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Frankly Speaking –

Edible Words

by Frank Jordan

Food is not only often on our minds, but also on our tongues! For more than 2,500 years we have used verbal expressions related to food. The undisputed winner was to tell someone to, “eat crow.” Why so do we not say, “eat cow” or “eat kangaroo”?

We go back to 1888 toward the end of the War of 1812 and join an encounter between an American and British officer. The Atlanta Constitution published an account of the incident in which an American soldier was captured when hunting behind British lines, together with his prey of several crows.

The British officer complimented the American on his outstanding shooting prowess, while persuading the American to turn over his gun. The Brit then said as punishment for trespassing, the American had to take a bite of the foul tasting meat from one of the crows he had killed illegally.

The American “ate crow,” but retaliated when his gun was returned by making the British officer eat the remainder of the slain crow. (Neither of these two guys appears in hindsight to have been very bright!) The expression became a description of having to admit a mistake publicly as the humiliating equal of physically hav-

ing to eat the foul tasting meat of a crow.

If you traveled to England, a similar expression would involve, “eating humble pie.” Why would being humble relate to a negative punishment involving a pie? Drop the “h” and you have the word “umble” which refers to the innards of a deer including the entrails. The less desirable “umbles” would be used in medieval times in preparation of a pie for the servants and others sitting “below the salt” or at the lower tables in the lord’s hall.

The first literary mention of “eating humble pie” occurred in 1663 when Pepys in his diary stated, “Mrs. Turner came in and did bring us an Umble-pie hot out of her oven, extraordinarily good.” To “eat humble pie” then has nothing to do with humility, but everything to do with eating almost inedible deer guts!

What about being told to “Eat your words!,” meaning you shouldn’t have said what you did, so dispose of the expressed thoughts by eating and swallowing your spoken words to take them back and dispose of them. The

namesake for Calvinism, John Calvin, in 1571 in one of his tracts written about Psalm 62 stated, “God eateth not His words when He hath once spoken.” In other words, God’s Word is never wrong and thus He never has to retract what He says.

If we are discussing eating inedible objects such as words, we should inquire about the origin of, “Eat my hat.” Give credit to Charles Dickens in his Pickwick Papers in 1836 where we read, “If I knew as little of life as that, I’d eat my hat and swallow a buckle whole.” While “Eat my hat” became a common expression, “swallow a buckle whole” has been rather slow to catch on.

The prize for oldest known food expression goes to “Eat your heart out.” The winner is no less than Homer’s Illiad classic written about 850 BC in which Homer is sarcastically touting a positive happening to an associate who did not succeed with instructions for how the unsuccessful associate should act. Frankly speaking, there are several things “eating on me” at present caused by issues from current events that chap my – “uh oh” – you can figure that one out on your own!

OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory Of Ammon Ra Whalin Our Son - Siginik

February 5, 2005
October 15, 2025

In Loving Memory of Ammon October 15, 2025

With profound sorrow and aching hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved son, Ammon Rah Whalin, who departed this life on October 15,



2025, at the age of 20. Born on Feb. 5, 2005, in Kotzebue, Alaska, Ammon was a radiant soul whose presence brought warmth, laughter, and meaning to all who knew him.

In 2016, Ammon moved with his family to Liberty County, Texas, where he built lasting friendships and found new passions. He attended Hardin Junior High and graduated from Hardin High School in 2023. While in high school, Ammon worked at both Whataburger and Sonic, showing a strong sense of responsibility and independence. Driven by his love for fast and loud cars, he enrolled at Universal Technical Institute in Houston to study automotive technology. He was still striving to complete his certification, determined to turn his passion into a career. Ammon lived life with boldness and flair. He had a deep love for roaring engines, designer clothing – especially hoodies and shoes – and anime dolls that spoke to his appreciation for art and storytelling. He was known for his extravagant and bold tattoos – each one a reflection of his creativity and fearless self-expression. Known affectionately by friends and family as the “photo bomb ninja,” Ammon had a knack for sneaking into pictures with perfect timing –

leaving behind laughter and unforgettable memories.

He found joy in the simple pleasures of life – hanging out in malls with friends, soaking in the energy of the crowd, and cruising through downtown Houston on electric stand-up scooters, embracing the freedom and thrill of the ride. Above all, Ammon loved football and basketball. Whether he was playing, watching, or talking about the game, his enthusiasm was contagious.

Ammon had a sweet spot for the little things that made him smile – his favorite Starbucks order was a pink drink with cold foam, paired with a double-smoked bacon, cheddar, and egg sandwich. His favorite color was purple, a reflection of his bold and vibrant personality. He cherished his dad’s BBQ, beans and rice, and his mom’s cabbage soup – meals that brought comfort, warmth, and the taste of home.

He is survived by his father, Sherman Lewis; his mother, Miranda Lewis; his sister, Marie; and his brothers Walter, Landon, Toby, Morgan, Zachary, and Aiden. He is also survived by his grandparents, Rick Lewis, Billy Wilson, Anna Whalin, and Myron Whalin and by too many aunts, uncles, and cousins to name, each of whom held a special place in his heart. Ammon was preceded in death by his brothers, Timothy and Andy; his biological father, Scotty Whalin; and his grandparents, Chris and Marie Jones, and Rachel Ramsey.

Though his time with us was far too short, the love Ammon gave and the light he shared will remain in our hearts forever. His memory will live on in the stories we tell, the lives he touched, and the love that continues to surround him. His funeral was held Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 12 p.m. in-

terment followed the funeral service and was held at Guedry.

Thank you to the honorary pallbearers, Morgan Lewis, Logan Chitwood, Cody Mendenhall, Cayden Sutton, Paul Ray, James Barker, Jesse Basham and Sherman Lewis Jr.

We love you, Bub – our son, Siginik. Rest peacefully, Ammon Ra Whalin. You are deeply missed, eternally loved, and never forgotten.

Thank you to New Life Church Batson and Pastor Bill Campbell for your prayers support and all you’ve done. Thank you to Pastor Glen Barnhill and Willie Mae Fellowship for your prayers and support. Thank you to Pastor Aaron Leger and Batson First Baptist Church for your prayers and support. Thank you to Ted and Michael Adams of E.E. Stringer Funeral Home, Darrel Sparks of Sparks Digging Service, Larrey Jernigan and Lori Rivera of GMW Limited and the many others behind the scene that never receive recognition.

Thank you to all the family and friends that have brought food flowers and an offering of support. There are too many to name but every one of you are appreciated beyond measure from our family to you and yours, we love you.

• ROSAICELA GARCIA

LIBERTY - Rosaicela Garcia passed away peacefully on October 20, 2025, in Houston,



Texas. She was born on August 17, 1964, to Gilberto Bedolla Chavez and Ma Beatriz Perez Medina. Rosaicela will be remembered for her sweet gentle spirit and her unwavering strength. She was always kind, respectful, and spreading happiness wherever

she went. For many years, she was a dedicated employee of Devers ISD, where she truly enjoyed her time and the friendships she made. Her coworkers remained loving and supportive throughout her courageous fight with cancer. A wonderful baker and cook, she loved taking walks, tending to her garden, and sewing. She found it peaceful spending time at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each month as a devoted member of Immaculate Conception Church. In quiet moments, she loved playing Candy Crush on her phone and playing dominos with friends and loved ones. Her greatest joy was being “Abuela” to her granddaughter whom she adored with all her heart. She was preceded in death by father, Gilberto Bedolla Chavez. She is survived by her loving husband of thirty-five years of marriage Jose Juan Garcia; her children Jose Juan Garcia, Jr., Rosaura Chavez and husband Armando, Jacqueline Garcia and husband Jesus Mejia Moron, and Leslie Garcia; her granddaughter Sophia Chavez; her mother Ma Beatriz Perez Medina; her siblings Victor, Gera, Pachito, Licha, Nena, Lidia, Gil, Flor, Lalo, Vira, Bety, Soco, and Fer; her sisters-in-law, Leticia, Alma, Silvia, and Martha; her brothers-in-law, Maro and Sergio; her parents-in-law, Salvador and Maria Martha Garcia; and her dearest friend, Vita Mendez. Honoring the family by serving as pallbearers are Jose Juan Garcia, Jose Juan Garcia, Jr., Salvador Garcia, Gerardo Bedolla, Francisco Bedolla, and Victor Bedolla. Honorary pallbearers were Jose, Lopez, Maro Garcia, Sergio Garcia, Luis Venegas, Rene Martinez, and Gaspar Cabello. Condolences and memories may be shared online at www.AllisonFuneralService.com.

Gulf Inland-TVCC golf tourney, Fri., Nov. 14

DAYTON - Grab your bag and clubs and get ready to tee off at the 2025 Gulf Inland-Trinity Valley Chamber of Commerce Classic golf tournament set for Fri., Nov. 14, at Eagle Pointe Golf Club. Join fellow chamber members, business leaders, and golf enthusiasts for an unforgettable day of networking, fun, and friendly competition.

Whether you’re a seasoned pro or a first-time golfer, this event promises something for everyone. Sharpen your skills, showcase your talent, and connect with industry peers, while enjoying stunning views and pristine fairways. There’s plenty more fun with a liquor putt, prize holes, fun and games package, move-up hole with golf ball cannon, lunch and beverages.

Entry for a four-person team is \$500. A VIP team package for four is \$750 (includes fun and games package). Individual player (member) entry is \$150 or \$175 for non-member.

There are plenty of opportunities to advertise your company by purchasing a sponsorship ranging from \$150 to \$3,000. For more information, to register or become a sponsor, visit trinityvalleycc.com or call 936-257-2393.

LIBERTY GAZETTE
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Halloween fun at Liberty library

LIBERTY - Are you looking for some Halloween fun? The Liberty Municipal Library has a number of Halloween-themed events for all ages.

Pick up a paintbrush, markers, stickers, glitter, hats, wigs, or clothes and style a real or plastic pumpkin and enter the Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Only one pumpkin entry per person. Pumpkins must be turned in by October 30 before voting gets underway on October 31. No carved pumpkins will be accepted.

The library’s Fall Bash will take place Fri., Oct. 31, from 3:30-5 p.m. with crafts, games, treats, scavenger hunt, pumpkin voting and an array of movies. Movie times are 10 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 3 p.m. Wear your costume to add to the fun.

Teens, ages 13-18, can participate in the Teen Pumpkin Bash with games, crafts and a pumpkin smash. The fun takes place Fri., Nov. 7, at 2 p.m.

The Liberty Municipal Library is located at 1710 Sam Houston Street.

LeadHERship Summer, Thursday

DAYTON - Area ladies are invited to attend the LeadHERship Summit at the Dayton Community Center on Thurs., Oct. 30. The event, hosted by the Trinity Valley Chamber of Commerce, is a premier gathering of visionary women advancing the influence, impact and innovation of women across the business landscape. With a mission to uplift and empower women in business, leadership and entrepreneurship, the summit offers a platform for educa-

tion, connection and inspiration.

The event will open with a networking hour at 8 a.m. followed the summit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A networking hour will be held from 4-5 p.m. The cost is \$100 per person. Tables are available for chamber members at \$950 or \$1,000 for non-chamber members.

For details or to register, contact Sherri Schmidt, event chairman at sschmidt1305@gmail.com. The summit is sponsored by Lee College, Entergy and Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center.

Veterans’ Day Ceremony in Dayton

DAYTON - The City of Dayton and Dayton High School will host a Veterans’ Day Ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m., Tues., November 11, at Dayton High School. All veterans are welcome to attend and are asked to RSVP no later than November 1 by scanning the QR code to register. Veterans will gather in the Dayton High School gym at 9:30 a.m. This event honors and expresses the gratitude due the brave veterans in our community. A bar-

becue luncheon will follow the ceremony. For additional information contact stephen.garcia@daytonisd.net.



Nerd Con in Mont Belvieu, Nov. 15

MONT BELVIEU, TX - Nerd Con is truly outrageous, bringing a full day of fandom, pop culture, and creativity for all ages to the Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex on Sat., Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free and open to all ages.

This free, family-friendly event features cosplay, celebrities, crafts, panels, artists, and authors with plenty of opportunities to connect

with fellow fans. No matter your chosen fandom, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

Nerd Con is brought to you by the Chambers County Library System, the City of Mont Belvieu, Chambers County, TX, Eagle Pointe, Nerd Fest, and Eastern Rim. Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex is located at 12450 Eagle Pointe Drive.



DAYTON ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

DAYTON - Dayton Rotary Club is selling tickets to benefit its annual scholarship fund for local students. This year’s big prize is a CForce 400 automatic quad. This powerful 4-wheeler is equipped with high, low, neutral, reverse and park, 4-wheel drive and independent rear suspension.

Tickets are \$100 each with only 250 to be sold. Every ticket purchased not only gives you a chance to win this incredible 4-wheeler but also helps raise \$25,000 (if all tickets are sold) for student scholarships to assist Dayton students achieve their dreams of higher education and career success. Purchase your ticket before December 4 by using the QR code, contacting any member of the Dayton Rotary Club or online at givebutter.com/c/noRkFp.





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We'd love to see you soon. We've saved you a seat!

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