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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Dr Bristol, it is so hard to believe that the summer is almost over and it is Back to School

and Sports. What should pet parents do to prepare all us fur-

ry for the school year and sports equipment and all that en"tails" to ensure that everyone has a good year? I hope all the boys and girls study hard and become smart like me or maybe even someday, a doctor like you, Dr Bristol.

Love, Ms Avery Pearl

Whew! The summer sure has flown by Ms. Avery Pearl! I can't believe it's already time for school to begin again! I hope you have your new Paw Patrol backpack ready for the big day!

This time of year is so busy for kids and parents that our four-legged friends often get lost in the shuffle. Out pets are often very regimented - enjoying the routine of their daily walks and playtime. As we have less time (and daylight) to spend with our critters, it's nice to try to set aside a little time for the activities that they enjoy. Without this time, our pets tend to act out a little and may even develop bad habits. Unfortunately, inappropriate urination in the house or a chewed shoe may be a cry for attention or a sign of boredom. While I know that you are always on your best behavior, Ms. Avery, some pups are intrigued by new "stuff" in our homes; so we always want to ensure that our precious (and pricey) athletic equipment, band instruments, art supplies, etc., are out of harm's way. We don't want to have to tell the teacher that "the dog ate our homework," and we definitely don't want our

pets to be rushed to the vet because they ate something that they shouldn't have eaten.

One way that we can incorporate our furry friends into our school activities is to bring them along to an afternoon ballgame or practice. Not all pups are social butterflies like you, though, Ms.

Avery Pearl, so this isn't a great idea for pets who get nervous around strangers or loud noises. Those pups are much happier at home in familiar surroundings. If our critters are lucky enough to go on these adventures, we need to be certain that they don't have access to some of the delicious but oh-so-unhealthy ballfield treats that we enjoy. Anything fatty or greasy (i.e. hot dogs, chips, etc.) can cause an upset stomach (and another unplanned trip to the vet) for our friends.

Not all kids are lucky enough to have a friend like you, Ms. Avery, and some children even have dog/cat allergies. While we don't always know who may have allergies, we can try to help those classmates who do by eliminating as much pet hair from our clothes as possible.

Lint rollers work great for this task and may allow us to spend more time with our new school friends.

Now, with only a few short days left before the school bells ring again, I hope you enjoy a little one-on-one time with your family at home. I know that they love spending that time with you, Ms. Avery Pearl! Your friend, Dr. Bristol

For more of my Pet Perspective follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl. You can find Dr Bristol at Roane Veterinary Hospital in Harriman, 865-882-6327. She is takes good care of Ms Avery Pearl and all her friends.



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DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center has changed its meeting date. We will now meet on the 3rd TUESDAY of the month at 6 PM. All are invited to attend.

Undated Events Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society Meets the second Tuesday of every month Senior Citizens Building at 6:00pm

Morgan County Republican Party meets the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at the American Legion in Wartburg

Wartburg Class of 1964 will have their annual reunion on Saturday Aug 6th from 3pm until 6pm at the Wartburg Senior Citizens building. Pot luck/covered dish. Paper Goods and drinks will be provided. Cost of the event will be equally divided among the class members attending.

Morgan County Chamber of Commerce will host a Community Luncheon with Congressman Chuck Fleishmann on Friday, August 19, 2022. Watch and listen for details to come!

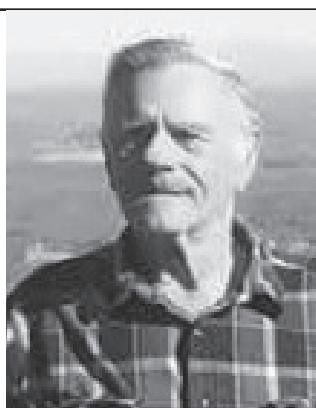
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Clifford Patterson, 82

Clifford Patterson was born on April 13, 1940 to Nancy Ogle and Harvey Patterson. Clifford was known for his smile, his kindness and his skills as a mechanic.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and wife Bonita Patterson, brothers David Patterson Leonard Patterson, sister Helen Golden and grandson Zackery Manis. Daughter Joanna and her daughters.

He leaves behind his sister Rosie McCampbell, Sons Lee Patterson and David Patterson, stepson Jeremy Manis. Bonus Daughters Christina Bowlin, Holly Givens Grandchildren Justin and Corey Patterson, Breanna, Lily, Dazie Patterson, Aiden and Cayleigh



Bowlin, Devin Greenwell (Randi) Great Grandchildren Evy and Bastion Greenwell Brother in law Grover Brown (Joyce Brown) Friend and Ex-wife Sue Givens, and a host of other loved ones and special friends.

The family will receive friends Monday August 1 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, TN with the funeral to follow at 3:00 with Bro. Pete Ogle officiating. The graveside service will follow at the Brown Cemetery in Oakdale, TN.

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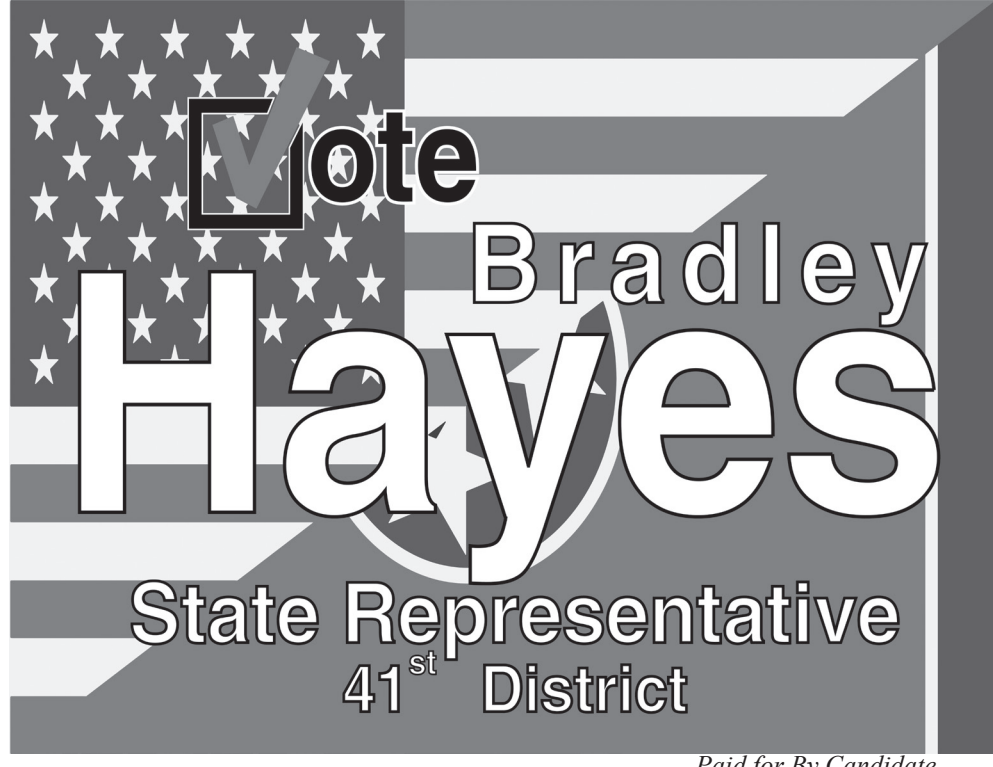
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

The Joy of 61

Baseball is a game of numbers, and one of the most iconic of them, 61, is now in play.

New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge remains on pace to match or eclipse the single season home-run mark set by Roger Maris in 1961.

Technically, a trio of sluggers obliterated the Maris record in the late 1990s and early 2000s. But their gaudy totals are a testament to performance-enhancing drugs and baseball's willingness to look the other way rather than genuine achievement.

The legitimate record is still held by Maris, an irony since the standing of his own feat was called into question at the time. He hit 61 in the American League's first 162-game season, whereas Babe Ruth had hit 60 in the traditional 154-game season.

This pettifogging line of attack led to commissioner Ford Frick suggesting what became the infamous asterisk for Maris. This slighting treatment wasn't given to any other record, though, and reflected more a protectiveness of Ruth and his handiwork -- and an unfounded belief that Maris wasn't worthy -- than a commitment to statical purity.

Baseball doesn't have the hold it once did on the national imagination, yet the home run is arguably still the signature American sports play. The sound of the ball off the bat, the rising anticipation as it traces its path, the roar of the crowd, the excited call of the broadcasters, the home-run trot -- the home run has retained its power even as baseball itself has changed.

It was, of course, Babe Ruth who gave us the home run as we know it. Prior to him, no one had hit more than 27 home runs in a season. From 1919 to 1933, he hit more than 27 every year save one. He'd hit more home runs than entire teams.

Ruth launched 60 for the famous "Murderer's Row" Yankees in 1927. This record stood for decades when along came this .260 hitter recently traded to the Yankees from the Kansas City Athletics named Roger Maris to challenge history from out of nowhere.

It didn't go well. Maris encountered a wave of derision and abuse as his long balls piled up. Shy and self-effacing, he wasn't mediagenic enough for the media, at least not after the press got through with him.

Such was the pressure on Maris that his hair began falling out and he wanted to sit out games near the end. All the focus was on what he could do in 154 games and when he'd "only" hit 59 by that juncture, he was deemed a failure.

The season hadn't ended, though, even if the air had come out of the balloon. Maris pulled No. 61 into the right-field seats the last day of the season in front of a small Yankee Stadium crowd of roughly 23,000. The TV broadcaster Red Barber called the home run with only slightly more enthusiasm than a sacrifice fly in the middle of May. But the crowd warmly greeted the landmark, and his appreciative teammates pushed Maris out of the dugout for a curtain call.

In theory, 60 home runs shouldn't be an untouchable record like Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak. Hitting 10 home runs a month for six months sounds very doable. There have been dozens of 50-homer seasons (Yankee slugger Giancarlo Stanton hit 59 with the Miami Marlins back in 2017). But the grind of the long season, the inevitability of slumps, and the factor of injuries make 60 a formidable barrier.

Now, Aaron Judge is in a position to challenge the record. If he keeps gaining on it, he won't have a mediagenic problem. He's 6-foot-7 with a million-watt smile playing for the most storied franchise in the sport. A Yankee gaining on two other Yankees -- it couldn't be cued up better.

Sixty-one has, cheating aside, lasted more than half a century. Time for a new number.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review..

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Blow a Bubble Card

If your young kids and grandkids like blowing bubbles, they'll love this activity. When the colored bubbles dry on construction paper, they will become the eye-catching background for a one-of-a-kind work of art.

Here's the stuff you'll need:

- Pie pan or wide-mouth cup
- Liquid poster paint
- Liquid dishwashing detergent and water or commercial bubble-blowing solution
- Markers or crayons
- White or light-colored construction paper or cardstock
- Drinking straws
- Paper to cover work table

Now, here's the fun: Cover your work surface with newspaper or butcher paper. In the pie pan or cup, stir together one cup water, two to three tablespoons of paint and one tablespoon of detergent. Or, add paint to the bubble-blowing solution.

Place a straw in the mixture and blow into the straw to create colored bubbles billowing over the edge of the container. Remove the straw.

Fold a piece of construction paper in half to form a card, or use the front of the card on top of the bubbles and

hold it in place until several colored bubbles have popped and transferred their shapes onto the paper. Continue the process with different colors, if you wish. Set aside to dry. (If the bubble prints are not as dark as you'd like, add more paint to the mixture and blow again.)

Use markers to add drawings to the dried bubble prints, such as a jet flying through the bubble "clouds" for a "Bon Voyage" card. Write a message inside the card and sign it. Tuck into an envelope for a unique greeting or summer thank-you note to a friend or relative.

Note: Remind children to be careful not to suck on the straw when blowing the bubble solution. If you clip two holes about halfway down the straw,



Five-year-old Joshua Adams creates a bubble-art greeting card.

children will be less able to suck in the bubbles.

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

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

New Number for Suicide Crisis Line: 988

Across the country there is a new mental health suicide and crisis line phone number: 988. The Department of Veterans Affairs has merged services with that number to provide an additional resource for veterans to call when they're in crisis.

A result of the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020, the bill was passed and signed off as law. It's startling, however, to learn that this bill was first created and sponsored by 34 U.S. senators in 2019. (You can go here to learn whether your state's senators were among those supporting this legislation: www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2661.) Additionally, it was signed into law in 2020.

But these things take time. It wasn't until the middle of this year, 2022, that the 988 number was hooked up to the VA crisis line. During the two years, the VA beefed up the number of employees and responding staff by the hundreds. It hooks up 500 suicide prevention coordinators at the VA, which ensures that follow-up care is

part of the care a veteran receives.

You can call that 988 number, then press 1 for the Veterans Crisis Line. Or you can call the original number: 800-273-8255. Or you can text to 838255. And you also can instantly chat at www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat.

There are a number of options to help veterans who need suicide crisis help, and it's immediate. Somebody will answer 24/7, and you'll be asked a couple of quick questions, such as whether you are the veteran or if you're calling for a veteran who is at risk of suicide or is in immediate danger. It's all confidential and free. By the next day someone local (your suicide prevention coordinator) will contact you and get you lined up for continued support.

Go to the "Get Help Now" link above and click around, especially on "How It Works."

Remember, you don't have to be enrolled in any VA programs for health care or benefits. If you are a veteran, this service is for you. You're not alone.

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A King's Ransom: Chapter 11: Part 2



Carol Hall
Author

"It's so beautiful," Nicodemus said, his voice full of awe.

"Yes, it is," Bronwyn said. Even after only a couple of days being locked away in the dark dungeon, the light of the moon was a much welcome sight.

"Uh, Bronwyn?" Nicodemus asked. "How are we going to get into the moat?"

Bronwyn brought her attention back to the situation at hand. Glancing down, she realized they were only a few feet up from the water.

"We'll have to drop down into it," she said. "It's not that far."

"Will you go under when you hit the water?" he asked.

"I'm sure I will," Bronwyn said. "But only for a moment."

"Ummm, Bronwyn?" Nicodemus asked. "Will I be going under as well?"

"I don't see any way to avoid it," Bronwyn said, sympathetically.

"Oh Father Who Art in Heaven," Nicodemus began to pray. "Please save my wretched soul."

Bronwyn reached up and stroked a finger down his front leg. "It'll be alright," she said.

"How?" he asked. "I can't swim. Ohhh, I'm going to drown. I just know it."

"No, you aren't," Bronwyn said, patiently. "What if you tuck yourself down into the back of my shirt. I know you'll get wet, but you won't float away from me. As soon as I surface, drag your soggy, wet behind back up onto my back. You'll be above water while I swim, if you get up high enough."

"I do not like this," he grumbled. "I do not like this one bit. Maybe I should just go back to the dungeon. Yeah...I should go back."

Bronwyn grabbed him off her shoulder and stuffed him down the front of her shirt before he had time to realize what was happening. "Get your wimpy spider butt around to the back," she told him, speaking to him down the front of her shirt. "Hold your breath. I'm going in."

"Noooo!" came the muffled cry as she pulled herself out of the tunnel and dropped head first into the water below.

As the icy water enveloped her, she felt Nicodemus squirm his way around her midsection to the back. It only took a moment to right herself under the water, and break the surface, face up.

Gasping, gagging sounds reached her ears as she brushed the hair off her face.

"You almost killed me," Nicodemus accused as he settled himself on the back of her head.

"But I didn't," Bronwyn replied. "You were only under water for a matter of seconds. You lived."

"Barely," he said. "I can taste the foul moat water in my mouth."

"Yeah," Bronwyn agreed. "Me too. It's rather nasty, isn't it?"

"You can say that again," Nicodemus said.

Bronwyn scanned the area around the moat. No one was out and about tonight. Wondering what time it was, she looked back at the castle. There was candlelight in a few of the windows, but no person was seen looking out.

"We need to keep moving," Bronwyn whispered, realizing they had been talking too loudly a moment before. "Hold on."

Bronwyn stretched her body out in the water and quietly began to swim toward the bank.

The moat was huge. It would take several minutes to swim across it.

With each stroke, Bronwyn listened intently for any noise, any commotion, that would alert her that she had been discovered escaping.

The water was chilly. Little swirls of dirt and debris floated across the surface as they swam. A smell of rotten food and decaying leaves drifted up out of the murky depths.

When they were about halfway across, a soldier on horseback came galloping around the side of the castle, passing by them in the water.

Bronwyn gasped and ducked almost completely under the water, forgetting about Nicodemus sitting on her head.

Once the rider was passed, she raised herself up enough that her whole head was sticking out of the water again. She exhaled the lungful of air she had been holding.

"Whew," she said, looking around to make sure no other soldiers were coming. "That was too close."

"Uh oh," Nicodemus said, sounding guilty.

"What?" Bronwyn asked, suspiciously.

"I...um," Nicodemus stammered. "I...uh...well."

"What, Nicodemus?" she asked, forcefully. "Out with it."

"I...uh...accidentally oozed a teeny bit of webbing into your hair," he said.

"What?" Bronwyn asked. "Ewww. You mean you pooped on my head?"

"I didn't poop," Nicodemus said. "I expelled a little webbing, is all."

"Nicodemus, that's gross!" Bronwyn exclaimed. "Get it out!"

"I'm sorry," he said. "I wasn't prepared for you to dip your head under the water, and well, it scared me. Sometimes when I get scared, I excrete a little webbing."

"Get it out!" Bronwyn demanded between gritted teeth.

I can't," Nicodemus said. "We'll have to wait till we reach shore."

"I'm going to kill you," Bronwyn said, swimming harder. The thought of having goeey, spider butt excretions in her hair was making her nauseated.

Finally, they reached the bank.

Bronwyn flattened herself to the ground as she pulled herself out of the water.

Once they were on land, Nicodemus scampered off her back and squatted down just out of reach.

Bronwyn, though in a hurry to make it to the cover of the forest, couldn't stand the thought of leaving Nicodemus's web in her hair. She began plucking and peeling the sticky strings from her damp curls until she was satisfied she had removed them all.

"You ever do that again..." she threatened.

"It was an accident," Nicodemus said.

"I'm just saying," Bronwyn said. "I'll plug your butt with something if it ever happens again."

Nicodemus inched away from her another few inches. "I said I was sorry," he said.

Bronwyn surveyed the surrounding area. They had come out at the back of the castle.

That was a good thing.

The forest wasn't as far off as it was in the front of the fortress.

The moon, while offering them light to see by, would also blow their cover if anyone happened to look out a window as they made their way across the open field.

"We need to get going," Bronwyn said.

"Am I still allowed to ride on you?" Nicodemus asked.

Bronwyn looked over at him hunkered down in the grass about two feet away from her.

"Of course," she said. "I didn't mean to hurt your feelings. I've just never been pooped on by a spider before."

"I didn't poop on you," he said, again.

"It came out of your butt, didn't it?" she asked.

"Well, yes," he conceded. "But it wasn't..."

"Sshhh," Bronwyn said, her finger to her lips. "I thought I heard something."

Nicodemus dashed over and sprinted up her back, coming to rest on her shoulder. "What was it?" he asked in her ear.

"I'm not sure," she said. "We'd better get out of here, though."

Flattening herself onto her stomach, she crawled away from the water into the long grass of the meadow.

The tall weeds and grasses offered some protection from anyone who might be gazing out a castle window, but the undulating stalks would give away their position and alert an onlooker that someone, or something, was making a path across the field toward the forest.

Bronwyn wanted to go slow to avoid causing too much swaying of the vegetation, but at the same time, she wanted to sprint as fast as she could to the cover of the trees.

The sudden sound of shouting and hollering filled the night air.

The guard must have discovered Alys locked in the cell.

They knew Bronwyn had escaped.

Terror tore through her. There was no time to spare.

Hiking up her skirt, she bolted for the trees.

"Hold on, Nicodemus," she said. "We're going to make a run for it."

She felt Nicodemus tangle his legs in the hair on the side of her head. She hoped he could hang on. It was a fight or flight situation, and she knew she wouldn't win a fight.

It only took a couple of minutes for Bronwyn to reach the tree line.

The distant sound of the king's army assembling in the meadow sent a terrifying chill up her spine.

Ducking under a thicket of briars and brambles, she began sobbing as fear clutched her heart.

What would happen to her if they found her? She was sure it would be an instant death sentence.

"We have to hide, Bronwyn," Nicodemus said, frantically. "We can't outrun them."

The pounding of horses hooves sounded across the field. The army was dispersing in different directions.

Bronwyn watched in horror as a group of riders with torches were heading straight for where she and Nicodemus were crouched in the undergrowth.

"Hurry!" Nicodemus prompted her. "Find a hiding place!"

Bronwyn swung her gaze in all directions looking for a spot to hide from the approaching riders.

Her eyes fell on a hollowed out tree base a few feet behind her.

Scrambling on her hands and knees, she squeezed herself into the rotten wooden cave just as the men on horseback entered the woods a short distance from where she'd just been sitting.



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Michael Edwin Thornton is a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War who held the rank of Petty Officer (Highest Rank: Lieutenant). Throughout the Vietnam War he served in a naval advisory group.

On October 15, 1973 Lieutenant Thornton, was presented with the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Richard M. Nixon for his heroic actions in battle on October 31, 1972.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while participating in a daring operation against enemy forces. Petty Officer (PO) Thornton, as assistant U.S. Navy adviser, along with a U.S. Navy lieutenant serving as senior adviser, accompanied a three-man Vietnamese Navy SEAL patrol on an intelligence-gathering and prisoner capture operation against an enemy-occupied naval river base. Launched from a Vietnamese Navy junk in a rubber boat, the patrol reached land and was continuing on foot toward its objective when it



suddenly came under heavy fire from a numerically superior force. The patrol called in naval gunfire support and then engaged the enemy in a fierce firefight, accounting for many enemy casualties before moving back to the waterline to prevent encirclement. Upon learning that the senior adviser had been hit by enemy fire and was believed to be dead, PO Thornton returned through a hail of fire to the lieutenant's last position, quickly disposed of two enemy soldiers about to overrun the position, and succeeded in removing the seriously wounded and unconscious Senior Naval Advisor to the water's edge. He then inflated the lieutenant's lifejacket and towed him seaward for approximately two hours until picked up by support craft. By his extraordinary courage and perseverance, PO Thornton was directly responsible for saving

the life of his superior officer and enabling the safe extraction of all patrol members, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Mounted Deputy Nichole Shuff served as a volunteer deputy with the Clare County Sheriff's Department, Michigan for the past two years.

Tragically she died on Friday, July 29, 2022 after she succumbed to injuries, she sustained four days earlier when the horse she was riding fell while responding to a medical call at the Clare County Fair.

Mounted Deputy Shuff was getting off her horse to render aid to a citizen when her horse suddenly lost its footing and fell back. Deputy Shuff suffered a serious head injury as a result of the accident.

Sheriff John Wilson is not sure why or how the horse lost control. He explains that the horses go through intense training

so situations like this don't occur.

"They take these horses and subject them to lots of noise. Banging," Sheriff Wilson says. "I just really believe that the horse lost its



footing."

Sheriff Wilson thinks it is possible that the horse also might have been hit in the backside, causing it to lose control.

As her last act of selflessness Deputy Shuff was kept on life support so her organs could be donated. She was only thirty-three-years-old and is survived by her husband.

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* M.F. in Washington writes: "For taking to a party: Melt vanilla chips in the microwave, adding by handfuls and heating for about 15 seconds at a time. After 15 seconds, stir and repeat until chips have melted. Then dip small clusters of green grapes into the melted vanilla chips."

* "I read your tips in a Rochelle, Illinois, newspaper. The paper is sent to me by a friend, and I love the tips. Here is mine: For homemade spray and wash, mix 2 cups of water, 2 tablespoons of white vinegar, 1 tablespoon of baking soda and 1 tablespoon of dish soap." -- K.W. in Tennessee

* When purchasing school supplies, remember that paper, pencils, etc., typically aren't on sale mid-year, so stocking up is a good idea. Just make sure the deal you are getting is a good one. Then put it away for distribution later!

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* A fan of the Detroit Pistons who also happened to design the video game NBA Jam detested the Chicago Bulls so much that he embedded a special code causing them to miss last-second shots when playing the Pistons in the game.

* Heat waves kill more Americans than tornadoes, hurricanes, or floods.

* In nuclear physics, a "shake" (equivalent to 10 nanoseconds) is an informal unit of time measuring events in a nuclear explosion.

* Fans of the Philadelphia Eagles have a longstanding reputation for rowdiness, but when a 1997 game between the team and the San Francisco 49ers saw around 60

fistfights in the stands, with someone even shooting a flare gun, the response from both worried families and local law enforcement prompted the installation of "Eagles Court," a functional courtroom and jail at Veterans Stadium.

* Calling a man bald qualifies as sexual harassment in the United Kingdom.

* When Salvador Dali bought a castle for his wife, Gala, in 1968, she accepted it with one condition -- that the artist would gain written permission from her before visiting.

* One of the oldest recorded tattoo ink recipes consists of Egyptian pine bark, corroded bronze, vinegar, vitriol, leek juice and insect eggs.

* The movie term "blockbust-

er" was originally a military term to describe bombs in World War II that could destroy an entire city block.

* You've undoubtedly watched the Oscars at some point, but have you heard of the Pawscars? That's an annual show put on by American Humane, celebrating the "furry, winged, and scaled" actors of TV and film, both past and present.

* As he lay dying of blood poisoning, the last words of whiskey distiller Jack Daniel were, fittingly, "One last drink, please."

Thought for the Day: "The past is the only dead thing that smells sweet." -- Cyril Connolly

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* I lay out my school clothes and even my hairbrush and stuff to get ready. I put my shoes and socks by the front door. I am always ready before my sister, and I get to watch TV while she is running around. -- R.G. in Florida

* Pint-size water bottles are great for refilling with milk. The milk boxes at the grocery store are so expensive, and this way, I can control how chocolatey the chocolate milk is. -- C.C. in Oregon

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Witty one
- 4 Brings in
- 9 Rail
- 12 Mess up
- 13 Unconventional
- 14 Quarterback Manning
- 15 Airhead
- 17 Heavy weight
- 18 Verily
- 19 Made finer, as flour
- 21 Rope parts
- 24 "Holy —!"
- 25 Prefix with gram or center
- 26 Spasm
- 28 Picture puzzle
- 31 Towering
- 33 "Eureka!"
- 35 Nickelodeon's "Explorer"
- 36 Politico
- 38 Branch
- 40 Klutz
- 41 Village People hit
- 43 Place of worship
- 45 Thief
- 47 Equal (Pref.)
- 48 Terre Haute sch.
- 49 Inflatable pool toy
- 54 Prof's degree
- 55 Point of view
- 56 Noon, on a sundial
- 57 Blue
- 58 Portals
- 59 Moray, for one
- 6 — glance
- 7 Spectrum creator
- 8 Soon-to-be grad
- 9 Cartoon vamp
- 10 Medicinal plant
- 11 Peel
- 16 Coloring agent
- 20 Skedaddled
- 21 Greek salad cheese
- 22 Apple tablet
- 23 Melville sailor
- 27 Dance syllable
- 29 Russian river
- 30 Ump's call
- 32 Gentle soul
- 34 Newspaper piece
- 37 Headache aid
- 39 Fits together
- 42 Where the action is
- 44 Unruly group
- 45 Tears
- 46 Job-safety org.
- 50 Literary rep
- 51 Chopping tool
- 52 Fish story
- 53 Dogpatch adjective

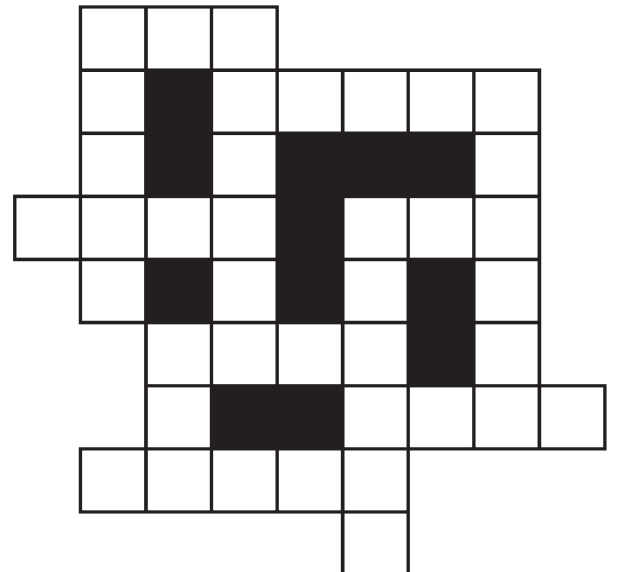
DOWN

- 1 Entanglement
- 2 "Entourage" character
- 3 Spike's warning
- 4 Actor De Niro
- 5 Turkey is part of it

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- URF
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- TAFBA
- ♥ERFE
- ♥DRATEC
- BCU
- LDFE
- CARFN
- IRD
- AFGLUB
- ♥LUREC
- ♥EMCA



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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BIBLE TRIVIA

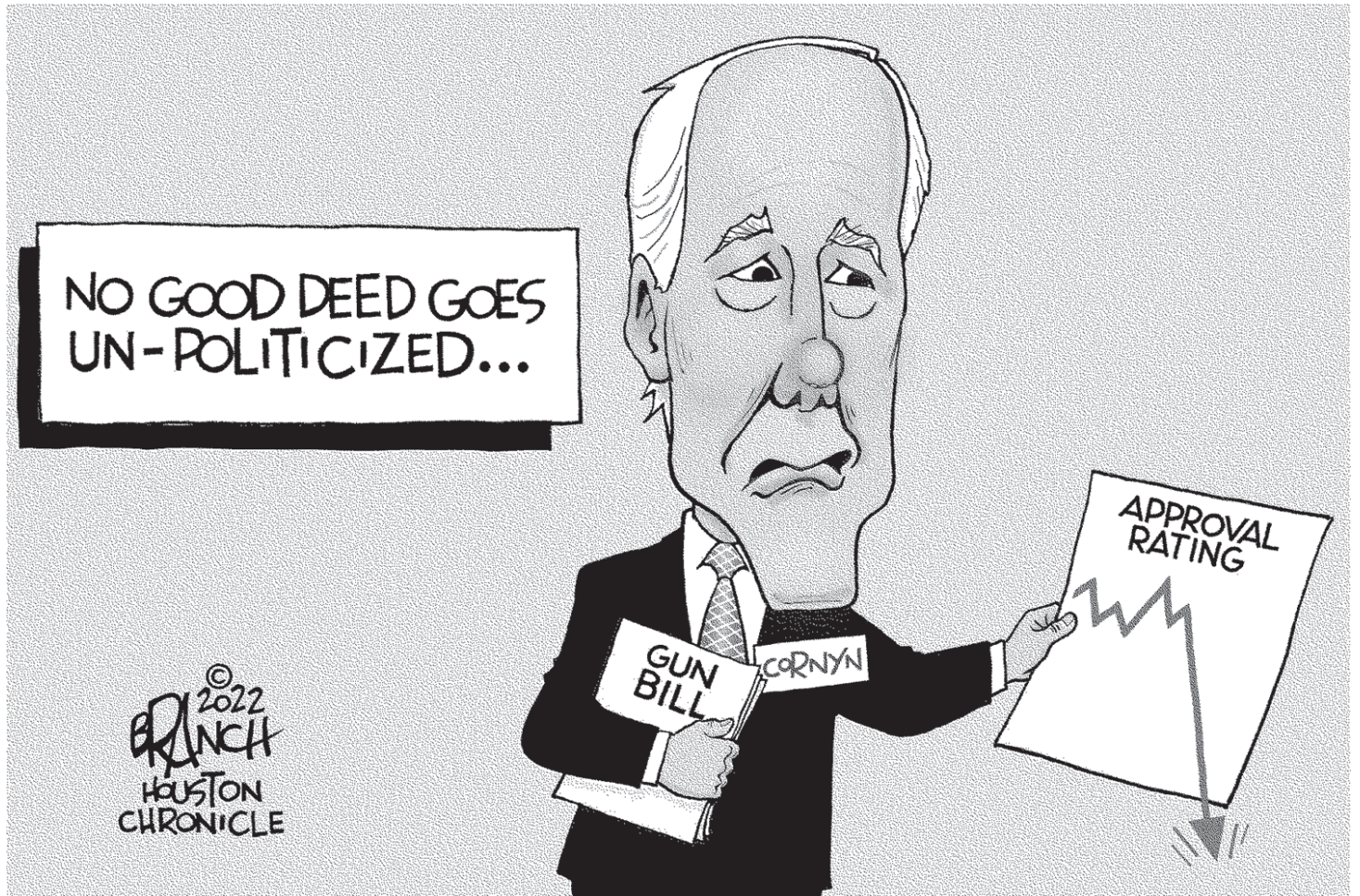
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Haggai in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Proverbs 22:15, what is bound up in the heart of a child? *Foolishness, Joy, Love, Warmth*
3. Where was Paul on receiving his "Macedonian vision"? *Troas, Gilgal, Petra, Rome*
4. What Phoenician city was home to Hiram? *Endor, Patara, Tyre, Sardis*
5. From Genesis 2, what did God use to form man? *Water, Dust, Robe, Wind*
6. What was a publican in biblical times? *Priest, Laborer, Carpenter, Tax Collector*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Foolishness, 3) Troas, 4) Tyre, 5) Dust, 6) Tax Collector

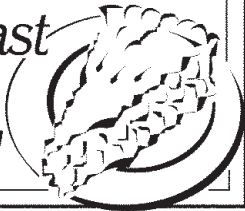
Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," now available in bookstores and online.

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Comfort foods

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by Healthy Exchanges

Summer Chicken and Pasta Salad

August ... when it's too sweltering for even the dogs to venture out into the noonday sun. Cook your macaroni early in the morning — or better yet, simply pull some already-cooked pasta out of the freezer to thaw, and you won't have to turn on your stove for this refreshing main-dish salad.

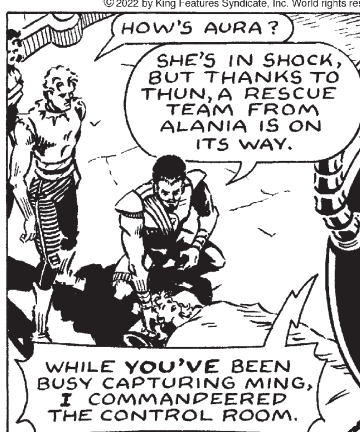
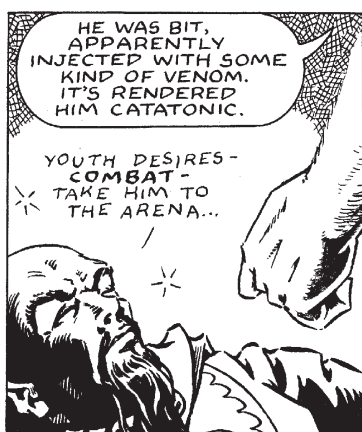
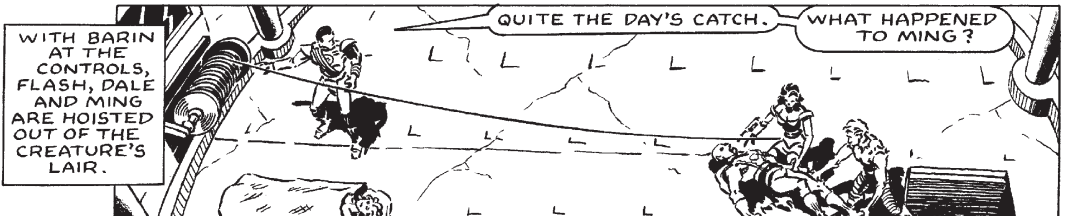
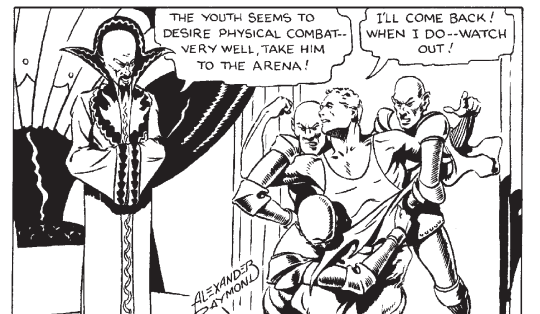
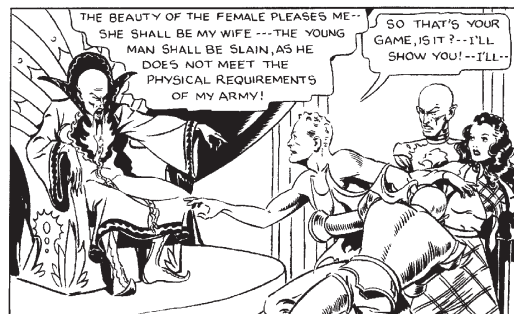
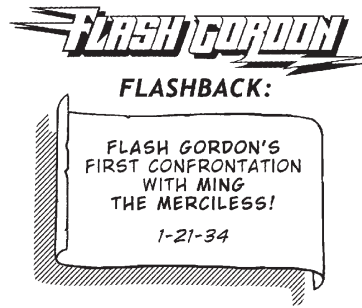
- 2/3 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons fat-free milk
- 1/4 cup grated reduced-fat Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup diced cooked chicken breast
- 3 cups cooked shell macaroni, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped fresh tomato
- 3/4 cup chopped green bell pepper

1. In a large bowl, combine mayonnaise, milk, Parmesan cheese and black pepper. Add chicken, macaroni and onion. Mix well to combine. Gently fold in tomato and green pepper.

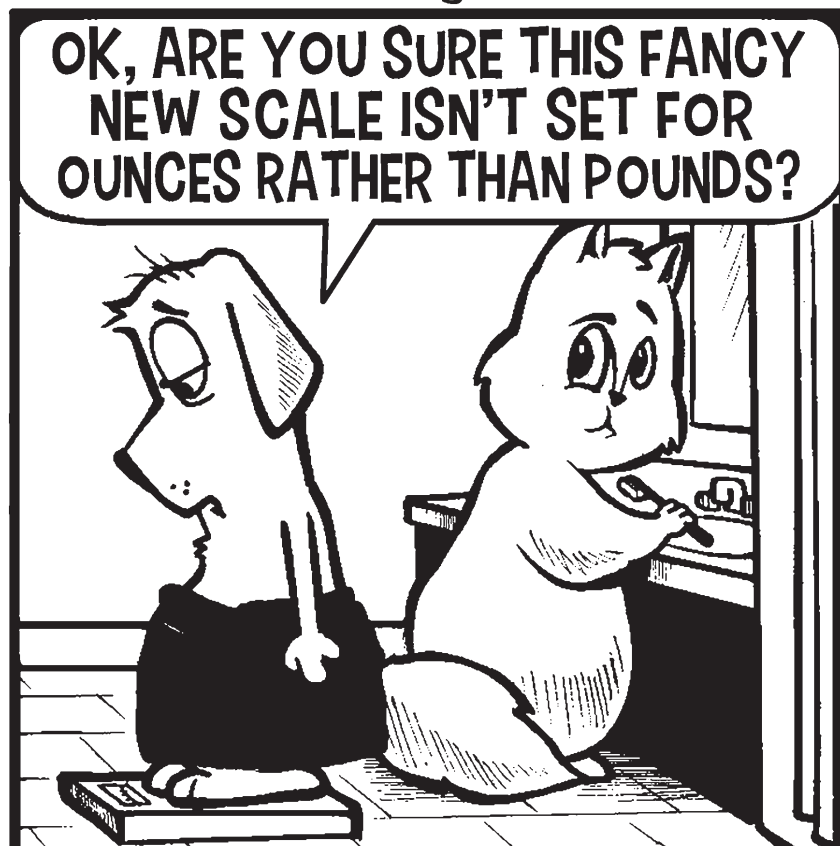
2. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Mix gently again just before serving. Serves 6 (1 cup each).

• Each serving equals: 178 calories, 2g fat, 10g protein, 30g carb., 355mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Meat, 1/2 Vegetable.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



"How do I feel about this proposal, Figby?"

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Leadership Morgan is a program that seeks to develop leaders who will have a positive impact on the growth and development of Morgan County. This program will provide networking opportunities for community leaders, facilitate the interchange of ideas and familiarity with various local issues of the county and how they relate to economic and community development, and will encourage positive steps toward resolving county issues.

We invite and encourage all businesses in Morgan County to consider who this is within your workplace, encourage their application, and consider sponsoring their attendance for a once a month class session beginning in mid-October 2022 and graduating in May 2023. Class will be held from 8am to 4pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Tuition for the season is \$250 per participant. This fee will help our sponsors pay for all classes, meals, class supplies, necessary transportation between business presentations, certificates, and a class overnight trip for a day in session at the TN State Capital. Scholarships may be available through our area sponsors.

Morgan County resident, are you a candidate? Is someone you know a candidate? Application deadline is Friday, Sept. 30th. Space may be limited, so let us know just as soon as you decide!

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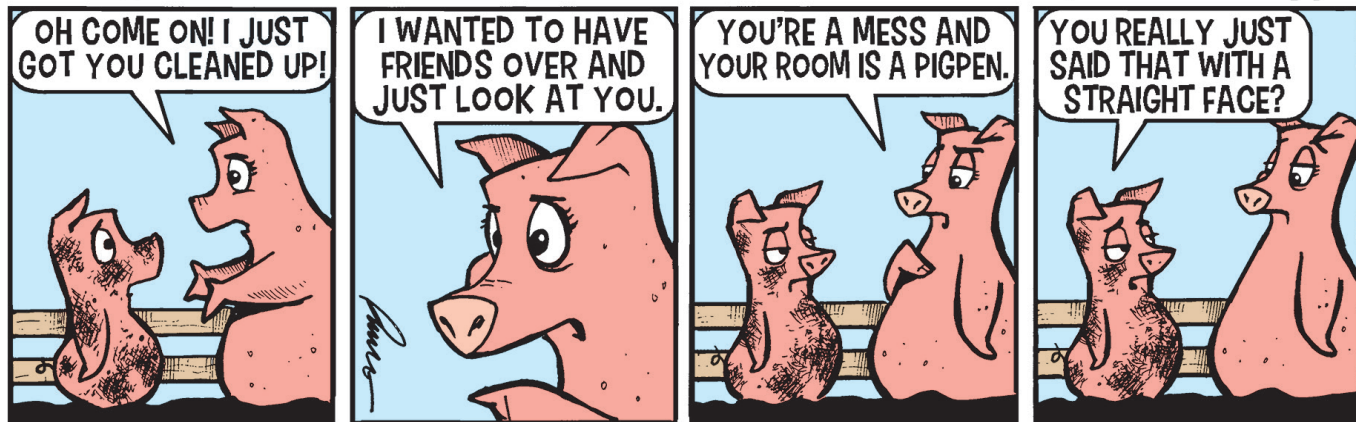
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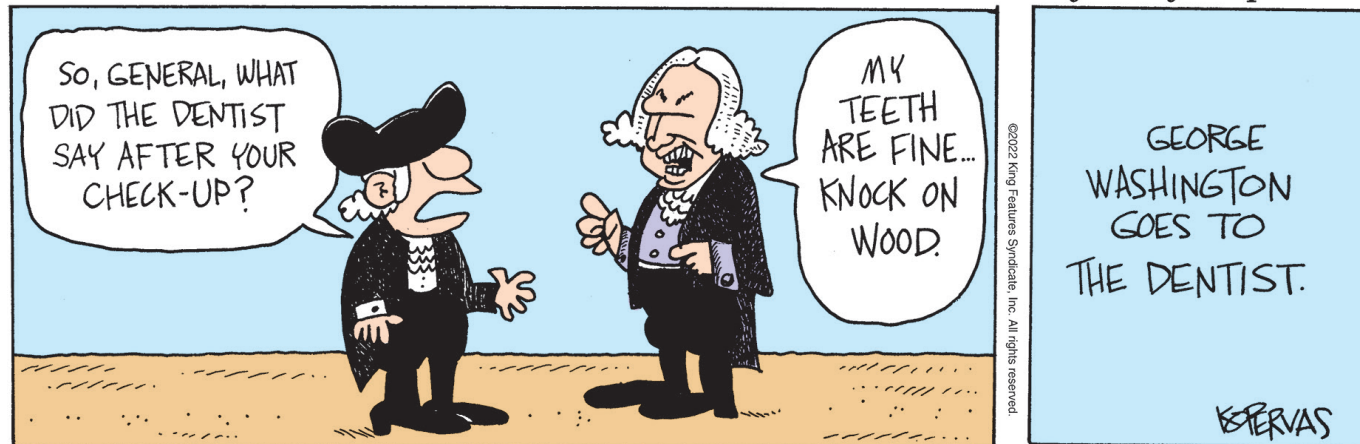
Amber Waves

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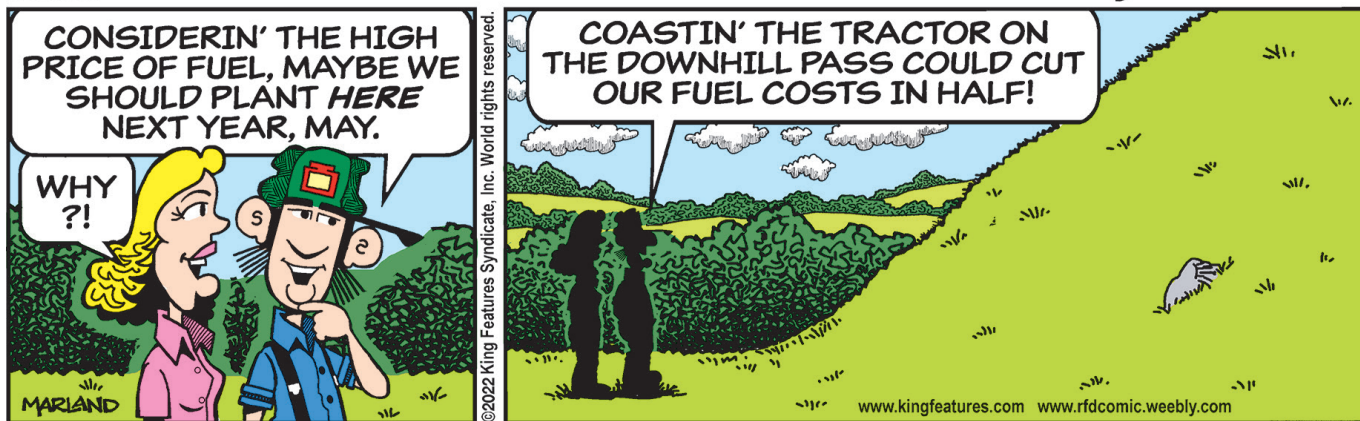
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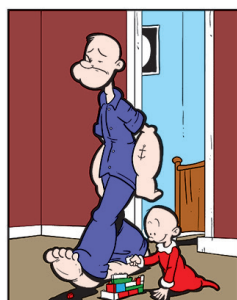
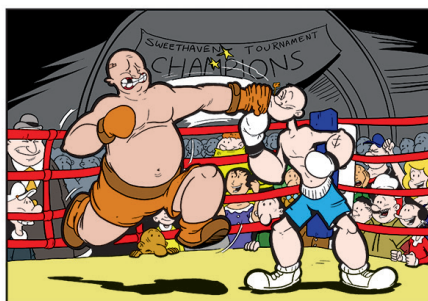
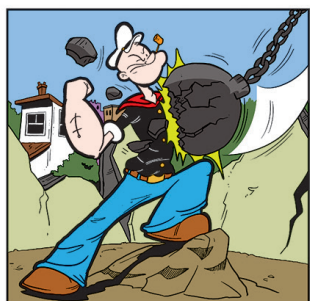
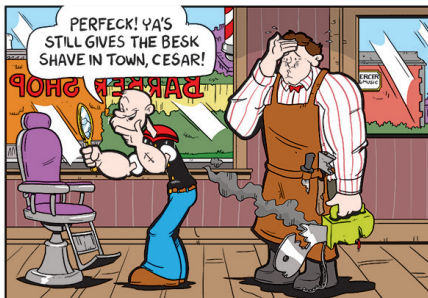
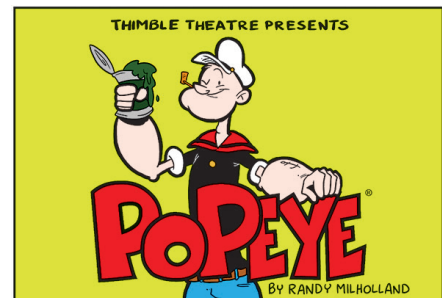
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Aug. 19, 1812, the U.S. Navy frigate *Constitution*, known as "Old Ironsides," catches the British warship *Guerriere* 600 miles east of Boston where the *Constitution* delivered its first broadside. The British man-of-war was de-masted and rendered a wreck while the *Constitution* escaped with only minimal damage.

* On Aug. 20, 1911, a dispatcher in *The New York Times* office sends the first telegram around the world to determine how fast a commercial message could be sent. After it traveled more than 28,000 miles, relayed by 16 different operators, the reply was received by the same operator 16.5 minutes later.

* On Aug. 18, 1940, Walter Percy Chrysler, the founder of the American automotive corporation that bears his name, dies in New York. Chrysler was also known for financing the 77-story Art Deco Chrysler building skyscraper in midtown Manhattan. When completed in 1930, it was the tallest building in the world.

* On Aug. 16, 1954, *Sports Illustrated*, a new magazine dedicated to covering sports, appears on American newsstands with a cover photo of Milwaukee Braves third baseman Eddie Mathews. *Sports Illustrated* did not make money for most of its first decade but eventually became the undisputed leader in American sports media.

* On Aug. 15, 1961, two days after sealing off free passage between East and West Berlin with barbed wire, East German authorities begin building a wall -- the Berlin Wall -- to permanently close off access to the West. For the next 28 years, the wall was a literal "iron curtain" dividing Europe.

* On Aug. 21, 1980, animal rights advocates Ingrid Newkirk and Alex Pacheco found *People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals*. Rising from humble beginnings, PETA will soon become the world's foremost and most controversial animal rights organization.

* On Aug. 17, 1993, Random House agrees to pay Gen. Colin Powell an advance of about \$6 million for the rights to his autobiography, "My American Journey." Powell's book became the fastest-selling book in Random House history. (c) 2021 Hearst Communications, Inc. All Rights Reserved

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Historically Speaking

Two Ghost Stories from Fred Eiler

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

I am pleased to bring you two Ghost Stories from my friend Fred Eiler. Enjoy!

Fred introduced the stories, "The first couple of years of my teaching career were spent at Norwood School near Oliver Springs. It was the late sixties, and the Foxfire books were all the rage, so I asked my Language Arts class to record a ghost story from their neck of the woods. There were many good ones, but one in particular struck my imagination and I've never forgotten it."

"A friendly, outgoing young lady named Rebecca lived in the beautiful, remote valley called 'the Cove,' just north of Oliver Springs on the Morgan County line. She explained that the children from this rural area liked to walk to town and visit some of the big, old houses for really nice treats. But she pointed out that there was one particular place that they never visited, and always ran to get past as fast as they could. If they dared to pause there, they sometimes heard the moans or cries of a baby in pain.

"Their families explained that long ago a toddler had fallen of the porch of the Wiley house on the cliff above and died on the rocks of Indian Creek far below. My first son was about that age at that time, and I could imagine the grief of the stricken family.

"One Fall night my wife and I had taken some students from the Cove home after a football game, and I told her the story. Although she begged me not to stop at the haunted place, I couldn't resist seeing it in the light of the Harvest Moon.

"At first it was totally silent, but soon a breeze produced a moaning sound along the creek, and then the wind in the hemlocks made a crying noise. I knew perfectly well what was creating the sound effects, but the thought of the dying child filled me with dread.

"When my teaching career took me to Clinton High School in 1970, I had the pleasure of meeting Snyder E. Roberts, who was teaching history there. I asked him about the 'Ghost of Indian Creek,' and he replied, 'Which one?'

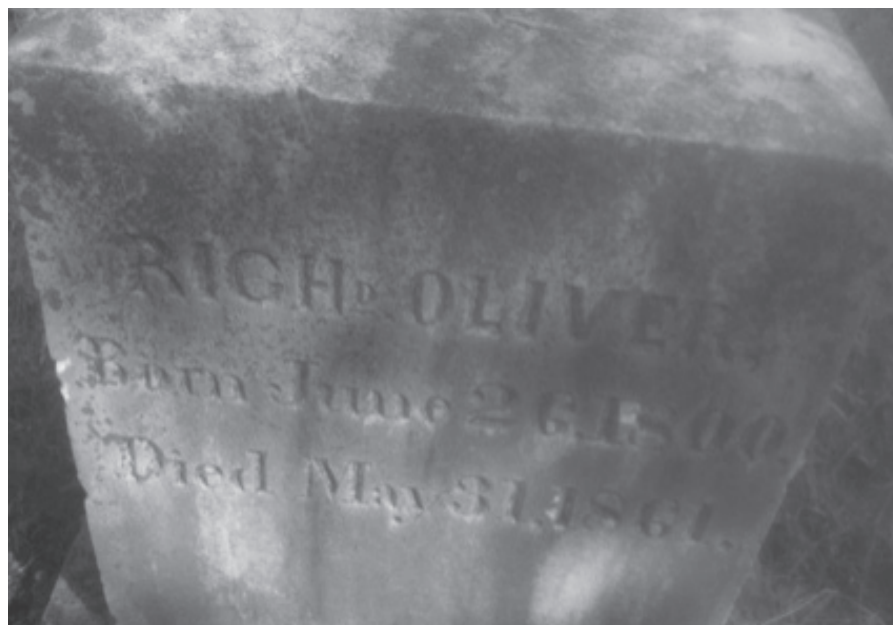
"He explained that there was more than one ghost story for that hollow. I told him it was about the baby that fell to its death on the rocks below. He replied, 'Oh yes, that is a true story!'

"He said the child was the son of Joseph Estabrook, former President of the East Tennessee College, now the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, who had moved to Winters' Gap, now Oliver Springs, to establish the Great Salt Works. I told him I knew of President Estabrook because he had a building named after him at the University, but that I had never heard of the Salt Works. He promised to bring me his research on the period to peruse at my leisure.

"I learned that the presence of salt in this area was probably known by the Indians before the arrival of the first white settlers. An area known as the 'Sand Field' above Moses Winters' mill

pond was drilled for salt by James Galbraith and William Rector as early as 1831. Joseph Estabrook was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire, on December 7, 1794, according to Snyder Robert's Story of Oliver Springs, Vol IV. UT Libraries website gives the date as Dec. 8, 1792.

"He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1815 and enrolled in Princeton to become a minister, but because of a throat condition was forced to follow teaching. He taught Latin and Greek at Amherst.



Grave marker for Richard Oliver, for whom Oliver Springs is named - photo by Fred Eiler (Photo Submitted)

"In 1823 he married Nancy Dickinson, a relative of the poet Emily Dickinson. After a stint as President of a school for young ladies in Staunton, Virginia, he came to Knoxville and served as President of East Tennessee University from 1834 to 1849.

"His wife Nancy's brother was Perez Dickinson, a wealthy Knoxville businessman. With his and others' backing, Dr. Estabrook entered into a contract with Moses C. Winters effective May 16, 1851, for the use of 195 acres of land for the salt works.

Part of the contract called for Moses C. to vacate his home on the leased property, and Dr. Estabrook lived there with his extensive library, his new bride, and soon a son and heir, Joseph Jr.

"Dr. Estabrook first wife had died and in 1853 he married Angelina M. Wiley, the daughter of the wealthy coal magnate Henry H. Wiley. It was in her father's home on the bluff above Indian Creek that their only child fell to his death at only 13 months of age.

"Joseph Jr. was buried in an empty lot on Walker Avenue, and when Dr. Estabrook died on May 18, 1855, he was buried next to his son. His fabulous library became a part of the estate sale, along with the wealth of salt works equipment. When the Oliver Springs Cemetery was opened in 1888, their bodies were moved there and are commemorated by a large tombstone.

"The names and events in the lives of these important characters in Oliver Springs may have been forgotten, but the memory of this precious child lingers on in legend to remind us of the fragility of human life.

A second Ghost Story from Fred:

"Among the ghost stories my students assembled many years ago as a class project, one stood out because of the close proximity of the setting to the school. The late Reverend Terry Moore was one of my students then, before going on to a

great football career at Clinton High School, the University of Tennessee, and then as a pro.

"He lived in the Crab Orchard stone ranch house directly across the street from Norwood School. He explained that his house sat on the spot where Richard Oliver, namesake for Oliver Springs, had built his thirty-five-room mansion and inn.

"Richard Oliver died intestate in 1861, and the ensuing Civil War left the land uncultivated, the slaves scattered to the four winds, and taxes unpaid on 3,559 acres in Anderson County alone. The mansion had served alternately for North and South [during the Civil War], including as a hospital for wounded soldiers, as evidenced by the blood stains recalled by later visitors.

"The house was sold by the Chancery Court to W. A. Cobbe of New York City in 1867. He was sued by a partner in the Morgan County German Settlement Company, George F. Gerding, who won a settlement of \$69,825, which he levied on Cobbe's Anderson County holdings. Cobbe released them to Gerding in 1872. Gerding lived in the Mansion until his death in 1884, and his daughter, Charlotte Gerding Triplett Lewis lived there until it burned under mysterious circumstances during the Coal Miner's War in 1892.

"Charlotte then had an elaborate three-story Victorian mansion, complete with cupola, built on the site. Charlotte had three children by her first husband, Robert S. Triplett Sr. After his death she moved into the Richard Oliver Mansion then occupied by her father. Her son Robert S. Triplett Jr. was killed in the Spanish-American war of 1898.

"She was known to wander her new Victorian mansion calling out to her lost son, and she even prepared a séance room with a chair and table high in the cupola which she called 'the garrett.' This home was torn down by Terry's parents, Ruth, and Allen Moore, to build their home about 1960.

"Terry said he never encountered Ribbie's spirit in the new house, but he often wondered if the spirits of Richard Oliver and his wife wandered around after the desecration of their family cemetery on the hill just north of the Norwood Schools. I doubted that graves of such important people in local history would be destroyed, but Snyder E. Roberts later confirmed the loss.

"As stated in his Story of Oliver Springs, Vol. IV., he explained that the area population was vastly pro-Union during the Civil War, and afterwards local slave holders were often blamed for the loss of life and destruction caused by the war. Sometimes they were sued in court for damages incurred, and some left the area in face of the strong resentment. Maybe one day these old resentments will be forgotten, and transgressions forgiven, and the spirits of those who wander can rest in peace.

I hope you enjoyed these two Ghost Stories...

Mark Keck Makes His Case For County Executive

I am Mark Keck, and I am asking for your vote for Morgan County Executive. Like many of you I made the choice to make Morgan County Tennessee my home. My career choice was the United State Navy serving 35 years before retirement. Through dedication and commitment to assignments I was promoted from the beginning rank of seaman recruit (E1) to Chief Warrant Officer 5, of which there are only 5 of my specialty at any one time in the Navy and promoted to that rank by US Congress. My responsibilities were the safe docking and undocking of ships, Care, upkeep, training and usage of the ship's boats and equipment. The safe and efficient loading, unloading, and storage of stores, ammunition, and fuel in port and at sea. Supervised 350 to 1,000 personnel. Managed 2.5-million-dollar budget. Designated a Surface Warfare Officer.

Upon moving to Morgan County Tennessee 12 years ago, I got involved with the community, starting with the resurrection of the American Legion Post 149 for which I am the Adjutant and still

involved today. Work as the Morgan County Vet-



Pam & Mark Keck (Photo Submitted)

eran Service officer advocating for the benefits owed to our veterans to which last Fiscal Year 13.5 million dollars were obtained by those veterans collectively. Morgan County Tourism Alliance Chair-

man which is a group of all volunteers that work together for the promotion of tourism of Morgan County. Recently in April 2022 we opened the doors to Tanners Historic Café which we had purchased and persevered through COVID to open on time. It is once again a gathering place allowing for memories to be remembered and new memories to be made.

I have volunteered at other entities within Morgan County.

While not an experienced politician, I am experienced in leadership and commitment in setting goals and getting projects completed. Respecting the past, and offering a vision for new and positive direction for all our citizens, born and bred, or newly arrived. I look forward to representing all Morgan Countians and building a working relationship with all members of Morgan County Government. I am Mark Keck, Morgan Countian by choice.

(Paid for by Candidate)

Patriotic Event in Oliver Springs.

Food City Grocery Store Manager Sam Belcher invited the local veterans to conduct a flag ceremony in the parking lot at the Oliver Springs Food City Store on Saturday. Sam Belcher and the employees did an exceptional job in recognizing and supporting these veterans.

American Legion Post 112, Commander James Drewery, organized and performed the flag ceremony in an outstanding military fashion. The Commander was praised by the veterans of doing a great job by harnessing all the support by the viewing patriots that were there in respect of our beloved American Flag. Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Phillips raised the flag upon the Commander's orders with support of other Legionnaires. Members of the Roane County Military Burial Team were present to sound the bugle during the ceremony.

1st Vice Commander/Chaplin Don Long informed the participants and worked the crowd by reminding the patriots of our karaoke and dinner event each Tuesday evening starting at 6:00 PM and Bible Study on Thursday, 6:00 PM. The full dinner, desert, drinks, and a door prize ticket are provided with an eight-dollar suggested donation. Children 10 and younger are free. The entire community is encouraged and welcomed to attend our events.

The American Legion Post is located at 1123 Lookout Ave, Oliver Springs. Post 112 doesn't allow any alcohol beverages. We salute and make our pledge of allegiance to flag of America, mention the sick and injured, bless the food, praise the Lord in prayer, and have a moment of silence for the POW/MIA. We are interested in recruiting any veterans in the tri-county area. The Legion is known to assist veterans and their families in our vicinity. The Post meeting occur the second Monday of each month starting at 6:30 PM. You may contact Dan Orange at (865) 816-0069 on attending the events or serving as a member with the American Legion.



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John Burns

Opinion Columnist

The Biblical Paradigm of Gentile Brides

Beginning with Eve, God's one plan of redemption revolves around a virgin girl of the house of David, carrying God's seed, to be born King of the Jews. Eve questions God's word, and tries to cover her transgressions with the fig leaves. Church was born in Eden.

God's answer to church was to cover them in the blood of a slain male lamb two years old or younger, and unblemished. His plan for redemption was activated, and Adam was shown the first mercy and grace in human history. He taught Adam his complete plan of redemption by teaching him the semimic contained in the twelve constellations in the night sky.

The Mazzaroth reveals that God always intended to become a lamb in the womb of a virgin girl, to grow up and become the lion of the tribe of Judah, and rule over all the nations of the earth for 1,000 years. God first wrote his plan in the heavens before commissioning Adam and Eve to carry out the plan.

The plan of God to die for the iniquity of humanity, contains eternal mercy in the lives of our Jewish cousins. So many times, had they violated the command to marry only within the tribe. This was exactly why God had to do it all himself. Gentile brides litter the ancestry of Jesus the God-Man.

Noah was perfect in his generation. Cain was no doubt walking the earth prior to the flood bearing the mark of the cross. The TAU is the Hebrew character which denotes a cross. It is the mark of Cain. He could not be killed by anyone but God, and he was marked to be the world that then was, evangelist and teacher.

Noah's sons took wives of the Canaanite women. They had not polluted themselves with fallen angels, and this qualified them to begin repopulation of earth after the flood. This is what made Noah perfect in his generation. He believed God, and it was accounted unto him as righteousness. His water baptism was the flood!

Ham, Shem, and Japheth were instructed to leave the ark and choose a direction of travel. Ham went South by west into Egypt and Africa and in Canaan. Shem settled the fertile plains of Iran, Iraq, Syria, and the Levant, which we call Jordan and Israel, and Lebanon. Japheth went North into the Caucasus mountains of the southern Russian steppes and East into Mongolia and China and lands east of them.

Shem gave birth to Eber in Mesopotamia along the Euphrates River. Eber would be the pro-genitor of Abram and his Gentile wife Sarai. By learning obedience, a Hebrew man and Gentile wife are anointed to become the progenitors of the eventual Messiah from the tribe of Judah. First, they had to escape the world of Nimrod and Semiramis, to begin God's plan of bringing us the tribe of Jacob for the eventual birth of Jesus Christ.

After the flood of Noah, men began to worship all things God had created. Men deified themselves as the creator god who gave us the earth, the sun, the moon and the 12 stars.

Wives of kings were being worshipped in the cult of Ishtar. This cult belief was given to us by Semiramis when she had intercourse with a fallen angel whom she created a mythology about herself being impregnated by Nebo, the head of the fallen angel cult begun by Lucifer. The religion of Babylon was given to us by a gentile queen calling herself a goddess.

Semiramis gave birth to Tammuz 1 the heir to the throne of Babel on the Euphrates and proclaimed to be the son of god. The pollution of the Mazzaroth taught in Job 38 began in Babel under Nimrod.

Sarai was a descendant of Mesopotamian peoples who allowed the

worship of the heavens and fertility in women, by celestial observation. Ziggurats appeared for the viewing of the heavens and the religion of Babel married secular power and our first world dictator who worshipped Mithras the bull was born. The first world order outside of God's plan of redemption for humanity.

Jacob marries gentile Leah and Rachel, while also keeping two gentile concubines. Rachel eventually gives birth to Joseph who is sold into slavery by his brothers for being his mother's favorite shepherd. Joseph takes an Egyptian bride while serving as prime minister. They become the pro-genitors of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh.

Rahab is a citizen of Jericho. When the spies of Israel show up, she makes a shrewd decision to hide them to gain favor with her family. She becomes the eventual great grandmother to kinsman redeemer from Bethlehem, Boaz, who redeems his gentile bride from Moab.

The scarlet thread paradigm was begun in the womb of Rebekah, when Esau had a scarlet thread placed over his toe, when twins were found. God intended to offer salvation to not only the tribe of Jacob, but also every gentile nation on earth.

Jeroboam 1 led the northern kingdom in open rebellion against the plans of God to exalt the offspring of King David when one day Jesus Christ would be born to a virgin Jewish girl. The birth of Jesus Christ is God's answer to men trying to aide Lucifer in stopping the Kingdom of God being established on earth.

God's plan has always involved offering his salvation to all humanity through a Jewish vine and Gentile ingrafting. The pattern continues when Jesus Christ first entrusts gentile Mary Magdalene with the words: I am alive.

We are the virgin gentile bride of Christ only when we forgo the gods men choose and we choose the God of the Bible. His plan of redemption to save gentiles is fast closing. His bride has been invited from all the nations of the earth, to accept his hand in marriage, to fulfill the promise Mary his mother was given while Jesus Christ was in her womb.

We finish the pattern of God accepting gentile brides into his coming kingdom. He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood. He is alive forevermore, and he is returning for his gentile bride very soon. John Burns 5-8-2022

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Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five countries on five continents and all but two states while serving in the military.

He currently serves as the Chaplain for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. His devout faith demonstrates to all he comes into contact with that he believes nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He enjoys writing and teaching God's Word while sharing his faith with a dying world.

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10th Annual Morgan County Poker Championship a big draw!

Armes/Durham split pot, Armes declared Champion! Blair wins the women's title.

Wednesday evening as part of the Morgan County Fair, a record number of poker players assembled inside the pageant hall of the fairgrounds all with one purpose, being the winner of the Morgan County Poker Championship. 41 contestants from all over east Tennessee and KY played in the annual event, in the end Jon Armes and Gary Durham was the 2 left standing.

The action began quickly. Longtime player Donovan Daniels was the 1st elimination of the evening as he registered but was not present, his name was placed on a chair, but he was eliminated after 24 minutes of play. Past Tournament winners Justan Spurling, Bo Bunch, and Trey Wilson were not able to muster much of a challenge on this night as the cards simply did not fall their way.

The blinds were raised every 15 minutes and once the final table was seated, players were eliminated quickly. Rick Elmore and Bob Griffith both had good showings but were unable to crack the top 4. Denise Blair was the last woman remaining, she finished in 4th place and was awarded the top female finisher sponsored by SpurMonents DJ. Jeremy Seay was short-stacked for most of the final table and was finally eliminated in

3rd. This left just Jon Armes and Gary Durham as the two players traded chips heads up for about 25 hands, before both players agreed to split the prize money and play one hand to determine the Champion. Jon Armes hit a flush on the final deal to capture the trophy and bragging rights as Morgan County Poker Champion!

The annual tournament is part of the Morgan County Fair. It is a free to play event and prize money was donated by the Fair Association along with Spur-Moments DJ. A special thank you to everyone who attended and played in this year's event, it was the largest poker tournament held in Morgan County in many years. Tournament director Justan Spurling is seeking business to sponsor future events with prizes and hopes to continue to see growth and more participation.



New Exhibit Comes to Heritage Museum

The Morgan County Genealogical & Historical Society welcomes the Coalfield Historical Society as a new exhibit, History of Coalfield, begins at the Heritage Museum.

Members of the Coalfield Historical Society have worked diligently to create an exhibit that showcases Coalfield's past. Come out during August and September to learn more about Coalfield landmarks such as, Ruffners Mill, America's Smallest Library, Coalfield Depot, Old No. 11, Ruffners Falls, Tinker-Riley House, and Pleasant Grove Church.

The Heritage Museum is located at 121 N Kingston St., Wartburg, and is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am - 3pm.



Journeyman Linemen Plateau Electric Cooperative

Plateau Electric Cooperative is accepting applications through Friday, August 05, 2022 from qualified candidates for the position of journeyman lineman. Position performs all types of skilled work relative to the construction and maintenance of Plateau Electric Cooperative's overhead and underground electric system. Climbs poles or steel structures and works from aerial lift devices to install conductor, transformers, crossarms, insulators and other related equipment. Must be willing to work in adverse weather conditions. Position requires a high-school diploma or GED. The successful candidate(s) must have a valid driver's license, and be able to obtain a Class "B" Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, disability or veteran status.

Those interested may pick up an application at either of the Cooperative's offices in Oneida or Wartburg.



CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK POSITION Plateau Electric Cooperative

Plateau Electric Cooperative is accepting applications through Friday, August 05, 2022, for the position of Customer Service Clerk. Job duties shall include assisting customers, answering calls and performing other office-related functions as assigned. The successful candidate must have a high school education, must be friendly, and must possess an ability to remain courteous and polite in meeting and working with the public.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, disability or veteran status.

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David Zubler
Columnist

Midyear tax strategies

There is still plenty of time to make an impact on your taxes. Checking your tax information now reduces the chance of a surprise when you file your tax return.

You may need to change your withholdings. Examining your withholdings is particularly important if you've had any major life changes.

A decrease in dependents could increase your taxes by thousands of dollars.

It's important to check your withholding if your spouse began working or had a major change in pay. If one spouse has relatively large wages and the other spouse begins a low paying or part-time, the tax consequences could be significant. The amount of withholding from a low-paying job would be very little or possibly none. The additional income would increase the taxable income, and the increase would be taxed in the high bracket.

For example, if the couple were currently in the 32% tax bracket and the other spouse started a job making \$20,000, the additional taxes would be \$6,400. However, since the wages were relatively small, the employer would typically withhold very little taxes or none. This would increase the tax liability by \$6,400, with very little taxes being withheld.

If you or your spouse started a side business, the taxes could be substantial. Self-employment income is subject to self-employment tax in addition to income tax.

The self-employment tax rate is approximately 15%. If they were in the 22% tax bracket, the combined tax on the profit would be about 37%.

Reviewing business profit mid-year will enable the owner to project the profit and taxes for the year.

The owner may want to make a large expenditure rather than pay more taxes. Examples would be an increased marketing plan or a major business expansion. Purchasing assets allows flexibility in the amount expensed for the year. Generally, assets other than real estate can be partially or completely expensed by the business owner.

You may consider increasing your 401(k) contributions to reduce your taxes. The contribution limit is \$20,500 for 2022. The limit is increased by \$6,500 if you are 50 or older. Increasing your contributions has the benefit of reducing your taxable income while also increasing your retirement funds.

Since the stock market is down, tax-loss harvesting is another option for reducing your taxes. Selling stock at a loss can enable you to deduct a loss of up to \$3,000 from your regular income. Any loss exceeding \$3,000 can be carried forward to future years.

If your withholdings are insufficient, you can make estimated payments for the third and fourth quarters to catch up.

The IRS Tax Withholding Estimator tool can be used to see if your withholdings are correct. However, you may need to talk with a tax adviser if your situation is complex.

Reviewing your taxes mid-year can help prevent a surprise when filing a tax return.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Games for Brain Training

Cognitive brain training can keep our cognitive abilities functioning better for 10 years.

The Advanced Cognitive Training for Independent and Vital Elderly (ACTIVE) is not a new study, but it bears looking at for what it offers seniors in terms of cognitive abilities.

The government-funded study followed 2,832 seniors with an average age of 73 after they completed 10 training sessions and four booster sessions 11 and 35 months after the initial training. Participants were divided into four groups: memory training, reasoning training, speed of processing training and a control group with no training. What the study aimed to look at was cognitive abilities and performance in everyday activities, and they collected updated data at the one, two, three, five and 10-year points in the study.

What researchers concluded was that seniors reported less decline in cognitive abilities for 10 years in the reasoning and speed portions, not the memory, which dropped off after five years. All this in only 10 training sessions plus four booster sessions?

Authentic brain training programs can be found online but generally require a monthly fee. There are others, however, that we can sample for free to create our own training program. Try the dozen brain games at www.mentalup.co/blog/free-brain-games-for-seniors to see if you like these types of challenges. Look online for "free senior brain games," and you'll find many sites with free games to play without having to give any personal information or pay a fee. The best "brain stretching" might come from doing a variety of games. Choose from crossword, jigsaw, sudoku, chess, mazes, word puzzles, logic and more, switching around from day to day. Or go to Amazon.com and look for puzzle books. Look at the sample pages to see if they look too easy or too hard.

For a great challenge, look for online Scrabble games where you play against the computer!

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. What is the whole title of the song "Exordium & Terminus"?**
- 2. Name the three big hits that came out of the film "Grease."**
- 3. Which group released "I Don't Want to Live Without You" in 1988?**
- 4. Who was Casey Kasem?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I turn around in the still of the room, Knowing this is when I'm gonna make my move."**

Answers

- 1. "In the Year 2525 (Exordium & Terminus)," by Zager and Evans in 1969. Oddly enough, the duo never released another song that even reached the charts.**
- 2. Frankie Valli's "Grease," "You're the One That I Want," a duet by John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John and "Hopelessly Devoted to You," by Newton-John alone, in 1978.**
- 3. Foreigner, on their "Inside Information" album. It topped the Adult Contemporary chart, the group's only No. 1 hit.**
- 4. Kasem was a DJ who hosted famous radio shows such as "American Top 40." He was on the air for nearly 40 years.**
- 5. "Piano in the Dark," by Brenda Russell in 1988. In the song a woman tries to leave her lover, but loves his piano playing too much.**

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



Is Passion a Cliché?

I have had pretty intense debates and dialogues around the whole idea of finding your purpose and passion. I think these conversations are healthy for discussion. You know my feelings on the subject, so what does the other side argue? Many people contend that “discover your passion” is a cliché statement. They go on to say that work is not designed for you to enjoy. They are of the opinion that no one really enjoys their job.

Critics state that everyone looks forward to the weekends, dreads Monday, and the weekends are the only time to enjoy our life for leisure purposes. People enjoy work based on how many weeks vacations they get during a work year and of course paid holidays. They argue happiness doesn't come from a career; it comes from how you enjoy yourself outside of your job.

Many believe that achieving work-life balance is when you will be the happiest in your life, that our career is not a part of our purpose. These naysayers will tell you that finding your passion is a fictional phrase that only students dream about at

a young age. It's not realistic in today's working environment. Of course, I vehemently disagree with these arguments and will explain my rationale in this chapter.



Many different people have weighed in on the topic of, “Finding Your Passion”. Some prominent figures disagree with my advice, and I welcome thoughtful debate and challenge. There are researchers out there who suggest developing your passion is much more realistic than finding your passion. I think that's why it's important to examine the arguments and understand that I am not really advising anything that differs much from their own perspectives.

Passion and purpose connote different ideas to different people. Mark

Cuban's famous quote is, “One of the greatest lies of our lifetime is follow

your passion.” I have **Zack Ballinger** a lot of respect for his highly successful entrepreneur. I think he offers valuable advice. Cuban is worth about three billion dollars, is the owner of the Dallas Mavericks NBA basketball team and one of the stars of ABC's hit show, “Shark Tank”. The advice Cuban gives for finding a career you love isn't much different than mine.

Here is what Mark Cuban says about purpose and passion: “The things I ended up being really good at were the things I found myself putting effort into. A lot of people talk about passion, but that's really not what you need to focus on. You really need to evaluate and say, ‘Okay, where am I putting in my time?’”

Wouldn't it make sense to spend more time working on a particular task that you're good at doing? If you're good at that task, ask yourself, “Why am I good at this?” The answer could be a particular strength or innate ability you possess, possibly one you overlooked or underestimated its value.

I agree with Cuban that activity is key. The more you are involved, the more you learn about yourself and your strengths. As you invest more time into something, you should evaluate the task and ask yourself, “Is this something I really enjoy doing? What are my particular strengths that make me like this activity?” That strength, along with your enjoyment, leads you to purpose and passion over your career.

I believe every person is born with certain God-given abilities and talents. People may have those skills but never discover them during their life. Some may choose to ignore their unique skills and continue in a line of work because of complacency or a fear of change.

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



DIY Breakfast Kits Save Money, Time and Sanity

What? Didn't summer just start? I just realized school is already starting in communities across the country.

Before you think I'm a goofball, my kids are adults, so I'm blissfully detached from the school year schedule. But I'm not detached from morning chaos. We all have that in common. The only way to mitigate the morning madness is to organize the chaos.

Here's one trick I've found: If we make self-serve breakfasts, it frees us up to drink more coffee and search for matching socks. So, let's make a freezer full of homemade breakfast scrambled egg kits. You know, the kind you “just crack an egg” into. Wink, wink.

Have you seen those scrambled eggs kits? Microwavable cups holding diced potatoes, sausage or bacon with veggies and cheese, ready to stir and microwave. I love everything but the price. So I make them myself.

To compare prices, these ready-made kits sell for around \$3 each and

contain about 3 ounces of ingredients, and you supply the eggs. I made a bunch of kits in a variety of recipe combinations. Mine weighed between 4 and 6 ounces and cost an average of 75 cents, including the cost of two eggs. Frugal and fabulous!

The ready-made kits are refrigerated and thus perishable. So, I made freezable kits, so they last indefinitely.

You'll need zip-top bags for this project. Snack sized baggies are great but if you find snack sized “portion pack” bags, they're perfect. The bags are printed with measurements in quarter cup intervals up to one cup. How cool is that?

To make the kits described below, I purchased bags of frozen diced hash brown potatoes, frozen pepper and onion blend, frozen (fully cooked) breakfast sausage links, diced ham, cooked real bacon crumbles, and a variety of shredded cheeses. As a guideline, a 32-ounce bag of diced potatoes makes approximately 20 quarter cup portions or serves as the base for 20 kits. A 16-ounce bag of peppers and onions makes approximately 16 (two tablespoons) servings.

These kits are totally customizable. Don't want potatoes? Ditch them and add more veggies. Vegetarian? Swap the meat for more veggies. Like heat? Add chorizo and jalapenos.

Here's the secret: If your kit contains between 1/2 cup and 3/4 cup of ingredients, it will combine with two eggs and cook according to the direc-

tions below.

MAKE-AHEAD SCRAMBLED EGG KITS

For each kit:

- 1/4 cup frozen diced potatoes
- 2 tablespoons frozen 3 pepper and onion blend, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped ham OR cooked sausage OR cooked, crumbled bacon
- 2 tablespoons shredded cheese

Place ingredients into a zip-top plastic bag and freeze until ready for use. Measurements don't have to be exact. This is a great job for the kiddies.

When ready to serve, place the contents of bag into a microwave-safe coffee cup that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Heat on HIGH for one minute. Remove from microwave and stir. Add two eggs and stir well. Heat in microwave in 20 to 30 second increments, stirring each time, until fully cooked, about 2 minutes total time. It's best to err on the side of slightly undercooked as the carry-over heat will continue to cook the eggs. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Use caution as the eggs and the cup will be hot.

One benefit of these breakfast kits is kids can make breakfast themselves with adult supervision. Teach them how to use a timer and hot pads to protect against burning. You'll be rewarded by knowing if they starve to death in college, it's on them.

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

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Colossians Chapter 1

(Colossians 1:2) Salutation: Paul begins by establishing his authority as an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God. This introduction was important since he was personally unknown to this church. Timothy joins him, not as co-author, but as a common greeter.

(Col. 1:3-8) An expression of thanksgiving: Paul thanks God for the Christians who are constantly in his prayers. He has heard of their trust in Christ and the love they have for their kinsmen in the Lord. They are motivated by the hope which is laid up for them in the heavens---not on earth, as many allege (v.5). They learned of this noble reward in the word of truth, namely the gospel.

Paul emphasizes that God's grace is conveyed truth, and they had learned it from the Christian teacher, Epaphras. It was not imparted directly by the Spirit. This brother is described as our beloved fellow-servant, a faithful minister of Christ, a messenger who declared unto us your love in the Spirit (v.7-8), love grounded in the instruction of the Spirit. One may conclude from 4:13 that on Paul's behalf this brother had evangelized Colossae, Laodicea, and Hierapolis. He also shared Paul's imprisonment (Philem. 23).

(Col. 1:9-14) Paul's petition: Since the day he heard of their faith, Paul had consistently prayed for this church. He petitioned that they might be filled with a full knowledge of God's will, combined with wisdom and understanding. Paul longed that these saints might walk worthily of their commitment to the Lord, producing fruit, and steadily increasing in the knowledge of God---not in pagan mysticism (v.10).

As they grew in knowledge, they would find the strength which would enable them to endure with joy whatever hardships might come their way, without reactionary retaliation (v.11). What a challenge! Paul urged his readers to learn to be thankful for their lives, even under the most adverse circumstances (Phil. 4:6; 1Thes. 5:18). Life's difficulties pale when contrasted with the merciful blessings of the heavenly Father. The Lord, by means of his instruction and providence, qualifies us to be competent to receive the inheritance due the saints who stand in the light (v.12; 1 Jn. 1:7).

The Lord's people are in the light because they have been delivered from the Satanic power of spiritual darkness and translated into the kingdom of Christ (v.13). Clearly the kingdom was a present reality, not a future presence to be ushered in by the return of Christ---as alleged by dispensational millennialists. Note that Christ is the supreme object of God's love; how wretched are they who reject that Son. It is in whom (Christ) that redemption, forgiveness, is to be found---not outside of that relationship (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27).

(Col. 1:15-20) The preeminent Christ: Marvelous traits of Jesus, deprecated by the proto-Gnostics, are now set forth. (a) Christ is the exact image of the invisible God. He possesses the full complement of divine attributes. (b) He is firstborn of all creation (v.15). This does not mean he was created; instead, firstborn signifies priority (as in firstborn son). (c) Jesus functioned as the creating agent of all things, both visible and invisible (Jn. 1:3; Heb. 1:2). The creation was implemented through him (1 Cor. 8:6), and unto him; he currently is ruler over it (v.16). (d) Christ eternally existed "before all things", and through his power all the creation "holds together"; he sustains it (v.17). (e) He (not the Roman pontiff) is the head of the body,

the church (Eph. 1:22-23). To disdain the church, as some Colossian heretics seem to have done, is to dishonor the Savior himself. He who is the beginning of the entire universe is also the head of his church. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead (I Cor. 15:20; Rev. 1:5), the first to be raised with an immortal body; the first to die no more (Rom. 6:9). In all things he has preeminence (v.18).

In the divine program of redemption, the plan was that in Christ all the fullness should dwell, he would be supreme over the entire creation and over his church, with only the Father being excepted (v.19; 1 Cor. 15:17). Through Christ, God's wonderful plan of reconciliation was implemented by means of Jesus' atoning blood shed on the cross (Rom. 3:21). Verse twenty is difficult. What is the meaning the reconciliation of all things that are upon the earth and in the heavens? It does not signify universal salvation (Mk. 16:16), a restored earth (Mt. 24:35), or redemption for fallen angels (Heb. 2:16). The phrase may be an idiom which merely suggests that the reconciliation effected by Christ on earth will be in perfect harmony with the environs of heaven.

(Col. 1:21-23) Reconciliation through Christ: In their pre-conversion state, the Colossians had been alienated from God (Eph. 2:11). They were enemies of the Lord, both mentally and actively. Sin begins with intention and is expressed in open rebellion. But a plan of reconciliation had been effected through the death of Christ's fleshly body. The proto-Gnostic cult likely denied that Jesus possessed a physical body. The ultimate aim of the Lord's death was that sinful people might be forgiven and presented to God as holy, unstained by sin, and not deserving of reproof before the Lord (v.22; Rom. 12:1-2).

Their final glory, however, was predicated upon their sustained fidelity---"if so be that you continue in the faith" (v.23). The expression, if so be, assumes the following to be true under the condition stipulated. Continue underscores the steadfast obedience expected of these Christians. The expression, the faith, either can be the gospel system or their personal trustful compliance with the will of Christ. It may embrace both meanings. These saints must remain grounded and steadfast, unmoved from their hope of heaven.

(Col. 1:24-29) Paul's ministry: The magnificent apostle is able to rejoice even in his sufferings (Roman incarceration), which are for their sake. He is not glorifying himself, but expressing the depth of his love for them. Just as Christ suffered for the church, so Paul, in a manner of speaking, filled up that cup by his own sacrifice for these fellow Christians. This does not imply that anything was lacking in the Savior's redemptive work, only that there was yet suffering to be endured in the ongoing proclamation of the gospel.

The apostle again affirms his divine role. He was appointed by God to be a minister; such was a dispensation demanding a high level of responsibility. The ministry involved a full proclamation of the word of God on behalf of these saints (v.25). The message had been obscured (a mystery) in ages past, but now was made known through the gospel, and was being demonstrated by these brothers (v.26).

Out of his great love, the Lord God was pleased to make known the glorious riches packed away in that ancient mystery---even among the Gentiles. The hope of glory was a relationship with Jesus Christ (v.27).
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Heat stress in plants If the temperatures in your area are staying higher than normal, it's tempting to water your outdoor plants more often than you usually do to protect them from the heat. But this may not be helpful! Heat stress is not the same as drought, and too much water in the soil can cause fungal diseases and root rot. It may be more prudent to refresh your mulch: a three-inch-thick layer over the root zone can insulate the roots against the heat and help retain moisture in the soil longer.
 - Brenda Weaver
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In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises. He boasts about the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord. In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

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