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An aerial shot of McBride Operating LLC's oilfield waste site, off U.S. 80 in Waskom, and the surrounding area is shown. Neighboring residents have raised concerns about the site's environmental impact with the Texas Railroad Commission.

Carliles honored by Boys & Girls Club

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“Being a champion is not merely about claiming titles or medals; it’s about embracing a higher calling, a divine purpose and a set of values that reflect who we truly are by our core, which is what Marshall couple and philanthropists Steve and Penny Carlile have done through their efforts of the Boys & Girls Club.”

Those were the words of Boys & Girls Club of the Big Pines board of governors president Dave Jochum as he presented the Marshall couple as this year’s Boys & Girls Club Champions for Kids honorees. The couple was presented the award during the club’s annual Champions Luncheon, held Thursday at the Carlile Teen Center campus.

“In a world where the concept of being a champion is often tied to victorious athletes or triumphant competitors or celebrated figures in various fields, that’s what we think, we think of that kind of champion. But it’s crucial

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Waskom landowners detail two-year battle over oilfield waste site

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WASKOM — The overwhelming smell of burnt petroleum dumped at McBride Operating LLC’s oilfield waste site reeks to high heavens, neighboring landowners in Waskom say.

But aside from the intense odor, residents say the most concerning threat is of groundwater contamination. That’s the fight residents like Jerry Cargill, who owns property a mile east of the dumping pit, have been facing for the past two years, fielding their complaints to the Texas Railroad Commission to no avail.

“It’s a never-ending process and it’s certainly not to the public’s advantage or the environment’s advantage,” Cargill told the News Messenger of his nearly two-year battle trying to get some resolve from the Texas Railroad Commission, the regulating



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An aerial shot of a saltwater spill path from McBride Operating LLC’s oilfield waste site in Waskom is shown impacting the surrounding vegetation.

agency. “The odor is the least of my concern. My concern is groundwater contamination,” said Cargill.

Cargill has been so committed to the cause that he even hired a geoscientist to investigate potential threats of contamination.

“He moved (in) with me for

seven days. We literally monitored every water well within one-square mile because technically he can’t build those things so close to a water well,” said Cargill. “I went to talk to everybody in the surrounding area. Everybody said ‘Good, Lord that smell is awful.’ But, the real issue is groundwater contamination.”

Residents’ concerns heightened even more after the company had filed a permit to expand its pit. Owner Joe McBride had filed an application for an amendment to its permit to operate a commercial stationary treatment facility for the McBride Waskom Waste Separation STF facility in Harrison County. The company has since withdrawn its request following Cargill’s protest.

“He’s gone 45 times the capacity to a football-field size pit. There’s not that much waste coming into East Texas,” Cargill said of his reason for protests. “He can be putting 45 times the odor and the potential for contamination forever. That’s what we’ve spent (several) months (fighting) and a small fortune.”

It’s a similar situation to the town of Paxton, which according to the Texas Tribune, where residents have spent years fighting the McBride oilfield waste dump permit. They fear the dump would

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Rep. Dean: Voucher program hurdles still remain

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State Rep. Jay Dean says he remains “open-minded” about school voucher legislation, but tall hurdles remain, including a long-term solution to fund such a program.

The third legislative session ends Tuesday, and Texas House members won’t meet again until Monday or Tuesday, meaning time has run out on any voucher deal.

Dean said Thursday that he expects Gov. Greg Abbott to call a fourth special session, although he’s uncertain about the timing.

As little as two weeks ago, the

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contaminate their wells and local waterways that feed into the Sabine River. The Tribune reported that the commission's technical permitting division has administratively denied the permit, but commissioners have given McBride several opportunities to modify the application. The residents had raised \$50,000 to fight the facility in the battle.

"He's been trying to get a landfill down in Paxton approved and he's playing all kinds of deals," said Cargill. "The Railroad Commission does not enforce; they enable."

Cargill's is represented by the same counsel as the City of Paxton in their matter.

"The only thing we can do is get enough people to say we don't want this in our neighborhood. It's not good for the community, the environment, for anybody," said Cargill. "The only thing we can do is get some noise made (and say): 'Harrison County wake up; he's right here in our backyard!'"

Neither McBride nor his attorneys responded to numerous interview requests for this article.

From Protest to Dismissal

According to Railroad Commission records, Cargill was one of four to file a protest against McBride's permit for the Waskom facility. The first, Jason Mattingly, an adjacent landowner, withdrew his protest. Cargill then followed up with his protest. The MADJ Family Limited Partnership also filed a protest, which was dismissed as untimely.

According to case documents, the design of the proposed waste pit was proposed to be 300-foot by 150-foot site with a capacity of 49,193 barrels of waste — with waste to be stacked as high as 18 feet. Cargill argued in his protest that the only leak detection system was a soil berm to the north of the proposed waste pit where waste water will be collected directly on the ground with no underlying liner system.

"The proposed waste pit is incapable of containing storm water generated during multi-day storm events," Cargill contended in his case summary report filed in September to support his protest. "This will lead to contact storm water overtopping the proposed waste pit."

Moreover, he argued that the site is unsuitable for the proposed waste pit, as it would be located near residences, ponds, streams, floodplains, water wells and wetlands.

"The lack of geologic confinement means that the unconfined aquifer and the shallow groundwater at the site of the proposed waste pit are susceptible to surface contamination," the complaint states. "The proposed waste pit will not protect surface and subsurface

water and the operation of the proposed waste pit will likely result in the pollution of surface and subsurface water."

In a letter of withdrawal, filed shortly after by John Hicks, attorney for McBride Operating LLC, the attorney informed the technical examiner for the RRC's Hearing Division that McBride Operating wished to withdraw its application in order to gather the additional evidence examiners believed was lacking regarding the proposed new pit.

"In addition, McBride will continue to work with the Commission staff to address the impacts of a prior spill at the facility that is unrelated to the proposed new pit," Hicks, on behalf of McBride Operating, advised.

The Proposal for Decision had cited a concern about a prior spill at the facility, which McBride noted that they had been working with the site remediation division on. Additionally, the examiners were not comfortable with McBride's professional geologist's geologic extrapolation of the subsurface at this facility and instead indicated a requirement for an additional soil boring closer to the proposed project, case documents show.

Examiners also did not accept McBride's evidence regarding the location of water wells on its own property, requesting more evidence. Lastly, the examiners expressed a concern that the closure cost estimate may not be adequate, based on allegations that there were new, unpermitted facilities. McBride's attorney, Hicks, noted that although the new facilities were constructed as part of McBride's SWD No. 4, McBride understands there is some confusion regarding the issue.

"McBride intends to seek a resolution of allegations that new facilities McBride has constructed to support the operations of its new McBride SWD No. 4 disposal well are modifications to the stationary treatment facility itself," Hicks said in McBride's motion to withdraw its application for the proposed new pit.

In response to McBride's motion to withdraw the application, Cargill's attorney George Neale filed a motion to dismiss the proceeding with prejudice, asking examiners to not allow the business to refile the same application.

"Mr. Cargill has spent countless hours preparing for the proceedings, preparing prehearing discovery, and preparing and responding to pleadings and briefs. Further, the withdrawal of the subject application comes after an adverse Proposal for Decision and an adverse Proposed Final Order were issued by the examiners," the attorney wrote. "McBride should not be permitted to use the



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hearings process or the resources of Mr. Cargill and the Commission as a mechanism for vetting its deficient subject application before refiling. Additionally, an applicant with considerable resources should not be allowed to refile and retry its deficient application for the improper purpose of exhausting the resources of the citizens of Texas."

Cargill's attorney further argued that McBride must not be rewarded for its withdrawal of the application.

"A dismissal with prejudice creates no additional burden to McBride while simultaneously protecting Mr. Cargill from the substantial cost of again defending his right to the peaceful enjoyment of his property and community," Neale stated.

In their response to the motion to dismiss with prejudice, attorneys for McBride said they were in agreement with the motion, but noted that McBride's property rights were not extinguished by the company's decision to withdraw its application.

"McBride will have every right to file a new application for a pit on its property with a new design and/or new evidence. "There is no reasonable basis for a sanction that would prevent McBride from filing a new application with a new design and/or new evidence."

McBride's attorneys noted that McBride initially filed for the application for one new collecting pit to temporarily hold solid waste because its facility needed additional temporary capacity.

"The additional capacity is needed due to certain limitations of the available

solid waste disposal sites, namely the municipal landfill in Mount Pleasant (approximately 85 miles each way) and the parish landfill near Many, Louisiana (approximately 90 miles each way)."

McBride's attorney noted that the new proposed pit was designed by a professional engineer, and the geology was reviewed by a professional geologist.

"McBride in good faith believed its professional consultants had prepared the new pit application to meet the Commission's requirements. And indeed, it did. The Commission's Technical Permitting staff agreed with McBride. If not for the protest, the application would have been approved, the permit would have been granted, and the pit would already be in service meeting the requirements of oil and gas operators in East Texas."

In the latest action in the case, under the recommendation of Administrative Law Judge Mandy Patel, the Railroad Commission ordered that that the docket be dismissed with prejudice to refiling of same due to the withdrawal of the application.

The order for dismissal with prejudice would not prevent the complainant, Cargill, from filing a complaint in the future based on allegations of facts occurring after the date of the order.

Although the action has now been dismissed, Cargill said the chance of McBride Operations submitting a new application still concerns him even more so because the oilfield waste dump site is constantly out of compliance.

"He's a serial non-complier," said Cargill.

"We did FOIA, we got his record for the last two-and-a-half years. He has to be inspected every two months from the Railroad Commission. Of all the inspections he had, he was out of compliance 56 percent of the time. Every time they came, he was out of compliance. Something was wrong. And if they're out of compliance, they don't do a thing about it."

A Freedom of Information Act request submitted by the News Messenger to the Railroad Commission revealed that this summer alone, particularly late July, McBride was in violation of several permit conditions.

Summer Inspection Reports

on the ground or in and/or on any non-authorized surface," according to permit requirements.

The inspector also noted a new unpermitted washout pit and catch basin located north from the main facility. The inspector also documented an unpermitted storm water pit. Untreated waste/fluids were also observed inside the pit.

"No salinity reading was taken during the inspection," the report stated.

A second unpermitted storm water pit was also found with untreated waste/fluids observed inside the pit.

During a separate July 27 inspection, Barahona found seven areas of non-compliance, six of which were noted in the prior inspection. The inspector additionally noted that an unknown amount of saltwater was released on the ground from the new unpermitted pit. The saltwater traveled approximately 335 feet or more north from the origin of the spill in a wooded area or possibly in a nearby creek.

"At the northern side of McBride Waskom where the new unpermitted pit is located observed runoff saltwater that traveled further north from the pit into the wooded area," the inspector commented. "The salinity readings obtained from the free fluids are 20,000 ppm and higher. The salinity probe does not read extremely high readings of salinity."

The inspector put in his report that the owner, McBride, was aware of the pollution caused by operating the unpermitted pit.

"Mr. McBride has two operators and one dump truck working on the saltwater spill path. He was advised to clear the spill path on the wooded area, locate the end point of the contamination, and the creek for a back-check inspection the next day," Barahona noted.

Barahona reported that vacuum trucks were unloading saltwater at the new unpermitted pit catch basin during his July 27 inspection.

"Fluids inside the new unpermitted pit appear to be saltwater," he added.

The inspector captured photos of the saltwater spill path that seemed to originate from the unpermitted pit. He also snapped shots of the saltwater spill path north from the unpermitted pit. The inspector included additional photos to reflect the non-compliance areas documented in his report. One of the pictures showed vegetation killed by the spill.

"(This) image (was) taken at the saltwater spill path entering the wooded area," the inspector noted. "The brush limbs and vegetation on the spill path appears to be death. Brush limbs (are) black in color."

He included a photo of McBride operators working

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on the saltwater spill path. Barahona informed that the violations were all corrected when he returned to conduct a follow-up inspection the next day, July 28. “The freestanding fluids were recovered. The spill path was tilled and contoured. No waterways were impacted by the saltwater spill,” Barahona reported, adding no oil sheen or odor was observed on the tributary water or on the pond water. Additionally, no fluids were observed in the unpermitted pit. The leaky saltwater tank was also emptied as it was out of service.

Lingering Concerns

While things have been remedied, Cargill said the operations at the waste site still concern him. “If he contaminates the water, it’s very hard to prove,” said Cargill. He’s got two creeks — affectionately called ‘Lil Sis Creek and Big Sis Creek’ — and one bayou — called ‘Paw Paw’ — that flow by his property, heading to my property. I’m about a mile away. My property floods at least twice a year, so any kind of stuff that’s in the water system, that he’s getting in the water system, is ultimately going into my property, the Vaughn sisters’ property and we have a set of wetlands, which is where Waskom gets their water system.” “That’s what we’re fighting for this community.” Cargill’s neighbor, Marty Vaughan, also shares his concerns. She would like to see stronger regulations on the oversight of oil and gas pits, which is why she supports Cargill in his efforts. “Our family owns the piece of wetlands that’s further to the east of McBride. My sisters and I purchased that property

to preserve it and preserve the habitat of the animals there. We purchased the wetlands because we’re environmentalists, so anything that might adversely affect that, if there should be some type of flood and spill may impact us. That’s how we’ve been involved in this,” said Vaughan. “Jerry’s been the spokesperson. We’re trying to preserve things. There’s been so much oil and gas development historically in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and lots of other places, and there’s trucks coming in from Louisiana to dispose of things at McBride’s place. They’re not dealing with the environmental.” As an environmentalist, Vaughan said her concerns mainly relates to issues regarding any threats to land, wildlife and water systems. “My concerns are environmental and if it is damage to the property or further down the road where potential floods could occur. And if it’s damaged, the property values decrease, so it’s a potentially a humongous problem,” said Vaughan. **‘Dump ground for Louisiana’** Cargill said he’s also advocating for stronger oversight and regulations, particularly because Texas has more relaxed rules on waste disposal sites than neighboring state Louisiana, making disposal facilities near the state line, such as McBride’s, more appealing to use for dumping. “Texas has the worst regulations, probably in the country. Louisiana has better regulations than we do. This guy is two miles from the state line. 50 to 60 percent of his waste comes from Louisiana. Louisiana operators can’t take the stuff he’s taking. So they’re bringing the nastiest worst

stuff they can bring over here and putting it in the pits of East Texas,” said Cargill. “We’re the dump ground for Louisiana. This guy, he’s taking it, and he wants to take 45 times more. It’s a very frustrating process.” Cargill also hopes that McBride isn’t trying to create any bias as one February article published in the Texas Tribune suggests, implying that the oil and gas pit owner has the Railroad Commission “feeding out of his hands” as he’s contributed approximately \$10,000 in political contributions since 2019, to the three elected commissioners tasked with regulating the oilfield waste industry. “Texas Ethics Commission filings reviewed by Inside Climate News show that McBride Operating LLC contributed \$10,000 to Texas Railroad Commission Chair Christi Craddick on Nov. 28. Fifteen days later, Craddick joined fellow commissioners Jim Wright and Wayne Christian in giving the company another opportunity to address concerns about its controversial application to build an oilfield waste site in the city of Paxton,” the Texas Tribune article states.

Push for Stronger Regulation Efforts for stronger regulations have been such a concern that even nonprofit organizations such as Commission Shift has addressed the Railroad Commission during a recent meeting, asking the commission for meaningful public engagement when it comes to amending Statewide Rule 8, a water protection rule related to oil and gas waste pits. In an email to the News Messenger, Commission Shift said that the nonprofit has heard from community members about several



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major concerns when it comes to permitting waste pits and enforcing waste pit rules. “Early rule amendment drafts show these concerns have not been incorporated. We want to make sure that the voices of the public reach the RRC when it is time to draft amendments,” Commission Shift stated. In efforts to gain support of their cause, Commission Shift solicited signatures on an online petition, which asks the Railroad

Commission to strengthen waste pit rules and hold meaningful engagement sessions with impacted community members. “Commission Shift asked for public workshops so that the RRC could gather feedback and implement the feedback into the amendments,” Commission Shift wrote the News Messenger. “They agreed to hold two workshops: one in person at their Austin offices and the other virtually. While we consider this an

excellent move in the right direction, it is not enough. We are continuing to ask the RRC for more opportunities for the public to give feedback and ask questions about the rule.” Cargill said the Commission Shift team also reached out to him, expressing their support in his efforts. “They’re nice people; they’re trying hard,” Cargill said of the team’s mission for more meaningful public engagement.

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Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.
— *Romans 13:1*

Letters to the Editor

Blue Buckle tax credits waste of government funding

The letter to the editor by Ms. Volk is another study in slanted, uninformed journalism. She needs to learn the history of the Blue Buckle building. It was originally built as a facility to make blue jeans. It was a thriving business. It was eventually shut down and became vacant for years.

In the late 1980s, a tax bill was passed permitting a building to be donated at fair market value. A local industrialist purchased the building at a low price, fixed it up and donated it at three times his invested cost. It was a tremendous tax gimmick. Unfortunately, the roof almost immediately started to leak. I had a group look to purchase the building some 20 years ago. They passed because of the water damage to the floors and basic structure. It has only deteriorated since then. Now it is a local eye sore that would be gone except there is no carrying cost. Ownership has no invested basis, and there are no real estate taxes paid. No conversion of the building is possible without material subsidization.

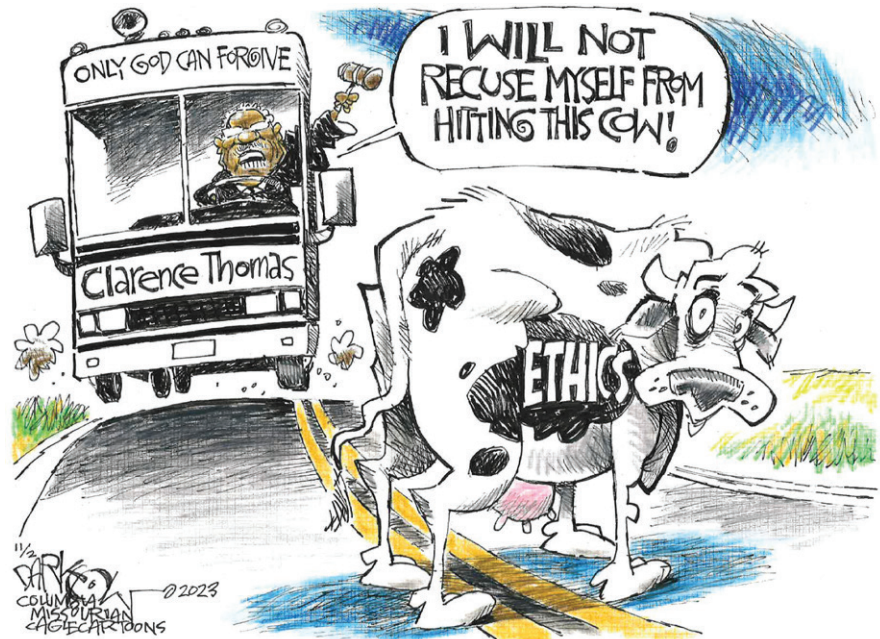
Enter tax credits. Tax credits are a little known source of financing multi-family housing. They are a well kept secret that is touted as a no cost handout. Tax credits are certificates that permit the holder to apply them at face value against their tax liability. The government gives the certificates to general contractors for the purpose of building low income housing. The contractor then sells the credits for cash at a discount. The net result is the government donates a significant percent of the project cost and the developer enjoys a significant return on his small equity. Unfortunately, I have been involved in the financing of such projects. You would prefer not to live in one.

Normally tax credit housing is built on the outskirts of a town. Such as the ones on the northwest part of Loop 390. I personally am unaware of one located in a downtown area. Next to a church and municipal headquarters. So, the problem is not the low income housing, there are already several in Marshall. It is the waste of government funding on the restoration of a dilapidated old building in the downtown area.

— *Wallace Boersma, Marshall*

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World war comes to a small English town

FRAMLINGHAM, England — This little market town 14 miles from the North Sea is an unlikely place to discover the meaning of World War I, whose end at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month is the reason Congress originally set Veterans Day — originally known as Armistice Day — for Nov. 11.

With a population a wee bit more than 400 and a soaring 12th-century castle built by an early earl of Norfolk, this is really a place to contemplate the Norman Conquest (the castle was owned by a series of some of the most powerful nobles of the Middle Ages), consider the life of Mary Tudor (a daughter of Henry VIII who became England's first ruling queen), and examine an 18th-century workhouse (where the poor toiled and lived, neither happily nor healthily).

This town — tiny, remote, peaceful — did not escape the wars and worries of modern times. During World War II, German bombs fell in 1940 and 1942, a Home Guard regiment was formed, and American GIs preparing for D-Day strolled its streets. But the greatest impact of the 20th century came here, as it did for so many small towns like it in England, in the conflict of 1914 to 1918.

Here the townspeople reckoned that the war, which began in August, would be over by Christmas. Here Capt. E.P. Clarke, part of a prominent family of corn merchants, stood at the command of 93 Territorials from the Framlingham Company of the Fourth Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment.

Here the town rallied to provide financial assistance to families of the men who departed for battle in the trenches of France.

Here the town mourned the death of Arthur Smith, who perished when his submarine struck a mine.

Here a man named William (Sonny) Moore was dispatched to Russia as part of a division known as the Czar's British Squadron. Here five families lost two sons; one of the double losses came within a terrible 48 hours.

Here Ernest Meadows is remembered for finding shelter in a shell hole after being wounded in both thighs and his stomach, and remaining there for 10 hours for fear of being shot in daylight. He died in 1918, two years after his brother, Reuben, was killed.

All this is commemorated in a corner of Framlingham Castle, a memorial that is the source of the accounts in this column, a commemoration to 20th-century warriors in a place that was the setting of long-forgotten battles nearly a century ago.

“From our perspective 100 years later,” according to a legend in the commemoration, “it is difficult to comprehend how our small town could come to terms with such devastating changes to its social fabric.”

Those changes came in large measure with the wartime service of about 1,000 residents of this community who went off to war, 142 of whom did not come back, and of the thousands who stayed behind, worried and weary and, for months on end, without word of how their sons and brothers were faring in a faraway battlefield, where the term “trench” modified words such as “warfare,” “foot” and “fever” and where dysentery and cholera were as deadly as enemy bullets.

Ernest Dring, who fought in Meso-



DAVID SHRIBMAN

COLUMNIST

potamia and whose death is commemorated in a memorial in Tehran, was one of those victims of dysentery. “There is no need to worry about me at all. I shall come back alright,” he wrote his mother in 1917. “All you have to do is to take care of yourself and keep my bed made ready.”

A year before he died, Herbert Bonney described to his mother how the German forces surged against the British. “They came over in great hordes, about 750,000 of them against about 6,000 only of ours,” he said. “It was a terrible time I can assure you, but thank God he delivered us; it was a baptism of fire and an awful time it was.”

Charles Bridges wrote home describing standing in mud up to his behind in a trench. “It is impossible for those who haven’t experienced it to realise what it’s like.” He died of complications from tuberculosis just after the armistice. Lance Cpl. Arthur Wilson was at the Somme in 1916 and was killed in September of that year. He was one of the few Somme veterans with a known grave.

Three members of the Carley family fought in the war; only two survived. One of the Carleys who came back was Tom, who fought in the British Flying Services, which was filled by men who were drawn by posters urging them to join the Royal Air Force “and share their honour and glory.” Part of the appeal: “If you join the Royal Air Force voluntarily, you cannot be transferred to the Army or Navy without your own consent.” One of those who joined was Harry Carr, 17 at the time of his enlistment. He served as an aero engine fitter.

David George Kerridge also enlisted at 17 and two years later was catapulted into a crater that also held a German soldier, whom Kerridge credited for saving his life. He later was known around town as the one-armed postman.

The one word missing from this commemoration is “American,” an omission of mention of the doughboys who joined the fight in 1917. “We wouldn’t have done it — won both world wars — without you Americans,” Terry Gilder, a steward on duty when I visited, told me. “Both wars would have lasted longer. You can’t imagine the culture shock of someone from Missouri finding himself fighting in France.”

One of those someones was Harry Truman, who commanded Battery D of the 129th Field Artillery in France. It was a transformative experience for the onetime farmer from Independence, Missouri. “I’ve been very badly frightened several times in my life,” he recalled later, “and the morning of July 11, 1918, when I took over that battery, was one of those times.”

In France he learned when to follow orders and, consequently, when to ignore them. He discovered the courage and strength that had been hidden within him. He matured, emerging from the war a different man. “My whole political career,” he said, “is based on my war service and war associates.”

War is humankind’s greatest change agent. It changes borders, politics, people — and communities. The war that changed Truman also changed Framlingham.

— David M. Shribman is the former executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Follow him on Twitter at ShribmanPG.

Rangers are finally champs

Grown men cried. Women danced like no one was watching, recorded the dance and posted it on social media.

I even know a guy who offered to pardon his wife for a 12-year-old transgression if only she would agree to have another child and let him name the offspring.

OK. That guy was me. I’ll explain later.

In case you missed it Wednesday, the Texas Rangers completed one of the most shocking turn-arounds in Major League Baseball history.

A team that finished with a 68-94 record in 2022 then went 90-72 during the 2023 regular season. They won all 11 games they played on the road during the playoffs — no team has ever done that — and closed out the title run with a 5-0 win against the Arizona Diamondbacks in Phoenix.

The franchise, in its 63rd season overall and 52nd in Arlington, is now a World Series champion.

If you tell me you picked the Rangers to win it all *before* this season started — and the old adage is true — you better stop, drop and roll right now because your pants are aflame.

I’m a diehard Atlanta Braves fan dating all the way back to 1980, so I won’t take up space that might be occupied by future Texas bandwagon fans.

But I was pulling so hard for the Rangers during this World Series, you can count me as one of those grown men who shed a tear when the final out was recorded.

I’m happy for the Rangers, who — to be brutally honest — looked like a T-ball team playing against big league guys for the past several years.

I’m happy for players like Corey Seager and Marcus Semien and manager Bruce Bochy, who could have signed anywhere but for some reason (the money helped) decided to come to Arlington and rebuild a franchise.

I’m happy for Evan Carter, a rookie who grew up where I grew up — in the mountains of East Tennessee — and at the age of 21 is now the second most famous person in his hometown (Elizabethton) behind only Jason Witten.

Mostly, though, I’m happy for a lot of folks I know who are real fans of the Texas Rangers.

I’m talking about my brother, Randy, who didn’t live to see this but had the best seat in the house Wednesday night.

And Tyler Morning Telegraph Sports Editor Phil Hicks, who watched his first Rangers game in person back in 1972.

And Kilgore College Sports Information Director Chris Craddock, who spent a lot of summer days in Arlington watching the Rangers with his dad — legendary columnist Van Craddock. I’ve known Chris since 1986, and he’s never wavered in his love for the Rangers.

Lord knows he and other fans have been tested by the team over the years.

Texas made it to the World Series back in 2010, but to be honest, they never had a chance against the San Francisco Giants and bowed out meekly in five games.

But, in 2011, the Rangers were on the verge of winning Game 6 — and the World Series — twice. One pitch away in the bottom of the ninth and one pitch away in the bottom of the 10th before the St. Louis Cardinals found a way to stay alive and then won it in walk off fashion in the bottom of the 11th.

Which brings us to the deal I tried to make with my lovely wife on Wednesday.

With one out remaining in the ninth inning of that 2011 World Series, Rachel — who had been sitting the entire game — stood up and turned on an overhead light so she could watch the celebration that should have happened between me and our son.

Instead, as baseball fans are fully aware, she killed the Rangers’ Mojo. The Cardinals rallied for the victory, and then won Game 7.

She’s dealt with that guilt for 12 years now, which is why I thought she would jump at my offer to give her an official pardon if only we could have another child and name it after the current batch of Rangers.

I’m striking out so far, but I think Corey Marcus Evan Bochy Stallard has a nice ring to it.

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Election Day is Tuesday in Karnack bond, state elections

From Staff Reports

Harrison County voters have one last chance to vote on a bond election in Karnack and to decide 14 statewide constitutional amendment referendums. Election Day is Tuesday. For its election, Karnack ISD is calling a \$575,000 bond election in order to address transportation needs in the district. The proposed bond will provide for the purchase of three new school buses and two KISD transportation vehicles. Elections Administrator Donald Robinette has previously noted the county is under a countywide polling program, which allows voters the ability to vote at any polling location regardless of their designated precinct. The county was able to reduce the number of polling locations from the traditional 26 to 13 on Election Day. Polls will open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. The 13 Election Day voting locations are: Harrison County ESD No. 9-Elysian Fields at 130 FM 451; East

Texas Baptist University's Spiritual Life Center at 1 Tiger Drive; Hallsville's Gold Hall Community Center; Harleton Community Center; Marshall Convention Center at 2501 East End Blvd. South; Marshall Public Library at 300 S. Alamo Blvd.; Scottsville Community Center at 135 Green St.; St. Marks Methodist Church at 1101 Jasper Drive; TJ Taylor Community Center in Karnack; Waskom Sub-courthouse; West Harrison Volunteer Fire Department at 2656 S. Access Road in Longview; Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Longview; and Woodlawn Community Center at 199 Oak Lawn Terrace in Woodlawn.

Proposed Amendments

According to the Secretary of State's Office, voters in Texas will vote on the following amendments as part of the Nov. 7 Election:

- Proposition 1 – HJR 126 “The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching,

- timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management.”
- Proposition 2 – SJR 64 “The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility.”
- Proposition 3 – HJR 132 “The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.”
- Proposition 4 – HJR 2 from the second special session “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable

to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts.”

- Proposition 5 – HJR 3 “The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy.”
- Proposition 6 – SJR 75 “The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state.”

- Proposition 7 – SJR 93 “The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities.”
- Proposition 8 – HJR 125 “The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects.”
- Proposition 9 – HJR 2, regular session “The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.”
- Proposition 10 – SJR 87 “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical

supply chain.”

- Proposition 11 – SJR 32 “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.”
- Proposition 12 – HJR 134 “The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County.”
- Proposition 13 – HJR 107 “The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges.”
- Proposition 14 – SJR 74 “The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks.”

You can find information about the amendments and voting in Texas at VoteTexas.gov.

IN BRIEFS

Send briefs to newsmessage@marshallnewsmessenger.com. Briefs are printed free of charge, as space allows.

Fish Fry is Nov. 4 at Summit Methodist

The Summit Methodist Men Annual Fish Fry, to benefit local charities, will be held Saturday, Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Summit Methodist Church, U.S. 59 North. Tickets are \$15.

Health, resource fair is Saturday in Marion County

The UT Tyler School of Medicine, along with several community health partners, will host a Marion County Health & Resource Fair on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Smithland VFD, 8247 Texas 49 in Jefferson. Along with free lunch and gift card drawings, the fair will include vision screenings, blood pressure checks, glucose checks, health insurance resources, vaccinations, BMI checks, medication questions and health and safety resources. For more information, contact the Marion Resource Alliance on Facebook, at marionresourcealliance@gmail.com, at (903) 926-1960 or (903) 445-9796.

Movie night planned at Galilee MCB

The community is cordially invited to the All Saints Day and Movie Night at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 1414 Elysian Fields Ave., Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. There will be games, face painting, food and so much more! Minister Reba Godfrey will speak on “All Saints Day.” Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. All activities are outside! Arrive early to get your goodies before the movie starts promptly at 7 p.m.

Mims Chapel CME to celebrate anniversary

Mims Chapel CME Church, 663 County Road 3122 (West Road) Marshall, will celebrate its anniversary on Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m. Guest Speaker is Minis-

ter Leonard Henderson of Crossroads Baptist Church in DeBerry.

Oak Hill MBC to celebrate 115th anniversary

The Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 5135 Cooks Road, Marshall, will be celebrating its 115th Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m. Speaker for the occasion will be Pastor Charles Tutt, Greater New Hope Baptist Church, Kilgore. Come and celebrate this occasion with the church. Dinner will be served.

New Vision MBC to celebrate pastor's anniversary Sunday

New Vision MBC @ Hillcrest will celebrate its pastor Bishop Rickey L. Moore Sr.'s fifth anniversary at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 5 at the church, located at 2800 George Gregg St. The theme is based on Matthew 16:18. Special guest speaker is the Rev. Jerry Jeter, of Oak Grove CME in Gilmer.

James Chapel Baptist to celebrate 128th anniversary

James Chapel Baptist Church, on Marshall and Leigh Road in Marshall, will celebrate its 128th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. Guest church is Mt. Zion Spiritual Church from Marshall.

New Bethel MBC to host 2nd Wednesday, Senior Day Out & Bible Study

The New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church will host its 2nd Wednesday, Senior Day Out & Bible Study on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Please come on time to enjoy a healthy morning snack. The event will include community service Christmas bag Giveaway Project, brain games, bingo with prizes and Bible study. Senior Day will close out with a healthy lunch to go. For more information, please call (318) 458-8939.

Marshall beekeepers to meet Thursday

The Marshall club will meet Thursday Nov. 9 at its new time, 6 p.m., at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marshall. This month's presentation “Bee-lieve it! Helping each other through beekeeping” is by Heather McBride. Attendees are asked to bring Thanksgiving themed foods (chicken instead of turkey...) and drinks to share.

St. John BC to honor pianist

St. John Baptist Church will honor pianist Sister Merita Trammell for 40-plus years of service on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the church, 1149 Blocker Road in Marshall. All are welcome.

Habitat for Humanity plans purse bingo event

Habitat for Humanity is planning a number of fundraisers and other drives for the holiday season, kicking off with its planned Purse for a Purpose event. The event is planned for Nov. 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Marshall Convention Center and will feature bingo games for designer purses, along with other special events. Ten different bingo games are planned for the event along with a Kendra Scott Trunk Show, raffle prizes and even a bonus game. Tickets for the event are \$45 and go to support the efforts of Habitat for Humanity in the local community. More information on tickets to the event can be found by calling (903) 236-0900.

Empty Stocking Fund accepting applications

The annual Henry F. Selcer Memorial Empty Stocking Fund is now accepting applications for its annual Christmas toy drive. Families who wish to apply may call the Empty Stocking office at (903) 472-8649 to make an appointment to sign up or drop by the Empty Stocking Office at

103 N. Grove St., which is the former Trinity Episcopal Preschool building. For appointments, families will need to bring: a valid ID, birth certificates for each child, proof of residency, proof of income, proof of food stamps, proof of child support and proof of federal or state assistance.

Jerusalem MBC to celebrate 149th

The Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, 1300 Billups Ave., will celebrate their 149th Church Anniversary on Sunday Nov. 12 at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. Stevie Jeffery as guest minister and Valley View Baptist Church of Gilmer as special guests. The public is invited.

St. Mary to celebrate 153rd anniversary

The St. Mary Baptist Church, located on 1512 Peach Orchard Road, Marshall, will celebrate it 153rd Church Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. The special guest speaker is the Rev. Melvin Porter and the Canaan Baptist Church, Gloster, Louisiana. The public is invited to attend.

Mount Zion Baptist Church to offer free Thanksgiving dinner

Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1007 E. Pinecrest Drive, will offer a free Thanksgiving dinner from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22 at the church. Call (903) 407-3950 for more information.

Tabernacle CME Church to celebrate anniversary

Tabernacle CME Church will celebrate its church anniversary Nov. 26 at 2:30 p.m. Speaker is Minister Richard White of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas. The church is located at 2200 County Road 326 in DeBerry.

Tickets on sale for AKA Sorority 90th Anniversary Gala

The local Alpha Kappa

Alpha Sorority, Incorporated-Nu Omega chapter will celebrate its 90th anniversary gala, starting at 6:08 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Marshall Convention Center, located at 2501 East End Blvd. S. This year's event will not only commemorate the chartering of the Nu Omega graduate chapter in the All-America city of Marshall, but will also serve as a special Debutante Reunion as the chapter recognizes and honors all former participants of the annual Debutante Presentation Ball, which served as the signature fundraising project for the local sorority for more than half a century. Tickets for the gala are available now on Eventbrite at \$75 apiece. Attire is formal.

A Brushy Creek Christmas set at Lake O' The Pines

Campers are wanted to participate in the Brushy Creek Campground's fourth annual A Brushy Creek Christmas event on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9 at the Brushy Creek Campground at Lake O' The Pines. Trailers and tents welcome. For instructions and more information, visit www.friendsofotlp.com or call (903) 665-2336.

Patricia Anne McGuire

FLOWER BOUND — Graveside memorial service for Mrs. Patricia McGuire will be held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 3:00 pm at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Carthage. Inurnment will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home.

SERVICES

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Gerald Lee Howard

Visitation: 5-7 p.m., Saturday, November 4, 2023
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POLICE REPORTS

From Staff Reports

Arrests made by Marshall police

Michel Wayne Lucas, 54, of Marshall was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance in penalty group one measuring less than one gram on Thursday.

Jeremy Wayne Ford, 37, of Marshall was arrested and charged with burglary of habitation on Thursday. Lamar Ellis Steven, 19, of Washington, D.C. was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana measuring less than two ounces and unlawful carrying of a weapon on Friday.

Incidents reported

by Marshall police

Possession of a controlled substance in penalty group one measuring less than one gram, 2100 block of Kings Road, Thursday
Warrant (issued by other agency), 2500 block of South East End Boulevard, Thursday
Theft of property worth between \$750 and \$2,500,

700 block of South East End Boulevard, Thursday
Theft of property worth between \$100 and \$750, 110 block of North East End Boulevard, Thursday
Theft of property worth between \$30,000 and \$150,000, 600 block of Martin Lake Road, Thursday
Unlawful carrying of a weapon, 700 block of Spring Street, Friday

SPRUCE UP

New Town Neighborhood Association hosts fall cleanup

BY SADIQ KING
Contributing Writer

On a cool Saturday morning in Marshall, the New Town Neighborhood Association organized its residents for a Fall Cleanup program, and a sense of collective community pride and environmental care took center stage.

This trailblazing endeavor was centered at the Peoples Missionary Baptist Church on Sanford Street last weekend.

The New Town Neighborhood Association's president, Vernia Calhoun, provided information about the goals and objectives of the group: "We are a group of residents that live in New Town that meet once a month, on the second Tuesday of each month, to discuss the need for New Town and to support our neighborhood. We are a non-profit organization serving our city. We have two cleanups, a spring clean-up and a fall clean-up."

The fall cleanup demonstrated cooperation and group effort. The group provided gloves, trash pickers, bags, and safety jackets for the volunteers, who then went about cleaning the streets, paying particular attention to busy locations including West Houston, University, South Alan and Sanford Street.

Much-needed attention was also given to Prince T. Young Fine Arts Academy and Wiley College. However, locals weren't the only ones attending the gathering. The JROTC program at Marshall High School, under the direction of Adrian Becerra, core commander, added to the service's melodious symphony.

Becerra explained, "Because most of our program revolves around community service. Not to mention, we are trying to get the most hours to get



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Members of the Marshall High School Mav Interact Club and Marshall High School JROTC took part in the New Town Neighborhood Association Fall Cleanup event this past Saturday.

the Merit Award again. We always like going for that award; it's nice. Just helping out the community is a good thing, as is showing cadets what it's like to go outside and experience getting to know local people. It's a nice thing to see."

The cadets encountered both wonderful moments and difficulties during their tour of the area.

"Lots of memorable moments of picking up trash and finding each other along the way," Becerra recounted. "Some challenges that we did face along the way were that in various areas there was a bunch of trash that would just be grouped up together, and it's not good to see that. Whenever you drive around, you expect to see a nice, clean community. You expect people to take

care of it, and then all of a sudden you see all of these piles of trash. It ruins the scenery."

Calhoun expressed hope that the cleanup would lead to a long-lasting impact on the community.

"We hope that it will maintain it where people see it and don't mess with it," she said. "They don't go around and see that there's a pile of trash and just add on to it. Now that it's a little cleaner, people will get that image that maybe we shouldn't."

Becerra emphasized the importance of community unity, particularly in addressing the litter issue.

"Start picking up trash a little bit more," said the JROTC Core Commander. "Littering is a big issue here, especially with the environment that we live in."



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TRINITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL JOINS IN HALLOWEEN FUN

Special to the News Messenger

Trinity Episcopal School students joined in Halloween fun this week, dressing up as their favorite characters, animals or people.

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Cerrigan Dawson, Stanley Aguilard and Tony Pricer dressed up as Mario and Luigi.



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Shelly Willard and Piper Graham came to school in costume.



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Hayden Heath and Kirkley Lewis went with a construction theme.



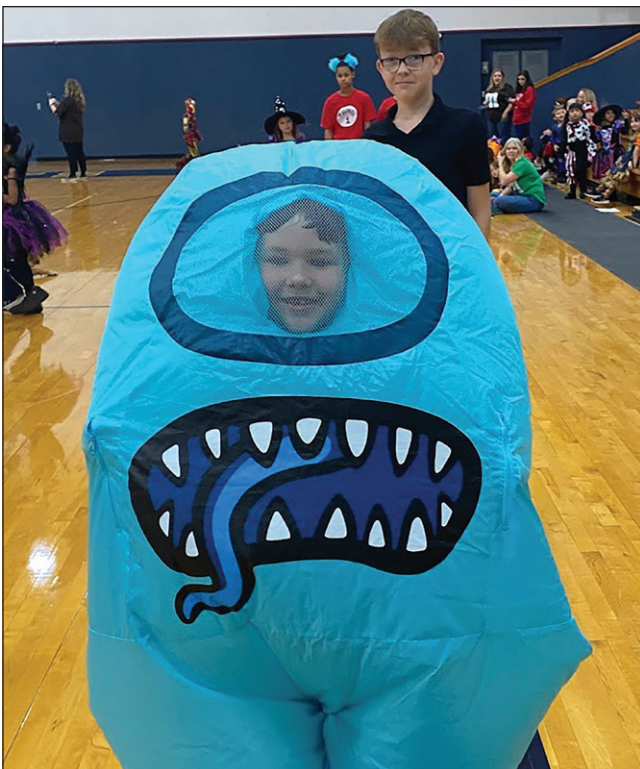
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Huckleberry, the school dog, celebrated all things M&M's.



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Emerson Oney and Norah Griffin are Thing 1 and Thing 2.



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Kaiden Metts is pictured.



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Gracie Elam is a dinosaur.



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Beckham Lawson is pictured in his dinosaur costume.



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CELEBRATING JACKLYN (JACKIE) FURRH aka "GRAN"

Some people are just born with that little "sparkle in their smile" and a gift to make folks just "feel good". Jacklyn (Jackie) Furrh is just that kind of person and if you've met her you totally understand! Jackie was born October 7, 1930 in Dallas, Texas to Jack Evans Boyles and Nellie Horn Boyles. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas in 1947 and went on to attend North Texas State University.

Being an avid sports fan, even in College, Jackie met a handsome football player by the name of Bobby Wayland Furrh from Marshall, Texas. Jackie married her handsome football player on June 3, 1948 in Dallas and they made their home in his hometown of Marshall, Texas, where she's fulfilled her ambition in life of being a mother and homemaker.

Bobby and Jackie had two sons, Scotty and Kyle Furrh. As she always wanted the family continued to grow with Grandchildren. Scotty blessed her with three Grandsons and Kyle with one and her "only" Grand- daughter, who she often refers to as her "favorite grand-daughter" since she was her one and "only" girl!

Jackie (and the Furrh family) have been blessed with 13 Great-Grand children, including her most recent Great-Great grandson, who is now 1 month old (making her one year old Great-Grand

daughter an aunt). They will certainly have fun growing up together!

Sadly, Jackie lost Bobby on April 4,1990. The resiliency of life is the Beauty of Family. Although Jackie lost her Bobby she has continued to relish in the joys of the family that they designed. She remains an avid sports fan, attending Marshall Maverick and ETBU sporting events for decades. She mostly loves being a spectator in any event that her grandchildren are participating in. If you are in attendance at one of those games you will likely hear her voice over the crowd!

Jackie has been a member of Cypress Valley Bible Church for decades. She was an active member of the Waterford Girls Sunday School Class. Jackie loves gardening and even though she cannot physically take up a hoe and work the garden she loves to watch her daughter in law, Jean-nie, (who is more like her daughter) work in her place as she watches on in approval.

Jackie is the fun-loving "Matriarch" of the Furrh family, who has always been willing to lend a helping hand, not only to family, but to anyone in need. We are so happy to have her at Reunion Inn because we get to witness and share in that "love of family" that Ms. Jackie has surrounded herself with

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ETBU volleyball is fourth in poll

BY ADAM LEDYARD
ETBU Sports Information

MARSHALL — For the second week in a row, East Texas Baptist University is in the NCAA Division III Region X Regional Volleyball Rankings. ETBU comes in at fourth in the region, which is the highest they have been ranked in-region since the early 2000s.

The ranking has the top seven programs in the region as ETBU is one of two Texas programs list-

ed. Trinity University is first at 25-4 overall with a 24-4 in-division record. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (Calif.) is second in the region at 17-5. They are followed by another California program in the University of La Verne at 20-3. ETBU is then fourth with their 19-3 record as Colorado College is fifth (16-10). Pomona-Pitzer (Calif.) came in sixth at 15-10, and Whittier College (Calif.) is seventh at 13-10. All the records are through Oct. 29.

ETBU is currently 21-3 and pro-

duced back-to-back 20-plus win seasons for the first time since 2008 and 2009. They are 11-0 at home in Ornelas Gym and 11-1 in the American Southwest Conference, tied for first place with Mary Hardin-Baylor. ETBU's three losses are to No. 5 Emory, No. 25 Covenant, and UMHB, who is receiving votes.

The 2023 regular season will finish this weekend in Ornelas Gym as ETBU hosts both Hardin-Simmons University and McMurry University.



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East Texas Baptist University is in the NCAA Division III Region X Regional Volleyball Rankings.



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East Texas Baptist University is nationally ranked headed into the new season by D3hoops.com.

NATIONAL
RECOGNITION

ETBU men's basketball enters 2023-24 season ranked 20th

BY ADAM LEDYARD
ETBU Sports Information

MARSHALL — Capitalizing on a great 2022-23 season with the return of several players, East Texas Baptist University is nationally ranked headed into the new season by D3hoops.com. Coming in at 20th, ETBU is one of two American Southwest Conference programs nationally ranked.

Earning 122 points, ETBU was voted 20th and is only one of three teams in the south and west region ranked. Mary Hardin-Baylor is 15th with 234 points, and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps is 23rd with 113 points. St. Thomas-Houston, Redlands and Pomona-Pitzer received votes. ETBU is playing all three of the teams receiving votes in the first two

weeks of the new season and will see UMHB twice during the year for ASC play.

Last year, ETBU finished ranked 20th and was in the national polls in the final two weeks. They were 24th in week 13 (Feb. 26) and then were 20th in the final poll (March 23). Being ranked 20th ties the second highest ranking the team has had in program history. It is also the second time in program history that ETBU has received a pre-season ranking, as they were 25th in the 2015-16 poll after finishing in the Elite Eight in 2014-15. It is also the second time in program history to be ranked in back-to-back seasons (2014-15, 2015-16).

Coming off a 24-6 season and a win in the NCAA Division III Tournament, ETBU is picked to win the ASC this season. The

24 wins were the third best in program history and it was the second time to make the NCAA Tournament.

ETBU opens their season on Sunday, Nov. 5 in an exhibition game vs. NCAA Division II Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Moore Named Preseason All-American by D3hoops

It's been 18 years since East Texas Baptist University men's basketball had a player considered for All-American status. Darry Moore, a senior from Tyler, has been named a Preseason D3hoops.com All-American on the fourth team.

The last time ETBU had an All-American was Cedric Isom in 2005-06 by the NABC on the third team.

Moore is coming off his second year at ETBU where he was named the American Southwest Conference Tournament MVP, an All-ASC first-team selection, and on the D3hoops.com All-Region first team and the NABC All-Region second-team. He averaged 20.9 points and 6.9 rebounds per game shooting .623 from the floor and scored a career-high 34 points vs. Howard Payne on Feb. 11. He also surpassed 1,000 career points in the NCAA Tournament. ETBU won the 2023 ASC Tournament, won their first round NCAA Tournament game, finished with 24 wins, and were ranked 20th in the final poll of the year.

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ESPN2 – Formula 1: The Sao Paulo Grand Prix Sprint Shootout, Autódromo José Carlos Pace, São Paulo, Brazil
1:25 p.m.
ESPNEWS – Formula 1: The Sao Paulo Grand Prix Sprint, Autódromo José Carlos Pace, São Paulo, Brazil
2:30 p.m.
USA – NASCAR Xfinity Series: Practice and Qualifying, Phoenix Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.
3:30 p.m.
USA – NASCAR Cup Series: Practice and Qualifying, Phoenix Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.
6 p.m.
USA – NASCAR Xfinity Series: The NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship, Playoffs – Championship 4, Phoenix Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.
- COLLEGE FOOTBALL**
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ABC – Notre Dame at Clemson
ACCN – Campbell at North Carolina
BTN – Wisconsin at Indiana
CBS – Ohio St. at Rutgers
ESPN – Texas A&M at Mississippi
ESPN2 – Arkansas at Florida
ESPNU – Jacksonville St. at South Carolina
FOX – Kansas St. at Texas
FS1 – Nebraska at Michigan St.
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1 p.m.
CW – Georgia Tech at Virginia
PAC-12N – Arizona St. at Utah
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CBSSN – Army at Air Force
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ABC – Oklahoma at Oklahoma St.
ACCN – Virginia Tech at Louisville
BTN – Illinois at Minnesota
CBS – Missouri at Georgia
ESPN – Florida St. at Pittsburgh
ESPN2 – James Madison at Georgia St.
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FOX – Penn St. at Maryland
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PAC-12N – California at Oregon
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NFLN – Marshall at Appalachian St.
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ESPN – Kansas at Iowa St.
FOX – BYU at West Virginia
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FS2 – Utah St. at San Diego St.
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ABC – Washington at Southern Cal
CBS – LSU at Alabama
ESPN2 – Washington at Southern Cal (CFB with The Pat McAfee Show)
ESPNU – SMU at Rice
NBC – Purdue at Michigan
SECN – Kentucky at Mississippi St.
7 p.m.
ACCN – Miami at NC State
8 p.m.
PAC-12N – Stanford at Washington St.
9 p.m.
CBSSN – Boise St. at Fresno St.
ESPN – Oregon St. at Colorado
9:30 p.m.
FS1 – UCLA at Arizona
10 p.m.
ESPNU – Howard at SC State (Taped)
- COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)**
7 p.m.
BTN – Illinois at Wisconsin

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MARSHALL ISD STUDENTS ENJOY STORYBOOK CHARACTER DAY



Optimists give thanks for November Young Texans

BY RICHARD MAGRILL
Special to the News Messenger

The Noon Optimist Club of Marshall met Wednesday, Nov. 1 in Hutchins Hall of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and enjoyed a Domino’s Pizza buffet with salad provided by Optimist Richard Magrill and delicious cupcakes provided by Optimist Le Ila Dixon. (Our thanks to Optimists Le Ila and Charles for picking up the pizzas!)

President Julie Brock called on Le Ila for the opening prayer, in which she thanked God for the accomplishments of all our young people and prayed for continued blessings as they launch out into life. Julie then led in the pledge to the flag and Optimist Creed.

President Julie then welcomed the Young Texans, their families and Marshall High School school administrators, Associate Principal Melissa Hammers and 12th Grade Counselor Melanie Hudson.

Julie introduced Bailor Burris as our Young Texanne for November. Her favorite subjects are biology, English and Algebra II.

Her favorite teachers are five: Skylyn Potts for biology, Kyleigh Lopez for English Language Arts, Janna Duck for Algebra II, Karyn Webb also for English Language Arts and Sammy Hoover for World History (which she takes at East Texas Baptist University). Her grade point average is 5.439.

Bailor’s extracurricular activities include varsity cheer and Future Farmers of America, where her focus is showing goats. Optimist Richard Magrill asked her to tell us more about the goats. “I’ve been working with goats since the third grade. Each year about this time I get some (this year it’s two!) and raise them until the spring, when they are



Marshall High School Associate Principal Melissa Hammers, November Young Texan Dallan Shaw, November Young Texanne Bailor Burris and 12th Grade Counselor Melanie Hudson are pictured.

shown and put up for sale.” Optimist Michele Fuller asked if they were miniature goats? Bailor said, “No, they are full size.” Optimist Le Ila Dixon asked if she made a profit when she sold them? “Oh, yes,” she said. Le Ila exclaimed, “Good for you for making money!”

Optimist Le Ila also asked if she had siblings who have been honored by the Optimist Club? The answer: her older brothers, Bryant and Bo, were Young Texans!

Bailor is a member at Immanuel Baptist Church and active in its youth group. “And last year I served as a counselor at our camp at Scottsville,” she reported.

Her interests include spending time with friends and family and shopping and traveling. “What do you most enjoy shopping for?” asked Optimist Richard Magrill? She grinned and

said, “Shoes!” adding, “and also clothes.”

At MHS, Bailor has served as cheer captain, treasurer of FFA and secretary of the National Honor Society. She has been honored six times as a Cheer All-American and serves the Marshall Symphony League as secretary.

Although she is named Bailor and for a long time considered attending Baylor University, “I’m a homebody and plan to attend East Texas Baptist University to further my cheerleading career, major in business marketing and minor in Christian Ministries; I plan to become a real-estate agent,” she said.

“Why a real estate agent?” asked Optimist Melissa Al-Ahmadi? “Well, my father is a real estate agent, but I’m also very interested in anything pertaining to a home, including the actual

construction and design.” Optimist Le Ila pointed out that, “ETBU has a program where you can pursue your construction interests!”

Optimist Richard asked why she included “furthering her cheerleading career,” as if it was a sure thing? Bailor indicated that the cheerleading coach at ETBU had already assured her a spot on the squad!

In a personal message to her parents, Brad and Nicki Burris, Bailor said: “ I seriously thank God every day for blessing me with you as my parents. Thank you mom and dad for always supporting me in all I do and being Godly role models for me to look up to. I wouldn’t be who I am today without y’all. I love y’all both so much! Thank you both for being the very best parents I could ask for.”

President Julie then intro-

duced Dallan Shaw as the Young Texan for November. His favorite subject is biology and his favorite teachers are Janna Duck for Algebra II and Robin Rudd for calculus, which he takes at East Texas Baptist University. His grade point average is 5.221.

At MHS, his extracurricular activities include baseball and golf. In baseball, he is three times All-District as an infielder.

“I am a member of First Methodist Church of Marshall and have enjoyed participating in its efforts to build handicapped ramps for folks that otherwise could not afford them,” he reported.

His interests include hanging out with friends and hunting. “I like to hunt deer and ducks; also doves but no squirrels,” he said.

“I’m not employed, but my Dad told me I need to get

a job,” he admitted, adding “but right now school is all I can handle.”

On the subject of baseball, Optimist Le Ila asked who Dallan was supporting in the ongoing World Series? He replied, “Well, the Rangers naturally” (And, happily they did win!)

Dallan indicated, “I am currently undecided on where I want to go to school, but I plan to pursue a career in physical therapy.” Optimist Melissa al-Ahmadi asked if his interest in physical therapy was limited to sports medicine. “Yes,” he replied, but indicated he could broaden that interest. She encouraged him in that inclination since the need for physical therapists is so great.

“One of the reasons, I am undecided about my college is that I want to attend a school where I can extend my participation in baseball,” he said.

In a personal message to his parents, Adam and Melissa Shaw, Dallan said: “Thank you for everything y’all have done for me, through some of the darkest times and the brightest times. I don’t know what I would do without you. Love y’all.”

Optimist Richard Magrill gently queried him about “the darkest and the brightest times.” It turned out that his darkest time also related to baseball. It occurred at a game in Hallsville when he and his best friend were involved in a freak collision in which Dallan’s hip was broken, leading in turn “to an almost eight-month, tough recovery.”

The Optimists applauded the Young Texans and pictures were taken by Treasurer Michele Fuller and President Julie. Julie then presented bronze and gold mums to the mothers noting “how much they were involved in their children’s accomplishments.”

PET TALK

Preventing pet intoxication

Special to the News Messenger

Our furry friends have curious natures, and even though we try our best to keep them safe and healthy, they may still get into trouble when they unknowingly eat human medications or other common household items that are toxic to them.

Dr. Christine Rutter, a clinical associate professor of emergency medicine at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, emphasizes the dangers of pets ingesting household toxins and outlines how owners can protect their pets.

Common Household Toxins

Contrary to popular belief, Rutter says it is more common for pets to become intoxicated by human, pet and recreational medications than household cleaners and pesticides.

“Over-the-counter pain medications, prescription painkillers, vitamins, antidepressants and stimulant/recreational medication exposures are very common,” Rutter explained. “Medication exposure usually happens because of dropped medication or when a pet has access to a bottle or a bag containing the medication.”

Because of the size difference between people and most pets, it is extremely dangerous for pets to ingest human medications. According to Rutter, even one dose of a human medication can cause dogs and cats to have significant exposures.

But medications are not the only way for pets to become intoxicated.

“Because so many households keep ornamental plants or aren’t familiar with the toxicity of certain cut flowers, toxic plant exposure is also common, with symptoms ranging from mild discomfort and gastrointestinal upset to life-limiting organ failure,” Rutter said. “Even common foods — chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, peppers and macadamia nuts — and artificial

sweeteners can be toxic for pets.”

Varying Symptoms And Treatments

It can be difficult for owners to recognize intoxicated pets because symptoms vary greatly and are not easily noticeable.

“Symptoms of pets ingesting toxins can be anything — including altered mentation, or any change in normal behavior, which can include excitability, anxiety, compulsive behavior, decreased consciousness or apathy to their surroundings; drooling; seizures; tremors; weakness; excessive thirst; vomiting; or abnormal bleeding or bruising,” Rutter said. “Some toxins will have delayed onset of clinical signs, which means that the owner would not likely notice any changes in their pet for up to 10 days. In some cases, the delay is too late to prevent permanent organ damage.”

Because symptoms are not easy to recognize, Rutter strongly encourages owners to be overly cautious if they suspect their pet has eaten or come in contact with something that may be toxic to them. She encourages owners to consult with their veterinarian sooner rather than later.

“Initial testing will likely include a physical examination, blood testing, possibly urine testing and sometimes drug screening,” Rutter explained. “Your veterinarian will not report your pet’s intoxication to authorities, even if illegal substances are involved. Veterinarians are only interested in treating your intoxicated pet, so please be honest.”

Medical exams also will be necessary to determine the best course of treatment.

“Treatment is going to vary widely depending on the intoxication since the type of intoxication, the amount ingested, and an animal’s size all impact the severity of the intoxication,” Rutter said. “Some intoxications require intensive care while other intoxications can be treated with less intense care or even outpatient therapy.”

Prevention Is All

About Awareness

It is nearly impossible to remove all medications, plants and foods that are toxic to pets from a home, so prevention must start with awareness.

“Owners should know the names and toxicity level of any plants in the house or yard; for example, sago palms, true lilies (for cats), yew plants and some mushrooms can be extremely toxic,” Rutter said. “Also know that the active ingredients in rodenticide can remain active indefinitely and that some artificial sweeteners (particularly xylitol) are very toxic to dogs, which can be found in certain health foods, sugarless gums and sugar-free and keto baked goods and sweets.”

Rutter also suggests owners only handle medications in areas away from a pet’s environment, keep animals in a safe place away from recreational medication use — especially if people are participating in such activities in the pet’s home or yard — and store all medications in bags or bottles out of a pet’s reach.

“It’s ironically difficult to give dogs and cats pills, but, somehow, there are medications that they will ingest readily if they get access to it,” Rutter said. “Some pets will rip into backpacks or even open containers to get medications. Even a dropped pill can be a significant hazard to pets, and we have all dropped medicine accidentally.”

Lastly, Rutter recommends pet owners familiarize themselves with poison control guides from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which includes a hotline that owners can call for help when determining if their pet has ingested a toxic item.

Since medications, plants, and food are meant for human consumption or enjoyment, owners should take measures to ensure that humans are the only ones that can use them.

– Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be found on the Pet Talk website. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Special to the News Messenger

The following pets are available for adoption from the Humane Society of Harrison County’s The Pet Place, located at 1901 Jefferson Ave. Call (903) 938-7297 for information



Sebastian is a 9-week-old male black and white shorthair kitten who is up to date on vaccinations.



Pumpkin is a 12-week-old female brindle terrier mix who is spayed and up to date on vaccinations.



Jo Jo is a 6-week-old female black and white terrier mix who is up to date on vaccinations.



Bert is an 8-week-old male white heeler/lab mix who is up to date on vaccinations.



Ernie is an 8-week-old male white and black heeler/lab mix who is up to date on vaccinations.

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Ampullary cancer treatment can include chemo prior to surgery

BY KEITH ROACH, M.D.
Columnist

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband was diagnosed with ampullary cancer. He has a tumor the size of a marble. We are told this is an aggressive cancer. My concern is that they are giving him chemotherapy before the Whipple surgery. Is this standard practice? — P.T.

ANSWER: The ampulla of Vater is an opening in the duodenum (the first segment of the small intestine), where the common bile duct releases bile and pancreatic enzymes to aid digestion. A cancer of the ampulla can originate from the pancreas, the bile duct or the duodenum, and these can all be aggressive cancers.

The standard approach in people with the possibility to be cured is called a pancreaticoduodenectomy, otherwise known as the Whipple procedure. Although this is a complex surgery that used to have a high mortality rate, in specialized centers, the risk of death from the procedure is now about one percent.



KEITH ROACH
DOCTOR

Most people are familiar with getting chemotherapy after surgery to help remove any cancer cells that remain after surgery, a technique called “adjuvant therapy.” However, giving chemotherapy before surgery (“neoadjuvant chemotherapy”) has increasingly been used in people with ampullary cancer. The idea is to shrink the tumor to make it easier for the surgeon to remove completely. Chemotherapy may also kill any cancer cells that have already spread.

The decision of when to use chemotherapy depends on the individual person’s situation, so I can’t tell you which would be better in your husband’s case, as I

lack both the details of his tumor and the expertise. I can confirm that giving chemotherapy prior to surgery is being used in regards to ampullary cancer.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 22. I had an electrocardiogram (EKG) last year, which indicated an incomplete right bundle branch block and early repolarization of the ventricles. Are these two related to each other? Are they serious to any extent, knowing that I have no symptoms? How can my heart rate be normal if the ventricles repolarize early? — B.A.N.

ANSWER: Both early repolarization and an incomplete right bundle branch block are common findings in young people who are getting EKGs, usually as part of a school physical and often as an evaluation for athletes. Depolarization of the heart muscle is seen on the surface electrocardiogram and corresponds to the contraction of the ventricle (called the QRS waves). The muscle cells must then “repolarize” — that is, restore their electrical

potential to be ready for the next contraction.

Early repolarization is a normal variant where the ventricle gets electrically ready for the next beat faster than average. In fact, one way to be sure that the EKG finding really does show early repolarization is to put the person on a treadmill to raise their heart rate. The early repolarization will then go away, since faster repolarization is appropriate for a quicker heartbeat.

About 15 percent of young athletes with early repolarization will also have an incomplete right bundle branch block, which represents slowing of the electrical impulses within the ventricles and a widening of the QRS complex.

Fortunately, these findings almost never represent serious disease in people with no symptoms.

— Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu or send mail to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803.

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YOU HAVEN’T EXERCISED SELFIE-CONTROL.
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: D equals H

HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS
Astrologist

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Someone might have surprising news to you that relates to shared property, your assets, banking details or inheritances. Whatever they say or do will catch you off guard. Be prepared for this and remember that you don’t have to have a knee-jerk reaction. Take a moment to think things through. Tonight: Party!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
A partner or close friend will throw you a curveball today by saying or doing something you least expect. This could be minor. It might be fun. It might be insulting. Try to take this in your stride. Possibly, you will be introduced to someone who is a real character, someone different. Tonight: Entertain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Your work routine will be interrupted today because of equipment breakdowns, confused messages or news that comes to you out of the blue that changes the flow of things. However, you also might have a breakthrough — some kind of revelation that is a welcome solution. Tonight: Conversations!
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Parents should be vigilant today, because this is an accident-prone time for your kids. Know where they are at all times and remove little ones from hazardous situations. Likewise, romance will undergo unexpected changes and surprises. Guard against sports accidents as well. Tonight: Wealth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Avoid accidents at home at this time, because there is an influence that can encourage this. This same influence can also encourage family arguments, especially with parents and young people. Something unusual at home might occur. Be aware of electrical devices and faulty wiring. Tonight: You win!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
This is an accident-prone time for you, which means it will be smart to pay attention to everything you say and do. Take extra care when walking, jogging, cycling or driving. Likewise, think before you speak, because you might suddenly get a case of foot-in-

mouth disease. Tonight: Solitude.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Keep an eye on your possessions, because something unpredictable will impact your assets. It could be major; it could be minor. You might find money; you might lose money. Be smart and protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. A new source of income might appear. Tonight: Popularity!
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You’re high-viz today, which means others notice you more than usual, especially authority figures, including the police. Be aware of this. Meanwhile, conversations with others might be feisty! Either you or someone else will say something unexpected. Get ready. Tonight: You’re admired.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
This will be a restless day for you because something is going on behind the scenes that you might have set in motion, or you might be surprised because someone else did. Either way, something is in the mix! Meanwhile, you secretly want a bit of adventure today. Fresh stimulation! Tonight: Explore!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A friend will say or do something that surprises you today. Or perhaps you will meet someone who is very different. Keep in mind this person also might be a member of a group or an organization. Something unexpected also might affect your love life or your kids. Tonight: Check your finances.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Tread carefully today, because bosses, parents and the police might throw you a curveball. “Busted!” It could be something minor, perhaps a hot tip or recommendation that surprises you. Or it could be something unnerving. “Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition!” Tonight: Happy cooperation.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Pay attention to everything you say and do today, because this is an accident-prone day for you. On the upside, you might be surprised to learn something fresh, exciting and intriguing. Or news in the media might upset you. It’s an unpredictable day. Tonight: Work.
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TV GUIDE

SUNDAY EVENING

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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BROADCAST	ABC Coco (‘17, PG) ★★½ Anthony Gonzalez.	Yellowstone (TVMA)	Yellowstone (TVMA)	Big Brother (TV14) (N)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)
	(‘15) Sunday Night Football: “Cincinnati Bengals - Buff”: Buffalo vs Cincinnati (Live)									
	FOX Simpsons	Krapopolis	Burgers	Family Guy	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)
	ION NCIS: “After Hours”	NCIS: “Reasonable”	NCIS: “Charade”	NCIS: “Return Sender”	NCIS: “Homefront”					
CABLE	A&E The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)
	AMC (5:00) Skyfall (‘12) ★★½	Fear the Walking Dead	(‘14) Creepshow: “Meet Belaskos”	Fear the Walking Dead	Fear Dead					
	ANIMAL Yellowstone Wardens	Yellowstone Wardens	North Woods Law	North Woods Law	Yellowstone Wardens					
	BET Tyler Perry’s I Can Do Bad All By Myself (‘09, PG-13) ★½	Tyler Perry.	Brooklyn’s Finest (‘10, R) ★★	Richard Gere.						
	BRAVO Housewives (TV14)	Married to Medicine	Housewives (TV14)	Married to Medicine (TV14)	Housewives					
	CARTOON Burgers	Burgers	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Crackers	Eric Andre	YOLO	
	CMT (5:00) Tombstone (‘93)	The Lincoln Lawyer (‘11, R) ★★	Matthew McConaughey, Marisa Tomei.	Days of Thunder (‘90)						
	CNN The Whole Story (N)	CNN Special	CNN Special	The Whole Story with	CNN Special					
	COMEDY South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park
	DISCOVERY Naked and Afraid	“A Redemption” (TV14) (N)		The Garden Cult (N)	(‘02) Naked and Afraid					
	DISNEY Villains	Big City	Big City	Big City	Miraculous	Miraculous	Villains	Chibiverse	Bluey	Bluey
	E! Central Intelligence (‘16) Kevin Hart.	Hancock (‘08, PG-13) ★★½	Will Smith.	Hitch (‘05, PG-13) ★★	Will Smith.					
	ESPN (6:30) MLB Baseball (Live)	Formula 1: “Brazilian GP”		SportsCenter (Live)						
	ESPN2 Sports	USL League One Soccer: “Final” (Live)		World X Games	World X Games					
	FOOD Holiday Baking (TV G)	Holiday Wars (TV G) (N)	Holiday Wars (TV G) (N)	Christmas (TV G)	Holiday Baking (TV G)					
	FREEFORM Incredible	Captain Marvel (‘19, PG-13) Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson.		Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (‘19) ★★						
	FX Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (‘17, PG-13) ★★		Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (‘17, PG-13) ★★							
	HGTV Unsellable Houses	Building Roots (TV G)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Building Roots (TV G)				
	HISTORY Toys America (TVPG)	Toys America (N)	Toys America (TVPG)	Toys America (TVPG)	Toys America (TVPG)					
	LIFETIME Obsessed to Death (‘22, NR)	Holland Roden.	(‘03) Obsessed with the Babysitter (‘21)	(‘01) Obsessed to (‘22)						
	MTV In Relationship (TV14)	In Relationship (TV14)	In Relationship (TV14)	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show					
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	NICK SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	PARMT The Town (‘10, R) ★★	Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall.	The Town (‘10, R) ★★	Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall.						
	SYFY (6:30) Wanted (‘08, R) ★★	James McAvoy.	(‘58) 2 Fast 2 Furious (‘03, PG-13) Paul Walker.	(‘58) Primal (‘19, R) ★★						
	TBS Elf (‘03, PG) Will Ferrell.	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bad Teacher (‘11, R) ★½	Cameron Diaz.				
	TCM The Golden Age of Comedy (‘57)	When Comedy Was King (‘60) ★★½		MGM’s Big Parade of Comedy (‘64)	The Show					
	TLC 90 Day Fiancé: “Committed in” (TV14) (N)	Sister Wives (TV14) (N)	90 Day Fiancé (N)	90 Day Fiancé (TV14)						
	TNT National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation (‘89)	National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation (‘89)	Four Christmases (‘08)							
	TRAVEL The Osbournes Want to Believe (TV14)	Jack O. (TV14)	Jack O. (TV14)	Osbournes (TV14)						
	TV LAND Men	Men	Men	Men	Men	Men	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
	USA SVU: “Taken” (TV14)	SVU: “Countdown”	SVU: “Runaway”	LA Fire & Rescue	SVU: “Folly” (TV14)					
	VH1 (5:30) Rush Hour 3 (‘07)	The Color Purple (‘85, PG-13) ★★½	Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover.	Color (‘85)						
PREM	HBO Legally Blonde (‘01) ★★½	The Gilded Age (N)	The Gilded Age (TVMA)	Oliver (N)	The Gilded Age (TVMA)	(‘40) Oliver				
	MAX Heist (‘15, R) Jeffrey Dean Morgan.	(‘38) Push (‘09, PG-13) ★★½	Chris Evans.	(‘25) The Crazies (‘10, R) ★★						
	SHOW Fellow Travelers	Fellow Travelers (N)	Fellow Travelers	The Godfather (‘72, R) ★★	Marlon Brando.					

SUDOKU

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★

11/4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the King Classic Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Friday's Answers

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

Putting bills on auto-pay

Dear Heloise: This is in regard to Vance from Topeka, Kansas, who recommended not putting credit card bills on auto-pay. I disagree. You should put credit card bills on auto pay, but for the minimum payment only.

If you ever forget to pay the bill timely, or you are incapacitated and unable to pay your bills, this will stop the card from charging you late fees and interest charges each month. If you normally pay a larger amount on your card each month, you can always make a second payment in addition to the minimum payment.

As always, check your credit card bill each month for “strange” charges. Most cards require you to report fraudulent payments within 60-90 days. — Terry King, Costa Mesa, California

Rinsing the Dishwasher

Dear Heloise: It takes a few days for me to fully load my dishwasher. Intermittently, I run the rinse-and-hold cycle. It’s



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a hot-water rinse and a great way to minimize the buildup of plastic residue from the gel packs. — Steve Howard, Tarzana, California

Holiday Cards

Dear Heloise: When sending holiday cards or newsletters, be sure to include your current email address and cellphone number. So many people no longer have landlines and haven’t let their friends know of the new ways to reach them. Hearing the voice of an old friend can mean so much. I love to read your hints in the Houston Chronicle. — Carolyn W., The Woodlands, Texas

Reusing Envelopes

Dear Heloise: Many

of us find it necessary to wear a sanitary napkin daily. When disposing of the used napkin, I highly recommend wrapping it in the plastic of the new pad, then putting all of it in a “junk mail” envelope, which can easily be rolled up to conceal its contents when placed in the kitchen trash basket.

I keep a supply of envelopes handy in the bathroom drawer, so I no longer have to wrap the soiled product in toilet paper. That way, I put these envelopes to good use with no additional expense to me. — Barbara Hoch, San Antonio

Keeping Hoses and Drains Clean

Dear Readers: Keep dishwasher hoses and drains clean and smelling fresh by adding vinegar to the rinse cycle every two to three months. This is a good idea for washing machines as well. Add a generous splash or two of white vinegar and run a small-load cycle.

I have put together a

six-page pamphlet called “Heloise’s Fantabulous Vinegar Hints and More!” that contains many helpful vinegar hints. To order a copy, go to www.Heloise.com or send \$5 and a long, self addressed, stamped envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. — Heloise

Pet Pal

Dear Heloise: This is Cindy and Ken’s Jack Russell Chihuahua (or Jack Chi), Wily Fox. To quote the movie “Rainman,” he is “an excellent driver!”

Readers, to see Wily Fox and our other Pet Pals, go to Heloise.com and click on “Pet of the Week.”

Do you have a furry friend to share with our readers? Send a photo and a brief description to Heloise@Heloise.com. — Heloise

– Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can’t answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

MONDAY’S CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Pairs
5 Highland hat
8 Oust
12 Cattle farm worker
14 Water, in Mexico
15 “Are we done here?”
16 Move like a butterfly
17 Miner’s find
18 Burning
20 Rifle stand
23 Asia’s — Sea
24 Hurler
25 Whines tearfully
28 Combat
29 Sucker
30 Boom times
32 Four-some
34 Dross
35 Banquet platform

36 Sudden gush

- 37 Gentle breeze
40 Actress Phillipa
41 Monster
42 Turkish city
47 Queen dowager of Jordan
48 Study the heavens
49 Salinger girl
50 Towboat
51 Canal of song

2 Existed

- 3 Toronto’s prov.
4 Instruct
5 Head, to Henri
6 “Entourage” agent
7 Gas station user
8 Perplex
9 Wrinkly fruit
10 Naturalist John
11 Cracker spread
13 Difficult
19 Shade of blue
20 Fiddle stick

21 Persian Gulf land

- 22 Lima’s land
23 Poker pot starters
25 Jonathan Swift, for one
26 Hum-dinger
27 Mast
29 Beseech
31 Pvt.’s superior
33 Stick
34 Moocher
36 Fly like a hawk
37 Region
38 Hollywood clashers
39 Senior moment?
40 Men-only
43 “Rugrats” dad
44 Saloon
45 Action flick gun
46 Writer Harper

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Saturday’s answer 11-6

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MONDAY’S CRYPTOQUIP

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V L O Y W P X J K D R A H O P X O K D R .

Saturday’s Cryptoquip: THE E.N.T. ON STAFF IN THE KING’S COURT IS KNOWN FOR TAKING CARE OF HIS HIGHNESS’ SINUSES.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: L equals H

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Can you make charitable giving less ‘taxing’?

Once again, it’s the season of generosity. In addition to considering gifts for your loved ones, you might want to think about charitable gifts as well. But what should you know before making gifts to charities? And what impact might these gifts have on your financial and tax situation?

First, you may want to create a gift budget by deciding just how much you will give to charitable organizations over the rest of the year.

Next, look closely at the groups to whom you wish to contribute. You can find many reputable charities, but some others may be less worthy of your support. One of the red flags of a questionable organization is the amount of money it spends on administrative costs versus the amount that goes to its stated purpose. You can check on the spending patterns of charitable groups, and find other valuable information about them, on the well-regarded Charity Navigator website (charitynavigator.org).

Once you’ve established a gift budget and are comfortable with the groups you choose to support, you might turn your thoughts to another key issue connected with charitable giving: tax benefits. A few years ago, changes in the tax laws resulted in a large increase

in the standard deduction, which meant that many taxpayers found it more favorable not to itemize — and lost the ability to take charitable deductions. But if you still do itemize, your charitable gifts or contributions to tax-exempt groups — those that qualify as 501(c)(3) organizations — can generally be deducted, up to 60 percent of your adjusted gross income, although lower limits may apply, depending on the nature of your gift and the organization to which you’re contributing.

Other, more long-term avenues also exist that combine charitable giving with potential tax benefits. One such possibility is a donor-advised fund, which allows you to make an irrevocable charitable contribution and receive an immediate tax deduction. You can give cash, but if you donate appreciated assets, such as stocks, your tax deduction would be the fair market value of the assets, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income. Plus, you would not incur the capital gains tax that would otherwise be due upon the sale of these assets. Once you establish a donor-advised fund, you have the flexibility to make charitable gifts over time, and you can contribute to the fund as often as you like.



MONDAY’S TV GUIDE

MONDAY EVENING

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
BROADCAST	ABC	(:15) Monday Night Football : "New York Jets -": Los Angeles vs New York					(:15) Local	(:50) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)			
	CBS	The Price Is Right at		Loteria Loca (N)		NCIS (TV14)		Local	(:35) Late Show (TV14)	Comics	
	NBC	The Voice : "The Battles" (TVPG) (N)			The Irrational (TV14) (N)			Local	Tonight Show (TV14)		
	FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Special Forces:		Local Programs (TV14)			Local Programs (TV14)		
	ION	FBI (TV14)		FBI (TV14)		FBI (TV14)			FBI (TV14)		
CABLE	A&E	The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)	
	AMC	(6:00) Bridesmaids ("11, R) ★★★ Kristen Wieg				Pitch Perfect ("12, PG-13) ★★★ Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin				16 Candles	
	ANIMAL	The Last Alaskans		The Last Alaskans		The Last Alaskans		The Last Alaskans		The Last Alaskans	
	BET	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	
	BRAVO	Below Deck (TV14)		Southern Hospitality		Watch What		Below Deck (TV14)	Adventure	Love Without Borders	
	CARTOON	Reg. Show	Titans	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Eric Andre
	CMT	Mike	Mike	Mike	Mike	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Reba	Reba
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with		CNN Primetime		CNN Tonight (N)		Anderson Cooper 360°	
	COMEDY	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show	South Park	South Park	South Park
	DISCOVERY	Contraband		Contraband (N)		Contraband		Contraband		Contraband	
	DISNEY	Hailey's	Hailey's	The Ghost	The Ghost	Scary	Scary	Secrets	Secrets	Bluey	Bluey
	E!	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	E! News	House of Villains	Sex & City	
	ESPN	(:15) Monday Night Football : "New York Jets -": Los Angeles vs New York						Monday	SportsCenter (Live)		Sports
	ESPN2	(:15) Monday Night Football With Peyton and Eli (Live)						Monday	DC's Ultim	The Walk	Blitz
	FOOD	Holiday Baking Championship (TV G) (N)				Christmas (TV G)		The Big Bake: Holiday		Holiday Baking (TV G)	
	FREEFORM	The Parent Trap ('98, PG) ★★½ Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid						The 700 Club (TV G)		Simpsons	
	FX	(6:00) Spider-Man: Far From Home ("19, PG-13)				Venom: Let There Be Carnage ("21, PG-13) ★★★				Spider-Man ("12) ★★★	
	HGTV	Down Home Fab		Down Home Fab		House Hunters (TV G)		Hunters	Hunters	Down Home Fab	
	HISTORY	The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper (TVPG)						Oak Island (TVPG) (N)		(:03) Oak Island (TVPG)	
	LIFETIME	Castle : "Murder Wrote"		Castle (TVPG)		Castle : "Final Frontier"		Castle : "Swan Song"		Castle : "Murder Wrote"	
	MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
	NEWSNAT	Cuomo		Dan Abrams Live		Banfield		Cuomo		Dan Abrams Live	
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	PARMT	Movie						Movie			
	SYFY	(:59) The Hunt ("20, R) ★★½ Ike Barinholtz				Legion ("10, R) ★★ Paul Bettany, Dennis Quaid				SurrealEstate (TV14)	
	TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Dad	Dad	Dad	Dad	Dad	Dad
	TCM	The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter ('68, G) Alan Arkin				(:15) Wait Until Dark ('67, NR) Audrey Hepburn				Russians Coming ('66)	
	TLC	90 Day Fiance (N)		The Family Chantel (N)		(:03) 90 Day Fiance (N)		Welcome to Plathville		90 Day Fiance (TV14)	
	TNT	(:6:15) Movie				(:18) Movie					
	TRAVEL	Mysteries of the Unknown (TVPG)						Mysteries of the Unknown (TVPG)			
	TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)						(:01) House of Villains		Hot Wheels (TVPG)	
	VH1	My True Story (N)		Basketball Wives (N)		Basketball Wive (N)		My True Story (TV14)		Basketball Wives	
PREM	HBO	Meg 2: The Trench ("23, PG-13) Jason Statham				30 Coins : "Hellish" (N)		30 Coins	The Manchurian Candidate ("04) ★★½		
	MAX	Hustle & Flow ("05, R) ★★★ Terrence Howard				(:57) Killing Me Softly ("02, R) ★★		Equals ("16, PG-13) Nicholas Hoult			
	SHOW	Romeo + Juliet ('96)		Fellow Travelers		Why Women Kill (N)		Becky ("20, R) ★★½ Lulu Wilson		The Wrath	

Husband does nothing to help at home

DEAR ABBY: I've been with my husband, "Harry," for 10 years, married for four, and already I'd like a divorce. We have two small children. I'm a stay-at-home mom while he works and pays the bills.

The problem is, he feels that because he works, he doesn't have to do anything else. He doesn't help around the house, help with the kids, spend time with us, nothing! I only ask that he do these things on his days off, but his days off are reserved strictly for himself.

Some days I could use a hand with our children. While I'm doing absolutely everything, he just sits acting like he doesn't hear or see what's going on in front of him. Even after seeing me becoming overwhelmed and frustrated, he won't help me.

I've had a thousand conversations with him about stepping up more when he's home, but it goes in one ear and out the other. I'd rather be single than have him just sit around when he's home because "he pays for every-



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thing." Am I wrong to feel this way? I need help. — **OUT OF BALANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR OUT OF BALANCE: Offer your husband a choice. Either the two of you talk with a marriage and family therapist to help rid him of his selective deafness, or you hire someone to help with the heavier chores he's unwilling to do. If he balks, remind him that you know he's tired of your nagging and it would be cheaper than a divorce.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my wife for 23 years,

married 19 of them. We have two grown children, ages 22 and 20. I recently realized she's still in love with the guy she dated just before me. How did I find out? Well, one day my wife and I were watching a TV show together, and out of nowhere, she asked me my opinion on open marriages.

I gave her a vague answer and started investigating why she asked me that question. That's when I discovered text messages, phone calls and her diary for the last nine months. As far as I can tell, they haven't had sex yet, but she wants to. I did not confront her about it. I felt bad for invading her privacy, but then again, she was being sneaky. I need to know if I should stay or go. — **UNCOVERED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR UNCOVERED: Copy those texts and her diary. Then have a talk with your wife and ask her why she asked about your feelings on open marriage, because it was out of character. After she answers, say you have been thinking about her question and **STRONGLY** feel your marriage

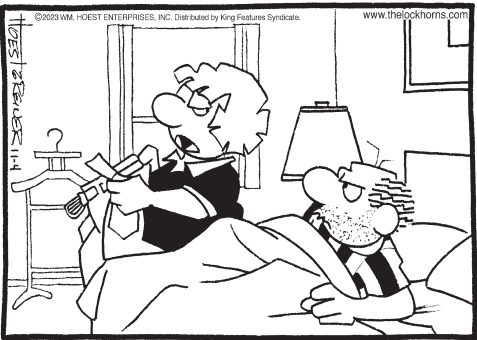
should be monogamous. **THEN** tell her you have seen the calls, texts and diary, and if she wants to have sex with her old boyfriend, you will file for divorce.

DEAR READERS: Time flies! Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour at bedtime tonight. While you're at it, be sure to put fresh batteries in your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. — **LOVE, ABBY**

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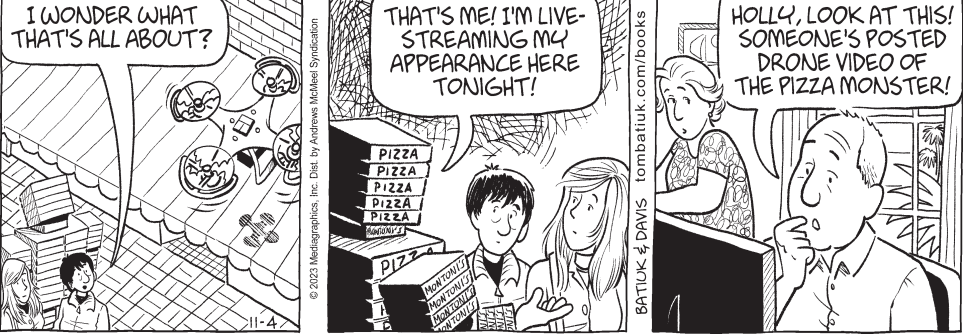
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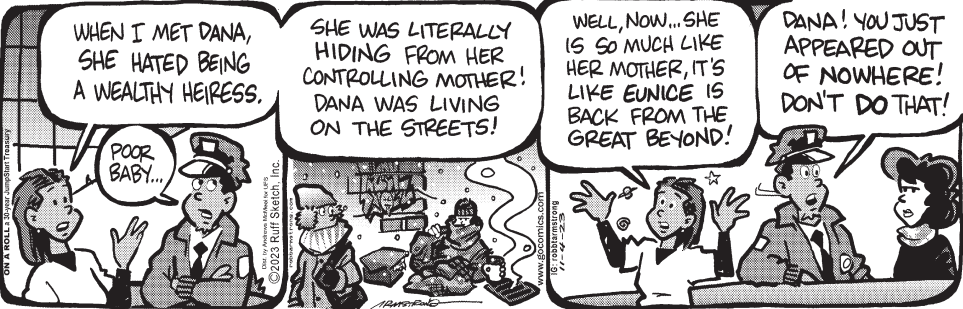
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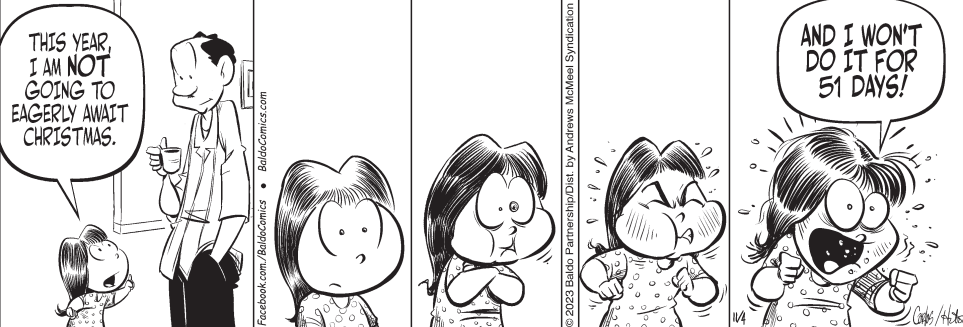
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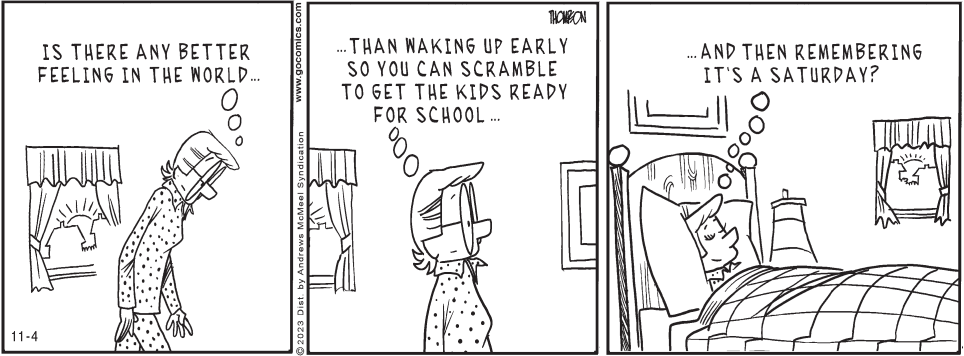
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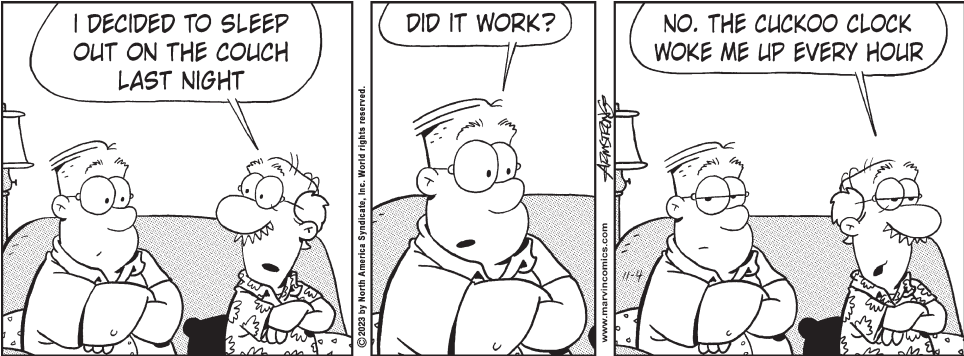
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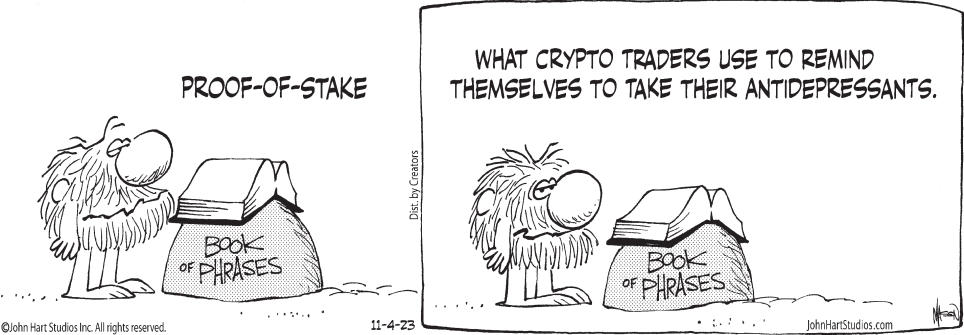
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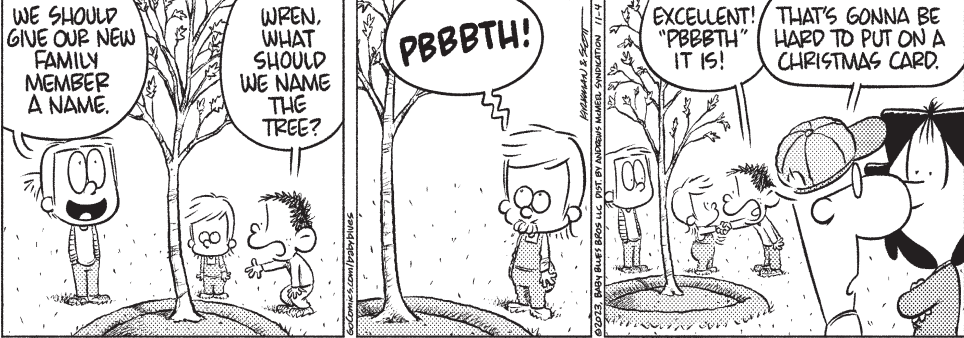
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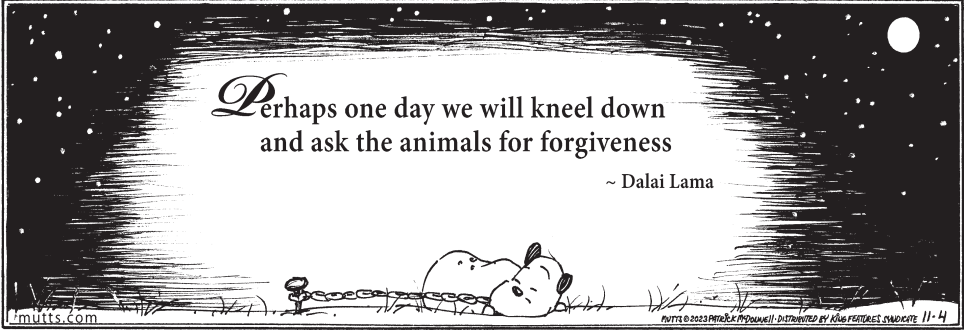
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Diagnosis fills wife’s head with doubts

DEAR ABBY: I have recently been diagnosed with a chronic illness. I am only 40, and I always took for granted that I had plenty of life left to live. I’m happily married, but I worry because my husband, “Al,” has become my caretaker. I feel terrible about it.

My condition is very limiting. I’m in pain all the time and may have to stop working completely. I have developed depression and often cry at home. I feel so guilty, as if I have ruined his life. Al swears he just wants to be with me no matter what we have to go through. I’m just not sure I can handle holding him back from the rest of his life as well. I love him so much. What should I do? — CHANGED IN TEXAS

DEAR CHANGED: Please allow me to offer my sympathy for your diagnosis. Having a painful, life-limiting health condition at such a young age would depress anyone. Please stop adding to it by burdening yourself with guilt for needing your husband’s



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help. He loves you, and has assured you he “just wants to be with you no matter what.”

It’s important that you discuss your depression and guilt with your doctor. You may need counseling, medication and perhaps a support group to help you with the life adjustments that may lie ahead. Please gather your resolve to fight these negative emotions and reach out for the help you need. It is there, and once you do, you will realize you have a whole team ready to help you through this.

DEAR ABBY: I’m in a book club I started with friends 13 years ago. The 12 of us have grown close and value, appreciate and respect each other. I recently invited a childhood friend to join. She’s an avid reader.

Abby, although she’s a nice person, she simply does not fit in with the group. She talks too much, tends to brag a lot and makes insensitive comments. An example: Two of us are leaving on a cruise soon, and she shared how tacky and claustrophobic she thinks those trips are. The rest of the group were appalled, and I feel awful that I introduced her into my longtime book club.

On the other hand, I cannot fathom telling my childhood friend the group would prefer she not attend. I am sure it would be hurtful. A few of us are hoping you will have a solution. Please help. — READING THE ROOM

DEAR READING: How about being completely honest? Tell your childhood friend that if she wants to remain

a member of the book club, she will have to brag and talk less and refrain from making insensitive comments. If she asks what you mean by that, repeat the example you shared with me.

P.S. While I can understand why the two of you who are going on the cruise might have been shocked into silence, it would have been better if those two had spoken up and confronted your friend about why she would volunteer something so negative.

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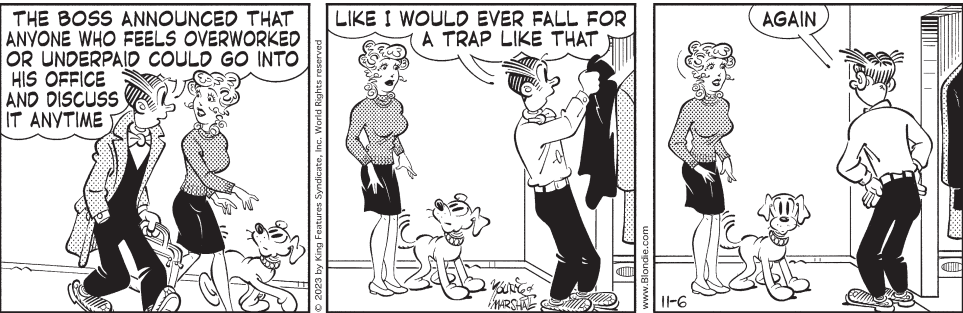
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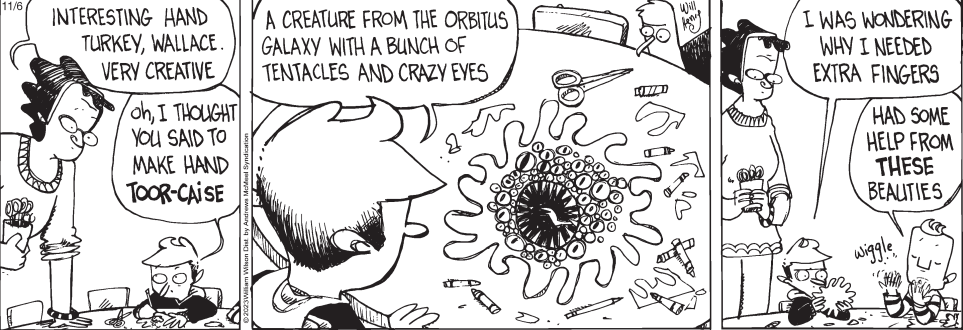
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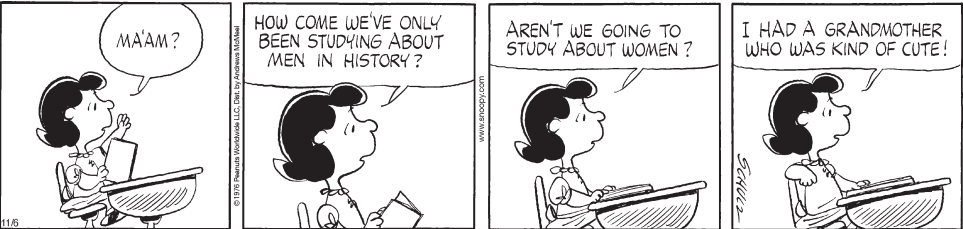
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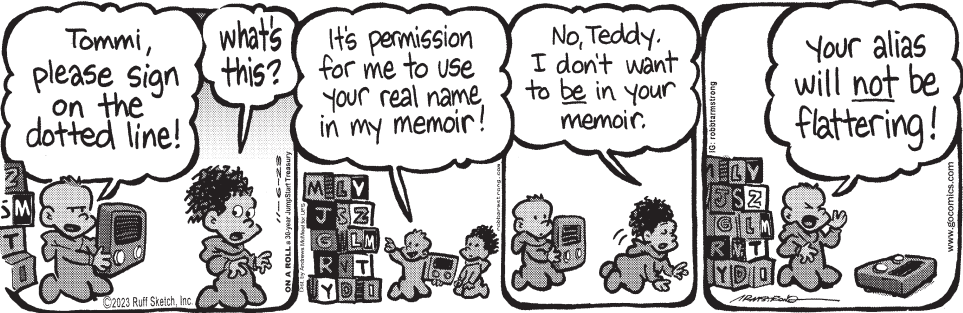
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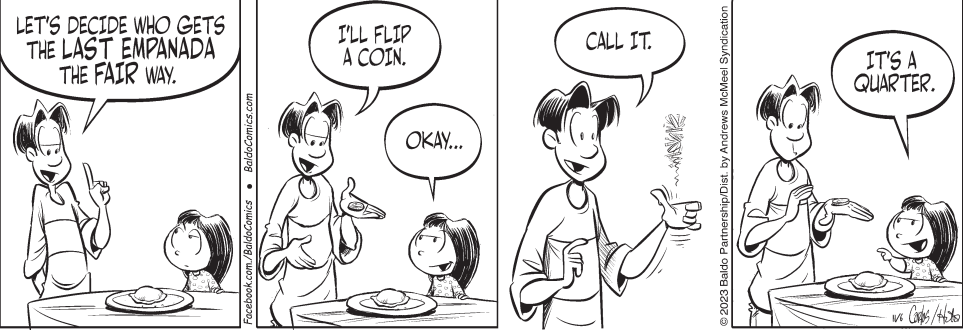
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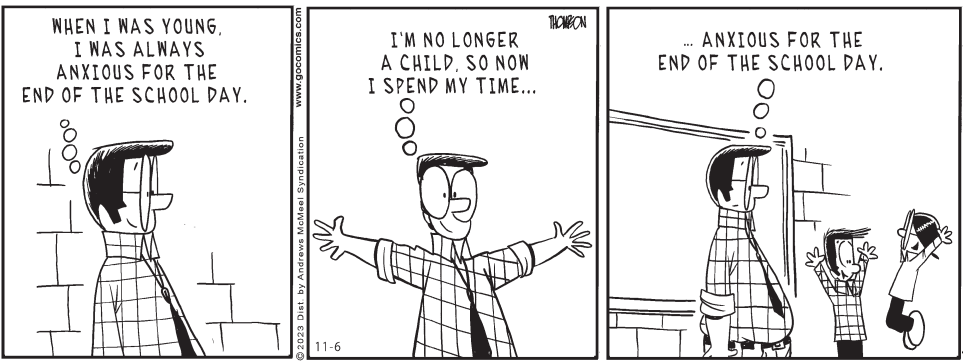
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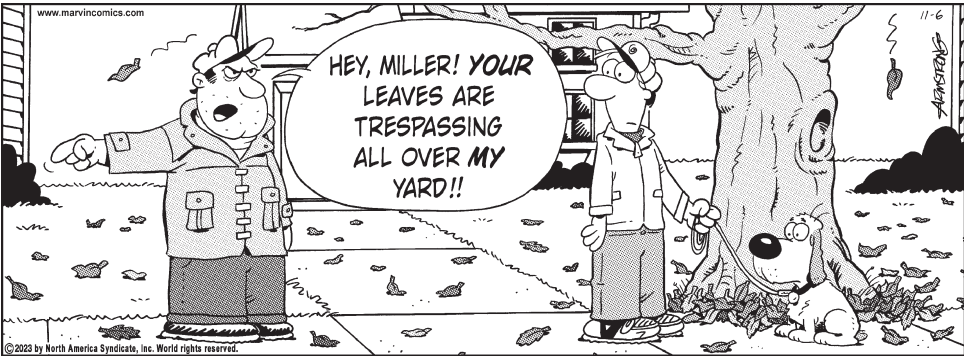
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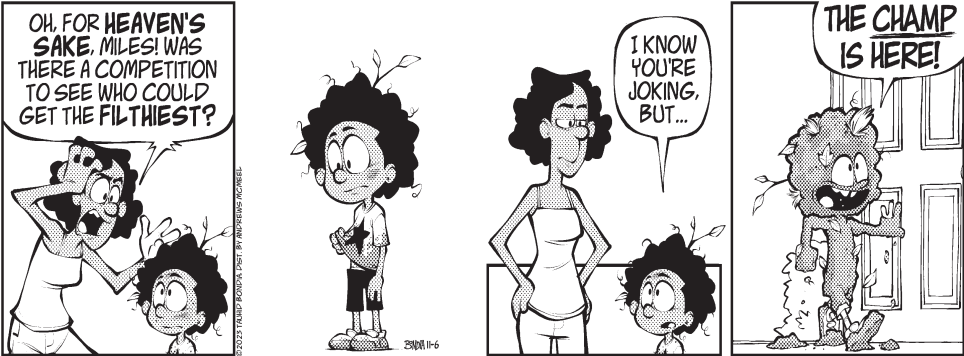
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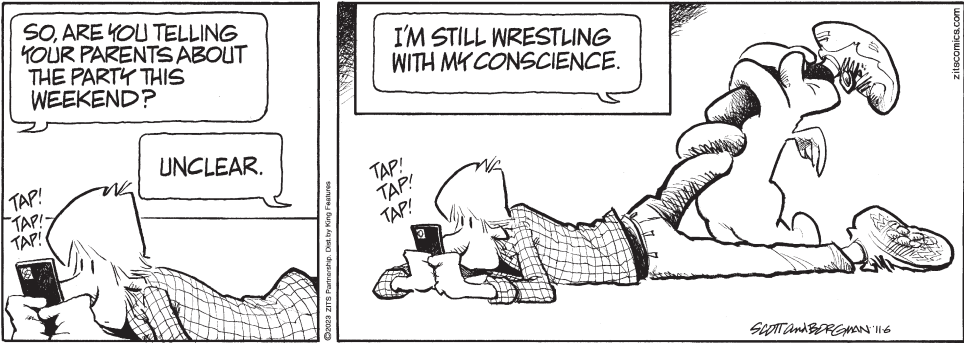
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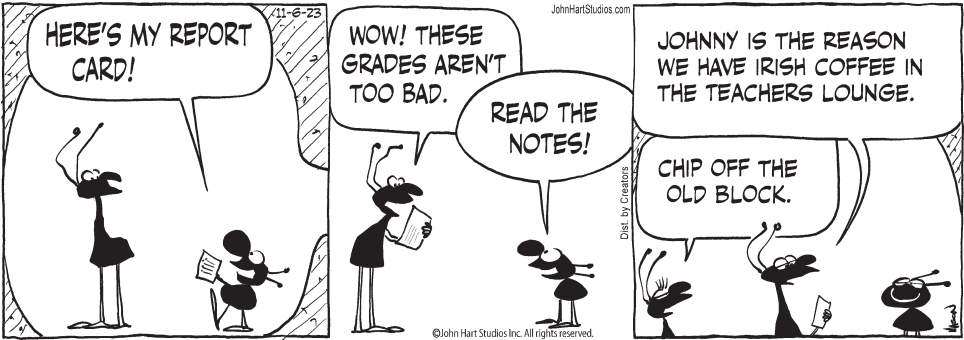
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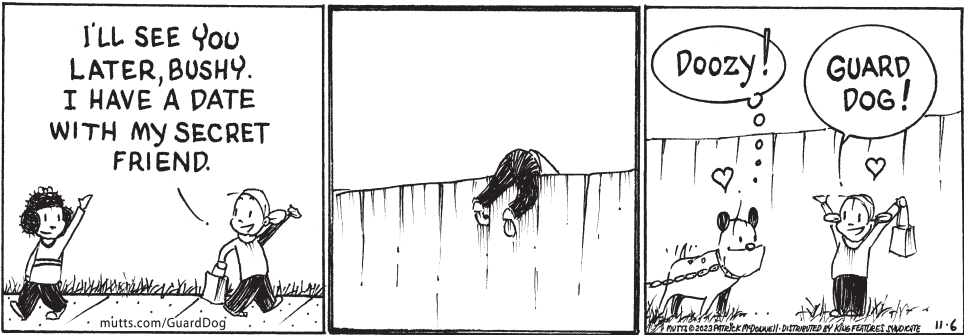
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TO: **ERNIE WESLEY, OR HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS/DEVISEES**

GREETING:

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Marshall, Texas this **2nd day of OCTOBER, 2023.**

Attorney for Plaintiff: Laci R. Stovall
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HARRISON County, Texas

By: Lori Hightower, Deputy

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THE STATE OF TEXAS: Cause # **23-0928**

LARRY COLE IN THE 71ST DISTRICT COURT

V. **WILLIAM L. WASHINGTON AND HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS** OF HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: **WILLIAM L. WASHINGTON AND HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS**

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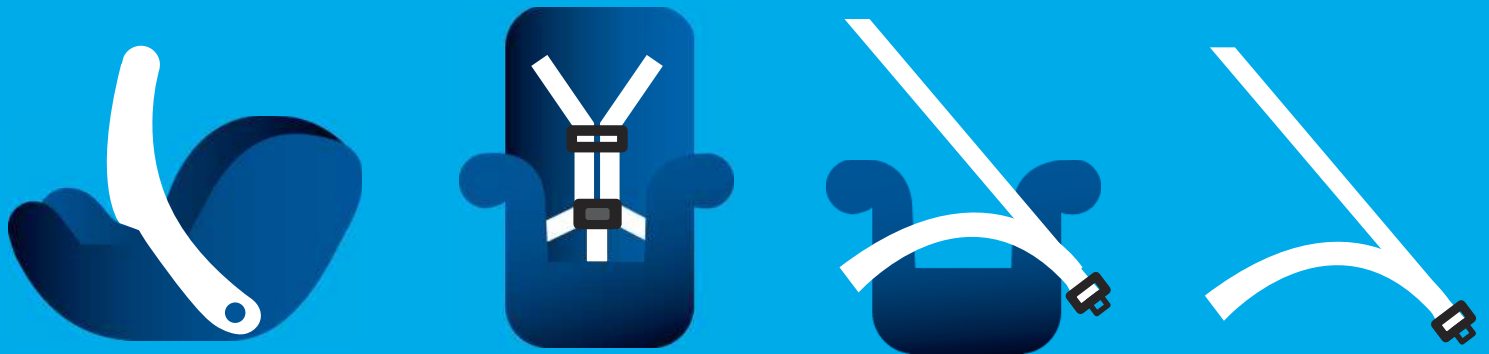
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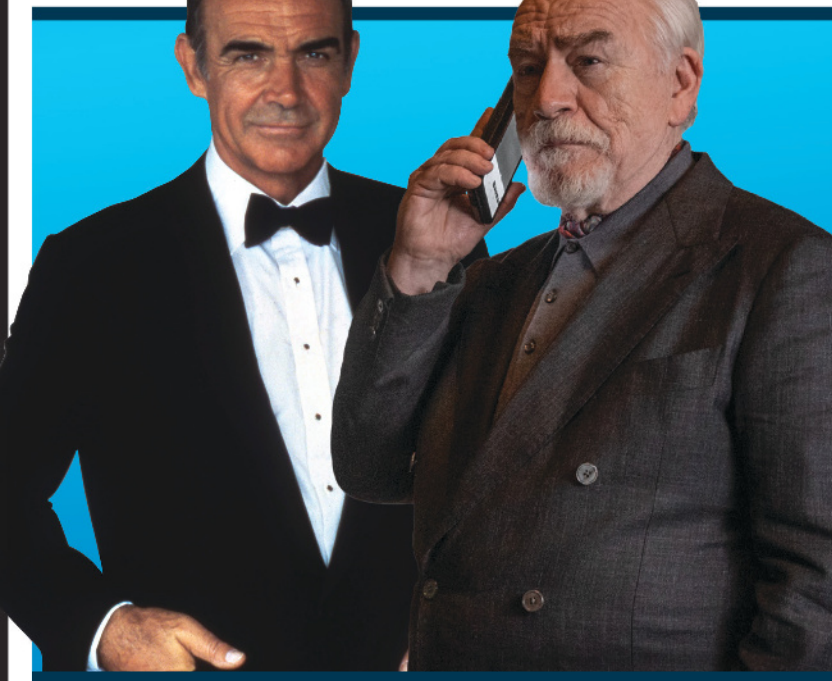
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JAMES BOND IS BACK!

But not in the way you think. A new Bond-inspired show serves up plenty of thrills and chills.

Cue the James Bond theme music as a new adventure series **007: Road to a Million** (Nov. 10 on Prime Video), from the producers of the spy film franchise, sends nine pairs of people on a global adventure for a chance at winning a **£1,000,000 prize**.

The Controller—none other than *Succession* star **Brian Cox**, who knows a thing or two about millions of dollars—is the mastermind behind the game, overseeing nine pairs of everyday people as they hunt for 10 questions he's hidden around the world.

"I'm always up for a new adventure," Cox, 77, says about his mastermind role. "That's how you keep young when you get to my age, by not ruling anything out. You just go, 'Okay, I'll see what happens.' And I really enjoyed it."

To reach the questions, the teams face Bond-inspired challenges in exotic locales, such as the streets of Venice and the majestic Swiss Alps, which tax their physical strength and mental reserves. Each question is worth an increasing amount of money, and if answered correctly, the team banks the cash

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and continues to the next question. If they get the answer wrong, their journey is over.

For Cox, this was an opportunity to say that he's been in a Bond production, because he's never appeared in a Bond film.

"I always thought I'd be a very good Bond villain, but nobody's ever come up with the offer so at least by doing this I'm doing it somehow," he says. "Having played one of the most misunderstood men in television history, it was a no-brainer to be a Bond villain of sorts."

As for his favorite Bond, he says it has to be his fellow Scot, **Sean Connery**.

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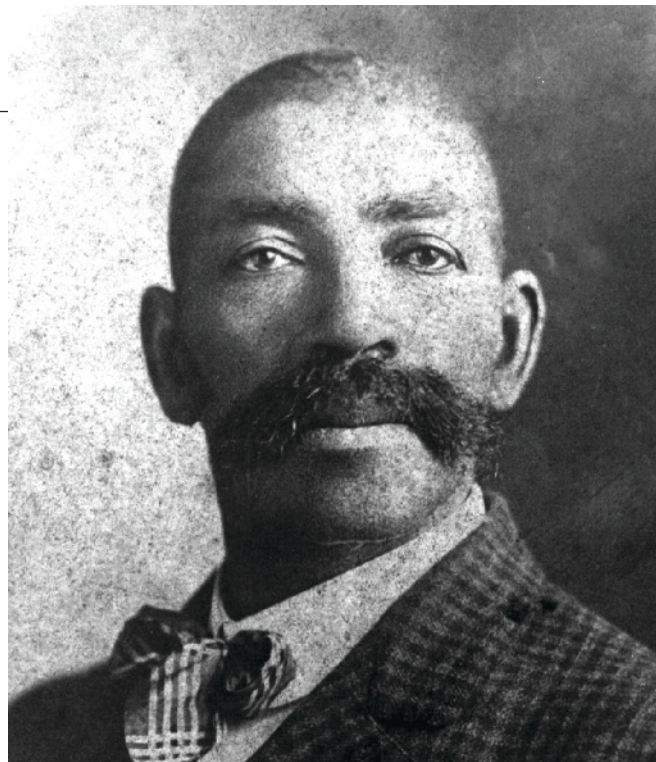
LAWMEN: BASS REEVES

(NOV. 5 ON PARAMOUNT+).

David Oyelowo takes an oath to protect and serve in the story of one of the most legendary—but unsung—lawmen in the Old West in Taylor Sheridan's new Western, which also stars Dennis Quaid (Sherrill Lynn) and Donald Sutherland (Judge Parker). The first chapter in the anthology series follows Bass Reeves' rise from enslavement to law enforcement as the first Black U.S. Marshal west of the Mississippi.

Oyelowo, 47, is also a legend. He was the first Black actor to portray an English monarch for the Royal Shakespeare Company when he played the title role in a production of *Henry VI Parts I, II and III*. He is a two-time Emmy Award nominee who also starred in *Selma*, *The Butle* and *The Help*. In 2016, he was awarded the **OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire)** for his services to drama.

Born in Oxford, England, to Nigerian parents of the Yoruba people, he spent time in Lagos, Nigeria, from ages 6 to 14. He honors his heritage with the David Oyelowo Leadership Scholarship handled by The Geanco Foundation in Nigeria.



WHO WAS THE REAL BASS REEVES?

Horse thieves, murderers, robbers, whiskey peddlers and other assorted thugs ran rampant in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in the early 1870s. To bring law and order to the area, President Ulysses S. Grant appointed Isaac C. Parker judge of the U.S. Court for the Western District of Arkansas, who then recruited James Fagan to be U.S. Marshal and authorized him to hire 200 deputy marshals to police the 74,000 square miles of Indian Territory. Parker told the new deputies to clean up the territory and reportedly said, "Bring them in alive—or dead!" One of those deputies was Bass Reeves, the only Black man hired.

Born into slavery in Arkansas in 1838, Reeves was taken by his master to Texas in 1846. At some point, he escaped and fled north to Indian Territory, where he lived among the Cherokees, Seminoles and Creeks, learning their customs, languages and the lay of the land. He picked up tracking, stalking and survival skills and developed a keen eye and a fast gun. When the Emancipation Proclamation took effect in 1863 and Reeves was no longer a fugitive, he returned to Arkansas, bought a farm and married.

After the Civil War, he worked as an interpreter for settlers returning to Indian Territory. When railroads were being con-

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structed there, he helped protect surveyors and, later, construction workers from being fleeced of their earnings by con men.

When Bass Reeves became a deputy, some people questioned whether a former slave should carry a gun, make arrests, serve subpoenas, summonses and warrants—and handle federal prisoners. But many skeptics grew to respect Reeves. He had a strong sense of right and wrong as well as a dedication to duty. He believed in equality for all citizens.

Reeves never learned to read or write, but he memorized the warrants as they were read to him and never brought in the wrong person. In fact, he became so adept at catching criminals that they often surrendered because they knew the jig was up.

As a deputy marshal, Reeves traveled with a chuck wagon and cook, a posseman (guard) and a tumbleweed wagon (jail on wheels) to transport captives. Standing 6 feet tall and weighing 180 pounds, he was an imposing figure in the saddle. With numerous warrants in hand, Reeves would be gone from his home for months—tracking down outlaws, sleeping outside in all kinds of weather, having shootouts with criminals and bringing in as many as 17 desperados at a time—all for a pittance. He relished the chase and the challenge. Altogether Reeves arrested more than 3,000 men and women. Honest and incorruptible, Reeves always followed the letter of the law, even tracking and arresting his son Ben, who had shot and killed his wife.

In 1907, Reeves' 32-year career as a U.S. deputy marshal ended when Oklahoma became a state, and the federal government was no longer responsible for enforcing law in what had been Indian Territory. Reeves had worked longer than any other deputy in the Western District, serving 21 of those years under Judge Parker. For a brief period, he was a U.S. Marshal in Paris, Tex., then he spent two years as a policeman in Muskogee, Okla., where not a single crime was committed on his watch. Even though he walked with a cane, he was still a striking figure. He retired in 1909. On Jan. 12, 1910, Reeves died.

Hundreds of whites, Blacks and Indians attended his funeral. Fellow lawman Bud Ledbetter said Reeves was "one of the bravest men this country has ever known."

Reeves was inducted into the Hall of Great Westerners of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City in 1992. Twenty years later, a bronze statue of Reeves made by Harold T. Holden was erected at Pendergraft Park in Fort Smith, Ark. It portrays the lawman on his horse and holding a rifle, with his dog running by his side. Each year in July, the Bass Reeves Western History Conference is held in Muskogee, Okla. (Go to 3riversmuseum.com for more info.) —*Diana West*

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THE BUCCANEERS

(NOV. 8 ON APPLE TV+)

The idea of a rich American girl marrying an English lord to obtain property and a certain quality of life isn't new to TV viewers. On *Downton Abbey*, Robert Crawley, 7th Earl of Grantham, marries American heiress Cora Levinson. Luckily, theirs was also a love match, so a story with a happy ending.

Now, the concept is being reexamined in *The Buccaneers* when five, fun-loving American girls are sent to England by their mothers in hopes of securing titles in the tightly corseted London of the 1870s. Like Cora, the girls are looking for more than husbands. They want a love match.

Nan St. George (Kristine Frøseth), her sister, Jinny St. George (Imogen Waterhouse), and best friends Conchita Closson (Alisha Boe), Lizzy Elmsworth (Aubri Ibrag) and Mabel Elmsworth (Josie Totah) comprise the American quintet venturing into Victorian society. Nan and Jinny are accompanied by their mother, Mrs. St. George, played by *Mad Men*'s Christina Hendricks.

"It's ultimately about friendship, support and family," Hendricks, 48, says of the story. "What you would do for your sisters or in my case, your daughters? I have my daughters' backs and they have mine. We all face the societal pressure of marriages and unions, but at what cost?"

The Buccaneers, which plays out between New York, London and Cornwall, but was shot in Scotland, is based on the final, unfinished novel of Edith Wharton, which serves as a jumping-off point for the series, rather than a faithful adaptation.

"It was presumably her first pass at the novel so there are loose ends and storylines which aren't complete," says executive producer Beth Willis, who had been carrying around the novel for a decade before finding the right partnership to turn it into an eight-episode limited series. "However, it is her observational humor—not just about society in New York and England and behaviors of that time—but also about the way people think, which makes this book so relevant both then and now."

**Interview conducted before the SAG/AFTRA strike*



What was your first thought when you read the script? I thought, *I've never read or seen or heard anything like this*, and that's what made it so exciting to be a part of.

What is your take on the movie's depiction of one of the potential dark aspects of modern life: social media? I think there is something to immediate fame from "nothing" that can be dangerous. To have that many more eyes on a story, on a person, on a trend, it just magnifies whatever the experience is, which is dangerous, especially if it feels unearned.

Many actors say to me, "I'm so glad fame didn't happen when I was younger because I wouldn't have been ready for it," and, in this, Paul wasn't ready for it. Paul was definitely not ready for

WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

JULIANNE NICHOLSON

The *August: Osage County* and *Mare of Easttown* star, 52, teams up with **Nicholas Cage** in *Dream Scenario* (in theaters November 10), a cautionary tale about one of the dysfunctional aspects of the modern life: social media fame. In the film, Paul (Cage) becomes the most famous man on earth when he begins to pop up in millions of people's dreams (but not in the dreams of his wife Janet, played by Nicholson). Soon the dreams turn into nightmares, and so does the couple's life.



it. He can barely get someone to turn their head when he's walking down the street, so to suddenly have that onslaught of attention was more than he could handle, to say the least.

Do you think that Janet and Paul have a happy marriage? I think they did have a happy marriage and even do when the movie starts, and I'm not sure they can't find their way back to each other. I think that this is a very challenging moment, where they don't see eye to eye. They've been married 15 years and I think they're in their groove, they're in their habit, but I think they do love each other.

What was it about Janet that you liked? I thought it was an interesting exploration of a marriage, and in this couple's life, in their middle age where we can start to feel less interesting, less desired, less visible. And then it's turned on its head so drastically. I also loved the idea of being a person in these circumstances and just trying to explore what that might be like.

There is that moment where Janet tries to cash in on Paul's 15 minutes of fame, which later turns on her. She's no angel either. She's feeling overlooked at work and she's feeling like opportunities have maybe passed her by, so she's not above trying to take advantage of this moment either, which I like. She's not an angel, she's not perfect, she's just also trying to do the best she can.

That's also how Paul's feeling, so I guess she understands him? To a certain extent, but I think she's also worried about the trouble he's going to get himself into because he seems to grasp at the attention with both hands immediately without any looking around it.

There are strange consequences. Is that what Janet's concerned about? Yes, and also, it's immediate when danger is upon them, that happens pretty quickly, and it's definitely going to give you pause before wanting to go any further down that path.

The film also addresses cancel culture.

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Do you like to examine what's happening in the world now? I thought that [writer/director] Kristoffer Borgli did a great job of exploring those topics without necessarily qualifying them as good or bad; more just shining a light on it. And he did that with a sense of humor, which I appreciate. Not to say that there's anything funny about the Me Too movement and where it stems from, but I thought that Kris' take in this story was smart and funny.

There are levels of cancel culture—what some people do is worse than others. But in this instance, Paul did nothing. The amazing thing about the story is that everyone turns against him and he's done nothing. But it's that thing where once we see it on our phones, we believe it's true.

Nic was almost unrecognizable in this. What was he like as an acting partner? I think he's incredible. I always want to watch Nicolas Cage when he's on screen, and he just showed up so committed to this role, to Kris, and it was amazing to work with him. I've been a fan of his for so long and so to get to be across from him in a scene was a privilege. Anyone that you've admired, it's such a treat to be able to work with them in person and see what they do in person. I feel very lucky every day.

Did the movie make you think about the role that dreams play in our lives? I think dreams are fascinating and dream analogy is really interesting, but I don't personally subscribe to making decisions based on it. But I have friends who are actors who use dreams for their work and sometimes I feel as if I'll dream differently depending on what's going on in my life.

Do you consider yourself a character actress? I think "character actress" is the ultimate compliment, so if someone considers me a character actress, I'm delighted.

At what point in your career did you decide, "Oh, I've made it"? I'm still waiting for that moment, actually.

Seriously? It's so funny, people have such ideas about what it feels like to be an actor. It's a process, you just keep going but literally, you're never, ever assured of what's coming; never.

But there was a point where you didn't have to be a waitress anymore. I stopped waitressing when I was 28. But by the way, I still have waitress dreams. I stopped waitressing almost 25 years ago, and I'll still have a dream where suddenly my whole section has been sat, I can't find my pen, the bartender's not there, there's no more ice. And I wake up still with my heart racing and just like, "Oof!" So relieved.

You're married to actor Jonathan Cake, but you two are the opposite of a Hollywood couple. Is it a concerted effort to keep your personal life low-key? We didn't have to have a conversation like that, we've just followed the life that we want to live and that means no one cares, which is fine by us and definitely fine by our kids.



You won an Emmy for your role of Lori Ross in *Mare of Easttown*. What was it like to get that recognition from your peers, and has it changed anything? I haven't noticed it change anything in any practical sense, but it was such a wonderful night and, of course, it gives you a little bit more confidence that maybe you're doing something right.

Do you have a special place for your Emmy? It kind of moves around with us. We've been moving a lot the last couple of years, so no, not a special place, just on a shelf.

Is that because of work? No. No, life, personal. We decided to move, to leave California, which is bittersweet, I have to say. My family's all on the East Coast and my husband's English. We loved our California years.

Is there a kind of role that you've always wanted to play that you haven't been offered yet? Last year, for about a year, I really wanted to do a Western. But I wanted to be on horseback, not looking out for my man. But now it would be fun to do something kind of glamorous actually, because I feel like I'm always leaning towards the "everywoman." I never really like to wear a lot of makeup, and so maybe it'd be fun to go in completely the other direction. I don't know what the story is necessarily. I'm starting with the physical there, but it's a start. **P**



TESS GERRITSEN: “YOU’RE NEVER TOO OLD FOR ADVENTURE”

The *Rizzoli & Isles* author is back with a new mystery featuring senior spies. BY ELIZABETH HELD

Tess Gerritsen, author of the beloved *Rizzoli & Isles* series, is back with a new crime-solving team—former espionage types living in a small Maine town—in *The Spy Coast*. Gerritsen spoke with *Parade* about her latest book, and what it’s like to live among former spies.

What should readers know about *The Spy Coast*?

It’s about a group of retired spies living in Maine. One of them, Maggie Bird, is already haunted by something that happened in the past. Then, a dead body shows up on her driveway, and she realizes it is a calling card from an operation that went badly wrong.

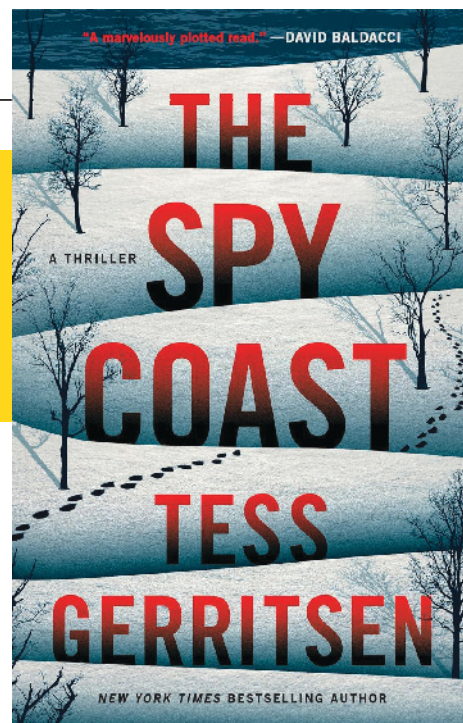
What was writing this book like for you?

I was focused on the emotional aspects of what it’s like to be retired from a very demanding job; what does that do to your sense of worth? I’m getting older, and I feel this sense of people not paying attention to us because we’re over the hill.

Writing *The Spy Coast* was a very emotional journey for me because I started with a feeling that there’s a deep sadness in Maggie Bird. Something terribly wrong happened in her past. I was navigating by feeling her emotions, and I wanted to show the toll it takes to work in the kind of field where you can’t be honest with everybody. What does that do to your personal relationships? That was what pulled me forward. It wasn’t the spy craft, although that’s interesting. It was really about what does it do to you as a person?

You were inspired by your own community for this book?

I live in this part of Maine, and the CIA has a history here. I didn’t know that until we moved here 33 years ago. Then, we discovered that there were retired spies everywhere. The parents of my kids’ friends, people on our street. They seem to have migrated to Maine.



The Spy Coast

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The rich part about having them here is that we have informed, intelligent people who know the history of their operations. Every year, we have something called the Camden Conference, which brings in speakers to talk about foreign affairs. I thought, *How does this little town of 5,000 attract all these people from around the world? How does it attract politicians and leaders in the dead of winter?* Obviously, it’s all the context. When I attend the conference, I’m impressed by my neighbors—they ask the most complex questions. I think, *How do you know that?*

Some of them say they chose Maine because it’s a beautiful place. Others say there are no nuclear targets here and people respect your privacy. But I think it also has to do with the history of safe houses in the region, and there was a branch of one operation that was right here in the Midcoast.

An operation in Maine?

Yes—there was a branch of an operation that happened right here in Maine. In the late 1960s and early '70s, there was a project called MKUltra, which was about seeing if hallucinogens could be useful for interrogations. We had our own little group here.

We also had a facility here that manufactured listening devices for the CIA under the guise of "making hearing aids."

How do your friends and neighbors feel about you fictionalizing your home?

Well, the actual spies don't talk. Everybody else who is aware of our community, they have a twinkle in their eye and they say, "At last, somebody's writing about it." It's treated with amusement and nodding heads whenever I do a book signing here. When I talked about this project last year, I saw a lot of gray-haired heads nod and say, "We've known about this for years."

There's been a surge of mysteries in recent years—your book, *The Thursday Murder Club* series and *Killers of a Certain Age*, to name a few. Why do you think that is?

My readership has always been in the older age bracket—the majority are over 45. We've gotten older together. I think it has to do with the aging of the American population and readership.

I believe most fiction is read by older people, and we want somebody we can identify with. We're tired of all these glamorous, beautiful spies that run around in stilettos and short skirts. I've had enough of that. I want to see a real person on the page.

I want older readers to feel they're never too old for a new adventure. That's what happens in this book. There are always new adventures ahead. Age can be a state of mind—let's get past that.

Is *The Spy Coast* the start of a new series?

I'm already on the second draft of the next book. It's called *The Sum-*

mer Guests. I bring the local police chief, Jo Thibodeau, more deeply into the story. I love this conflict between Maggie and the spies compared to the townies and how they learn to work together.

Your *Rizzoli & Isles* series delighted readers and viewers. What was it like to see it on the screen?

It's funny because I wrote them as ordinary-looking women, and then—all of a sudden—they are these two glamorous ladies on television. As a writer, you have to learn to let go of your own inner vision of your characters because Hollywood will change everything. That was jarring at first, but after a while, I realized they were taking it in a fun direction. There was a lot of humor. It was related to the source material, but it's not the same and I learned to let go.

Do you have any interest in returning to the series?

There is another story in the *Rizzoli & Isles* series. I already know what's going to happen. But I'm having so much fun with Maggie and her group that I'll probably write the next few books about them.

Any book recommendations?

There's a book I've been pushing for a while because I love nonfiction crime fiction—*Trailed* by Kathryn Miles. It's about the killings in Shenandoah Park in Virginia and the serial killer who committed them. The author is a journalist who I think found the killer that the FBI never did. It was eye-opening as to how dangerous the wilderness is for women hikers. We think we're safe out there, but there have been a number of crimes that have never been solved in the woods. **P**

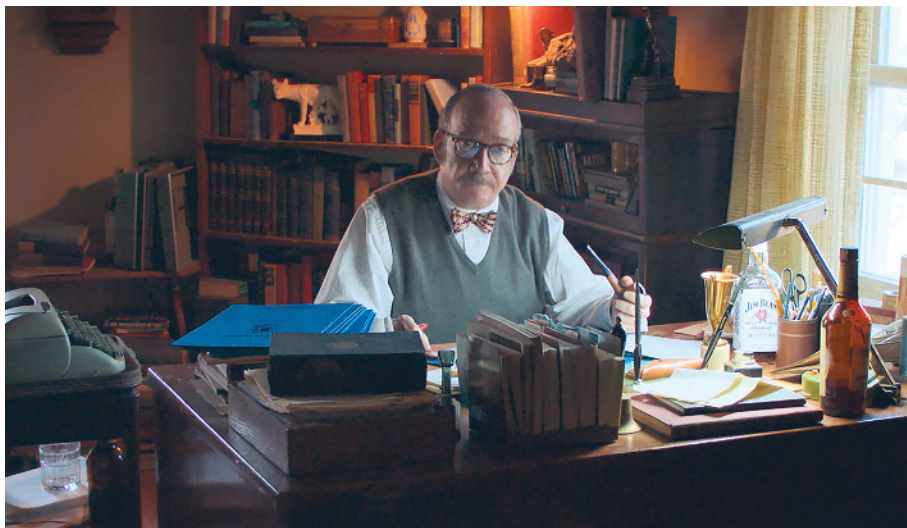
Angie Harmon and Sasha Alexander, *Rizzoli & Isles* season 2



PAUL



GIAMATTI



AS THE ACTOR MOVES ON FROM HIS RUTHLESS ROLE IN *BILLIONS*, HE FINDS HUMANITY AND A SURROGATE FAMILY IN HIS NEW DRAMEDY, *THE HOLDOVERS*.

BY CLAIRE CONNORS

Hot on the heels of the finale of his hit Showtime series, *Billions*, Golden Globe- and Emmy-award-winning actor Paul Giamatti is certainly not resting on his laurels. His latest film role opens in theaters next week, with early viewers and critics unanimously whispering the “O” word about his performance as a beleaguered professor at a New England prep school.

Set in the early ’70s, *The Holdovers* is a poignant yet very funny throwback to boarding school classics like *The World According to Garp* (1982) and *Dead Poets Society* (1989). It tells the story of three “holdovers” left behind at their prep school during Christmas break; a troubled student (played by newcomer Dominic Sessa) mourning his father’s death, the school cook (Da’Vine Joy

Randolph) grieving the loss of her son killed in Vietnam, and Paul Hunham (Giamatti), a strict—and universally loathed—ancient history teacher with a penchant for humiliating his entitled students with devastating humor.

The idea for the film came from two sources: *Merlusse*, an obscure 1935 French film director Alexander Payne saw about a group of students left at school during a holiday break with a hated teacher, and a spec script for a TV series by screenwriter David Hemingson (*Kitchen Confidential*). “David had written a pilot script that took place in an all-boys prep school, and it was wonderful,” says Payne. He asked Hemingson to make the project into a feature. “Alexander put it this way: It’s the story of lonely people at Christmas and the way their relationship evolves and the

adventures they go on,” says Hemingson. “Alexander is such a great writer because he’s a humanist. He wants to see people in all of their flawed glory on screen.”

Payne immediately knew that Giamatti, the star of his Oscar-winning film, *Sideways* (2004), was perfect for the flawed professor. “[*Sideways*] was perhaps the happiest collaboration I have ever had with an actor, and I’ve had a lot of good ones,” says Payne. “I think Paul is the greatest actor and respect him so much. This role was tailor-made for him.”

Born and raised in New Haven, CT, Giamatti, 56, grew up surrounded by academics. “My father was a professor and President of Yale University,” he says. “My mother was a teacher and my grandparents were all teachers. Everyone in my family is a teacher or academic so it’s a background I understand.” And like the posh students his character Hunham oversees, Giamatti attended elite private academies himself. “I didn’t board there, but I went to a prep school like the one in the movie. Part of my preparation for the role was thinking about my past and people that I knew in the past.”

That background helped him channel Professor Hunham, he says. “My character is a disciplinarian, a hard-ass; he’s kind of a square guy. And he has lots of grotesque physical problems that put people off. He is *not* a beloved teacher.”

THE LURE OF ACTING

Giamatti could have followed his parents’ footsteps into education. He graduated from Yale University with an undergraduate degree in English and a master’s in drama. “I thought about going into an academic life,” he told *The Guardian*. “Though I don’t think I would’ve been suited for it. It’s because my dad died suddenly that I became an actor.”

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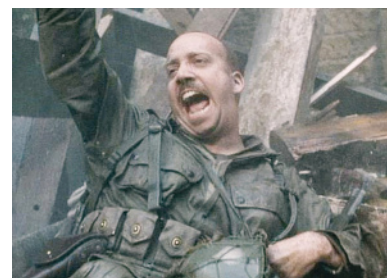
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His father, A. Bartlett (Bart) Giamatti, also the commissioner of Major League Baseball at the time, died unexpectedly at age 50 of a heart attack. “His death threw everybody for a loop,” his son recalls. “I had just graduated. He died before I knew what I was going to do with my life.”

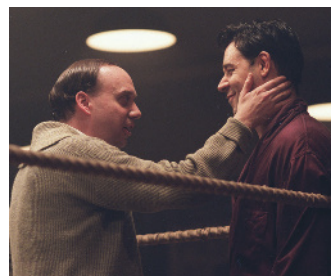
What he ended up doing was dishwashing and selling juice machines in Seattle while developing his craft in local theater. “I definitely had a top-notch education,” he says, “as wasted as it was on me.” His talent, though, *wasn't* wasted as he began to get bit parts. His role as “kissing man” in 1992’s *Singles* and “FBI technician” in 1997’s *Donnie Brasco* got him some notice, and he emerged as a reliable and very recognizable character actor. And then he landed the role of Kenny “Pig Vomit” Rushton in *Private Parts* (1997).

“It was one of the first movies I had ever done,” he said of the film based on Howard Stern’s autobiography. That well-received movie should have opened doors to more substantial parts, but it was another five years of doing small roles in big movies like *Saving Private Ryan* (1998), *Man on the Moon* (1999) and *Planet of the Apes* (2001)—what Giamatti calls “a lot of good work”—before he was cast in the lead of 2003’s Oscar-nominated film, *American Splendor*. Ironically, Giamatti, who played comic book creator Harvey Pekar in the movie, won the “Break-through Performance” award by the National Board of Review—13 years after his career began.

He was nominated for his first Golden Globe for his groundbreaking performance as Miles, a wine connoisseur on a drunken “wine country” road trip in director Payne’s 2004 romantic dramedy, *Sideways*. The film introduced him to Payne, who had just won a Golden Globe for writing *About*



ROLE PLAY From top left: *Private Parts* (1997), *Saving Private Ryan* (1998), *Man on the Moon* (1999), *American Splendor* (2003), *Sideways* (2004), *Cinderella Man* (2005), *John Adams* (2008), *Billions* (2016–23).



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From left: Taping the *Chinwag* podcast; his father, Commissioner of Major League Baseball A. Bartlett Giamatti; with his 2008 Emmy for playing *John Adams*.

Schmidt. “I had always idolized Alexander’s movies,” Giamatti says. “So being offered the lead part in *Sideways* was a dream come true.”

A year later, Giamatti earned his only Oscar nomination (so far) for his role as a boxing manager in Ron Howard’s pugilist drama, *Cinderella Man* (2005). He may have lost that race, but the Emmys came calling in 2009 for Giamatti’s magnificent performance in *John Adams*, about one of our founding fathers, and the second President of the United States. The seven-part HBO series, based on David McCullough’s Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, was a project that Giamatti initially worried about. “Do you really want to make a nine-hour movie about this guy who’s a relentless pain in the ass?” he said in *The Hollywood Interview*. “I said I’d love to do it but that I wasn’t going to compromise about him being a pain in the ass, because I thought that would be really interesting.” Audiences did, indeed, love the series as *John Adams* was HBO’s most-watched program that year and went on to sweep the Emmys with 13 awards, followed by four Golden Globe wins a few months later.

The next eight years found Giamatti

unofficially earning a reputation as the hardest-working man in Hollywood, as he appeared in over 50 film and television projects during that time. But his most enduring role might be Chuck Rhoades, the relentlessly driven district attorney in the political drama *Billions*, which concluded its seventh and final season last month.

LIFE AFTER *BILLIONS*

Billions fans may be wondering where they’ll get their next Giamatti fix, but fear not, there’s still plenty of Paul to go around this fall. There’s his weekly podcast, *Chinwag*, co-hosted with author and philosopher Stephen Asma, where they talk about everything from Bigfoot to magic mushrooms. Last week he showed up in the second season of HBO’s Spanish fantasy drama *30 Coins* playing, of all things, a tech billionaire.

And just in time for the holiday season, his feel-good film *The Holdovers* opens November 10. “It’s such a good story,” says Giamatti. “It’s about three completely unlikely people forming a bond from common humanity. I hope it’s got laughs and emotional stuff and just feels comforting in some way.” **P**

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“I have a middle-aged soul,” Paul Giamatti told *Parade*. In spite of an Oscar nod for *Sideways* the year before and a new movie opening (*Lady in the Water*, directed by M. Night Shyamalan), the 39-year-old actor was unpretentious and easy to miss tucked in the back of a luncheonette in Brooklyn. Obsessing about whether he should send back the mayo-filled

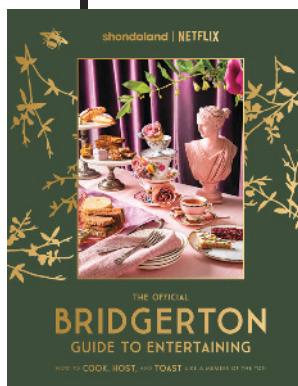


BLT that he’d ordered sans mayo, he admitted, “I feel like I’ve constantly been in a state of crisis since I was 12. I could overthink anything.” Married at the time to Elizabeth Cohen, with a 5-year-old son, Sam, Giamatti was celebrating a career turn: “The work I’m getting lately has been far more interesting,” he says, than the character work he used to get. “It’s not stuff that’s predicated so much on what I look like. That’s been very freeing.”

THROW A *BRIDGERTON* GAME NIGHT

If you want to “cook, host and toast like a member of the ton,” *The Official Bridgerton Guide to Entertaining* from Shondaland and Netflix is for you. You can whip up 40 recipes fit for a queen, but with modern twists; there are plenty of mocktails and gluten-free and vegetarian options. You’ll find instructions for hosting high tea

or a lawn party, but we were inspired by the book’s game-night section that offers up a fete worthy of Lady Danbury’s den of iniquity. The book has directions for ton-approved games, including whist (like bridge), luminaries (like charades) and vingt-et-one (like blackjack). Keep spirits high and tummies full with these game-night recipes from the book: decadent goat cheese-filled figs and Lady D’s own Amaro Sour.



HONEY AND GOAT CHEESE-FILLED FIGS

There is a reason the Romans considered figs to be a gift from Bacchus, the god of wine and carnal delights. A single bite of these perfectly ripe morsels, bursting with flavor and a creamy goat cheese filling, is enough to make a debutante blush. But we are not blushing debutantes here in this den of iniquity; we are boisterous ladies who know how to appreciate a beautiful (if voluptuous) hors d’oeuvre.

Cut off the top $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of 16 to 20 figs (about 1 lb) and use the back of a small spoon to scoop out some of the seeds from each fig (about $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp each). You are essentially creating small fig “cups.” Transfer the seeds to a small bowl, add 1 Tbsp honey, and use a fork to smash the seeds and honey until the mixture is smooth and jammy. Add $\frac{1}{3}$ cup goat cheese, a pinch of salt and several large grinds of black pepper, then stir until well combined and smooth. Coarsely chop four mint leaves and fold into the goat cheese mixture. Transfer the filling into a small piping bag or plastic storage bag and cut a small opening on one corner of the bag that is a little larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Pipe the filling into each fig so that the filling comes slightly out of the top. Transfer the stuffed figs to a serving platter, drizzle with additional honey and sprinkle with 2 Tbsp chopped hazelnuts. Coarsely chop two mint leaves, sprinkle over the stuffed figs along with a couple grinds of additional black pepper and serve. **Makes 16 to 20 pieces.**



LADY D'S AMARO SOUR

Ratafia is a style of cordial made in parts of France, Spain and Italy. It is essentially brandy infused with nuts, fruits, herbs and spices—often cherry, peach or apricot kernels or the essence of bitter almonds. Modern readers may struggle to find ratafia; however, amaro (a style of bittersweet Italian liqueur) is widely available at most well-stocked liquor stores and is an interesting substitute. Amari range in flavor from pleasantly bracing to assertively bitter, so if you're new to the stuff, ask the clerk to point you in the direction of a "gateway amaro," such as Averna or Lucano.

“I shall need
someone else to
seek me a glass
of the ratafia.”

—Lady Danbury

Combine 1½ oz amaro, ¾ oz bourbon, 1 oz freshly squeezed lemon juice, ¼ oz simple syrup, and 1 egg white in a cocktail shaker without ice and shake for 10 seconds to incorporate the egg white. Add ice to the shaker and continue shaking until chilled. Strain into an old-fashioned glass filled with ice. Garnish with the lemon peel and cocktail cherry and serve. Makes 1 serving.

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—Bruce F, North Hollywood, Calif.

Metals are better thermal conductors, which refers to their ability to transfer heat. (What we call “cold” is a relative absence of heat.) Non-metals—in this case, wood—are better thermal insulators.

So, when you take the dowel and rod out of the fridge, where the items become cooler than body temperature, the rod transfers away the heat energy in your hand better than the dowel does, so the rod feels colder. The opposite happens when you take them out of the oven, where the items become warmer than body temperature. The rod transfers its heat energy to your hand much better than the dowel does, so the rod feels hotter.

This is why metal patio chairs are uncomfortable unless the weather is just right. If it’s cool outside, they feel too cool, and if the weather is warm, they feel too warm.

CLASSIC ASK MARILYN



THE PROBABILITY QUESTION

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Say that a woman and a man (who are unrelated) each has two children. We know that at least one of the woman’s children is a boy and the man’s oldest child is a boy. Can you explain why the chances that the woman has two boys do not equal the chances that the man has two boys? My algebra teacher insists that the probability is greater that the man has two boys, but I think the chances may be the same. What do you think?

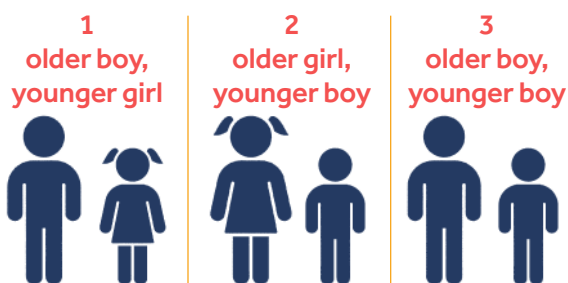
—Michelle Minikel, Brookfield, Wis.

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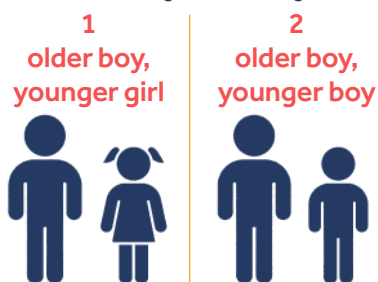
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THE PROBABILITY QUESTION

The Answer: Your algebra teacher is correct. The woman may have at least one boy in the three following ways:



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