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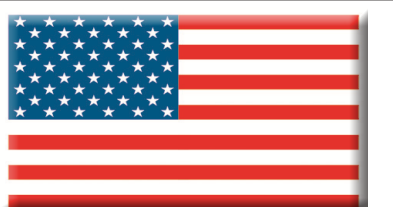
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Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 77. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42.
Veterans Day: Sunny, with a high near 58.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Local Events
Nov. 12: Blowout at the Bunker 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Dr. Food trucks, car show, no-prep racing, cornhole, 5K run, and music. Proceeds benefit Military Heritage Association. Call 432-264-2362 for more information.
Nov. 16: Big Spring's District 5 Large/Bulk Item Pickup is on Wednesday, Nov. 16. District 5 residents must schedule a pick-up in advance by calling the Public Works Office at 432-264-2501, or email nhernandez@mybigspring.com by 5 PM on Monday, Nov. 14. If you do not get on the schedule, your items will not be picked up.
Nov. 17: United Way of Big Spring Empty Bowls 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Howard County Fair Barn, 2900 Old State Hwy 80.

Daily Quote
 "It's your outlook on life that counts. If you take yourself lightly and don't take yourself too seriously, pretty soon you can find the humor in our everyday lives. And sometimes it can be a lifesaver."
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Howard College baseball team lends a helping hand



Courtesy photo
Helping those in need. Pictured here are the Howard College Baseball Team who helped load a trailer with toiletries and household goods bound to Gallup, N.M. Part of the Southwest Indian Project, the items will be distributed to needy families on an Indian Reservation where members of the Navajo, Zuni, Acoma and Hopi Nations reside. Delivering the goods is Disabled American Veteran Chapter 47 Commander Ed Meiser.

Whooping Cranes Spotted on the Texas Coast During Annual Migration

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — With the first sightings of iconic, endangered whooping cranes along the Texas coast being reported, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is reminding Texans to be on the lookout for these impressive birds as they move through the state.

Janess Vartanian, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Acting Whooping Crane Coordinator, says that on October 21, a pair of whooping cranes were the first to arrive this season on Matagorda Island. Although this is a week earlier than last year, we still expect most will arrive in and around Aransas National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in December.

Once whooping cranes arrive on their wintering grounds, many stay in the same general area. Younger birds, however, often haven't paired yet and may wander a little off their usual flight path, using areas quite distant from the Aransas NWR area.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted Texas will experience a La Niña weather pattern for the third consecutive winter, prompting a warmer and drier winter across the Southwest and Gulf Coast. Vartanian says that an extended drought may prompt whooping cranes to seek out and use freshwater sources on the Aransas NWR and surrounding areas as winter progresses. The USFWS is encouraging landowners to consider providing freshwater on their properties as well to aid the birds during their migration and wintering period.

The public can help track whooping cranes by reporting sightings to TPWD's Whooper Watch, a citizen-science based reporting system to track whooping crane migration and wintering locations throughout Texas. More information about Whooper Watch, including instructions for reporting sightings, can be found online and by downloading the iNaturalist mobile app. These observations help biologists identify new migration and wintering locations and their associated habitats.

Whooping cranes are the tallest, rarest birds in North America. Currently, there is a population of around 543 individuals. Thanks to coordinated conservation efforts, whooping cranes are slowly returning from the brink of extinction.

Whooping cranes make a 2,500-mile journey from their Canadian breeding grounds in northern Alberta's Wood Buffalo National Park to the coastal marshes of Texas each year. The migration south to Texas can take up to 50 days.

During their migration, whooping cranes seek out wetlands and agricultural fields where they can roost and feed. The birds often pass large urban centers like Dallas-Fort Worth, Waco and Austin. Though whooping cranes rarely stay in one place for more than a day during migration, it is important that they not be disturbed or harassed at these stopovers. As a federally protected species, it is illegal to disturb or harass these birds.sdf

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Consider Food 2 Kids when making donations
One hundred percent of your donation helps a child in Big Spring

Herald Staff Report

If you are thinking about end-of-year giving, consider a local nonprofit. Food 2 Kids Big Spring has been a local 501c3 nonprofit since 2016 serving children in Big Spring.

One hundred percent of your donation goes to help a child in Big Spring. Food 2 Kids Big Spring serves students at five Big Spring ISD campuses and works closely with Big Spring ISD teachers and administrators to identify children who may not have

access to food on the weekends.

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Our food sacks are placed in the child's backpack before they leave school on Fridays so the child has direct access to the food over the weekend.

We will always find a way

to reach the children - even during the 2020 pandemic, we found a way to continue to operate with the help of Big Spring ISD and local volunteers to distribute 9,168 food sacks to children while they were out of school from mid-March until May.

If you would like to donate, you can: Mail a check made payable to Food 2 Kids Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring, TX 79721, or contact Pam Steel, Food 2 Kids Board President at 432-935-0713 for more information.

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Obituaries

Oralia Rodriguez



Oralia Rodriguez, 88, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday with vigil service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery in Lubbock.

Oralia was born on June 6, 1934, in Sonora, to Rosa and Casimiro Rodriguez. She had been in Big Spring for 6 years, having moved and came back. She was a member at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Oralia is survived by her daughters: Hilda Alarcon of Big Spring; and Rosie Morales (Fidel) and Martha Saiz (Jesse) of Lubbock; sons: Lioncio Rodriguez Jr. (Anna) of San Antonio; Frankie Rodriguez and Larry Rodriguez of Big Spring.

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

A.H. Yeager

A.H. Yeager, 88, died Monday. Visitation will be 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park at the Peace Chapel.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare at Trinity Baptist Church runs through Nov. 17. The support group meets every Thursday evening 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is open to the community and people are encouraged to invite a friend who may be struggling with grief. Entrance will be on the backside of the church: Door 3, under the awning. Please call the church at 432-267-6344 if you have questions.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CALEIGH JEAN CLARK**, 28, of 1104 E 14th St., was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant from another agency.
- **JENNY JUAREZ**, 38, of 1012 NW 2nd, was arrested by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **RICHARD FLORES**, 68, of 302 Circle Dr., was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant of failure to maintain financial responsibility, defective tail lamps, wrong/altered/obscured registration insignia, theft of property greater than or equal to \$100 but less than \$750, and criminal trespassing.
- **ANNA MARIE CUELLAR**, 54, of 1401 S Austin St., was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant from another agency.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the 2000 block of Gregg St. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. No transport.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the 700 block of S Lancaster. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 3300 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 2300 block of Thorpe. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 4700 block of Ratliff Rd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 700 block of Culp Ave. One person was transported to SMMC.

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'The Crown' returns Wednesday to blur the lines of fiction and reality

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When "The Crown" returns Wednesday after a two-year absence, the splintering marriage of Charles and Diana and more woes for Queen Elizabeth II are in the drama's elegant but intrusive spotlight.

There's swirling off-stage drama as well for the Netflix series that began with Elizabeth's marriage in the late 1940s and, in its fifth season, takes on the British royal family's turbulent 1990s. The queen famously labeled one stretch her "annus horribilis" — Latin for "horrible year."

The safe distance of history is gone in the 10 new episodes set within recent memory for many and whose stories, sight unseen, have been denounced. The death of Queen Elizabeth, 96, in September adds an uneasy dimension: We speculate freely about the famous before and after they're gone, but is more owed a country's beloved and longest-serving monarch?

Among the prominent critics is Judi Dench, an Oscar-winner for her role as Elizabeth I in "Shakespeare in Love." In a letter to The Times of London, the actor blasted elements of the drama as "cruelly unjust to the individuals and damaging to the institution they represent."

She called for each episode to carry a disclaimer labeling it as fiction. It's a demand that Netflix has heard before and continues to resist, framing the series as drama inspired by historical events. Series creator Peter Morgan was unavailable for comment, Netflix said.

Dench is not amused by the streaming service's intransigence.

"The time has come for Netflix to reconsider — for the sake of a family and a nation so recently bereaved, as a mark of respect to a sovereign who served her people so dutifully for 70 years," she wrote.

Her plea followed a rebuke of the series from former Prime Minister John Major, shown in the new season being lobbied by Prince Charles — now King Charles III — to help maneuver the queen's abdication. A spokesman for Major labeled the scene as false and malicious.

Cast members including Jonathan Pryce, who plays Elizabeth's stalwart husband Prince

Philip, beg to differ with the series' detractors.

"The queen is in no danger from "The Crown," Pryce told The Associated Press. He said critics are lambasting the new season despite ignorance of it, reminding him of what the British once termed "the Mary Whitehouse effect."

Whitehouse had "a huge following and she criticized programs she'd never seen," he said. "I think a lot of the protests this time, people haven't seen this series. They don't know how these issues are treated. I have to say they're treated with a great deal of integrity and a great deal of sensitivity."

Imelda Staunton, stepping in as the latest actor to play Elizabeth, defended the series, its award-winning creator and its viewers.

"I think it's underestimating the audience," Staunton told AP. "There have been four seasons where people know it's been written by Peter Morgan and his team of writers."

Morgan, writer of the movie "The Queen" and play "The Audience," both starring the Oscar and Tony-winning Helen Mirren as Elizabeth II, has made royals a specialty. The recent criticism may suggest his winter of discontent is ahead, but Morgan has it easier than another writer who feasted on the British monarchs as material: William Shakespeare, who dramatized the reigns of seven kings.

All were in the past, with Shakespeare treading lightly around the rulers of his time, Elizabeth I and James I.

"We all imagine it being sort of sweetness and light, and we've all seen 'Shakespeare in Love' and everyone's sitting around drinking. Actually, it was like Stalinist Russia in many ways," Shakespearean expert Andrew Dickson said of the rigidly controlled society in which the bard worked circa 1585 to 1613.

Plays were approved by the master of the revels, a sort of civil servant with the power of censorship, said Dickson, author of "Worlds Elsewhere: Journeys Around Shakespeare's Globe" and "The Globe Guide to Shakespeare." Authors could and were imprisoned, or worse, for transgressions, he said.

"His very few representations of royals recent to his time were

pretty flattering, and and early audiences even called them patriotic," said Harvard teacher-scholar Jeffrey R. Wilson, author of "Shakespeare and Trump" and "Richard III's Bodies." Theater in general was viewed as illusory and deceptive, he said.

"He told this politicized version that was flattering to the powers that were in his time," Wilson said. It became the "dominant framework for telling English royal history all the way through the 18th and 19th centuries. It's now called the "Tudor myth," he said, a reference to the House of Tudor that ruled for more than a century.

It's problematic if people similarly begin recounting the Netflix show's "fictionalized version of history as fact," he said.

Lesley Manville, who plays the queen's sibling Princess Margaret this season, said she defers to those in charge of "The Crown" on whether a disclaimer is or isn't warranted.

"For my part, I can only be crystal clear that what I'm doing is a drama," Manville said. "We've never supported it to be anything other than a drama about a real family, a very world famous family."

Staunton said she's grateful that the season addresses a period that was "quite tumultuous, and therefore that creates quite a good drama." She traced the recent protests about the series directly to the queen's death.

"There's no doubt that if we were releasing the series two years ago there wouldn't be this amount of sensitivity, which again is absolutely understandable," Staunton said. She found herself deeply affected by the queen's death, which she learned of after a day of taping on the show's sixth season.

"Why am I feeling so distraught?" she recalled asking herself. "But of course I'd been living with her for two and a half years" of preparation and production.

For Pryce, working on the series has provided a better understanding of the royal family.

"They've always been a part of society and it looks like they're going to continue for some time," he said. "I'm looking forward to King Charles' reign, and seeing what he can do to change things."

Greek museum displays artworks recouped from US

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — It's a first symbolic step in a homecoming that will long outlast the 10-year Odyssey of ancient myth.

For decades, an important part of Greece's cultural heritage sparkled only for the very few in a U.S. billionaire's private collection, until a groundbreaking deal for its gradual return to Athens. Now 15 of the prehistoric masterpieces have gone on public view for the first time in a temporary display in Athens, ahead of their final return, together with the remaining 146 works, by the year 2048.

But Greek opposition politicians, and some archaeologists, say that's too long.

They say the government should have fought in court to recoup the entire collection quicker, arguing it was looted from ancient sites on Greek islands and smuggled away.

Culture Minister Lina Mendoni said the August deal — which also involved New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art — was the best possible one it could get.

"A court process is a very arduous affair that requires very strong documentation which, in most cases, we lack," she said Tuesday at a presentation of the exhibition, which opened last week and will run for a year at the Athens Museum of Cycladic Art — itself based on a private Greek collection.

"It is an unfortunate fact that finds from illegal excavations exist all over the world," she added. "So, whichever of these belong to Greece, our policy is to bring them back."

Dating from 5300-2200 B.C., the artifacts were acquired by Leonard N. Stern, an 84-year-old pet supplies and real estate businessman.

Most belong to the Cycladic civilization that flourished in the Cyclades islands between 3,200-2000 B.C., whose el-

egantly abstract but enigmatic white marble figurines inspired leading 20th century artists.

The 15 works on display in Athens are striking. One 86-centimeter (34-inch) female figurine retains eyes and eyebrows in low relief.

A diminutive female figure standing on the head of a larger one is one of only three known in existence.

A marble head bears traces of painted red dots on its cheeks and neck as — like later ancient Greek sculpture — many of the Cycladic figurines were initially colored.

Little is known of their original function, largely because so many of the surviving Cycladic artifacts were hastily unearthed by looters.

This cheats archaeologists of the clues that a proper excavation could provide.

"When an artifact, from a broken piece of pottery to a statue, is removed from its context, the environment in which it is found, it ceases to be a piece of historic evidence and simply becomes an artwork," Mendoni said.

"The loss is immense."

"If we accept that our past is part of our identity, objects that come from illegal excavations deprive us of a smaller or larger part of that identity," she added.

Mendonni said Greece has increased efforts — working with other countries — to discourage the trade in looted antiquities and has observed a decline in antiquities collecting.

The 15 works will be sent to the Met, to be displayed with the rest from 2023 to 2048.

The returns to Greece will start in 2033 and continue through 2048.



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With sandhill crane and waterfowl hunting seasons opening and whooper migration in full swing, TPWD urges hunters to be extra vigilant. Whoop-

ing cranes are sometimes found in mixed flocks with sandhill cranes, which are gray and slightly smaller. With their all-white body plumage and black wingtips, whooping cranes may also resemble snow geese, which are much smaller and have faster wing beats. A video detailing the differences between snow geese and whooping cranes can be

found on the TPWD YouTube Channel.

There are several other non-game species that are similar in appearance such as wood storks, American white pelicans, great egrets and others, but a close look will reveal obvious differences. More information on look-alike species is available online.

Native child welfare law faces major Supreme Court challenge

By FELICIA FONSECA and MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear arguments Wednesday on the most significant challenge to a law that gives preference to Native American families in foster care and adoption proceedings of Native children.

The outcome could undercut the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, which was enacted in response to the alarming rate at which Native American and Alaska Native children were taken from their homes by public and private agencies. Tribes also fear more widespread impacts in the ability to govern themselves if the justices rule against them.

The law requires states to notify tribes and seek placement with the child's extended family, members of the child's tribe or other Native American families. It's long been championed by tribal leaders as a means of preserving their families, traditions and cultures.

Three white families, Texas and a small number of other states claim the law is based on race and is unconstitutional under the equal protection clause. They also contend it puts the interests of tribes ahead of children. Lower courts have been split on the case.

"This is an all-out nuclear war attack on ICWA," said Mary Kathryn Nagle, a Cherokee attorney for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center who filed a brief in support of the law. "We have not seen that before. That's either ironic or interesting, because the law has been on the books for 44 years, and this is the first time the constitutionality of the law has been challenged. This is unprecedented."

More than three-quarters of the 574 federally recognized tribes in the country have asked the high court to uphold the law in full, along with tribal organizations. They fear widespread impacts if the court attempts to dismantle the tribes' status as political sovereigns.

Nearly two dozen state attorneys general across the political spectrum filed a brief in support of the law. Some of those states have codified the federal law into their own state laws.

"We disagree on many things," the brief reads. "But we all agree that ICWA is a critical — and constitutionally valid — framework for managing state-tribal relations, protecting the rights of Indian children, and preventing the unwarranted displacement of Indian children from their families and communities."

Texas, Louisiana, Indiana and seven individuals have sued over the provisions of the law, though not all are involved in the case before the high court. The lead plaintiffs in the Supreme Court case — Chad and Jennifer Brackeen of Fort Worth, Texas — said the law doesn't have the best interest of children at heart.

"It's important for people to understand that this is not just a law," Jennifer Brackeen, an anesthesiologist, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

She and her husband, Chad, adopted a Native American child after a prolonged legal fight with the Navajo Nation, one of the two largest Native American tribes, based in the U.S. Southwest. They are trying to adopt the boy's half-sister, now 4, who has lived with them since infancy. The Navajo Nation has opposed that adoption.

A major problem with the law, Chad Brackeen said, is its lack of flexibility.

"We feel primary consideration is that all children, regardless of race, should be placed in loving forever homes," Jennifer Brackeen said.

A federal district court in Texas initially sided with the group of plaintiffs in 2018 and struck down much of the Indian Child Welfare Act, ruling it was race-based and unconstitutional.

But in 2019, a three-judge federal appeals court panel voted 2-1 to reverse the district court and uphold the law. The full court then agreed to hear the case and struck down some of the provisions, including preferences for placing Native children with Native adoptive families and in Native foster homes. It also said Congress overstepped its authority by imposing its will on state officials in adoption matters.

But it upheld the determination that the law is based on the political relationship between the tribes and the U.S. government, not race.

The high court has twice taken up cases on the Indian Child Welfare Act before, in 1989 and in 2013, that have stirred immense emotion.

All of the children who have been involved in the current case at one point are enrolled or could be enrolled as Navajo, Cherokee, White Earth Band of Ojibwe and Ysleta del Sur Pueblo. Some of the adoptions have been finalized while some are still being challenged. How those are affected by the Supreme Court case could depend on how the high court rules.

Before the Indian Child Welfare Act was enacted, between 25% and 35% of Native American children were being taken from their homes and placed with adoptive families, in foster care or in institutions. Most were placed with white families or in boarding schools in attempts to assimilate them.

"They would just swoop in and take our kids," said Michelle Beaudin, a council member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe in Wisconsin. "And they didn't know their culture, they were just brought into another world. There was no justification for them to come into our communities."

Kate Fort, who represents intervening tribes in the case, said Native American children remain disproportionately represented in the system, but the actual figures vary dramatically by state.

"It's better than when ICWA was passed, but we

still have work to do," she said in a recent call with reporters.

Beaudin, who was a foster care parent for more than 10 years, adopted her now 22-year-old daughter. She saw great value in ensuring that her daughter stayed connected to both her Ojibwe and Ho-Chunk heritage by passing down traditional skirts and participating in cultural ceremonies.

"That really helped her be confident in who she is and where she came from," Beaudin said. "She had those pieces of her. If you don't know where you came from and who your people are and what your culture is about, you don't have a sense of belonging anywhere."

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Chris Valencia, 39, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Roy Roberson, 72, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Don Blackburn, 93, died Thursday, November 3, 2022. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Friday with family receiving friends from 4 PM until 6 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service 2 PM Saturday at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Emilio Rey Molina, Sr., 89, died Thursday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Sunday with vigil service at 7 PM Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass 10 AM Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Burial 1 PM Tuesday at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Ruben Hernandez, 60, died Sunday. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Monday with vigil service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 AM Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Oralia Rodriguez, 88, died Sunday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Wednesday with vigil service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service 10 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial at Peaceful Garden Cemetery in Lubbock.

A.H. Yeager, 88, died Monday. Visitation 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service 2 PM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park at the Peace Chapel.

1 dead, dozens hurt as tornadoes hit Texas and Oklahoma

POWDERLY, Texas (AP) — Tornadoes tore through parts of Texas and Oklahoma on Friday, killing at least one person, injuring two dozens others and leaving dozens of homes and buildings in ruins.

Tornadoes hit hard in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, in the southeastern corner of the state. Cody McDaniel, the county's emergency manager, confirmed one death although he didn't immediately provide details.

The small town of Idabel saw a church, medical center and a school torn apart.

"There was total destruction on the south and east sides of Idabel," Steven Carter, an emergency management coordinator for McCurtain County, told the Texarkana Gazette.

Carter told the paper people were still trapped late Friday.

Gov. Kevin Stitt said search-and-rescue teams and generators were being sent to the Idabel area.

"Praying for Oklahomans impacted by today's tornadoes," Stitt tweeted.

Keli Cain of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Office said at least three other counties were also hit by storms, with flash flooding in some areas.

The National Weather Service said tornadoes also were reported in Texas and Arkansas and a storm system was heading toward Louisiana.

In Texas, authorities in Lamar County said at least 50 homes were damaged or destroyed and 10 people were treated at one hospital, including two with critical injuries. No deaths were immediately reported.

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Nov. 10: Howard College Lady Hawks vs Chandler-Gilbert Community College at Midland College. Game time is set for 5 p.m.

Nov. 10: Big Spring Steers (visitor) vs El Paso Riverside Rangers (home) Bi-District Playoff game at Fort Stockton's Panther Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students

Nov. 11: Coahoma Bulldogs (visitor) vs Childress Bobcats (home) Bi-District Playoff game at Floydada's Tyer Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Nov. 11: Forsan Buffaloes (home) vs Stamford Bulldogs (visitor) Bi-District Playoff game at Brownwood's Gordon Wood Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. ticket information will be posted once available.

Nov. 11: Westbrook Wildcats vs Garden City Bearcats Bi-District Playoff game at Robert Lee's Griffith Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. ticket information will be posted once available.

Nov. 11: Howard College Hawks vs Lee College at Collin College. Game time is set for 6 p.m.

Nov. 12: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV, and Varsity) non-district matchup against Midland Legacy at Midland. Game times are 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m.

Nov. 12: Coahoma Bulldogettes Basketball (JV and Varsity) non-district matchup at Ozona. Games start at 1 p.m.

Nov. 12: Forsan Lady Buffaloes Basketball (Varsity) non-district matchup against Hermleigh. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

Nov. 12: Howard College Lady Hawks vs Coastal Bend College at Howard College. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

Howard Co. Area Football Roundup: Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan fall in last district game

All three teams now focused on upcoming playoff matchups

By PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer

It was a tough night for our area football teams, as Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan all dropped their last district game of the season. Despite the loss all three area Howard County teams will now get ready to kickoff their playoff run this week.

Heading into Friday's matchup against rival Andrews, Big Spring had already secured a playoff spot with a win over San Angelo Lakeview in week 9. The Steers were looking to finish third in District 2-4A and a win over the Mustangs would secure them the third seed in district.

However, it was the Mustangs that came away with a huge win over the Steers 40-20. Andrews dominated the first half especially in the first quarter as the Mustangs quickly went up 24-0.

The Steers will now face the El Paso Riverside Rangers Thursday night in Fort Stockton in the Bi-District round of the playoffs. The Steers and Rangers are no strangers to one another in fact this will be the third straight year that both teams will play one another in the opening round.

The Rangers came away with a 34-7 win last year in the first round of playoffs. The Steers got the win the previous year in overtime beating the Rangers 32-26. An interesting matchup to watch for sure.

The Coahoma Bulldogs were looking to claim a share of the District 4-3A title this past Friday night. A win over the Abernathy Antelopes and the Bulldogs would have a share of the district title and a loss would give them the third seed.

The Antelopes rushing attack and tough defense would prove to be too much for the Bulldogs as Abernathy rolled to a 49-19 win over the Bulldogs. The Antelopes never let up from start to finish as the Antelopes held a 21-6 halftime lead.

The Bulldogs will look to bounce back as the open the Bi-District round against a tough Childress Bobcats team. Coahoma will play in Floydada Friday night at Charles Tyer Stadium.

For the second year in a row, the Forsan Buffaloes found themselves in contention to win a district title outright. A win over the Sonora Broncos and the Buffaloes would be the outright District 3-2A champions. A loss and the Buffaloes claim a share of the district title with Sonora and finish as the No. 2 seed in district.

Much like the Big Spring and Coahoma games, Sonora utilized a dominant first half to run away with the win and share the district title with Forsan. The Broncos led 28-0 in the first half enroute to a 48-21 win over the Buffaloes.

Forsan will now make the long trip to Brownwood as the Buffaloes get ready to take on the Stamford Bulldogs in the Bi-District Round at Gordon Wood Stadium Friday night.

BIG SPRING STEERS 20 ANDREWS MUSTANGS 40

The Big Spring Steers played at home on Friday last week as they hosted long time rival the Andrews Mustangs. The Steers were looking to bounce back after a tough loss to Lubbock Estacado the week before and to secure the No. 3 seed in District 2-4A.

Andrews was also looking to bounce back after losing badly to Brownwood 47-3 the week before. However, the first half was all Andrews as they quickly scored three touchdowns in the first quarter to go up 24-0. The Steers would finally get on the scoreboard early in the second quarter making it 24-7.

With 8 seconds left in the first half Andrews would go on to score another touchdown to put themselves up 32-7 heading into halftime. The Steers would rally in the second half of the game but the Andrews Mustangs would hold on for the win with a final score of 40-20.

Steer quarterback Gavin Padron finished the night with a season low of 151 yards of passing completing 20-37 pass attempts, 3 touchdowns, and one interception. Steer wide receiver Jose

Munoz led the Big Spring's receiving group with 6 catches for 62 yards. Steer running back Kavien Ford led the rushing attack with 15 carries for 105 yards. Ford along with Eli Cobos and Zeyire Franklin each had a touchdown in the game.

The Steers will now get ready to take on the El Paso Riverside Rangers Thursday in Fort Stockton in the Bi-District round of the playoffs. This will be the third consecutive year that both the Steers and Rangers have met in the first round of the playoffs.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Panther Stadium.

COAHOMA BULLDOGS 19 ABERNATHY ANTELOPES 49

Coahoma, who was picked to finish fourth and claim the last district playoff spot this year, found themselves on the verge of capturing a share of the district title this past Friday night.

A win over the Abernathy Antelopes and the Bulldogs would be district co-champions. A loss and the Bulldogs would finish as the No. 3 seed in District 4-3A. Abernathy would make the choice for the Bulldogs as they rolled to a 49-19 win over Coahoma.

The Antelopes never left off the gas the entire game as they dominated the Bulldogs from start to finish. Abernathy utilized its strong running game to overpower the Bulldogs defense. The Antelopes scored three touchdowns in the first half to go up 21-0. Coahoma would finally get on the board early in the second quarter.

A failed extra point attempt and the score was left at 21-6 heading into halftime. Abernathy picked up where it left off in the second half as the Antelopes scored three more touchdowns in the third quarter alone. Coahoma would rally late in the fourth quarter but in the end it was a little too late.

Coahoma quarterback Boyd Cox finished the night with 196 yards of passing completing 14-32 pass attempts, 2 touchdowns, and 3 interceptions. Jaidyn Vineyard led Coahoma's rushing attack with 42 yards on 11 carries. Freshman Landon Wells led the Coahoma receivers group with 4 catches for 85 yards.

The Bulldogs will now get ready to face the Childress Bobcats in the Bi-District round of the playoffs this Friday night. Coahoma and Childress will play in Floydada at Charles Tyer Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

FORSAN BUFFALOES 21 SONORA BRONCOS 48

SONORA – For the second consecutive year, the Forsan Buffaloes found themselves playing for a district title. A win over the Sonora Broncos and the Buffaloes win the district title outright. A loss and Forsan and the Buffaloes claim the district title and claim the No. 2 seed in the District 2-3A.

Just like Big Spring and Coahoma, the Buffaloes struggled early on in the game as the Broncos shut out Forsan to take a 28-0 lead heading into halftime. Forsan would rally to start the second half as they held the Broncos to one touchdown in the third quarter and scored two of its own to cut the lead down.

However, it would not be enough as Sonora would score two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter to seal the win. With the loss, Forsan snapped its four game winning streak.

Forsan's quarterback Cade Wallis threw for 150 yards on the night completing 4-15 pass attempts, one touchdown, and one interception. Forsan receiver Hayden Bowlin led the way with 1 catch for 60 yards and one touchdown.

Forsan's running game was held in check for the first time this season as the Broncos held the Buffaloes to a season low of 99 yards rushing. Leading the way for Forsan was Kevin Kligora who finished the night with 6 carries for 31 yards. Followed by Kligora was Grant Roman who finished the night with 8 carries for 29 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Forsan will now get ready to take on the Stamford Bulldogs in the Bi-District round of the playoffs this Friday night. Both Forsan and Stamford will meet in Brownwood where they will play at the legendary Gordon Wood Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Lady Steers Volleyball earn All-District accolades

By PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer

District 5-4A recently announced its All-District teams and several lady Steers were recognized for their efforts this season

Lady Steers that were named are:

Setter of the Year: Kortney Moore

1st team All-District: Jalen Sykes, Brooklyn Hyatt, and Gissele Holguin

2nd team All-District: Kendall Brooks

Honorable Mention: Mia Bustamante and Ileana Madrid

Academic All-District: Gissele Holguin, Marlie Kennedy, Kortney Moore, Daniah Wrighter, Brooklyn Hyatt, Kutter Pearson, Cloe Viasana, Jaycee Smith, and Breanna Woodruff.

Congratulations to all the Lady Steers earning All-District accolades

Sands Mustangs and Lady Mustangs have strong showing at state cross country meet



Courtesy photos/Glenda Kennedy

Top left, left to right) Bianca Plata, Wiley Gaskins, Hayley Connell pose with their All-State awards after being named to the Class 1A All-State team. Top right, The Sands cross country boys team from left to right are Rodolfo

Juarez, Wiley Gaskins, Wyatt Herm, Coach Dustin Wall, (Bottom Row), Jesus Porras, Carlos Plata, Xavier Cisneros, Caleb Bordoayo. Bottom left, Sands Girls cross country runners are left to right Bianca Plata, Coach Dustin Wall, Hayley Connell.

The Sands boys team finished 10th overall as a team and Wiley Gaskins medaled with an 8th place finish. Sands also had three runners who received All-State awards. Those runners were Wiley Gaskins, Hayley Connell, and Bianca Plata. Three great seniors Bianca Plata, Jesus Porras, and Rodolfo Juarez all finished their careers with running at state for the 4th time. Congratulations to the Sands Mustangs and Lady Mustangs on a great season!

Submit sports scores, stories, and photos to sports@bigspringherald.com

US: Protect Louisiana, Texas land for rare burrowing snake

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Four areas in Louisiana and two in Texas should be protected as critical habitat for a rare snake that eats pocket gophers and takes over the rodents' burrows, the federal government says.

Louisiana pinesnakes, which produce the largest eggs and hatchlings of any U.S. snake, have been protected as threatened since 2018.

Their decline is largely due to the drastic reduction and fragmentation of grassy longleaf pine savannas with sandy soil. And since Louisiana pinesnakes' 5-inch-long (12.7-centimeter) eggs are so big that they lay only three to five at a time, losses are hard to replace.

The snakes grow to 5 feet long (1.5 meters) but are hard to count because they spend more than half their time underground. They also are camouflaged on brown pine needles, with black, brown and russet patches on a buff to yellowish background.

National forests cover most of four areas that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed as critical habitat. Private land — including some covered by conservation agreements — comprises all of the smallest, in Texas, and virtually all of the biggest, in north Louisiana where the largest known population lives.

Critical habitat is a limited protection, affecting only contracts using federal money or requiring federal permits. Other critical habitat decisions have sparked challenges by landowners and dissension over what lands qualify for such designation.

In north Louisiana's Bienville Parish, private owners hold more than 99% of a proposed area about the size of Milwaukee — roughly 95 square miles (246 square kilometers). The smallest area, about 8 square miles (20 square kilometers) in Scrappin' Valley, Texas, is all privately held.

However, the Scrappin' Valley land is already managed for endangered little red-cockaded woodpeckers, which also need open-canopied pine savannas, said Don Dietz, consulting biologist for a family that owns 70% of the land.

"Red-cockaded woodpeckers eat a lot of ants, which need the open area below. So the habitat is essentially the same," Dietz said.

Noah Greenwald, endangered species director at the environmental nonprofit Center for Biological Diversity, said, "Far too few private landowners care about nature and ensuring species like the Louisiana pinesnake survive.

When it does happen it's really great."

The Fish and Wildlife Service said two of seven known pinesnake populations are in Texas, but Dietz was dubious. He said he tried unsuccessfully for a decade to trap Louisiana pinesnakes to prove they lived in Scrappin' Valley.

"I want to believe there's some out there, but in Texas there may not be," Dietz said.

Other populations live in Louisiana's Bienville, Grant, Natchitoches, Sabine, and Vernon parishes, the federal agency said.

Big Cypress State Park makes up about 0.5% of the proposed Bienville unit. Another 8.4 square miles (22 square kilometers) are part of a conservation agreement benefiting the snake, according to Fish and Wildlife's economic analysis.

The Weyerhaeuser Co. announced in 2020 that it had a 30-year agreement to manage land in Bienville Parish for the Louisiana pinesnake.

Weyerhaeuser said it is working to understand how the federal proposal "would overlap and potentially impact the acres of critical habitat we are currently protecting for the Louisiana pinesnake."

The company said in 2020 that state and federal biologists helped it identify two areas totaling about 2.8 square miles (7.25 square kilometers) as the most important for the snake. It said it would convert about 440 acres (180 hectares) from loblolly to longleaf pine and keep another 1,383 acres (560 hectares) with an open canopy and grassy forest floor.

Wildlife and Fisheries wouldn't say whether Weyerhaeuser's longleaf conversion and open canopy areas are within the proposed federal critical habitat.

Wherever they are, it "isn't really enough to help the Louisiana pinesnake on Weyerhaeuser land," Greenwald said. Louisiana pinesnake populations need blocks of more than 11 square miles (28.5 square kilometers) of mostly unfragmented habitat, according to the federal analysis.

Also proposed as critical habitat in Louisiana are about 89 square miles (230 square kilometers) in Rapides Parish, more than 68 square miles (176 square kilometers) in Vernon Parish and about 41 square miles (106 square kilometers) in Grant Parish. Different parts of the Kisatchie National Forest make up most of each.

The second Texas area would cover nearly 25 square miles (65 square kilometers) in Angelina and Jasper counties, mostly in the Angelina National Forest.

Tropical Storm Nicole churns toward Bahamas, Florida

By FREIDA FRISARO AND JULIE WALKER

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Nicole churned toward the northwestern Bahamas and Florida's Atlantic coastline on Tuesday and was forecast to develop into a hurricane over the next couple of days, forecasters said.

A range of warnings and watches remain in place. Many areas are still reeling from damage caused by Hurricane Ian, which hit Florida's southwestern Gulf Coast as a Category 4 storm in late September, before dumping heavy amounts of rain across much of the central part of the state. Forecasters said heavy rain could fall on areas still recovering from Ian's flooding.

Hurricane warnings were in effect for the Abacos, Berry Islands, Bimini and Grand Bahama Island, the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said in an advisory. Other areas of the Bahamas, including Grand Inland, New Providence and Eleuthera remained under a tropical storm warning.

Residents in at least four Florida counties — Brevard, Flagler, Palm Beach and Volusia — were ordered to evacuate from barrier islands, low-lying areas and mobile homes. The evacuation orders are set to take effect Wednesday. Officials at Orlando International Airport, the seventh busiest in the U.S., said commercial operations would stop Wednesday afternoon until it was safe to resume flights.

"This incoming storm is a direct threat to both property and life," said Volusia County Manager George Recktenwald. "Our infrastructure, particularly along the coastline, is very vulnerable because of Hurricane Ian."

In the Bahamas, long lines had formed at gas stations and grocery stores earlier Tuesday, said Eliane Hall, who works at a hotel on Great Abaco island.

"We just boarded it up," she said of the hotel, adding that the impact of Hurricane Dorian, a Category 5 storm that struck in 2019, was still fresh in many people's minds. "We're still affected."

Authorities said they were especially concerned about those now living in about 100 motorhomes

in Grand Bahama after Dorian destroyed their homes, and about the migrant community in Great Abaco's March Harbor that Russell said has grown from 50 acres (20 hectares) to 200 acres (81 hectares) since Dorian. The previous community of Haitian migrants was among the hardest hit by the 2019 storm given the large number of flimsy structures in which many lived.

The storm's track remains uncertain as it approaches Florida, where it is expected to make landfall on the state's east coast as a Category 1 hurricane early Thursday. It is then expected to track northwestward across Florida before moving into southern Georgia, the hurricane center said Tuesday afternoon.

Hurricane warnings were issued for a large portion of Florida's Atlantic Coast, from Boca Raton to north of Daytona Beach. Tropical storm warnings are in place for other parts of the Florida coast, all the way to Altamaha Sound, Georgia. The warning area also stretches inland, covering Florida's Lake Okeechobee, with tropical storm watches in effect on the state's Gulf Coast from Bonita Beach in southwest Florida to the Ochlockonee River in the Panhandle.

Officials in the Bahamas opened more than two dozen shelters across the archipelago on Tuesday as they closed schools and government offices in Abaco, Bimini, the Berry Islands and Grand Bahama.

Authorities warned that airports and seaports will close as the storm nears and not reopen until Thursday, and they urged people in shantytowns to seek secure shelter.

Communities in Abaco are expected to receive a direct hit from Nicole as they still struggle to recover from Dorian.

"We don't have time to beg and plead for persons to move," said Capt. Stephen Russell, emergency management authority director.

The mandatory evacuation order in Palm Beach County affects 52,000 residents of mobile homes and 67,000 residents of barrier islands, officials said in an afternoon news conference. Shelters up and down the coast were opening at 7 a.m. Wednesday, officials said.

Schools will be closed in multiple counties across

Florida as the storm approaches. Some announced closures through Friday, already an off day because of the Veteran's Day holiday. Other districts have said they would cancel classes on Thursday. The University of Central Florida, one of the largest U.S. universities with 70,000 students and 12,000 employees, was closing on Wednesday and Thursday.

Disney World outside Orlando planned to close its Typhoon Lagoon water park and two miniature golf courses on Thursday.

In Seminole County, north of Orlando, Hurricane Ian caused unprecedented flooding, and officials are concerned the impending storm could bring a new round of flooding and wind damage.

"The water on the ground has saturated the root structures of many trees. The winds could bring down trees and those could bring down power lines," Alan Harris, Seminole County's emergency manager, said at a Tuesday news conference.

In South Carolina, forecasters warned several days of onshore winds from Nicole could pile seawater into places like downtown Charleston. Thursday morning's high tide was predicted to be higher than the water level from Hurricane Ian.

At 1 p.m. Tuesday, the storm was about 310 miles (500 kilometers) northeast of the northwestern Bahamas and 420 miles (680 kilometers) east of West Palm Beach, Florida. It was moving at moving at 9 mph (15 kph), with maximum sustained winds up to 60 mph (95 kph).

Tropical storm-force winds extend outward up to 380 miles (610 kilometers) from the center of the storm, the National Hurricane Center's advisory said.

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30. The last storm to hit Florida in November was Tropical Storm Eta, which made landfall in Cedar Key, on the state's Gulf Coast, on Nov. 12, 2020.

Since record keeping began in 1853, Florida has had only two hurricanes make landfall in November, said Maria Torres, a spokesperson for the Hurricane Center. The first was the Yankee Hurricane in 1935, and the second was Hurricane Kate, which struck Florida's Panhandle as a Category 2 storm in 1985.

T rex skull unearthed in South Dakota to be auctioned in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — A Tyrannosaurus rex skull unearthed in South Dakota is expected to sell for \$15 million or more at auction in New York next month, officials with Sotheby's said Tuesday.

The 200-pound (91-kilogram) skull fossil, nicknamed Maximus, is being sold Dec. 9 by an owner who wishes to remain anonymous, the auction house said.

The skull was excavated in 2020 and 2021 in Harding County, South Dakota, where other T. rex skeletons like Sue and Stan were found, according to Cassandra Hatton, Sotheby's head of science and popular culture. She called the area "the world capital for T. rexes."

Most of the rest of this T. rex's remains were

destroyed over time by erosion, but Sotheby's experts said the skull was a major find. Hatton noted, "When you think about it, more people can fit a skull in their home than people who could fit a full dinosaur."

The 6 1/2-foot (2-meter) fossil is about 76 million years old and still has most of the external skull bones and numerous teeth, Sotheby's experts said.

Hatton said two large puncture holes in the skull are evidence of a big fight, probably with another T. rex. "We don't know that this is what caused the death of this animal, but we can tell that it did have a major battle during its lifetime," she said.

Marks on the skull are interesting to study "because they give us an

idea about what life was like during the Cretaceous period," Hatton said.

This specimen may not be headed to a research institution, though. "It's the ultimate trophy," Hatton said. "To place in one's home."

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The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 AM on November 16, 2022. This bid is to supply labor, materials and equipment to rehabilitate parking lots at the District Courthouse, County Courthouse and Library work includes removing existing pavement, repairing flexible base, placing new type D hot-mix and restriping parking spaces. The project will also include crack-seal and pavement sealing on two lots at the law enforcement center.

Bids may be mailed to the Howard County Auditor, at P.O. Box 1949, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1949 or delivered to the Auditor's Office, Room 202, Howard County Courthouse. Mark Sealed Envelope "RFB 2022PL" Bids will be opened and reviewed for acceptance by the Commissioner's Court at a special meeting 10:00 AM November 16th. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Pitfalls to avoid falling into debt

High consumer debt can compromise individuals' financial futures and have an adverse effect on their overall health. Debt has long been an issue that threatens individuals' well-being, but the good news is that certain debts seem to be on the decline. According to the "Quarterly Report on Household Debt and Credit" that was released in May 2021 by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, credit card balances were \$157 billion lower by the end of the first quarter of 2021 than they had been at the end of 2019. Authors of the report credit that decline to paydowns by buyers and reduced consumption opportunities related to the pandemic. Individuals who want to avoid debt can keep an eye open for these pitfalls.

- Retail credit cards:** Many retailers offer their own credit cards. Consumers may be enticed to sign up for such cards by the opportunity for instant, and often significant, savings. For example, a home improvement store may

offer an immediate 25 percent discount to customers who sign up for a store credit card and use the card to make a purchase. As enticing as such savings can be, consumers should recognize that a recent study by CreditCards.com found that the average retail credit card APR is 25.9 percent. That's more than 6 percent higher than a general purpose credit card. Consumers who cannot pay balances in full each month could end up paying much more in interest if they use retail credit cards instead of general purpose cards.

- Too many accounts:** A 2019 study from the credit reporting agency Experian found that the average American has four credit cards. Though many consumers can effectively manage that many cards, the more cards an individual has, the easier it can be to lose track of spending. More cards also means a greater potential for more debt, as each card has its own limit that is unrelated to the limits on other cards.
- Bonus hunting:** Another pitfall to avoid is the temptation to use credit cards instead

of cash in an effort to accumulate more travel miles or cash back bonuses. Consumers should aspire to use cash over credit whenever possible. Doing so ensures consumers are not spending money they don't have, which is one of the most common ways that individuals build significant consumer debt.

- Failure to budget:** A budget is the most effective way for individuals to gain control of their spending. That lesson seems to resonate more with young people than older men and women. A 2019 poll from Debt.com found that 74 percent of consumers between the ages of 23 and 38 use a budget to govern their spending, while only 67 percent of consumers between the ages of 39 and 54 use a budget. A failure to budget can increase the risk of spending impulsively and make it hard for consumers to see what's coming in and what's going out. That's a recipe for accumulating debt. Avoiding certain pitfalls can help consumers avoid accumulating debt that can adversely affect their financial futures.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Perseverance pays off. North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠ Q 6 ♥ 4 ♦ K Q J 10 9 7 3 ♣ A 6 3. EAST ♠ 10 8 5 2 ♥ A J 10 9 7 ♦ A 4 ♣ 8 5. SOUTH ♠ A K ♥ K Q 6 5 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ Q 10 9 4. The bidding: North 1♦, East 1♥, South 2NT, West Pass. Opening lead — eight of hearts.

Defensive play can sometimes be hard work, requiring pinpoint accuracy to reach the desired goal — defeat of the contract. As a case in point, consider this deal, where one slip by either East or West would have allowed South to make three notrump. But the defenders hit on every correct card for the first five tricks, leaving declarer absolutely helpless. West started the ball rolling by leading the eight of hearts, which East correctly read as the highest card his partner held in the suit. On another deal, East's proper play to the first trick might be to withhold the ace to avoid establishing two tricks for declarer. But here, East had more pressing business at hand — namely, to try to stop declarer from utilizing dummy's long diamond suit. So he took the ace of hearts and shifted to the eight of clubs, hoping to drive out dummy's ace before the diamonds could be established. South played the ten and West the jack, which declarer ducked. It was now West's turn to make a sacrifice for the common cause, and he came through with flying colors by returning the club king! Once again declarer followed low from dummy, hoping that West could not continue clubs. But that hope went aglimmering when the club deuce dislodged the ace. South's only chance now was to find the ace of diamonds singleton, but it was not to be. East refused to take the ace on the first diamond lead, and declarer finished with only seven tricks — two spades, two hearts, two clubs and a diamond.



PEOPLE FACT! JEWISH INDIVIDUALS CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY EACH NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER. THE HOLIDAY COMMEMORATES A GREAT MIRACLE. ANSWER: CHANUKAH

How they SAY that in... ENGLISH: Miracle SPANISH: Milagro ITALIAN: Miracolo FRENCH: Miracle GERMAN: Wunder

Crossword Puzzle grid with numbers 1-7 indicating starting points for clues.

- ACROSS: 1. Wax and wicks, 4. Where news is written and edited, 5. Part of a boat upon which the hull is built, 6. Singular, 7. Feeling content. DOWN: 1. Jewish holiday, 2. Nickname for "Lawrence", 3. Place of worship.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY. NOV 17. 1558: QUEEN ELIZABETH I ASCENDS TO THE THRONE AFTER THE DEATH OF HER HALF-SISTER, QUEEN MARY. 1869: THE SUEZ CANAL OPENS IN EGYPT. 2003: ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER IS SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.

New word LATKE a potato pancake in Jewish cuisine

Did you know? CHANUKAH IS AN EIGHT-DAY CELEBRATION THAT HONORS THE MIRACLE OF ONE NIGHT'S WORTH OF OIL LIGHTING THE MENORAH FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT DAYS.

GET THE PICTURE? Can you guess what the bigger picture is? ANSWER: MENORAH

Saving strategies for young adults. Set long-term goals. It's easier to save when saving is attached to specific goals. While some may aspire to retire early, establish an emergency fund or to purchase a home, others may want to save for an overseas vacation. Motivation to save can make it that much easier to do so. Determine where you spend the most. Saving money on smaller purchases will add up over time, but to really build a robust savings, figure out your biggest expenditures and how you can cut back to pad your savings. The Logic of Money reports that the average American spends more than 60 percent of their income on housing and transportation. Figuring out how to cut costs in these categories can be a great way to save. Use cashback apps. Young adults are tied to their digital devices. Why not make them work for you? Free cash back apps give you money back for various purchases. Ibotta and Dosh are just two cashback apps available. Some can be linked directly to a credit or debit card to have passive income deposited directly. With others, you can cash out

as a direct deposit or via a payment app like PayPal. Set aside one-third of your income. Make it a point to put away \$1 for every \$3 earned into a savings account, advises U.S. News & World Report. That is a good measure for establishing a rainy day fund. If you don't trust yourself to transfer the money, have a set amount automatically deposited from your paycheck into a designated savings account. Treat credit cards like using cash. The "buy now, pay later" option is an attractive trap to fall into. Using credit cards often is a safer way to pay merchants, because you're risking others' money rather than your own with a debit card. However, using credit can make it challenging to visualize what you're actually spending. Do not purchase more than you can pay off within each billing cycle. Set account alerts on your phone to let you know when you've hit your budgeted credit card spending limit. Resist the urge to open and use too many cards. Young adults can begin saving early with some conventional and highly effective strategies.

Horoscopes By Holiday

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Full Moon Afterparty

The fallout after a full moon can be a lot of things: a cleanup mission, breakfast in bed, an apology, a celebration of luck, a new lease on life, regrets... Situations vary. What they have in common is that they require a response to recent developments. The Mercury square urges speedy and careful communication on the matter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The usually easy task of discerning between what's crucial and what's not will now be illogically challenging. Necessaries go masquerading as luxuries and vice versa. You sense what's important. Trust that.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's something about the group dynamic that makes everything easier for you. When you share with others, you feel vital and capable. You'll make a difference in your own life and the world at large.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Positive thinking isn't always the way. Sometimes it helps to acknowledge your worry or consider what could go wrong. You won't dwell in it, rather you'll use it to make a better plan.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The truth is like a mustard seed. It doesn't need to be planted very deep to grow. You'll speak honestly and keep it light. Humor helps everyone accept a reality. It's the first step to improvement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When the problem is solved but nothing changes, it makes you think maybe you were solving the wrong problem. You'll get the best perspective from people who aren't involved at all. Try to see it from an outsider's point of view.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're appreciated more than you know, but unless they tell you, what difference does it make to you? This is why you go out of your way to make sure the people around you feel seen, heard and acknowledged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Before you put more time and money into improving a thing, ask yourself what's really necessary. Think of the big picture and all you could give your resources to. Sometimes it's wasteful to focus too small.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Whatever you are curious about, get deeper into it. Go ahead and tackle the big questions. There's much good that comes of asking how things might be accomplished, especially seemingly impossible things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in a thoughtful mood. Your reactions to things may take longer than usual because you want to let things sink in. Understanding the deeper levels and meanings changes everything about your experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). After you make your point -- you will have many to make over the day's discourse -- don't forget to wait for a response. It's the response of others that will illuminate the path to success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Acknowledge your true feelings, whatever they may be. This ensures that you'll have the best start on your journey toward a gleaming goal. Your success will depend on accurately projecting the future outcome of possible actions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The digital clutter in your life takes up no room at all, but it's still something to consider and sort through. It might be argued that how you organize your desktop is how you organize your mind.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 9). You live by your own creed and follow your own advice. This self-respect makes you powerful. Your influence is often indirect, but it does just what you need. Your instincts are hot regarding investment. More highlights: a long-term contract, family pride and a change of style that does just what you want it to. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 16 and 5.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every superstar, every supreme leader, every saint and sinner in the history of our species, lived there -- on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam ... Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot." -- Scorpio cosmologist Carl Sagan

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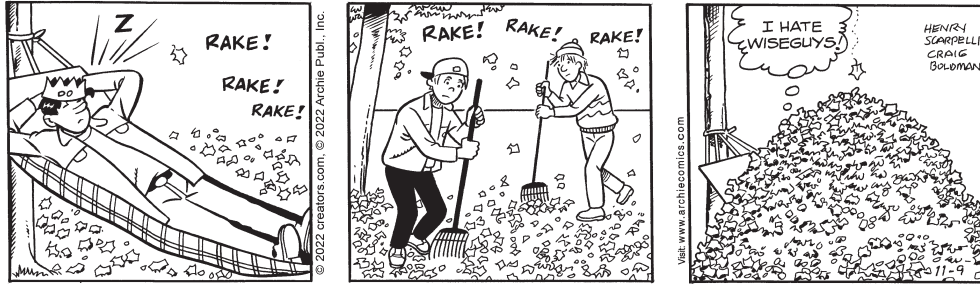
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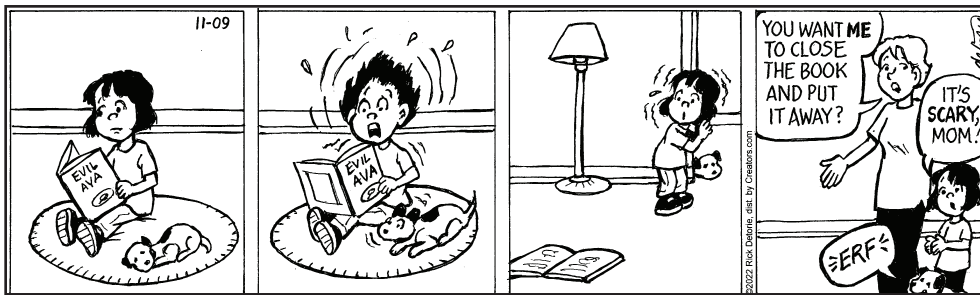
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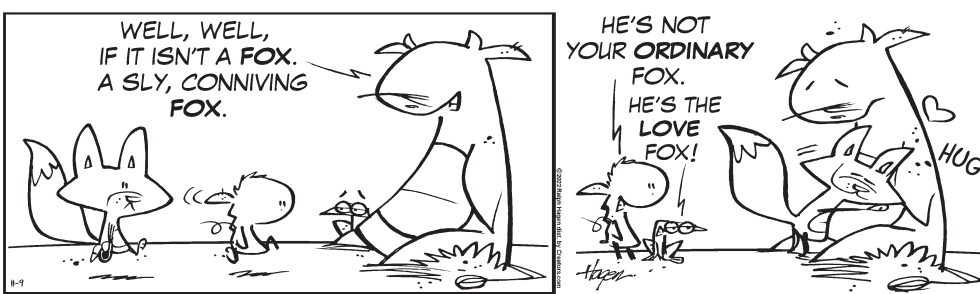
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ONE BIG HAPPY



THE BARN



Newsday Crossword

FRIENDS OF CLAUDIO by Steve Faiella

Edited by Stanley Newman

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Grocery sacks
 - 5 Voice below soprano
 - 9 Sports squads
 - 14 Cream-filled cookie
 - 15 Sidewalk's edge
 - 16 Short summary
 - 17 Make airtight
 - 18 Quartet minus one
 - 19 Indoor sports venue
 - 20 Heart-healthy gym routines
 - 23 AMA members
 - 24 Chowd down
 - 25 Coconut Girl Scout cookies
 - 29 Annoys
 - 31 Castaway's dwelling
 - 34 Piece of fabric
 - 35 Genealogy diagram
 - 36 Sheet of glass
 - 37 "Satellite" music programs
 - 40 Iowa State University city
 - 41 Watermelon covering
 - 42 Bandleader's signal to play
 - 43 Office seeker, for short
 - 44 Drains of energy
 - 45 Hardly ever
 - 46 Off-road auto, for short
 - 47 Sounds of satisfaction
 - 48 Participants in "live" TV shows
 - 57 Place for a boutonniere
 - 58 High-fiber cereal
 - 59 Money in Spain

- 60 Take in a shelter dog
 - 61 Frozen waffle brand
 - 62 Jockey's strap
 - 63 Would like to have
 - 64 Catches sight of
 - 65 Praiseful poems
- DOWN**
- 1 Variety of pear
 - 2 Vicinity
 - 3 Auto transmission selection
 - 4 Got money for
 - 5 Cast members
 - 6 Entices
 - 7 Longtime cereal "for kids"
 - 8 Woodwind instrument
 - 9 Land parcels

- 10 Spooky
- 11 Top poker cards
- 12 Lion's hair
- 13 Relaxing resorts
- 21 Potato state
- 22 Gathered leaves
- 25 Paper fragment
- 26 San Antonio landmark
- 27 Fashion-show strutter
- 28 Big name in elevator history
- 29 Golf clubs that aren't woods
- 30 Enjoy a book
- 31 Reckless speed
- 32 No later than
- 33 In a bad mood
- 35 Stumble while walking
- 36 Twosome
- 38 Operagoer's "Well done!"

- 39 Run after
- 44 Clown's walking props
- 45 Nose-horned African beasts
- 46 Expert (at)
- 47 Traditional maxim
- 48 Shredded cabbage
- 49 "And here it is!"
- 50 "Once ___ a time . . ."
- 51 \$5 bills, informally
- 52 Push for
- 53 Infamous Roman emperor
- 54 Given a signal on stage
- 55 A Great Lake
- 56 Boys in the family

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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Today's Answers

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Today's Answers

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 3. Forsan
 4. Garden City
 5. Texas Tech
 6. Texas A & M
 7. TCU
 8. Saints
 9. Cowboys
 10. Titans

- Wild West Wingz**
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 10. Titans

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