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EDITOR'S NOTE

Mansfield Family ...

Wow ... the year of 2023 is flying by. It's already April 1st! As I think about this time, I am reminded of Easter, voting, volunteer appreciation and April Fools.

While reminiscing about April 1st, I remember Mrs. Christian, my third-grade teacher at D. McRae Elementary, tricking us. On that particular day, she started out by saying, "Today, you will be moving to Mrs. Jones' class across the hall. She'll be your new teacher." We immediately started crying. We adored Mrs. Christian and did not find this at all amusing.

She created such a bond with us that we believed we were related to her, so she was like another mother or aunt. This was back when teachers and principals used paddles to discipline kids. I'm petite, but I'm a little feisty. And Mrs. Christian had to spank me once. This made me love and respect her even more. I told my husband this story, and he asked, "Why would you like a teacher who spanked you? I don't understand that. Oh, wait a minute. That's just you." I replied, "That's the way I'm designed. I respond better to people who are clear and firm."

Mrs. Christian built a relationship of love, which included discipline. As I grew older, I continued to appreciate her even more because life has consequences, so I prefer people sharing the truth with me even if the words are hard. The world doesn't soften words or experiences for anyone. When things get hard, evaluate and see what you can learn.

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Proposition B

Proposition B asks for voters to allow the MEDC to use the currently approved collection of its Type "A" sales and use tax, including all amounts already collected, for a professional multi-sport venue and related infrastructure as defined in Chapter 334.001 of the Texas Local Government Code, and maintenance and operating costs associated with the project.

FAST FACTS

1) If either Proposition is passed, will this increase my taxes?

No. The city currently collects a one-half cent sales and use tax for the benefit of the MEDC. Propositions A & B do not increase the amount of the sales and use tax collected for the MEDC. Sales and use tax is tax paid on most goods for retail sales, leases and rentals within the city regardless of residency. Propositions A & B **would expand the type of projects the MEDC's sales and use taxes could be used for**, but would not increase the amount of the sales and use tax collected.

2) What additional Type "B" projects would the MEDC be able to use its Type "A" sales and use taxes for if Proposition A is approved?

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3) What additional Type "B" projects would the MEDC be able to use its Type "A" sales and use taxes for if Proposition B is approved?

Projects related to a professional multi-sport venue and related infrastructure

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On A Mission for Mansfield

— By Sandra Walters

Lindsey Trook's experience with volunteerism began when she was a little girl. "We always gave back to our community," she said. "I grew up in a small town, and our family participated in Meals on Wheels. My parents were great examples of serving others. We didn't have an option, but we enjoyed it. We went with our mom on holidays, so I've been serving my community my entire life. Even when I attended college at Texas Tech University, I found myself volunteering for charities in Lubbock, Texas. I still had to give back to my community. That was embedded in me. Eventually, a nonprofit organization offered me an internship."

Lindsey is currently the senior director of development for Mansfield Mission Center. "I've been working in this position for seven years, and I love it! When the First United Methodist Church desired for their nonprofit to grow beyond them, I joined the new team in this venture. I simply wanted to help people in the community thrive and considered this initiative to be an exciting opportunity," she stated.

This organization began in 1979 as a benevolence ministry of First Methodist Mansfield. However, it became a separate nonprofit entity to broaden the services to the whole community and adapted the ministry model to one of empowerment in 2013. The name was changed from Wesley Mission Center to Mansfield Mission Center in 2018 to demonstrate the passion to collaborate with more partners for the sake of others. And thanks to a generous donation from Mansfield Cares, the Linda Nix Clinic became a part of the Mansfield Mission Center in 2019. In 2022, Mansfield Mission Center partnered with YMCA Arlington-Mansfield to purchase 78 Regency Pkwy. with the aspiration of coming together to provide health and wellness services all under one roof.

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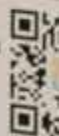
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As the senior director of development, Lindsey enjoys her role of fundraising, development and creating awareness for the organization. She facilitates presentations about Mansfield Mission Center to partnering organizations and plans events such as Taste of Mansfield and golf tournaments. She can be seen in the community daily spreading the word about this nonprofit.

"At Mansfield Mission Center, it is our mission to journey alongside individuals and families as we provide a pathway to holistic health and well-being. We offer resources to those in MISD who live, work and worship in this area," she added.

MMC provides free medical care, women's wellness, vision care, empowerment services and free groceries. The Linda Nix Clinic is where patients of low to moderate income are served. Financial and empowerment coaches focus on assisting clients with short-term and long-term goals, which include improving credit scores, paying off debt, building savings and more. The Food Market is currently housed inside Mansfield Center Thrift, and there, food is distributed to families and individuals in need. Many volunteers greet the clients with a smile, as they share directions on how to shop at the unique market. Through partnerships with Tarrant Area Food Bank, Wal-Mart, Kroger and Market Street, they offer many varieties of meat, dairy, fresh produce and other pantry staples. They also partner with Don't Forget to Feed Me — an organization that furnishes the pantry with pet food for shoppers' furry friends.

In order to share all of these resources with the community at no cost, MMC also operates one





of the neighborhood thrift stores. It is located on Broad Street. When a person enters the location, he or she is immediately welcomed by a boutique-like vibe with relaxing music playing in the background to create a cozy, shopping ambience. The store sells new and gently used clothing, housewares, shoes, toys and so much more. Through the revenue generated by this location, MMC is able to offer opportunities to individuals in need without charge. It pays for many of the services listed above and creates possibilities to volunteer for people of all ages. It's no doubt a win-win for all. When people donate and volunteer here, they give back to their own community and others.

"Our values are motivated by love. Sometimes our neighbors need help, and we're there to support them because every person matters. And every new partnership multiplies our impact. Each gift we contribute is made possible by the generosity of another person.

"We are grateful to all of our donors, 500-plus volunteers and community partners who make this work possible!" Lindsay concluded. "There are so many ways to make an impact with MMC, if you're interested in becoming a new volunteer or donor, please visit our website. We look forward to meeting you soon! I look forward to continuing my role with the Mansfield Mission Center and serving those who live, work and worship in Mansfield ISD!" **NOW**

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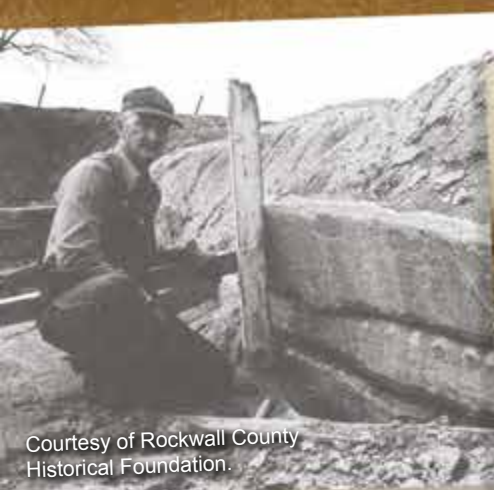
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TALES OF TEXAS ROCK SOLID EVIDENCE

— By Bill Smith



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“Geologist Richard Burleson forms the opinion that they are ‘igneous occurrences.’ Archeologist Vount Byron de Prorok ... concludes they were constructed by a prehistoric race. Dr. R.S. Hyer, former professor of physics at SMU, concludes the formation is natural. Dr. Kenneth Schaar of The University of Texas at Arlington concluded that both sections he examined were natural formations but does not rule out the possibility that another portion could be manmade.” These are just a few of the conclusions of men, quoted on the Rockwall County Museum website, who have examined the curious wall that meanders through a portion of North Texas. Even with all of this evidence, the jury is still out. Is the wall that gave Rockwall County its name a natural formation or manmade?

Texas has 254 counties. There is a simple answer to the question, “Why?” It is because Texas is just so big! In the early days of the state, Texas followed a simple guideline that no one should be more than a day’s travel from their courthouse. Travel was mostly on horseback, so the counties had to be relatively small. Rockwall County leads the way as the smallest county. The Constitution of 1876 said new counties had to be at least 900 square miles. Rockwall County was in an area that was part of Nacogdoches County in 1836, and by the time Texas joined the United States in 1845, it was part of Henderson County. Kaufman County was formed in 1847, and the Rockwall area was included therein until 1873, when the residents felt the county seat of Kaufman was just too far away. And in 1873, Rockwall County was formed. Since it was formed before the 1876 Constitution, the diminutive county was able to organize with just 147 square miles.

Today’s Rockwall County Courthouse is a magnificent edifice, constructed in 2011, and features terrazzo floors, granite wall paneling and mahogany ceiling paneling. It is a far cry from the original structure built in 1875 and the subsequent structures completed in 1892 and 1940. While the first two structures no longer exist due to fire and safety issues, the 1940 courthouse is still in use today by the county commissioners and tax office.

One Republic of Texas action that helped with the establishment of the city of Rockwall and of Rockwall County was the construction of the Central National Road. According to the Texas State Historical Association, in 1844, the Texas Congress “established a five-man commission to select a right-of-way, see that it was cleared and supervise the building of necessary

bridges.” The road would run from the Trinity River in the Dallas area crossing Rockwall County near Rockwall, then farther north and east to the extreme northwest corner of Red River County. The foresight of Congress was great and was, in fact, an “international” vision. “At its southern terminus, it connected with the road opened in 1840 between Austin and Preston Bend on the Red River, in effect making an international highway between St. Louis and San Antonio.” Population shifts kept the highway from meeting its full international potential, and the later development of new towns decreased the importance of the Central National Road.

It was sometime in the early 1850s that farmers digging a well discovered a rock wall that crossed the future county and, at some places, appeared at ground level. When the town of Rockwall was formed, it was named after the rock formation, and subsequently, of course, the county took the name also. As recently as 1976, part of the wall was excavated near present-day FM 549 and Cornelius Road. The excavation was open to the public, and hundreds of school children visited the wall. In 1996, Architect John Lindsey concluded that “evidence of a prehistoric structure is mounting.” Then in 2012, the *America Unearthed* program, “The Great Wall of Texas,” concluded it was a natural formation.

Today, the walls in situ are buried and closed to the public on private property. However, pieces of the walls have been moved and reconstructed at Rockwall County Museum Park, and a small segment of the wall is visible at the old Rockwall County Courthouse. Texashillcountry.com titles its blog about the wall, “The Rock ‘Wall’ in Rockwall, Texas: Prehistoric Man, Extra-Terrestrial, or Natural Phenomenon?” Regardless of its origin, the wall makes a nice foundation for the city of Rockwall and Rockwall County. **NOW**

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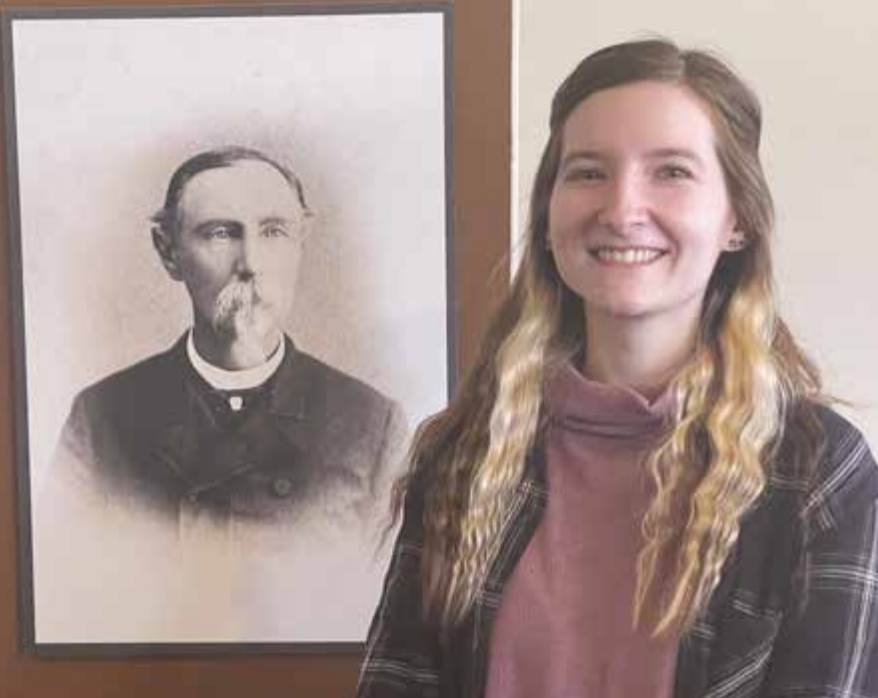
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Zoomed In: Jessica Baber

By Sandra Walters

While visiting downtown Mansfield, people stop by the Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center to learn about the past contributions of this unique growing city. Displays and artifacts from the early settlers of Mansfield are featured throughout this location. When you choose to discover local history, you will possibly meet Jessica Baber who is the museum manager of Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center. As she welcomes visitors in, she greets them with a warm smile. "People should come and participate in hands-on history at the Man House, which includes fun activities for all ages," Jessica said. "Also, take a tour of the Historical Museum and Heritage Center."



Tyler Newlin becomes an honorary police officer.



Ron Mitchell purchases a pickle at the Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center.



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Growing up, Rustin Brunson knew he wanted to be an attorney or pilot. As he attended Arlington High School, his aspirations never changed. However, he needed to select a career path once he ventured off to college. While Rustin attended The University of Texas at Arlington, his college advisor suggested that he observe an attorney in order to gain more knowledge about the legal field. “Mr. Paxton gave me a job and told me to read everything that crossed my desk,” Rustin said. He did just that and got a glimpse of the profession.



While learning from Mr. Paxton, Rustin’s desire grew. After earning his bachelor’s degree in business marketing, he applied to Oklahoma City University School of Law and was accepted. Eventually, Rustin received his Juris Doctorate. “I’m a hybrid litigation and transaction attorney. I enjoy helping business owners and individuals navigate through the legal system. I see myself as a resource who offers potential solutions for issues that are complex or mundane,” Rustin added.

He gained extensive experience working as a senior trial attorney for a prominent local law firm. Also, Rustin was a first-chair jury trial attorney for both civil and criminal cases. He mentioned, “I managed a heavy workload while overseeing paralegals, supporting employees to ensure customer satisfaction and financial success.”

Rustin likes to explore by thinking outside of the box. “My father worked with businesses, so I think that’s why I was so interested in this kind of law,” he said. “It’s now my responsibility to support business owners by advocating for them. To make life easier for my clients, I deal with the

litigation and transactional issues. However, I work with individuals as well.”

Rustin has appeared in courts and boardrooms around the nation. “Very few things can match the thrill of appearing before a judge and jury, and I am still dedicated to sharpening my skills,” he said. He acquired significant jury trial experience, a rarity among civil attorneys, by utilizing his love of the courtroom. He represents clients in complex litigation and contract violations in both state and federal courts, as well as high-stakes criminal defense trials.

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Currently, Rustin manages clients’ risk outside of the courtroom and positions them to take advantage of chances to increase their business and personal net worth. He has experience guiding clients through multimillion dollar mergers and acquisitions and organized a number of private equity offerings. He said, “I see myself as a problem solver.” Brunson Law welcomes the opportunity to assist individuals dealing with legal matters that include injury, commercial litigation, contract dispute, shareholder dispute, multiparty litigation, merger and acquisitions, business transactions, real estate and estate planning. **NOW**

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CookingNOW *In the Kitchen With* SHANNON LEGINGTON- WILLIAMS

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“When you are a mom, cooking becomes a necessity unless you enjoy eating out all the time. With growing kids and healthy appetites, I have found joy in providing balanced meals for those I love. Stepping into the kitchen, while listening to an audiobook, is comforting,” Shannon Legington-Williams said.

Shannon grew up in the era where a home-cooked meal was on the table most nights. “I always get one or two home-cooked meals when I return to my childhood home in Houston,” she said. “I know now, this is how my mom shows her love for us. Also, when I’m in the midst of cooking and have questions, she’s always just a phone call away and more than willing to assist me.” **NOW**

Cheesy Shrimp 'n' Grits

3 cups chicken broth
1 cup grits, uncooked
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 Tbsp. butter
1 cup cheddar cheese
6 slices bacon
2 lbs. medium shrimp, peeled
1 Tbsp. lemon juice

2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 Tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped
1 Tbsp. minced garlic

1. Boil the chicken broth; stir in the grits for 5-7 minutes.
2. Once thickened, remove from heat. Add the salt, pepper, butter and cheese.
3. Cook the bacon in a skillet for 3-5 minutes. Remove from the skillet and chop.
4. Cook shrimp in the same skillet for 3

minutes. Add the lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, parsley and garlic; cook for about 3 minutes. Stir in the bacon.
5. Spoon the grits onto a plate; top with the shrimp mixture.

Corn Bread Dressing

6 cups broken corn bread (self-rising)
4 cups broken regular bread or biscuits
1 1/2 cups onions, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
1 stick margarine
1/3 cup vegetable oil
4 eggs beaten
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. sage
4 cups stock
1 tsp. poultry seasoning
1 tsp. baking powder

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. Add both kinds of bread to a large metal bowl. Sauté the onions and celery in the margarine; pour over the broken bread.

3. Heat the oil in a pan; set aside to cool slightly.
4. Add the oil to the bread mixture while it is still hot (but not bubbling hot). Add the eggs, salt, pepper, sage, stock, poultry seasoning and baking powder; mix together.
5. Pour into a 13x9-inch baking dish. Bake for 40 minutes, or until brown.

Buffalo Chicken Dip

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 cup Frank's RedHot Buffalo Wings Hot Sauce
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 2 cups shredded chicken or cans of chicken breast
- 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F
2. Mix all ingredients together; bake for 20 minutes.
3. Serve with crackers, chips and/or veggies.

Fettuccine Alfredo

- 16 oz. fettuccine noodles
- 1 stick butter
- 1 pt. heavy whipping cream
- 2 Tbsp. cream cheese
- 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- Garlic powder, to taste
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste

1. Boil the fettuccine noodles; drain.
2. Combine the butter, heavy whipping cream and cream cheese; simmer on medium heat.
3. Whisk in the Parmesan cheese and garlic powder. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Remove from heat; let sit for 10 minutes before serving.

Banana Nut Bread

- 3 large bananas, mashed
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil or apple sauce
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup nuts, chopped (optional)

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F
2. Mix all ingredients together.
3. Pour the batter into a 9-inch loaf pan; bake for 70 minutes.

Blueberry Muffins

- 1 cup blueberries
- 2 cups all-purpose flour (divided use)
- 2 tsp. baking powder





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- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 large lemon, juiced
- 1 cup sugar (divided use)
- 1 egg, room temperature
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup buttermilk

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. Rinse, drain and pat dry the blueberries. Coat the blueberries in 1/4 cup of the flour; set aside.
3. Whisk together the remaining flour,

- baking powder and kosher salt; set aside.
4. Cream the butter, lemon juice and sugar (minus 1 Tbsp.) until light and fluffy.
 5. Add the egg and vanilla extract; add half of flour mixture to the batter.
 6. Add the buttermilk and the remaining flour mixture.
 7. Fold in the blueberries (leave excess flour in the bowl).
 8. Grease a muffin pan; spread equal amounts of the batter into each cup.
 9. Sprinkle the batter with the remaining 1 Tbsp. sugar.
 10. Bake for 25 minutes, or until brown.

Salmon Cakes

- 6 oz. Stove Top Stuffing
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 2-6 oz. canned salmon

1. Mix the Stove Top Stuffing, water, mayonnaise, cheese, lemon juice and salmon.
2. Cover and refrigerate 10 minutes.
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SUNRISE TO SUNSET BEAUTY

— By Virginia Riddle

Sit back, open the windows, take in sea breezes and feel the calm as the bustle of Miami gives way to slower traffic in keeping with “island time” on U.S. Highway 1, also known as the Overseas Highway. Surrounded mostly by water, the highway’s multiple bridges provide the only access by land to the Florida Keys, a tropical archipelago comprised of almost 1,700 islands. Southernmost is Key West with its interesting history, architecture and laid-back reputation.

Early European explorers found the Gulf Stream tides challenging, and there were many shipwrecks. Native American tribes fought one another over the bounty. Conquistadores found the tribes’ bones, naming the southern-most key *Cayo Hueso* (ky’o-way’so) or “island of bones.” Bahamian settlers who followed changed the Spanish name to Key West. By the early 1800s, this prominent point, located nearer to Cuba than Miami, was a booming seafaring port town. The U.S. gained the Florida territory in 1821 and located a strategic naval base at Key West, making it the largest and wealthiest town in the territory. With many hiding places in the channels and shallows, piracy flourished, despite the navy’s presence. Henry Flagler’s Florida East Coast Railway Extension connected the keys to the mainland in 1912, bringing tourists and industry to the city. The opening

of U.S. 1 in 1944 brought more tourism, with all forms of recreation and accommodations, entertainment, shopping, dining and historical places to visit.

Days begin with magnificent sunrises over the eastern shore and end with the Mallory Square Dock Sunset Celebration. Plenty of sunshine most days makes Key West delightful for those who enjoy the outdoors. Bahia Honda State Park offers a natural beach, winding roads through mangrove thickets, campsites and charter boat excursions. The park’s tarpon fishing is popular with anglers. Picnic along the rocky beach surrounded by soaring pines or go snorkeling in the clear, deep water at Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park. Clarence Higgs Memorial Beach Park, the Waldorf Astoria Casa Marina Resort’s neighbor, features a kids’ playground. And don’t forget to visit the White Street Pier.

At the West Martello Tower is a Civil War fort that overlooks the African Refugee Cemetery. Slaves who were rescued by the U.S. Navy from ships near Cuba, but who had become ill due to unsanitary conditions and died, were buried there in unmarked graves. The cemetery and tower are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Don’t miss the city’s famous key lime pie, margaritas, fresh seafood, Bahamian conch fritters and Cuban *ropa vieja*. Dress in “Keys-casual” — sandals, colorful shirts and shorts and a sunhat — even at upscale restaurants. After a relaxed meal with libations, work off the calories while skydiving, bicycling, golfing or participating in various water sports.

Sailboats and catamarans can be chartered for sunset cruises or bird-watching. Take the Yankee Fleet Ferry to Fort Jefferson and the Dry Tortugas National Park for an eco-historical tour of this former Civil War-era prison.

A stroll down Duval Street and cross streets in the Historic





District takes visitors from the Key West Aquarium, a charming WPA project, to other major attractions. A visit by John J. Audubon to Key West is celebrated at the Audubon House and Tropical Gardens, where engravings created by Audubon on that visit are displayed. The Harry S. Truman Little White House was that president's favorite place for R&R. It's still used by his successors and other notable dignitaries.

Eco-interests are piqued through a visit to the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center, the Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory and the Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden. Bibliophiles will enjoy the romance and lore of the Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum, where 40-50 of his polydactyl (six-toed) cats' progeny live. Hemingway finished *A Farewell to Arms* and wrote about Key West in *To Have and Have Not* while living here with his wife, Pauline.

Southernmost Point Buoy is a last-photo-destination must. Few folks are true "Conchs" (conks), Key West natives, but everyone can enjoy "island time" in Key West. **NOW**

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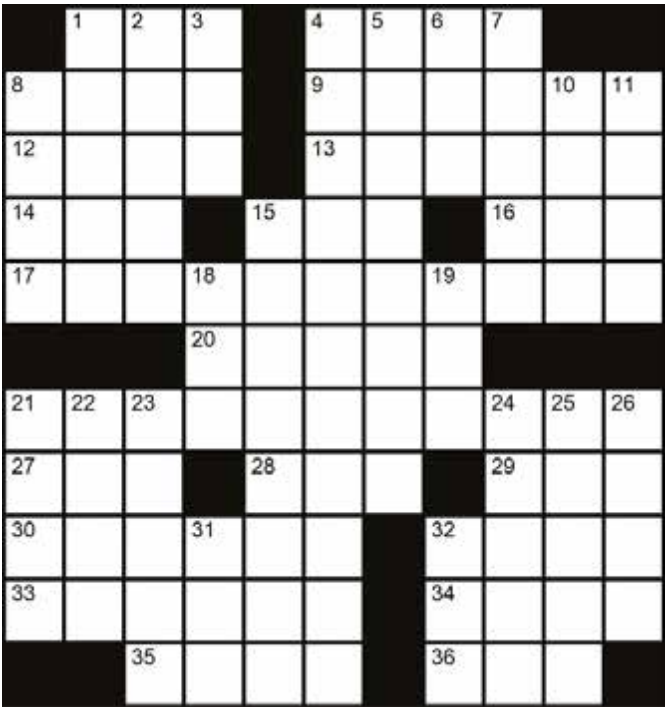
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- 12 Eldest "Brady Bunch" son
- 13 W E B Griffin's "--- Arms"
- 14 Bill producer
- 15 Mail-order option
- 16 Home for some rats
- 17 Star tenor has son cut up
- 20 Pageant host
- 21 Kind of large book
- 27 At a great distance
- 28 M L B long balls
- 29 Far from strict
- 30 Singled out
- 32 Charge per unit
- 33 Surgical seam
- 34 Government financial stability agency
- 35 Careful attention
- 36 Range of knowledge

Down

- 1 Merriment
- 2 Fluid buildup
- 3 Label
- 4 Insouciant
- 5 Telemarketers' equipment
- 6 Wise one
- 7 "And what have we here?"
- 8 "Jumpin' Jack Flash, it's ---" (Rolling Stones)
- 10 Central Asian "land"
- 11 Soliloquy starter in "Hamlet"
- 15 Summoning command
- 18 Little zebra
- 19 Common cargo for old-time clippers
- 21 Banned aerosol propellants
- 22 "From Here to Eternity" island
- 23 Mad dog's mouthful
- 24 Bit of grass
- 25 Tacitus' tongue
- 26 Office big cheese
- 31 Not Johnny Cash's favorite name for a son

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