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## Big Spring EDC Annual Report delivered to City Council

### Upcoming Events

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

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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

By **MARK WILLIS**  
 BSEDC

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation (BSEDC) presented its annual report to the City Council on Sept. 28, but that likely doesn't reach as many of the people the organization serves as it should. So, this month I will attempt to summarize that report for anyone interested.



This past fiscal year wasn't great for anyone and was especially challenging for people attempting to expand business opportunities, especially in this region of Texas with the com-

bination of a national Covid driven recession and a depressed energy sector. Opportunities were few and far between, yet several good projects are coming to fruition. And with a more positive economic future predicted the City and BSEDC has put itself in a better position to compete for projects going forward.

Projects that began before, sometimes decades before, the current business year that were finished this past year will serve Big Spring well for years to come. The Highway 87 Reliever

Route opened after a thirty-year local push and is another step to realizing a north-south "Ports to Plains" interstate through the City. Two City roads to access that route were also completed, funded largely by a \$6 million investment by the BSEDC, will help the City get the full business benefit of the Reliever Route by providing access to thousands of acres for future development.

Beyond those roads the City, BSEDC and the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission teamed up to apply for a \$5 million federal grant that would allow the City (the City agreed to a \$1.3 million match for the grant) to fully serve over

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## County tables fire alarm maintenance, tax software items

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners tabled two items – one regarding maintenance on the fire alarm system at the Howard County Courthouse, and the other on a license and service agreement with Harris Govern for Howard County's Tax Assessor/Collector – during its meeting Monday afternoon.

Following the invocation and pledge at the start of the meeting, Nick Westgate of Gravity Oilfield Services addressed the commissioners.

"We are building a new water line in the northwest part of the county, and when we were running title, we found a right-of-way for a road easement that looks like it was never built," Westgate said. "According to the easement, the only way it can be reverted back to the landowner is through a Commissioners' Court order."

Judge Kathryn Wiseman told Westgate that the company would need to submit the item in advance to have it placed on a Commissioners' agenda, and directed him to speak with County Road Commissioner Brian Klinksiek and Pre-

cinct 1 Commissioner Eddilisa Ray about the issue.

Commissioners discussed maintenance for the County Courthouse's aging fire alarm system, and decided to table the issue for more research, and revisit it at the next meeting. Additionally, Commissioner Craig Bailey (Precinct 2) suggested looking into adding a carbon monoxide detector to the alarm system.

Howard County Tax Assessor/Collector Tiffany Sayles addressed the court regarding updating the county's tax software through the Allen, Texas, based Harris Govern company.

"The CAD (County Appraisal District) office has recently approved a software change, so in order to streamline it, my office will need to update with them," she said. "This is the agreement for the tax side of this new software," Sayles said. "We are having a lot of issues with (the current software). So the CAD has chosen to go with this Harris software. It's also streamlined appraising on their side, and from what I've heard talking to a few people on, it's also a lot more

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## HC Big Spring roof work to start early Nov.; SWCD work nears completion

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

During the Howard College Junior College District board of trustees meeting Monday, Executive Dean Terry Hansen told board members that roof work on the SouthWest College for the Deaf campus buildings is nearing completion, and work on Howard College's Big Spring campus roofs will begin about the start of November.

The board met about 12:30 p.m. Monday.

"We did the substantial completion inspection at SWCD this morning," Hansen said. "There were just a minimal handful of really minor punchlist items. A little bit of caulking here, and just one little edge they needed to work on. Just a few little odds and ends like that."

Hansen said the warranty on the new roof was due to begin Monday, as the inspection marked the substantial completion of the project. The punchlist repairs are expected to be complete by the end of this week, he added.

"Then, everything at SWCD will be completely finished, and then the focus, and all the work that's been going on until that point, will be here at Howard," he said, adding that he expected the work at Howard College should take about four months.

During the meeting, the College Board approved a Routine Matters agenda, including approval of minutes of its Sept. 27 meeting, a checklist for Sept. 2021, monthly reports of auxiliary services, personnel matters and an internal audit report.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks presented a COVID-19 response

status update.

"As we all know the Delta surge has seemed to subside, and we've definitely seen a decrease in the number of confirmations and active cases in our area, and obviously, recoveries," Dr. Sparks said.

Sparks announced that work continues on legislative outreach and determining legitimate uses for the CARES Act funding.

"We've had 1,226 students, as of Oct. 24, that have been given some kind of award, so that's something we can continue to do according to the state rules relative to students," she said.

Sparks said the college is working with local school districts on issues related to the academic calendar.

In other business, Sparks presented the annual Small Class Report.

"We do this both in the spring and the fall," she said. "There are many reasons we have small classes, and we

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## Obituaries

## Sally Belle Cowper Sheppard Mandell



Sally Belle Cowper Sheppard Mandell, devoted wife, mother and grandmother died Oct. 16, 2021, from complications of Covid pneumonia. She was born in Big Spring, Texas, the first of four children of Roscoe Bennett Gray Cowper M.D., and Mary Joy Odam Cowper. She was an honor student at Big Spring High School, elected to several class officer positions and to Who's Who on Campus. In 1954, she attended the YMCA World Centennial Conference in Paris, France. In 1960, she earned a BA degree from the University of Texas at Austin, where she was admitted to the Plan II honors program and pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. On campus she served on the Student Union Leadership Committee, participated in "Y" activities, and was invited to join the Orange Jackets honor society. She was a founder of the informal (and enduring) organization for campus women, the Bored Martyrs.

In 1961, Sally married Rodney Sheppard, also originally from Big Spring and a graduate of UT. While he served in active military duty, Sally taught GED classes for non-commissioned officers. While Mr Sheppard attended UT Law School, she was the Foster Home Worker in the first Travis County Child Welfare Unit. Later she served as Chairman of the Child Welfare board. During these years, she also served as President of the Kappa Alumnae organization and was active in the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and the Austin Junior League.

Divorced in 1973, Sally moved with her three children to Paris, Texas, in order to manage her family's ranch in Red River County. She took agriculture classes at Paris Junior College, mastered the ranching business and became a certified Brangus cattle inspector. Her ranching experience led to her avid interest in the commodities market. She became a licensed Commodity and Stock Broker, eventually running her own firm clearing trades through Rosenthal Collins in Chicago and Southwest Securities in Dallas.

In 2003, Sally moved back to Austin, re-joining

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, where she met and married Humboldt Casad Mandell, PhD. Together they were active in church activities and University of Texas events. Sally served as president of St. Anne's Guild of Good Shepherd and as a volunteer for Faith in Action (Drive a Senior). She and Hum enjoyed the University of Texas Forum group, the Chancellor's council, and Texas Exes Flying Longhorn trips. She supported Junior League projects, Kappa Kappa Gamma philanthropies, the Paralyzed Veterans' fundraising, and the Dress for Success program.

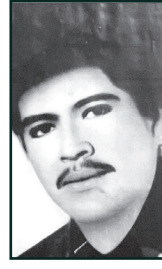
As a girl growing up in territory home to the native Comanche tribe, Sally collected hundreds of arrowheads and fossils, beginning her lifelong appreciation of artifacts, cultural objects, and natural history. With the advent of the iPhone, Sally became an enthusiastic photographer, sharing her creativity with friends and family. She will be remembered for her fearlessness and grit in taking on new challenges; her high kicks of celebration and infectious joie de vivre; her love of art and travel and delight in sharing new discoveries; and her exquisite style and natural talent for entertaining. Museum guards will remember her as the lady who got too close to the paintings.

Sally Sheppard Mandell was preceded in death by her father, Roscoe Bennett Gray Cowper, her mother, Mary Joy Odam Cowper, and her beloved son, Judson Cowper Sheppard. She is survived by her husband, Humboldt Casad Mandell, Jr., PhD; daughters Joy Celeste Sheppard, MD and Lauren Sheppard (and husband David Wolfson); and grandsons Caleb Judson Sheppard Wolfson and Toby Beckett Sheppard Wolfson. Other survivors include her sisters Jane Cowper Henson (and husband Bart) of Houston, Brenda Cowper Smith (and husband Bruce) of New Braunfels; and brother RBG (Bennett) Cowper, Jr. of Dallas.

Funeral arrangements are through Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin. Services are planned at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Austin on October 30, 2021. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a tax-deductible contribution to the nonprofit Tiny Hearts Project (tinyheartsproject.org), or the charity of your choice.

*Paid Obituary*

## Armando Hernandez Delgado



Armando Hernandez Delgado, 84, passed away peacefully in his wife's arms after waging a courageous battle with heart disease and succumbed on Oct. 21, 2021. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with vigil service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial

at Mt. Olive

Armando was born to Juan Pedro and Esperanza Delgado on Dec. 1, 1936, in Canatlan, Durango, Mexico.

He made his path from Mexico as part of the Bracero Program in 1954 at the age of 18. He traversed the states and finally planted roots in Big Spring, Texas, and worked for Big Spring ISD for 25 years.

Armando's greatest pride came from his family that he loved above all else, he had such a passion for animals and trees. He was a man of simple pleasures who loved nothing more than to make a friend by conversing about his past experiences that he went through in his youth to create his family empire.

Armando is survived by his loving faithful wife of 58 years of marriage, Josefina Delgado and his children, Armando Jr. Delgado (Catherine), Rubicelly Rabon (Reo), Juan Pedro Delgado (Yvette), Fernando Delgado (Irma), Lenin Tisdale, Jessie Delgado, Lenny Byrd (Chris), Luciano Delgado, Rolando Delgado, Robyn Lopez (Joe), Felipe Delgado (Inez); 27 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

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## Angela Michelle Wrinkle



Michelle Wrinkle passed away Oct. 18, 2021. She leaves behind numerous loving family members, friends, and pets. Michelle created special memories and bonds with all who were blessed to meet her. She will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Michelle graduated from Big Spring High School in 1982. Most of her younger years were spent in Big Spring. After living briefly in Houston, she moved to Midland, Texas, where she resided until 2019. She ultimately moved to Marble Falls, Texas, her home from 2019-2021.

Most of Michelle's working years as an adult were in the entertainment industry, serving in various clubs and restaurants in Midland and in Marble Falls. Michelle was an incredibly popular and jovial employee who made lifelong friends of both colleagues and customers.

Her passions and interests were highlighted by spending time with family and friends. Michelle loved holidays and birthdays and went out of her way in terms of giving to others. Only her love of her pets could match her love of family, and pets truly were always part of her family.

Other interests included music, movies, televi-

sion series, and shopping, particularly for home goods. Her houses were never short of the "creature comforts".

Michelle was preceded in death by her mother Lenore Jean Wrinkle and by her father Sammy Rea Wrinkle and is survived by her brother Kirk Wrinkle and his wife Jodi of Austin, Texas, brother Kim Wrinkle of Silverton, Colorado, nephew Rea Wrinkle, his wife Amber, and their children Payton, Zane, and Ella, all of Orange, Texas, nephew Brooks Wrinkle, his children Sierra and Evie, and his wife Dana and her son James Campbell, all of San Angelo, Texas, niece Lindsey Wrinkle, her husband Eric Dodson, and their young son Lane, all of Georgetown, Texas, and niece Kendall Eckel and her husband Matt of The Colony, Texas.

Memorial services include a visitation on Friday, October 29, from 6 - 8 p.m. and the funeral service on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. Both services will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N Big Spring Street in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Michelle's memory to Living Grace Canine Ranch, [www.livinggracecanineranch.org](http://www.livinggracecanineranch.org)

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Support Groups

## TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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- 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.
- Community Outreach will be taking place at First Assembly of God Living Waters, on Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. There will be candy, games, free food and fellowship. First Assembly is lo-

- cated at 310 W. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas. Donations are welcome.
- Senior Citizens Dances are held every other Friday at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is Oct. 29. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information contact Cotton Mize at 270-5060.
- 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.
- 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.

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bring to you the justification for each of those so you can know what those are about.”

The board also approved the annual Security and Fire Reports for Howard College and SWCD.

Leading off the Monitoring portion of the board's agenda, Chief Business Officer Steve Smith gave an overview of the college's purchasing process.

Every year we try to give you some kind of just a short overview of what we do in the way of purchasing, so that when you're looking at the checklist, you know the processes that have gone on behind that,” Dr. Sparks said. “Then also, whenever we bring something to you for you to approve, you know what the processes are. So I've asked Steve to give you your annual review.”

Smith gave the board a brief explanation of the processes involved with purchasing.

“At the very, very basic level, employees use the requisition system. It was acquired as a part of the new student information system. As y'all know,

we're still working on getting the student information system, but what we do have is the accounting, and human resources, and purchasing system in place,” he said. “So employees enter a requisition, and it goes to a hierarchical system for approval.”

Smith went on to further explain the system and give examples of how requisitioning purchases is done, approved, and completed.

The board formally accepted the resignation of one faculty member, Billy McMahon, an instructor at Howard College's GEO Group prison extension.

The board also heard a report on the college's contract with GEO, which will conclude at the end of October.

“We've been with them for several years, providing their instructional delivery. That is not contact, that is just instructional programming,” Dr. Sparks said. “We have had several months to be able to work on that, as far as the displacement of faculty, and we have been working with the FCI (Federal Correctional Institution). It's been kind of interesting. We've had several individuals that have retired. We've had individuals that have gone to the FCI and we've seen it as an opportunity to

transition some individuals to the FCI. And a few of our individuals have already relocated to the Big Spring campus.”

The board voted to cast the college's 561 votes to elect its lone nominee, Board Member Mark Barr, to the Howard County Appraisal District board of directors. At the board's last meeting, it nominated Barr for the position. Dr. Sparks said 834 votes are required to guarantee a spot on the five-person board, but the five elected from the six nominees, will be seated on the board.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Sparks announced that representatives from the college will be meeting with the Big Spring Area Community Foundation on Thursday; Texas Representative Drew Draby will hold a Town Hall meeting at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum's East Room, and that the next Howard College Board Meeting will be Nov. 15.

Sparks also praised Director of Institutional Advancement Julie Bailey, and Director of Information and Marketing Cindy Smith, for their work on the college's 75th Anniversary celebration in September.

# COUNTY

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streamlined on our side as well when it comes to reports, getting information, things like that.”

The county voted to table the issue for more research.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve giving the surface estate portion of the Heritage Museum of Big Spring to the museum itself. The donation comes with a stipulation, that the land always be used for civic uses. The county retained the mineral rights to the property.

County Treasurer Sharon Adams presented personnel considerations, as well as her monthly report and quarterly report, all of which the commissioners approved unanimously.

Adams also presented a refund of \$9,795.55 to the commissioners from the Texas Association of Counties unemployment fund, which was also unanimously accepted.

County Auditor Jackie Olson called for a public hearing on the proposed voluntary dissolution of the Howard County Water

Control and Improvement District No. 1, a group whose purpose was to serve as an intermediary to broker water from Big Spring to Coahoma. No members of the public chose to address the commissioners during the hearing. The commissioners unanimously voted to approve the dissolution, which must be confirmed by a public election.

Olson also presented invoices, purchase requests, and the September financial report, all of which were approved unanimously.

Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek reported that the Road and Bridge Department continues to work to repair the Beals Creek Bridge and to clean ditches along CR 24.

Klinksiek also requested awarding two out of three bids on road maintenance materials, and to reject a third, returning it for a rebid.

The two approved bids were for limestone rock asphalt, to Vulcan Materials Co. of Abilene; and for road flex base material, to Howard County's Tubb Quarry.

The third bid process – for roadway emulsion – was rejected

because Klinksiek inadvertently ordered the wrong material.

“I'm asking y'all not to award this one and give me permission to rebid it,” Klinksiek said. “It turns out somehow I had a wire crossed on this product, and the product that we need is not the one that we bid, and we don't want to clog up our patch truck with the wrong product.”

Commissioners unanimously approved allowing Klinksiek to re-request bids for the emulsion.

Klinksiek also requested, and the commissioners unanimously approved, speed limit increases on CenterPoint Road and on County Road 34, each to 65 miles per hour.

County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf presented a project to the commissioners whose purpose is to preserve the county's written records.

“This is a project that we are required by law to do,” Zitterkopf said, noting that some of the county's records date back to the 1880s.

The commissioners unanimously approved pursuing the preservation project further.

Spring Town Plaza (mall) by new ownership. Investment that is already reviving the mall (look for new openings in October). While this did not involve direct investment by the BSEDC (the organization's funds are limited to investments that create “base jobs”), it is also BSEDC staff's responsibility to provide the City with expertise in application of other economic development tools available, cost-benefit analysis associated with City assistance provided and general support. And while the EDC can't offer incentives to individual retailers, it often aid them in finding suitable locations.

Additionally, within that support role the BSEDC contracts with Leading EDG to provide support services to small businesses and those considering opening a new business in Howard County. Today there are 16 clients taking advantage of this service.

With the economy opening up BSEDC staff members are beginning to travel again to recruit businesses and generally sell the benefits of a Big Spring location. Hopefully, especially with a favorable grant application outcome, the next fiscal year will be outstanding.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Billy McIntosh, 23, Church with burial at died Monday. Funeral service 11 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

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

Mt. Olive

Natividad Ceballos, 41, died Tuesday. Funeral service 10 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive.

Emma Lewis, 68, died Saturday. Memorial service will be 2 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Connie Alvarado, 63, died Thursday. Vigil service at 7 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass at 10 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Antonia “Toni” Bustamante, 58, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Daniel Ramirez, 63, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

# EDC

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400 of those acres with water, sewer and broadband infrastructure that will allow Big Spring to become a real competitor for projects requiring shovel ready sites, and that is most of them. Beyond that the BSEDC led efforts to get preliminary agreements in place with the landowners along the new infrastructure easements to leverage the potential to everyone's advantage. As time goes by, the new investment in that area will help fund further additional infrastructure investments, expanding that service area, that could provide new economic opportunity for decades.

Just the potential of the City receiving and deploying this grant is already drawing business interest. In the past month BSEDC staff has been in contact with six potential businesses interested in West-Texas projects and three of those have made preliminary land purchase inquiries.

In the more immediate timeframe, the BSEDC invested \$100,000 to support of the Howard County Community Healthcare Center expansion now under construction and initiated the ongoing development of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) in the downtown area, that will allow the town to leverage the new business development in that zone to support the ongoing renaissance there without dipping into existing revenue streams.

The BSEDC also spearheaded the 380-development agreement signed by the City that helped secure a +\$4 million redevelopment investment in the

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By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

It's definitely here, baseball fans. It's time for the World Series! This year we have what should be a pretty good matchup. It will be the Houston Astros taking on the Atlanta Braves for World Series glory. It has been a compelling adventure for both teams to get to this point. While this may have been a popular pick as the eventual World Series matchup at the first of the season, the Braves struggled early on, and to be honest, when the trade deadline rolled around in late July, I had written this team off. They had just lost their best player in Ronald Acuna Jr. for the season, and they just looked like a team heading in the wrong direction. But they corrected those issues and got hot at the right time, and here they are. On the flip side, the Astros have been pretty good all year long. They have a potent offense and were one favorite to be here all season long. So let us see if we can dig into this series and see what we think may happen.

First off, let's dig a little more into how both teams got here by looking at their playoff runs. The Astros got to the Series on the back of this high-powered lineup. Houston has scored 67 runs in their ten playoff games. They had six of their seven playoff wins by at least five runs. One key has been their approach at the plate when having two outs. They have 45 of those 67 runs with two outs. That tells me their approach at the plate has been spot on. That should come as no surprise as they loaded this team with all-star veteran players who know how to work an at-bat. It is also an estimate of how little this team strikes out; earlier, every batter in

the lineup has a great approach and knows what a professional at-bat is all about. The Braves got here by just knocking out the defending champion Dodgers by just knocking out the defending champion Dodgers. The 88 wins they had on the season were the least of any team in the playoffs. This will be the

finished second in the MVP voting. With Correa heading off into free agency, these could be their last games together. One last opportunity to secure their place in the game's history.

The Braves have the opportunity to erase playoff failure. Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, and John Smoltz helped the Braves win their only World Series title in 1995. Since that time, the Braves have made 16 different appearances in the postseason without a championship to show for it. This includes 12 appearances since their last world series appearance in 1999. This is not one of the three best Atlanta teams during that stretch by any means, but then they have been on a roll and have been playing great baseball at the correct times. The Braves did not have a winning record until Aug 6; since that time, including the playoffs, they are 40-21. This caused them to be just the fourth team to have ever reached the World Series



first World Series that does not have a 100 win team since 2015 when the Kansas City Royals defeated the New York Mets four games to one. The Braves have been a role since early August and rode that good to play into the playoffs.

It's no secret that the Houston Astros are kind of like the outlaws of baseball, and it will take some time to repair that image. Instead of redemption, this team will look to make history. The Astros are just the third team in baseball history to reach their league championship series for five years in a row. They are also appearing in their third World Series in five years, cementing that this is one of the best runs by a team of all time. Carlos Correa, Jose Altuve, Alex Bregman, and Yuli Gurriel are the core four players who have been along for this wild ride. Altuve has won an MVP award, Altuve and Gurriel have both won batting titles. Alex Bregman has

despite losing at the All-Star break. Their 88 wins do not look impressive by any means, but in the playoffs, they have knocked out the 95 win Brewers and the defending champs, the 106 win Dodgers. So this team is playing hot baseball right at the time you need them to be.

This should be a very entertaining series of baseball to watch. Both teams have great high-powered offensives that can put up runs quickly. Both have some decent pitching. So what we have in store for baseball fans is just plain and simple good baseball to watch. Now, who am I predicting? Well, I think this is a close matchup. But I will take the Braves to edge out the Astros, winning this series 3-2. Sorry Astros fans, I'm not always right; guys, ask my wife. So I could defiantly be way off here, just going with my gut feeling.

# Harrison, now a mother of 2, fights for \$1M PFL championship

By **DAN GELSTON**

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Kayla Harrison twice won Olympic gold, hugged Mike Tyson after the former heavyweight champ wrapped a title belt around her waist and walked out of the Professional Fighters League cage clutching an oversized \$1 million checks.

Her biggest reward, in an adulthood full of professional triumphs, is from earlier this month: a moment captured on Instagram by the 31-year-old Harrison where she hugged daughter Kyla after her adoption became official, a day the MMA star called "the best day of my life, by far."

More best days on the horizon: Harrison just finalized the adoption of her son, Emery.

"YOU GUYS IM A MOM OF TWO!!!" she posted Monday on Instagram.

Somewhere in the middle of adoption ceremonies, family days at the beach and planning a birthday party for her 3-year-old boy, Harrison keeps doing what she does best — winning fights in PFL and proving she's one of the fiercest fighters in MMA.

"I want to instill my will," she said.

Harrison (11-0) has fought three times already since May because of the PFL's season format and a win Wednesday on ESPN against Taylor Guardado (3-1-1) would give her another 155-pound championship and a second career \$1 million prize.

Her family life largely settled, Harrison's professional future is in limbo with her PFL deal set to expire and questions raised about where she'll fight next. Undefeated, yes. Untested? Well, the PFL women's division certainly isn't as stout as UFC, or even Bellator, where a potential big-money bout with Cris Cyborg could be in the cards. PFL, though, is the only major MMA promotion with a 155-pound women's division and it may be in Harrison's best interest to fight another year for big money for the company and drop a weight class — all to get her ready for a peak free-agent year in 2022.

With a big decision ahead, Harrison said "she's not even thinking" about 2022 and beyond.

"I'm trying to win a title fight, I'm trying to adopt these kids," she said, laughing.

But, if PFL isn't willing to pay its face of the promotion what Harrison feels she's worth, "then I have no doubt I'll probably be the highest-paid free agent in the history of MMA."

That's a bold statement, even from a fighter who hasn't needed to go beyond the first round seven times since her PFL debut in 2018.

Her unbeaten streak in all forms stretches to 2016. No U.S. judoka — man or woman — had ever won Olympic gold before Harrison beat Britain's Gemma Gibbons to capture the women's 78-kilogram-and-under division at the 2012 Olympics in London. She won gold again four years later at the Rio de Janeiro Games.

Harrison has been open about the years of physical and mental abuse inflicted by a former coach leading into the Olympics and she wrote a book about recognizing and overcoming the trauma. Through it all, Harrison said her faith has steadied her along the way.

"I just have come to the understanding and realization that some stuff you just have to give to God," she said. "Some stuff you're not going to be able to fix or solve or change, and you're just going to really have that faith that it will

all work out."

Tragedy struck in late 2019 when Harrison's mother had a stroke and her stepfather died months later, leaving Harrison's young niece and nephew without a guardian (her sister was out of the picture).

Harrison became an instant caretaker — and now, a mother.

Harrison is part of a Sunday Bible group at her church in Coral Springs, Florida, and they study Ecclesiastes and discuss the difficulty at times in keeping the faith through severe moments of doubt.

"Everyone was thinking there and they all had this peace and they were like, God is good all the time," she said. "I have no doubt they all have struggles in their lives. It was toward the end and I was like, I don't know about all of you, but this is really hard. I struggle with this every day. They're like, no matter what, God's got me. I'm like, what if I die? What happens to my kids? I know you're saying God's got this

But I'm literally their last hope. If I die, what happens to them? If I lose my fight? What happens? I understand we have to have this faith and we have to understand nothing matters but God, but I really struggle with it."

She's a fan of motivational speaker Tony Robbins and would love to share her inspirational story at one of his self-help seminars. Her message is a simple one:

"I have faith that God is moving in my life and doing things that I can't even see," she said, "but the results are going to be worth it."

Yes, that includes her 2022 fight promotion, but thoughts of signing with PFL or UFC are for another day. Up first is a championship fight and then plans to unwind with a party celebrating her kids and her career. She can afford the bash.

"I probably will have another million bucks in my back pocket," she said, laughing.

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### The complicated connection between black cats, witches and Halloween

Come October, it's hard to miss the many indelible images associated with Halloween.

symbols of Halloween.

Black cats have become synonymous with Halloween decor, but few may know how this association came to be. According to History.com, the notion of black cats as bad omens can be traced to the Middle Ages. Back then, people believed witches avoided detection by turning themselves into black cats.

The perception of black cats as something more than mere felines may even predate the Middle Ages. For example, in Norse mythology, Freyja, a goddess of, among other things, a type of Late Scandinavian Iron Age magic known as "Seior," was believed to have ridden a chariot pulled by two cats. That

connection to sorcery could explain the link between black cats and witches that continues to be made today.

Despite the lengthy history suggesting black cats are bad omens, it's not all bad for these dark-colored felines. One researcher at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History found that Welsh folklore depicted black cats as harbingers of good luck, and even noted their ability to predict the weather.

Black cats are one of many symbols of Halloween. And much like jack-o'-lanterns and trick-or-treating, the story of how black cats came to be associated with Halloween is interesting and thought-provoking.

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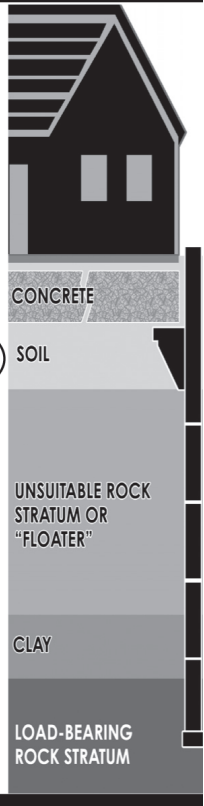
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7:00 AM	Good Morning America		Fox 24 News AM	CBS Mornings		Today	Light of Southwest	Tiger Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce Jerry	George George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter		NCIS (DVS)	Storage Wars: Scariest Lockers	Master Distiller
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1:00 PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	House	Cyber	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Movie: I Am Legend (DVS)	This Just In	SportsCenter	NHL Hockey: Stars at Blue Jackets	NCIS (DVS)	Storage	Bering Sea Gold
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7:00 PM	The Bachelor (DVS)	Rosa de Guadalupe	2021 World Series: Game 1: Teams TBA.	FBI: International	Pendientes a la fuerza	La Brea (DVS)	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Chicago Fire	Supergirl	Big Bang	NBA Basketball: 76ers at Knicks	NHL Hockey: Golden Knights at Avalanche	NFL Live	Mavs Pre.	WWE NXT	Storage	Bering Sea Gold
8:00 PM	(01) Queens	La de-salmada	FBI: Most Wanted	Malverde: el santo	New Amsterdam	Light of Southwest	Cyber	Pink	College Football	News Gold	Last O.G.	NBA Basketball: Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz.	MLB Soccer	PFL 2021	Mavs	(9:59) Movie: Taken, Famke Janssen	Storage	Expedition Unknown
9:00 PM	Big 2	Noticiero	FOX 24 News at 9	Late Show- Colbert	Caso cerrado (SS)	Tonight Show	Words of Elinor	Curious George-Boo		Burgers	Last O.G.	Inside the NBA	SportsCenter	SportCtr E60 Presentations	AVP Pro Beach Vol	Storage	Bering Sea Gold	
10:00 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James Corden	Sin Senos Si	On the	Almas	Mike	Creek	George	George	NBA Basketball: 76ers at Knicks	SportsCenter	Pardon	NFL Live	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Expedition Unknown
11:00 PM	Nightline	Un gancho al	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Programa De'siones	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Holly	Minute	Liquidator	George	SportsCenter	UFC 267 Court	Mavs	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Expedition Unknown	
12:00 AM	Get Home Title Lock	La madrastra	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	La muerte cruzó el Rio Bravo	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Forensic	BeFlexi	Wipeout	SportsC.	NHL Hockey: Golden Knights at Avalanche	SportsCenter	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Moonshiners
1:00 AM	(06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(07) CBS Overnight News	Noticias Early Tdy	Programa	The Is	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Brain Fog	Matters	Bones	NHL Hockey: Golden Knights at Avalanche	SportsCenter	Icons	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Moonshiners
2:00 AM		El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU		Programa	Early Tdy	The Gath	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Dr. Ho's	Matters	Bones	NHL Hockey: Golden Knights at Avalanche	SportsCenter	Icons	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Moonshiners
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4:00 AM	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	The Gath	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Dr. Ho's	Matters							

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## A lesson from long ago

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 10 4  
♥ Q 7 3  
♦ Q 9 7  
♣ A K J 5

**WEST**  
♠ 6 2  
♥ K 9 5 2  
♦ 6 5 3 2  
♣ 7 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ A J 9 8 7  
♥ 6 4  
♦ A 8 4  
♣ 10 9 8

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 5 3  
♥ A J 10 8  
♦ K J 10  
♣ Q 6 3

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

Opening lead — six of spades.

A declarer's path to success is often strewn with assorted pitfalls. One of declarer's top priorities is to recognize them when they arise and to do everything that can be done to avoid them.

Today's hand provides an illustration. The deal was played back in the 1930's by Josephine Culbertson, who was generally regarded as the top woman player of that era.

She got to three notrump as shown, and West led the six of spades. Many declarers would have

mechanically played the ten or four from dummy, but Mrs. Culbertson played the queen!

East took the queen with the ace but now could not afford a spade return because of dummy's ten. So he shifted to a heart, and again Mrs. Culbertson responded with the correct play. She went up with the ace and led the king of diamonds at trick three.

East took the ace and led a heart to partner's king, but he was fighting a losing battle. West returned a spade through dummy's 10-4, but Mrs. Culbertson won with the king and finished with ten tricks — one spade, three hearts, two diamonds and four clubs.

Now let's suppose that the first play from dummy had been the ten (or four) of spades. In that case, East would have played the jack (or seven) to force South's king. Then, at some point later in the play, when West gained the lead with the king of hearts, his spade return through dummy's Q-4 would have set the contract.

Similarly, had Mrs. Culbertson taken the tempting heart finesse at trick two, she would also have gone down after a spade return by West. It was only by avoiding both of these pitfalls that Mrs. Culbertson was able to make the contract.

Tomorrow: Card-reading.

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## Annie's Mailbox

### Overwhelmed by Ice Cream

Dear Annie: I read your column every day, and I read with great interest the letter from the wife whose husband had an affair 20 years earlier. She was bitter that none of her friends told her about it.

I found myself in a similar situation, only I was the friend, and I DID tell her that her husband was cheating on her. This was 35 years ago.

Remember the old expression about killing the messenger? That's what happened to me. I had struggled with what to do with this information for several days. I knew she'd be devastated, but I believed she deserved the truth. She was my best friend, and I felt I'd be lying to her face every time I saw her if I didn't tell her.

I practiced for days trying to come up with the most supportive way of talking to her. I went and saw her, and we talked for about an hour, and it was very, very difficult. I left knowing that she had a lot to process and sort out, and I gave her some space. After a few days, I called but could not reach her. I left messages, but I

never heard back from her.

Fifteen years later, I got a rather incoherent and angry letter from her, blaming me -- for what, specifically, wasn't clear.

The wife who wrote to you complaining that no one told her might have reacted differently 20 years ago if someone had let her know. If I had had a crystal ball and known our friendship would be over if I told her, would I still have told my friend at the time? I think so. I still believe hiding it from her would have been worse, a betrayal. -- Killed Messenger in Pennsylvania

Dear Killed Messenger: Thank you for your letter. I suppose it was easier to get mad at you than her husband who had betrayed her. Just know that her meanness came out of pain and that hurt people hurt people.

Dear Annie: Why do Americans have so many ice cream products?

This week, I went to the supermarket, and there were 10 new ice creams to choose from, and I was just about to finish off trying them all from the prior week. I'm not fat -- yet.

Yes, even with the problems of supply, they somehow still manage to pack the refrigerators with new choices. I find myself spending at least five to 10 minutes trying to choose an ice cream that is healthy, economical and tastes good.

In my country, we have fewer ice cream choices, but they all taste good. Should I check myself to see if I have obsessive-compulsive disorder, or should I be concerned that we indeed have too many choices in America?

Another crazy complaint, if I may: I recently found out that a famous ice cream brand with a European label is not actually European. The first time I found this product, I happily told the clerk, who often sees me hanging around the ice cream aisle, that I had found a European ice cream.

He didn't seem surprised but actually looked concerned. I felt like an idiot after I found out it's made by an American corporation. No wonder he looked concerned.

So, this has been my problem, and I need a solution. Maybe you

can help? -- Too Many Choices

Dear Choices: Isn't America great? The complaint in many countries is that there aren't enough choices, while your concern about this country is that we have too many choices of ice cream. That's a sweet thought.

In all seriousness, you bring up a good point that too many choices can actually be detrimental to your well-being. Psychology professor Barry Schwartz argues that having an infinite number of choices can be exhausting. We can set unrealistic expectations and then think we might have made the wrong choice.

Next time you go to the supermarket, make up your mind on the flavor you want before you enter, and don't let all the choices seduce you into swaying.

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# FEATURES

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 26, the 299th day of 2021. There are 66 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On October 26th, 2001, President George W. Bush signed the USA Patriot Act, giving authorities unprecedented ability to search, seize, detain or eavesdrop in their pursuit of possible terrorists.

### On this date:

In 1774, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia.

In 1825, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson River.

In 1861, the legendary Pony Express officially ceased operations, giving way to the transcontinental telegraph. (The last run of the Pony Express was completed the following

month.)

In 1881, the "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" took place in Tombstone, Arizona, as Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and "Doc" Holliday confronted Ike Clanton's gang. Three members of Clanton's gang were killed; Earp's brothers and Holliday were wounded.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte (LAY-tay) Gulf ended in a major Allied victory over Japanese forces, whose naval capabilities were badly crippled.

In 1965, the Beatles received MBE medals as Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire from Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

In 1975, Anwar Sadat became the first Egyptian president to pay an official visit to the United States.

In 1979, South Korean President Park Chung-hee was shot to death by the head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Kim Jae-kyu.

In 1984, "Baby Fae," a newborn with a severe heart defect, was given the heart of a baboon in an experimental transplant in Loma Linda, California. (Baby Fae lived 21 days with the animal heart.)

In 2002, a hostage siege by Chechen rebels at a Moscow theater ended with 129 of the 800-plus captives dead, most from a knockout gas used by Russian special forces who stormed the theater; 41 rebels also died.

In 2010, Iran began loading fuel into the core of its first nuclear power plant.

In 2018, former Fox News Channel personality Megyn Kelly was fired from her NBC morning show after triggering an uproar by suggesting it was OK for white people to wear

blackface at Halloween.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama recalled his struggles with student loan debt as he unveiled a plan at the University of Colorado Denver aimed at giving millions of young people some relief on their payments. In a verdict that disappointed pro-democracy activists, two Egyptian policemen who beat a man to death were convicted of the lesser charge of manslaughter and given a relatively light sentence in a case that helped spark Egypt's uprising.

Five years ago: The Pentagon worked to stave off a public relations nightmare, suspending efforts to force California National Guard troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan to repay enlistment bonuses that might have been improperly awarded. The Chicago Cubs beat Cleveland 5-1 in Game 2 for their first victory during a World Series since 1945.

One year ago: Amy Coney

Barrett was confirmed to the Supreme Court by a deeply divided Senate, with Republicans overpowering Democrats to install President Donald Trump's nominee days before the election and secure a likely conservative court majority for years to come. Police in Philadelphia shot and killed Walter Wallace, a 27-year-old Black man with a history of mental health problems, after yelling at him to drop his knife; the shooting, which brought the issues of policing and racism back into the presidential campaign in its closing days, was followed by days of civil unrest and store break-ins that led the mayor to impose an overnight curfew the following night.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jaclyn Smith is 76. TV host Pat Sajak is 75. Hillary Rodham Clinton is 74. Musician Bootsy Collins is 70. Actor James Pickens Jr. is 69. Rock musician David Was is 69. Rock musician Keith Strickland (The B-52s) is 68. Actor Lauren Tewes

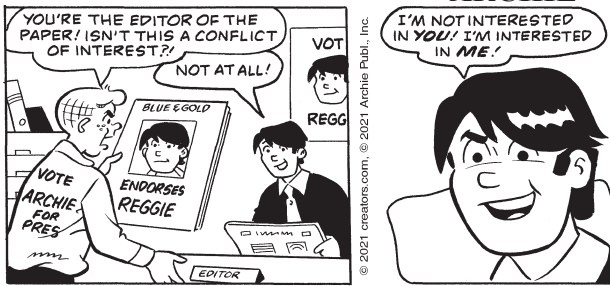
is 68. Actor D.W. Moffett is 67. Actor-singer Rita Wilson is 65. Actor Patrick Breen is 61. Actor Dylan McDermott is 60. Actor Cary Elwes is 59. Singer Natalie Merchant is 58. Actor Steve Valentine is 55. Country singer Keith Urban is 54. Actor Tom Cavanagh is 53. Actor Rosemarie DeWitt is 50. Actor Anthony Rapp is 50. Writer-producer Seth MacFarlane (TV: "Family Guy") is 48. TV news correspondent Paula Faris is 46. Actor Lennon Parham is 46. Actor Florence Kasumba is 45. Actor Hal Ozsan is 45. Actor Jon Heder is 44. Singer Mar Barry (BBMak) is 43. Actor Jonathan Chase is 42. Actor Folake Olowofoyeku (foh-LAH-kay oh-low-wow-foh-YAY-koo) is 38. Olympic silver medal figure skater Sasha Cohen is 37. Rapper Schoolboy Q is 35. Actor Beulah Koale (TV: "Hawaii Five-0") is 30.

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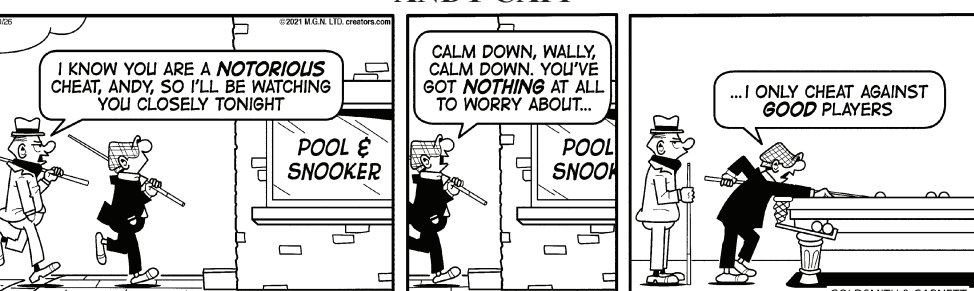


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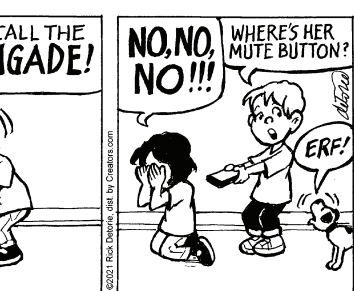
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## Horoscopes By Holiday

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2021

#### Venus Square Neptune

Living lighthearted will be easy when you stay in your own business. But sticking to your plan is made challenging by people who try to enlist you in theirs. It's a contradiction, but staying your purpose with vigilance is what allows you to be free-spirited and playful.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're independent and will resist all help. You want to do it your way. You don't want to be indebted. You like what you're learning. You want to improve. And you'll get satisfaction knowing you did it on your own.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Love hurts, but so do a lot of things that masquerade as love. There's a power dynamic to work out. It doesn't have to be solved in a day, but with boldness, it could be.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Convincing someone to like you, buy from you or agree to your plan will be a bit like grabbing at space. The very goal belies its aim. Build the attractive aspects up until they are undeniable and impossible to resist.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're excellent at prioritizing. You'll accomplish the time-sensitive job, then you'll handle the one on the back burner and about 17 other tasks before lunch. You're getting ahead of the rush.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You enjoy a person because of who that person is, not what they have or what they can do for you. Your lack of social agenda keeps the good vibes flowing and makes you all the more lovable.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Power move: Know your weaknesses, but spend very little time on them. You don't need to remedy, hide or apologize for what you're not good at. Just double down on your talents, and it all works out fine.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The adoption of better beliefs will change everything for you. And today, this will come at the perfect cost: free, or close to free. In some cases, you'll have to drop the old belief, but that price will be a pleasure to pay.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're clearheaded and deliberate. Even when emotions of those around you get hot and cold, creating a chaotic swirl, you'll remain still -- the calm eye of the storm.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What you can't overcome with sheer will or force you can overcome with something more powerful: patience. Something as soft as water can turn a mighty mountain into sand, given enough time and repetition.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The heavyweight boxing champion Gentleman Jim Corbett famously said,

"You become a champion by fighting one more round." Regardless of how you feel, when the bell rings, you'll get up and do what you have to do.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No need to take directions too literally. The same goes for suggestions, expectations and the meaning of events. This is all up for interpretation and the looser you go with that today, the better.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There is no greater law than attraction. It keeps the planets in place and the atoms follow its rules. Attraction moves the tides and creates the diversity of life. You'll gladly find yourself in its spell today.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 26). Risk it. You are extraordinarily lucky for the next 41 days. Your instincts will push toward teaching the young, caring for the old and being available to all with the wisdom you've earned in recent years. A happy moment comes in the form of birth. Also, you'll defend something that needs your strength. Capricorn and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 30, 2, 28 and 40.

**HALLOWEEN PANTHEON: MUMMIES:** The ancient alien theorists suggest that Egyptians developed the mummification process to save specimens on Earth so that they might one day, with advances in DNA technology, be Jurassic Park-style reanimated as clones. Most others believe that mummification was just one of the many rituals ancient Egyptians practiced in hopes of a good afterlife. Both theories bring up questions: When does this rich afterlife ensue in theory? Because thousands of years later, it still seems like a flat scene. And what sort of hobbies might a reanimated ancient Egyptian enjoy in, say, 2080, when most lives are lived virtually anyway... Will we even need to inhabit bodies?

Anyone who's ever pondered an actual mummy, say, in a museum or curio shop, understands firsthand the creepiness of coming face-to-face with mortality, or immortality -- however you look at it. Metaphorically, the mummy recalls any area of life we wish weren't dead but is. It's regret, loss, desperation and mourning that is hard (if not terrifying) to face and just as hard to let go of because there's something oddly fascinating about the preservation of what was once so vitally, uniquely alive.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Hillary Rodham Clinton was born when both the sun and Venus were in the fixed sign of Scorpio. Whatever position she is filling, be it first lady, senator, secretary of state, presidential candidate, wife, mother or grandmother, she's resolute in the role. Other prevalent energies in Clinton's natal chart include Leo, which offers a comfort

level with the spotlight, and Pisces, lending enhancing intuition.

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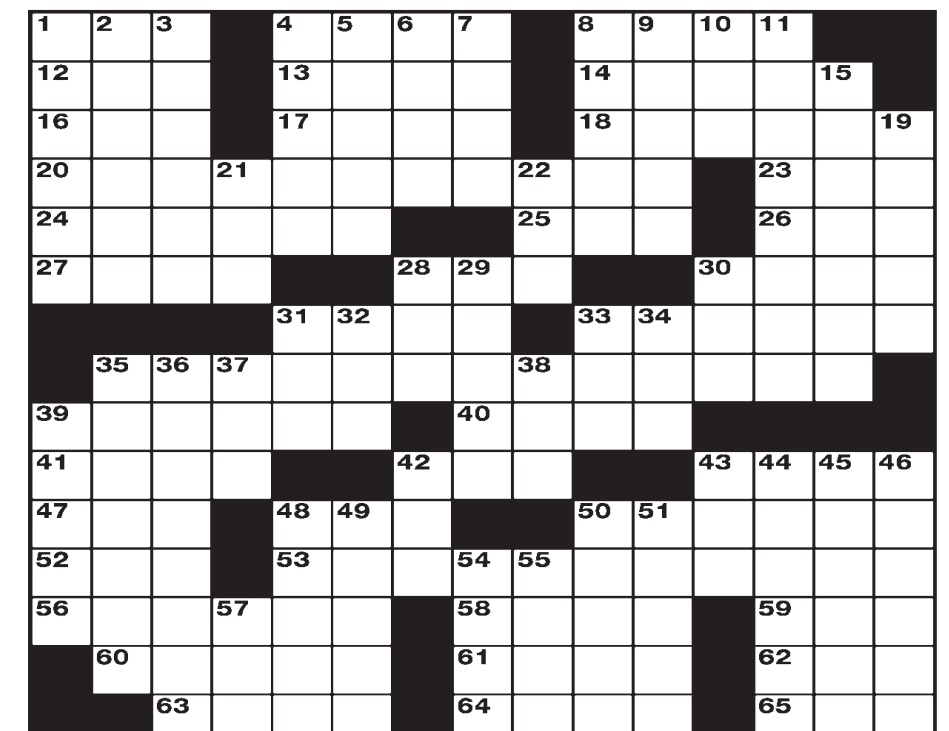
## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Band's booking
  - 4 Be boastful
  - 8 Mo. when autumn begins
  - 12 \_\_\_ it or lose it
  - 13 Civil rights activist Parks
  - 14 Groups of three singers
  - 16 Sleeve of a shirt
  - 17 Trees with acorns
  - 18 Sock's diamond pattern
  - 20 No matter what the weather
  - 23 Get a look at
  - 24 Jeans fabrics
  - 25 Calculate a sum
  - 26 Midmorning hour
  - 27 Minor mistake
  - 28 Wolf Blitzer's channel
  - 30 "How clumsy of me!"
  - 31 Keyboarding mistake
  - 33 Hawk that nests atop telephone poles
  - 35 Eventually
  - 39 Daredevil's feats
  - 40 Don't throw out
  - 41 Hamsters and parakeets
  - 42 Sixth sense, for short
  - 43 Rapidly
  - 47 Police dept. alert
  - 48 Feeling blue
  - 50 Seek advice from
  - 52 \_\_\_ close for comfort
  - 53 Approximately
  - 56 Speak sharply to
  - 58 Flapjack franchise

- DOWN**
- 1 Bank's security workers
  - 2 Tel Aviv's country
  - 3 Zodiac sign of the twins
  - 4 Floor-sweeping implement
  - 5 Loud sounds of crowds
  - 6 Inquires
  - 7 Deep cut
  - 8 Rise from a chair
  - 9 Made a mistake
  - 10 Beast in a sty
  - 11 Where to buy action figures
  - 15 Convertible sofa
  - 19 Extremely small
  - 21 Tiny bite
  - 22 Fleming who created James Bond
  - 28 EMT's skill
  - 29 Cozy corners
  - 30 \_\_\_ out (unsubscribe)
  - 31 Explosive initials
  - 32 "Absolutely!"
  - 33 Spanish cheer
  - 34 Drain, as strength
  - 35 First part of a plan
  - 36 Stern-mounted boat motor

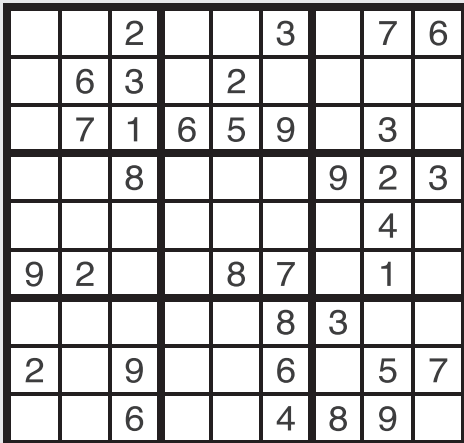
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- 37 Clip-\_\_\_ (ties that don't need tying)
- 38 Salesperson, for short
- 39 Minor quarrels
- 42 College URL ender
- 43 "TGI" day: Abbr.
- 44 Historical records
- 45 Artist's workshop
- 46 Soft throws
- 48 Playing card symbol
- 49 Modify
- 50 Treasure stash
- 51 Officiated at a ballgame
- 54 Sound of regret
- 55 Cleveland's locale
- 57 "The Raven" writer



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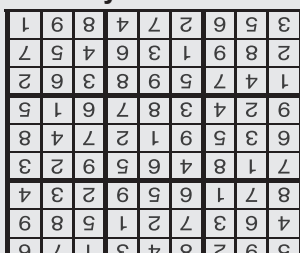


Level: Beginner

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

### Today's Answers



## CROSSWORD Today's Answers

