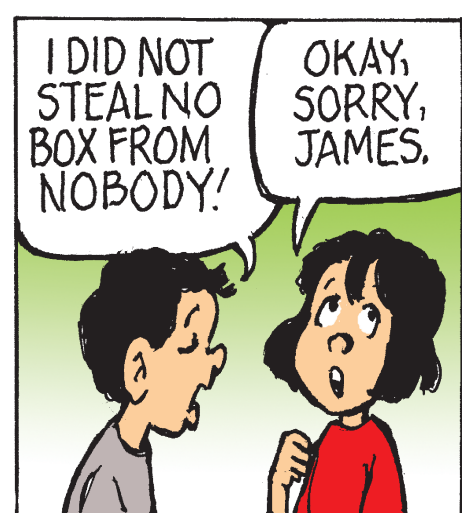
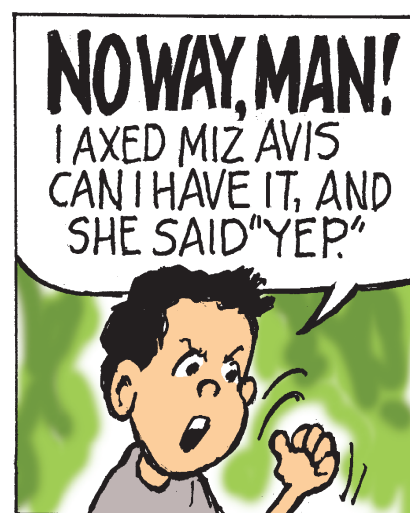
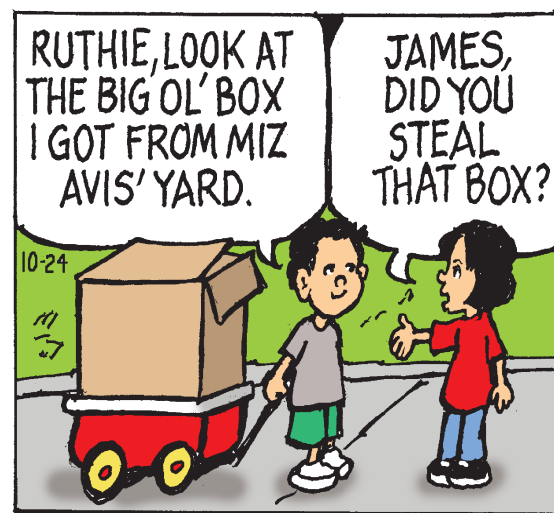
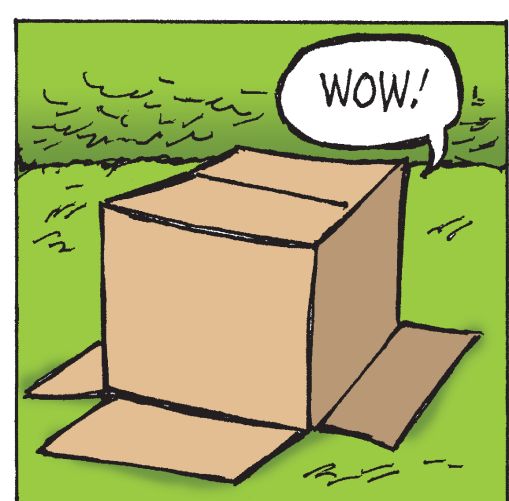
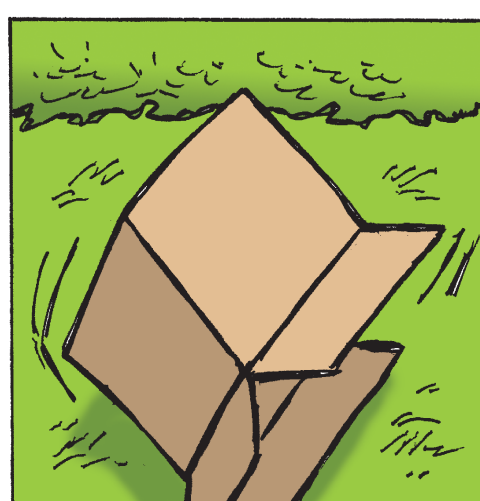
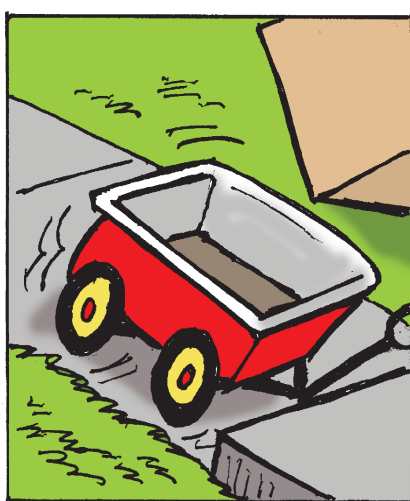
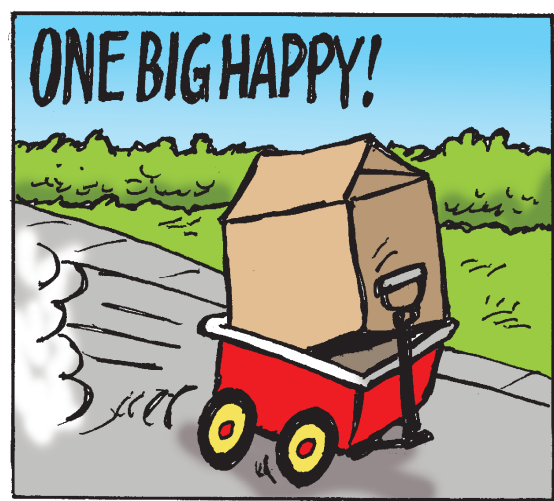
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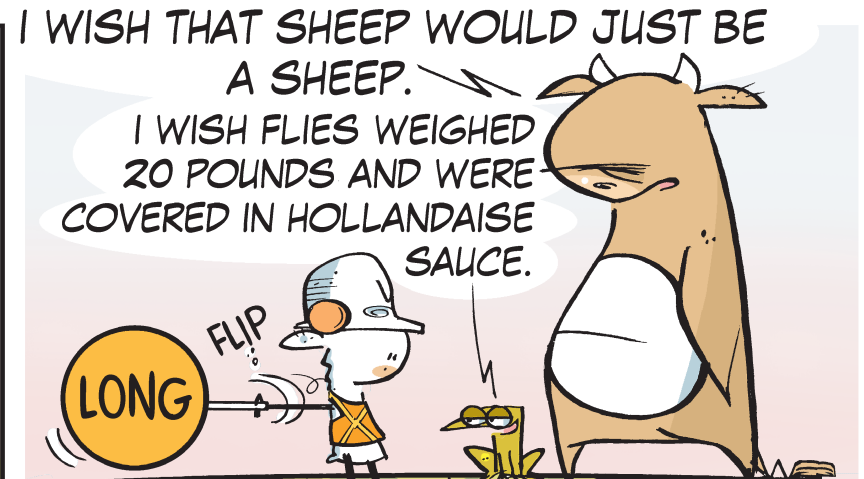
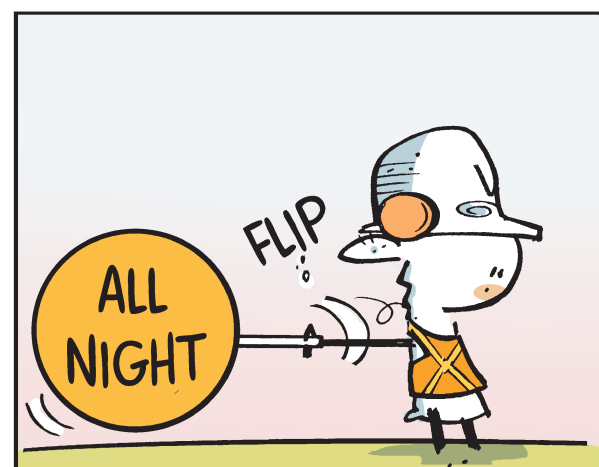
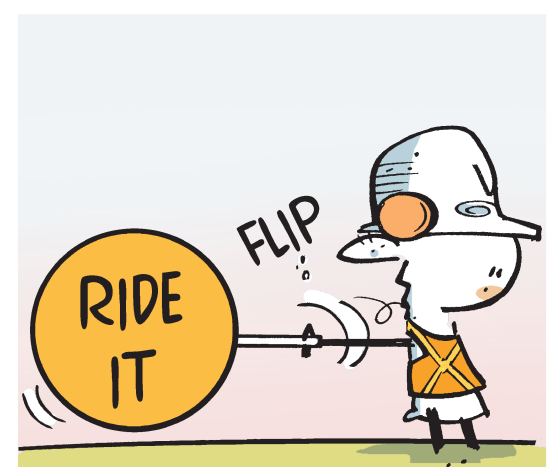
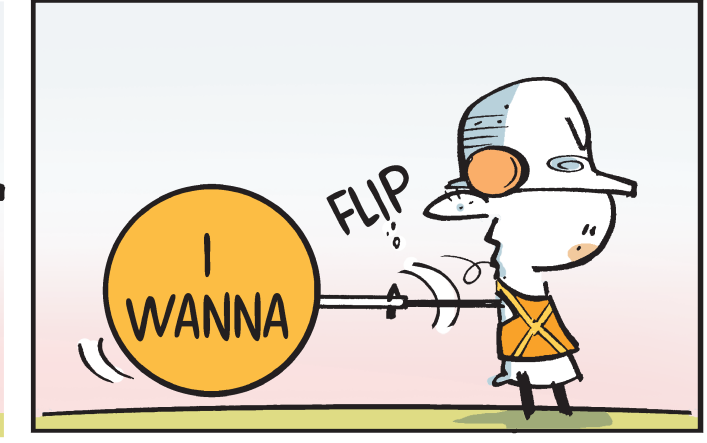
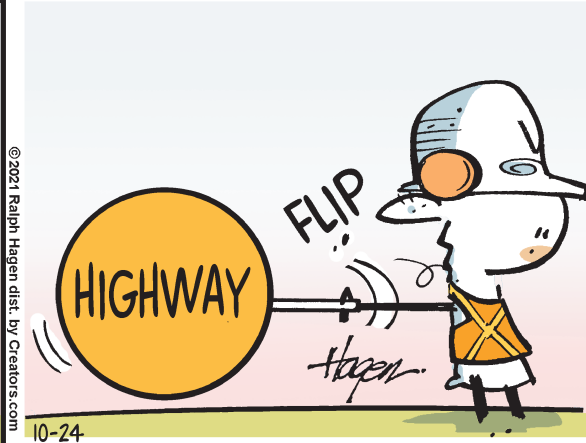
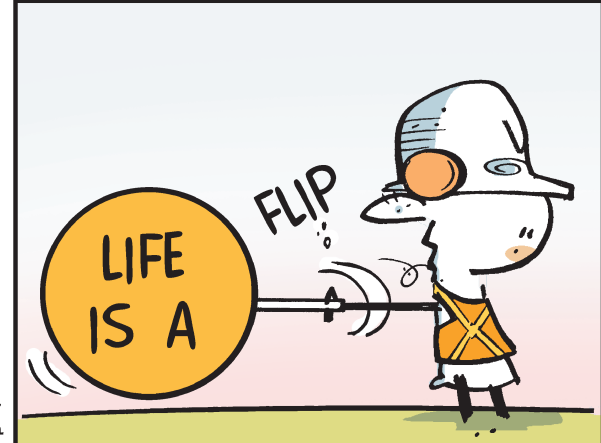
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# LEADING OFF: Braves try again to eliminate Dodgers, reach WS

A look at what's happening around the majors on Saturday:  
**ATLANTA'S ATTEMPT**  
 Freddie Freeman and the Braves get another chance to earn a trip to the World Series when they host the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 6 of the NL Championship Series.  
 And Atlanta won't be facing Max Scherzer, either.  
 The Braves lead the matchup 3-2 after losing Game 5 at Dodger Stadium. They haven't reached the World Series since 1999.  
 The Dodgers said Friday night that Scherzer had been scratched from his start Saturday night.  
 Scherzer was pulled after 4 1/3 innings in Game 2 with what he said was a dead arm on two days' rest after getting his first career save in the Division Series finale at San Francisco. Los Angeles didn't say who would pitch in place of Scherzer.

The Dodgers have won seven straight games when facing postseason elimination. That streak dates to last October when Mookie Betts and his teammates overcame a 3-1 deficit against Atlanta in the NLCS.

Freeman says the Braves must prove they won't follow the same path to another collapse.  
 "It seems because every day it's brought up the last couple days," the Atlanta star said. "So I don't think we have a choice until we kill that narrative. We're up 3-2 and we're going home. That's a great position to be in."

Ian Anderson pitches for the Braves after lasting just three innings in Game 2.

**SUBS ON ORDER**  
 After replacing third baseman Justin Turner (hamstring) with third baseman Andy Burns before Game 5, the Dodgers said they will propose replac-

ing right-hander Joe Kelly (biceps) with left-hander David Price before Game 6. Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said Friday that Los Angeles also may ask to have left-hander Justin Bruihl (sore arm) replaced.

**FEELING AT HOME**  
 A year after the Astros lost last year's AL Championship Series to Tampa Bay at neutral-site San Diego, manager Dusty Baker was happy to be in Houston with the home fans for Game 6 and possible a Game 7.

"The vibe is good, and I hear from a lot of people that are pulling for us," he said. "It excites the whole city. People tell me they're watching games when they don't ordinarily watch games. There are fans where there -- and I got a few fans that watch whatever team I'm on."

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## VETERAN

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### HERALD Staff Report

Choosing a Halloween costume can be stressful. With endless options, here are a few tips to keep in mind.

When purchasing a costume, it is important to read the fine print. Often times the featured picture on a costume will show more accessories than what is included.

When choosing a costume for a child, there are a few important things to keep in mind. The first make sure that the costume is safe for your child. If your child's costume includes a mask, make sure the mask fits correctly on your child's face.

environment when choosing your costume. Ensure that the costume will not cause you to lose too much body heat if you will be outside; or cause you to overheat if you will be indoors.

Lastly, choose a costume that you feel comfortable in. A costume is not merely a mask to hide behind, but rather an expression of your interests.

There are different levels of costumes as well, depending on your price range, creativity and most importantly preference.

If you are looking for a costume with quality that can be used several times, a party store will be the best option. However, if you only need something to dress up in for a short time, a school party, or just for a couple of hours, the Dollar Tree and Dollar General stores have some cute selections



The eye and mouth holes should line up to ensure your child won't have difficulty seeing or breathing. Another thing to consider when making sure a costume is safe for your child is the length of the costume to avoid tripping hazards.

Also keep in mind, whether or not your child will be comfortable in the costume. If your child is not accustomed to wearing accessories on their head, they may not want to wear a mask or crown. If your child is potty training, it is important to make sure the costume is easy to remove to prevent accidents. Nobody wants their dinosaur tail to go in the toilet.

It is beneficial to consider the weather and environment



that can be used to help create a one of a kind costume or even just as a dress up outfit to play with.

For those who want to let their creativity shine, there is always an option of making your own costume.

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Making a costume for Halloween is an exciting and challenging endeavor. It is quite simple to pull clothing and accessories that you already own and put them together to create the perfect costume. The first thing to consider is where your interests lie. It is good to brainstorm a list of characters or icons that you enjoy. When choosing to make a costume based on a character, consider what clothing they wear as well as the complexity of the costume. If there are abnormal accessories such as gear or weapons, that might make your costume more difficult to recreate. The amount of time you have to prepare as well as your skill levels will help determine which costume you should make.

Once you have chosen a character and considered their clothing and accessories, it is important to consider their behavior. While wearing a costume doesn't mean you have to behave exactly like that character, it does add an extra element to the fun

## Enjoying a safe, festive Halloween Trick or Treat outing

As Howard County residents, a few key safety reminders need to be at the forefront of your adventures. Texas A&M AgriLife experts, along with Big Spring Police Department and TxDOT offer some safety guidelines for those taking to the roadways and the sidewalks this Halloween.

Staying safe can be tricky for children going through neighborhoods in search of treats — unless they stay aware of possible traffic dangers on the street. One of the biggest safety tips this Halloween is to not send children out alone, especially at night. Keep an eye on them and within arms reach especially near high traffic areas.

The large number of young pedestrians on the streets Halloween evening makes this an especially dangerous time, but motorists, parents and children can take some safety measures to make it less

daunting.

- Some safety tips for motorists include:
  - Slowing down in neighborhoods and watching for children on roads, medians and curbs.
  - Taking extra precautions when entering or exiting driveways.
  - Being alert to children possibly darting out from between cars or behind bushes or shrubs.
  - If attending a party where alcohol is to be served, designate a driver.

- Tips for parents include:
  - Having an adult accompany children at all times to supervise their activities.
  - Reminding children to stop, look and listen before crossing streets.
  - Taking a flashlight and having your child wear reflective strips or patches on their clothing or costume to be more visible.

- Be certain children's masks do not impair their vision or hearing.
- Ensuring costumes do not impede the ability to walk or drive.

- Tips for pedestrians include:
  - Before crossing a street, stop at the curb or edge of the road and look left, right and then left again before crossing.
  - Walk, don't run, from house to house or across the street.
  - Cross streets only at intersections and crosswalks, then obey any traffic signals and watch out for turning cars.
  - Walk on sidewalks whenever possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.

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# Howard County Lunch Menus

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### Kentwood Pre-K Breakfast

Monday: Sausage biscuit, strawberry, apple-sauce, 1% white milk

Tuesday: French toast bites, orange smiles, 1% white milk

Wednesday: Mini cinnamon bagel bites, red delicious apple, 1% white milk

Thursday: Donut bites banana, 1% white milk

Friday: Waffle bites, cinnamon applesauce, 1% white milk

### Lunch:

Monday: Pancake bites with sausage patty tater tots, 100% juice box, 1% milk

Tuesday: Fish nuggets, steamed corn, gala apple, 1% milk

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, buttered carrots, orange smiles, 1% milk

Thursday: Macaroni and cheese with roll, baked beans, pineapple chunks, 1% milk

Friday: Tony's cheese pizza, cucumber slices, mandarin oranges, 1% milk

### Elementary Breakfast

Monday: Poptart with Scooby Doo crackers, gala apple, diced peaches, assorted milk

Tuesday: Coco Puff pastry, orange smiles, pineapple chunks, assorted milk

Wednesday: Cereal bowl with string cheese, gala apple, mandarin oranges, assorted milk

Thursday: Yogurt with crackers, banana, mixed fruit, assorted milk

Friday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, Granny Smith apple, diced pears, assorted milk

### Lunch

Monday: Pasta bake with garlic bread, egg chef salad, PBJ Uncrustable, tater tots, warm cinnamon apples, assorted milk

Tuesday: Italian cheese melt, fun on the run, American sub sandwich, cucumber slices, diced pears, assorted milk

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with roll, taco salad, turkey sandwich, steamed carrots, pineapple chunks, assorted milk

Thursday: Cheeseburger chef salad, ham and cheese sandwich, baked beans, banana, assorted milk

Friday: Tony's pepperoni pizza wedge, yogurt, cheese salad, PBJ Uncrustable, steamed corn, mandarin oranges, assorted milk

### Intermediate

#### Breakfast

Monday: Bagel with jelly, cereal and string cheese.

Tuesday: Chocolate crescent roll, cereal and string cheese.

Wednesday: Breakfast bar with Cheez Its, cereal and string cheese.

Thursday: French toast bites, cereal and string cheese.

Friday: Pancake wrap, cereal and string cheese.

### Lunch

Monday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger.

Tuesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or popcorn chicken bowl.

Wednesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or burrito.

Thursday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or cheesy pasta bake

Friday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog.

### Junior High

#### Breakfast

Monday: Bagel with jelly, cereal and string cheese.

Tuesday: Chocolate crescent roll, cereal and string cheese.

Wednesday: Breakfast bar with Cheez Its, cereal and string cheese.

Thursday: French toast bites, cereal and string cheese.

Friday: Pancake wrap, cereal and string cheese.

### Lunch

Monday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger.

Tuesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or popcorn chicken bowl.

Wednesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or burrito.

Thursday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or cheesy pasta bake

Friday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog.

### Anderson Accelerated

#### Breakfast

Monday: Apple frudel, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Burrito, cere-

al and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Cinnamon roll, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast pizza, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Friday: Pancake wrap, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

### Lunch

Monday: Cheeseburger, egg chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Meat lovers pizza, popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Spicy chicken sandwich, taco salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted

milk.

Thursday: Chicken fried steak with roll, chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted milk.

Friday: Twister burger, yogurt, cheese and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits and assorted milk.

### High School

#### Breakfast

Monday: Apple frudel, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Apple Jacks cereal pouch, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Cinnamon roll, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal pouch, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Vanilla glazed donut, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice.

Thursday: Banana muffin, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast pizza, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

### Lunch

Monday: Twister burger, build your own burger or chicken sandwich or nachos, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Top your wings, build your own burger or chicken sandwich or nachos, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Asian Bar, build your own burger or chicken sandwich or nachos, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, build your own burger or chicken sandwich or nachos, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Friday: Bacon burger, build your own burger or chicken sandwich or nachos, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

### Coahoma ISD

#### Breakfast (K-12)

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito with hashbrowns or breakfast strudel with cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Waffles with sausage or muffin with yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast combo or breakfast strudel with cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Friday: Oatmeal with cinnamon toast or donut holes with sausage or cereal with toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

### Lunch (K-8)

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Walking taco or Frito pie, beans, fresh veggie cup, chilled pineapple, dessert, milk.



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### Chamber of Commerce happenings ... Public Records



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The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and Ambassadors recognized the providers and staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Group OB/GYN Department with a Thank You presentation. In the afternoon, Chamber members, ambassadors and community members joined the staff once again for Alive After 5 and a Pink for a Purpose event in the main lobby. Chamber members host a monthly networking event as an opportunity for business professionals to form new connections and stay updated in the community.



### Grant funds available for Texas high plains landowners constructing vegetative fuel breaks

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M Forest Service is now accepting grant applications from landowners in the high plains region of Texas who construct vegetative fuel breaks on their property.

The Vegetative Fuel Break Grant applications are open now through December 17, 2021, and could result in reimbursement to eligible recipients of up to \$2,500 for the cost of trees, weed barriers, planting contractors, drip irrigation systems and other items associated with the creation of vegetative fuel breaks.

"This grant is intended to help protect communities in the high plains by reducing the risks of catastrophic wildfire events on both public and private lands through creating vegetative fuel breaks," said Jake Gosschalk, Texas A&M Forest Service Program Specialist (Fuels).

Green vegetative fuel breaks are trees and shrubs that are systematically planted adjacent to fields, homesteads or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind. As a result, irrigated and maintained fuel breaks can impact wind-driven fire behavior that could allow time for residents or firefighters to evacuate before the fire impacts nearby homes or structures.

During the 2017 fire season, it was observed that a well-maintained and irrigated vegetative fuel break or homestead windbreak impacted wind-driven fire behavior and provided time for residents to evacuate.

Eligible fuel break projects must have a minimum of three rows of trees and span at least 400 feet in length. Additionally, a bare-ground strip and a short grass strip are required, which will greatly increase the potential benefits of the fuel break.

"When landowners create vegetative fuel breaks on their property, they will be much more prepared for fire season," said Gosschalk. "Texas A&M Forest Service representatives are happy to answer any questions landowners have regarding the application process or how a vegetative fuel break can mitigate the risk of property damage caused by wildfires."

All grant applicants will be notified of a decision

by January 31, 2022. Texas A&M Forest Service does not complete the actual planting and building of the vegetative fuel break but will conduct an on-site assessment of the landowner's property prior to the approval of an application. If an application is approved, Texas A&M Forest Service will then further discuss the project details with the recipient.

Interested landowners may visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/CommunitiesinAction/> for a copy of the application. Application packages must be mailed to the contact information listed below.

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# Stocks off to a mixed start; S&P 500 headed for weekly gain

AP - Stocks are off to a mixed start on Wall Street Friday. The S&P 500, which notched a record high a day earlier, is still on track for its third weekly gain in a row. The benchmark index was little changed in the early going, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 0.2% and the Nasdaq was down 0.3%. Intel sank after reporting revenue that fell short of analysts' forecasts, and Snap fell sharply after saying its ad sales are being hurt by a privacy crackdown on Apple's iPhones earlier this year. American Express rose after posting strong results.

THIS IS A BREAKING NEWS UPDATE. AP's earlier story follows below.

Shares were mostly higher in Europe on Friday after a mixed session in Asia.

Benchmarks rose in Paris, London, Tokyo and Hong Kong. Shares fell in Shanghai and Seoul.

An official newspaper, the Securities Times, and other state media said China Evergrande Group made an overdue bond payment on Friday.

Evergrande wired \$83.5 million to account for a bond payment that was due Sept. 23, the reports said. The company's Hong Kong-traded shares gained 4.3%.

The property developer's struggle to reduce its 2 trillion yuan (\$310 billion) of debt to comply with tighter official curbs on borrowing has prompted fears a default might trigger a financial crisis.

The news of the payment followed Evergrande's announcement a day earlier that it was running into difficulties selling assets to alleviate its liquidity crisis and that a plan to sell its property services arm had fallen through.

Germany's DAX gained 0.4% to 15,535.16. In Paris,

the CAC 40 jumped 1.1% to 6,759.46, while Britain's FTSE 100 added 0.4% to 7,220.57. The future for the S&P 500 was nearly unchanged while the future for the Dow industrials gained less than 0.1%.

On Thursday, the S&P 500 rose 0.3% to 4,549.78, its seventh straight gain. That eclipsed the record high it set on Sept. 2. It is on pace for its third straight weekly gain.

The Dow slipped less than 0.1%, to 35,603.08. It is just below its all-time high set on Aug. 16. The Nasdaq gained 0.6% to 15,215.70, while the Russell 2000 rose 0.3%, to 2,296.18.

In Asian trading on Friday, the Hang Seng in Hong Kong climbed 0.4% to 26,126.93 and the Shanghai Composite index lost 0.3% to 3,582.60.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 added 0.3% to 28,804.85, while the Kospi in Seoul lost less than 0.1% to 3,006.16. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was flat at 7,415.50.

Investors continued to watch how global supply chain problems and rising prices are affecting corporate earnings. Many companies have warned such trends will hurt their operations. Wall Street is trying to gauge just how much it will sting corporate profit growth and margins.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury was steady at 1.69%.

In other trading on Friday, U.S. benchmark crude oil rose 30 cents to \$82.80 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It gave up 92 cents to \$82.50 per barrel on Thursday.

Brent crude, used as a standard for global pricing, picked up 30 cents to \$84.91 per barrel.

The U.S. dollar slipped to 113.98 Japanese yen from 113.99 yen late Thursday.

# Japan OKs plan to push clean energy, nuclear to cut carbon

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan adopted a new energy policy on Friday that promotes nuclear and renewables as sources of clean energy to achieve the country's pledge of reaching carbon neutrality in 2050.

The new basic energy plan, adopted by the Cabinet just in time for the climate summit in early November, calls for drastically increasing use of renewable energy to cut fossil fuel consumption over the next decade as Japan pushes to meet its ambitious emissions reduction target.

Japan has been undecided over what to do about its nuclear power industry since the 2011 Fukushima plant disaster. It now says reactor restarts are key to meeting emissions targets as Japan tries to step up in the global effort against climate change.

The 128-page plan compiled by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry says Japan should set ambitious targets for hydrogen and ammonia energy, carbon recycling and nuclear energy. It also calls for promoting offshore wind power and use of rechargeable batteries that have potential for growth.

"We will mobilize all options" to achieve the emissions target, the plan said, adding that the "supply of stable and low-cost energy is a prerequisite."

The changes in the plan are meant to achieve the carbon emissions reduction target announced in

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# RECORDS

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## Marriage Licenses

Alyssa Grace Yater, 25, and Roxanne Torres, 25, both of Stanton.

Antonio Martinez III, 24, and Angelina Vanessa Hernandez, 24, both of Big Spring.

Raymond Eugene Delatour, 57, and Cynthia Jane Morris, 63, both of Big Spring.

Virgil Craig Spargo, 65, and Celeste Ann Jones, 57, both of Big Spring.

Patrick Lemont Wilbert, 50, and Ashley Nicole Kennedy, 36, both of Big Spring.

Garrett Richard Allcorn, 26, and Shailee Danielle Strevy, 25, both of Big Spring.

## County Court Rulings

Defendant: Melissa Rich  
Offense: Fail to identify - Fugitive give false information  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$60 reimbursement fee, time served  
Date: Oct. 8, 2021

Defendant: Joshua Owen  
Offense: Public intoxication with three prior convictions.  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs,  
Date: Oct. 18, 2021

## Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Clyde Erwin Thomas III, independent executor of the estate of Teri Adams Thomas, deceased.  
Grantee: Clyde Erwin Thomas III  
Property: Lot 12, and N/2 of Lot 11, Blk. 38, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 11, 2021

Grantor: Mary K. Phariss  
Grantee: Rachelle Lynn Ybarra  
Property: Lot 15, Blk. 25, College Park Estates  
Date: Oct. 11, 2021

Grantor: Mary K. Phariss  
Grantee: Rachelle Lynn Ybarra  
Property: Lot 15, Blk. 25, College Park Estates  
Date: Oct. 11, 2021

Grantor: Melinda K. Hawes and James Vincent Jones  
Grantee: Ashley Caroline Parker and Mason Harold Parker  
Property: Lot 17, Blk. 30, College Park Estates  
Date: Oct. 11, 2021

Grantor: Stanley E. Miller  
Grantee: Republic Construction and Woodworks LLC  
Property: A 1.75-acre tract in NW/4 Sec. 47, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Oct. 12, 2021

Grantor: Toni Reese, trustee of the Toni Reese Revocable Trust  
Grantee: Eva Marie Evans  
Property: Lots 12-16, Blk. 25, Original Township of Coahoma  
Date: Oct. 12, 2021

Grantor: Luis Alberto Guerra  
Grantee: Guadalupe Sergio Guerra  
Property: 0.149 acres in Lot 10, Blk. 6, Earles Addition  
Date: Oct. 12, 2021

Grantor: Kimberly Carnagie, independent executor of the estate of Gary Miears Sr., deceased.  
Grantee: Kimberly Carnagie, Cristian Miears, Kiara Miears, Lily Crane, Gary Miears III, Star Miears  
Property: Lot 13, Blk. 6, Douglass Addition  
Date: Oct. 12, 2021

Grantor: Kimberly Carnagie, independent executor of the estate of Gary Miears Sr., deceased.  
Grantee: Kimberly Carnagie, Cristian Miears, Kiara Miears, Lily Crane, Gary Miears III, Star Miears  
Property: Lot 3, Blk. 1, Amended West Cliff Addition  
Date: Oct. 12, 2021

Grantor: Tammy Shults and Melinda Hines, both individually and as heirs of Charlotte M. Fritsch, deceased, and John Wilhelm, deceased  
Grantee: Tammy Shults  
Property: Lot 35, Blk. 5, Douglass Addition  
Date: Oct. 12, 2021

Grantor: Tammy Shults  
Grantee: Amelia Martin  
Property: Lot 35, Blk. 5, Douglass Addition  
Date: Oct. 12, 2021

Grantor: Roger Dale Brown and Anna Mae Brown  
Grantee: Olga Fuentes  
Property: A 4.88-acre tract in Sec. 17, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Oct. 12, 2021

Grantor: Devin Partee, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Zilla Rose Partee, deceased; Patricia Vanover, Jeanett Rodriguez, Becky Kennedy, Tommy Partee, and Richard Partee  
Grantee: North-Tiger LLC  
Property: S/50 feet NW/4 of Blk. 26, College Heights Addition  
Date: Oct. 12, 2021

Grantor: Linda Baker, independent executor of the estate of Donnie Ralph Baker, deceased  
Grantee: Linda Baker  
Property: Lot 6, Blk. 5, College Park Estates Addition  
Date: Oct. 13, 2021

Grantor: Billy Ed Thomas  
Grantee: Trenton D. Browne  
Property: Lots 9 and 10, Blk. 11, Jones Valley Addition  
Date: Oct. 14, 2021

Grantor: Zelda Gibbs  
Grantee: Paul Gibbs  
Property: Grantor's mineral interest in E/2 of W/2 Sec. 28, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Oct. 14, 2021

Grantor: Manuel Chavira and Ida L. Moreno-Chavira  
Grantee: Stanley E. Partee and Melinda Sue Partee

Property: Lot 10, Blk. 1, Jordan Park Estates No. 1  
Date: Oct. 14, 2021

Grantor: Walter Hazelwood, Dorothy Lou Hazelwood Shaw, and Mark Hazelwood, individually and as heirs of Frankie Key Hazelwood, deceased

Grantee: Mark Hazelwood  
Property: W/40 feet of Lot 2, and E/40 feet of Lot 3, Blk. 4, Washington Place Addition  
Date: Oct. 14, 2021

Grantor: Jessica Privett and Thomas James Privett, individually and as heirs of Guy James Privett, aka Guy J. Privett, deceased

Grantee: Thomas James Privett  
Property: Tract 1: A 1.10-acre tract in an 18.14-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 48, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: A 0.37-acre tract in SE/4, Sec. 48, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.  
Date: Oct. 14, 2021

Grantor: Ellis Ray Smith  
Grantee: Jael Gonzalez and Hector Gonzalez  
Property: A tract in NW/4, Sec. 34, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Oct. 14, 2021

Grantor: Edwin R. Ford  
Grantee: Edwin R. Ford and Regina L. Ford, trustees of the E&R Ford Trust  
Property: Tract 1: N/2 Sec. 24, Blk. 25, H&TC RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: S/2 Sec. 24, Blk. 25, H&TC RR Co. Survey; Tract 3: Sec. 34, Blk. 25, H&TC RR Co. Survey; Tract 4: W/2 Sec. 27, Blk. 25, H&TC RR Co. Survey.  
Date: Oct. 15, 2021

Grantor: Christine Vail and Daniel Hail  
Grantee: Old Big Spring Property LLC  
Property: Lot 10, Blk. 22, McDowell Heights Addition  
Date: Oct. 15, 2021

Grantor: Lisa Anne Petrowski and J.D. Miller, Sara L. Thomas and Leslie Ann Watts, individually and as heirs of Dana Louise Kirk, deceased  
Grantee: Jeffery Boyd Mueller and Debra Ann Mueller  
Property: Lot 13, Blk. 5, Western Hills Addition  
Date:

## Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Nicholas Bayes and Brooke Bayes  
Grantee: John Murray III  
Property: A 1.779-acre tract in the NE/4 of Sec. 6, Blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Oct. 11, 2021

Grantor: Silver Leaf Communities LLC  
Grantee: Srinivasa Reddy, Donthi Reddy  
Property: Lot 12, Blk. 31, College Park Estates No. 7, Phase 1  
Date: Oct. 12, 2021

Grantor: Paul Martin and Elizabeth Martin  
Grantee: Charles Edward Starck  
Property: A 0.375-acre tract in Lot 37, and all of Lot 58, Tract 4, Amended plat of Foster Subdivision in Sec. 47, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Oct. 13, 2021

Grantor: AA Framing LLC, through its remaining sole member Abraham Gonzalez  
Grantee: Amy Brooke Bayes and Sheena Marie Howell  
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 1, AA Framing LLC Addition  
Date: Oct. 13, 2021

Grantor: Dustin Glidewell and Kelley Glidewell  
Grantee: Kassie Lynn Abrego  
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 20, Saunders Addition, Coahoma  
Date: Oct. 13, 2021

Grantor: Wesley Beauchamp  
Grantee: Javier Hernandez and Laura Yanez  
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 4, West Cliff Addition  
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# Recipe Corner



## Carrot cake a favorite for Halloween entertaining

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of desserts available to tempt various palates.

Carrot cake boasts an antioxidant-rich main ingredient and offers some semblance of nutrition amid the sugar rush of other offerings. Plus, its orange hue fits in perfectly with the season.

This recipe for "Carrot Cake" from "Throw a Great Party: Inspired by Evenings in Paris with Jim Haynes" (iUniverse) by Mary Bartlett,

Antonia Hoogewerf and Catherine Monnet yields two cakes, perfect for feeding a crowd.

*Carrot Cake*  
Makes 25 servings

- 4 cups sugar
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups oil, canola or safflower
- 2 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 pounds carrots, grated
- 2 cups nuts, chopped
- 2 1/2 raisins (optional)

Beat the sugar and eggs together until well blended. Stir in the oil and vanilla. In a separate bowl, mix the flour, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Combine the egg mixture. Fold in carrots, nuts and raisins.

Divide the batter between two (9- x 13-

inch) greased baking pans.

Refrigerate the batter between baking times.

Bake the cakes in a moderately hot oven (350 F) for approximately 40 minutes.

Let cool completely.

Frost with cream cheese frosting. The cakes may be left in the pans for ease of serving.

### Cream Cheese Frosting

- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 5 ounces butter
- 1 1/2 pounds powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

Bring the cream cheese and butter to room temperature. Cream the two together until smooth.

Add sugar gradually, shaking it through a strainer to get rid of the lumps and beat until smooth.

Add the vanilla.

Cover and refrigerate until it has a good spreading consistency.

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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**WEST**  
♠ 9 6  
♥ 9 7 5 4  
♦ A J 5  
♣ K J 5 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 8 7 4  
♥ 10 8 2  
♦ 9 2  
♣ A Q 9 7 4  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 10  
♥ A 3  
♦ K 10 8 6 3  
♣ 10 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass  
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass  
4♠

Opening lead — two of clubs.

Some of the clues a declarer relies on are very thin and inconclusive. But any indication of how to play a hand is better than none at all, so regardless of how meager the clues, it is best to follow them wherever they lead.

Take this case where West leads the deuce of clubs against four spades. East takes the ace and returns the club seven to the jack, at which point West exits with a low heart.

South wins with the ace and has to limit himself to one diamond loser. The normal play, after drawing trumps, would be to lead a low diamond to the queen, intending to finesse against the jack next. As can be seen from the diagram, this approach will result in down one.

But a different method of play — designed primarily to learn more about the opponents' hands before tackling the diamonds — enables declarer to make the contract.

After winning the heart at trick three and drawing three rounds of trump, followed by the K-Q-J of hearts, South learns that West started with two spades, four hearts and (judging from the lead of the club deuce) four clubs. This places West with three diamonds and East with just two.

The key missing card is the jack of diamonds, and, as the odds are 3-to-2 that West has it, South should adapt his play to that probability. Accordingly, at trick 10 he leads the four of diamonds to the king, planning to play another diamond toward dummy and play low if the king wins the trick.

But when the king loses to the ace and West returns a low diamond, South pursues his plan by following low from dummy and so makes the contract.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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## Why do we say 'trick or treat'?

Homeowners think nothing of having goblins, nurses, vampires, or astronauts showing up at their doors each October asking for candy. Any other time of the year and these visitors might be turned away. But Halloween is all about the magical and the macabre, and trick-or-treating is a major component of the festivities.

Kids and adults alike cry out "trick or treat" at each house they visit.

Many utter this familiar phrase without a second thought and may have no idea how this familiar custom came to be.

During the Middle Ages, less fortunate individuals would go "souling," which was a process of going door-to-door asking for food on November 1 in return for saying prayers for the deceased on November 2. Many centuries later, the tradition of "guising" began in Scotland around the same time of year.

People began

wearing masks and costumes to disguise themselves and prevent evil spirits from harming them. Spirits were thought to cross over more readily around Halloween. The custom also was called "mumming" and was celebrated in nearby England and Ireland as well.

Costumes were eventually accompanied by hijinks. Mischief makers would sing a rhyme, do a card trick or tell a story in exchange for a treat. If that treat wasn't presented, a "trick" could be played. For 19th century children, tricks included jamming hot cabbage into a keyhole to stink up a house or frightening passersby.

History.com indicates that when European immigrants arrived in America, they didn't give up their annual mischief or requests for treats, and the custom spread throughout the early 20th century in

the United States.

While the practice of begging for treats in some shape or form went by many names, Merriam-Webster reports that a newspaper in Saskatchewan, Canada first mentioned the words "treat" and "trick" together in print.

A 1923 article indicated, "Hallowe'en passed off very quietly here. 'Treats' not 'tricks' were the order of the evening." By 1927, more and more children were uttering "tricks or treats" to solicit candy from their neighbors.

Trick-or-treating gained steam throughout the 1950s, with endorsements by major candy companies. The custom also was showcased in popular comic strips.

Even though there are tricks to be made on Halloween, treats are the real draw of the day.

# SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The upgrade isn't necessarily better, just newer.

It will stir up fresh energy and ideas, though, so at least it's something different. Today, different will be good. Get the upgrade.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It feels as though you have a frenemy, or a rival working at cross purposes to yours. There is a way to turn this into a win-win arrangement: Find the common purpose you share.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Since you can't make everyone happy, just focus on doing what needs to be done. Let the others fend for themselves for a while. You'll be surprised at your productivity, and that makes at least one person happy... you!

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 24).** The

highlight is fresh experiences, and you'll have many "firsts" this year. Your enjoyment will be enhanced by the presence of people from different generations. A festive November event is a chance to share your talent. You'll earn more than you planned to in December and share the wealth. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 25, 42, 30 and 15.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

Do you know your talents? Do you know when you've been brave? Do you know your strong points? Make a list of those character-defining moments in which you saved your own day and refer to it often this first week of the Scorpio sun. Reinforce your own wins because even if you have legions of supporters, you're the ever-presence who knows what matters most and will always be around. Learning how to support yourself is key in the first week of Scorpio season.

Tuesday's square of Venus and Neptune represents the point where the vision meets its real-life obstacles. You'll solve the problem at hand, but first you need to take the pressure off yourself. It

will allow you to move fluidly around the issue and get a better view. Lower your expectation. Have fewer rules. Whatever happens, you'll learn from it.

Success is a teacher, but failure is a much better teacher, delivering more concentrated lessons. Because the learning happens faster and sticks longer, the tuition is quite high. So there is no reason to fear progress. You will either be successful in your own definition and learn slowly, or you will not do what you set out to do, and you will learn quickly and be better and stronger for it, too. Both are good.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:**

Despite being an Oscar winner, Kevin Kline confessed, "I've never felt completely satisfied with what I've done. I tend to see things too critically." Perhaps the deluge of emotional water sign energy in Kline's natal chart has him too emotionally connected to the moment to witness his own greatness. Look for Kline in the film adaptation of Ann Leary's "The Good House" co-starring Sigourney Weaver.

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**Social Advice From the Gemini Moon**

Humans, being a physically vulnerable species with little in the way of armor, teeth or claws to protect ourselves against the other monsters of nature, learned early on that if we are to survive as a species, we have to stick together. We are social animals who rely on one another's attention and will in fact perish without it.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The problem can be solved. First, take the pressure off yourself so you can move again. You're going to need to walk around this issue and see it from a few different vantage points.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll finish what you started. The accomplishment is a significant boost to your confidence. This is true even if no one knows about it except you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You'll trade up in some way. High value, in this case, is relative and will be

determined on fit alone. The option that suits you best will not be the one with the highest price tag.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The empathy you feel changes you. When you open yourself to listen deeply to another person's experience, you get a small taste of the experience yourself and are broadened accordingly.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You are focused on the difference you want to make in the world. However serious you are about the mission, approach it with a light heart. You'll be surprised at how much you can change by simply shining the warmth of your smile on it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** No need to hide the flaw or spin the story so it sounds like you're getting everything right. That wouldn't be relatable, and therefore, it would only make it harder to connect with people.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Everyone is a performer to some

extent. Sometimes you're a hit. Other times, the act flops. That just hones your work. To win the room, you first have to read it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** How long you're in a place matters little compared with what value you brought to the others while you were there. With this in mind, you'll think in terms of the impression you'd like to make, not the amount of time it takes to make it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** To learn another person is a form of love. You'll feel loved today because there's a person who knows just how to make you laugh or get you in the frame of



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Break
- 7. Ruled Russia
- 13. Having several lobes
- 14. Walked around proudly
- 16. Atomic #77
- 17. Largest living land animals
- 19. The Great Lakes State
- 20. A type of toast
- 22. Partner to feather
- 23. Bristlelike
- 25. Bowfin
- 26. Distributes
- 28. Hairlike structure
- 29. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 30. Where wrestlers work
- 31. Blood relation
- 33. A great deal
- 34. Round Dutch cheese
- 36. Move further away from
- 38. Type of wrap
- 40. Furies
- 41. Removes from the record
- 43. Young salmon
- 44. Feline
- 45. Skin decor
- 47. Disfigure
- 48. They \_\_\_
- 51. Formal term for "on"
- 53. Weight of precious stones
- 55. Traveled rapidly
- 56. Long-winged aquatic bird
- 58. Prickly husk
- 59. Expressed pleasure
- 60. Exclamation of surprise
- 61. Most irritable
- 64. Virginia
- 65. Optimistic
- 67. Humorous works
- 69. Arranged systematically
- 70. Emerges

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Wives of a polygamous man
- 2. Where hurt ballplayers land
- 3. Single-celled animal
- 4. Rhythmic pattern
- 5. One from Utah
- 6. A group of seven
- 7. Refrains from inflicting
- 8. Light brown
- 9. Humanistic discipline
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. It says who you are
- 12. Roundworm
- 13. Group of Native Americans
- 15. Makes wider
- 18. Headgear
- 21. One who sets others free
- 24. Form of communication
- 26. A Brit's mother
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Famed modernist painter
- 32. One-time province of British India
- 35. Prosecutors
- 37. Motor vehicle
- 38. Non-religious
- 39. Native Americans of Colorado and Wyoming
- 42. Pouch
- 43. Touch gently
- 46. Chose
- 47. Actress Tomei
- 49. Former Broncos coach Dan
- 50. Icelandic poems
- 52. More decent
- 54. Grillmasters use it
- 55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
- 57. Expression of annoyance
- 59. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Body part
- 66. Thus
- 68. Rupee

**Annie's Mailbox**

**Love Never Dies**

**Dear Readers:** Thank you for your heartfelt and humbling responses to Second Wife, who is bothered that her second husband continues to carry a photo of his late wife in his billfold. These serve as an important reminder that though loved ones die, our love for them doesn't.

**Dear Annie:** After 20-plus years of marriage, my now-husband and I both lost our first spouses. We had long and wonderful marriages before they were both cut short by cancer.

When my now-husband and I married, we embraced our first spouses into our marriage. It's a marriage of four people, not just two. They were a part of who we were then and the people we are now. Their pictures are as important a part of our home as the pictures of his two daughters, my daughter and our grandchild.

We still talk about them, remember the

good times and share stories. We take flowers to the cemetery on their birthdays and "death days." We love them just as much today as we did 20 years ago.

My now-husband and I just celebrated our 22nd anniversary. So my advice to Second Wife is to embrace the first spouse, share stories and add your pic in his wallet. Perhaps opening up to one another -- sharing stories about your first spouses -- will enrich your current marriage, as it has for me and my now-husband. -- With Open Arms

**Dear Annie:** I, too, lost my wife, and I can tell you she will always be part of my life. I completely disagree that he should bury the past.

Losing a spouse is like losing part of yourself. I believe that it is possible to find new love, but that new love is an addition, not a replacement.

I think Second Wife needs to understand that her husband can love and be devoted to her but that his lost wife will always be part of who he is. -- Still Grieving

**Dear Annie:** In regards to your response to Second Wife, I have a different take on the

situation.

I had been widowed for five years when I remarried and moved into my second husband's home. He had a wall of family pictures (kids, parents and grandparents), and there was one picture of his ex-wife and their children.

Before we were married, he told me who was in each picture. When he came to that picture, he said, "It's not there because I still love her, but because it is part of my and my children's lives."

After we married, he rummaged through my things until he found a picture of my late husband. He then went and put that picture on the wall because it was part of my life. When people come over and ask about the pictures, he always tells them that is my late husband.

We loved each other dearly, and they are only pictures. -- Grieving with Grace

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The computer class is \$75 dollars for the whole class. Applications are available at the Howard County Library circulation desk or online at <http://hc4.life/training>.

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This week's reviews are mystery and western titles.

Quinton Zane is back. Jack Lancaster, consultant to the FBI, has always been drawn to the coldest of cold cases, the kind that law enforcement either considers unsolvable or else has chalked up to accidents or suicides in *Untouchable - Sons of Anson* series #3 (M KRE J) by Jayne Ann Krentz. As a survivor of a fire, he finds himself uniquely compelled by arson cases. His almost preternatural ability to get inside the killer's head has garnered him a reputation in some circles, and complicated his personal life. The more cases Jack solves, the further he slips into the darkness. His only solace is Winter Meadows, a meditation therapist. After particularly grisly cases, Winter can lead Jack back to peace. But as long as Quinton Zane is alive, Jack will not be at peace for long. Having solidified his position as the power behind the throne of his biological family's hedge fund, Zane sets out to get rid of Anson Salinas's foster sons, starting with Jack.



Sandra Verdin

Stone Barrington and several friends are vacationing in Florida when an extreme weather event puts a damper on their trip in *Turbulence - Stone Barrington* series #46 (M WOO S) by Stuart Woods. Even worse, the hurricane-force winds blow a powerful, noxious politician straight onto Stone's doorstep.

Though they part ways before long, Stone soon learns that he hasn't seen the last of his new acquaintance. It turns out that this official has some shady associates who may have destructive plans afoot, and Stone needs an entrée to the inside to figure out their scheme. With the fate of nations at stake, Stone must summon all of his fearless daring to put

an end to the audacious plot but this time he may be in over his head.

Steve Dancy has married and settled down in San Diego in *No Peace* (LP W BES J) by James D. Best. His wanderlust and violence discarded when he married Virginia, the past three years have been blissfully peaceful. Now with a two-year-old son, Steve invites his mother to meet the family in Monterey at the Hotel Del Monte, one of the finest resort hotels in the country, for a family holiday. Astonished to discover that Jenny Bolton and her new and annoying husband have accompanied his mother, Steve is still determined to make the most of this time with his family. Without warning his world suddenly reverts to the savagery of his bygone days when one of their party disappears and a handwritten note is delivered demanding a ransom. There will be no peace.

Ken Barry, advance scout for a group of Michigan settlers, turns into bad luck in Dos Rios where he is first accused of cattle rustling and then faced with a deadly double charge of bank robbery and murder in *Grand Mesa* (LP W ELS A) by Allan Vaughan Elston. He cannot understand the enmity of Dale Cummings, the town's leading merchant who seems eager to dispose of him.

In his favor, Channing has the support of the town's sheriff and judge over whom he holds political power, a group of unsavory gambling den hirelings and a sinister servant. Ken's small group of supporters is hardly a match for this murderous crew and, when help from outside finally does arrive, it immediately falls into Channing's hands.

"Come to a book as you would come to an unexplored land. Come without a map. Explore it, and draw your own map." – Stephen King, *Hearts in Atlantis*

## From the lens of a provider: Frustrated providers (in a pandemic)

By Stacy Armstrong-Flores,

APRN, FNP-C

We're taught from books and professors after years of research and experience how to practice in the field. Scientist and doctors have studied diseases and viruses for decades and know how to treat them.

When someone comes to us for asthma, diabetes, or other illnesses we have medications that have been proven to work and we know where to begin, how to prescribe, what to order, and if the first line treatment doesn't work then we have a second and third line protocol.

When COVID hit, we had NOTHING. We had no valid trustworthy research, we had no protocol and even two years later we're still trying to figure out treatment. COVID is a virus. There's not a pill that cures it. There are medica-

tions that help slow the process and treat symptoms. This is all we know at this point. But there is NO cure.

So don't get mad at the provider who was given a blank slate and told to fix it. Don't get mad at the provider because they don't prescribe you the debatable, potentially unsafe, medications that big pharma pushes. Don't get mad at the provider because our government refuses to study or approve methods other countries use. Don't get mad at the provider because we can't fix or cure you, we aren't God. We are doing the best that we can with what we have been dealt. The greatest thing we can do is pray for you, and ask God for wisdom, knowledge and understanding in order to be the safest provider that we know how to be.

Signed, a frustrated but God-fearing provider who will pray for you and your family.

## Psalms And Hymns And Spiritual Songs



TOM SLOAN

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Colossians 3:16

The first thing that comes to my mind when I think about a psalm, is poetry. Now, I mean no disrespect to the Law of Moses, but, when have you ever read any poetry written using the actual words of the Ten Commandments? There are Psalms written about the Law, but I am not aware of any Psalmist using the actual words of the Law to write poetry. When I read the Psalms, like chapter 23, or 91, or 24, I do not see the workings of the Law of Moses, I see the miracle of God's grace.

Psalms chapter 119 does talk a lot about the Law. However, we know that the Law always points to Christ. When Psalms chapter 119 talks about the Law, it is talking about Jesus. I am aware of the fact that this might be a far stretch for some, or that some might say that I am doing

violence to the Scriptures.

But we must remember that the Law always points to Christ. In John 5:46, Jesus said: "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me". Is Psalm 119 about the Law, or is it about Jesus? Well, of course, it is not about the Law (the Ten Commandments), it is about Jesus, who became the end of the Law for our righteousness. Even Moses wrote about Jesus because the Law always points us to Christ. Take for example Psalm 119:18 which says: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law". The Psalmist who wrote this verse knew that there was something in the Law that he was missing, that he could not see. But we now know that the wondrous things of the Law are Christ, and the fact that He was the end of it for our righteousness.

Paul says that we are to teach and admonish one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. And the way we do this is by encouraging one another to, as Paul says – stand fast in the liberty where with Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

This is some of the greatest poetry ever pinned because true poetry doesn't come from the Law, it comes from the grace of Jesus.

## Medical Mess



LILLIAN BOHANNAN

As I have observed over the years, as people get older, they become a medical mess.

Please be aware I'm not complaining about medical personnel in any imagination. I'm just stating a fact that faces older adults.

We find pain intolerable. We are worse for the wear in going through normal maladies. We find many physical reasons not to function as we did in earlier days.

Walkers, canes, crutches, wheel chairs, electric mobility chairs, power lift chairs, and more medicine than the older adult can shake their cane at is our lot in older years.

It seems like the more gain in years, the more pain in gears (joints) we have. Nothing works like it use to.

So what are we to do. The human body is meant to deteriorate enough to die. It is inevitable. So we learn to deal with it.

But there was One Body in our whole physical universe that was designed to

live forever.

When Jesus came in human flesh, He couldn't have died if something supernatural hadn't taken place in Him. I don't think we fully realize this. His blood was begotten of the Father God. His flesh was perfect. His mind was set on always doing the Father's will.

But He got tired, and hungry, and thirsty, just like us.

Except He did not always eat or drink like we do. His Word says, it's appointed unto man once to die.

His physical body couldn't die until He became sin for us. Then the Father turned His Face away from His beloved Son. Jesus died so we didn't have to pay the penalty for our sin.

Then He rose again in victory over our sin, our death, and our grave. His body on the Cross was a medical mess. And the only scars in Heaven will be His when He died for me on that Cross.

So whether you are in a medical mess today or not, turn to the One Whose stripes heal us.

Let Him show you victory in Him. Heaven is yours for the claiming only in Him.

## Something to think about...



RICHARD SCHNEGERGER

Have you heard of Hogg's List? It is an interesting social media site for our local community where people post raves and rants, and ultimately give recommendations for essentially every kind of service in town. It's a bit of an online bulletin board. If you want to know where to go to get your car worked on or your dog washed, to get a haircut or a great hamburger or anything in between, you simply ask and people will chime in with their opinions. It can be helpful to learn from other's experiences.

We often take counsel into consideration when making a decision. If someone we trust tells us, "Don't ever go there. I had a terrible experience with them." We will typically avoid that place. On the other hand, if someone says, "You have got to check that place out. They are the best!" There is a good chance we'll go there. Of course, even the best counsel is of no value if we don't do anything with it. We've probably all had moments in our lives when we received some really wise counsel from people that love us, but we didn't follow it.

If we're told there is a great mechanic in town who can fix our broken down vehicle, but we never take it to him, it's not going to run. If our air conditioner isn't working, and someone recommends a reputable repair man but we never call and invite him in to look at the issue, we're going to live with a broken system. If we've got a toothache and someone recommends a great dentist, but we never schedule an appointment, we're going to live with the pain. Help and healing is often available if we would listen and follow wise counsel.

I'm convinced that the greatest wisdom available to us is in the Word of God. Of course, if we don't listen or follow God's wisdom it is of no value to us. If we are not following His counsel, we are missing out on so much help and healing. At the core, God simply wants us to bring our hurts and our hearts to Him. Jesus continues to call, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." ~ Matthew 11:28-30

I pray that you will take His recommendation today. Whatever you're struggling with you can come to Christ and find rest and peace in Him.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." ~ John 16:33

## Poetry corner

Just a little while longer

Revelation 6:10-11  
The Greater In me.

Been working on a song for my mom's memorial. November 9th she'll be gone one year.

(Just a little while longer)

Since you've been gone  
My Life, My Life hasn't been the same  
Since you've been gone  
My life's not the same.

There's been moments in my Life  
I relive the pain.

I pray, I cry, I long to see you again.  
But the greater in me

He whispers just a little while longer.

Just a little while

Just a little while

And I'll see you again.

Say that to say this working on God  
to fulfill His promises is not always easy  
But I say wait, wait on the Lord.

By Joelle Ludington



# A world of knowledge, learning galore



Courtesy photos

Below left, Forsan Elementary School students in Mrs. Tonn's class work on computer and typing skills this past week. Pictured center at left and above left, Mrs. Welch's class takes part in their reading lesson for the day. Focusing on a well-rounded education is the main goal of the educators. Learning the basics and keeping up with new technology can be learned in a fun way.

## Birth announcement Benny Kash Uranga



Eric and Kristi are proud to announce the arrival of their new son, Benny Kash Uranga.

Benny was born October 4, 2021, at 1:58 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Debbie and Ambrosio Uranga and Linda Porter. He was welcomed home by siblings Naya, Kenley and Eazy Uranga.

He was named after his great uncle Benny Islas who is dearly missed.

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April by former Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga. His successor, Fumio Kishida, a backer of nuclear plant restarts, took office this month.

Japan has pledged to reduce its emissions by 46 percent from 2013 levels, up from an earlier target of 26 percent, to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. Japan says it would try to push the reduction as high as 50 percent to be in line with the European Union's commitment. China has pledged to be carbon neutral by 2060.

The energy plan says renewables should account for 36-38 percent of the power supply in 2030, up from the current target of 22-24 percent, and that newly introduced fuels such as hydrogen and ammonia should com-

prise 1 percent.

The target for fossil fuel use was slashed to 41 percent in 2030 from 56 percent. The plan said Japan will reduce dependence on fossil fuel without setting a timeline. It said Japan will abide by a Group of Seven pledge earlier this year to stop providing overseas assistance for coal-fired generation projects that lack emissions reduction measures.

The 2050 emissions-free target has prompted calls to expedite restarts of nuclear plants. Progress toward reducing Japan's reliance on fossil fuels has been hindered by the prolonged closure of most of its nuclear plants after the Fukushima disaster in 2011.

The plan keeps the target for nuclear power unchanged at 20-22 percent. Japan says it aims to reduce its reliance on nuclear power as much as possible but that nuclear will remain

an important energy source. Experts say a phase out is unlikely anytime soon.

Economy and industry minister Koichi Hagiuda has said "drastic energy conservation, maximum promotion of renewables and safe restarts of nuclear reactors" are key.

Japan will continue its nuclear fuel reprocessing cycle, in which spent nuclear fuel is converted to plutonium, despite the failure of its Monju plutonium-burning reactor and international concerns over safeguards for its plutonium stockpile.

A government taskforce will "accelerate" restarts of reactors, which have been slowed by stricter safety standards set after the Fukushima meltdowns, the plan says.

It did not mention the possibility of new reactors, despite such calls from some industry officials and pro-nu-

clear lawmakers. Japan is pursuing research and development of small modular reactors, or SMRs, considered a clean, affordable and safer nuclear power options in the future.

The atomic energy target will be difficult to achieve because of persistent anti-nuclear sentiment among the public and more time-consuming safety checks by the authorities. The energy plan gave no numerical targets, but experts say the 20-22 percent target would require restarts of about 30 reactors.

Twenty-four of Japan's 54 workable reactors were assigned to be decommissioned after the Fukushima disaster, as utility companies opted to scrap old reactors rather than invest heavily in added safety measures required under stricter post-Fukushima standards. Only 10 reactors have restarted over the past decade.

## Annual trips to the veterinarian are essential for a healthy cat

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION, Oct. 21, 2021 — As every cat owner knows, taking your feline friend to the veterinarian can be a challenge, but regular veterinary check-ups are one of the most important things you can do to keep your cat happy and healthy.

To help make this process less stressful for both you and your cat, Paula Plummer, a surgical oncology technician at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, offers some tips on preparing for a visit to the veterinarian.

One of the first questions pet owners have is how often should they take their cat to their veterinarian.

"As kittens, they will need checkups monthly as they go through their kitten vaccine series," Plummer said. "As your cat matures, a visit may only be required yearly. Your veterinarian may change their recommendations depending on the needs of your cat, so it is best to follow their advice."

Whether you are taking a new kitten to its first appointment or checking on an older cat's health, it is helpful to create a list of questions ahead of time so nothing is forgotten during the appointment.

"If you're seeking veterinary attention because you have adopted a new kitten, you should ask about nutrition, environmental enrichment, vaccines, flea/tick/heartworm/parasite prevention, and general care information," Plummer said. "If you are seeking veterinary attention for a cat's medical condition, ask about that condition, specifically, medications, treatment options and any lifestyle changes that may occur."

If you are taking your pet to a new veterinarian for the first time, it is important to provide the doctor with a complete record of your cat's medical history.

Past medical can either be brought with you or emailed to your veterinarian in advance. These records can include, but are not limited to, current medications, radiographs and other imaging, lab work, and test results. For newly adopted kittens, owners should bring along any paperwork they received from the adoption.

Having a good understanding of the brands of food your cat eats, along with how much, will also help your veterinarian get acquainted with your animal.

For cats, the hardest part of a visit to the veterinarian may not occur in the hospital at all but, rather, in the car ride there. For cats with little experience riding in vehicles, a long car ride has the potential to cause a great deal of stress. To help ease car ride anxieties, Plummer recommends carrier training as early as the kitten stage.

"When choosing a cat carrier, please be thoughtful of the veterinary team and their ability to safely remove your beloved feline family member from it when at the hospital," Plummer said. "The safest carrier for both your cat and the team is a hard sided carrier with a soft, cozy bed in it."

To help your cat become familiar with the carrier, Plummer suggests "leaving the carrier out in the house to allow your pet to get used to it."

Because cats are sensitive to smell, if there is still a hesitancy when approaching a carrier, owners may try incorporating comforting scents to help provide a sense of familiarity. This can include using old bedding or clothing covered in their owner's scent inside the carrier or spraying a synthetic feline pheromone on and around the carrier.

Above all else, car owners should remember that a veterinarian who personally knows your animal will provide the best advice for dealing with travel-related anxieties.

"Veterinarians and their support staff work to understand each and every cat's individual needs through interpreting their body language and facial reactions," Plummer said. "Being able to assess a cat's anxiety levels allows staff members to help ease the stress of veterinary check up and make the experience enjoyable for both the owner and their

cat." Because of this, "it is always best if you seek veterinary advice for specific recommendations on easing anxieties for you and your beloved feline family member," she said.

Learning to care for our feline friends starts with routine veterinary visits to ensure your cat's individual health needs are being met. By being mindful of a cat's anxiety levels and comfort zones, owners can help transform a potentially anxiety ridden check-up into a stress free adventure.

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