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Manor Lions Club honors first responders

By Anne Weir



The Manor Lions Club, Manor's oldest community service organization, recently honored first responders with a meal on February 13, 2023. The event was held at the Manor Lions Club Hall to recognize the caring and compassionate individuals that serve the Manor community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

A first responder is a person with specialized training who is among the first to arrive and provide assistance at the scene of an emergency, such as an accident, disaster, medical emergency, structure fire or terrorist attack. First responders are typically police officers, paramedics, emergency medical



L to R: Firefighter A. Carter, Firefighter D. Michaelsen, Firefighter Z. Dominguez, Engineer J. Leal, Engineer P. Muston, Battalion Chief A. Tapia, and Lieutenant A. Gatica

technicians and fire fighters. The term "first responder" first appeared in the early 1970's and has been in wide-spread use since 1975. The "breakfast for dinner meal" was prepared for 43 first responders, which

included representatives from the Manor Emergency Services District 12, Manor Police Department, the Manor ISD Police Department, Travis County Constable's Office for Precinct 1 and Manor Disaster Relief. Each attendee

was also given a writing pen engraved by the Manor Lions Club to commemorate the day. The meal included breakfast items consisting of eggs, sausage, breakfast tacos, French toast, fruit, juice and a wide assortment

of desserts. Twelve Manor Lions Club members and the youth organization "Leos" prepared and served the meal. Thank you to Bluebonnet Electric for your support and to Manor's First Responders for all you do for our community.

150-year-old box of Manor documents found in attic

By Vicki McFarland

Cindy Gregg Koplin has never lived in Manor, despite having a long family legacy of settlers and town founders. But in September of 2022, she found herself in the town delivering a goldmine of historical documents that had been found in her grandmother's attic. Koplin was born in Galveston in 1956 when her father, Frank Hutchins Gregg, was in medical school. He was a fourth-generation Texas doctor, following in the footsteps of three generations before him, all of whom practiced medicine in Manor. Koplin lived in Austin for 23 years before relocating to Homer, Alaska where she has lived for the past 40 years. She took an interest in Manor's history after a box of legal documents dating back to 1854 was returned to her family in 2016. Koplin is related to many of the early families who settled in Manor and the nearby area, including the Eggleston, Leigh, Townes, Gregg, Bitting and Banner families. Present-day residents will recognize that several streets in Manor have been named after the original families. The Gregg family connection to Manor could be traced back to 1856 when Koplin's great-great-great grandfather and his mother moved to Texas from Moulton, Alabama, settling in the area where Manor would later be founded. Other family members moved to the same area around that time to be near family, including Koplin's great-great-great uncle Eggleston Dick Townes who lived in Travis County from 1853 until his death in 1864. Townes was a lawyer who was involved with land transactions and managed the property acquisitions for many residents. In May of 2006, Koplin's father passed away. When going through his belongings, she discovered a photo album full of relatives that had been compiled by a family member who was born in Manor in 1887. The pictures sparked Koplin's interest in genealogy that continues today. When Koplin's grandmother passed away, her house in Austin was sold and the new buyer discovered a box of documents in the attic with the last name of Gregg on many of the documents. Several years later, the buyer contacted Koplin's brother, Frank H. Gregg, Jr., about the box. In 2016, Cindy Gregg Koplin would take possession of the box to discover it contained more than 100 documents involving Manor area land transactions dating back approximately 150 years. Koplin took the documents back to Alaska in 2016 to sort and preserve them. It wasn't until 2022 when she read blogs about Manor written by local resident and Manor historian Wayne Schneider that she understood the importance of the box and its contents. In September of 2022, Koplin returned to Manor with the documents and gave them to Schneider for classifying. She also visited the Manor cemetery



Eggleston Dick Townes



L to R: Cindy Gregg Koplin, Wayne Schneider, Frank Gregg, Jr

and located many of her family's gravesites. While classifying the documents, Schneider compiled an eight-page index of the documents with an explanation of the purpose of each document. The documents will be donated to the City of Manor. For more information about the history of the Gregg family, please contact Cindy Koplin at cindy.koplin@gmail.com. Manor resident Wayne Schneider has spent many years collecting information about Manor's history and its early settlers. For more information about the history of Manor, please send an email to Wayne Schneider at wayneschn@gmail.com.



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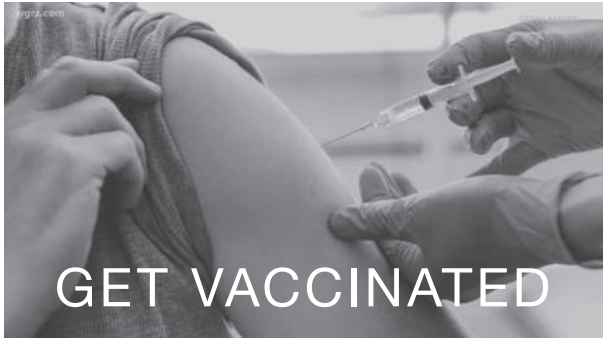
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FEBRUARY 21, 2023 TO
FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Date	Description Incident Address
02/21/2023	MISSING PERSON 14000 BLK TALUS RD
02/21/2023	THEFT 20000 BLK PHEVE FOSTER
02/22/2023	DWI 14800 BLK US HWY 290
02/22/2023	DWI 15500 BLK US HWY 290
02/23/2023	DWI 11500 BLK US HWY 290
02/23/2023	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 13200 BLK WILLIAM MCKINLEY WAY
02/24/2023	VIOLATION COURT ORD 11900 BLK US HWY 290
02/24/2023	DWI 200 BLK BURNET ST
02/25/2023	DWI 15000 BLK US HWY 290
02/25/2023	DISORDERLY CONDUCT 12000 BLK US HWY 290
02/26/2023	VCO 168 NUISANCE ANIMALS 12700 BLK ALBATROSS PASS
02/26/2023	STOLEN VEHICLE 19900 BLK GROVER CLEVELAND WY
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 12
Monday – Friday -
March 13 – 17
Saturday, March 18

Saturday, March 18

Monday, March 20
Sunday, March 29
Friday, April 7
Sunday, April 9
Tuesday, April 18
Saturday, May 6

Sunday, May 14
Thursday, June 8

Sunday, June 18

Daylight Saving Time begins – “spring forward one hour”
Manor ISD Spring Break
Compass Rose Destiny Spring Break
GeNell’s Prom Closet – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
St Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church – 12800 Lexington St. Manor, Tx
Free prom attire, hair accessories, food, refreshments, games.
Participants: please register on Eventbrite.
Family Fun Fest – 10 a.m. to 2p.m.
Calvary Chapel East Metro Church
407 East Eggleston St. Manor, Tx
Games, prizes, crafts, kids’ activities, candy, popcorn
First day of Spring
Vietnam Veteran’s Day
Good Friday
Easter
Tax Day
Free clinic for individuals who do not have health insurance
10516 Old Hwy 20 -Manor, Tx - adjacent to the Manor Disaster Relief
Sponsored by the Manor Free Clinic – a project of the Manor
Community Wellness Alliance. More information coming soon
Mother’s Day
Manor ISD Graduations at Shoreline Church 15200 Burnet Rd Austin, Tx
9a.m. Manor Excel Academy
11a.m. Manor Senior High School
3p.m. Manor Early College High School
6.m. Manor New Tech High School
Father’s Day

PAW’S CORNER

By Sam Mazzotta



Clicker Training Can Help Your Dog Love to Learn

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: What is the value of training dogs using a clicker? I have tried using a clicker to train my dog Atlas, but he didn’t listen very well. When should I click at him -- when he’s misbehaving? Or when he’s doing something right? And how can he tell? -- John H., Springfield, Massachusetts

DEAR JOHN: Clicker training, or “mark and reward” training, can seem almost magical in terms of how quickly and enthusiastically a dog learns. But that magic only happens when it’s being done correctly.

Basically, you press the clicker device when your dog does precisely the thing that you are trying to train him to do. And you follow up immediately (like, within a second) with a reward -- usually a little bit of a treat. So, here’s how it is done:

-- Decide on one behavior that you want your dog to learn in your training session. Start with a basic behavior, like “sit,” “come here,” “lie down” or “give paw.”

-- Give Atlas the command. If he doesn’t follow the command, don’t click.

-- As soon as he follows the command, click once and give him a little treat.

-- Repeat the process again and again until he follows the command immediately.

By associating the clicker noise with a command and a reward, Atlas will quickly build a positive association with the command. This works for many types of training, from basic obedience to agility to job-specific commands. But you start with just one command at a time.

Also, consider working with a trainer, either one on one or in a group training setting. You’ll pick up many training skills quickly. It’s worth the investment.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Eternal Faith Baptist Church Food Pantry

Saturday, March 11, 2023 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Drive around the back for pick up in your vehicle

Community Calendar

Eternal Faith Baptist Church Food Pantry
12720 FM 973, Manor, TX
2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month, 9-11 a.m.

Manor American Legion Post 331 Meeting Open
to ALL VETERANS
Eternal Faith Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall
12720 FM 973, Manor, TX
3rd Thursday of every month, 7 p.m.

Meals with Manor
Manor United Methodist Church, 510 N. Burnet
Street
The last Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m. to
7:00 p.m.

HOPE reSTOREd
Manor United Methodist Church
Open on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 4
p.m. to 6 p.m.
Contact Nancy at 512-925-1813 if there is an
emergency need for clothing and household items.

Zumba!
600 E Parsons St, Manor, TX - \$5/class
Monday and Wednesday, 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, 6 p.m. -7 p.m.

Manor Lions Club
429 W. Parsons St, Manor, TX 78653
2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

East Travis County Democrats
Via Zoom - Get link on Facebook at East Travis
County Democrats
2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.

Manor Arts Council
Good Luck Grill
2nd Monday of each month, 6 p.m.
Visit us and message us on Facebook (512) 585-
9105. www.ManorArtsCouncil.org

Manor Community Farmers’ Market (MCFM)
serves the Manor community at the ShadowGlen
Amenity Center. The Farmer’s Market is closed
for the winter and will reopen in April. For more
information, contact Ana at 512-590-5997 or send
an email to [ManorCommunityFarmersMarket@
gmail.com](mailto:ManorCommunityFarmersMarket@gmail.com).



MORE TO KNOW



Manor ISD seeks community input on superintendent search

Staff Report

Manor ISD



Dr. Tamey Williams-Hill is currently the Interim Superintendent of Schools.

The Manor ISD is asking for the public’s assistance with their search for the next school superintendent.

Dr. Tamey Williams-Hill is currently the Interim Superintendent of Schools. She has been serving since she was unanimously appointed by the Manor Independent School District Board of Trustees on January 9, 2023. In that same meeting, the board also selected JG Consulting to serve as the firm to lead the superintendent search process.

According to their website, “The Manor ISD Board is committed to a transparent process that encourages feedback from everyone in the community. The search will include a stakeholder engagement process and we

will keep the community updated on our efforts.”

In addition to an online input session in early February, Manor ISD hosted four in-person events throughout January to solicit feedback. For those who were unable to attend a session, you can complete their online survey by visiting: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/OSRrCY>

Manor ISD Breaks Ground on New Transportation Center

By Manor ISD Staff

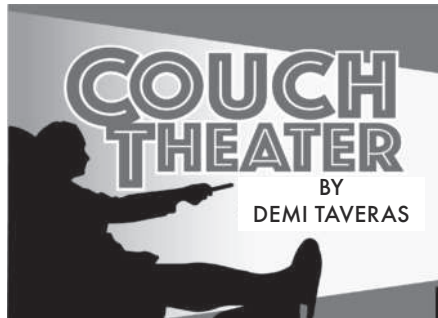


Groundbreaking of the district's new Transportation Center

On Tuesday, February 28, Manor ISD celebrated the groundbreaking of the district’s new Transportation Center.

Claycomb Associates (architect) and Satterfield and Pontikes (contractor) are working toward a finished project that includes a new transportation facility housing 150 buses and 40 white fleet vehicles, with room to expand to 200 buses. There will be a large training room for staff and an eight-bay shop for technicians to work on their own vehicles.

The projected completion for the new Manor ISD Transportation Center is Fall 2023



“Shrinking” (TV-MA) -- Therapist Jimmy Laird (Jason Segel) is grieving the loss of his wife and the void she left behind, especially her role as a mother to their daughter, Alice. Since his job mostly consists of making other people feel heard, Jimmy tries his best to swallow his feelings and continue to help his clients. But at a certain point, there’s only so much a person can take. So, one day, Jimmy decides to stop holding back his tongue and tells his clients exactly the kind of tough love they need to hear. Is it ethical? Eh. But does it make a difference? Definitely. With this new approach, Jimmy is able to start working through his own grief while assisting others to do the same. The first six episodes of the series are out now, with the upcoming four releasing weekly in the coming days. (AppleTV+)

“The Consultant” (NR) -- Academy Award winner Christoph Waltz (“Django Unchained”) stars in this bingeable comedy thriller series out now. Waltz plays Regus Patoff, a consultant who gets hired to head the mobile game studio CompWare after CompWare’s CEO gets murdered mysteriously. Regus’ job as consultant is to “observe, streamline and improve,” but he starts shaking up the office in a way that confuses and intrigues the studio’s employees. His oddness provokes two employees, Craig and Elaine, to start questioning



Christoph Waltz is Regus Patoff in “The Consultant.”

his motives and his ties to the CEO’s death, as Regus broadens the lengths necessary for them to keep their jobs. Nat Wolff (“The Fault in Our Stars”) and Brittany O’Grady (“The White Lotus”) also star in this twisty series, which was originally based on Bentley Little’s 2015 novel of the same name. (Prime Video)

“Perfect Match” (TV-14) -- Move over, “Love Island” and “Too Hot to Handle.” Hosted by Nick Lachey, this new series is adding an extra layer of drama to an already dramatic premise -- a reality dating show. A group of contestants staying at a villa must pair up among themselves to share a suite together each night, but the contestants who win at the daily challenges get control of the board, which gives them the power to break other couples up or bring in new people. At the end of their time in the villa, the participants themselves will decide which couple is truly a perfect match. As if that isn’t enough chaos, most of the participants have already been featured in other reality dating shows like “The Circle” and “The Ultimatum,” so this isn’t their first rodeo. The first eight episodes are available to stream now, with the last four premiering Feb. 28. (Netflix)

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Manor ISD families attend Parent University Learning Conference

By Vicki McFarland



Photo by Vicki McFarland

Guest speaker Nicandro Sanchez.

Approximately 75 families attended the first Annual Parent University Learning Conference on February 25 sponsored by Manor ISD. Parents attended thirty-minute sessions on the campus of Manor New Tech Middle School on a variety of topics and received resource materials from the sponsors of the sessions. Breakfast was served to parents, scholars and volunteers. Day care was also provided.

Each family could attend up to four sessions, which included technology training for parents, bullying awareness, financial literacy, housing, school safety drills and procedures, a child’s social and emotional needs at school, information from an immigration law attorney and how to open your own business.

According to Program Coordinator Ricardo Lopez-Galindo, district officials sent out a survey to all Manor ISD parents in December of 2022 and analyzed the data from the 398 families who completed the survey. Their responses helped determine the topics for the sessions that were provided in both Spanish and in English.

The guest speaker for the event was Nicandro Sanchez who provided personal experiences about growing up on the south side Chicago. When he was attacked on his way home from school, his mother homeschooled Nicandro and his brothers for six years until his family later moved to south Texas.

Sanchez urged the parents to attend events sponsored by their children’s school and to participate in teacher conferences. He cited an Algebra teacher who encouraged him to stay in school and become an architect. Sanchez and the teacher are still in contact with each other. Sanchez earned a degree in architecture and his first job in Chicago was designing hospitals. He noted that today Latinos make up only 5% of today’s architects and only 1% are Latino women.

Sanchez later moved to Austin and is now a senior project architect for PBK, which is the #1 design firm in the country. According to Sanchez “if this ghetto kid from Chicago can make it – so can you.”

Sponsors for the event included Manor Kids Dentist, Las Salsas Bar and Grill, XP Realty, Starbucks, Manor ISD Police Department, Bluebonnet Electric, A+ Federal Credit Union, OBP Group, David’s Legacy Foundation, Meredith Austin Teen Therapy, Ponce Law Firm and The Men Barber and Beauty School.

Special Olympics Basketball Competition

By Manor ISD Staff



Manor ISD

Special Olympics Basketball Competition: Manor ISD had 22 scholars travel to San Marcos, Texas on Saturday, February 25th to compete in the Area 13 Special Olympics Basketball Competition. Head of Delegation and Coach, Eric Cavalli, and volunteers, Trisha Meredith, Amos Keith (MHS), Maria Gasang (MHS), Florian Flores (MHS), Joshua Borbe (MHS), Carlajoy Sarita (MHS), and Sarah Henderson (Parent) supported scholars at the competition. Several members from the Manor ISD community, including friends and family members of athletes also attended to cheer on and support our scholars. Congratulations to all of our athletes!

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Nineteen scholars competed in the Team Skills event at Goodnight Middle School in San Marcos. The Team Skills event provides a developmental opportunity for athletes to compete as a five person team, working together to score a basket without any defensive pressure. Manor ISD teams earned gold, silver, and bronze medals while playing against teams from Hutto, Pflugerville, San Marcos, and Lockhart ISD. San Marcos, and Lockhart ISD.

3 on 3 Competition: Sean Barlow, Andrew Suchil, and Richard Medlock from Manor New Tech Middle School played in the half-court, 3 on 3 competition at the Jowers Center on the Texas State University Campus in San Marcos. The team went undefeated in their two games and won gold in the 8-15 year old division.

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Fireflies: (Team Skills)
Jayonna Shepherd (MHS)
Sophia Mason (MHS)
Xavier Ross (MMS)
Jeric Courier (MMS)
Bryanna Cazares (MMS)

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Mustangs I: (Team Skills)
Noel Burris (MHS)
Billy Jones (MHS)
Alexander Dean (MHS)
Jose Zuniga (MHS)
Axel Chairez Ramos (MHS)

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Knights (Team Skills)
Aiden Sands (MNTMS)
Mark Rivera (MNTMS)
Eric Lopez (MNTMS)
Elianna Flores (MNTMS)
Michayla Kelley (MMS)

New Tech Middle (3 on 3)

Sean Barlow (MNTMS)
Richard Medlock (MNTMS)
Andrew Suchil (MNTMS)

Mustangs II: (Team Skills)

LJ Henderson (MSHS)
Luis Pineda (MSHS)
Samuel MacDonald (MSHS)
Mareda Tsegaye (MMS)
Bryanna Cazares (MMS)

THINGS OF INTEREST



Foods to Stockpile to Reduce Grocery Spending

Whenever you read about frugality, you'll find a lot about what *not* to buy. Well, I'm going to tell you what you *should* buy. These are the items to stockpile when they go on sale.

With prices skyrocketing, it's important to know the prices of items you buy regularly so you know if you're getting a good deal. I seriously recommend keeping notes when you shop to record the prices of any items you purchase regularly.

Here are some of the goodies no pantry should be without:

Peanut butter: This pantry staple keeps a long time and is always handy. Stored in a cool, dry area, it'll last at least two years.

Salad dressings: Especially Italian, Greek and Balsamic. Besides dressing salads, they make great marinades for meat, poultry and fish. You also use them to dress pasta, potatoes or steamed vegetables.

Condiments and sauces: Items like soy, teriyaki, barbecue, mustard and ketchup keep for a very long time and help with inspiration when it comes to meal planning.

Spices: Stored properly, avoiding light, heat and moisture, dried spices and herbs last one to two years.

Pasta: Watch for coupons and wait



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Make this quick and easy chili with pantry ingredients.

Canned soups: Keep a few cream soups on hand for quick meal fixes and a few main dish soups on hand for emergency meals. Collect coupons for quality brands then wait for sales.

Frozen vegetables: When the price goes under the price per pound of the fresh veggies, it's time to pick some up. Kept frozen, they remain at peak quality up to 12 months.

Frozen meat and poultry: Again, watch for sales and put a few aside.

Chubs and vacuum-packed ground meats freeze beautifully and take up minimum space.

Here's a quick and easy chili recipe made with pantry ingredients. This makes a base for meals like burritos, tacos or taco salad. Serve over baked potatoes, rice or pasta; make chili mac; or use as filling for omelets; or just eat it with tortilla chips.

10 MINUTE PANTRY CHILI

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 10 minutes
What You'll Need:

1 pound ground beef, pork or turkey
1 1/2 cups onion, chopped
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon cumin
1 tablespoon dried minced garlic
1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
1 (15-ounce) can red kidney beans
Salt & pepper to taste

Here's How:

Heat skillet to medium-high. Place hamburger and onion in the skillet, stirring occasionally. While the hamburger cooks, open the beans and tomato sauce and rinse the beans. Set aside. When the meat is nearly done, drain the excess fat from the skillet. Add the chili powder, cumin, garlic, tomato sauce and beans. Stir to combine. Add salt and pepper to taste.

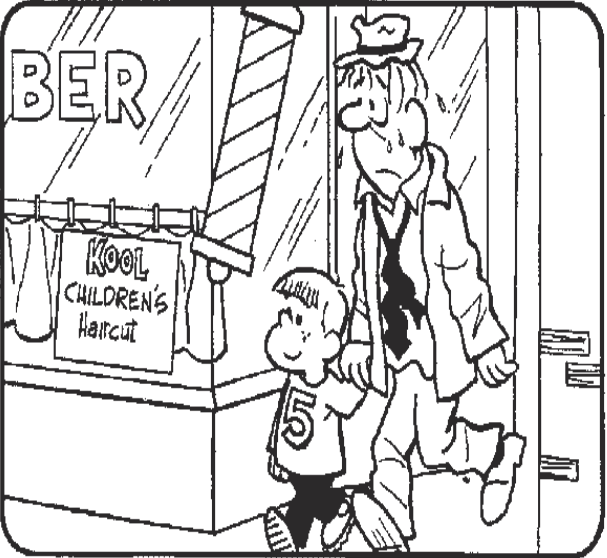
If you can budget a few dollars each month for stocking up on sale items, it will save you a bundle in the long run.

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

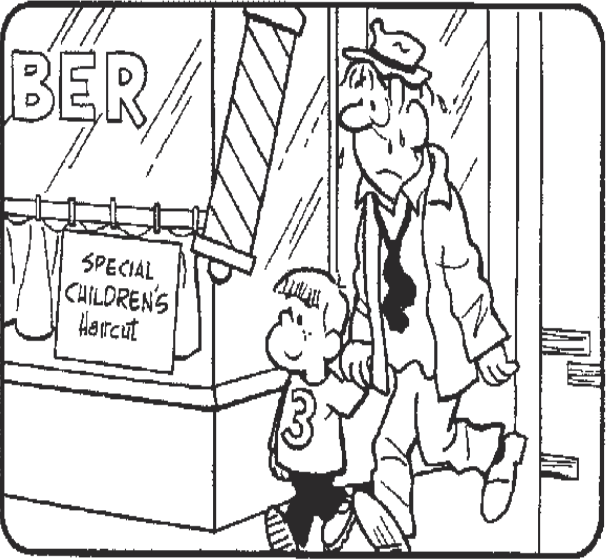
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Drape is shorter. 3. Pole stripes are reversed. 4. Number is different. 5. Hair is moved. 6. Tie is shorter.

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VETERANS POST

By Freddy Groves

Honor Flights 2023

By the time you read this, the first Honor Flights of the year will be taking place.

Honor Flights are free trips to Washington, D.C., for veterans, a day of visiting the memorials and monuments dedicated to their service. The trips leave from one of 124 hubs around the country, with all details managed by a crew of volunteers. In 2022, there were 21,800 veterans who made the Honor Flights and 18,709 guardians with them. Since starting in 2005, Honor Flights have escorted over a quarter of a million veterans on these trips.

Because of the ages of elderly veterans, flights are currently restricted to veterans from the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War eras.

For those not near a hub, or for those in the five states without hubs, there is the Lone Eagle program (loneeagle.honorflight.org). Any veteran is eligible, but priority is given to veterans from the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam eras. Each veteran needs to have a guardian along on the trip. Children or grandchildren are eligible, but they must be 18 years or older.

For veterans who are seriously ill (and who have less than one year to live), there is the TLC program. TLC in this case is taken to mean Their Last Chance -- veterans who might not have time in the future to make a regular Honor Flight. Each TLC veteran needs to have one guardian, a trained caregiver who will manage all the required medical care for that veteran. The costs are picked up by a donor. For specific info, contact Bobbie Bradley at 937-521-2400 ext 104.

To see the 2023 schedule and learn more about Honor Flights, go to www.honorflight.org.

Will you open your wallet to send a few dollars to Honor Flights to help more veterans make the trip? They're a nonprofit with a four-star Charity Navigator rating. You can donate online at the website or send a check to Honor Flight, Box L-4016, Columbus, OH 43260-4016.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Think money doesn't grow on trees? Try telling that to a certain dog in Colombia. After seeing students pass money to a food stall attendant, the enterprising pooch began a regular practice of "paying" for dog biscuits with tree leaves.

• In a few American cities, Halloween was originally called "Cabbage Night." The name came from a Scottish fortune-telling game in which girls would use cabbage stumps to predict the identity of their future husband.

• Best-selling author Maya Angelou was San Francisco's first Black streetcar conductor.

• Sea sponges, like humans, sneeze to clear their internal filter systems. Unlike humans, such sneezes last about half an hour.

• In the 18th century, some wealthy folks with gardens decorated their plots with "ornamental hermits" -- actual people whom they paid to dress like a Druid (however they took that to look) and wander around their estates.

• America's eighth president, Martin Van Buren, tried to keep a pair of tiger cubs given to him by the Sultan of Oman, but Congress made him send them to the zoo.

• The space between the bottom of a cabinet and the floor is called the toe kick.

• "Chess boxing" is a sport in which opponents alternate between rounds of chess and boxing until either competitor is checkmated or knocked out.

• In 2004, Alice Pike tried to use a fake \$1 million bill to purchase \$1,675 worth of merchandise at Walmart, expecting to receive change from the undoubtedly startled cashier. Well, she did think the bill was genuine ... as she remarked (from jail), "You can't keep up with the U.S. Treasury."

• The WD-40 Company never patented the WD-40 formula in order to avoid having to publicly disclose its trade-secret ingredients.

Thought for the Day: "Stay in your own lane. Comparison kills creativity and joy." -- Brene Brown

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Shrinkflation: Beating Them at Their Own Game

"Shrinkflation." That's a word that's been in the news lately, and one that we need to pay attention to.

We know prices are increasing on our groceries. We see it every time we look at the price tags on the shelves when we shop, and certainly at the checkout. But shrinkflation is a different thing and can be harder to spot. Shrinkflation is sneaky price increases.

In shrinkflation, the prices don't go up, but what we get comes down. This is impacting most things across grocery stores, including dairy, shampoo, meats, frozen foods, toilet paper, pet food, pastries, candy bars, laundry detergent, sliced cheese, tea bags ... well, everything.

Example: The price of a can of beans stays the same, but we get fewer ounces. Example: The price of a loaf of bread stays the same, but it's smaller. Same with cereal, which you'll have noticed when the box sizes changed.

In my case, one particular item (frozen meatballs) at my local store dropped from 64 meatballs to 56 ... fewer for the same money.

Keep an eye on the unit pricing on the tag on the grocery store shelf. Yes, it's in tiny print (which is one reason to carry a small magnifying glass at all times), but the numbers will tell you the unit price per fluid ounce, pound or count. Over time you'll be able to see if you're getting less for your money.

Look at generics to save money (and, in many cases, get a better product) or just change brands. Buy more than one if the price is good, but watch the expiration dates.

Lastly, consider signing up for a store's loyalty card if you get cash benefits for doing so, and sign up for the emailed weekly sales flyer to shop from.

By shopping carefully, we can beat them at their own game.

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THINGS OF IMPORTANCE



Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday, March 12

By Vicki McFarland

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Daylight Saving Time (DST) will officially be here on Sunday, March 12 at 2 a.m. On that day millions of Americans will turn their clocks ahead one hour. Here in Manor, sunset will now occur at 7:32 p.m. Prior to March 12, sunset occurred at 6:30 p.m.

This means at 2 a.m., the “correct” time instantly becomes 3 a.m. and you will lose an hour of sleep. Because of the change, DST exists for eight months (March 12 to November 5) while standard time is four months long.

DST became a nation-wide requirement in 1966 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Uniform Time Act, which was established to conserve energy. The rationale was if there was daylight for longer periods in the day, there is less time for people to be in their homes using electricity. States could file an exception to the Uniform Time Act. Hawaii and Arizona are the only states to request that daylight hours remain the same all year long.

Reports compiled by the U.S. Department of Transportation show DST saves energy, prevents traffic injuries and reduces crime. However, more research is coming out about the health effects of DST. According to research by Northwestern Medicine, during the week after DST there is a 24% rise in heart attacks, a 6% spike in fatal car accidents, an 8% increase of strokes and an 11% spike in depressive episodes, to name a few.

There is a growing number of people that would like to stop the practice and keep hours the same all year long. In the past four years, 19 states have passed resolutions asking Congress to keep DST all year round, but so far, this request has not been voted upon by Congress. Texas is not one of the states requesting year-round DST.

Currently, Hawaii and Arizona do not observe DST, in addition to the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and Northern Mariana Islands. Hawaii’s location plays a part in why they asked to be exempt in 1978 since there is very little difference between summer and winter daylight hours.

There has been a myth for many years that DST was started to help farmers, however this has never been published nor has it been proven. There are Canadian newspaper reports dating back to 1908 that stated Canadians living in Thunder Bay, Ontario had implemented the time change so people could be outside their homes longer into the evening. There are other reports that Germany first implemented DST on April 30, 1916 to save coal during World War I.

Prior to 2007, the starting and ending dates were different than they are now. The beginning date for Daylight Saving Time was the last Sunday in April and the end date was the last Sunday in October. Since 2007, Daylight Saving Time begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.

DST will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2023 when we “fall back” and gain the hour of sleep we lost on March 12, 2023.

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Whatever happened to Patricia Heaton? She had two very successful sitcoms, but I haven’t seen her in anything since. Is she retiring from acting? -- L.A.

A. The talented Patricia Heaton has been blessed to star in not only one but two hit sitcoms in her life. She played exhausted wives on both “Everybody Loves Raymond” and “The Middle” for nine seasons each and then starred in “Carol’s Second Act,” but it was canceled after just one season.

Now she’s bouncing back with another sitcom, which is yet to be named, with veteran comedy writers Carol Leifer (“Seinfeld”) and Andy Gordon (“Modern Family”). According to Deadline.com, Heaton will play “the host of an upscale lifestyle show sent to prison for embezzlement and tax evasion. She gets out after two years, forgotten and broke, and moves to Tennessee to live with her estranged sister.”

The show will be filmed in Nashville, where Heaton has a residence, and will air on Fox. The only thing stopping it is the potential of a writers strike if negotiations with the Writers Guild of America come to a halt when their contract is up for renewal in May.

While there aren’t as many network sitcoms as there used to be, the few that have premiered in recent years have generated quite a loyal audience. “Abbott Elementary,” “Ghosts” and “Night Court” all have already been renewed for another season before their current one has been completed.

Q. I remember when Chrishell Stause was a soap opera actress, but now she’s on a reality show. Is she ever going to act again? -- N.S.

A. Chrishell Stause, who hails from Kentucky, made her acting debut on the ABC soap “All My Children” back in 2005. She went on to play Jordan on “Days of Our Lives” and Bethany on “The Young and the Restless,” the latter soap in which she starred with her husband



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Patricia Heaton (“The Middle” and “Everybody Loves Raymond”)

at the time, Justin Hartley. She supplemented her acting revenue by getting her real estate license and joined the Oppenheim Group, selling mansions in Hollywood and being featured on Netflix’s “Selling Sunset.”

Justin Hartley became a household name with the hit drama “This Is Us,” but he broke Stause’s heart when he left her for another former “Y&R” star, Sofia Pernas. Stause was chosen to compete on “Dancing With the Stars” and is five seasons into “Selling Sunset,” but she hasn’t given up acting -- she recently starred in the Lifetime movie “A Rose for her Grave: The Randy Roth Story.”

Q. Is it true that “Titanic” is returning to theaters? Is it a remake? Who will play the leads? -- S.M.

A. No remake is on the horizon, but the original “Titanic” has been remastered and made its way to theaters this February. James Cameron, director of the Oscar-nominated blockbuster “Avatar: The Way of Water,” has redelivered “Titanic” to the big screen for its 25th anniversary with stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. The running time is 3 hours and 15 minutes, which was an anomaly back in 1997.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Manor ISD celebrates National School Social Worker Week March 5-11

Staff Report



Manor ISD

National School Social Work Week is held the first full week of March to celebrate school social workers across the nation. School social workers not only help students achieve academic success, but they provide vital support to administrators, teachers and parents.

Social work began in U.S. schools over 110 years ago. Today, school social workers are professionals within the social work field that work with educators, parents and school administrators to help students with mental health and behavioral challenges. This is usually done through academic and classroom support. School social workers also play a role in developing education policies, work with crisis interventions and identify and report child neglect and abuse.

This year, the School Social Work Association of America has announced the theme for National School Social Work Week 2023 is “We Rise.” According to their organization, “School Social Workers rise up - supporting their students, families, and school communities. School Social Workers rise to share hope. They rise to listen and understand. They rise to challenge inequities. They rise to support all students.”

Thank you to all the social workers supporting our kids in our schools.

HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo:

HOLLYWOOD -- The internet went crazy when Priscilla Presley asked a judge to invalidate a recently discovered document replacing Priscilla and Barry Siegel (manager of Lisa Marie Presley) with Lisa Marie’s children, Riley and the late Benjamin Keough, as co-trustees of Lisa Marie’s trust. The trolls accused Priscilla of trying to grab control of the estate. But, in truth, Priscilla cited several factors for her request, including that Lisa Marie’s signature might be a forgery.

Back in 1993, Lisa Marie appointed Priscilla and Siegel as co-trustees of her trust. After Lisa Marie’s death on Jan. 12, an amendment to her will dated March 2016 was found that would replace them both as trustees upon her death. Priscilla says the amendment was never delivered to her while Lisa Marie was alive, as required by the original document, and that Priscilla’s name was misspelled in the document. Priscilla also stated that her signature looked inconsistent with her usual sign-off. The document was neither witnessed nor notarized, as documents of this nature must be in order to be deemed legal.

In my acquaintance with Priscilla, she has proven to be honest, trustworthy and devoted to Lisa Marie and her children. Can another Presley movie be far behind?

“Top Gun: Maverick’s” Glen Powell, who co-starred with the biggest star in the world, Tom Cruise, will now be starring opposite one of the greatest actors of today -- two-time Oscar winner Anthony Hopkins -- in “Locked,” a remake of the Argentinian action thriller “4X4.” Sam



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Lisa Marie Presley (1968-2023)

Raimi, who is best known for “The Evil Dead” franchise, “Army of Darkness,” the “Spider-Man” franchise, “Oz the Great and Powerful” and “Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness,” has been tapped to direct.

Late-night talk show host James Corden, who has recently gotten a bad rap for being overly demanding in restaurants, announced he’d stop doing “The Late Late Show” at the end of the 2023 season. CBS, in turn, has announced that they’ll replace it with “@midnight with Chris Hardwick,” a panel game show series which ran from 2013-17, in his time slot.

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Recipes

Thai Chicken Casserole

Few things are more satisfying than chicken dredged in Thai-style peanut sauce; the sauce is unctuous, rich, nutty, and almost creamy, with a beautiful blend of spices that brings out the best in the savory chicken. Thai Chicken Casserole makes enjoying these delicious flavors even simpler, transforming it into an easy casserole with juicy poultry, bright carrots, and sweet red peppers. With creamy mozzarella on top, Thai Chicken Casserole is a delicious new entry to your weeknight dinner plans.

Ingredients

- 2 (12-ounce) tubes refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- 3 cups chicken, shredded and cooked
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 (11.5-ounce) bottle Thai peanut sauce, divided
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded and divided
- 1/2 cup sweet red pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup carrot, shredded
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 1/4 cup honey-roasted peanuts, coarsely chopped



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Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
3. Remove the biscuits from the tubes and cut each biscuit into quarters.
4. Place the biscuit quarters into the prepared baking dish.
5. In a large bowl, combine the chicken, mushrooms, and 1 cup of peanut sauce.
6. Spread the mixture over the biscuit quarters in the baking dish.
7. Top the chicken mixture with 1 cup mozzarella cheese and the red pepper, carrot, and green onions. Cover with the remaining cup of cheese.
8. Bake until the topping sets and the cheese melts, and the biscuits are cooked through, for about 40 minutes.
9. Remove the casserole from the oven and top it with the peanuts.
10. Serve with the remaining peanut sauce.

Stuffed Crescent Rolls

Everyone rolls up to the table when they see a plate of Stuffed Crescent Rolls on it. The crust is buttery, flaky, and puffy, wrapping up a savory and creamy filling of shredded chicken. With a zesty touch of herbs and a gravy drizzle, Stuffed Crescent Rolls can and will vanish in an instant, so make sure you grab one for yourself before you serve anyone else!

Ingredients

- 2 (8-ounce) cans crescent roll dough
- 2 (10.5-ounce) cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 3 tablespoons Italian dressing mix
- 2-3 cups chicken, cooked and shredded
- 2-3 green onions, optional, chopped

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Add the cream of chicken soup and the cream cheese together in a medium pot over medium heat.
3. Add the dressing mix and stir to combine.
4. Turn the heat to low.
5. Transfer most of the mixture (about 4/5) to a large bowl, reserving the rest in the pan to use as gravy.
6. Add the chicken and green onions to the large bowl and mix until well combined.
7. Separate the crescent roll dough along the serrated edges and place the individual triangles on a cookie sheet.
8. Scoop a spoonful of the chicken mixture onto each of the crescent dough triangles.
9. Roll the dough up, tucking them as necessary to ensure the chicken mixture doesn't leak out.
10. Bake until golden brown and puffed, for about 9-12 minutes.
11. Serve warm and topped with the remaining gravy.



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Now Here's a Tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

- If you have a plastic-bristle broom that is starting to get really ragged and it's time to replace it, don't get rid of it. Turn it into a scrub broom. Trim the bristles down to about an inch. You can even cut them at an angle. Then you can use this broom to scrub stubborn spots. The bristles are nice and tight when they are so short.
- Check your windshield wiper blades. Are they smeary? Before you replace them, use a paper towel and rubbing alcohol to clean the blades. They might have life left in them yet!
- Still fire season in your neck of the woods? Most of us know not to burn magazine inserts or anything plastic, but did you know that you CAN add some spice to your fire? Save the peel from your citrus fruits (oranges, tangerines, grapefruit -- even lemons and limes) to add to your fire. They burn well, and they smell great!
- "We had a piece of linoleum left over when we replaced the kitchen flooring. It was almost a perfect size to put over our picnic table. We use it for crafts and whenever we don't want anything to fall through the boards. It stores neatly against the wall behind our outdoor shelves when we aren't using it!" -- R. in Minnesota
- If you have a light bulb that has broken off in the socket and you need to get it out to replace it, use needle-nose pliers to grab the metal ring and unscrew it. Be sure to turn the light off first! If that doesn't work, you might be able to use a bar of soap to grab any glass shards sticking out, and unscrew it that way.
- "When I put on my stockings, I put on my dish gloves first. It sounds silly, but I do not have any snags in my stockings, and the grip of the gloves makes them easy to pull up and adjust for a perfect fit." -- W.M. in New York

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Pirate's chart

4 "Shark Tank" network

7 Clench

11 Misfortunes

13 Monk's title

14 Jeans maker Strauss

15 Grabbed

16 Sailor

17 Opposite of "sans"

18 Lukewarm

20 Soft shoes, for short

22 Eggy quaff

24 Give

28 Lingo alternative

32 Orange variety

33 Online auction site

34 "Kapow!"

36 Traditional tales

37 Winter woes

39 Lauded

41 Balloon filler

43 Little rascal

44 Beseech

46 Speak one's mind

50 Big swig

53 Profit

55 Alike (Fr.)

56 Sheltered

57 — Jima

58 Activist Parks

DOWN

1 Catcher's aid

2 Skin soother

3 Fall into a soft chair

4 Astern

5 "Dracula" author Stoker

6 Ersatz choco-late

7 Fairy-tale footwear

8 Speed (up)

9 "— had it!"

10 Photo, for short

12 Swimmer without a suit

19 Medico

21 Biz bigwig

23 Prattle

25 New Mexico resort

26 Shrek, for one

27 Garden intruder

28 Georgia or Cal

29 Bassoon's kin

30 Humpty's perch

31 Knock

35 Hosp. scan

38 California's Big —

40 I love (Lat.)

42 Craze

45 Evergreen trees

47 Mr. Stravinsky

48 "Apollo 13" org.

49 Panache

50 Tank filler

51 Last (Abbr.)

52 Meadow

54 Spinning toy

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Salome's Stars

For the week of March 6, 2023

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Seeing the silly side of some really ridiculous situations helps give the ram a new perspective on how to handle them. Some important contacts can be made this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Try to complete your outstanding tasks by midweek. This leaves you free to take advantage of new possibilities -- both professional and personal -- opening up by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

With both your creative side and energy levels rising this week, you should be able to tackle that too-long-neglected project again. A family member might have important news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

An explanation you requested seems to be

more confusing than enlightening. You should insist on clarifications now, rather than dealing with problems that might arise later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Your energy levels might be ebbing a bit. But that's no excuse for taking catnaps when you could be working on those unfinished tasks. There'll be time to curl up and relax by week's end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

It's a good time to get those ideas out of your head and into a readable format if you hope to turn them into something doable. In other news, a good friend is ready with worthwhile advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Careful -- you might be stepping into dangerous

territory if you decide to exaggerate the facts too much. Remember: The truth speaks for itself and needs no embellishment.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

Although your workplace successes have earned you many admirers, there are some colleagues who are not among them. Be careful how you proceed with your new project.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

You might have to go into great detail to explain why you're currently reluctant to make changes to an already prepared plan. Be sure you have all the facts to back yourself up.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Travel plans might still be uncertain. But instead of getting upset about the delay, open yourself up

to other possibilities and begin checking out some alternative destinations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Changing conditions might require you to alter some of your plans. While you might be agreeable to this, be prepared with explanations for those who do not want changes made.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Although you might have to deal with some detractors who aren't too kind in their critiques, you gain points in your favor when you're willing to stand up and defend your work.

BORN THIS WEEK:

You have a gift for creating a warm and loving environment between yourself and others.

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Pet Of The Week

Staff Report



Bastrop County Animal Services

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"I believe that when you put a smile out there, you get a smile back."
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IT IS GOD WHO ARMS ME WITH
STRENGTH
AND KEEPS MY WAY SECURE.
PSALM 18:32

Mountain icon

IT ALWAYS SEEMS
Impossible
UNTIL IT'S
Done

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

"Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Imagine living in a video game where your tribe has to protect its lands and win lands from others. What if we aren't talking about a video game but a real place? From 400 to 221 BC, this describes Asia. It was an area of warring states and tribes. All of them were fighting to control what we now know as China.

As the years went by, there were many vicious and bloody battles that resulted in seven individual states controlling the area. Eventually the Qin Dynasty, with its army of over a million soldiers, won control and Qin Shihuangdi was named emperor of China.

Qin Shihuangdi

Just because he became emperor did not mean the fighting was over. Qin Shihuangdi knew there were still people who wanted to take control. He knew he had to protect his lands and his people. Using other protective barriers built before him, Qin began construction of The Great Wall of China which is made of rock, compacted earth, bricks and a lot of hard work. The Great Wall of China is more than just a wall, there are barracks to house soldiers and signal towers to warn of invaders, and fortresses for defense. As emperors came and went through China's history, the wall was expanded, moved and rebuilt.

The Great Wall has seen many battles, and has taken damage from many battles. The last battle was less than 100 years ago in 1933. Japan had already invaded Manchuria and was looking to gain control over more Chinese territory. The Japanese were able to cross The Great Wall at the Shanhaiguan outpost after winning a short battle. Bullet holes can still be seen in the bricks of the wall there. More recently, humans have caused other damage. Some damage to the wall was caused by bulldozing sections to build a road through it. Some visitors have even stolen bricks to take back home as souvenirs. Now the Chinese government, and UNESCO are working together to protect it.

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- *It is estimated that at least a million people worked to build the wall, and many died while working on it.
- *The wall is 30 feet (9 meters) wide in some places and as tall as a three story building.
- *The Great Wall is a World Heritage Site and one of the 7 Wonders of the World
- *New sections of the wall are still being discovered.



READ ALL ABOUT IT!

The Great Wall of China
by Malcolm Lee

The Emperor Who Built The Great Wall
By Jillian Lin

The Great Wall Through Time: A 2,700-Year Journey Along the World's Greatest Wall
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- 3. Power to make decisions
- 4. A group of people who live and work together in a shared geographical area
- 5. An embankment built for defensive purposes
- 9. Building used especially for lodging soldiers
- 11. Something kept as a reminder of a place
- 13. When the rule of a country is passed down to family members
- 16. A communist nation in eastern Asia
- 18. To increase the extent or dimensions of something
- 19. Intentionally harmful or nasty
- 20. A revered mythical creature

DOWN

- 1. Something extraordinary or surprising
- 2. A building designed to be defended
- 6. A person who helped build the Great Wall
- 7. A geographic area a governmental authority
- 8. An organized body of people under a single government
- 10. Someone who enters by force in order to conquer
- 12. A group of countries under a single authority
- 14. A member of the military
- 15. A gesture or message that people use to communicate with each other
- 17. The largest and most populated continent





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