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Wheelchair life has its own challenges

By Ernie Williamson

The Bulletin

I came across an article listing some of the most annoying challenges about life in a wheelchair.

Having been in a wheelchair now for almost 11 years, I thought I would put my own list together.

To be clear, the following is a list of relatively minor annoyances. It is not a list of devastating events, like losing the ability to walk. That is obviously a life-changing event.

The View from My Seat

My list is more about obstacles that I hadn't realized would be a problem and about things most of you have probably never thought about.

In no particular order, let the whining begin.

PARKING: I have spent hours in the past 11 years driving around parking lots waiting for reserved handicapped spots to open up. There are two kinds of handicapped spots. I need the handicapped space that also says "VAN ACCESSIBLE", so I can deploy the ramp on my van and roll out in my wheelchair.

I get irritated at people who aren't handicapped parking illegally in handicapped spots, but I also get annoyed at drivers with handicapped stickers who park in "VAN ACCESSIBLE" places when they don't need to. There is nothing illegal about this. It is, however, annoying for those of us needing "VAN ACCESSIBLE" spots.

FILLING UP: Deploying the ramp
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Asian food is a lot easier to eat than to cook

By Jase Graves

The Bulletin

When I was growing up in 1970s East Texas, my experiences with international cuisine were pretty much limited to pizza, spaghetti and an occasional tamale.

Now that I have my own children, I've tried to expand their experiences by taking them out to Mexican, Italian, Asian, Mexican and more Mexican restaurants.

We even cook ethnic dishes (mostly Mexican) on a fairly regular basis, but my youngest daughter has recently taken our culinary

experiences to a new level.

When she's not deploying a YouTube video to procrastinate from doing her homework, completing chores, eating,

bathing, sleeping, or otherwise engaging in reality, she's pestering my wife and me to share in her mania for Asian food culture.

Unfortunately, she's no longer satisfied watching me eat my weight in hot and spicy chicken at the local Chinese buffet.

No, she actually wants us to cook it!

Now, I'm marginally competent with basic Southern dishes, like mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy, banana pudding and other mostly white or yellow foods that prompt warnings from the American Heart Association.

And I can make a mean ground beef taco – as long as the seasoning mix comes pre-measured in an
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I found out that knowing how to make Southern dishes like mashed potatoes is no help

Baseball was more than a game for the Acerra brothers

By Joe Guzzardi

Special to The Bulletin

In 1997, the Cooperstown Hall of Fame honored the Acerra family, an all-Italian, 12-brother semi-pro team that played .700 winning baseball from 1938 to 1952.

Between 1860 and 1940, 29 baseball teams were made up entirely of brothers; the Acerras played longer than any other.

Honored isn't the same as inducted, so the brothers didn't join the powerful Italian-American contingent that has Hall of Fame plaques: the New York Yankees' Joe DiMaggio, Tony Lazzeri, Yogi Berra and Phil Rizzuto. More recently, Joe Torre, Tommy La Russa and Craig Biggio joined the Cooperstown greats. Among the Italian-American baseball standouts born too soon to benefit from today's watered-down Hall of Fame standards were Sal "the Barber" Maglie, a New York Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers and Yankees pitcher, and Rocco Domenico Colavito, a nine-time All-Star with 374 career home runs.

The Acerras' wonderful story is one of strong family ties, and excep-
(See **LEAVES** on Page 12)

I'm trying to get some R&R at the hideout

By John Toth

The Bulletin

Hello from the hideout. It's been a while.

I had been trying to make it back here, but the summer was busier than usual at Bulletin Headquarters. We are finally back and ready for some R&R.

But wait, the grass needed mowing - some. Luckily, it hadn't rained here almost all summer, so the grass had not been a problem,

John's Ramblings

but it could use a little trim. I will have to do that before the R&R kicks in.

It also looked like a large tree limb just missed the house. There had to be some strong winds passing through for that to happen.

It looked really nice just laying there on the ground. The leaves have turned purple as they dried out.

It reminded me of the leaves changing colors - still on trees with limbs intact. I saw plenty of those before moving to the Texas Gulf Coast. I missed them for a while, until I realized that what followed summer here is what I like to call "almost summer". I've had enough of winter. I like the Gulf Coast's almost summers.

It looked too pretty to cut up, but I had to. I couldn't just leave it there. So, I'd have to do that and then mow and trim. Then I could get some R&R.

It would have to wait another day, since when we travel during a printing cycle, we take our work with us.

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WEATHER HISTORY ON THIS DAY

November 16, 1958 - More than six inches of snow fell at Tucson, AZ.

November 17, 1927 - A tornado cut a 17-mile path across Alexandria and southeastern Washington, D.C., injuring 31 people. The tornado struck the Naval Air Station, where a wind gust of 93 mph was recorded.

November 18, 1957 - A tornado, 100 yards in width, traveled a nearly straight-as-an-arrow 27-mile path from near Rosa, AL. to near Albertville, AL., killing three people. A home in the Susan Moore community in Blount County was picked up and dropped 500 feet away, killing one person.

November 19, 1921 - The Columbia Gorge ice storm finally came to an end. In Oregon, 54 inches of snow, sleet and glaze blocked the Columbia River Highway at the Dalles.

November 20, 1900 - An unusual tornado outbreak in the Lower Mississippi Valley resulted in 73 deaths and extensive damage across Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

November 21, 1985 - Hurricane Kate made landfall during the evening hours near Mexico Beach, FL. Wind gusts to 100 mph were reported at Cape San Blas, FL.

November 22, 1987 - Eight cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Elkins, W.V. reported a bone-chilling low of 5 degrees above zero.

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NOVEMBER 16 Wednesday	NOVEMBER 17 Thursday	NOVEMBER 18 Friday	NOVEMBER 19 Saturday	NOVEMBER 20 Sunday	NOVEMBER 21 Monday	NOVEMBER 22 Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Few Showers	Cloudy
57 / 43	53 / 38	54 / 40	53 / 38	55 / 42	56 / 41	58 / 45

Local UV Index

0-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
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0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

State Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		City	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx		Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Amarillo	42/31	pc	40/28	cl	38/29	cl	Odessa	49/38	mc	48/36	cl	47/37	mc
Beaumont	56/37	pc	52/32	cl	53/34	mc	San Antonio	56/39	mc	54/36	cl	53/37	pc
Dallas	53/38	pc	51/35	cl	49/36	mc	Waco	53/35	mc	51/32	sh	49/33	mc
Houston	56/42	mc	53/38	sh	52/39	mc	Wichita Falls	50/37	pc	48/34	ss	47/35	mc

Weather (Wx): cl/cloudy; mc/mostly cloudy; pc/partly cloudy; r/rain; s/sunny; sh/showers; t/thunderstorms

Weather Trivia

Cyclogenesis refers to what?

?

Answer: The development of a low pressure system.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Wed	5:30-7:30	5:52-7:52	Sun	8:23-10:23	8:46-10:46
Thu	6:14-8:14	6:36-8:36	Mon	9:10-11:10	9:34-11:34
Fri	6:57-8:57	7:18-9:18	Tue	10:00-12:00	10:27-12:27
Sat	7:40-9:40	8:01-10:01			

Weather History

Nov. 16, 1988 - A powerful low pressure system in the north central United States produced high winds across the Great Lakes region, with wind gusts to 60 mph reported at Chicago. Heavy snow blanketed much of Minnesota, with 11 inches reported at International Falls.

Sun & Moon

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
11/16	Wednesday	6:46 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	Prev Day	1:22 p.m.	11/30
	Thursday	6:47 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	12:28 a.m.	1:53 p.m.	
	Friday	6:47 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	1:24 a.m.	2:23 p.m.	
	Saturday	6:48 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	2:20 a.m.	2:52 p.m.	
New	Sunday	6:49 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	3:18 a.m.	3:22 p.m.	Full
11/23	Monday	6:50 a.m.	5:24 p.m.	4:19 a.m.	3:54 p.m.	12/7
	Tuesday	6:51 a.m.	5:24 p.m.	5:22 a.m.	4:31 p.m.	

Surfside Beach Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
11/16	11:33 p	2:20 p	None	None
11/17	11:49 p	3:23 p	None	None
11/18	10:39 a	6:59 a	11:52 p	4:35 p
11/19	12:28 p	6:50 a	11:52 p	6:07 p
11/20	1:34 p	6:49 a	11:57 p	7:25 p
11/21	2:30 p	6:59 a	None	8:50 p
11/22	12:04 a	7:20 a	3:26 p	None

Local Almanac Last Week

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days					
11/3	83	70	77/55	0.00"	11/3	27	11/7	25
11/4	84	75	77/54	0.01"	11/4	30	11/8	24
11/5	75	59	77/54	0.20"	11/5	17	11/9	24
11/6	86	67	76/54	0.00"	11/6	27		
11/7	84	66	76/54	0.00"				
11/8	82	65	76/53	0.00"				
11/9	83	65	75/53	0.00"				

Growing degree days are calculated by subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the day's average temperature.

Strange but True

By Bill Sones
and Rich Sones, Ph.D.

How fast can a falling ball travel?

Q. From a Baltimore reader: "I've wondered about this since high school. If I were to drop a 'superball' type hi-bounce ball from the 1250-ft. height of the Empire State Building, what would happen? Would it bounce super high? Shatter? I can't try this, but I'd love to know."

A. You can save yourself, oh, about 100 floors ascent, because the small lightweight ball would rapidly come into balance between gravity accelerating it downward and air friction retarding its fall, says University of Washington professor of mechanical engineering Colin H. Daly.

In other words, the ball would reach terminal velocity, maxing out at maybe 30-40 mph for the rest of the way down. So you could just as well drop it from the window of your apartment 5 or 6 stories up and get the same bounceback, about 30-50 feet. "It would likely survive this without shattering."

For a truly smashing experiment, build a skyscraper in a vacuum somewhere. Now, drop the ball from just 1000 feet up, and without air resistance, it will accelerate to 172 mph. Get ready to go pick up the pieces!

How high can an IQ score go?

Q. How high can IQs get? We know from the Flynn effect that IQ test performances have been improving worldwide by about 3-5 points per decade. So kids are smarter than their Moms and Dads, and so on. Where will all this take us in 100 years or 1000?

A. There are really two important influences on IQ scores, says neurobiologist William Calvin, author of "A Brief History of the Mind":

(1) How many concepts can you mentally juggle at the same time? Multiple-choice questions usually require about six, and some people can do nine or 10. The right kind of training in youth might double that.

(2) How long does it take you to understand the question, reach a good decision and move on?

IQ is more complicated than just those two, but conceivably IQ scores might be doubled without genetic changes between generations. Obviously, only some jobs demand high IQ: Good doctors certainly need it, but most high-end work, such as doing science, doesn't often require thinking speed. "Most of us can 'sleep' on a problem in a way that physicians cannot."

True, there is no theoretical limit on IQ performances, adds Yale's Robert Sternberg, but these tests

just assess memory and analytical skills, not creativity or practicality. "What the world lacks is not IQ but wisdom."

How Fast do we grow, and when do we stop?

Q. What's the long and the short of the human height-life story?

A. Barely 0.14 mm "tall" (zygote diameter) at the get-go, we grow 5,000 times that by the 38th-40th week inside Mom, finally to 20 in. by birth, say V. Gregory Payne and Larry D. Isaacs in "Human Motor Development: A Lifespan Approach."

By Birthday #1 we reach 30 in., then another 4.75 in. the second year; afterward a general slowdown until that dramatic growth surge of adolescence, beginning around the 10th-11th birthdays for girls, 12th-13th for boys, and lasting 3 years or so.

Since girls get started earlier, they are often about 1 in. taller than boys from ages 11-13. Most adolescent height gain comes from a lengthening of the trunk, not the legs, which spurt earlier. "Thus" - one expert put it - boy stops growing out of his trousers (at least in length) a year before he stops growing out of his jackets."

By the time a young woman hits age 16-1/2, or a young man 18, they're at 98% of their adult stature, 3-1/2 times what they were as newborns, say Payne and Isaacs.

The story is almost over, except for a last ignoble chapter for some of us, when later disk degeneration or even spinal curvature steals away a bit of our altitudinous younger selves.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In 1946, a trapped moth caused an early computer model to malfunction, popularizing the term "bug" as a reference for software errors.

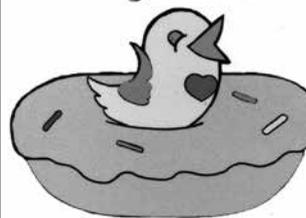
- Getting less than 7 hours of sleep each night can reduce your life expectancy.

- The actors in "Harry Potter" would do their schoolwork while filming the movies.

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**MIKE PINGREE'S
 THROUGH THE
 LOOKING GLASS**



NO THANKS, SHERIFF; I DON'T NEED ANY HELP: A 52-year-old man was arrested for grand larceny after his vehicle ran out of gas in front of the sheriff's office in the Town of Thompson, N.Y. The man, whose license had been revoked, was driving a pickup truck which was unregistered with switched plates. He was wanted for stealing approximately \$2,000 worth of metal from a nearby DOT yard and had five prior felony convictions.

I'D RATHER YOU CALLED ME SWEETIE PIE!: A woman showed up drunk at the Goodwill in Wichita Falls, Texas, where she stabbed her husband and threatened to light his truck on fire. She has nine prior arrests, mostly for a multitude of traffic violations, and her nickname is "Grumpy."

I'LL GO RIGHT TO BED, OFFICER, I PROMISE: A friendly police officer saw a very intoxicated man headed for his car after Oktoberfest in Saline, Mich., so he gave him a ride home. But the guy must have made it back to his vehicle, because he was arrested for drunk driving 90 minutes later.

LOOKS LIKE THE MAGIC IS PRETTY MUCH GONE: A woman in Easdale, Scotland, is giving away a coffin that she bought for her husband, because he "has lived longer than she had hoped."

I'M A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD, MAN!: When police confronted a man in a white convertible, who was playing music very loud and causing a disturbance in a parking lot in Orange, Ohio, he claimed that he is a member of a sovereign nation and does not need a state I.D. or driver's license. The cops disagreed.

AND WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT!?... KA-BLAM!: A man climbed to the fifth floor of a Police Department building in Chicago, where he walked into a room where a group of officers were taking part in SWAT training, and then he made the mistake of grabbing two guns off a table and pointing one of them at the cops. He was immediately shot.

PAY UP OR THE MONKEYS DIE!: Kidnappers abducted three baby chimpanzees named, César,

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Hussein and Monga, from an animal sanctuary in the Democratic Republic of Congo and are demanding a substantial ransom for their safe return. They sent three messages and a video of the abducted chimps threatening to harm them if their demands are not met.

ARE YOU O.K., MA'AM?: A woman on an American Airlines jetliner traveling cross-country stood up and started screaming that everyone on the plane was about to die and must "repent." One passenger said that she "started out talking

in a regular voice, then started yelling, "Redemption is coming! Redemption is coming!" The plane was diverted to Texas, where she was arrested.

SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO, LITTLE BOY?: Firefighters were called to a school in Johor, Malaysia, to remove a traffic cone, which was stuck to the head of a 10-year-old boy, who had put it there while playing with his friends. Teachers tried and failed to remove the dunce-shaped cone, so they called the firemen, who took it off with a cutter in about 20 minutes.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Spiders don't have muscles in their legs; they move them using a hydraulic system powered by their blood pressure. When they die, their legs curl up because the blood pressure is gone.
- Ernest Hemingway killed himself with a gun he bought at Abercrombie & Fitch.
- "Forty" is the only number in English that, when written out, has its letters in alphabetical order.
- Vikings brought their pet cats on raids.

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Candy corn makes other sweets look almost healthy

By Tom Avril

The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)
 PHILADELPHIA — Candy corn - invented ages ago in Philadelphia, according to legend - may be even more polarizing than that other autumnal aroma, pumpkin spice.

The police department in Fort Collins, Colorado, once said (only partly in jest?) that this tricolored staple of Halloween should be a crime. Many others, to judge by the millions of pounds of the stuff sold each year, can't get enough. "One of the best," says rap star Rico Nasty.

Candy corn was invented by George Renninger, an employee of Philly's Wunderle Candy Co. in the 1880s, "according to legend," says the National Confectioners Association.

A few years ago, the Billy Penn media site delved deeper, tracking down a photo of a wooden Wunderle candy bucket from that era. On its side, were printed the words: the best butter cream corn.

Or, if you're not a fan, maybe it was the worst.

People with an extreme sweet tooth, the types who tend to like ultra-sweet candies, such as candy corn, represent 20% of the population, says Danielle R. Reed, a taste and smell researcher at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia.

The waxy orange, yellow, and white candies are roughly three-quarters sugar by weight, said May M. Cheung, a nutrition scientist at Brooklyn College in New York.

That's way more than soft drinks (typically 10% to 12% sugar) and more than most other candies.

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tional baseball skills.

Louis "Pop" Acerra coached his sons, part of his family of 17 children. The team consisted of Alfred and Edward as catcher, James and Robert on the mound, Charles at first base, Louis Jr. at second base, Fred at shortstop, Richard at third base and sharing outfield duties, Paul, Joseph, William and Anthony.

Back then, girls didn't play baseball, so Pop's five daughters rooted from the sidelines along with the family dog "Pitch." Neighbors couldn't remember a time when the brothers weren't out in their yard playing catch or hitting fungos to

each other.

The age difference between oldest brother, Anthony, to the youngest, Louis Jr., was 25 years. While being scouted by major league teams, their playing ages were as young as 17 and as old as 40. For 22 consecutive years, the Long Branch High School baseball team fielded an Acerra brother.

Officially formed in 1938, and under Pop's watchful eye, over the next 14 years, the team played throughout the East Coast. In 1948, the sibling squad challenged the New York Yankees to an exhibition game, an offer the Bronx Bombers rejected. During World War II, the team temporarily disbanded.

Defending America's freedom was more important than baseball.

At different times, six brothers enlisted; when they all returned, the team resumed playing. The brothers turned down college scholarships and offers to play professional baseball. Alfred, the catcher, continued to play after losing sight in one eye.

Attempting to bunt, the ball bounced off Alfred's bat, and struck him directly in the eye. Within months, Alfred was back behind the plate. Brother Freddie said: "He was a pretty good catcher for a guy with one eye."

In 1946, the Acerras joined the Long Branch City (New Jersey) Twilight Baseball League, and during the next six years, won the championship four times. When the Acerras played, the stands were always packed with fans.

Along their road to success, the Acerras became the talk of the town. In 1947, Life and Look magazines and Ripley's Believe it or Not ran features on the brothers. The Acerras also appeared on the popular "Once in a Lifetime" nightly radio program.

By 1952, the brothers had married and were raising children. The team's playing days were over. But 45 years after their last game, the seven still-living brothers accepted the HOF's invitation to participate in its annual ceremony.

James M. Accera, pitcher Jimmy's son, donated his Dad's uniform and glove, which now are in the same museum with the artifacts of the likes of Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb and Willie Mays.

Acerra said, "This just touches the surface of a family that stayed a family, behind all the baseball and athletic achievements. A family that never allowed sibling rivalry and infighting or success to tear them apart. Their team was a reflection of something greater, something that 14 years, many hardships, the lure of professional contracts, and even a World War could not destroy."

Acerra's loving memory stands as a reminder that the team's accomplishments were more about family values than baseball and how the national pastime unified them in brotherly love.

(Joe Guzzardi is a Society for American Baseball Research and Internet Baseball Writers Association member. Contact him at guzzjoe@yahoo.com.)



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HIDEOUT

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I didn't want to fall behind, so I did The Bulletin work and left the rest for the next day.

I needed to turn on the Internet box and start working. But what happened to the Internet? It was supposed to be in the box, but nothing was coming out.

I needed some sort of Internet. I don't care where it comes from, as long as it goes into my computer, and I can get stuff out and put stuff in.

Now what? To the backup. Tablet ready, tethering on. Good decision to travel with all kinds of gadgets.

Just call me the gadget man. Although, on our recent cruise, I was limited because ships want us to buy their Internet, which I did. It was junk but still better than my Internet box at this moment.

Someone must have flipped a switch, because the Internet box began to do its job. That made things a lot less complicated.

With all these delays, I stayed up late at night finishing my Bulletin chores. The next morning, bright and early, I got ready to put on my wood chopper hat and tackle that branch. As I started cutting it, I realized that this thing was actually a lot bigger than it looked from the porch.

It took a while, but I finally wrestled the beast to submission. It was in small enough pieces for me to transport it to its grave site in the back, to be discarded later.

All I had to do now was the yard work, and then it was time for some R&R.

I turned the key to the lawn mower, and - nothing. I connected the charger to the battery. Why is that lawn mower tilting to one side? The front right tire was completely flat. What else could go wrong?

Good thing I travel with portable tire pumps. That's right - not one, but two. I don't want to get stranded if one fails. Got the tire blown up and the trimmer ready; amazingly, there was nothing wrong with the trimmer.

Lawn mower ready, key in ignition, and turn. The wonderful sound of the mower engine screamed into my ears. It was like a symphony

orchestra performing in perfect harmony, except it would have been nice to also hear some cymbals every now and then. I'll bring some

with me next time. All done. Now for some R&R - almost. More Bulletin chores still await. But we're getting there.





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Sammy Miller and the Congregation to appear at the Clarion on Nov. 18



The Clarion at Brazosport College is bringing Sammy Miller and the Congregation to Lake Jackson on Nov. 18 for a concert filled with joyful jazz and infectious theatricality.

The show, which begins at 7:30 p.m., features Miller, a Juilliard-trained and Grammy-nominated drummer, and his seven-piece group of adventurous and charismatic superstar musicians.

Since the group's inception, the Congregation has played nonstop all over the world, including Lincoln Center, The White House and the Newport Jazz Festival. While the band members have independently performed and recorded with notable artists, including Lady Gaga, Wynton Marsalis, Lizzo, Jason Mraz and Beyoncé, they have opted to stick together to spread joy and build community.

The New York City-based, familial collective has captured its frenetic energy and unflinchingly optimistic songwriting on its debut album, "Leaving Egypt."

Tickets for the show are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors and \$10 for students and children.

In addition to their featured performance at the Clarion, the group will also appear one day earlier, on Nov. 17, as part of the BC Department of Music's Jazztravaganza 2022 show.

This appearance is part of the group's continuous dedication toward working with music students across the country.

Sammy Miller and the Congregation is the second show in a busy 2022-23 season for The Clarion at Brazosport College. Other upcoming performances include 1990s pop star Tiffany on Dec. 9, Delfeayo Marsalis (Jan. 21, 2023), Lorrie Morgan (Jan. 27, 2023), Vision Duo (Feb. 6, 2023), Tony Jackson (Feb. 17, 2023), Lonestar (March 24, 2023), Rising Tide: The Crossroads Project (March 27, 2023) and Gina Chavez (May 19, 2023).

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Clarion Box Office at (979) 230-3156 or online at www.brazosport.edu/clarion. To learn more about Sammy Miller and the Congregation, visit sammymillercongregation.com.

Are today's employees quietly 'quiet quitting' their jobs

By Danny Tyree
Special to The Bulletin

Have you heard of the "quiet quitting" trend that is being breathlessly reported on social media?

Quiet quitting refers to doing the minimum requirements of one's job and putting in no more time, effort or enthusiasm than absolutely necessary.

Quiet quitters continue to draw a paycheck, but they have finally seen the folly of arriving early, staying late, attending non-mandatory meetings and the like.

I could've sworn I've seen my share of slackers, bums and goof-offs throughout my 40-plus-years working career; but social media treats this like something unprecedented.

Although skeptics say worker dissatisfaction levels haven't really changed that much in the past 20 years, I do hear anecdotal evidence of fewer disgruntled employees slamming the boss's door on their way out of the company.

It's like we have shifted to semi-gruntled employees. But they cause trouble even for the old-style ex-employees.

There are still employees whose GPS coordinates are "halfway up the boss's sphincter," but now we have faux-getters instead of go-getters.

Gone are the glory days of self-starters, eager beavers and the Puritan work ethic. (Granted, some companies still have Brad in HR who wears a Pilgrim hat and gushes, "Hey, I can work a second shift – off the clock – and throw rotten cabbages at rule-breakers in the pillory. Please? Please?")

Should managers respond by cracking down or easing up?

Sometimes managers need to ask, "Am I the problem?" This is especially true of the bosses who cheer lead, "Let's get out there and go the extra mile for the customer – and afterwards, you can give me the usual foot rub."

Many of my readers are retirees, but the quiet quitting trend has expanded to them.

Diners are merely carrying a clipboard around instead of getting seconds from the Early Bird buffet. Homeowners are yelling, "Hey, you kids get off my – ah, let the 'no trespassing' sign take care of it."

Next week: another insightful column - assuming the big hand doesn't go past five, I've already heard the water cooler gossip and...

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Genealogical connection to British royalty is all relative

By Lori Borgman

Tribune News Service (TNS)

My better half has a mind for dates, numbers and details, and he enjoys family history and genealogy. There are many people who enjoy genealogy, and they have many wonderful conversations. Usually with one another.

Because I do not have the brain capacity for infinite details, dates and numbers, we have guidelines about him sharing his vast wealth of knowledge with me.

First, he is to share interesting findings in brief, condensed, modified form. Further, he is never to share generational history with me when I have my car keys in my hand or when I am working in the kitchen with the blender and the mixer simultaneously running full

speed and I'm trying to take something out of a 450-degree oven.

He has ample time for these activities, as he is retired. I am not.

He recently cut out a headline and put it on the fridge: "Wife still working while retired husband travels."

He finds this hilarious.

I asked him where he plans on going.

The other day he revealed that he had found something stunning on a genealogy site that a second cousin, 59 times removed, or something like that, had directed him to.

Instinct told me to grab my car keys, preheat the oven and start the mixer, but I heard myself say, "What is it?"

He said, "There is documentation that my 12th great-grandmother's

sister was a queen consort of Henry VIII."

He begins moving from screen to screen on his computer, demonstrating how the hip bone is connected to the thigh bone and the thigh bone ... no, wait, the screens are showing how one generation is connected to another generation, when suddenly there we were among lords and ladies and his 12th great-grandmother's royal sister, Anne Boleyn (who, incidentally, the king had beheaded for treason).

I told the husband I find it hard to believe that records from that long ago were kept in such detail, let alone preserved. How is it that paper lasted almost five centuries? Not a single water leak in the castle? No termites or silverfish? Surely the records were moved from time to time, and papers were shuffled. How is it they weren't accidentally thrown out with someone's junk mail in the 1700s?

I'm going to need something more tangible than a computer screen before I start decreeing myself a shirttail relative to royalty. Perhaps a memento of some sort that has been handed

down through the generations. A key chain would do, a refrigerator magnet or even a ballpoint pen that says, "Consort of the King."

When my maternal great-grandfather came as a teen stowaway on a ship from Germany, he had some marbles in his pocket that are still in the family.

Likewise, I'd find the 12th great grandmother's story more believable if someone had passed down the king's shaving cup, or perhaps a signature ring. A jewel-studded crown falling into our possession would be fine, too. I try to stay flexi-

ble on these matters.

The husband is skeptical of my skepticism. (Is there no end to the cycle?)

"Show me an ancient carbon-dated hand towel or little soap stamped with 'VIII', and I'm all in," I say.

I wonder if people long, long ago would be as interested in finding us as we are in finding them.

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FOOD

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easy-to-open packet.

But so far, my attempts at preparing Asian cuisine have been embarrassing failures – despite following recipes from websites like "Cooking that won't add to your other disappointing qualities.com."

For example, my chicken-fried rice had all of the zest and snap of moist lawn clippings.

My Asian pork chops looked and tasted like surgical malpractice.

The only saving grace of these meals were the oven-baked, frozen egg rolls that only take around three hours to cool to the temperature of fresh magma.

Despite these debacles, I have learned a few tips about Asian cooking for novices.

First, be prepared to purchase at least 17 ingredients per recipe at your local Asian market. Most of these items only come in bulk, and you may have difficulty pronouncing some of them as they seem not to contain vowels.

Next, be ready to soil every utensil and piece of cookware you own – including the wedding gifts you thought would never see the light of day until you bequeathed them to a distant relative you don't really like.

My daughter decided to take charge of our latest foray into Asian cooking and told me she wanted to make kimbap – or seaweed rolls. Yes, seaweed!

When I think of seaweed, my mind conjures images of the semi-decayed plant matter that lurks around in the shallow water and sometimes grazes my lower leg, causing me to let out a shriek like a little girl – only less masculine.

But this seaweed is a whole different animal – or plant – or something, and it comes in thin, dried sheets (with or without a 3-hole punch).

The seaweed is used as the wrapper in which you roll up various fillings, like sticky rice, carrots and pickled radish (which is the same neon-yellow as some parachute pants I'm pretty sure I wore in the 1980s). The recipe we used even called for beef franks!

At least I can relate to hot dogs and rice that stick, together!

Once my daughter prepared the rolls and cut them into miniature hockey pucks, they weren't half bad. (I only ate about two dozen.)

Even though I'll probably never master Asian cooking, my wife and I have enjoyed spending time with our youngest daughter on this culinary adventure. In fact, the next recipe she wants us to try is soy-bean paste soup with clams.

I think I'll buy a few tamales as a backup.

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CHALLENGES

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on the van and rolling out into a gas station filled with big pickups and crazy drivers is downright scary. Then there is the price.

LOW TABLES: I am 6'5" with legs that, although they don't work, are quite long. Restaurant tables often aren't high enough for me to wheel my chair under the table. I end up eating sideways to the table and spill much of the food onto my lap.

(A side note: Since I can't stand up after I am done eating, I often get home with a napkin still in my lap.)

I GOT MONEY: Waiters in restaurants often give the bill to my wife. It's as if I am not even there, or they think I am helpless.

SHOULDERING THE LOAD: I was warned during my training for wheelchair life to take special care of my shoulders. For those of us in wheelchairs, shoulders do the work the legs once did. My shoulders take a beating helping me transfer in and out of my wheelchair as many

as 20 times a day. They always hurt.

DRESSING: What once was a 10-minute chore now takes 30 minutes to an hour. Putting on shoes and socks is particularly difficult. I go without socks when I think I can get away with it.

(Another side note: Try taking off a wet swimming suit while seated in a wheelchair.)

THOSE STARES: I know this shouldn't bother me and I completely understand, but I get really annoyed at children who stare at me. Adults know enough to look away when caught staring. Kids just keep on looking.

SPILLS: It is almost impossible to roll my chair and not spill a drink. So, I usually have a tray on my lap. By the end of the day, the tray is loaded with my drink, my phone, my iPad, a book, a couple of TV remotes and something to munch on. Something is always falling off.

MIRROR, MIRROR WAY UP ON THE WALL: Mirrors are usually above my height. Shaving and combing what is left of my hair

is done by feel. The results often aren't pretty.

NARROW DOORS: Not all buildings are constructed with standard-sized doors, so there is always the risk of getting stuck. This happens most often in toilets in public buildings. Even lavatories made especially for wheelchair users sometimes have such narrow doors that no wheelchair can pass through.

BUT NOT HOMES: The Americans with Disabilities Act covers public buildings but not private homes.

Our house has been modified to help us cope with my disability. But most homes are not accessible. I have turned down invitations to parties because, after reconnoitering, I realized the location was not accessible without making a spectacle of myself.

Thanks for letting me whine. (Contact Ernie at williamsonernie@gmail.com. Or, send letters in care of The Bulletin, PO Box 2426, Angleton, TX. 77516)

The world would be a better place if we all adopted a dog

By Tom Purcell

Special to The Bulletin

My 23-month-old Labrador, Thurber, makes me laugh out loud at least five times every day.

As I write this column - attempt to sit at my desk and write, that is - my silly puppy keeps dropping his ball at my feet, hoping to get me to play with him.

Which makes me laugh out loud. My Mornings Start with Dog-Induced Laughter.

I knew getting a dog would change my daily routine, but I had no idea how much he would improve my life and make me feel so cheerful.

In fact, it wasn't until he arrived 21 months ago that I realized that several days would pass in my life in which I did not laugh a whit.

A lack of laughter is bad for us, our families, our friends and our entire civilization, if you ask me.

And, I dare say, as a civilization, we are taking ourselves way too

seriously right now at the expense of cheerfulness and laughter.

As we laugh less, we become more anxious, agitated and angry, and our civility towards our fellow citizens suffers, which is why I wish everyone could experience the joy of having a dog.

Every morning, after Thurber eats breakfast and does his business, I lay back down to read the news on my phone and to ease into the morning.

And Thurber jumps up on the bed with a ball or bone in his jaws, tail wagging with mischief in his eyes, as he dares me to try to take it from him, which causes me to laugh out loud.

Thurber's antics make me laugh so hard and so often, I can only imagine how much public civility would be improved if everyone in our country could experience the daily joy he brings me.

Civility is "the foundational virtue of citizenship," developmental

psychologist Marilyn Price-Mitchell wrote a decade ago in Psychology Today.

It's behavior "that recognizes the humanity of others, allowing us to live peacefully together in neighborhoods and communities."

She explained that the psychological elements of civility include awareness, respect, self-control and empathy - the very characteristics a professional dog trainer is currently helping me develop in Thurber.

Child development specialist Denise Daniels explains in The Washington Post that "emotional intelligence," or EQ, is a measure of empathy.

She points to the findings of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, which researches EQ and teaches people how to improve it, and it notes that a high EQ score is the best indicator of a child's success - as well as an adult's, which brings us back to the value of pets.

Daniels writes that a variety of research in the U.S. and U.K. has shown a correlation between attachment to a pet and higher empathy scores.

I know my buddy, Thurber, has certainly improved my empathy and EQ score.

I didn't realize that my emotions for my puppy would run so deep, or that I would work so hard and do so many things to give him the happiest, healthiest life he can experience.

Plus, everywhere we go - and he loves few things more than jumping into the backseat of my truck - he makes total strangers smile, laugh and converse with me.

His simple presence can bring human strangers together.

He not only makes us forget the petty human world - for a little while, at least - but he reminds us that a simple but magnificent creature like him can turn the most hardened souls back into empathic, laughing, happy children.

As I work hard to train Thurber to be a great dog who exhibits compassion, self-discipline, courtesy and empathy, he is training me right back to improve all of those very same skills.

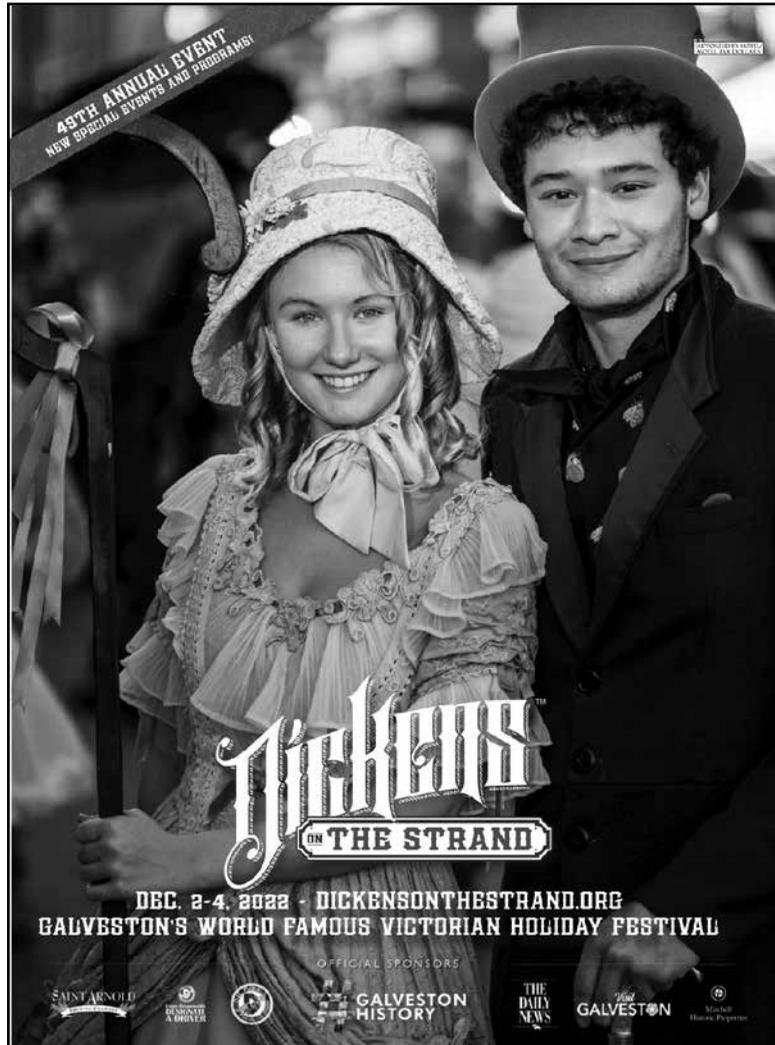
I can no longer imagine what my world would be like without my lovable Labrador enriching it for me and everyone else who meets him every day.

As I said, I wish all of my fellow citizens could become more cheerful by inviting a furry family member into their homes.

It wouldn't solve all of the world's

problems, but we'd certainly be more cheerful and civil as we work to solve them!

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Weekly Bulletin horoscope

By Magi Helena

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): A partner or loved one might need to share something that may feel somewhat uncomfortable. Making changes to your banking or shifting your investments can have unexpected consequences in the week ahead.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Moving forward with the latest trends and making changes could actually set you back. In the upcoming week, tensions can erupt unless you are careful to toe the line. Learn from criticism; avoid confrontations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Timely support may not be available if your great ideas or enthusiasms fail to gain traction in the week ahead. Moving forward, make an effort to be more attuned to a situation and more sensitive to other people's feelings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you get stuck with the short straw, you might need to take on extra financial obligations. Exercise your perceptiveness and rely upon an ambitious partner's strength and will to succeed as the week unfolds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): When ego gets involved, it can be hard to learn or grow. Set pride aside and step up to become your best self. You can handle weighty obligations by being more astute and relentless about achieving your objectives.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You could experience consequences if you ignore your duties or responsibilities in the week to come. Be careful that you don't give offense and recognize that loved ones could be sensitive to imagined challenges.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.): Perfection is a mirage that perpetually remains in the distance. In the week to come, you can add some finishing touches to a project, but it is best not to begin anything new. Be budget-conscious and conserve your resources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you become triggered when someone seems disapproving or controlling, it's time to heal the old trigger point. Maintain a low profile, avoid disagreements and do not launch important plans in the week ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone's passive-aggressive tendencies can create a rift in the week ahead. Workplace disruptions and dysfunctions might add to your worries. Remain calm, be accountable and learn from mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Try to remain in your center and be wise, even if you feel backed into a corner financially by circumstances outside your control. More options should arrive soon. Don't be afraid to hold out for better terms next week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Some chapters of your life should remain unpublished, avoid oversharing, sharing with the wrong people or calling attention to highly private matters. In the week ahead, follow the rules, remain efficient and meet all deadlines.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Someone might play too rough when they toy with your affections in the week ahead. Avoid arguments and hurt feelings by trying to be more sensitive. Loved ones aren't toys to put aside when you are tired of playing.

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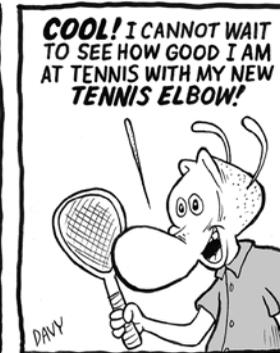
- There are almost no mosquitoes in Disney World. The park has a comprehensive "Mosquito Surveillance Program," which includes spraying insecticides, maintaining natural predators and carbon dioxide traps.
 - On March 13, 1919, a letter from a New Orleans serial killer said he would kill again at 15 minutes past midnight but would spare the occupants of any place where a jazz band was playing.
- That night, every dance hall was filled to capacity, and no one was murdered.

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By Rick Brooks

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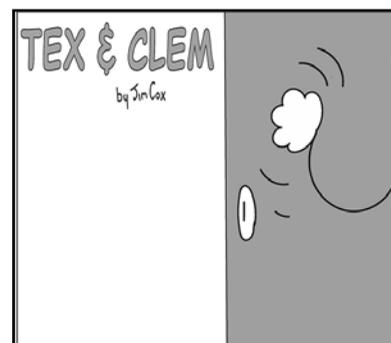


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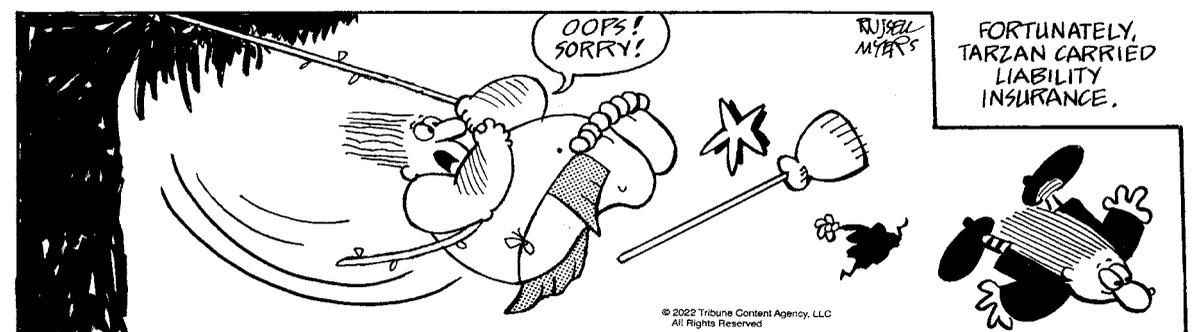
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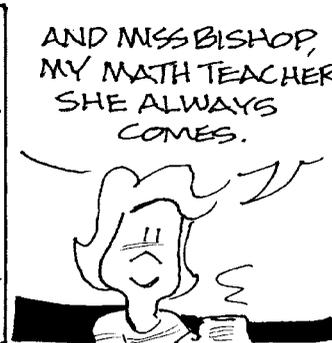
ANIMAL CRACKERS



By Fred Wagner



THE MIDDLETONS



By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers

History of the World On This Day

November 16

1915 - Coca-Cola had its prototype for a contoured bottle patented. The bottle made its commercial debut the next year.

1952 - In the Peanuts comic strip, Lucy first held a football for Charlie Brown.

1985 - Colonel Oliver North was put in charge of the shipment of HAWK anti-aircraft missiles to Iran.

1994 - Major League Soccer announced that it would start its inaugural season in 1996.

November 17

1869 - The Suez Canal opened in Egypt, linking the Mediterranean and the Red seas.

1904 - The first underwater submarine journey was taken, from Southampton, England, to the Isle of Wight.

1913 - The steamship Louise became the first ship to travel through the Panama Canal.

1968 - NBC cut away from the final minutes of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin a TV special, "Heidi," on schedule. The Raiders came from behind to beat the Jets 43-32.

November 18

1883 - The U.S. and Canada adopted a system of standard time zones.

1903 - The U.S. and Panama

signed a treaty that granted the U.S. rights to build the Panama Canal.

1951 - Chuck Connors (Los Angeles Angels) became the first player to oppose the major league draft. Connors later became the star of the television show "The Rifleman."

1969 - Apollo 12 astronauts Charles "Pete" Conrad Jr. and Alan L. Bean landed on the lunar surface during the second manned mission to the moon.

November 19

1863 - U.S. President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

1928 - "Time" magazine presented its cover in color for the first time. The subject was Japanese Emperor Hirohito.

1959 - Ford Motor Co. announced it was ending the production of the unpopular Edsel.

1998 - Vincent van Gogh's "Portrait of the Artist Without Beard" sold at auction for more than \$71 million.

November 20

1873 - Budapest was formed when the rival cities of Buda and Pest were united to form the capital of Hungary.

1962 - Mickey Mantle was named the American League Most Valuable

Player for the third time.

1989 - Over 200,000 people rallied peacefully in Prague, Czechoslovakia, demanding democratic reforms.

November 21

1783 - The first successful flight was made in a hot air balloon. The pilots, Francois Pilatre de Rosier and Francois Laurent, Marquis d'Arlandes, flew for 25 minutes and 5 miles over Paris.

1877 - Thomas A. Edison announced the invention of his phonograph.

1934 - The New York Yankees purchased the contract of Joe DiMaggio from San Francisco of the Pacific Coast League.

2013 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 16,000 for the first time.

November 22

1899 - The Marconi Wireless Company of America was incorporated in New Jersey.

1906 - The International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin adopted the SOS distress signal.

1963 - U.S. President Kennedy was assassinated while riding in a motorcade in Dallas, TX. Texas Governor John B. Connally was also seriously wounded. Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson was inaugurated as the 36th U.S. President.

Bulletin, GHF partner to give away Dickens on the Strand tickets

By John Toth
The Bulletin

Judging from the response we got for the Bulletin's Dickens on the Strand ticket give-away contest, a lot of people want to attend this Victorian holiday festival on Galveston Island Dec. 3-4.

We have partnered with the Galveston Historical Foundation to give away to our readers more tickets to this than ever before.

Each winner has been mailed two tickets (a \$40 value) to the event for Saturday or Sunday, as they designated on their entry form.

The winners selected at random are: **Carol Gerault of Brazoria; Sharon Lee of Clute; Dorothy Ragan of Angleton; Michele Steward of Lake Jackson; Sandra Wolverton of Danbury; Joyce Rankin of West Columbia; Greg Flaniken of Freeport; Billy Burch of Freeport; Leslie LaMont of Angleton; Don Westbrook of**

Sweeny; Amanda Binnon of Lake Jackson; John Salzman of Angleton; Clint Ziehl of Lake Jackson; and Vivian Fuertes of Brazoria.

Enjoy this exciting event, and if you can, drop us a note or a photo to share your experience. You can email them to john.bulletin@gmail.com.

We may just use your story and/or photo in a future issue of The Bulletin.

Stay tuned for more exciting ticket give-aways in The Bulletin as we partner with different venues and organizations to bring you some of the best entertainment in the area.

I don't want to give it away, but plan to pick up the Nov. 22 issue to see what is in store for the holidays in The Bulletin. You won't be disappointed.

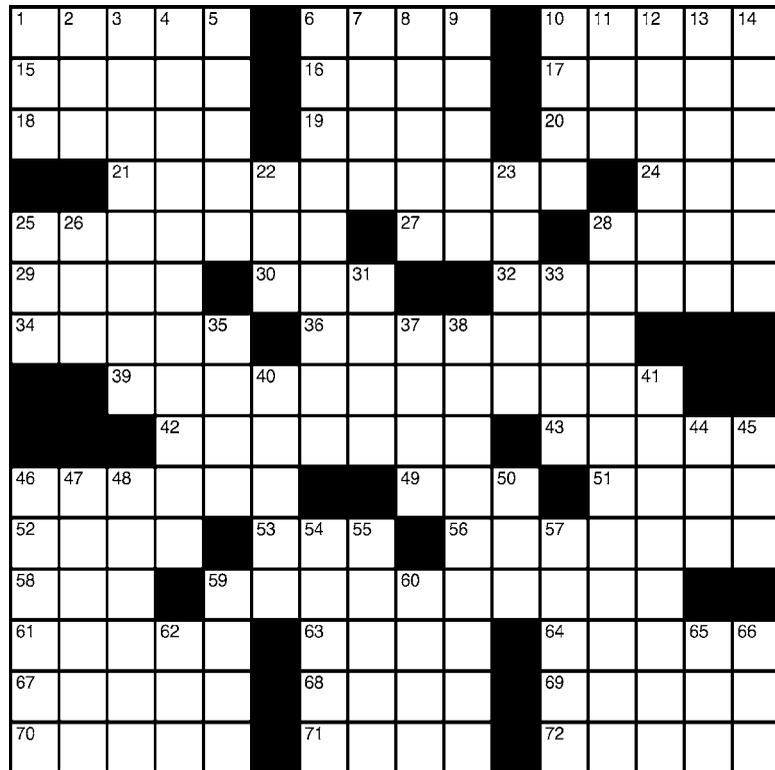
Thank you for being loyal readers of our weekly paper. From our family to yours, have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.



Bulletin Crossword Puzzle of the Week

Across

- Across
 1 Buckwheat porridge
 6 Tears, as paper
 10 Hobbyist's book
 15 One submitting a tax return
 16 Operatic solo
 17 State bordering both Nevada and Canada
 18 "Almost!"
 19 Drink brand associated with NASA missions
 20 Fight off
 21 "Parking" image, on signs
 24 "As I see it," to a texter
 25 Stay alcohol-free
 27 Ad that spreads awareness, briefly
 28 Baseball's Musial
 29 Princess from a galaxy far, far away
 30 Society newcomer



Solutions on the right side of this page

- 32 Minnesota NFLer
 34 Slacks
 36 Second drop-down list, say
 39 "Kosher" image, on labels
 42 Garage floor blemish
 43 Wabbit hunter Fudd
 46 Forward, to Fellini
 49 "Just a ___!"
 51 "Count on me!"
 52 Blubbers
 53 "Pow!" relative
 56 Potatoes often used for fries
 58 Cape ___, Mass.
 59 "Registered" image, on product names
 61 Draw out
 63 DIY furniture brand
 64 Fridge forays
 67 Diet-friendly
 68 Blab
 69 Boredom
 70 Eccentric
 71 Creative pursuits, with "the"
 72 Yard-grooming tool

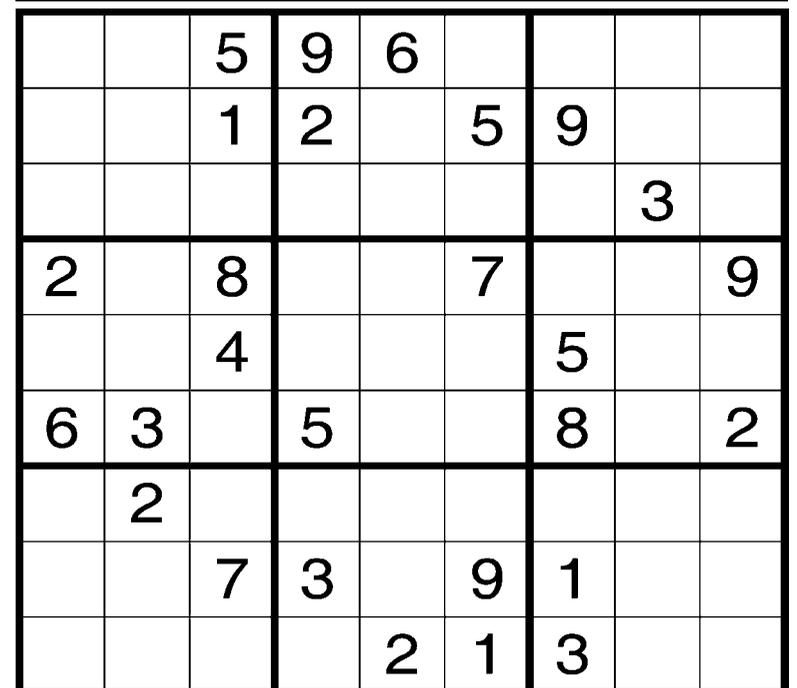
Down

- 1 Fast-food co. serving buckets
 2 Feel sick
 3 Aptly named clean-up basin
 4 Speaker's ers or ums
 5 Sports spot
 6 Some rodent homes
 7 Baghdad's land
 8 Alluring poster
 9 Long stories
 10 Add to the staff
 11 Poetic salute
 12 Elk
 13 28-Across nickname
 14 Chinese tea
 22 Help
 23 Poetic bird of one word
 25 Mont Blanc, e.g.
 26 Arthur of "The Golden Girls"
 28 King Kong's home
 31 Patting-the-baby's-back goal
 33 "Picnic" playwright
 35 Petulant state
 37 Book jacket blurbs
 38 "His Dark ___": fantasy trilogy
 40 Defendant's story
 41 Hosting the roast
 44 Use the feed bag
 45 OR attendants
 46 Go up
 47 Ritualistic kind of doll
 48 Kidnap
 50 Surly mutt
 54 Singer Baker with eight Grammys
 55 Manufacturer
 57 Stony debris
 59 Count (on)
 60 Gael or Breton
 62 Lap-loving pet
 65 Past ___: late
 66 ___ Loin of Beef: Bugs Bunny character

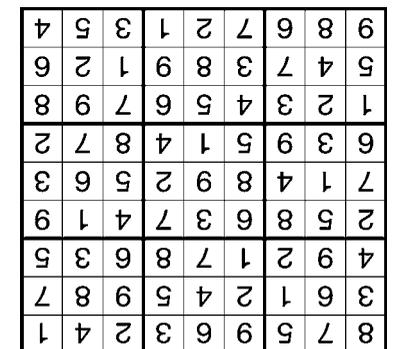
SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



Solutions



In memory of Greg Wilkinson

VocabPower!

"Go to the ant, O sluggard; observe her ways and be wise..." (Proverbs 6:6). Not sluggish couch potatoes, but those who imitate the ant's diligence and drive make for lifelong learners who keep adding to their word power. In honor of the wise ant:

1. antebellum

- A. brain part C. belly overhang
 B. bell cover D. pre-Civil War

2. antithesis

- A. theme C. contrast
 B. cause D. adversary

3. antediluvian

- A. barbaric C. pre-flood
 B. delusional D. of dinosaurs

4. antipathy

- A. opposite C. climax
 B. dislike D. misgivings

5. antemeridian

- A. circular C. sub-equator
 B. morning D. eastward

6. anterior

- A. sideways C. next to
 B. in front D. upside-down

7. antechamber

- A. dungeon C. entry room
 B. maid room D. passageway

8. antiphony

- A. chaos C. ill feeling
 B. high praise D. singing type

9. Antares

- A. star C. mtn. range
 B. a capital D. Roman god

10. ant cow

- A. aphid C. queen ant
 B. water lily D. sacred bull

answers: 1d 2c 3c 4b 5b 6b 7c 8d 9a 10a

— Greg Wilkinson

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Sideline Chatter: Pitchers better not argue balls and strikes with him

By Dwight Perry

The Seattle Times (TNS)

Move over, Don Larsen, and make room for Pat Hoberg:

Larsen famously pitched a perfect game in the 1955 World Series for the Yankees. Hoberg just called one - nailing 129 of 129 taken pitches correctly as the home-plate umpire for this year's Game 2, according to UmpScorecards.com. The average big league ump misses nine such calls a game.

"Robot umpires sound good in theory," tweeted Aram Leighton of JustBaseball.com, "but have we considered cloning Pat Hoberg?"

Yep, that's him: We had one trick-or-treater come to the door claiming he was the 49ers' Nick Bosa. Well, he did have eight sacks.

Catch ya later: The Lions announced they will erect an 8-foot statue of Hall of Fame running back Barry Sanders at Ford Field next season. A quarter-century too late, but opposing tacklers will finally get a chance to touch him.

NFL's Mr. October: "Sideline interference - the coaching staff of the Seattle Mariners was in the

restricted area" was the ref's explanation for a penalty assessed during last Sunday's Seahawks game. Say, has Pete Carroll put in for a playoff share yet?

They saw the light: A purple light lit up the sky above downtown Sacramento on Halloween night. Fans of UFOs and Batman were ecstatic - until they learned it was merely

the NBA Kings' newfangled "victory beam," celebrating that night's 115-108 win in Charlotte.

Triple threat: New 49ers RB Christian McCaffrey became the first NFL player since 2005 to run, catch and throw for a touchdown in the same game. No word on whether he also flew the team plane home from Los Angeles.

Stay healthy by walking with God

Based on the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: *I'm a youth leader and want to help kids understand the purpose of praising and worshipping the Lord and not just singing repetitious lyrics. I'm afraid that people today believe that music is the essence of worshipping the Lord.* - W.M.

A: Praising the Lord has become a cliché in many respects, but it isn't something we're called to do just on Sunday morning. It's a way of life - praising God no matter what we do or where we are. It's relatively easy to sing for an hour in church, but it's another matter to live day in and day out praising the Lord with our obedience.

The Bible does have a great deal to teach about worship - it's first about obedience. When we are discouraged, "praise Him" (Psalm 42:5). Praise to God is the antidote for every trouble. When we praise Him, we're worshipping Him by keeping our eyes on Him. Scripture speaks of praising the Lord continually.

The patriarchs praised the Lord throughout the generations. The prophets praised Him for deliverance. The apostles praised Christ in all of His glory, and the people praised the Messiah, who came and is coming again. The praise did not flow only in times of

victory, but also in times of imprisonment, in times of despair and in the face of death.

One of the most compelling passages is about Jesus praising His Father in Heaven for revealing the truth to the people whose ears and hearts had been opened to the Gospel. He had been preaching this message to Jewish leaders, but they rejected His message and sought to kill Him. He rebuked them for scoffing at those who had received His Word with gladness (Matthew 11:25).

Our lives should reflect the praise of the One who redeems lost souls. It should be demonstrated in our lives because this will be the grandeur of Heaven, praising Him eternally.

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Thursday, Nov. 17: Sweet & sour meatballs, rice, peas, cauliflower, tossed salad, sliced bread, dessert.

Friday, Nov. 18: Hamburger patty, corn, beans & wienies, lettuce & tomatoes, potato salad, bun, dessert.

Monday, Nov. 21: Chicken-fried chicken, gravy, peas, corn, peaches & cottage cheese, sliced bread, dessert.

Tuesday, Nov. 22: Lasagna, broccoli, beets, tossed salad, garlic sticks, dessert.

Wednesday, Nov. 23: Meatballs & gravy, rice, mustard greens, lima beans, slaw, garlic toast, dessert.

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