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Michael Nance
Columnist

Congress and Insider Trading

It has long been an irritation to everyday U.S. citizens that our federally elected Representatives do not appear to abide by the same rules as the citizens they govern. From health care to insider trading, it almost appears that members of congress choose which laws they abide by and ignore the ones that do not support their self-interests.

One of the most nationally embarrassing situations that is currently eroding the public confidence in our federally elected congress is insider trading. Members of Congress routinely gain sensitive information about companies and the legislation that ultimately affects

large corporate balance sheets, which place them in a position to make huge sums of money by trading their stocks. Sounds like a simple ethics and conflict of interest issue, ... right? Well not if you are on the throne in Washington, its different. If you don't believe the author, just ask the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi.

The New York Post recently reported that Nancy

Pelosi is attempting to subvert bipartisan efforts to ban stock trading by lawmakers. This is no surprise as she and her husband have benefited to the sum of 30 million dollars from stock trades on the very firms that Congress regulates. She has also been reported placing call options on big tech stocks, while being accused of delaying efforts that could limit their profits.

Even though Speaker Pelosi doesn't support the proposed trading ban, members of her own party are not in alignment. Democratic Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and

than the third Federal Reserve official to resign as a result of being questioned over financial transactions.

If the axiom, "where there is smoke there is a fire," is correct, then Washington D.C. has a real insider trading problem.

A significant number of members of Congress from both sides of the political aisle support the ban on congressional trading. Also, a bipartisan poll recently conducted by the Campaign Legal Center indicates that 75 % of American voters support this ban.

This article highlights

the problem with Washington's insider trading problem, but what is the answer? Average Americans must become more po-



liticaly active, and we must question candidates for Congress on how they will vote on issues like insider trading to ensure that they abide with at least rudimentary ethical values. Bottom line...take your convictions to the voting booth!

Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren have both made statements in favor of the trading ban. More cracks in the armor of the Washington elite have also begun to surface. Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Richard Clarida recently made a statement he would resign on Friday from his post on the Central Bank. This is due to the controversy concerning questionable financial transactions. Clarida is no less

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In Loving Memory

Eva June "Garrett" Weatherford, 79

Eva June "Garrett" Weatherford, age 79, passed away January 13, 2022, at her home.



Eva is preceded in death by her parents, Odie Webster Garrett and Mamie Irene Curtis.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Weatherford; brothers, Wayne (Cindy) of Chattanooga, James of Mossy Grove; sister, Patricia (Billy) Lyons of Wartburg and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Mossy Grove Baptist Church from 11:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Jim Disney and Rev. Kelvin Todd officiating. Interment will follow in the Pine Orchard Cemetery in Oakdale.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Eva June "Garrett" Weatherford.

Sandy Stephens, 72

Sandy Stephens, age 72, of Sunbriht passed away January 10, 2022, at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. Sandy was known by her children to be a survivor, who was tough her whole life who raised her 5 children by herself. She was a fighter!

Sandy is preceded in death by her parents, Richard & Esther Staat; sister, Maureen Fisher; brother, Richard Staat; grandson, Anthony Stephens II.

She is survived by her 5 children, Tina Stephens and significant other, Matt, Tammy (Kenton) Caudill, Terri Stephens and significant other, Dick, Tony (Au-

drey) Stephens and Ester (Matt) Sexton and a host of much-loved grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbriht from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with the funeral service to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. Mike Hammond officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Sunbriht.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sandy Stephens.

Obituaries must come from a funeral home to be in the newspaper.

Invitation to Bid

The Morgan County Highway Department is taking bids on an interior sewer project for our building. Project consist of replacing old cast iron plumbing in the floor with new PVC. Lines do not have to follow the existing lines but there will be a great deal of concrete floor sawing and concrete block partition removal to complete the job. Project must be done in phases to maintain operational rest rooms and tied in to existing PVC sewer lines on the exterior of the building. Send bids to Morgan County Highway Dept. P.O.Box 250 Wartburg, Tn. 37887. SEWER BID must be marked on exterior of envelope if mailed or hand deliver to 3519 Morgan County Hwy. Wartburg, Tn. 37887 8am to 4pm Monday thru Thursday. We are an equal opportunity employer and do not discriminate. A complete set of bid specifications is available at the Highway Dept. Bids will be opened at 3519 Morgan County Hwy. on January 25th.at10:00 am.

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Would you like to be a guest on The Zack Ballinger Show?

I shared with you my vision of The Zack Ballinger Show over the past year. In case you missed it; I am creating a virtual show that will provide a career resource library on every career pathway in North America. These pathways include both white- and blue-collar careers. The one stipulation for guests is you have to love your current career. I

imagine putting together this career library will be a 3-5-year process, but I am definitely committed to the mission of the show.

Colleges and high schools are excited about this future resource. Many college career services directors have expressed positive feedback about this project. I have also interview many college students and they agree something like this would help them right now. I believe high schools and colleges from all around the world will eventually be utilizing this platform as a career development resource. I am currently in the beginning stage with The Zack Ballinger Show, but I feel like this career library will be a tool utilized in colleges across the spectrum.

I want Morgan County to be the center of attention through this show. I've heard all my life that people don't succeed that come from small towns. The stereotype is simply not true. Successful people come from all parts of the United States and for that matter all around the world. My quote is, "Don't let the size of your town limit the size of your dream." As a matter of fact, I know many of my high school friends from Wartburg, TN that have went on to accomplish some pretty amazing achievements in the career.



The Zack Ballinger show may need you or someone you know to help with this mission. Think about your current career. Are you passionate about what you do? Do you love your job and would love to share your passion with others? Do you have a career your excited about or would love to shine a spotlight on a particular career field? If you answered

guests per week on various careers in The United States. You can listen live via YouTube by searching for Zack Ballinger and subscribing. The show is also streamed live on Facebook on www.facebook.com/thezackballinger. What if you want to listen to a podcast (audio)? The show can be found



Zack Ballinger

on iTunes and Spotify: search for The Zack Ballinger show and you can find all the episodes. We have already had guest form Morgan County. Since I am from the Morgan County area, I want to feature a lot of guests from the area. Support the show and our vision!

If you are interested email me: zack@zackballinger.com

Zack graduated from Wartburg Central High School in 2001 and from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in

yes to any of these questions you may be a perfect guest on the show. The show is virtual. As long as you have a smart phone, computer, or Pad with a camera, I can interview you.

How can I find or listen to The Zack Ballinger Show? The show will have 2 to 3

2004. Since graduation he has become a TedX Motivational Speaker, Author, and Career Consultant. He travels the world giving back and hosting seminars teaching people on various topics. Zack has established an ongoing annual scholarship at his Alma Mater, Wartburg, which has inspired others to give back as well. Visit www.zackballinger.com for more of Zack's travels and events.

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Happy 76th Birthday to Dolly: When Dolly Parton Came to Coalfield



Terry Futrell
Author

The gymnasium at Coalfield School was filled to capacity that cold February evening in 1964. The bleachers were filled with people, as were the folding chairs that had been set up on the basketball court. It seemed that everyone in the community, many of whom were related to Dolly Parton, had come out to hear her perform.

As Dolly's primary contact at the school, I stood near the door closest to the stage that was at one end of the gymnasium of the old school – the school was later torn

down and replaced. Stonney Ray Lane, who taught social studies at Coalfield at the time before going on to become warden at Brushy Mountain Prison, was to serve as Master of Ceremonies and stood there with me. We waited with much anticipation for Dolly's arrival. It had

been a couple of years since I had last seen the slender girl with short curly hair appear on the Cas Walker Show on television. I was definitely not prepared when a beautiful, curvaceous blonde came through the door with her sisters Stella and Cassie. Filled with a sense of awe, I did what any shy, pimple-faced eighteen-year-old male would do – I ran! I suppose I didn't actually run, but I quickly melted away to be lost in the crowd, never to even speak to this heavenly creature that had entered my humble domain.

The story of how Dolly came to Coalfield is filled with intrigue and deceit – not malicious deceit, but deceit just the same. I served as president of the Coalfield Beta Club during my senior year. We planned to have a hootenanny to raise funds for our trip to the State Beta Club convention in Nashville. For those who are too young to know what a hootenanny was, think Bonnaroo on a small scale! I was sick and absent from school one day when my classmate Tony Smith suggested to our club sponsor Ruth Huddleston that we get his cousin Dolly Parton to come from Sevierville to perform at the show. As a result of Tony's suggestion, some unknown person sent Dolly a letter requesting her to come and signed my name to the letter. Technically, that was forgery and quite deceitful, but as it turned out, this was one time when crime really did pay!

Needless to say, I was surprised when I received a letter from Dolly Parton at school a few days later. Handwritten in blue ink on three-ring notebook paper, the letter expressed how Dolly "would be more than proud to come and help the school." She indicated that her sisters Stella and Cassie would sing with her if that would be all

right. Today, I cannot imagine how much it would cost to get Dolly to perform – I should think at least several hundred thousand dollars, perhaps millions. But on February 6, 1964, Dolly proceeded in her letter to request the whopping amount of ten dollars for her performance at Coalfield! She then expressed her willingness to take less if that was too much! By the way, Dolly and her sisters had to buy three round trip bus tickets from Sevierville to Oliver Springs out of the ten dollars. My, she has come a long way since then!

Dolly, Stella, and Cassie Parton sang their hearts out at Coalfield on February 15, 1964, and the crowd was de-

lighted. The Beta Club raised a lot of money and everyone left feeling much better for the experience, except for one bashful eighteen-year-old male who to this day regrets missing his one opportunity to talk to Dolly Parton. But all was not lost

– I still have in my possession the treasured letter that I received from Dolly Parton in 1964, just months before she moved to Nashville and eventual stardom.

I have always had a special admiration for Dolly Parton and the determination, drive, and hard work that led to her sparkling success. I like to think back on that day when she wondered if ten dollars was too much for her performance. Her family had little in the way of material things, but their abundant wealth in the things that are of true value is expressed in many of Dolly's songs. Like Dolly, many of my classmates and I had very humble beginnings. There was little money, but we each had our families, homes that were filled with love, and food on the table, though it usually came as the result of much hard work. While few people would view us as being successful on the level of Dolly Parton, we found that success is not measured only in terms of dollars, but in how well we achieved the goals that we established in life. As I looked around at many of my classmates at our fiftieth reunion and considered their accomplishments, I could only conclude that ours was a very successful generation. My hope is that the current generation of high school kids is filled with the same determination, drive, and work ethic that will ultimately assure their success in life.



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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Spc. 5 James C. McCloughan was born in South Haven, Michigan, April 30, 1946. McCloughan spent his childhood in Bangor, Michigan, where his parents moved to take over a family farm. It was there that he found his passion for sports and music. The consummate athlete, McCloughan was a four-sport varsity athlete at Bangor High School and went on to wrestle, play football and baseball at Olivet College. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and a teaching certificate in 1968, McCloughan accepted a teaching and coaching position with South Haven Public Schools in Michigan. Three months later, McCloughan was drafted into the Army at the age of 22.

Spc. 5 McCloughan reported to basic training in September 1968 at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His training in athletics and coaching gave him a foundational knowledge of sports medicine, and his leaders took notice. Two months after arriving at basic training, he was assigned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to complete advanced training as a medical specialist. On his last day of training, McCloughan received deployment orders to Vietnam. He was assigned as a combat medic with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. His Vietnam tour was from March 1969 to March 1970.

Spc. 5 James C. McCloughan distinguished himself during 48 hours of close-combat fighting against enemy forces, May 13-15, 1969. At the time, then Pfc. McCloughan was serving as a combat medic with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, in the Republic of Vietnam.

On July 31, 2017 McCloughan was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Donald Trump for his heroic actions on May 13-15, 1969. Below is his Medal of Honor citation.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty: Private First Class James C. McCloughan distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty from May 13 - 15, 1969, while serving as a combat medic with Company C, 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. The company air assaulted into an area near Tam Ky and Nui Yon Hill. On May 13th, with complete



disregard for his life, he ran 100 meters in an open field through heavy fire to rescue a comrade too injured to move and carried him to safety. That same day, 2d Platoon was ordered to search the area near Nui Yon Hill when the platoon was ambushed by a large North Vietnamese Army force and sustained heavy casualties. With complete disregard for his life and personal safety, Private First Class McCloughan led two Americans into the safety of a trench while being wounded by shrapnel from a rocket propelled grenade. He ignored a direct order to stay back and braved an enemy assault while moving into the "kill zone" on four more occasions to extract wounded comrades. He treated the injured, prepared the evacuation, and though bleeding heavily from shrapnel wounds on his head and body, refused evacuation to safety in order to remain at the battle site with his fellow Soldiers who were heavily outnumbered by North Vietnamese Army forces. On May 14th, the platoon was again ordered to move out towards Nui Yon Hill. Private First Class McCloughan was wounded a second time by small arms fire and shrapnel from a rocket propelled grenade while rendering aid to two Soldiers in an open rice paddy. In the final phases of the attack, two companies from the 2d North Vietnamese Army Division and an element of 700 soldiers from a Viet Cong regiment descended upon Company C's position on three sides. Private First Class McCloughan, again with complete disregard for his life, went into the crossfire numerous times throughout the battle to

extract wounded Soldiers, while also fighting the enemy. His relentless and courageous actions inspired and motivated his comrades to fight for their survival. When supplies ran low, Private First Class McCloughan volunteered to hold a blinking strobe light in an open area as a marker for a nighttime resupply drop. He remained steadfast while bullets landed all around him and rocket propelled grenades flew over his prone, exposed body. During the morning darkness of May 15th, Private First Class McCloughan knocked out a rocket propelled grenade position with a grenade, fought and eliminated enemy soldiers, treated numerous casualties, kept two critically wounded Soldiers alive during the night, and organized the dead and wounded for evacuation at daylight. His timely and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of his fellow Soldiers. Private First Class McCloughan's personal heroism, professional competence, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.

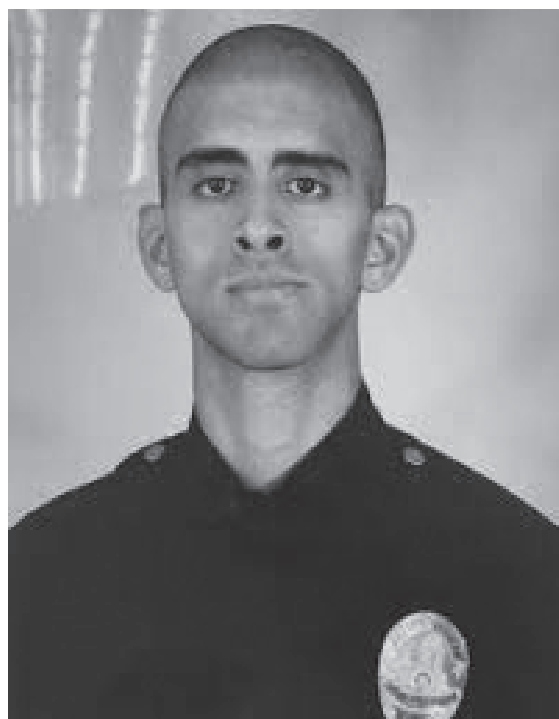
Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

Los Angeles Police Officer Fernando Arroyos was shot and killed while off duty on January 10, 2022, as he took police action when three men attempted to rob him.

Officer Arroyos and his girlfriend had stopped to look at a house that was for sale and were crossing the street when three men got out of a vehicle and attempted to rob them at gunpoint. Officer Arroyo directed his girlfriend to safety as the men opened fire on him. He was able to return fire before being mortally wounded. He was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. Three men and two women were detained in connection with his murder.

Officer Arroyos had served with the Los Angeles Police Department for three



years and was assigned to the Olympic Division. He was only twenty-seven-years-old and is survived by his mother and stepfather.

Officer Arroyos is our country's eighth fallen law enforcement officer in 2022.

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Coming Soon: A King's Ransom



Carol Hall
Author

With the story of *Disappeared* wrapping up in the next few weeks, I would like to share with you the next book I will be posting in my column. It is my latest book called *A King's Ransom*. I hope you enjoy the story as much as you've enjoyed *Disappeared*. This new book is available through me on FB at Carol Hall/Author, through my email at khiris@att.net, or you can find it on Amazon. Thank you so much for reading my stories. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I enjoy writing them.

A KING'S RANSOM-Bronwyn Dumont lives a simple, quiet life in the small village of Dowgarth. But she dreams of life outside the confines of her tiny town. She fantasizes about grand feasts, jolly festivals and dashing knights. But her dreams of adventure seem likely to remain that of fairy tales until the day the king's men come to collect taxes.

Being unable to pay the hefty fees, Bronwyn is dragged off to the castle to become a ward of the king until the fees can be paid in full.

She escapes the gloomy underbelly of the castle with the most unlikely of companions, and adventures beyond her wildest dreams unfold.

Along the way she meets Elric, who is more than willing to help her on her journey. But is he all he seems to be? Or does he have a dark secret of his own?

Carol Hall was born and raised in Chester, West Virginia, but she currently lives in Lansing, TN with her husband and three cats. Her writing career began with her first book, Disappeared in November 2019. Since then she has written several more books including The Journey North, The Inheritance, Full Moon Rising, The Witch of Broenwyck and Saving Grace. Her love of writing began at an early age when her father would tell her and her sisters fun, adventurous stories he created out of his own imagination. These stories sparked an interest in Carol to tell her own stories.

Carol's love of writing has spread across several different genres including, action/adventure, mysteries, horror, and drama.



UT Extension Office: Successful Soil Nutrient Management

Successful soil nutrient management is one of the critical components for successful field crop and forage pasture and hay crop production in our area. This year farmers across the US are facing record high fertilizer costs. Many of our producers are reporting fertilizer costs that are running 3 – 4 times higher this year than they paid in 2021. To help producers find ways to maximize fertilizer effectiveness and minimize costs as much as possible, the University of Tennessee Extension Specialists in the field of Agricultural Economics, Soil Science and

Agricultural Engineering have teamed up to put together an online training to share research, data and strategies that can help producers make those hard production management decisions that they are facing in 2022. You can sign up on your own at tiny.utk.edu/fertilizer and watch from the comfort of your own couch, or if you would prefer to watch the program as a group here at the Extension Office, we will meet in the Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the courthouse. Just let Jenni know so she can expect you. 423-346-3000 or jgoodrich@utk.edu

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John 3:7

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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- * To soften food that is stuck on a pan, try soaking it overnight with fabric softener. Just fill the pan with enough water to cover the burned-on food, then lay a dryer sheet of fabric softener in the pan (poke it down so it will stay under the water). The next morning, you should be able to wipe the food right off. You can even use the fabric softener sheet as a scrubber. - A.S. in Maryland
- * I installed rivet rings in the corner of my bathroom towels. Now, when I hang a towel up, it stays hung up. - I.S. via e-mail
- * Ways to avoid spam, that nuisance e-mail that comes to fill your e-mail box in droves: Use a name that has both words and numbers. Keep a separate "free" e-mail address for bill-paying and one for shopping. Be sure to report spam to your e-mail provider. Up your filter and add everyone you know to your address book or "safe" list. - via e-mail
- * To keep thread straight when threading needles, I

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * In 2016, KFC released edible nail polishes in Hong Kong. They came in Hot & Spicy and Original flavor.
- * The main reason why Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Pinocchio and other early Disney characters wore gloves is because it was easier to animate them and helped the characters appear to be more humanlike.
- * It is illegal to name your pig Napoleon in France.
- * Eighty-year-old Tatsuo Horiuchi has created paintings in Microsoft Excel for over 15 years, using vector drawing tools developed primarily for graphs and simple shapes to make panoramic scenes of life

- in rural Japan.
- * More salt is used to remove ice from roads than for eating.
- * A Tennessee judge ordered a name change for a baby named "Messiah." She was later fired after the decision was found unconstitutional on appeal.
- * Hexakosioihexekontahehexophobia is the fear of the number 666.
- * There was a tree in Glastonbury, England, that was known to flower on Christmas Day. Locals were disappointed that it did not obey the switch to the Gregorian calendar in 1752.
- * George H.W. Bush's hatred of broccoli was so intense that he mentioned it 70 times during his presidency, banned

- run the end across a cheap glue stick. It works very well, and the glue washes right out of the thread. Or, if you are afraid it will be sticky, you can just clip the end off before you start sewing. - T.E. in Kentucky
- * To make butter easier to spread on bread or toast, we keep a stick in a plastic sandwich baggie. We just handle the butter a bit through the bag. It softens, but doesn't overmelt, like when you put it in the microwave. You can just reseal the baggie and put it back in the fridge. - N.U. in Florida
- * To make your carpets look clean in a hurry, like if you are having company over, just sweep them with your broom. - C.C. in Pennsylvania

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it from the White House, and blamed the extinction of the dinosaurs on it.

* Speaking of those famous reptiles, in 1992 after paying for entry to the "Dinosaurs Live!" exhibition at the Memphis Zoo, six visitors demanded a refund. Their grounds? It didn't contain live dinosaurs.

Thought for the Day: "For pilgrims walking ... every footfall is doubled, landing at once on the actual road and also on the path of faith." -- Robert Macfarlane

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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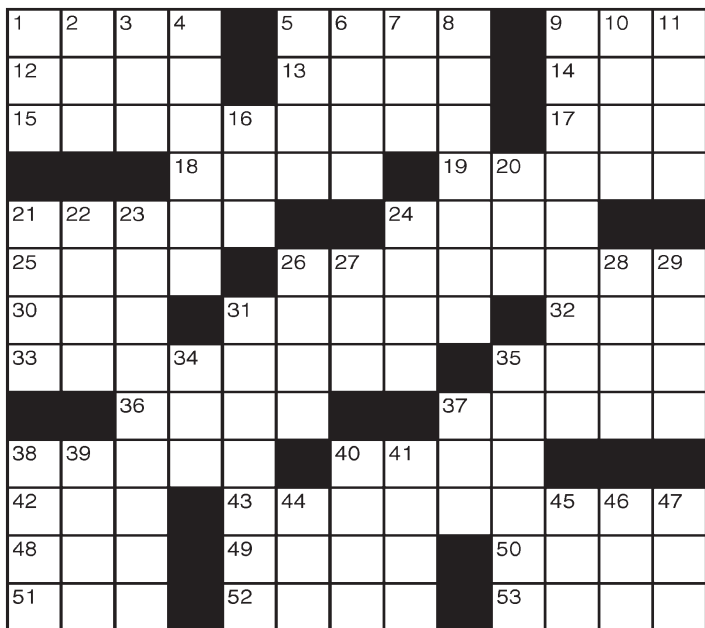
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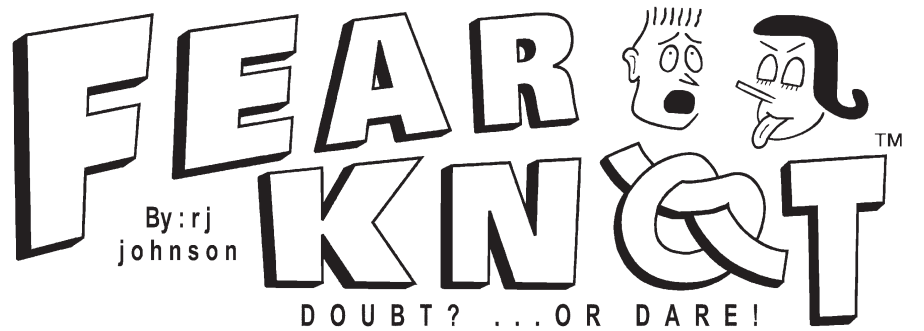
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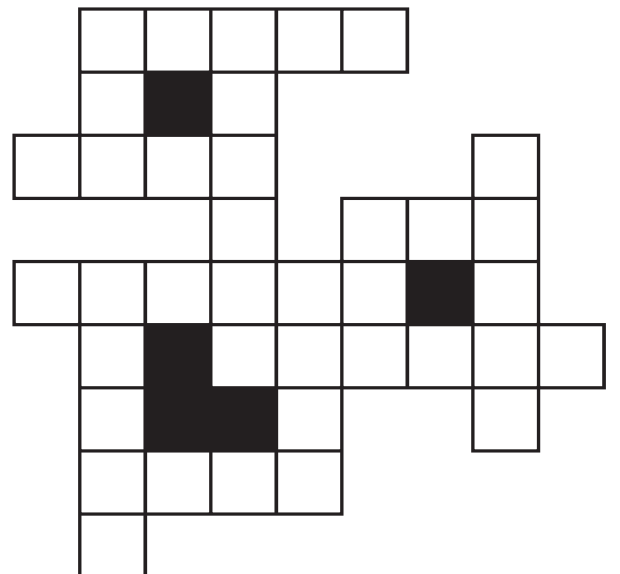


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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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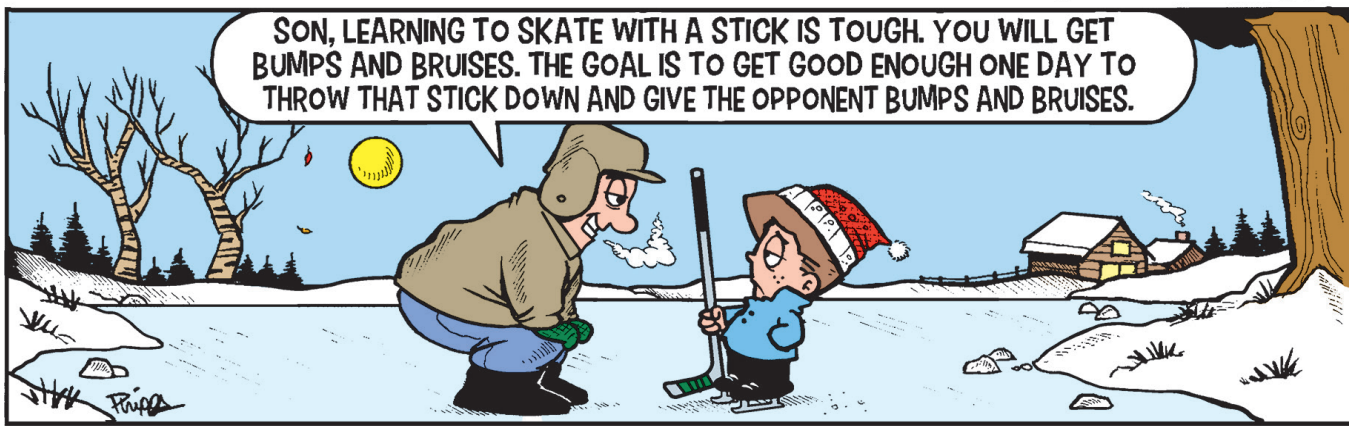
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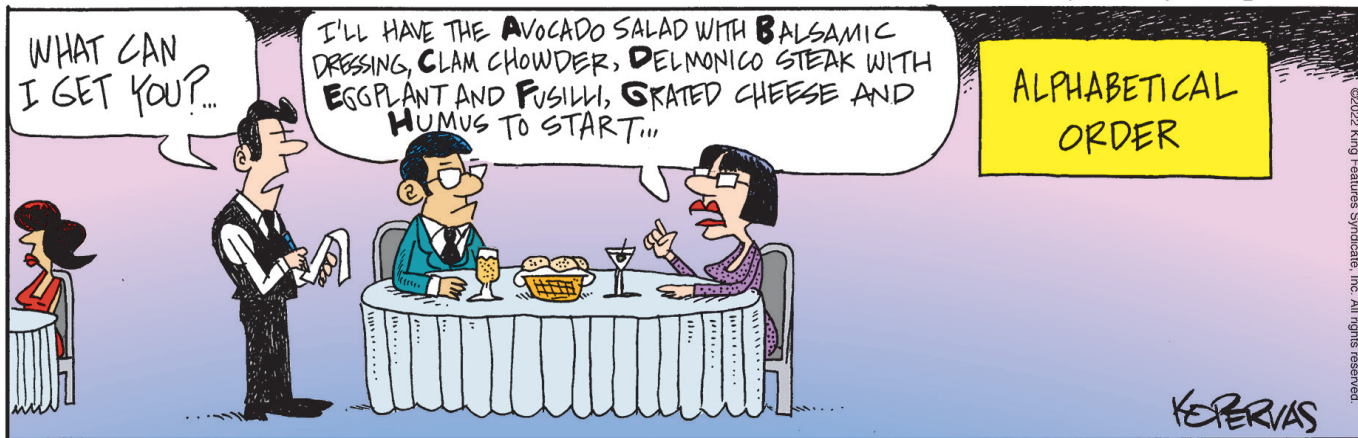
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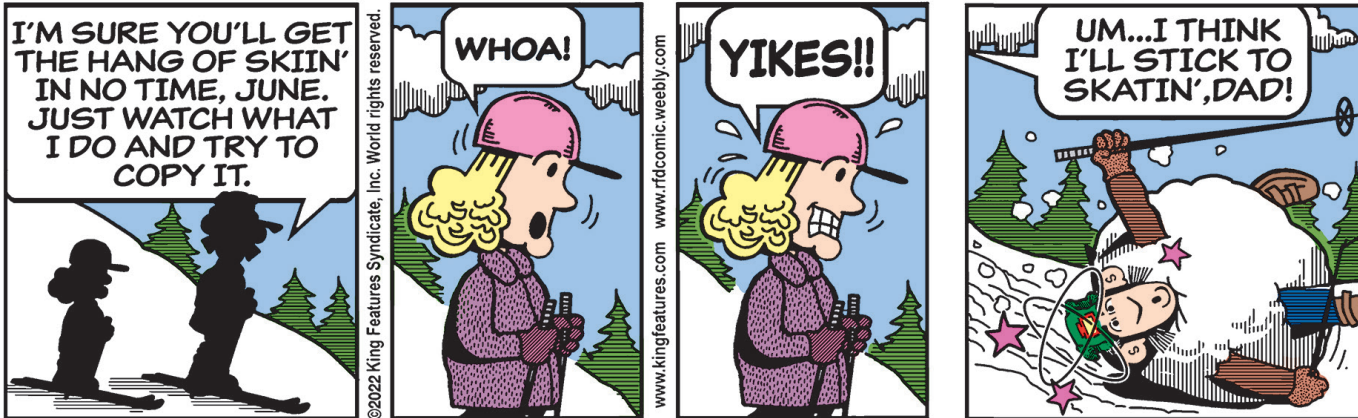
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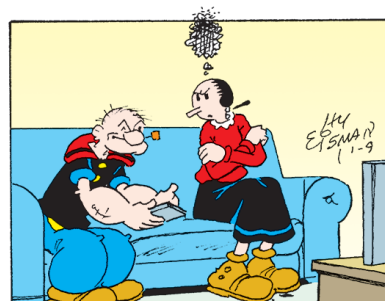
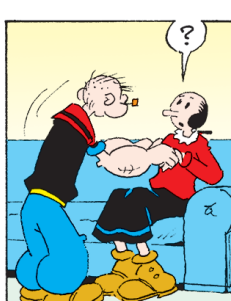
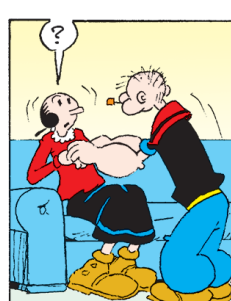
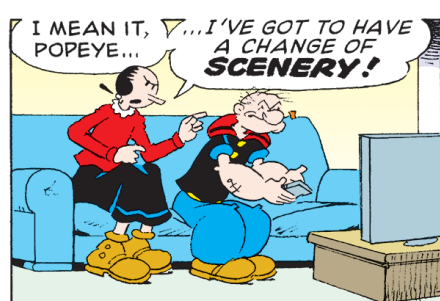
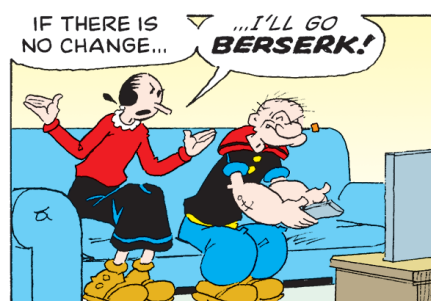
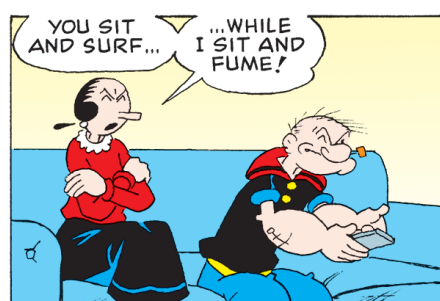
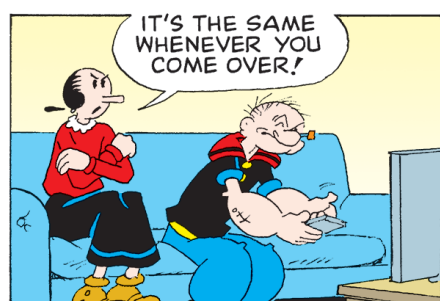
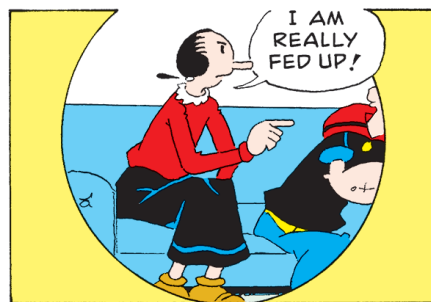
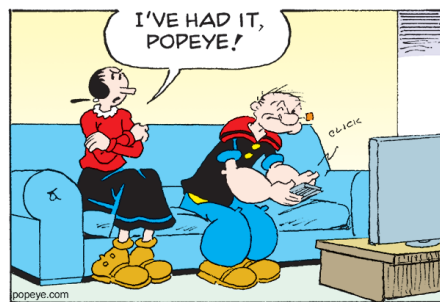
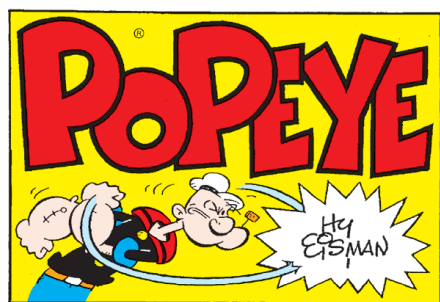
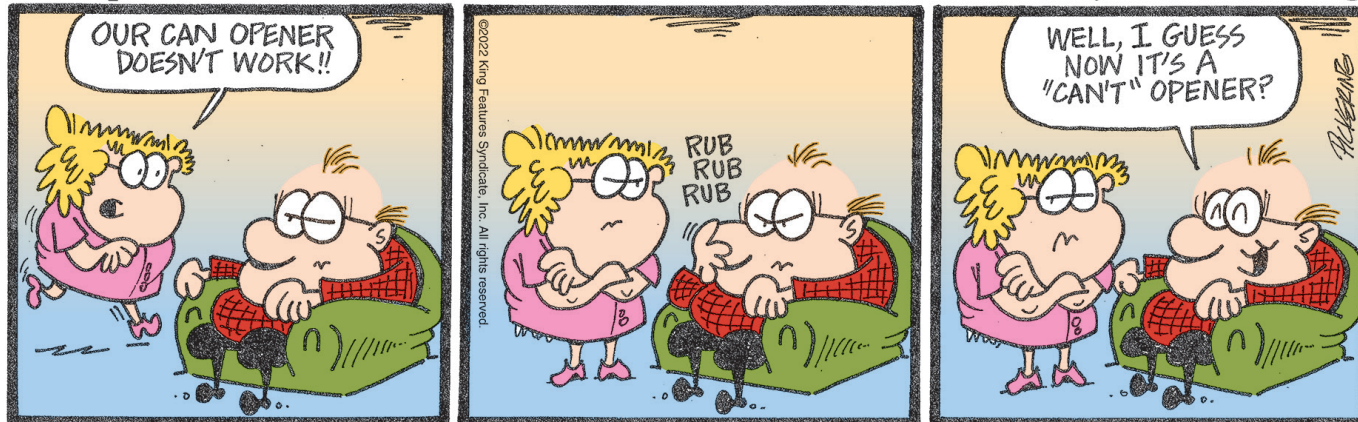
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

 * On Feb. 1, 1884, the first portion of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) is published. Originally begun in 1857, it was estimated the project would take 10 years to finish. In fact, it took over 40 years. The OED covers all vocabulary from the Anglo-Saxon period (1150 A.D.) to the present.

* On Feb. 2, 1913, New York City's Grand Central Terminal opens for the first time. The terminal, with a towering white marble facade, took 10 years to construct and more than \$4 billion in today's money. It needed a \$100 million restoration starting in 1980.

* On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt announces a plan to expand the Supreme Court to as many as 15 judges. Critics immediately charged that Roosevelt was trying to "pack" the court and thus neutralize Supreme Court justices. The Senate struck down the bill by a vote of 70 to 22.

* On Feb. 3, 1959, rising American rock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson are killed when their plane crashes in Iowa. Singer Don McLean memorialized the musicians in the 1972 hit "American Pie," which refers to "the day the music died."

* On Feb. 6, 1985, in his State of the Union address, President Ronald Reagan defines some of the key concepts of his foreign policy of supporting freedom fighters around the globe. These included covertly supporting the Contras in their attacks on the leftist Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

* On Jan. 31, 1990, the Soviet Union's first McDonald's fast-food restaurant opens in Moscow. Throngs of people lined up to pay the equivalent of several days' wages for Big Macs, shakes and french fries.

* On Feb. 4, 2004, a Harvard sophomore named Mark Zuckerberg launches The Facebook, a social media website he had built in order to connect Harvard students with one another. The previous year, he had created FaceMash, a website where students could vote on which of two randomly selected Harvard women was more attractive, quickly running afoul of both the administration and several women's groups.

THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

The Idiocy of Vaccine Mandates for Kids

The old legal maxim is that everything which is not forbidden is permitted. Many public-health experts apparently have their own version of this rule -- whatever is not forbidden must be mandated.

It was less than three months ago that the Food and Drug Administration approved the COVID-19 vaccine for children on an emergency basis, and already there are debates whether schools should mandate it and jurisdictions prohibit unvaccinated kids from engaging in activities.

California, Louisiana and Washington, D.C., have scheduled mandates to take effect when the FDA fully approves the vaccine for kids. Los Angeles and Oakland have mandates, although they've been delayed. New York City mayor Eric Adams says he's weighing a mandate, and bills in the New York State legislature would implement one statewide.

When the FDA advisory panel met last October, several experts said they hoped the move wouldn't lead to mandates. FDA official Peter Marks pooh-pooed the possibility, evidently underestimating the irresistible urge of officialdom in blue areas toward pandemic coercion.

The decision whether kids get vaccinated or not properly belongs to parents. Yes, other vaccinations are a condition of attending school, but COVID vaccinations aren't going to eliminate COVID, the way, say, Jonas Salk's miraculous innovation eliminated polio. With the advent of omicron, it's not even clear childhood vaccinations will do much to dent the spread. On top of this, COVID is relatively mild in children, whereas polio was a dread childhood disease.

If the case for adults getting vaccinated is extraordinarily strong, it is much less so for minors, especially for healthy younger kids who tend to be at the least risk.

Why, parents might think, take any chances with a new vaccine if it is protecting from a minimal threat (or their kids already had the virus)? Even if you believe this is the wrong call, it's not obviously unreasonable.

The medical news outlet Stat reported on an FDA model that looked at the risk to boys ages 5-11 from myocarditis, a heart condition that can affect boys in particular after getting vaccinated. According to Stat, the FDA analysts concluded that although "the vaccine might trigger slightly more myocarditis-related hospitalizations in boys than Covid-19 hospitalizations it would prevent in the same population, the benefits still might outweigh the risks, given that Covid cases that require hospitalization are generally more severe than myocarditis cases."

Rather than trust parents to weigh such considerations on their own, places like Los Angeles want to bring down the hammer. The school board there wanted students 12 and older to be vaccinated by Jan. 10. Then, unvaccinated kids would be relegated to remote learning. When the school board realized that 30,000 students weren't vaccinated, a number that would overwhelm whatever dubious capacity the district has for remote learning, it backed off.

The calculus here makes no sense. To avoid an unlikely harm -- unvaccinated kids getting a serious case of COVID -- the schools wanted to impose an almost-guaranteed harm by excluding thousands of students from the classroom, kneecapping their education. At best, this is playing chicken with the well-being of children; at worst, it is thoughtless and cruel policy in stubborn pursuit of the goal of substituting the judgment of public-school mandarins for parents.

Already, roughly 40,000 students have dropped out or disengaged from L.A. schools this year, and the school board wanted effectively to match that via ham-handed enforcement of its mandate.

The same impulse to punish kids whose parents don't want to go along is seen in vaccine passport policies, like that in New York City, that exclude unvaccinated children from a swath of activities in public places and from after-school programs. It's as if public officials got together and decided children hadn't experienced enough social isolation already during the pandemic.

One can only hope there's enough pushback from parents who value their judgment and authority over that of the politicians and administrators whose default is mandates over persuasion.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Make a Colorful Sun Catcher of Your Kid's Favorite Things

This month, make these colorful window decorations to brighten your child's bedroom during gloomy winter days. When the glue has dried, these sun catchers will have the look of stained glass. Help your kids create a design of a character or object from their favorite books and stories.

You'll need:

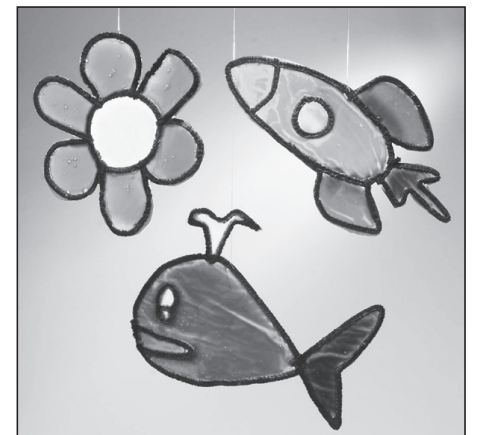
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic or paper cups
- All-purpose, white household glue
- Food coloring
- Several thick, black pipe cleaners in 12-inch lengths
- Ribbon, string or cording

Think about what kind of sun catcher you would like to make, such as a star, heart or daisy. For your first project, make it as simple as possible. Use basic drawings from coloring books to get yours started, if you wish. As you get more proficient, make a shamrock for St. Patrick's Day or a decorated egg for Easter.

Bend and attach pipe cleaners together to get your desired shape, and glue the shape completely flat onto a sheet

of plastic wrap. Add details by gluing smaller lengths of pipe cleaner on the inside of the design, like a small circle for the center of a flower. (It is very important that pipe cleaners adhere to the plastic wrap.) Your design should look similar to the outlines on a coloring-book page. Let dry. Now it's time to add the color.

Pour 3-4 tablespoons of glue into a paper cup. Add 5-10 drops of food coloring, and stir. Mix glue and food coloring in additional cups if you wish to have a rainbow of colors. Pour the colored glue inside the pipe-cleaner shape. If you added details, pour different colors in the various sections.



Let dry completely. (It usually takes about a day.)

When dry, the colored glue will appear translucent. Carefully peel off the plastic wrap from the sun catcher and discard.

Hang your beautiful design in a window using cording or ribbon.

Find more family fun at www.donnaerickson.com. Write to Donna at Info@donnaerickson.com

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Full Education Housing Benefits Extended

If you're in school and were about to lose half of your VA education housing benefits at the end of last month due to remote classes, you're safe. Congress pushed through the REMOTE (Responsible Education Mitigating Option and Technical Extensions) Act, and it's going to cover you for the next six months.

The problem has been attending classes in person versus taking classes remotely. If you typically attend via remote classes, your housing allowance was always half that of in-person students. The pandemic landed, and with that colleges and schools went remote last year, which threatened to halve the benefit money of in-person students forced into remote classes. Congress saw that and extended the full coverage until December.

They recently stepped in again. Now you'll be covered until summer -- while schools sort out

whether they're bringing students back into the classroom for the January-May semester, keeping everyone at home again or a combination of the two. As is typical of the pandemic era, even if you're currently attending in-person classes, your school might shift to remote at any time.

You and the 55,000 other student veterans potentially impacted by those reduced housing benefits can thank Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto and others for introducing the bill and pushing it to become law.

Not a student? Have you decided to sit out the shaky job market and go back to school or aim for a new trade? Start with an intro to your veterans education benefits: www.va.gov/education. Scroll down and click on the Eligibility link. Then click on the GI Bill Comparison Tool on the right and learn what programs and education benefits are available for you. Different programs have different benefits, so study those first to see which might be the best fit. If you need help sorting it all out, call the GI Bill Hotline at 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551).

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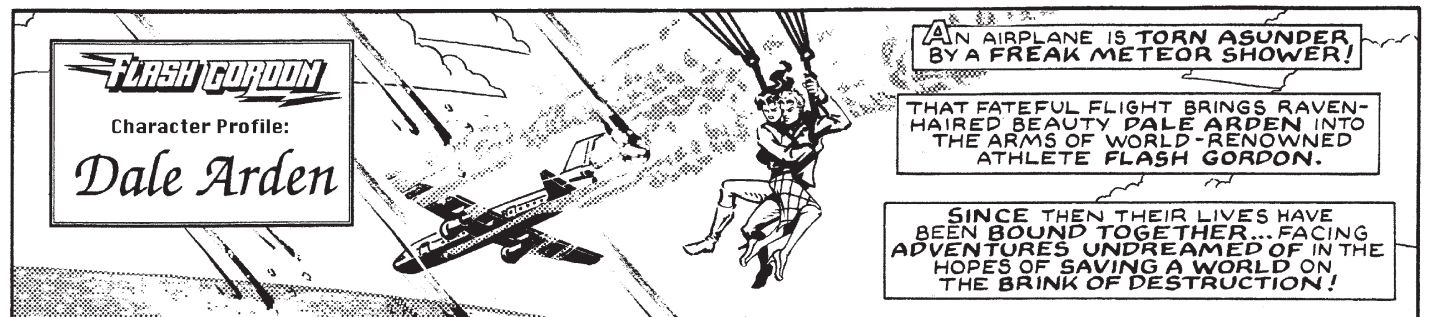
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Titus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Isaiah 45, whom did God ask, "Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it"? *Gideon, Peter, Cyrus, Elijah*
3. Where do you find the phrase "God is love"? *Genesis, Nehemiah, Hebrews, 1 John*
4. Who sold his birthright for a potage of lentils? *Cain, Jacob, Esau, Abel*
5. What Jewish ruler visited Jesus by night? *Hezekiah, Barabbas, Nicodemus, Darius*
6. Which of these in scripture was Moses' assistant? *Joshua, Gad, Nun, Jethro*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Cyrus; 3) 1 John 4:8; 4) Esau; 5) Nicodemus; 6) Joshua (Exodus 24:13)

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

Grandma Jo's Stew

Your kids or grandkids will love all the vegetables and meat chopped into tiny pieces.

- 16 ounces lean round steak, cut into 36 pieces
- 2 cups sliced carrots
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 cups chopped celery
- 2 cups diced raw potatoes
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat tomato soup
- 1 (8-ounce) can cream-style corn
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1. Spray a slow cooker container with butter-flavored cooking spray. In prepared container, combine meat, carrots, onion, celery, potatoes and peas.

2. In a small bowl, combine tomato soup, corn, parsley flakes and black pepper. Stir soup mixture into meat mixture.

3. Cover and cook on LOW for 8 hours. Mix well just before serving. Makes 6 (1 1/2 cup) servings.

• Each serving equals: 237 calories, 5g fat, 20g protein, 28g carb., 336mg sodium, 4g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Vegetable.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Historically Speaking

A brief history of the UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory - Part 5

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

We continue to examine the brief history of the UT-AEC (University of Tennessee and Atomic Energy Commission) Agricultural Research Laboratory later known as the Comparative Animal Research Laboratory. Let's now look at the overall scope of the project and the accomplishments of the research.

A report written in 1966 serves as the primary basis for this review of the history. I believe you will agree with me that some of the most interesting early research on the effects of radiation exposure was conducted at the most unusual laboratory.

We have already covered the final days of the project and how it was allowed to dissolve into the Oak Ridge Associated Universities medical research efforts. Now let's take a more in depth look at some of the key experiments conducted during the history of this unique analytical laboratory and examine some of the groundbreaking research conducted there.

Some of the most significant and earliest data ever captured regarding the results of exposure of animals to radioactivity was documented at this laboratory. This may well have been the very beginning of the extrapolation of radiation to animal tissue to the dangers of radiation to the human body.

An insight into the perceived value of the research facility in the early days can be seen from this quote from a meeting of the AEC Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine held at the UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory on May 5, 6, and 7, 1955: "Therefore, upon a motion by Dr. Warren, seconded by Dr. Doisy, the following resolution was approved unanimously: 'It is recommended that the AEC should continue their support of the UT-AEC agricultural research program and it was suggested that a small committee be appointed to consider ways in which even greater advantage might be taken of the unique facilities.'"

This resolution of 1955 indicates the strong local support for the UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory. Much detailed research had already taken place and was documented. The original herd of cattle inadvertently exposed to the Trinity blast had by now been supplemented by many other animals and the expansion of the laboratory's radiation experiments into plants and especially seeds was well underway.

An interesting story about the care being given the animals that arrived from New Mexico that I found during my research has to do with the surprising weight loss of the animals. It seems that during the period when the Roane Anderson Company had responsibility for the cattle, they had contracted with a person to feed the cattle daily. He thought the feed for the cattle might better be used to fatten his hogs.

After all, the cattle had grass to eat, and his hogs were limited to the hog pen on his farm. So, he just took the cattle feed (or at least a large portion of it) and fed it to his hogs. When the cattle were found to be losing weight, of course the first thought was that the weight loss was because of the radiation exposure. That thought did not last

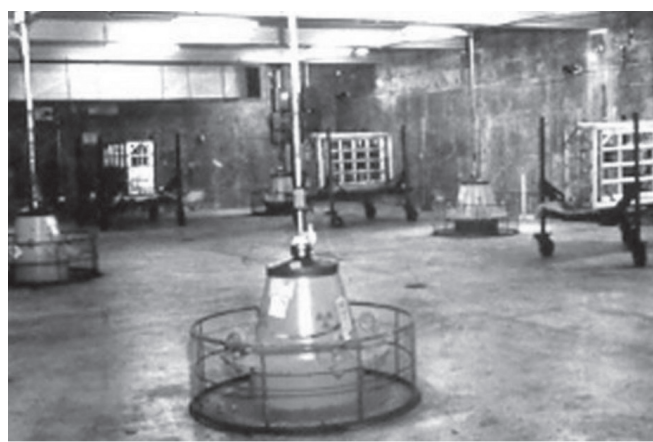
long as it had no real basis in fact and a cursory investigation quickly turned up an obvious reason for fat hogs and thin cattle.

Imagine the frustration when the truth was learned about the hired hand who was deliberately redirecting the cow's feed to his hogs. The cattle quickly resumed their normal weight when actually fed the amount of supplemental feed prescribed for them. I imagine the hog farmer was summarily discharged from his duties.

Actually, the herd of cattle exposed to the radi-



A greenhouse built to house and monitor plants used in radiation experiments (Photo Submitted)



The interior of the High-Level Radiation Facility where the 1971 accidental exposure of a worker occurred (Photo Submitted)



One of several barns built for the farm operations – now demolished (Photo Submitted)



Joe Lenhard, Pete Walburg and John Ewing, director of the UT Experiment Station shown with the new CARL sign when the name changed from UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory to Comparative Animal Research Laboratory (Photo Submitted)

ation of the Trinity blast, while otherwise being normal in all aspects, kept their distinctive "beta burns" in the form of gray hairs along their backs.

However, Alamogordo cow number 52, the last survivor of the famous herd was photographed with her 16th consecutive calf and that famous photograph published in the report of 1966. It is stated that she had produced calves with very good growth records and there was no harm seen to her offspring from the radiation exposure she had experienced from the Trinity blast.

The three-fold objective of the UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory was originally defined in 1948 as follows:

1. To do work requested by the AEC;
2. To study agricultural problems using radioactive isotopes and radiation; and,
3. To study the application of nuclear energy in the field of agriculture.

By 1956, this three-fold objective had grown to be so mutually interrelated that it was hard to separate the activities. The laboratory was taking on a life of its own with a huge farming operation, hundreds of head of cattle and other animals requiring tending and care so more and more experiments could be performed. It was growing in all respects except funding for the experiments.

While the laboratory had much to do and desired to expand substantially, what first started as enthusiastic support from the AEC soon began to lag behind the need as perceived by those working in the laboratory. The frustration of knowing experimental work was beneficial and not being able to obtain needed funding began to cause problems in the early 1960's, grew more and more pronounced in the 1970's and finally resulted in the changes that resulted in the demise of the laboratory in the 1980's.

During the time when funding was adequately provided, the laboratory staff conducted research on agriculture problems such as the introduction of radiation into the food chain. The external irradiation of animals, plants and seeds was a primary source of experiments and resulted in compiling an enormous amount of useful information.

Both UT and the AEC recognized the unique opportunity presented by the proximity of UT's Agricultural Experiment Station to the AEC's Oak Ridge facilities and the available land for farming to support the large amount and variety of animals for scientific research. Almost half of the 5,000 acres was by the mid-1950's was taken up with improved crop and pastureland supporting experimental plant and animal radiation related research.

Extensive barn and laboratory facilities were constructed during the early years beginning on May 11, 1948, at the start of the cooperative effort and ramping up in the early 1950's. This growth continued and experiments expanded exponentially as did the number of staff required to support the farm, farm animals and ever-present experiments with radiation...some of the most extensive in the nation and producing some of the most informative results.

Next, we will examine some of the specific experiments and results from the years when the laboratory was at its peak in terms of funding, caring for huge numbers of many types of animals and a huge farming operation. These were the years when folks such as Bob Reynolds so fondly recall. A group of people got to live their dream for a few years and were allowed the freedom to conduct experiments and chart unknown paths in a new and exciting field of applied research.

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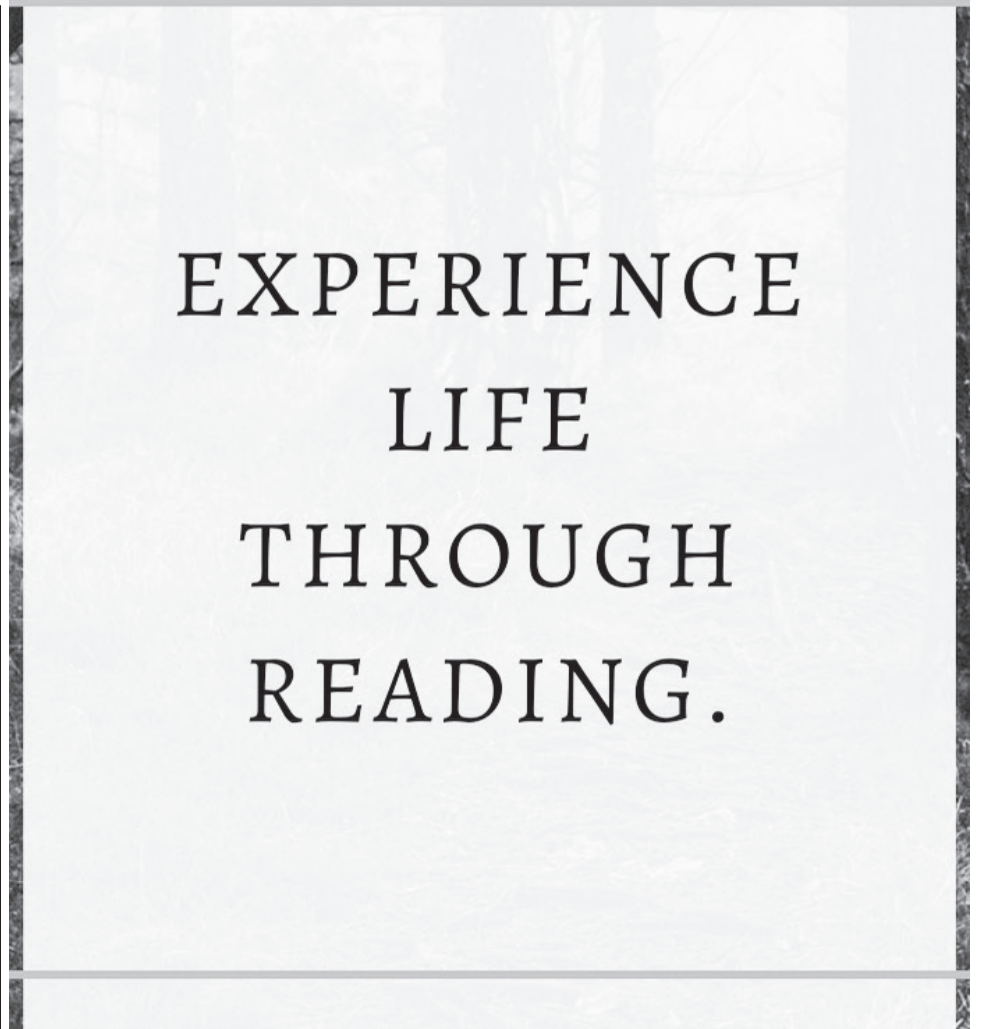
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If you qualify & are interested in the position, pick up an application at the Head Start office located at 105 Longview Drive, Wartburg beginning Tuesday, January 4th. Applications with resumes will be accepted until Thursday, January 20th at 4 p.m. You may drop your application and resume at the Head Start office, or mail them to P.O. Box 179, Wartburg, TN, 37887. MCHS is an Equal Opportunity Provider & Employer.



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If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Jacob Billingsley at 423-569-8591, or see your Guidance Counselor.



2 Corinthians: Chapter 1

(2 Cor. 1:1-2) Salutation: At the opening of this volatile letter, Paul flashes his “badge” of apostolic authority: “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God” (Phil. 1:1). Timothy, a close worker with the apostle (Acts 16:1), was known by the Corinthians (1 Cor. 4:17; 16:10) and was with Paul at the time of this writing (v. 19). He was not, however, the co-author of the letter; he merely joined in its sentiments. This group in Corinth was the “church”, as were all the “saints” in the entire region of Achaia (southern Greece). “Saints” signifies a formal separation from the world (Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2, etc.; 2 Cor. 5:17), which occurs at the point of water baptism when one’s sins are washed away by the blood of Christ (Acts 2:38, 8:35-39; 22:16; Eph. 5:26). Paul includes his customary “grace” and “peace” greeting. “Grace” reflected Heaven’s favor, while “peace” hinted of the absence of a former alienation (Rom. 5:1). The grammatical connection of God with Christ is a clear affirmation of Jesus’ divine nature.

(2 Cor. 1:3-11) Suffering and thanksgiving: God is wonderfully extolled. He is: “blessed” (used only of him in the New Testament); Father of Jesus (via a miracle Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:22); Father of mercies (many expressions of compassion or pity); God of all comfort (one who comes to our side), especially in times of affliction; an enabler who helps us in comforting others.

The Christian’s sufferings for Christ are many. Some are from outside enemies of the truth; others are from ungodly church members (like his Corinthian critics). Nonetheless, our comfort eclipses them all through the power of Christ (3-5; Phil. 4:13). Whether the Christian is comforted or afflicted, it works out for his ultimate good, producing a strong constitution that allows one to patiently endure his trials (v. 6).

Paul uses the term “steadfast” (v. 7). This does not suggest, as Calvinists claim, that their salvation was so steadfast it could never be lost. Rather, Paul’s hope for them, in spite of their weaknesses, remains steadfast. It is an expression of confidence, but faithfulness depends upon them. May their sufferings be compensated by comfort.

The apostle wants them to know of his sufferings in Asia; the nature of these sufferings are not known for certain---possibly his trouble in Ephesus (Acts 19:23-41; 1 Cor. 15:32). Such were a heavy load, beyond his power to remedy, and almost to the point of death. (The apostle’s use of plural pronouns may embrace companions (Timothy) or be an editorial plural.) Paul passed through a harrowing experience (“affliction” (v. 8) is singular). He believed he was going to die, and he came so close, but he trusted God and was “delivered out of” death. He had confidence that the Lord would continue his providential protection until he was finished with his servant. Paul was not unmindful that the prayers of these brethren had been instrumental in his deliverance (which he viewed as a gift). There is power in orchestrated prayer (v. 11).

(2 Cor. 1:12-14) Paul’s sincerity and his writing: In studying this document it becomes increasingly clear that Paul periodically in responding to charges made by his Corinthian critics, one of which was that he was not sincere in his attitude and actions. Here he emphatically denies that. His conscience is so clear in this regard that he can virtually glory in it. He was dedicated to holiness and sincerity toward God, not directed by fleshly wisdom, but by Heaven’s grace. He behaved himself spiritually, especially respecting them (v. 12).

The apostle previously had written other letters to these saints, and criticism arose that he had been duplicitous in the use of his

language (he gave “double meanings” to his words). He assures them that his correspondence had not been deceptive or to vent personal feelings, but for their spiritual benefit. He urges them to understand the plainness of his writing; there were no hidden meanings or crude slurs. They appear to have acknowledged this previously, and he hoped they would even more later on. He had not given up on them, and sincerely hoped that both he and they would glory in one another on the day when Christ returned (v. 14; 1 Cor. 1:8; 3:13; 5:5).

(2 Cor. 1:15-22) The dependable apostle: Paul had laid out a sincere travel plan which he had hoped to fulfill; it would bring him through Corinth twice, and would give them a double benefit. He wanted to visit Macedonia, but he would direct his route so that he could drop by and see them on the way. He then would return through Achaia, visit them again, and let them send him forward on to Judaea. But he felt compelled to modify his plan. His critics, therefore, accused him of being “fickle.” He denies such. His decisions are not “according to the flesh,” but by God’s will. He does not deliberately say “yes” when he really means “no”. He is honest in his intentions.

Paul wants these brothers to know that he aims for faithfulness in keeping his word; such would be identical to the kind of faithfulness one expects of God. God is faithful and “our” (including his companions word is as well (v. 18). “The gospel that I preached, accompanied by Silas and Timothy, was not inconsistent. It was in harmony with the will of Jesus Christ. The many promises of God regarding Christ have been fulfilled---with a resounding ‘yes!’ To this our ‘Amen’ should be added”. This implied the termination of the law, which the Jewish clique disputed.

Paul contends that his divine mission had been authenticated by God. He and his companions were: joined to the Corinthians by the “in Christ” relationship; divinely “anointed” by God; given God’s “seal” of approval by the reception of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was a guarantee of even greater things to come (v. 21-22).

(2 Cor. 1:23-24) A change of plans: Paul now resumes his explanation for the change in his travel plans (v. 15). He called God as a witness on his behalf, putting his life on the line. He had delayed coming to Corinth earlier for their sake; he wanted to spare them pain. He had warned them of their spiritual neglect in his previous letter (1 Cor. 5), and he wanted to give them more time to think about the matter, repent, and rectify the situation.

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*In disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night,
when deep sleep falls on men,
fear came upon me, and trembling,
which made all my bones shake.*

— JOB 4: 13,14 —

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Chairman Ken Yager announces appointments of Gormley and Clark to Senate Republican Caucus Communications team



Senator Ken Yager

NASHVILLE -- Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Ken Yager (R-Kingston)

efforts to improve education and job opportunities for Tennesseans and to keep Tennessee a low-tax and well-managed state. I'm very glad that she will continue serving our state in this new role."

Prior to joining the 27-member Majority Caucus, Gormley worked as Executive Assistant to Representative

Zachary Clark will fill the position of Deputy Press Secretary for the Caucus. Clark previously served as Public Information Officer to Idaho's state health and human services agency and as a newspaper reporter covering politics, the courts, transportation and other issues in California. He is a graduate of Lawrence Uni-

today announced the appointment of Molly Gormley as Press Secretary for Republican senators in the Tennessee General Assembly. She will take the position opened by the retirement of Darlene Schlicher.

Gormley currently serves as Deputy Press Secretary for the Caucus. "I'm very pleased to promote Molly to the position of Press Secretary for the Senate Republican Caucus," said Chairman Yager. "She has done a tremendous job in effectively communicating our Caucus members'





Called "ladybug" or "ladybeetle" in the United States, this garden favorite is called glückskäfer in Austria, slunéčko in Czechoslovakia, leppäkerttu in Finland, paskalitsa in Greece, lieveheersbeestje in Holland, coccinella in Italy, tentou mushi in Japan, kumbang in Malaysia, biedronka in Poland, pikapolonica in Slovenia, mariquita in Spain and ilsikazana esincane in Zulu.

- Brenda Weaver

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John Ragan and was an intern for Lt. Governor Randy McNally. A Maryville, Tennessee native, Gormley graduated from Lipscomb University in Nashville with a degree in Political Science. Yager also announced that

iversity in Wisconsin. "I could not be more pleased to welcome Zach to our staff," said Sen. Yager. "Zach's considerable communications experience will be a huge benefit as we strengthen our outreach and communications with our constituents."

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Let's Celebrate National Peanut Butter Day

Monday, January 24, is National Peanut Butter Day in the United States. Yes, there is a day devoted to this most humble of good-for-you foods.



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Peanut butter is the taste basis for this no-cook sauce.

Peanut butter is a highly economical source of protein that's loved by kids and kids at heart across the globe. It's incredibly versatile. How many other foods give you the option of spreading on toast, making sandwiches, baking with it, making candy, mixing with noodles or turning it into a sensational sauce? Honestly, the options seem endless and worthy of a day devoted to its charms.

Did you know you can make delicious, pure peanut butter at home in minutes? Take three cups raw peanuts, toast them in the oven until warm and fragrant, then take them for a spin in your food processor or

blender, scraping down frequently until creamy. Add a little honey or salt to taste. Ta da!

This week I'm sharing an easy recipe for a favorite restaurant take-out item: chicken satay with peanut sauce.

Here's a great no-cook recipe for peanut sauce. It comes together in mere minutes, making it perfect for weeknights. This recipe makes 1 cup of sauce — it's sufficient for the satay recipe below but easily doubles if you want more for coating noodles or veggies.

SIMPLE PEANUT SAUCE

What You'll Need:

- 1/2 cup peanut butter, chunky or creamy
- 1/4 cup + 2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar or white vinegar

Optional to add heat: cayenne pepper, chili garlic sauce, hot pepper sauce or sracha to taste

Other optional ingredients:

- 1—2 teaspoons minced garlic and/or ginger

Here's How:

Mix all ingredients in a small bowl. Stir until smooth. There may come a moment when you wail, "Curse you, Patti Diamond!" because it looks like a curdled mess. Keep stirring — I promise it'll get lusciously creamy. Add heat to taste, if desired. Rest for at least 30 minutes to let the flavors marry. Use as a dipping sauce for chicken satay, veggies or noodles, chips or spoons, or just use your fingers.

QUICK CHICKEN SATAY

Yield: approximately 24 skewers

What You'll Need:

- Bamboo or metal skewers
- 2 1/2 – 3 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs

- 1/2 cup teriyaki sauce
- 2 teaspoons olive or vegetable oil

Optional garnish: green onion and/or cilantro

Optional: cooked noodles or rice for serving

Here's How:

Soak bamboo skewers in water for 20 minutes before using. Slice chicken into thin strips (I got six strips from each thigh). Set aside. Make marinade by mixing teriyaki sauce and vegetable oil in a bowl. Place chicken in bowl with marinade, making sure all the chicken is covered. Marinate for at least 30 minutes or up to overnight. Thread the strips of chicken, filling the skewers halfway. This allows for a "handle" to turn the skewers as they cook. To cook, grill on your BBQ or indoor grill, or under the broiler. These cook quickly, so keep your eye on them. Depending on how thick or thin you sliced your chicken, they will take between 5 and 15 minutes to cook. Serve with peanut sauce garnished with green onion and/or cilantro. Noodles or rice make a perfect accompaniment if desired.

If the idea of threading chicken on skewers doesn't appeal to you, you can simply saute marinated chicken pieces in vegetable oil and serve over rice or noodles topped with peanut sauce.

Whether you prefer crunchy or creamy, we should take every opportunity to celebrate the simple things in life — like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with a glass of cold milk.

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— Audre Lorde

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David Zubler
Columnist

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) released a report to Congress which detailed the processing issues the IRS had last year. The report also gave a warning for this year's tax season. In late December, the IRS had 6 million unprocessed individual tax returns and 2.3 million unprocessed amended individual returns, according to the TAS. It also was had a backlog of 2 million unprocessed employee quarterly tax returns and about 5 million pieces of taxpayer mail. Some of the mail was from April.

Many people still hadn't received their refunds, and some people who filed had been waiting for nine months.

National Taxpayer Advocate Erin M. Collins said, "I am deeply concerned about the upcoming filing season."

The delayed refunds often affect low-income people who depend on the money for basic living necessities and can cause severe financial hardship.

People had visited the IRS website to check on the status of their refunds more than 630 million times in 2021. This reflects the frustration people are having concerning their refunds.

"Telephone service was the worst it has ever been," said Collins. Only about 11% of callers could get through to customer service.

"People should make sure they report the correct amount on their tax returns to avoid delays," said Charles Rettig, Commissioner of the IRS.

People who received an economic impact payment or the advance child tax credit last year should be extra careful, Rettig added. There were 11 million math error notices that were manually reviewed. The most common problem the IRS saw was with the recovery rebate credit. People use the credit to claim money they hadn't received.

Collins said the IRS's online tool "Where's My Refund?" didn't provide information on unprocessed returns or explain reasons for delays,

The IRS In Crisis

where a return stood in the pipeline, or tell actions taxpayers could take to expedite refunds.

The IRS required an average of 199 days during 2021 to process 6.2 million responses to proposed adjustments. In fiscal 2019 the average was 74 days.

When a taxpayer responds to an IRS notice and the IRS doesn't process the response, an action can be triggered, resulting in an adverse action or withholding a refund.

Collins gave the IRS credit for issuing 478 million economic impact payments (stimulus) and 36 million advance child tax credits. They were able to complete the additional programs even though their workforce was 17% lower than it was in fiscal 2010.

The taxpayer advocate's report warned that the recovery rebate credit and enhanced child tax credit could lead to math error notices or other discrepancies, which would delay refunds.

To help ensure an accurate tax return, keep IRS letters together in a file where they can be located when it's time to file your return. Incorrectly estimating the amounts of stimulus and advance child tax credit could cause long delays in processing your return.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Travel Is Complicated Right Now

My neighbor still thinks she'll be going on a cruise to a foreign country in the spring. She calls her travel agent every few weeks to ask if the cruise is still on. Of course the travel agent doesn't want to say no and have to give back the money just yet, so the answer is yes. My neighbor has been busily sewing new outfits for her cruise dinners. Me, I've been keeping silent about it, but I fear that cruise might not come to pass.

There is always debate about requirements for masks on cruise ships, but that might be the least of the concerns. The latest updates have several countries in Level 4 Do Not Travel categories. My neighbor's destination is currently at a Level 3, which is Reconsider Travel. New ones are being

added all the time.

If you'll be traveling in the next few months, especially if it's internationally, look at AARP's travel page for helpful information: www.aarp.org/travel.

Watch the Department of State's website as well: travel.state.gov/content/travel.html. Look for the information on your specific destination, and keep an eye on it, as it's all subject to change.

Invest in trip cancellation and interruption insurance. Make sure you understand the details of what it will and won't cover. Be sure what the cruise company's policies are as well.

Be certain you know exactly when you'll need a COVID-19 test before you go -- and that you can get one. At this point, many areas have backlogs on testing appointments, and walk-in places are often backed up for many hours. If you're traveling internationally, you'll also need a test before you return. The logistics and timing can be complicated right now.

Your best bet: Stay in close touch with your travel agent about changes, warnings and timing.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Name the first group that had a hit with "Dedicated to the One I Love."
2. Who released "Crystal Blue Persuasion"?
3. Name the two hits by The Cyrkle.
4. Which Neil Sedaka song was released twice, once as a slow ballad (1976) and once as a faster pop song (1962)?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "My love must be a kind of blind love, I can't see anyone but you."

Answers

1. The Shirelles in 1959. They were followed by the Mamas & the Papas who took the song to No. 2 in 1967.
2. Tommy James and the Shondells. The story was that the song was written as James was reading the Bible and a blue light was mentioned. However, many thought he was referring to the blue LSD tablets that were in vogue.
3. "Red Rubber Ball" and "Turn-Down Day," both in 1966.
4. "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do."
5. "I Only Have Eyes For You," by the Flamingos, in 1959. The song was written for a 1934 film ("Dames"), but it was the Flamingos' doo-wop version that brought the song attention. Rolling Stone ranked it No. 158 on their list of "500 Greatest Songs of All Time."

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High School Basketball Roundup

By Terry Futrell

High School Basketball Roundup January 13

Morgan County girls basketball teams bounced back this week with all four teams recording victories. Coalfield defeated Harriman, Oakdale defeated Oliver Springs for their second win of the season, Sunbright continued to roll with wins over Coalfield and Cumberland Gap, and Wartburg defeated Midway. It was a different story for the boys teams, as only Sunbright chalked up victories, defeating Coalfield and Cumberland Gap.

Because of the holiday on Monday, the paper is being printed on Friday, so Friday evening games are not included – watch for an update on our Facebook page on Saturday.

(Overall, District records in parentheses)

Coalfield Girls (11-5, 1-2)
Jan 10 – Lost to Sunbright 45-48
Jan 11 – Defeated Harriman 52-41

Oakdale Girls (2-11, 0-2)
Jan 11 – Lost to Oliver Springs 32-40
Jan 13 – Defeated Oliver Springs 43-38

Sunbright Girls (16-4, 2-0)
Jan 10 – Defeated Coalfield 48-45
Jan 11 – Defeated Cumberland Gap 49-34

Wartburg Girls (6-6, 2-0)
Jan 11 – Defeated Midway 36-25

Coalfield Boys (3-10, 1-2)
Jan 10 – Lost to Sunbright 45-50
Jan 11 – Lost to Harriman 37-73

Oakdale Boys (2-11, 1-1)
Jan 11 – Lost to Oliver Springs 45-67
Jan 13 – Lost to Oliver Springs 64-84

Sunbright Boys (10-7, 2-0)
Jan 10 – Defeated Coalfield 50-45
Jan 11 – Defeated Cumberland Gap 45-37

Wartburg Boys (3-12, 1-1)
Jan 11 – Lost to Midway 69-81



The Sunbright Tigers (10-7, 2-0) and Lady Tigers (16-4, 2-0) each won two games this week and both teams sit at the top of District 3 rankings.

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