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T-G Fall Festival

The Shelbyville Times-Gazette Fall Festival will be held 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, October 30 in the T-G parking lot, 323 E. Depot St. Vendors, barbecue, face painting and a photo booth will be among activities. Vendor space is still available; call 931-684-1200 or email asharp@t-g.com to reserve a space.



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SCHS, Harris threatened

By DAVID MELSON
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A threat against Shelbyville Central High School is expected Tuesday at Shelbyville Central High School and adjoining Harris Middle School in response to a social media threat made Friday.

A threat against Shelbyville Central High School was posted Friday on Snapchat, and authorities on Snap chat, and they're still attempting to determine the source.

"Me and a couple of my friends have been bullied for so long and we can't deal with it anymore," the poster claimed. "We plan on shooting up Central High School around 10 to 11 am (heart emoji). We will shoot anyone on sight going for around 5-10 students and 5 administrators."

A Facebook post by the Bedford County Sheriff's Office said Harris Middle School was also threatened.

"Someone or ones are saying they are going to shoot some students and faculty Tuesday. We are trying to find out who they are right now," Sheriff Austin said Saturday. "We are still investigating, no

arrests have been made," Swing said Monday.

"There will be a strong presence of law enforcement at Central and Harris on Tuesday," the BCSO's post said. "If you have any information regarding the threat please contact the BCSO. (931) 684-3232."

"No new information has come to light," Deputy Chief Brian Crews of the Shelbyville Police Department said Monday. "We plan to have additional officers at the impacted schools for the remainder of the week."

"Schools should be a safe place for kids to go and we are going to do everything we can to assure parents and students their schools are safe," said Crews, who is also a member of the Bedford County School Board.

"We will also work with the Sheriff's Office in an effort to determine who is behind the threats and make sure they are punished."

"I take the safety of our schools and staff as my number one priority. Threats against the safety of a school is a crime and will not be tolerated," Dr. Tammy Garrett, Bedford County Director of Schools,

GRAND CHAMPIONS



Cascade High School Band was announced as overall grand champion against 17 other bands recently at the Pulaski Classic. In addition, the band placed (in Class F) 1st place in drum majors; 2nd place in percussion; 2nd place in color guard; and 1st place in band. Band members, front row, from left, David Bass, Makayla Sutter, Rylee Waggoner, Ella Kilpatrick, Logan Philpott, middle row, Rebecca Bennett, Natasia Chun, Cole McBee, Aiden Wesenberg, Kiersten Oseguera and Adrien Lopez, back row, Isaiah Smith, Conner Johnson and Adam Whitley.

said Saturday. "We are in constant communication with law enforcement."

Both schools have Student Resource Officers

assigned full-time to the campuses. They are Bedford County deputy sheriffs. Shelbyville police officers regularly check the

schools during the day as well.

"These threats are disruptive and will not be tolerated," Crews said.

Guild ignites local projects for homeless

What can be done with all those plastic grocery bags almost everyone has stockpiled at home? One local group went to task to use them to help the homeless sleep a little better.

One member of the Fleece on the Duck Fiber Guild was initially given a sleeping mat made out of plastic bags to donate to a local soup kitchen. After seeing the durability and usefulness of such a mat, the guild was asked if members would consider making a few more mats to give to the homeless.

After a simple "yes" the simple request has become a county-wide project shared among guild members, many different church congregations, various other groups, and local high school student organizations.

With temperatures starting to dip at October end, the project couldn't have started at a better time. It is estimated that hundreds in this community alone are likely sleeping on the cold ground at night.

The guild gladly shares the directions in case others want to join in this effort. One note, it takes a lot of plastic grocery bags to create one mat.

To create the sleeping mats, 500-700 plastic grocery bags need to be prepared. The handles and bottom seam are cut away, and the remaining portion of the body is cut into



One member of the Fleece on the Duck Fiber Guild was initially given a sleeping mat made out of plastic bags to donate to a local soup kitchen. The idea caught on and has gone county-wide. Guild members, from left, are CINDI Lindsey, Ellen Treadway, Susie Henderson and Stanette Neese. See Saturday's Life and Leisure story about how SCSHS students made "plarn."

3-inch sections. These sections are looped together into a long chain and rolled up loosely into a ball of "plastic yarn," more commonly known as "plarn."

The diversity of adding loops from colored plastic bags add pops of color to the plainer brown or white grocery bags. Some bags that guild members have worked with are made from very light weight or much heavier plastic and do not work well when

looped together with the more common plastic bags. This is not a normal project for a beginner to attempt, guild members said, because the "plarn" and large sized hook are more difficult to work with than regular sized crochet hooks and yarn.

However, a few local students are attempting the task.

Each sleep mat should be crocheted to measure 3 to 3-1/2 feet wide and

6-foot-long to comfortably accommodate sleepers. A size M (9 mm) or N (10 mm) crochet hook is used to create a tight, dense crocheted fabric that has no open holes. This affords maximum protection between the sleeping person and the ground.

The durable plastic fabric reflects body warmth in the fall and winter as well as protection from wet ground, guild members said. Each mat comes with

a strap to help keep it rolled up, when not in use. If a mat becomes dirty, it can easily be rinsed clean in water and laid out to dry.

Weekly since this project started, interested groups have contacted Fleece on the Duck guild members Ellen Treadway and Rebecca Baker with the Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen to ask how they can be involved. Friends, churches and

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OBITUARIES

Daniel Nelton Brown

October 25, 2021

Daniel Nelton Brown, 71, of Shelbyville died Monday, October 25, 2021.

Funeral Services will be held 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 27th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Revs. Jimmy Gray and Lance Bennett officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1:00 P.M.

He was born April 30, 1950 in Columbus, Georgia; a retired manager of Shelbyville Power Water & Sewerage Co. where he worked for over 35 years and a member of the Baptist Church.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved duck hunting and fishing and loved the Tennessee Vols and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents, Bobby Dixon Brown and Josephine Shofner Brown. He is survived by his two sons, Robert Burton "Bobby" Brown (Kristin) and Brian Ray Brown (Rachel); his companion, Laura Bearden Wright; brother, Robert Brown; five grandchildren, Hannah, Drake, Easton, Brianna and Tesla Brown.

Ronnie Lester Hastings

October 24, 2021

Funeral service for Ronnie Lester Hastings, age 70, of Petersburg, TN will be held at 1 pm on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at Higgins Funeral Home in Fayetteville with Bro. Larry Haynes officiating. Burial will follow in Old Orchard Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 5 pm until 8 pm on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.



Ronnie was born July 10, 1951, in Lincoln County, TN to the late Thomas Lester and Martha Ruth Winsett Hastings. He worked in farming and attended Richmond Church of Christ. Ronnie loved to mow yards and he enjoyed fishing and collecting flashlights. He passed away Sunday, October 24, 2021.

Ronnie is survived by his sister, Marilyn Bowman of Petersburg; brothers, David (Janice) Hastings and Mike Hastings both of Petersburg; nieces and nephews, Chad (Robin) Hastings, Jill (Jody) Dunivan, Melissa Mitchell, Ginger (Brian) Parker, Dustin (Veronica) McDaniel, Lezlie (Barry) Petit, Shelley Barron, Rudy (Haley) Hastings; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Carolyn Hastings.

Higgins Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ronnie Lester Hastings.

Terry B. Walker

October 5, 2021

A Celebration of Life for Mr. Terry B. Walker, age 72, of Tullahoma, Will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at Tullahoma Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until the time of the service at Tullahoma Funeral Home.



Mr. Walker passed from this life on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at Vanderbilt Tullahoma- Harton Hospital.

Terry was born in Shelbyville, TN, to the late Nelle Mahaffey. He was a self employed in the construction industry. He was a US ARMY Veteran, serving in Vietnam. In his younger years he enjoyed fishing, playing football, and most of all spending time with his family. He was a loving father and will be greatly missed.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one sister, Judy Hydeman. He is survived by, one son, Thaddeus Walker; two daughters, Lera Williams (Adam) and Karissa Walker; one brother, Mike Walker; one sister, Jane Jakes (Robert); five grandchildren.

Tullahoma Funeral Home is honored to serve the Walker Family.

Elma Hazel Ballinger

October 24, 2021

Mrs. Elma Hazel Ballinger, age 100, passed away Sunday, October 24, 2021, at her daughter's home, under the loving care and comfort of her family and Hospice Compassus.



Funeral services will be 6 PM Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Jeff Collet will officiate. The family will receive visitors 4- 6 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be 12 noon Wednesday, EST time at New Bethel Church Cemetery in Verona, Kentucky.

She was born June 18, 1921, in Berea, Kentucky, to the late Amon B. and Hannah Maud Messer Farris.

She and her husband owned and managed Waltonian Hotel in Walton, Kentucky. They also farmed and raised tobacco and cattle in Vernoa. She worked as a waitress and worked retail at Dillards and the Silk Factory. She did not "retire" until age 85.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband James R. Ballinger, in 1993; a son, Ronald E. Ellison; brothers, Offord Farris, Charles Farris, Braxton Farris, and David Farris; a sister Vincenta Ayers, and her husband Autry.

Survivors include a daughter, Kimberly Mason, and her husband Larry, of Unionville, and a son, James D. Ballinger, of Burlington, Kentucky; sisters in law, Bertha Angela, Carol Farris, and Sallie Farris; grandchildren, Angela Ellison, Rob Ellison, and his wife Angie, John Goff, and his wife Cassie, Doug Ballinger, Mike Ballinger, Elizabeth Pike, Corrine "Cory" Baker, and her husband Travis, and Brian Wilmhoff, and his wife Pat; numerous great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



BIKE TO JACK AND BACK

Amy Banaszek, Jon Maxwell, Bob Locknar and Rob Vasels of Team CrossFit from West Nashville were participants in the "Bike MS: Bike to Jack and Back" last weekend. The two day event was a 120 mile round trip cycling ride from Franklin to Jack Daniel's Distillery. There were many cyclists racing toward their fundraising goals which benefits research towards a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

Submitted photo



Photos by Diandra Wombles

The Webb School celebrates 150th -- in 152nd year

BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – It was a year and a half later than expected, but The Webb School's 150th anniversary celebration finale was hosted on campus Thursday — during the 152nd school year. The original school year of the celebration – 2019-2020 – was supposed to culminate with the Webb 150 Celebration and Reunion Weekend in April 2020. COVID-19 led to the postponement of the event and has halted plans for subsequent dates until now.

"We are grateful and very excited to be able to host the Webb 150 Celebration and Reunion Weekend on campus to mark such an important milestone for The Webb School. We will honor the past, celebrate the present, and look ahead to what's next," said Head of School Ken Cheeseman.

Board of Trustees Chair Vance Berry, a 1972 graduate, said, "My fellow board members and I feel honored to be part of this special Webb 150 weekend celebrating Webb's history and its future. It has always been mission-driven that Webb wanted to turn out students who could make a difference in the world. And that is what we are continuing to do in our own special way." The weekend event kicked off with a Community Celebration and Reception on campus, sponsored by the Bell



Photo by Rita Mitchell

State Rep. Pat Marsh (left) shared during Thursday's special event of The Webb's School's 150th anniversary the the official proclamation with Ken Cheeseman, head of The Webb School.

Buckle and Shelbyville-Bedford County Chambers of Commerce. Friday included an alumni, parents and friends tailgate, homecoming football game and alumni class parties for honored class years. Saturday's events are an alumni, parents and friends social and awards program to recognize the 2020 and 2021 Distinguished

Alumni Society inductees and the 2020 and 2021 John B. Hardin Service Awards recipients. The 150th party, under the Webb 150 tent on campus, capped the evening with dinner, a special program and band. The weekend closed with a church service at the Bell Church United Methodist Church on Sunday.

"We were off to a great

start and enjoyed numerous Webb 150 commemorations that were possible in the fall of 2019 – special alumni and friends gatherings in the U.S. and abroad, a "Coast to Coast Toast", distinctive guest speakers and classroom activities," said Jonathon Hawkins, associate director of alumni and development and 150th Committee chair.



Athletics

Projects

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other groups are cutting bags and making "plarn," then giving it to guild members and other crochet volunteers to stitch the mats with. A few groups plan to crochet sleeping mats on their own; however, the soup kitchen will be distributing all sleeping mats that are made.

"Creating sleeping mats for the homeless has become a county wide project involving many local people and organizations. With hundreds of homeless in our county, this is a project that will make an important impact in our community," one guild member recently said.

Couple smuggles stolen items in baby seat

By **DAVID MELSON**
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Two people who entered Sally's Beauty Supply, North Main Street, on Saturday carrying a blanket-covered baby seat allegedly used to hide approximately \$70 worth of hair products before fleeing when confronted, Shelbyville police said.

The man and woman left in a vehicle registered to a Mt. Juliet man.

Other thefts reported to area authorities:

- A phone case wallet containing \$2,000 in addition to an iPhone 12 was stolen after being left behind on a table between 3-4 p.m. Saturday at Legends, North Main Street, according to Shelbyville police.

- Two women were charged with shoplifting \$336 worth of items including jewelry and clothing Saturday at Walmart, police said.

Karen Denise Sachs, 51, and Pamela Sue Bomar, 58, both of Wheeler Street, were released on recognizance.

- Most of the \$1,000 used to purchase a 2012 Chevrolet Impala from an El Bethel Road woman Friday was fake, she told a Bedford County deputy.

Deputy Shaq Thompson's report said \$800 in fake bills bearing "prop copy" were given the woman. She said she didn't check the money until after he left with the car because she is a "very trusting" person.

- The door to a pickup truck was stolen from a Longview Road junkyard between Oct. 14-16, a Bedford County Sheriff's Office report said.

Return to jail

An 81-year-old Wartrace-area man is back in jail for allegedly misusing 911.

Howard Oaky "Hawkeye" Crosslin, 81, allegedly called eight times Sunday making obscene comments. Crosslin allegedly told a deputy he was calling because people were chasing and trying to kill him. He was also charged with filing a false report and was being held on \$2,000 bond Monday.

Jail intake

The following were charged since Friday by the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Shelbyville Police Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol or 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force. They are only charged; guilt or innocence will be determined by the courts.

- Monica Marie Ball, 41, Hawthorne Road; aggravated domestic assault (two counts); summons issued

- Arturo Juarez Barriga, 31, Smyrna; no driver's license, due care; released on recognizance

- Pamela Sue Bomar, 58, Wheeler Street; shoplifting; released on recognizance

- James Troy Bonner, 54, Petersburg; DUI; released, \$3,000 bond

- Juan Camarillo, 23, Nashville; DUI; held, \$3,000 bond

- Amir Seve Cottledge, 47, Lewisburg; violation of order of protection; held, \$1,500 bond

- Howard Oaky Crosslin, 81, Cleveland Road; misuse of 911, filing false report; held, \$2,000 bond

- Kerry Kristine Devaney, 51, Green Lane; failure to

FORTUNATE ESCAPE



Shelbyville Fire-Rescue and Bedford County EMS personnel work to help Jerry Summers, 77, of Winchester out of his truck after a two-vehicle crash on South Cannon Boulevard at Pickle Street late Saturday afternoon. Andrew F. West, 36, of Shelbyville told police he was pulling from a parking lot and didn't see Summers' truck before hitting it. Charge of failure to yield and financial responsibility were filed against West. Summers was pinned in for approximately 15 minutes but declined medical treatment after emerging from the truck.

appear; summons issued

- Jerel Justin Edwards, 32, Nashville; unspecified charge; held, \$500 bond

- Michael John Edwards, 48, Barksdale Lane; domestic assault, assault, public intoxication, indecent exposure; held, \$9,750 bond

- Gabriel Estrada, 43, Woodbury; no driver's license; released on recognizance

- Joseph Dee Ferrell, 43, Decherd; violation of probation; released, \$1,000 bond

- George Michael Holder,

41, Old Columbia Road; domestic assault, probation revocation, show cause hearing; held, \$12,500 bond

- Melissa Evon Jackson, 56, Fayetteville; driving on suspended license, no insurance, light law; released on recognizance

- Rafael Jonathan Lopez, 29, Equestrian Way; no driver's license, no insurance; released on recognizance

- Callie Brook Lynch, 20, Deery Street; theft under \$500; released on recogni-

zance

- Kristopher Robin Majors, 46, Winchester; probation revocation; held, \$2,500 bond

- Porfirio Meja Martin, 24, King Arthur Court; financial responsibility, failure to yield, driving on suspended license; released, no bond

- Christopher Jesus Rossales, 18, Murfreesboro; speeding, simple possession, no insurance; released on recognizance

- Karen Denise Sachs, 51, Wheeler Street; shoplifting;

released on recognizance

- Adolfo Diego Sebastian, 49, Archery Lane; bondsman surrender; held, \$6,000 bond

- Damaris E. Simon Reynoso, 37, Choctaw Drive; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, financial responsibility, light law; summons issued

- David Jason Wilhoite, 39, Morton Street; violation of order of protection, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, violation of probation; held, \$11,500 bond

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

10/12/2021—
10/18/2021

Anthony T. Mayo, Sarah Mayo to William Dale Garrison—\$215,000, 0 acres, Fort Circle
George Allen Eads to Sarah Davenport, Chadwick Dvaenport—\$215,000, 0 acres, Nestledown Crossing
April Claudette Cline, Windord Allan Smith to April Claudette Cline—0 money, 0 acres, Eastland Ave.

Kevin White, Angela White to Evinn L. Smith, Dorothy Ann Smith—\$197,000, 0 acres, Eventine Dr.

Jack W. Ottinger to Frederick R. Ealy, Merry S. Ealy—\$900,000, 38.5 acres, no address
Jack G. Heffington to Johnny D. Smotherman—\$80,000, 2.26 acres, Whitthorne St.

Curl Properties LLC to Michael Wright, Carine Mbaïtoudjim—\$189,000, 0 acres, Dogwood Ct.

Curtis McCord, Amanda McCord to Malinda Oates—\$57,000, 1.25 acres, Useton Rd.

Erik Hansen to KFFB LLC—\$69,000, 19.47 acres, Hwy 41A North
Nancy Hansen to FFB LLC—\$435,000, 21.3 acres, Hwy 41A North

Carolyn Marie Waldron, Dennis Ray Waldron, John Waldron Community Property Trust, Daisy Waldron Community Property Trust to Clifton A. Beasley, Alicia K. Beasley, David R. Sakich, Cheryl R. Sakich—\$204,600, 1.01 acres, Unionville Deason Rd.

M & M Homes LLC, Michael Harris to Thomison Custom Builders LLC—\$55,000, 0 acres, no address

Steve A Heath to Landx LLC—\$182,000, 51.78 acres, Paschal Rd.

Shannon Brown Rutledge, Bart Rutledge to Casey Brown, Rebecca Brown—\$118,000, 0 acres, no address
Mary L. Whitcraft, Michael D.

Whitcraft to Gina L. Russell—\$499,900, 0 acres, South Brittann St.

Cynthia Raymond, Jonathan Ryan Raymon to Taren K. Moore—\$450,000, 0 acres, Unionville Deason Rd.

Nancy Hunley to Vance D. Clay Jr., Dianne Clay—\$155,000, 0 acres, Midland St.

Roberta H. Batten to Sherry Batten Monce—0 money, 102 acres, no address

Kristi McFarland to Janice L. Williams—\$330,943.79, 0 acres, Hickory Hill Church Rd.

Travis R. Peoples, Dana S. Peoples to Brian Staeheli, Cindy Watkins—\$279,900, 0 acres, no address

Chelsea Danielle Kimbrell, William H. Riner to William Keith Cook—0 money, 20.815 acres, Sinking Creek Rd.

Timothy P. Stevens, Morgan Stevens to James E. Joyner, Linda D. Joyner—\$140,000, 0 acres, Hwy 41A N.

Frank E. Neal to John Allan Callaway II, John Allan Callaway III, William Adolpheus Callaway—0 money, 0 acres, Hwy 41A North

Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Eduardo A. Aguirre Huringa, Victoria Herrera Mugaburo De

Aguirre—\$194,900, 0 acres, Dogwood Ct.

Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Eduardo Mario Aguirre Herrera—\$194,000, 0 acres, no address

Juan C. Alvarado to James Farrar III—\$140,000, 1.26 acres, Substation Rd.

Michael Panesi, Candice Panesi to Chadwick Davenport, Sarah Davenport—\$210,000, 0 acres, Nestledown Crossing

Patricia J. Smith to Dudley Braden Jones, Crystal Nowlin Jones—\$125,000, 0 acres, no address

Genevieve H. Puckett to Joseph E. Sanders, Cynthia M. Sanders—0 money, 101 7/8 acres, Lamb Rd.

Tammy Armistead Titus to Andrew Skyler Capley, Chelsea Cheyenne Capley—\$195,000, 0 acres, Halls Mill Rd.

Onita Porter, Bryant Porter to Prisa Chanthaboun, Sisengthong Phou-mthithavong—\$125,000, 0 acres, US 41A

Joseph Francis Pagello to Music City Holdings LLC—\$90,000, 0 acres, Halls Mill Rd.

Kristi McFarland to Thomison Custom Builders LLC—\$96,500, 0 acres, no address

Music City Holdings LLC to KHI Corp.—\$103,000, 0 acres, Halls Mill Rd.

Constance M. Gallagher to Constance M. Gallagher, Timothy Williams—0 money, 5.75 acres, Rippy Ridge Rd.

SDH Nashville LLC to Dronal Danilo Ibarra Barillas, Brenda Lorena Solares Arias—\$221,455, 0 acres, Anna's Way

Harrison Arthur Hale to Samuel Duncan, Tanya Duncan—\$165,000, 0.38 acres, Halls Mill Rd.

Jeff M. Adcock, Stella Adcock to Jason A. Mortier, Kelley R. Mortier—\$295,000, 0 acres, no address

Jennifer Norman Trott to Virginia G. Wunner—\$375,000, 0 acres, Hwy 231 N.

Luis Enrique Perales, Celia Estrada to Charles Rodney Bowling, Chanel Donegan—\$30,000, 0 acres, West End Ave.

Marla Mitchell, Barbara J. Green to Yvonne Gail Nelson, Douglas R. Nelson—\$161,700, 1.86 acres, Goose Creek Rd.

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Cleaning comforters

Dear Readers: With fall and winter weather on its way, now is the time to pull out your comforters to see if they need to be cleaned. Your cotton, synthetic and rayon comforters get dirty or might be stale from being stored in a closet. So first check the care labels to know exactly what you need to use to get them cleaned and the right way to do the job. Some comforters might need to be dry-cleaned.

If you see that they just need a fast fix, you can freshen the comforter in the dryer on the cool-air setting. Include a fabric-softener sheet for freshening.

But, if they need to be cleaned, first spot-treat or pre-soak stained or soiled comforters. Then wash for around five minutes in cold to warm water on the delicate cycle with detergent and oxygen bleach (if the label says it's OK). Dry comforters on a low heat (if OK) or hang to dry. -- Heloise

MORE MOVING HINTS

Dear Heloise: I just read your post about moving and would like to add a couple of tips.

I always pack a "first open" box with toiletries, bath and dish soap, toilet paper, towels and washcloths for everyone, and the locations of grocery stores and gas stations and anything else I don't want to search for when I arrive. I also pack a separate overnight bag, just in case. We moved every two to three years for decades, and now in my 70s we are readying ourselves for one last (we hope) move to our cabin.

By the way, all the changes that may happen in a move can be disorienting and cause

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



some level of grief. The loss of familiarity can be more affecting than many of us realize, and knowing it's quite normal can be a help. Thanks for your kind column, Heloise! -- Lynn D., Springfield, Ohio

STINKY POPCORN

Dear Heloise: I love making popcorn, but if it burns, the smell lingers for days in the microwave. How can I get rid of that awful odor? -- A reader, via email

Readers, to remove this stink, fill a large (4-cup) microwave-safe bowl with 1 cup of water and 1/4 cup of white household vinegar. You can also sprinkle some of your favorite spice, such as cinnamon. Bring to a boil for 5 minutes. Then allow it to remain inside for 10 to 15 minutes to cool down. Remove the bowl and wipe down the walls with a paper towel. Leave the door open to air it out. -- Heloise

BALLPOINT PEN INK STAINS

Dear Heloise: I have done this for years, and I saw your hint for removing an ink stain. Take the cheapest hair spray you have and spray the ink spot. Blot with clean paper towels or a cloth. If it doesn't all come out, try again until it is gone. I have used this forever. My sister and I loved your mom, and you, too. -- Shirlee in Ohio

Shirlee, I have received lots of mail from readers who also use hair spray on ink stains, and find it effective to do the job of removing this stain. I also use hair spray for this stain removal. -- Heloise

Send calendar items to tgnews@t-g.com, notify us on Facebook, call 931-684-1200 or drop by our offices, 323 E. Depot St., weekdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

TODAY

Bell Buckle history

Bell Buckle Historical Commission will meet Tuesday, October 26 at 11 a.m. in Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, October 27 at First Presbyterian Church.

Trunk or Treat

Fair Haven Baptist Church is holding a Trunk or Treat from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 27. Hot dogs and chips will be provided.

THURSDAY

Spaghetti dinner

Shelbyville-Bedford County Senior Citizens Center is holding a spaghetti dinner Thursday, October 28. Tickets are \$8 and all plates must be ordered by Monday, October 25 at 931-684-0019. All orders will be curbside pickup only.

Trunk or Treat

Ruth's Kitchen, Madison Street, is holding a Trunk or Treat from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, October 28.

Bell Buckle beautification

Bell Buckle Beautification Committee will meet Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall. This is a change from the previously scheduled date.

FRIDAY

Haunted Evening

Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce will host a Haunted Evening, including pumpkin carving and coloring contests. Friday, October 29 on the town square.

Trunk or Treats

•Mama's House, Delray Street, has scheduled a Trunk or Treat from 6-8 p.m. Friday, October 29.

•The Boys & Girls Club, 1055 Madison St., will hold a Trunk or Treat from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, October 29. All are invited, not just club members.

SATURDAY

T-G Fall Festival

The Shelbyville Times-Gazette Fall Festival will be held 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, October 30 in the T-G parking lot, 323 E. Depot St. Vendors, barbecue, face painting and a photo booth will be among activities. Vendor space is still available; call 931-684-1200 or email asharp@t-g.com to reserve a space.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Field Day

Flat Creek Farms (registered Red Angus), 400 New Herman Road, will have its annual Field Day 2021. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, October 30. Participants for lunch must RSVP on or before October 23 at 931-695-5575 or flatcreekfarmstn@gmail.com. The event is sponsored by Bedford-Moore Farmers Co-op. Speakers will be Dr. Justin Rhinehardt, a University of Tennessee associate professor who specializes in beef cattle production, and Larry Moorehead, Moore County extension agent.

Trick or Treat

•Halloween Mini-Party at Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, October 30.

•Historic Uptown Shelbyville is sponsoring trick-or-treating on the Shelbyville square from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, October 30.

•East Park Church is holding a trunk or treat beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, October 30.

•A drive-through trick or treat will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, October 30 at H.V. Griffin Park.

Fall Festival

Experience Community Shelbyville is holding a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 30. Trunk and treating, bounce houses and other inflatables, carnival games and hot dogs will be available.

Scout fundraiser

Cub Scout Pack 476 is holding a Halloween Fundraiser Bash beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, October 30, at 867 Longview Road.

Scarecrow Festival

The first Bell Buckle Scarecrow Festival is scheduled Saturday, October 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bell Buckle Park. Participants will be given a 10x10 area to decorate. Three \$250 prizes will be awarded in non-profit, individual and business categories with ribbons for second and third places. Entries must be received by Monday, October 25.

SUNDAY

Gospel singing

The Door Church, Unionville-Chapel Hill Road in Unionville, is having a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sunday, October 31.

Trunk or Treats

Several area churches and other organizations are holding Trunk or Treats or other special events on Sunday, October 31.

•Rover Baptist Church, 3-5 p.m.

•Himesville Nazarene Church, 4-6 p.m.

•Fellowship for Christ, 4:30-6 p.m.

•First Presbyterian Church, 5-6 p.m.

•Edgemont Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church 5-6:30 p.m. at each church.

•Bedford County Rescue Unit, 433 E. Depot St., 5-8

p.m.

•New Bethel Baptist Church, 5:30-7 p.m.

•First Church of the Nazarene, 6-7:30 p.m.

•Midland Heights Baptist Church, indoor/outdoor Fall Festival, starting at 6 p.m.

NOV. 1

Bag Day

Good Samaritan is holding a Bag Day, Monday, November 1 from noon-2 p.m. at 201 E. Highland St.

Parks plan

Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Department will hold a public meeting 5-6 p.m. Monday, November 1 at Shelbyville Recreation Center to discuss the department's master plan.

VFW meeting

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will meet Monday, November 1 at the VFW Post on East Depot Street. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a business meeting for members immediately following. For more information, contact Post Commander Mike Russell, 931-249-1566.

NOV. 7

Community alumni

The Community School Alumni Association Reunion is scheduled 1:30 p.m. Sunday, November 7 in the Community High School auditorium. The Student Council will provide refreshments afterwards.

Veterans parade

Shelbyville's Veterans Day parade will be 4 p.m. Sunday, November 7. The parade will follow the usual route from North Cannon Boulevard to the public square, north on North Main Street and east on Madison Street to Calsonic Arena. Call Michael Ruess, 931-685-4838 for more information.

Toy Convoy

Planning is in progress for the 25th annual Highway 41 Toy Convoy on Sunday, November 7 following a route from Manchester north to Beech Grove, then west on State Highway 64 in Bedford County to the town square in Wartrace. Entry fee for vehicles that can travel 45 mph safely is \$10 to enter the convoy and \$20 to exhibit in a car show at route's end on the Wartrace square. All are asked to bring new unwrapped toys and fly American flags. The Gene Taylor and Steve Graves Christmas Foundation, Manchester Police Department and Wartrace Fire Department will distribute the toys.

NOV. 13

Special breakfast

A free breakfast for veterans, law enforcement and first responders is scheduled Saturday, November 13 from 6-9 a.m. at Fairlane Church of Christ's Fellowship Hall. Jason Bush is hosting the event.

NOV. 14

Open house

The Care House, 304 Old Nashville Dirt Road, will

hold an open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday, November 14. The non-profit organization provides short term emergency housing for children and teens awaiting foster care placement.

NOV. 20

Christmas Village

Bedford County Fair's Christmas Village is scheduled Saturday, November 20 at Bedford County Agricultural Center. For more information call Jeri Lynn Smith, 931-580-7060, or email www.bedfordcounty-fair.org.

DEC. 3

Quilted Christmas

A Quilted Christmas walk featuring historic homes and churches will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, December 3 in Bell Buckle, sponsored by the town's Chamber of Commerce.

DEC. 4

Christmas Parade

"A Super-Hero Christmas" will be the theme for this year's Shelbyville Christmas Parade, scheduled Saturday, December 4 along the traditional route — the Shelbyville square, north on North Main Street and east out Madison Street to Celebration Drive. Entry forms are available on the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page. The parade is sponsored by the Chamber and the Shelbyville Jaycees.

ONGOING

Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the old Save-A-Lot building on South Cannon Boulevard. One take-away meal per person present, with come-and-go service only. Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, 122 Public Square N., Shelbyville, TN 37160 and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation.

DesJarlais forum

Lynne Davis, field representative for U.S. Rep. Scott DesJarlais, is available from 10-11 a.m. each Thursday at the Bedford County Courthouse to field constituent questions. DesJarlais, who represents the 4th District, will not be present.

Seniors meals

Shelbyville-Bedford County Senior Citizens Center will have meals available for curbside pickup until further notice. Call April, 931-684-0019 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays for more information or to place an order. A two-day notice is required.

County meetings

Bedford County Courthouse is closed for government meetings until at least March due to remodeling. Meetings of the full County Commission are held at Shelbyville Central High School auditorium on Eagle Boulevard and committee meetings at Bedford County Office Complex on Dover Street.

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AG NOTES

By John Teague
UT/TSU Extension

FALL COLORS

Dr. Wayne Clatterbuck, Professor, Dept. of Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries of the University of Tennessee Extension, shared these facts on fall colors. Here are some interesting things that affect fall foliage.

Leaves are turning colors. Autumn coloration in Tennessee should be brilliant. Weather conditions have encouraged vigorous tree growth, plenty of moisture, and warm and not excessively hot fall days. Trees are not stressed. The combination of not too much and not too little moisture, no extended droughts, and diurnal warm days and cool nights should promote vibrant color change with longer durations this year.

Tennessee is fortunate to have a wide variety of tree species and different topographies from Bristol to Memphis. Each tree species has different patterns of leaf color and shedding of leaves. The varied topographies provide different environmental conditions that influence leaf color change. The leaf color will occur at different times and scales across the landscape depending on species mixtures and environmental conditions.

The color change will peak first at the higher elevations in the mountains of east Tennessee and the Cumberland Plateau during the second and third week of October. The best colors in the Ridge and Valley (Knoxville area) and middle Tennessee is usually the last week of October (Halloween) and perhaps extending into November. The colors in west Tennessee reach their zenith during the first two weeks of November.

Factors that influence leaf color are shorter day lengths, moisture, temperature, and sunlight. For more information why leaves turn color, refer to UT Extension publication on Changing Colors of Leaves (SP 529), found at <https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/SP529.pdf>. Here are a few sum-

mary statements about leaf color change. Cool nights and warm days tend to retain leaf color longer and colors are more vibrant. Sunny days promote vivid leaf color. Overcast days will cause color to be duller. Freezing overnight temperatures and early frost will cause leaves to turn brown without leaf color. Strong winds and heavy rain can blow leaves off the trees prematurely limiting the duration of leaf color. Adequate moisture will yield a longer period of leaf color. Leaf color change begins first at the higher elevations where it is cooler, then progresses to the valleys allowing some leaf color on the Tennessee landscape from October through mid-November. Extended summer droughts and lack of moisture during the fall promote short-lived leaf color that is less brilliant. The longer-growing season attributed to climate variability consistently has delayed the fall color change in Tennessee 7 to 10 days compared to 20 years ago.

Enjoy the show! Since weather conditions vary from year to year, no two fall seasons will look exactly the same. Leaf color in 2021 is projected to be one of the finest.

WHAT IS THIS?

I had an image of a larvae sent to me for identification and the question should they destroy it and its eggs if it's a destructive critter. I thought I recognized it, but then it was different. This threw me off so I sent it to the lab for ID. I have attached photos of three stages. Turns out that I had not seen this one before.

The photo of this variety of hornworm looked like our tomato or tobacco hornworm, but this one was brownish and the horn is missing on the tail. Note the black dot on the tail. Apparently, they have tails in the early stages, and then it disappears in the late stages.

The photo of the hornworm with the rice-shaped eggs attached to it is not its eggs, but it has been attacked by a parasitoid wasp and these wasp eggs are slowly killing the



Pandora Sphinx adult



Brown and horn missing hornworm.



Hornworm attacked by a parasitoid wasp and these wasp eggs are slowly killing the hornworm.

hornworm, so it's being taken care of by nature. The Pandora Sphinx adult photo shows its color pattern, and I immediately think of green camouflage.

The photos of the adult and the hornworm larvae with the wasp egg cocoons are from a publication from Michigan State University by Duke Elsner, and the link is https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/hornworm_caterpillars_the_big_cats_of_the_vineyard

These hornworms can cause significant damage in vineyards, and the recommendation from the author is to keep vigilance out for hornworms to avoid extensive damage to foliage. Controls are available.

THE KIDS

We watched Hank and Ford play baseball. Good games. They are getting

pretty good at fielding and batting, and when on base they love to steal bases. Hank stole home twice. Ford will swing at most anything and he's going to get a good hit most of the time. Ford played first base and he likes it there and does a good job. Hank covered second and shortstop. He even pitched the last inning and it was

okay. At times he had too much speed and not enough accuracy. It's a learning league and I like that. More emphasis on how to play a position than on winning. No stars. The coaches are great teachers, some of them played at the college level.

Piper is learning more about horseback riding. She loves it and does her

part at the barn work. She loves to ride any horse at the farm, but she really likes to ride her mother's horse. She is learning how to balance, be safe, control, etc. No doubt that she'll be a rider, she giggles and talks the whole time and you can tell she is thrilled. We love 'em. Can you tell?

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Shelbyville Central defenders Raydon Creenshaw (left) and Amir Ross sack Summit quarterback Dustin Wade min the Eagles matchup on Friday night.

T-G Photos by Gary Johnson

No. 3 Summit socks Shelbyville Central

By GARY JOHNSON
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Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagles took a tough 57-7 loss to visiting Summit in a non-region matchup on Friday night.

The Spartans (9-0, 4-0) ranked No. 3 in the state in Class 6A, lived up to their billing by taking control of the game in the first half, including 28 points in the second quarter.

The Eagles (3-6, 2-1) lone score came on their first drive of the game capped off by a 10 yard touchdown pass by Gavin Donegan from Kade Cunningham. Ben Betzelberger connected on the point after.

Dustin Wade scored on a 1-yard run, Brandon King scored a pair of TD's, Keaten Wade had a pick-six covering 98 yards, Jack Hill scored on a one yard run while Brady Pierce added three touchdowns and added a two-point conversion for the winners.

"This is just one of those games we need to put behind us and move on," Shelbyville Central coach Josh Puckett said. "Summit really took it to us. I don't think we played well, but they did and give them a lot of credit."

Cunningham was 6-of-15 for 98 yards and rushed

for 43 yards on 11 carries.

Wade connected on 6-of-7 passes totaling 142 yards while adding 84 yards on six carries.

"Our defense has really played well all season for the most part, but we struggled tonight," Puckett said.

The Eagles have wrapped up the runner-up spot in Region 3-6A and will close out the regular season at home verse Cookeville on Thursday night at 7.

Summit	15	28	7	7	—	57
Shelbyville Central	7	0	0	0	—	7

First Quarter

S — Dustin Wade 1 run, (Brady Pierce run), 9:21.
SC — Gavin Donegan 10 pass from Kade Cunningham, (Ben Betzelberger kick) 6:17.
S — Brandon King 26 pass from D. Wade, (Ryan Crane kick), 0:07.

Second Quarter

S — Keaten Wade 98 pass interception, (Crane kick), 9:26.
S — Pierce 1 run, (Crane kick), 6:14.
S — King 10 run, (Crane kick), 3:16.
S — Pierce 65 pass from D. Wade, (Crane kick), 0:04.

Third Quarter

S — Pierce 17 run, (Crane kick), 5:42.

Fourth Quarter

S — Jack Hill 1 run, (Crane kick), 4:48.

THE YARD STICK

	S	SC
Passing Yards	148	98
Rushing Yards	206	106
Total Yards	354	204
First Downs	14	9
Penalties-Yards	4-34	2-15
Turnovers	0	2
Returns-Yards	3-154	5-54
Time of Possession	23:07	24:53

Cam Grogan hauls in a 35-yard reception for Shelbyville Central for a big first down on Friday night.



Turnovers plague Chiefs, QB

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes takes the blame for his two turnovers against Tennessee, saying he pressed too much trying to make something happen.

That still leaves the Kansas City Chiefs with a big turnover problem, an issue this team hadn't dealt with much in hosting the AFC championship game the past three seasons.

The Chiefs turned the ball over three times Sunday losing 27-3 to Tennessee, and the Titans turned an interception of Mahomes and his fumble into 10 points late in the first half.

"It's kind of been one thing here and there each and every week," Mahomes said. "It's not like a whole overarching one thing, and today it was probably me. I just pressed a little bit too early in the game and then we got down we were in the mode where (we had to go) no huddle, which you don't want to be in in the NFL."

Kansas City (3-4) now has one more turnover already this season (17) than the 16 giveaways in all of 2020. Mahomes has 11, including nine interceptions, for the most the 2018 NFL MVP has had in a single season, counting the playoffs. That ties him with Jaguars rookie quarterback Trevor Lawrence for most in the NFL.

Mahomes had only nine turnovers in 17 games in 2019 and 10 in 18 games in 2020. He also has been picked off at least once in six straight games.

"We got to eliminate the turnovers and the penalties," Kansas City coach Andy Reid said. "Again, these are things that we haven't — haven't been common to us. I'm seeing things that I haven't seen before. And we just got to fix it. And the players, they know that."

The Chiefs came into Sunday ahead of only Jacksonville in turnover margin at minus-8 and a league-high 14 turnovers. The Jaguars had their bye, so the Chiefs will be tied with Jacksonville for last in that category at minus-10.

The turnovers are coming in bunches now too. This was the third straight game Kansas City has turned it over at least three times, and the Chiefs turned it over four times in losing to the Los Angeles Chargers earlier in the season.

Chiefs wide receiver Byron Pringle said everyone needs to look at themselves in the mirror and come in ready to play. With Kansas City winning five straight AFC West titles and playing in the AFC championship the past three seasons and winning the 2020 Super Bowl, everyone is ready to play the Chiefs.

Having some early turnovers this season also has opponents eager to join the feeding frenzy at Kansas City's expense.

"We figured a lot of teams would come and hold us up and punch the ball out," Pringle said. "We just have to protect the ball. That's our prize. We've got to protect the prize if we want to win the game."

Mahomes said he just has to be better earlier in games so the Chiefs don't fall behind the way they did against the Titans. Reid said as play-callers, the coaches need to look at what they can do to help the offense get rolling earlier.

The Chiefs have lost two of their past three. Worse, they're 1-4 against AFC teams and tied with Denver at the bottom of the division they've dominated for five seasons.

Brady's latest milestone is another untouchable one

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady's latest milestone is another untouchable one.

Brady became the first player to throw 600 career touchdown passes and then tacked on two more in Tampa Bay's 38-3 rout over Chicago on Sunday.

Seven Super Bowl rings, 602 TD passes, 81,479 yards passing.

And, he's still going strong at age 44.

"Yeah, the numbers, they're staggering and they'll probably never be broken," Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians said. "I say that, but who knows when the next Tom Brady is going to come. They

are staggering, but when you watch him practice every single day, you don't see the age."

Brady is on pace to throw a career-best 51 TD passes this season as the defending champions (6-1) aim for a repeat. Even if he called it quits now, 602 seems quite safe.

Consider this: Aaron Rodgers is fifth on the all-time list and trails Brady by 175 TD passes. Rodgers, who turns 38 on Dec. 2, would have to average 35 TD passes per season for five more years after Brady retires to catch him. Ben Roethlisberger (403), Matt Ryan (359) and Matthew Stafford (301) round out the top five among the active QBs. They have no chance.

Russell Wilson is next on the active list with 277 TD passes. He's injured and turns 33 on Nov. 29. Wilson averaged 30 TD passes over his first nine seasons. That wouldn't cut it. He would need to throw 36 per season for nine more years once Brady hangs up his cleats to surpass him.

Patrick Mahomes is way behind with 132 TD passes, but has been so prolific that he could potentially challenge the record if he stays healthy and keeps playing for at least another decade. The 26-year-old Mahomes averaged 38 TD passes his first three seasons as a starter and is on pace to throw 44 this year despite his recent turn-

over struggles. Mahomes would need to average 38 TDs for 12 1/2 more years once Brady is finished playing.

With passing numbers on the rise across the NFL and an extra game added to the regular season, it's realistic to think single-season records will be broken whether it's Peyton Manning's mark of 5,477 yards or his 55 TDs.

But topping Brady's career numbers requires longevity and sustained excellence. Brady's accomplishments are unprecedented in team sports. His teammates throughout his 22 years deserve plenty of credit. Arians made sure to spread some praise around.

A World Series 6 decades in the making

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

HOUSTON — Freddie Freeman swinging onto baseball's biggest stage for the first time, Jose Altuve & Co. back for more. Luis Garcia, Framber Valdez and a fresh set of Houston arms facing Ozzie Albies, Austin Riley and these eager, young Atlanta bats. And the endless quest for Mr. Dusty Baker.

Braves-Astros, a lot to savor in this World Series — even a family faceoff. Atlanta manager Brian Snitker's son, Troy, is a Houston hitting coach.

"It's like the Snitkers are going to have a World Series trophy in their house here," dad said Saturday night. "I don't know who is going to own it, but we're going to have one. So that's a pretty cool thing, too."

A matchup six decades in the making, pairing former National League rivals who've played more than 700 times, including five postseason series. Think of The Hammer and The Toy Cannon teeing up home run derby at the Astrodome, or Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz vs. Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio on a June evening on TBS.

Because of scheduling and COVID-19, the Astros and Braves haven't seen each other since 2017. They'll now meet for Game 1 on Tuesday night at Minute Maid Park, with Valdez starting against Charlie Morton, a former Houston ace.

The Astros opened as a 3-2 favorite, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

But before we begin, let's just say it: There are many baseball fans who might not be thrilled to see either team here in late October.

Altuve and Astros teammates

Carlos Correa, Alex Bregman and Yuli Gurriel will forever wear the label of cheaters after being part of a team that devised an illegal, sign-stealing scheme on its way to the 2017 championship.

At home, they're cheered. At every other ballpark, they're heckled — and worse — as the game's worst villains.

"Ever since the news came out, the bad news that we've had to deal with about what happened in 2017, I think we've all wanted to prove what kind of class of players that we are and team that we are," AL Championship Series MVP Yordan Alvarez said.

"I wasn't here with the team in 2017, but I've gotten booed just as equal as anybody else. So I think we all have the same mentality that we really want to win a World Series to demonstrate that we are just a great team," he said.

When the scene shifts to Atlanta next Friday, Houston will figure out how to keep Alvarez's bat in the lineup as the DH or no DH debate is revived in the World Series.

The Astros are in the Fall Classic for the third time in five years and got there minus ace Justin Verlander, who missed the season while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

The Braves overcame a season-ending knee injury to dynamic star Ronald Acuña Jr. in July and surged after being stuck at 52-55 in early August. Boosted by NL Championship Series MVP Eddie Rosario, Atlanta is making its first appearance in the World Series since 1999.

Yet while the roster and stadium have changed, the sights and sounds in Atlanta still remain. Throughout the NLCS, fans at Truist Park emphatically chopped and chanted during big moments

Astros' Valdez to start Game 1

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Framber Valdez will start for the Houston Astros in Game 1 of the World Series against the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

Manager Dusty Baker announced Sunday that Valdez would get the nod, but said the team has not decided on a starter for Wednesday's Game 2.

The left-hander will oppose Charlie Morton, who pitched for Houston from 2017-18, getting the win in Game 7 of the 2017 World Series.

Valdez threw eight terrific innings in a 9-1 win in Game 5 of the AL Championship Series. In Game 1, he permitted three runs in 2 2/3 innings.

The Astros did not provide much new information on the health of ace Lance McCullers Jr., who was left off the ALCS roster because of a flexor pronator muscle strain in his right arm. McCullers still hasn't started throwing, but general manager James Click would not rule out his return.

"We're not taking anything off the table," Click said. "We're going to see how he is. This is the World Series, so it's obviously something that I know that Lance wants to be out there if he can. So we will talk to the doctors and him and the trainers, and we'll figure it out from there."

Houston will also wait to make a decision on center fielder Jake Meyers, who was on the championship series roster but didn't play while recover-

ing from a shoulder injury. The rookie was injured in the final game of the division series, and Chas McCormick and José Siri filled against the Red Sox.

The Astros are also considering their options for how to get the big bat of Yordan Alvarez in the lineup when the series moves to Atlanta for Game 3 and they lose the designated hitter.

After missing last year's postseason while recovering from double knee surgery, Alvarez batted an ALCS-record .522 (12 for 23) with one homer, three doubles, a triple and six RBIs, earning series MVP honors. He scored seven runs in the six games against the Red Sox and went 9 for his last 13, raising his postseason average to .441 with two homers and nine RBIs.

Michael Brantley is Houston's regular left fielder, but Alvarez appeared in 41 games at the position this season and that's where he's likely to play at Atlanta. Brantley would move to right field, shifting Kyle Tucker to center to keep his bat in the lineup.

"Kyle Tucker can play a very good center field, but at the same time, Chas McCormick has been unbelievable in center field and Jake Myers obviously is able to go get it, and I think José Siri's one of the best athletes out there," Click said. "So it's going to be a balance between offense and defense, and we'll have to figure that out."

for the Braves.

In an era of social reckoning that saw the Cleveland Indians change their name to the Guardians and Washington's NFL team get rid of a name considered racist, the scene in Atlanta is sure to draw increased attention.

On the field — and the bench — a lot of eyes will be on Baker.

He won the World Series as a player with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981 and has taken five teams to the playoffs as a manager but never won the crown.

Baker took this job in 2020 in

the wake of Houston's cheating scandal — "there's a few things I still hadn't accomplished" — and at 72, with a lifetime of credentials, gets another chance.

"Last year I felt like a substitute teacher, really. I was an outsider," Baker said. "But this year, they made me feel like I was one of them and they were definitely always one of me. That's what it's all about. Everybody talks teamwork, they talk about a team, but it's a feeling that you get for each other."

Baker's history in this matchup

runs especially deep. Playing with Braves great Hank Aaron in 1968, he got first major league hit at the Astrodome in a loss to Jimmy Wynn and Houston.

Over the years, these teams met a lot, starting when the 1962 expansion Houston Colt .45s took on the Milwaukee Braves. There were the days of catcher Joe Torre trying to throw out young Joe Morgan, the Niekro brothers pitching against each other and fireballing Nolan Ryan facing Dale Murphy.

'Bama jumps OU, back up to No. 3

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
AP College Football Writer

Alabama inched up to No. 3 in The Associated Press college football poll Sunday behind top-ranked Georgia and No. 2 Cincinnati.

The Bulldogs (63 first-place votes) are a unanimous No. 1 for the third straight week in the latest AP Top 25 presented by Regions Bank, and the Bearcats remain second.

The Crimson Tide jumped up a spot past Oklahoma after blowing out Tennessee. The now fourth-ranked Sooners were shut out in the first half against Kansas before scoring 35 in the second half and pulling away late.

No. 5 Ohio State and No. 6 Michigan both held their spots.

Oregon moved up three spots to No. 7. No. 8 Michigan State, No. 9 Iowa and No. 10 Mississippi round out the top 10.

In a week with no games matching ranked teams, five ranked teams lost, including two in the top 10. Penn State dropped 13 spots to No. 20 after losing in a record nine overtime periods to Illinois. Oklahoma State fell from No. 8 to 15th after losing at Iowa State.

Poll points

Alabama dropped from No. 1 to No. 5 two weeks ago after losing at Texas A&M, putting its record streak of top-five appearances in danger. But since then, the Tide won two games and A&M has built on that upset with two easy victories. The Aggies, unranked when they beat Alabama, are up to No. 14.

The combination of the two has allowed the Tide to run its top-five streak to 69. The second best top-five streak in poll history came to an end early this season when Clemson's was snapped at 57.

The second-best active top-five streak is Georgia at eight weeks.

No. 10 Ole Miss has its best ranking since finishing the 2015 season at No. 10.

No. 17 Pitt cracked the top 20 for the first time

since starting the 2010 season at No. 15. The last time the Panthers were ranked this highly this deep into a season was when they reached No. 8 and finished No. 15 in 2009.

In

A couple of teams that spent time in the AP Top 25 earlier this season are back in this week.

No. 22 Iowa State returned after dropping out in mid-September. The Cyclones started the season No. 7 and lost two of their first four games.

No. 25 BYU broke a two-game losing streak by beating Washington State. The Cougars are 4-0 against Pac-12 teams.

Out

Purdue is out after one week in the rankings. The Boilermakers (4-3) lost at home to Wisconsin. Purdue hasn't been ranked for more than one week in any season since 2005.

North Carolina State slipped out of the rankings after a close loss to Miami.

Conference call

- SEC — 6 (Nos. 1, 3, 10, 12, 14, 18).
- Big Ten — 5 (Nos. 5, 6, 8, 9, 20).
- Big 12 — 4 (Nos. 4, 15, 16, 22).
- ACC — 2 (Nos. 13, 17).
- American — 2 (Nos. 2, 19).
- Pac-12 — 1 (No. 7).
- Conference USA — 1 (No. 23).
- Mountain West — 1 (No. 21).
- Sun Belt — 1 (No. 24).
- Independents — 2 (Nos. 11, 25).

Ranked vs. Ranked

No. 20 Penn State at No. 5 Ohio State. This will be the sixth straight meeting with both teams ranked, but the Nittany Lions are trending in the wrong direction.

No. 6 Michigan at No. 8 Michigan State. The first top-10 meeting between the rivals since 1964.

No. 10 Mississippi at No. 18 Auburn. Two teams still very much in the SEC West race.

Titans look like AFC contender

By **TERESA M. WALKER**
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans are on quite a roll winning, three straight and five of their last six. Beating Buffalo and thumping the two-time defending AFC champ Kansas City could be a big ego boost.

Luckily, the Titans have a very humbling and recent reminder to stay focused on the next opponent and not what they hope happens in February.

Remember that if not for the Titans stumbling in New Jersey, the New York Jets would be one of the NFL's remaining winless teams.

"You sleep on anybody in this league, it's going to come back and it's going to haunt you," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said.

How much that loss haunts Tennessee remains to be seen. For now, the defending AFC South champs look like contenders tied atop the AFC with Cincinnati, Baltimore and Las Vegas.

Tennessee also has the NFL's leading rusher in Derrick Henry, an offense averaging 32.6 points over the past three games, and a defense that's mothered Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs in a 27-3 rout. Even the kicking woes that plagued this team the past three seasons seem under control.

The Titans' biggest issue for years

has been their ability to play up — and down — to the level of their competition.

Whether Tennessee winds up contending for one of the AFC's top seeds this season will be tested starting Sunday with a visit to AFC South rival Indianapolis (3-4). That's the first of seven teams currently with losing records remaining on Tennessee's schedule.

The Titans will get to prove how good they really are if they can stay focused on each week.

Whats working

The defense. The Titans ranked among the NFL's worst in several defensive categories last season, including 30th in sacks. They sacked Mahomes four times and now rank 10th with 17 sacks. They also forced three turnovers and held the Chiefs without a touchdown for the first time with Mahomes at quarterback.

The Titans turned in the defensive performance with a revamped secondary. Injuries sidelined starting safety Amani Hooker, and cornerback Chris Jackson was scratched, with Kristian Fulton and Caleb Farley on injured reserve.

What needs help

The rookie class. Farley as the top draft pick is out for the season

with a torn ACL as one of three draft picks who've been on injured reserve. Second-round pick Dillon Radunz had 22 snaps against Kansas City for his most work this season. He filled in at both right and left guard spots due to injuries.

Cornerback Elijah Molden, the third-round pick, has started consecutive games due to injuries in the secondary. Safety Brady Breeze finally made his NFL debut against the Chiefs, contributing on special teams.

Stock up

Harold Landry. The outside linebacker is second in the NFL with 7 1/2 sacks and had one of the Titans' four sacks of Mahomes for his fourth straight game with at least one sack. He's now 1 1/2 sacks off his career best of nine sacks set in 2019.

Stock down

Radunz. The Titans had to play Bobby Hart, signed off Buffalo's practice squad last week, at left tackle for 42 snaps because of injuries. Radunz was the 53rd overall pick out of North Dakota State, and the Titans picked him to help fill their spot at right tackle. David Quessenberry won the job out of camp, and only injuries have gotten Radunz on the field on offense.

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OCTOBER 26, 2021

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 27, 2021

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Goldbergs', 'The Wonder', 'Conners', and 'A Million Little Things'.

THURSDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 28, 2021

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Terror', 'Toy Story 4', 'The United', and 'Ghosts'.

FRIDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 29, 2021

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SATURDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 30, 2021

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SUNDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune', 'The Equalizer', and 'NCIS: Los Angeles'.

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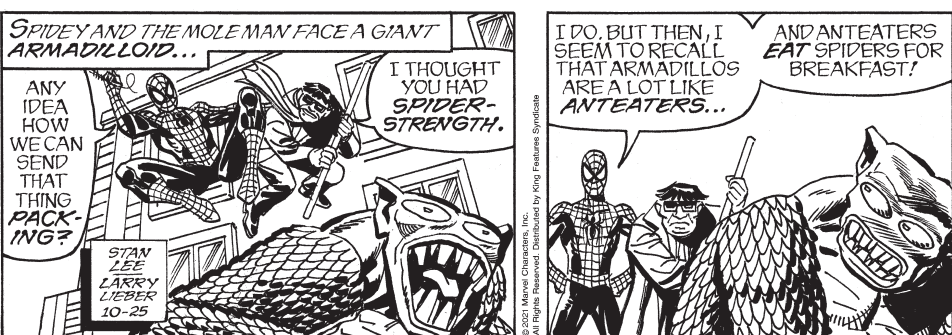
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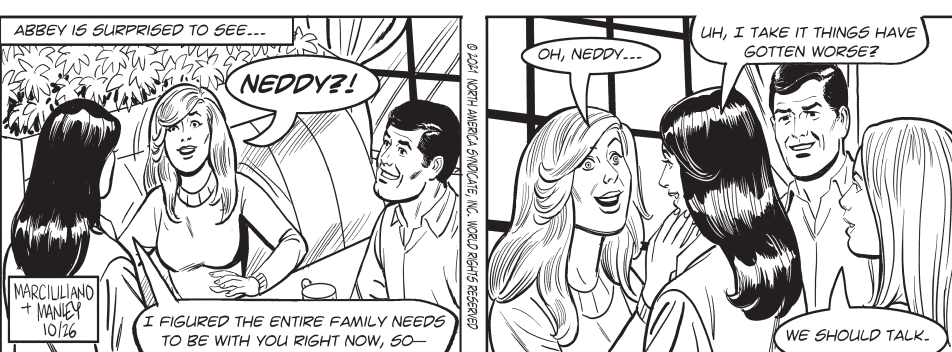
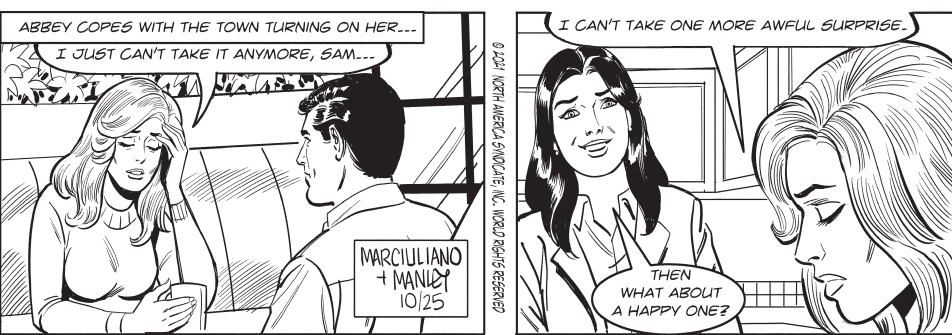
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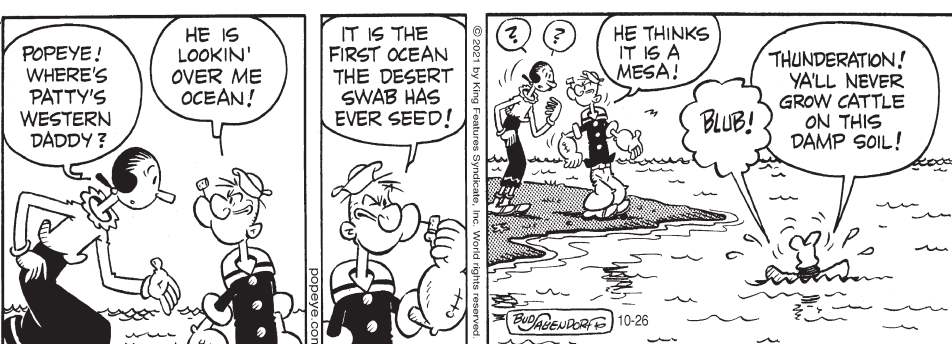
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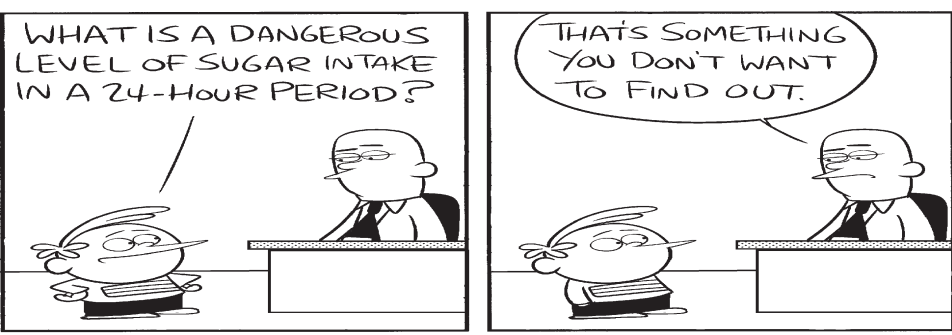
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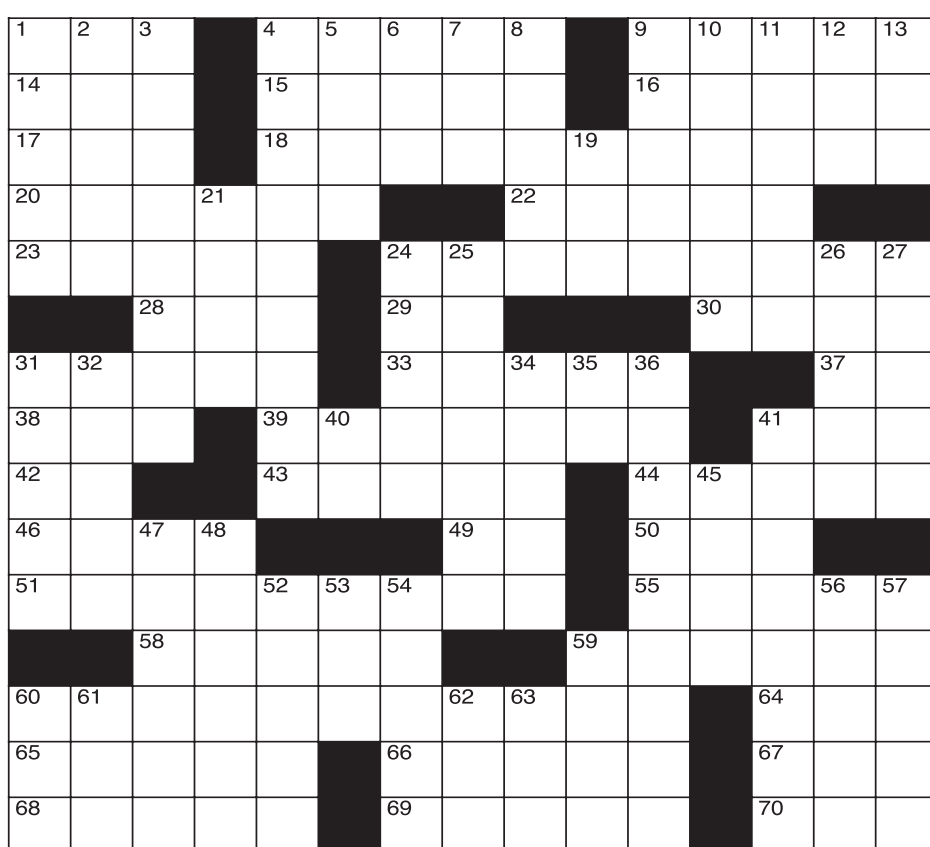
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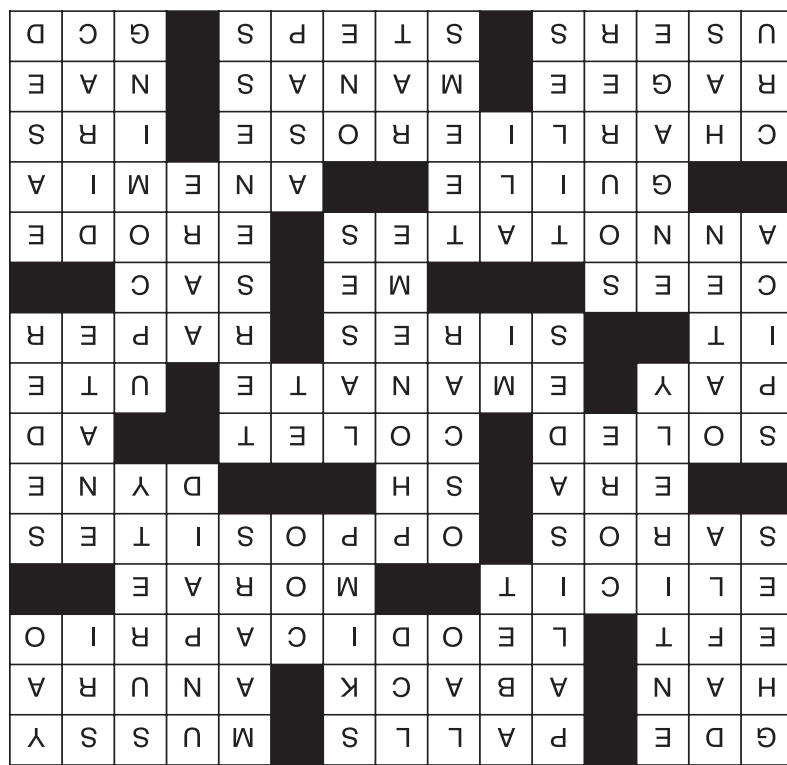
CLUES ACROSS

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- 4. Cloths spread over coffins
- 9. Disorderly
- 14. "Star Wars" hero Solo
- 15. Toward the rear
- 16. The order of frogs
- 17. Alternative pain treatment (abbr.)
- 18. "Wolf of Wall Street" star
- 20. Evoke
- 22. Units of metrical time
- 23. Helps to predict eclipses
- 24. Some say they attract
- 28. Pitching statistic
- 29. Baseball box score (abbr.)
- 30. Force unit
- 31. Repaired shoe
- 33. English theologian
- 37. Commercial
- 38. Exchange money for goods or services
- 39. Give off
- 41. One from Utah
- 42. Computer department
- 43. Begets
- 44. English navigator
- 46. C C C
- 49. Of I
- 50. Pouch
- 51. Add notes to
- 55. A way to fall into ruin
- 58. Cunning intelligence
- 59. Blood disorder
- 60. Disgraced CBS newsman
- 64. Tax collector
- 65. Type of grass common to the Orient
- 66. Cosmic intelligence
- 67. No (Scottish)
- 68. People who rely on things
- 69. Stairs have them
- 70. Mathematical term (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Clarified butters
- 2. Primitive Himalayan people
- 3. Completely
- 4. Steep cliffs along the Hudson River
- 5. Assist
- 6. Language spoken in Laos
- 7. Type of screen
- 8. An attempt to economize
- 9. Volcanic craters
- 10. Still outstanding
- 11. Takes responsibility for another
- 12. California think tank
- 13. Former Rocket Ming
- 19. A pigeon noise
- 21. Central part of
- 24. Academy Award statue
- 25. Distinct unit of sound
- 26. Relative on the female side of the family
- 27. Passover feast and ceremony
- 31. The brightest star in Virgo
- 32. Made with oats
- 34. Subjects to laser light
- 35. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 36. Neatly brief
- 40. The Great Lakes State (abbr.)
- 41. Soon to be released
- 45. Swiss river
- 47. Become involved in
- 48. More dour
- 52. They're on floors
- 53. Boxing's GOAT
- 54. Swarms with
- 56. Quantum mechanics pioneer
- 57. Facilitated
- 59. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- 60. Regional French wine Grand
- 61. Owns
- 62. Tell on
- 63. Precedes two

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ASTROGRAPH FOURTH WEEK OF OCTOBER

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
There's no need to separate business and pleasure this week, Aries. You can find a way to combine them if you get creative. Get the work team on board.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, if collaborating with someone else has you second-guessing yourself, venture out alone for a little bit and see what progress you made. You can always team up later.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, others look to you for support in the days ahead. Lend an ear and a helping hand if asked. Simply being there as a sounding board may be enough.

CANCER – Jun 22/July 22
Cancer, expect the unexpected in the days ahead. The unknown can be mysterious, and that can spice things up for a little while. Embrace the challenge.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, your willpower may not be strong this week, so be on guard if temptation arises. It's alright to indulge once in awhile, but do your best to stay the

course.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, a little personal pampering can go a long way from time to time. You can't always look the other way regarding your personal needs. Help yourself to help others.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you're usually cool as a cucumber, but something has you riled up this week that may be putting doubts in your head. Focus and breathe.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may feel like you are ready to throw caution to the wind, but deep down you know that's not your style. Continue to do your research and find the best way forward.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, a conversation with a loved one provides some clarity for both of you. Allow this heart-to-heart to serve as a foundation for future discussions.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Build restful moments into your schedule while working from home, Capricorn. This way you have a fine line between home and work life. Start today with a long lunch.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You can pursue different ventures all the while keeping your day job, Aquarius. It's not a "one-or-the-other" thing. If something feels like a calling, do your research.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Take stock of your relationships, Pisces. Make sure that you are getting as much as you're giving. Work out any imbalances if necessary.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
OCTOBER 24
Adrienne Bailon, Singer (38)

OCTOBER 25
Mia Wasikowska, Actress (32)

OCTOBER 26
Keith Urban, Singer (54)

OCTOBER 27
Lonzo Ball, Athlete (24)

OCTOBER 28
Brad Mondo, Stylist (27)

OCTOBER 29
Tove Lo, Singer (34)

OCTOBER 30
Ashley Graham, Model (34)

Two policies at the core of Biden's agenda

During an appearance in his childhood home of Scranton, Pa. last week, President Joe Biden made the case for congressional approval of his nearly \$2 trillion dollar 'Build Back Better' agenda, which is currently in the midst of a tug-of-war between progressive and moderate Democrats on Capitol Hill.

Biden put a particular spotlight on \$350 billion for child care subsidies and free pre-kindergarten that the spending plan would underwrite, as he reflected on his own experience as a single father who had the help of his family after his wife and daughter died in a car crash in the 1970s.

Millions of Americans, the president noted, don't have access to that kind of extraordinary support system.

A recently released report underlines the challenges the pandemic economy posed for American women, millions of whom dropped out of the workforce as the economy went into recession.

During the first quarter of 2021, female participation in the labor force dipped to its lowest point since 1988, according to the report, jointly released by the United Way of Pennsylvania, the United Way of Bucks County, and the advocacy group, ReadyNation.

It concludes that the swiftest way to return those women to the workforce is for policymakers to "stabilize and strengthen the child care system to help women return to and remain in the workforce." The report paints a vivid and disturbing picture of the pandemic's impact on working women in Pennsylvania, which reflects the rest of the nation, finding, among other things, that:

- Unemployment insurance claims were higher for women than for men from January 2020 to January 2021, peaking at 22.3 percent (vs. 19.3 percent for men).
- More than four times as many Pennsylvania women were unemployed in December 2020 than in December 2019.
- Female workforce participation is not expected to fully rebound to pre-pandemic levels until late 2024.

"Among women, certain subgroups were particularly impacted, including women of color, those with lower levels of education, and those in low-wage jobs," the report found. Women also comprised two-thirds of the essential workforce, and were "key to providing vital infrastructure services and helping to keep the economy running during the pandemic."

"The pandemic also hit mothers especially hard, with approximately one million mothers leaving the workforce nationwide, compared to half that number of fathers," the document continued. "Mothers without partners had the sharpest drop in employment among parents. In one survey, 82 percent of mothers leaving the workforce reported that they could not afford to do so."

Families who were already struggling to seek childcare during the

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pandemic have seen that search complicated by a staffing crisis within the childcare industry, the report found.

In Pennsylvania, 86 percent of child care providers closed at some point during the pandemic, and at least 850 have closed permanently, the report found.

A further 350 providers have remained temporarily shuttered since March 2020. And while 600 new providers have opened during that same time period, they have been run at a reduced capacity, limiting access to care, the report found.

The access crisis has further been complicated by an affordability crisis as well, with the average annual cost of 'center-based' infant care in Pennsylvania running to about \$11,560, which is close to the \$14,770 average cost of public college tuition and fees, according to the report.

Again, that reflects nationwide trends.

A survey by the National Association for the Education of Young Children concluded that four in five daycare centers nationwide are understaffed, and more than three-quarters of them (78 percent) said low wages were the main reason they had trouble finding new employees, CBS News reported this week.

And the economic cost of that crisis is real. Citing a study by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the report found that the crisis had resulted in an "annual loss of \$3.47 billion in tax revenue and to employers' bottom line due to employee absences and turnover. COVID-19 has likely increased these costs."

And that was just in Pennsylvania.

The report calls on policymakers to expand access to affordable, quality childcare, with state officials leveraging all available federal childcare and pandemic relief funds to prop up the current system and to prevent more shutdowns.

In the long-term, the report calls for state and federal officials to "approve additional recurring investments in the child care sector to address systemic issues like low staff wages, inadequate reimbursement rates for providers participating in the subsidized child care program, and a shortage of high-quality care."

It's all well and good to tell American workers that they have to go back to the office. But unless policymakers back that up with actual action by approving funding for expanded and affordable child care, such talk is meaningless.

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Biden seriously damages Boomers' progress

Today's progressives have turned their backs on those that led the Democratic Party from the dark ages of slavery and segregation into an era of tolerance and reform of the 1960s. With the signing of the Civil Rights Act in 1964, there was hope that Democrats could distance themselves from their past racial intolerance and political sectionalism. But this leap of faith was short-lived. Instead, they used this time of redemption as an opportunity to blame all Americans for "their sins of the past."

The decades of the 1960s and 70s were dominated by sociopolitical reforms and movements led by the offspring of the most fertile period in U.S. history. Love-starved men and women celebrated the end of the 2nd Great War producing the most dominant and emergent force in America since the Greatest Generation in the early 1900s. These "Baby Boomers" became the most diverse genesis ever conceived. Their legacy will be the largest force for evolutionary change in American history.

By 1964, Baby Boomers were 40% of the population. As children they experienced air-raid drills and the threat of nuclear war. Boomers saw the rise of socialism and the horrors of Communism and appreciated American democracy. They cheered the fall of the Berlin Wall and the USSR. Many fought in unpopular wars. Some died, others evaded the draft, but they all loved America.

They wrote songs against war and social injustice and demanded freedom of speech on college campuses. They

marched in the civil rights movement, held protest marches and sit-ins to make society better for America. Boomers brought evolutionary cultural and political change to America.

They knew, "In order to change the world, you have to get your head together first." – Jimi Hendrix

With a mantle of sex, drugs and rock and roll, some lost their way and others built the world's most powerful military and its greatest economy. They made America the guardian of the free world. The Boomers were apprentices for the Silent Generation and made America into a world superpower.

The Generational Power Index, (GPI) developed by Visual Capitalist Data, ranks U.S. generations for their economic, political and cultural influence on American society. They used data from Pew Research Center, the Census, the Federal Reserve, Bureau of Labor and other credible sources.

The GPI ranks the economic accomplishments of Baby Boomers, those between the ages of 57-75, as having done more than Millennials, Gen X, and Gen Z combined. Boomers are responsible for 53% of the U.S. wealth and hold more corporate officers than all of other generations combined.

The number of CBOs, presidents of major companies, Fortune 500s, S&P CEOs and other large businesses are dominated by Baby Boomers, with some lingering members of the Silent Gen.

The generational share of small business owners and managers is also dominated by Baby Boomers.

Although American

small business may not have the same scale of global influence such as large corporations like Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Pfizer and IBM, they are an incredibly important part of the U.S. economy. Small businesses make up 99.9% of all U.S. companies, and employ one-third of the nation's total workforce. They create 39% of all new jobs and account for 48% of the GNP.

America's balance of economic influence shifts with each generation. The most compelling trend from analyzing the GPI report is the stark difference in wealth trajectories between Boomers and younger generations. When Baby Boomers were as old as today's Millennials in 1989, they held 21.3% of U.S. economic influence. That's over four times higher than what Millennials hold today.

Boomers went to work every day and had families of their own. Many worked two jobs to provide a better life for their children and save for the future. They paid into retirement plans and saved for their old age. They worked through recessions, bad times and good times, knowing someday they could depend on their frugality and investment portfolios to see them through their golden years.

Boomers kept their faith in America when Barack Obama hijacked their free market health care and cut future Medicare payments in half. They tightened their belts and voted with their wallets.

They replaced the Congress and stopped the blood letting by electing a Boomer, Donald Trump.

Due to inflation and

William Haupt III



increased Obamacare insurance premiums, when the pandemic hit the nation, middle class Boomers averaged \$21,000 in total savings, reported by the Economic Policy Institute. By the end of 2020, when the future looked bright again for Boomers, another catastrophe did major damage to the Boomers' future retirement plans. Out-of-touch Joe Biden was elected as president.

Since Biden took office, the Boomers have seen the interest on their retirement accounts go to "zero". Their investment portfolios remain empty, while Biden's irresponsible spending has caused Jimmy Carter-style inflation. And his proposed mammoth tax increase will rob Boomers of what is left of their savings.

Biden promised to unite America but divided America. He is robbing the future of Boomers to keep Millennials and identity groups in the progressive flock. In the last decade, progressives have abandoned those who ended the Cold War and segregation. They have annihilated the future of Boomers who invested in America to make it the greatest nation in the world. Now Joe Biden is trying to nail the coffin shut on their retirement.

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The good life of Colin Powell

– "I know in my heart that man is good, that what is right will always eventually triumph, and there is purpose and worth to each and every life."

— Ronald Reagan

Those words written by my father, which are inscribed in stone at his gravesite, could very well have been referring to Colin Powell and his life.

Powell was a great American who literally lived the American dream.

Born in Harlem, the son of a Jamaican immigrant, he rose to the greatest possible heights – a four-star general who became a statesman, a presidential advisor and secretary of state from 2001 to 2005.

Powell was a good man who did a lot of good things while in the service of his country.

He also did a lot of good for thousands of children through his organization America's Promise Alliance, which works to improve the lives of young people and is rooted in the belief that every one of them "deserves to succeed and every adult is responsible for making that happen."

When Powell died this week, many political people said many nice things about him – and some of them said some pretty rot-

ten things, too.

Most of the criticism had to do with Powell's "cheerleading" role in America's invasion of Iraq.

He didn't instigate or orchestrate the war in Iraq, and he wasn't the only guy in the Bush II government who argued that we should send American men and women there to topple Saddam Hussein.

But his reputation was hurt forever after he warned in a speech to the United Nations that Hussein had weapons of mass destruction that he might use against us.

As everyone later found out, Saddam's weapons of mass destruction didn't exist and the claim that he was hiding them was based on faulty intelligence, which is the kind that our intel community has become really good at producing.

One of this week's meanest criticisms of Colin Powell, not surprisingly, came from a fellow Republican, Donald Trump.

The former president – whom Powell called "a national disgrace and an international pariah" in 2016 and whom he did not support in 2020 – wrote this typically Trumpian "eulogy":

"Wonderful to see Colin Powell, who made

big mistakes on Iraq and famously, so-called weapons of mass destruction, be treated in death so beautifully by the Fake News Media. Hope that happens to me someday. He was a classic RINO (Republican In Name Only), if even that, always being the first to attack other Republicans. He made plenty of mistakes, but anyway, may he rest in peace!"

Trump simply can't help being Trump. He can't think beyond right now – or think beyond himself.

Instead of issuing a respectful presidential statement about the death of a great American, or just shutting up, he had to get his digs in and try to make himself the top story of the day.

Trump's boorish statement was particularly upsetting to me because I knew what a nice man Colin Powell was.

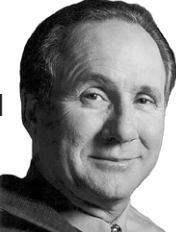
I'll never forget the last time I spoke to him, which was at my father's funeral in Washington at the Capitol Rotunda.

When the ceremony was over and as my family was walking out, Powell made a point to come over to see us.

Literally running toward us and pushing his way through the crowd, he called out my name, put his hand on my

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shoulder and turned me around.

"I just want to tell you," he said, "You know, your father loved you."

Powell, who understood the dynamic of my family, loved my father. My father loved him – and once told me he would support him for president if that day came.

It's easy to understand why I was so upset by what Trump and some other Republicans said this week about Colin Powell.

Donald Trump will never understand it till the day he dies. But if he had lived by the words that are carved into the stone at my father's gravesite instead of his own, he might still be president.

• *Michael Reagan, the son of President Ronald Reagan, is an author, speaker and president of the Reagan Legacy Foundation. Send comments to reagan@caglecartoons.com and follow @reaganworld on Twitter.*

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Billionaire tax takes shape as Biden pushes for budget deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are working frantically to shore up the revenue side of President Joe Biden's domestic package, poised to unveil a new billionaires' tax to help pay for his social services and climate change plan after earlier tax plans fizzled.

Biden said Monday he's hopeful the talks with Congress can wrap up overall agreement on the package this week. It's tallying at least \$1.75 trillion, and could still be more. Biden said it would be "very, very positive to get it done" before he departs for two overseas global summits.

"That's my hope," the president said before leaving his home state of Delaware for a trip to New Jersey to highlight the child care proposals in the package and a related infrastructure measure. "With the grace of God and the goodwill of the neighbors."

Resolving the revenue side is key as the Democrats scale back what had been a \$3.5 trillion plan, insisting all the new spending will be fully paid for and not pile onto the debt. Biden vows any new taxes would hit only the wealthy, those earning more than \$400,000 a year, or \$450,000 for couples.

The White House had to rethink its tax strategy after one key Democrat, Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., objected to her party's initial proposal to raise tax rates on wealthy Americans by undoing the Trump-era tax cuts on those earning beyond \$400,000. Sinema also opposed lifting the 21% corporate tax

rate. With a 50-50 Senate, Biden has no votes to spare in his party.

Instead, to win over Sinema and others, the White House has been floating a new idea of taxing the assets of billionaires and another that would require corporations to pay a 15% minimum tax, regardless of if they show any profits. Those both appear to be gaining traction with another pivotal Democrat, Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va.

Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee, led by Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, are prepared to roll out the tax revenue plan in a matter of days. It is likely to include other revenue-raising tax measures, including a plan to beef up the Internal Revenue Service to go after tax scofflaws.

Once Democrats agree to the tax proposals, they can assess how much is funding available for Biden's overall package to expand health care, child care and other climate change programs.

Democrats were hoping Biden could cite major accomplishments to world leaders later this week. They are also facing an Oct. 31 deadline to pass a related \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package of roads, broadband and other public works before routine federal transportation funds expire.

"We need to get this done," Biden said in remarks at a New Jersey transit center.

Biden huddled with the conservative West Virginia Democrat Manchin and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer

at the president's Delaware home on Sunday as they work on resolving the disputes between centrists and progressives that have stalled the bill. A person who requested anonymity to discuss Manchin's position told The Associated Press the senator is agreeable to the White House's new approach on the tax proposals.

Picking up a populist theme sounded during the presidential campaign, Biden is pushing to have corporations and the wealthy pay a "fair share" and end the practice of some of the wealthiest Americans skipping out on any taxes.

The billionaires' tax is being modeled on a 2019 bill from Wyden to treat assets as income. Another idea, for a 3% ultra-rich surtax, has been proposed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

Under Wyden's emerging plan, the billionaires' tax would hit the wealthiest of Americans, fewer than 1,000 people. It would require those with assets of more than \$1 billion, or three-years consecutive income of \$100 million, to pay taxes on the gains of stocks and other tradeable assets, rather than waiting until holdings are sold.

A similar billionaire's tax would be applied to non-tradeable assets, including real estate, but it would be deferred with the tax not assessed until the asset was sold.

Overall, the billionaires' tax rate has not been set, but it is expected to be at least the 20% capital gains rate.

Separately, Sinema's objection to raising corporate tax rates from 21% to 26.5%, as Democrats had proposed for those firms earning more than \$5 million a year, has led the White House to float plans to keep the current 21% rate but add a new 15% corporate minimum. That would try to end the practice of big companies claiming so many write-offs that they pay little to no tax.

After months of start-and-stop negotiations, Biden's overall package is now being eyed as at least \$1.75 trillion. But it could still climb considerably higher, according to a second person who insisted on anonymity to discuss the private talks.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Sunday on CNN even though it's less than what was first envisioned, "it's still bigger than anything we have ever done in terms of addressing the needs of America's working families."

Disputes remain over far-reaching investments, including plans to expand Medicare coverage with dental, vision and hearing aid benefits for seniors; child care assistance; and free pre-kindergarten.

Pelosi, D-Calif., said that Democrats were still working to keep in provisions for four weeks of paid family leave.

Pelosi said she expected an agreement by week's end, paving the way for a House vote on the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill. The Senate had approved that over the summer, but the measure stalled during deliberations on the broader Biden bill.

Facebook profits rise amid revelations from leaked documents

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY** and **KELVIN CHAN**
 AP Business Writers

Amid fallout from the Facebook Papers documents supporting claims that the social network has valued financial success over user safety, Facebook on Monday reported higher profit for the latest quarter.

The company's latest show of financial strength follows both an avalanche of reports on the Facebook Papers — a vast trove of redacted internal documents obtained by a consortium of news organizations, including The Associated Press — but also of Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen's testimony to British lawmakers.

Facebook said its net income grew 17% in the July-September period to \$9.19 billion, or \$3.22 per share, buoyed by strong advertising revenue. That's up from \$7.85 billion, or \$2.71 per share, a year earlier. Revenue grew 35% to \$29.01 billion. Analysts, on average, were expecting earnings of \$3.19 per share on revenue of \$24.49 billion, according to a poll by FactSet.

Facebook shares rose 2.5% in after-hours trading after closing up 1% for the day.

"For now, the revenue picture for Facebook looks as good as can be expected," said eMarketer analyst Debra Aho Williamson. But she predicted more revelations and described the findings so far as "unsettling and stomach-churning."

Haugen told a British parliamentary committee that the social media giant stokes online hate and extremism, fails to protect children from harmful content and lacks any incentive to fix the problems, providing momentum for efforts by European governments working on stricter regulation of tech companies.

While her testimony echoed much of what she told the U.S. Senate this month, her in-person appearance drew intense interest from a British parliamentary committee that is much further along in drawing up legislation to rein in the power of social media companies.

Haugen told the committee of United Kingdom lawmakers that Facebook Groups amplifies online hate, saying algorithms that prioritize engagement take people with mainstream interests and push them to the extremes. The former Facebook data scientist said the company could add moderators to prevent groups over a certain size from being used to spread extremist views.

"Unquestionably, it's making hate worse," she said.

Haugen said she was "shocked to hear recently that Facebook wants to double down on the metaverse and that they're gonna hire 10,000 engineers in Europe to work on the metaverse," Haugen said, referring to the company's plans for an immersive online world it believes will be the next big internet trend.

"I was like, 'Wow, do you know what we could have done with safety if we had 10,000 more engineers?'" she said.

Facebook says it wants regulation for tech companies and was glad the U.K. was leading the way.

"While we have rules against harmful content and publish regular transparency reports, we agree we need regulation for the whole industry so that businesses like ours aren't making these decisions on our own," Facebook said Monday.

It pointed to investing \$13 billion (9.4 billion pounds) on safety and security since 2016 and asserted that it's "almost halved" the amount of hate speech over the last three quarters.

Haugen accused Facebook-owned Instagram of failing to keep children under 13 — the minimum user age — from opening accounts, saying it wasn't doing enough to protect kids from content that, for example, makes them feel bad about their bodies.

"Facebook's own research describes it as an addict's narrative. Kids say, 'This makes me unhappy, I feel like I don't have the ability to control my usage of it, and I feel like if I left, I'd be ostracized,'" she said.

The company last month delayed plans for a kids' version of Instagram, geared toward those under 13, to address concerns about the vulnerability of younger users. Haugen said she worried it may not be possible to make Instagram safe for a 14-year-old and that "I sincerely doubt it's possible to make it safe for a 10-year-old."

She also said Facebook's moderation systems are worse at catching content in languages other than English, and that's a problem even in the U.K. because it's a diverse country.

"Those people are also living in the U.K. and being fed misinformation that is dangerous, that radicalizes people," Haugen said. "And so language-based coverage is not just a good-for-individuals thing, it's a national security issue."

Pressed on whether she believes Facebook is fundamentally evil, Haugen

demurred and said, "I can't see into the hearts of men." Facebook is not evil, but negligent, she suggested.

"It believes in a world of flatness, and it won't accept the consequences of its actions," pointing to its mammoth one-level, open-plan corporate office as an embodiment of the philosophy.

It was Haugen's second appearance before lawmakers after she testified in the U.S. about the danger she says the company poses, from harming children to inciting political violence and fueling misinformation. Haugen cited internal research documents she secretly copied before leaving her job in Facebook's civic integrity unit.

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Student Council members worked the event, loading and unloading food items.



As students learn in Council, it takes a village—teamwork—to see projects to fruition.

Community MS Council holds food drive

Hard work helps exceed goal

Community Middle School recently held its fall food drive. The event was organized by the CMS Student Council.

The goal was to collect 800 items for

the needy in Bedford County, yet the total number of items collected was over 3,000! Each grade level, 6th through 8th, respectively exceeded the school-wide-goal.

Local students returned to school today after a brief fall break. From the report of their work, CMS students certainly earned that time off from classes.



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Photos by Cynthia Donnelly

Community Middle students travel by school bus to deliver the canned food donations.



There was much work to do unloading the back of this school bus with thousands of food items.



These Community Middle Student Council members didn't mind doing the grunt work during their recent food drive.



Even in the midst of school events, many students still choose to wear face protection.



Pallet by pallet, these Community Middle schoolers did their job well, organizers said.