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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

This month so far has been wet, rainy, and stormy. My dog-feller Mr Mur-

pleasent sound to Mr Murphy, either. They also live on the water with no trees around them, that makes the storms worse. Since there are no trees, they have no buffer for the wind, thunder, and lightning.



All of this strikes fear in Mr Murphy. God wuff him. My little heart hurts for him. He is not only handsome, he is the sweetest doggie-dude, ever. They just live around the bend from us but, the storms don't really bother me. I barely even notice it storming. I sleep like a rock. Now when I go out in the rain, that's a different story. It's really hard on a girls fur.

For more of my Pet Perspectives like and follow me on my Facebook Page at Ms Avery Pearl.

phy doesn't like storms. Ms Pat and Mr Ron have to give him the Doggie version of Xanax when a storm is brewing. Mr Murphy doesn't like the lightning because it flashes bright light. He really hates the thunder that comes after the lightning. Ms Pat says they live in a "Tin Can" so they really feel the thunder when it rolls. It makes their floors vibrate, their windows rattle, dishes shake. Then their RV moves a little when the wind whips around it. The whistle of the wind isn't a

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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!

The Freels Family Reunion Saturday Aug 20th 1030 am Frozen Head shelter C

Make plans to attend This is the 57th year Please bring covered dish and old pictures Doug Freels will be grilling hamburgers Linda Hallman will give history on Freels family Whitewater and outstanding bluegrass group will be singing

There were some Freels in the Knoxville area in the mid 1700's Lunch at approx Noon for more info call Roy Freels 8652530017 4236282625 or Audrey Shannon 4233463893 or 8653603612

August 17
Oakdale Library will have BINGO for adults Wednesday, August 17 at 10:30 Everyone is Welcome

September 9
Oakdale Library will have an online auction September 9-11. To donate items, email oakdalepubliclibrary@gmail.com

Oakdale Library News

Fun things are still going on at Oakdale Public Library. BINGO for adults is on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend Wednesday, August 17 at 10:30 to play BINGO.

100 Days of Reading continues through September 8 Please submit children's reading logs to win prizes. Logs can be dropped off at the library, delivered via Facebook messenger or by email oakdalepubliclibrary@gmail.com

The Oakdale Public Library is having its 2nd Annual Online Auction Sept. 9-11. Items and vouchers from local businesses and individuals are now being accepted. Please send a message through facebook or email if you have anything you'd like to donate, or come see us at the library.

Library hours are Monday 10:30 - 3:00, Tuesday 3:00 - 7:30 and Wednesday 9:00 - 12:00

The Gospel International Singers From Cumberland County will be singing at the Elizabeth Baptist Church, Sunday, August 21st in the 11am service. Bro. Buster Armes and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

The 6th Annual Dylan Kennedy Memorial Race at Wartburg Speedway has been rescheduled for Saturday August 27th.

WEEKLY WEATHER



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Wed 17	77°/60°	
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In Loving Memory

John Glenn Seiber, 59

John Glenn Seiber, of Wartburg passed away Saturday, August 7, 2022 at his home. He was born August 24, 1962.

He was an avid UT Football fan.

He is preceded in death by his parents Carvin & Maxie Seiber; sister Brenda Seiber and niece Tabitha Seiber.

He is survived by his sisters Helen (Dean) Wright of Oliver Springs and Carolyn Patty of Knoxville; brother Arville Seiber

of Wartburg; nephews Shawn (Amy) Harris, John A. (Georgina) Harris and Ian Patty of Knoxville; niece Hannah (Dustin) Patton of Lancing

The family will have a graveside service Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at Anderson Memorial Gardens at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dean Wright officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of John Glenn Seiber.

Carol Young, 69

Ms. Carol Young, age 69 from Oakdale, went home to be with the Lord on August 12, 2022 after a hard battle with ALS.

Carol was a retired correctional officer at Morgan County Correctional Complex after 32 years of service.



(Connie) of Chattanooga; special family and friends: Johnnie Bambi Rutherford of Somerset, KY; Wayne and Tina Young of Oakdale; Karen and Lance Owen of Oakdale; and several nieces and nephews.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She looked forward to traveling and enjoyed sitting at her "Happy Place".

The family would like to thank everyone for the love and support throughout this difficult journey that we have been through.

Thomas H. Winters, 60

It is in loving memory of the family of Thomas H. Winters, Jr. sorrowfully announce that he went home to the Lord on August 7, 2022, at the age of 60 years.



Tom spent more than 40 years in the trucking industry as a driver and a mechanic, a profession he greatly loved.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law Verlin L. and Darlene Cross.

Born to Thomas and Arthea Winters in Cleveland, Ohio on October 16, 1961 he will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 41 years Loraine C. Winters; 3 daughters Tonya Hurd, Susan (Allen) Matheson and Debbie

Winters; 13 grandchildren Haleigh, Hunter and Maddie Moore, Andrew and Alex Hill, Justin, Ashley and Joshua Matheson, Kal-El and Kai-Ann Hurd, and Dakota, Teagan, and Caiden Lyles; father Thomas (Rita) Winters, Sr.; brothers

Dave Winters, Jim Winters and Bob (Donna) Winters.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5-7:00 p.m with a memorial service to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Thomas H. Winters, Jr.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Janis Phillips; Father, Wiley Phillips, Sr; and sister, Gwendolyn Phillips.


She is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Young Goodson of Oakdale; granddaughter, Rilee Goodson of Oakdale; Grandkids: Landon Roberts, Kelty Britton, and Elin Jones of Maryville; sister, Sharon Landreth of Chattanooga; brother, Wiley Phillips, Jr.

The family will receive friends Sunday August the 14th from 5-7 pm at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 7 pm with Bro. Kerry Ruppe officiating. A graveside service will be held Monday, August 15th at 1 pm at Pine Orchard Cemetery, Oakdale.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Carol Young.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Joe Biden Still Isn't a Good President

Every dog has his day, and apparently so does every miserably inadequate president.

Joe Biden, who has been out-of-touch, tone-deaf and disturbingly incompetent from the outset of his presidency, suddenly has the “Big Mojo,” or at least the “Moderate-Sized, This Isn't Quite the Legislative Debacle We Expected Mojo.”

The climate and health care spending deal forged by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and longtime Democratic hold-out Joe Manchin has revived talk in the media and among Democrats of Biden's transformative agenda -- if not quite FDR- or LBJ-level, substantial and to be reckoned with.

There's no doubt that Biden has spent a lot of money between the so-called \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package and now the \$700 billion in the latest bill.

It's also true that winning is better than losing; success is better than futility; and passing something is better than nothing.

The Schumer-Manchin bill, though, is a shadow of the original sprawling proposal that constituted nearly the entire progressive wish list, from free community college to universal pre-K to expanded parental leave, stuffed into one legislative casing.

The scaled-back version is a not particularly coherent combination of whatever Joe Manchin and his fellow resistant Democrat, Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, were willing to support.

Its claim to reduce inflation is a joke; its deficit reduction is backloaded and has already been vitiated by other unpaid-for spending; its taxes will hit Americans earning less than \$400,000-a-year, despite Biden's promises; its electric car subsidies are frustrated by its own requirements that key components not come from China -- requirements that no car can currently meet.

The bill doesn't remove any of the doubts about Biden, whose main contribution to the process of cutting the deal was to stay out of the way.

Otherwise, the president still hasn't successfully made the public case for anything. Indeed, he has almost zero capacity for persuasion -- something that the White House clearly realizes and is reflected in his limited schedule and interactions with the press.

He's allowed the left to lead him around by the nose on most things, mouthing its lines about the Georgia voting law supposedly being “Jim Crow on steroids” and slamming the Supreme Court while on a trip overseas.

His agenda has been almost entirely removed from the concerns of ordinary Americans. The title of the new spending bill is a nod to inflation, but what it really offers Americans groaning under double-digit price increases in key goods is -- just what they need -- more solar panels and wind turbines.

Of course, Biden's first big achievement, the COVID bill, turned out to be most consequential for what it did to stoke an inflation that has disrupted the lives of much of the country and eroded its standard of living.

It is this failure, more than the border or Afghanistan, that has sent Biden below 40% approval in most polls. It's one thing to sag in popularity before a midterm election -- that's normal. It's quite another to convince most everyone in the country, including members of your own party, that you are unsuited to running for president again.

Only 18% of Americans in the latest Yahoo News/YouGov poll say that Biden should run for a second term. Just 29% of Biden voters are ready for him to suit up and ride again in 2024, an astonishing repudiation from people who presumably wish him well and were hoping for the best.

Well, at least Biden, the oldest man ever to serve as president, set up his succession with foresight and care, right? Naturally, only 30% of Democrats and Democratic independents want Vice President Kamala Harris to be the nominee in 2024.

Perhaps it makes Biden's legislative achievements all the more impressive that he's been able to manage them while simultaneously cratering. If that's a distinction of sorts, it's not one any president should welcome.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Old-Fashioned Fun Making Butter

As technology advances at a rapid rate, many of the traditional ways of doing things may be unknown to kids born in the 21st century. Why not take a break from our high-speed, techie lifestyle and experience with kids and grandkids some of the old-fashioned ways of playing and working?

Whether it's cranking homemade ice cream on a warm evening after putting on a puppet show, playing bean bags, walking on stilts or stacking wood for a night around the fireplace, games and chores can be fun learning opportunities.

Simple techniques from earlier days can be found at living museums, history museums, libraries and in your own homes with treasured photos, antiques in the attic and stories from your kids' great-grandparents.

To get started, here's a way of taking back history with your family any time of year. Make your own butter!

SHAKE AND MAKE BUTTER

Here's the stuff you'll need:

— 1 empty, small clean jar with a lid,

such as a baby-food or jam jar
— heavy whipping cream
— muffin, biscuit or cracker
— salt (optional)

Now, here's the fun:

Pour the cream into the jar, leaving space at the top. Screw the lid on tightly. Show your child how to hold the jar in both hands and shake, shake, shake.

It's great exercise, and you may notice your child might run out of steam. That's the time to pass it on to someone else to continue the shaking. Eventually, chunks of butter will form.

Spoon out the chunks into a bowl and add a few sprinkles of salt, if you wish. Spread the butter on a warm muffin, biscuit or cracker, and talk about life in an earlier time when butter didn't magically appear on the grocery



Five-year-old Zach attempts walking on stilts with help from his mom.

store's dairy shelf.

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

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

The OIG Never Stops

The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General has saved us a potential \$1.8 billion. When it comes to nailing scammers who steal from the VA, they just never give up.

A nurse at the VA pleaded guilty to Covid vaccination card fraud and theft of government funds. Her scam involved stealing authentic vax record cards, right from the beginning when the vaccines first came out, and included snagging the lot numbers to make it appear legit. Then she went online to sell her wares, charging anywhere from \$150 to \$200 for each fake card.

The scammer wasn't too bright to peddle these cards that way. The Department of Justice has a whole department dedicated to disaster fraud, and you know that watching the internet was probably the first thing they did when Covid hit. When she was nabbed, the scammer was investigated by no less than three government agencies, plus the OIG.

Then there was the scammer, a habitual offender who, with two co-conspirators, defrauded the VA by creating aliases that made them appear to be heirs of veterans who had died.

By generating fake documents, they grabbed up survivor benefits and unclaimed property (to the tune of nearly a half million dollars). They have been charged with multiple offenses. It doesn't help that one scammer skipped out and didn't show for court, thus generating a bench warrant for her arrest.

Then there was the lowest of the low, a scammer who was in a position of responsibility as a fiduciary. His job was to receive payments on behalf of veterans, in his case, 10 disabled vets, and manage their money. The scammer, who ran his own fiduciary services company, stole more than \$300,000, including from the estate of a woman who'd died a few years ago.

When sentenced, he could get as many as 50 years in the federal pen. He deserves every day of that.

They all do.

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A King's Ransom: Chapter 12: Part 2



Carol Hall
Author

"It would be nice if we could swing from branch to branch above the bushes," Nicodemus suggested. "Then you wouldn't get your clothes hooked on the briars."

"And how would we do that?" Bronwyn asked, feeling frustrated as she ripped her skirt off a particularly thorny branch.

"Can you climb?" he asked.

"Yes, but I can't jump from tree to tree," she said.

"I'm not a monkey."

"It was just an idea," Nicodemus said.

"Just not a good one," Bronwyn said. "If you can think of something that might actually help us, then I'd be happy to hear it."

"Do you want me to sing?" he asked. "It might make the time more enjoyable."

"Sure," Bronwyn said, laughing. "Why not?"

Bronwyn worked her way through a severely tangled batch of growth as Nicodemus sat on her shoulder singing an old familiar ballad. His voice was whiny and high-pitched, but Bronwyn found the distraction helpful.

Before long, she broke through the jumble of barbed plant life onto a make-shift road of sorts.

Tapping her bare toes on the hard-packed, rutted path, she realized it must be an old, abandoned road to the castle.

"Look, Nicodemus," she said, interrupting his serenade. "I think this used to be a road that led to the castle."

"We don't want to follow a road that leads back to the castle," he said, alarmed.

"No, no," Bronwyn said. "Of course not. But if this road did, indeed, at one time lead to the castle, then if we follow it in the other direction, maybe it will take us to a village."

"Then on we go!" Nicodemus said. He stood up tall on her shoulder and looked down the windy path in front of them.

Walking on the dirt track was far easier than fighting their way through the almost impenetrable forest they had just come out of.

Bronwyn's bare feet were bruised and a little sore, but the hopes of finding a village up ahead somewhere spurred her on.

They walked on for a couple of hours when Bronwyn noticed the blue sky was beginning to darken to a deep, menacing gray. An impending storm was brewing.

"We need to find cover, Nicodemus," she said, pointing up at the clouds.

"Why? What's happening?" he asked.

"A storm's coming," she replied.

Bronwyn hurried down the road looking for any place they could find shelter.

Fat raindrops started to fall on them from the swollen storm clouds overhead.

"Oh, hurry, Bronwyn!" Nicodemus cried. "I'm getting wet!"

"You wanted to know what everything out here in the world felt like," Bronwyn said, picking up her pace from a fast walk to a jog. "You're getting a taste of what rain feels like."

"Well, I don't like it," he pouted.

"You'd better get used to it," Bronwyn said. "It happens a lot around here."

"I have to use the little boy's room," he said, changing the subject.

"Now?" Bronwyn asked. "Can't you hold it?"

"No," Nicodemus said. "I have to go NOW!"

"Oh, for heaven's sake," Bronwyn said, annoyed.

"If I don't go soon, I might make a mess on you again," Nicodemus said. "You don't want that, do you?"

By now, the rain was coming down in torrents. Bronwyn wiped her fingers across her eyes to clear her vision. "Where do you want me to stop?" she asked. "There are woods on both sides of us."

"Go into the woods, go into the woods," Nicodemus screeched. "I can't hold it any longer."

Bronwyn darted off the path into the woods. She stopped several feet inside, dropping to her knees to allow Nicodemus to jump down. She'd barely hit the ground before he flew off her shoulder and disappeared into the underbrush.

"Ahhhh," came his voice moments later.

"Feel better?" Bronwyn asked, laughing out loud.

"Much," he said, as he came waltzing out of the tall grass.

He was just about to climb back up onto her shoulder when the sound of hoof-beats pounding down the dirt path toward them echoed through the rain-soaked air.

"Get down!" Nicodemus hissed at Bronwyn. "It's one of the king's men."

Bronwyn hit the ground as fast as she could. She flattened herself onto her stomach in the thick weeds and brambles, ducking her head low. Nicodemus crawled under her neck and backed up until his rear end was against her collarbone.

Through the heavy downpour Bronwyn saw the knight stop on the road a few feet from their hiding place.

"It's Sir Gamel," Nicodemus whispered.

Bronwyn felt the blood drain from her face. Sir Gamel was the leader of the army that came to her village. He was the one who commanded her capture.

"Sshhh," Bronwyn said, tucking her chin to her chest so Nicodemus could hear her, but Sir Gamel couldn't.

They watched as Sir Gamel jumped off his horse and squinted through the rain as if looking for something.

Without warning, he strode directly over to where they were hiding. Bronwyn held her breath as he stretched out one of his long legs and stepped into the woods just inches from where she was laying.

With his back to them, Bronwyn heard the undeniable splashing sound of pee hitting the ground. The sweet, tangy scent of cider hung heavy in the air.

Nicodemus shuffled around on his spot trying to dig his way further under Bronwyn's collarbone, while Bronwyn pinched her nose closed, her eyes watering.

After several long moments, Sir Gamel adjusted his clothing and hopped out of the woods back onto the path. Grabbing his horse's reins, he swung himself up into the saddle and galloped off.

"That was just plain nasty," Nicodemus grunted as he crawled out from under Bronwyn. "Why did it stink so bad?"

"I think he was drunk on mead," Bronwyn said. "I'm just glad he was too tipsy to notice us laying here."

"He could have peed on us," Nicodemus shuddered. "How vile that man is."

Bronwyn got to her feet and leaned out of the woods, looking off in the direction Sir Gamel had ridden. "He's gone," she said.

"Good," said Nicodemus, scuttling his way up the back of her skirt on his way to her shoulder. He tucked himself under her curls trying to keep himself dry. "We need to get out of this rain. I'm going to get waterlogged."

They plodded down the sodden dirt road for over an hour. The rain kept up its torrential downpour without the faintest hint of letting up anytime soon.

Bronwyn's stomach was aching with hunger and her lips were beginning to feel parched from thirst.

A strange slurping, smacking sound came from her shoulder where Nicodemus was sitting.

"What are you doing?" she asked him.

"I'm drinking," he said.

"What are you drinking?"

"Water, of course."

Bronwyn stopped walking and looked down at him. "From my hair?"

"Yep," he said. "Your curls are dripping."

"I need some water, too," she told him.

"Do you want to suck on the ends of your hair, too?" he asked.

Bronwyn laughed. "No," she said. "I'll just get it from the sky."

Tipping her head back, she opened her mouth wide letting the rain pour down into it. After several mouthfuls, she smacked her lips together and licked them. "That was so good," she said.

"Do you think we're getting close to a village yet?" Nicodemus asked. "I'm wet, and I'm starting to get cold."

"I don't know," Bronwyn said. "We've been walking a long time. I'd hoped we would have come across one by now."

"What if we have to sleep in the woods tonight?"

"I guess we'll have to find a log or something to crawl under," Bronwyn answered him.

"But I'll still be wet," Nicodemus whined. "And cold."

"Are you really that cold?" Bronwyn asked. Even though she was wet, all the walking had kept her warm.

Nicodemus gave a tiny shiver to show her that he was. "Yes," he said. "I don't have enough hair to keep me warm."

Bronwyn halted her steps and reached up, pulling Nicodemus out from under her hair. "I'm going to put you in my shirt," she said. "You can nestle down on my waistband in between my tunic and shirt. You should be warm in there."

Without waiting for him to respond, she pulled her collar away from her neck and dropped him down inside. His tiny scream of protest was muffled by the heavy material of the shirt.

Looking down at him from the neckline, she saw him curled up in a tight ball just below where her naval would be. "See?" she said. "It's much warmer in there, huh?"

"But it's still wet," came his muted reply.

"But it's warmer, right?"

"Yes," he said, grudgingly.

"What's wrong?" Bronwyn asked. "I thought you'd like it in there."

"I'll bounce around in here," he said. "How would you like to be jostled about every time I took a step?"

"Well, what do you want to do then?" she asked.

"Can I crawl around to the back?" he asked. "I wouldn't be flounced about so much back there."

"Sure, ok," Bronwyn said. "But sit still. I don't want you dropping out of my skirt onto the ground."

"God forbid," Nicodemus groaned. "Not that it's a far drop or anything."

"Are you complaining?" Bronwyn asked. "I could make you walk, you know. You're lucky I'm giving you a ride."

"You wouldn't do that," Nicodemus said, though he sounded unsure.

"Try me," Bronwyn said.

"But..." he whined. "I wouldn't be able to keep up."

"Then stop complaining, and be grateful you don't have to," Bronwyn said.

"I'm grateful, I'm grateful," he said, hurriedly. "I just wish I was dry."

"You're still complaining," Bronwyn said, flatly.

They walked for several more miles until Bronwyn couldn't take another step. She sat down on the side of the road and began rubbing the soles of her feet. Nicodemus emerged from her collar and settled himself on her shoulder.

"I'm tired," Bronwyn said, wearily. "I have to rest."

The rain had slacked off, and the sky was beginning to show through the now sparse clouds. The sun was almost set, so the horizon was ablaze in deep hues of orange, red and yellow.

"Take a rest while I look around," Nicodemus said. He rubbed one of his legs down her cheek.

She watched as he scurried across the road and made his way up a tall tree on the other side. He climbed up so high that she lost sight of him.

"Nicodemus?" she called out for him. "Where are you?"

The thought of losing him was unfathomable. She hadn't realized how much his companionship was growing on her. He was annoying at times, but she didn't know what she'd do without him at this point.

"Nicodemus!" she said even louder, a twinge of alarm growing in her at his lack of response.

"Bronwyn!" he called back, though his voice sounded far off. "I see it!"

"What?" she called back. "I can hardly hear you."

The forest around her got quiet as she waited for a response.

The shuffling sound of twigs and leaves alerted her that he was racing back to her.

Suddenly, he leaped up into her lap, panting. "I saw it!" he said, excitedly. "The village. It's just up the road!"

"You saw it?" she asked. "How far?"

"Not far," he said, trying to catch his breath. "Maybe another hour's walk."

"We could make it before it gets too late," Bronwyn said, vigor rising in her tired bones.

"Yes," Nicodemus said. "I saw lantern lights. They looked like tiny specks, but they're there."

Bronwyn wrapped her hand around Nicodemus and lifted him to her neck. She cuddled him under her chin and squealed. "WooWee!" she cried. "We're almost there!"

"Bwunwen," Nicodemus's muffled voice said. "I cwan't bweeve."

Laughing, Bronwyn released her hold on him. "Sorry, Nicodemus," she said. "I guess I got carried away with excitement."

"Are you rested up now?" he asked, finding his usual position on her shoulder.

"Yes," Bronwyn answered. "I'm ready to make it to the village."

"Me too!" he said. "By the way, I love you, too."

"What?" Bronwyn asked, stunned. "I never said I loved you."

"You didn't have to," he replied. "Your hug said it all."

Bronwyn hesitated a moment, then leaned her head over to rest it on top of him. "I'll admit, you're a special little spider, Nicodemus," she said. "You're growing on me. Like a wart, perhaps, but you are growing on me."

"Hey," he said, pretending to be offended. "I'll have you know..."

"What?" Bronwyn asked.

"I have no idea," Nicodemus said. "I can't think of anything at the moment."

They laughed as Bronwyn resumed her trek down the muddy lane toward the village.



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army veteran Corporal (Highest rank held: Sergeant) Hiroshi Miyamura was born on October 6, 1925 in Gallup, New Mexico and he served our great country in the Korean War while assigned to Company H, 2nd Battalion, 7TH Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

On October 27, 1953 he was presented with the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for his heroic actions in combat on April 24, 1951.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: Cpl. Miyamura, a member of Company H, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. On the night of 24 April, Company H was occupying a defensive position when the enemy fanatically attacked, threatening to overrun the position. Cpl. Miyamura, a machine-gun squad leader, aware of the imminent danger to his men, unhesitatingly jumped from his shelter wielding his bayonet in close hand-to-hand combat, killing approximately 10 of the enemy. Returning to his position, he administered first



aid to the wounded and directed their evacuation. As another savage assault hit the line, he manned his machine gun and delivered withering fire until his ammunition was expended. He ordered the squad to withdraw while he stayed behind to render the gun inoperative. He then bayoneted his way through infiltrated enemy soldiers to a second gun emplacement and assisted in its operation. When the intensity of the attack necessitated the withdrawal of the company Cpl. Miyamura ordered his men to fall back while he remained to cover their movement. He killed more than 50 of the enemy before his ammunition was depleted and he was severely wounded. He maintained his magnificent stand despite his painful wounds, continuing to repel the attack until his position was overrun. When last seen he was fighting ferociously against an overwhelming number of enemy soldiers. Cpl. Miyamura's indomitable heroism and consummate devotion to duty reflect the utmost glory on himself and uphold the illustrious traditions of the military service.

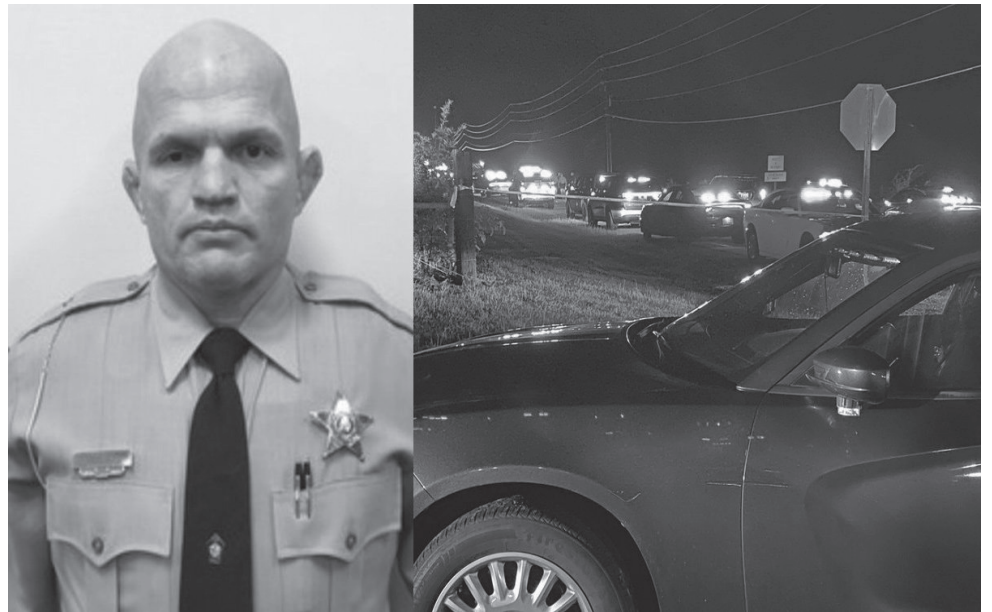
Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Wake County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina Deputy Sheriff Ned Byrd was killed in the line of duty on Thursday, August 11, 2022.

Deputy Byrd was shot multiple times after he exited his patrol car at an intersection while investigating suspicious activity. He was reported to the area after the agency had received several calls regarding the activity, however, he had not marked out on an event when he was shot.

Another deputy located him approximately two hours later. Deputy Byrd's canine partner was still inside their patrol car. The subject is still at large.

Deputy Byrd was a United States Air Force veteran and had served with the Wake County Sheriff's Office for thirteen years. He was only forty-eight-years-old.



Things were a lot different when I grew up back in the 40's and 50's. For one thing I never heard my mom and dad say they loved each other. I never heard either one of them tell me that they loved me. I guess they were raised in homes that felt since they provided a roof over their heads and food on the table that was enough. They did work hard providing for us. Dad cut timber with a cross cut saw and farmed with two mares to pull the plow and till the soil. Mom took care of the house and raised nine children and found time to help plant the crops and harvest them. They had seen two world wars and the worst depression this country had

Families Need to Love Each Other



experienced.

I loved my parents but I too was guilty of not telling them, "Mom and Dad, I love you." As a teenager I didn't get along with my dad. But after I left home, we built a relationship that a father

and son should have. In the late 60's when I was teaching at Cookeville I would come by the old home place, pick him up and take him to the Tennessee ball games. When Tennessee was on the road, we would listen to them on the radio. It was an exciting time for us both.

In the 1970's when I was in Florida, I thought it was time for me to tell my parents how much I loved them. I put together a photo album with scenery around

Morgan County and with some of their grandchildren. Children need to love their parents and parents need to tell their children they love them.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* To clean out the drawers of my husband's tool cabinet without disturbing the tools, I tucked a knee-high panty hose leg over my vacuum cleaner wand. Most things stayed put, but the one or two small pieces of hardware that got sucked up were easily retrieved. I also did this on his workbench. I picked up all the dust and shavings along with the stray pieces of hardware. I pulled them out of the hose leg, and they were in a tidy pile for him to put away. -- U.L. in Kansas

* Ripen a green tomato by wrapping it in a sheet of newspaper or placing it in a plain, small paper bag. Leave it on the counter and check it daily until ripe.

* You can keep ice cream from dripping out of the bottom of a cone. All you have to do is just place a small marshmallow or a piece of marshmallow in the bottom of the cone before you fill it with ice cream.

* Our family loves to make our own pizza, and we purchase dough from a pizzeria. On pizza nights, I pick up the dough first thing on the way home from work. I get it close to my work and let it sit in a bowl in the car while I pick up the kids and drive home. It takes about 45 minutes, so it's risen nicely while we've been on the go. -- E.F. in New York

* If you've just purchased an expensive electronic item, take the packaging to a recycling center rather than advertise your purchase by putting the box at the curb. If you aren't able to take it somewhere, cut the box into uniform pieces and bind them together, non-printed side facing out.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Only 2% of the world's population have green eyes, but they weren't born with them. The hue takes from six months to three years to show up in children.

* Donnie Dunagan, who as a child actor supplied the voice of Disney's Bambi, went on to become a highly decorated major in the U.S. Marines -- and kept his movie role a secret for his entire 25-year military career.

* An Australian ground bird known as the lyrebird can mimic just about anything, from a crying baby to machinery.

* About 6,000 years ago, the barren Sahara Desert was ac-

tually a lush green forest.

* "Loganamnosis" is a word to describe an obsession with recalling a specific word that has been forgotten.

* Legend has it that Tate's Hell State Park, a 202,000-acre forest/swamp in Florida, got its curious name from a man who was lost in its wilderness and after finally emerging told a passerby, "My name is Cebe Tate, and I just came from hell" before collapsing.

* In 2016, the NFL returned more than \$700,000 of taxpayer money it had been paid by the U.S. Defense Department to honor the military at games.

* A Colombian man died after a parasitic worm that had

invaded his gut developed cancer, which in turn spread through the man's body.

Thought for the Day: "No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars or sailed an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit." -- Helen Keller

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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King Crossword

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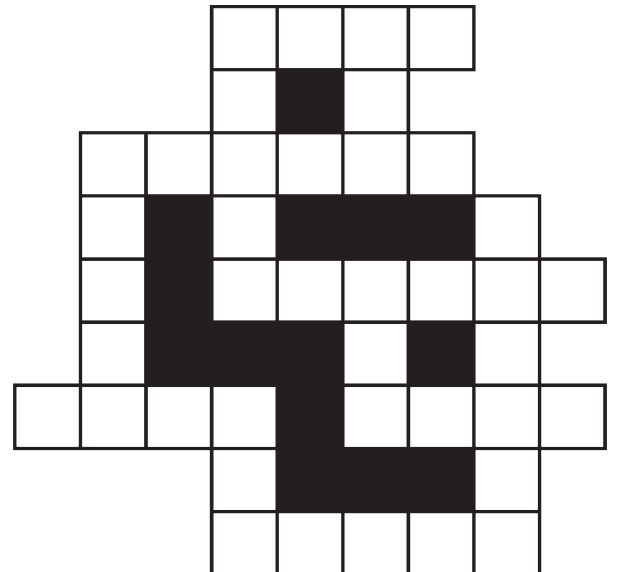
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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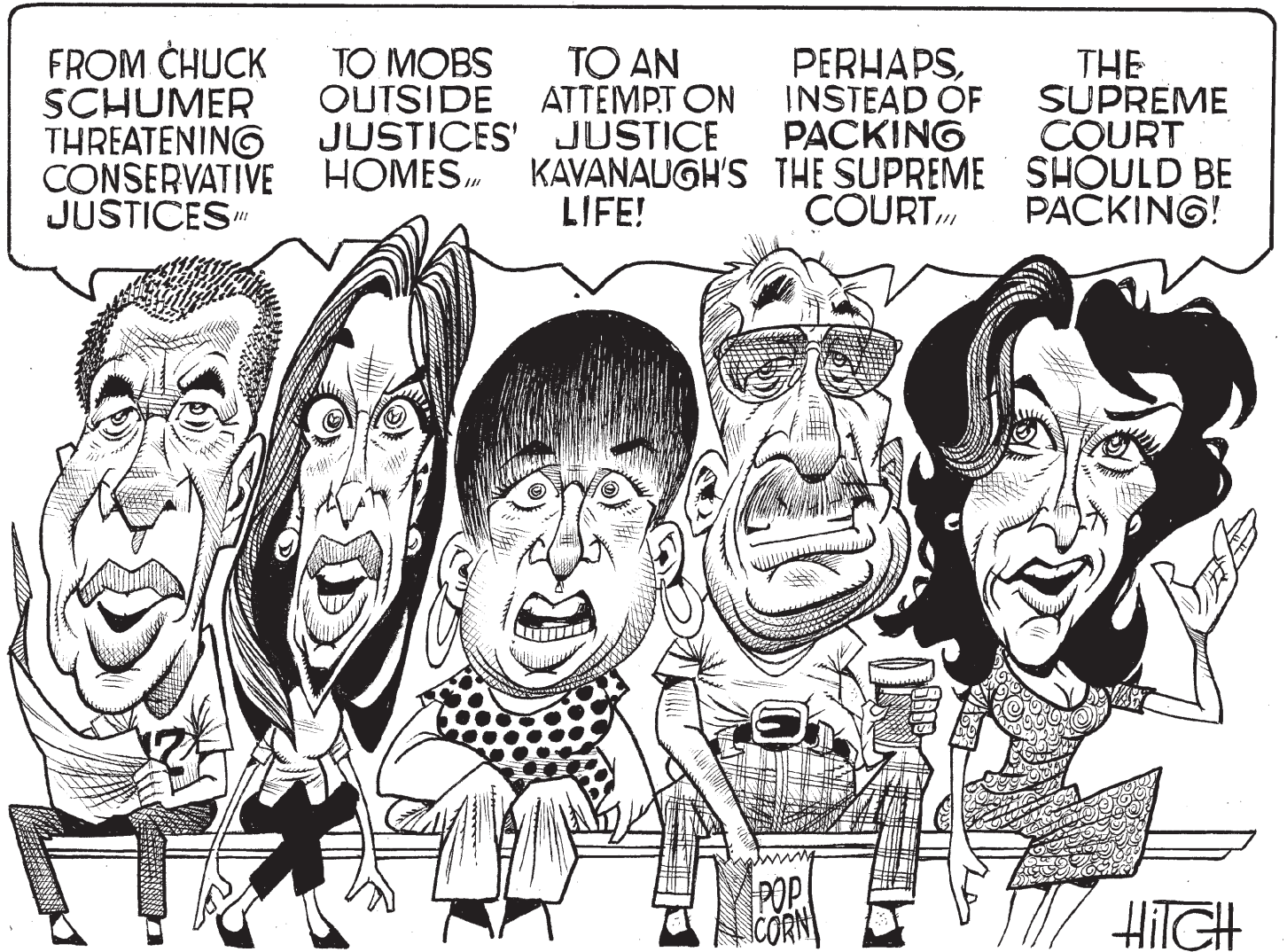
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Eutychus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who sent word to Pontius Pilate to leave Jesus alone after having a dream about Him? *Servant, Soldier, Pilate's wife, Priest*
3. From Zechariah 1, what type of tree surrounded a man on a red horse? *Fig, Cedar, Sycamore, Myrtle*
4. According to Romans 11, whose loss meant riches for the Gentiles? *Caesar, Lucifer, Israel, Syria*
5. In Genesis 25, what was the name of Isaac's older half-brother? *Noah, Ishmael, Ezekiel, Micah*
6. Who had a miraculous well open up to him after battle? *Samson, David, Aaron, Uriah*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Pilate's wife, 3) Myrtle, 4) Israel, 5) Ishmael, 6) Samson

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

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Comfort foods

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Easy Summer Salad

When it's too hot to even think of turning on the stove, why not give this ultra-easy lettuce salad with bacon-ranch dressing a try? We think you'll be glad you did!

- 1/2 cup fat-free ranch dressing
- 2 tablespoons fat-free mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
- 2 tablespoons purchased real bacon bits
- 6 cups shredded lettuce or salad greens
- 2 cups chopped fresh tomatoes

1. In a small bowl, combine ranch dressing, mayonnaise and parsley flakes. Add bacon bits. Mix well to combine. Cover and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes.

2. For each serving, place 1 1/2 cups lettuce or greens on a plate, sprinkle 1/2 cup tomatoes over lettuce and drizzle a full 2 tablespoons dressing mixture over top. Serve at once. Makes 4 servings.

• Each serving equals: 83 calories, 1g fat, 2g protein, 16g carb., 36mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1/2 Starch, 2 Vegetables.

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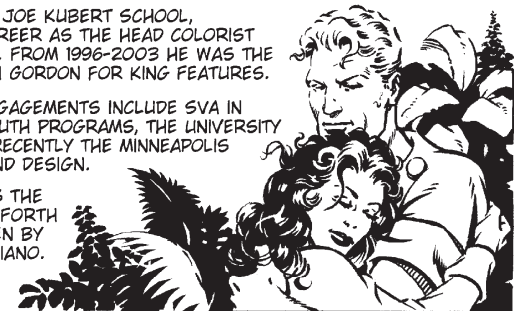
Artist Spotlight: JIM KEEFE



A GRADUATE OF THE JOE KUBERT SCHOOL, JIM KEEFE STARTED HIS CAREER AS THE HEAD COLORIST AT KING FEATURES SYNDICATE. FROM 1996-2003 HE WAS THE WRITER AND ARTIST OF FLASH GORDON FOR KING FEATURES.

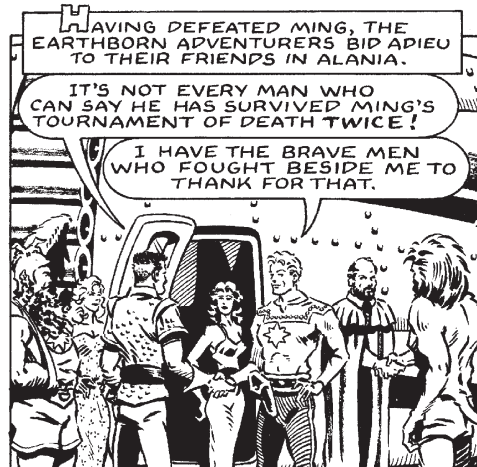
TEACHING AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS INCLUDE SVA IN MANHATTAN, HOFSTRA'S UCCE YOUTH PROGRAMS, THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND MOST RECENTLY THE MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN.

KEEFE CURRENTLY IS THE ARTIST OF THE SALLY FORTH COMIC STRIP, WRITTEN BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO.



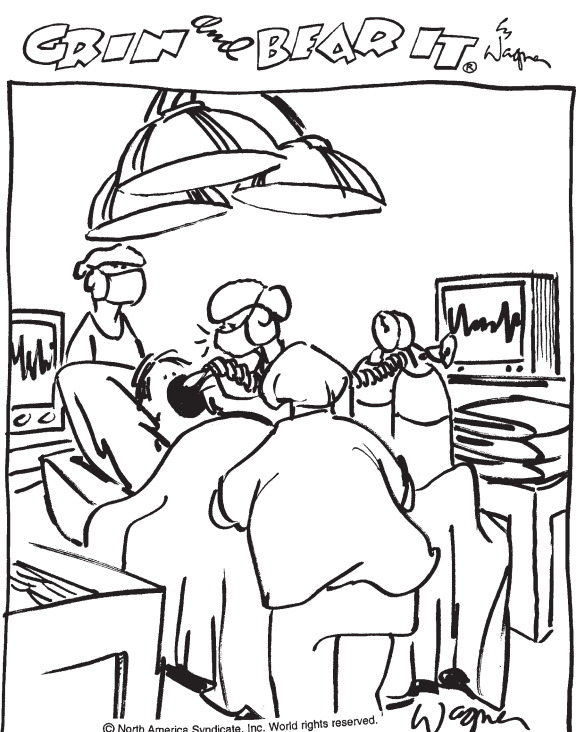
FLASH GORDON

By JIM KEEFE



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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LADY INDIANS



Oneida Players and Coaches Have Set the Bar High

Oneida Lady Indians Head Coach Phil Newport told the Morgan County Today, "We're as deep as any team I've coached. I look for us to have a chance against anybody on our schedule, and it's a pretty tough schedule." This season's Lady Indian team returns 9 starters, with 10 juniors and some talented underclassmen who Newport said will make an immediate impact. "Our freshmen, Kamryn Stiltner, Carissa Smart and Larissa Jones have already shown a lot of promise. We'll play several of our sophomores a lot, including Jillian Cross, Presley Queener and Lydia Kline, Newport said.

Senior Alexea Jones, a three-time All Region performer, joined by Aliyah Douglas, Claire Burress, Emma White, Kamryn Kennedy and Kenlee Duncan lead the Lady Indians. Aliyah Douglas, with 53 total career goals is very close to overtaking the OHS scoring record, but Newport is quick to state, "We have more than just two scoring threats on this team." And Newport, who specializes in defense, added, "I believe if we can hold any of our opponents to under two goals, it will be tough to beat us."

Aliyah Douglas told the Morgan County Today, "Our schedule is challenging," and these challenges come quickly, with Oneida taking on three 5A teams- Dickson County, Dekalb County and Morristown West during the August 26-27 Smoky Mountain Cup event in Gatlinburg.

For Oneida, their usual nemesis, Cumberland Gap is the team to beat this season also.. "Every team in our District has a chance to beat us, but I feel like we have a chance against anybody," Newport said.

"All of our juniors will contribute. Ayla Sims will be our keeper, and she's very good. Amaya Pace will be our back-up goalkeeper. Ali Smith, Hayley Flores, Emilee Sexton, Emma Hamilton, Jaielyn Hamilton, Rory Blevins will all contribute to our team's success," said Newport.

With the core of a team that last season upset Cumberland Gap to win the District and Region tournaments, Newport isn't ready to make any forecasts, but stated, "We set the bar high every season. We just need not to get ahead of ourselves. We'll compete in every game regardless of results."

Aug 18 6:30 pm Kingston
 Aug 23 6:30 pm @Anderson Co.
 Smoky Mtn Cup
 Aug 26 TBD Dickson Co.
 Aug 27 TBD Dekalb Co.
 Aug 27 TBD Morristown West
 Sept 1 6:30 pm Campbell Co.
 Sept 6 6:30 pm Harriman
 Sept 8 6:30 pm @Oliver Springs
 Sept 12 6:00 pm Corbin
 Sept 15 6:30 pm @Cumberland
 Sept 20 6:30 pm @Sevier Co.
 Sept 22 TBD Rockwood
 Sept 27 7:00 pm @William Blou
 Sept 29 6:00 pm Scott Co.
 Oct 3 6:00 pm @Cumberland Co

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SCOTT COUNTY LADY HIGHLANDERS



Lady Highlanders Have Leadership, Depth and Expect to Succeed

Scott Lady Highlander seniors are determined to finish well this season. Speaking to the Morgan County Today, Chloe Tucker said, "We have high expectations for this team. We have a good group of girls, and we'll do well this season." Fellow senior Olivia Rector echoed those sentiments and added, "We have some talent from our experienced players and newcomers and will come together as a solid team this year." Chloe Tucker commented on the Highlander schedule, which features road games against CAK and Fulton and finishes with home contests versus Oneida and Alcoa: "Our schedule is tough, but it will make us play tougher." Katie Tucker stated, "We want to stay healthy and see how far we can go," and Scott senior Kaitlyn Butts emphasized, "We want to do all for the glory of God. Go Scott!"

Scott Head Coach Eric Henry said about his seniors, "Every day they're here working hard. These seniors are great leaders, and will help us determine how we finish. They are an awesome group that I've seen grow so much these last three years."

Rounding out Henry's Lady Highlander squad are some highly skilled players- Rachel Garrett, who can play about every spot on the field; Abby Reynolds, Ellie Lowe, Zoey Terry, all athletic and primed to take Scott to a higher level of play. Younger players Kinley Frogge, Autumn Brummett and Brittany Morrow will see plenty of playing time. "Our newcomers are going to help us immediately," Henry said. He continued, "Bella Sharpe looks to be our starting goalkeeper. She has tenacity and a lot of energy for the game. Emily Fladie is a freshman who will get plenty of minutes on the field. Chloe Lowe will, too. Angel Cooper is a junior who will figure into our success this season."

Scott's District opponents- Clinton, Kingston, Anderson County- will be challenging this season, but Scott has the tenacity and talent to overcome those challenges.

With a new season and a roster with more depth than Henry has seen in years, his expectations are high for this season's Lady Highlanders. "We are working together well as a team, and working hard. That shows a lot about the character of all of these ladies. Every week, we expect to do well and get better moving forward. Even though most of our team is young, our seniors are very experienced and very good. I'm excited about how that will drive the success of this team."

Aug 6 Clinton Play Day TBD
Aug 13 SHS Play Day Home TBA
Aug 15 @Campbell County 6:00
Aug 16 @Stone Memorial 6:30
Aug 18 @Heritage 6:30
Aug 23 @Harriman 6:00
Aug 25 Cumberland Gap 6:00
Aug 30 @CAK 6:30
Sept 13 @Anderson County 6:30
Sept 20 @Clinton 7:00
Sept 22 @Fulton 6:00
Sept 27 Kingston 6:00
Sept 29 Oneida 6:00
Oct 4 Alcoa 6:00

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Historically Speaking

Letters from Nagasaki tell of horrors of atomic bomb

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

This article written by Carolyn Krause features additional information about Carl Bretz. She introduced him to us two weeks ago, cited his career and how he came to be an Oak Ridger. The source Carolyn used is his soon to be published oral history.

How, let's continue with Carolyn's input to Historically Speaking as she provides more insight into Carl Bretz using his letters home from one of the cities destroyed by an atomic bomb to end World War II. His personal observations made during his early visit to that destroyed city made a life-long impression on him, as seeing either Hiroshima or Nagasaki must impress all who visit these two cities forever tied historically to the atomic bomb.

Carolyn continues her series on Carl Bretz:

Carl Bretz, a resident of Oak Ridge and retired Unitarian Universalist minister, wrote daily letters home to his parents from Nagasaki, Japan, shortly after it was devastated in August 1945 by the last atomic bomb ever dropped on a populated area.

As part of the U.S. military occupation of Japan after World War II, the Army Construction Engineer Battalion, for which Bretz worked as a clerk typist, had commandeered a school on a rainy day.

Bretz's Sept. 28, 1945, letter notes that the young, diminutive Japanese students carried off desks, chairs and books from their school. He describes narrow, crooked, dirt roads that were almost impassable to U.S. military trucks that carried cots and equipment to the new battalion barracks and office.

About one-third of the windows in the school had been blown out, the indoor latrines smelled bad and the slate roof was partly destroyed, so rain fell into the school. Bretz and others put up nets to keep out malarial mosquitos.

"The Japs are very friendly, especially the children; however, they were scared at first," he wrote.

"When the soldiers landed Sunday, many of the people fled to the hills to join other timid souls who had fled when the atomic bomb was dropped. We saw large groups returning yesterday and more today; they expected us to kill them, I guess.

"About the bombing – They tell me that the whole business district of the city was leveled... the

stench is terrible, the buzzards are there in great flocks, feeding on the carrion. They are still uncovering bodies.

"I did see, however, on our way in, that every installation of any value was either burned or blasted or wrecked completely...every large building was gutted or demolished...there were plenty of the 'patched contraptions' they call houses, hit too. But that goes in the horrors of war –



Carl Bretz is shown with artifacts of World War II that he donated to the American Museum of Science and Energy (Photo Submitted)

perhaps both our nations have seen enough of it now that we can live in peace after this."

Sept. 29, 1945: "The natives really live in an awful way around here. Their houses are shacks mostly, but usually have tile roofs; they cultivate every available foot...the most common plants are sweet potatoes, pumpkins, and eggplant...the women carry enormous loads on their backs up and down these hills.

"I saw my first Jap horse today and as usual they were leading it, instead of driving it or riding it. It was a good-looking animal, but didn't have a load."

Oct. 6, 1945: "Today has been a day I won't forget for the rest of my life. I had my first pass and my first visit to Nagasaki proper. I didn't see anything beautiful or pleasant on the whole trip...I saw more destruction than I ever thought possible. I started walking through the area where the damage was getting heavy...nearly every building of any size has windows, roof, or something else damaged...by heavy, I mean gutted walls standing, black and ugly..."

"One of the fellows I knew...stopped in his truck and offered to chauffeur me around...he told me he had been 7 miles farther down the road and the destruction was just as complete there...he showed me where C Company built the bridge, where A Company is building a landing strip for B29s..."

Since the bomb exploded before it hit the ground, it didn't leave a crater, and you can only tell about where it landed [based on where concrete was blown off buildings with steel frames and which ways the mangled steel fell]...Standing in the middle of that is something like being in the middle of a plowed field with here and there a few corn stalks sticking up in crazy angles.

"As you can imagine the loss of life must have been terrible. And you can really see that there is no love for us among those people there in town. I can't help but feel that there is a very intense but covered-up hatred for us. The people out here in the so-called country are much friendlier.

"The odors are terrible too – all the ordinary smells of a fishing town, plus the bodies buried in the debris [that] haven't been taken care of...I was glad to get back to the top of our peaceful hill, away from all the ruin of a devastated city. This is something you must see to believe, and get the full horror out of it..."

"Somehow I can't help feel that perhaps it was a mistake to even develop such a thing of destruction. Perhaps it can repay some of this ruin, by being used in some humane way. We must do everything in our power to see that a thing like that never happens again."

Fortunately, neither an atomic bomb or hydrogen bomb has been dropped on a populated area since the 1945 detonations. Nine countries, however, possess nuclear weapons and two are seeking to have them.

The technology that made nuclear weapons possible has been adapted for use in life-saving nuclear medicine (disease diagnosis and treatment) and nuclear power, which provides 20% of the electricity in the U.S. That's definitely something to write home about.

Thanks to Carolyn for the research and details brought forth in her review of Carl Bretz's oral history. She is working on other similar articles from oral histories and other sources. I appreciate her contributions to Historically Speaking and hope you do as well.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



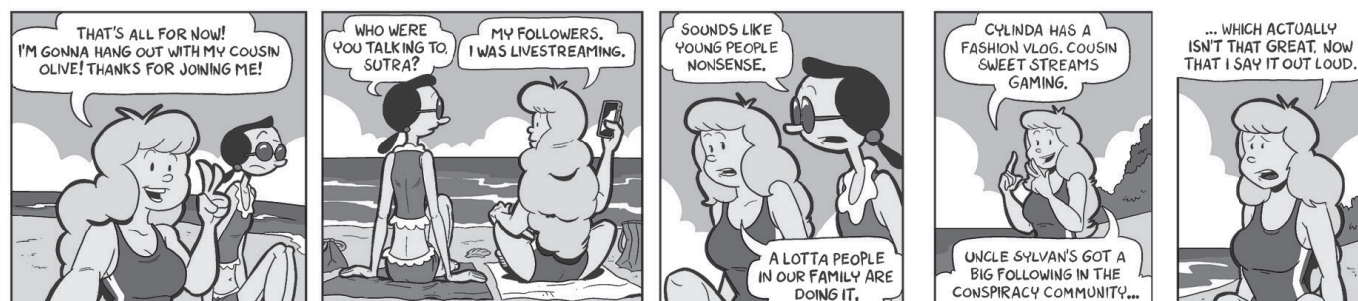
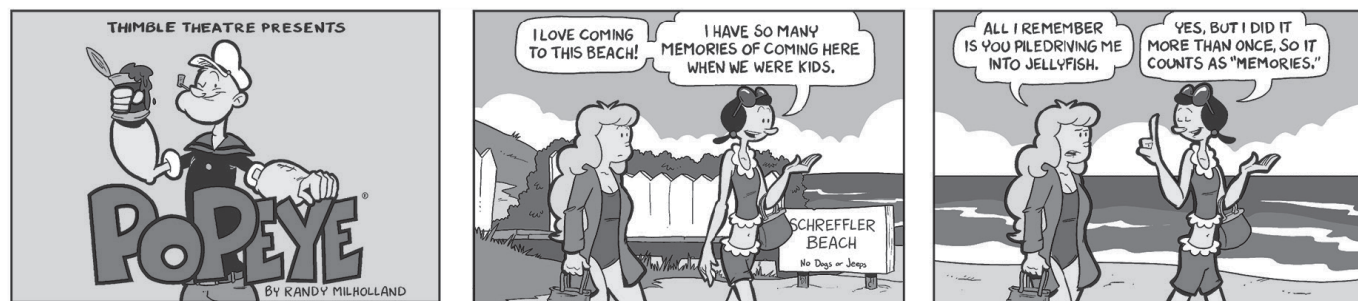
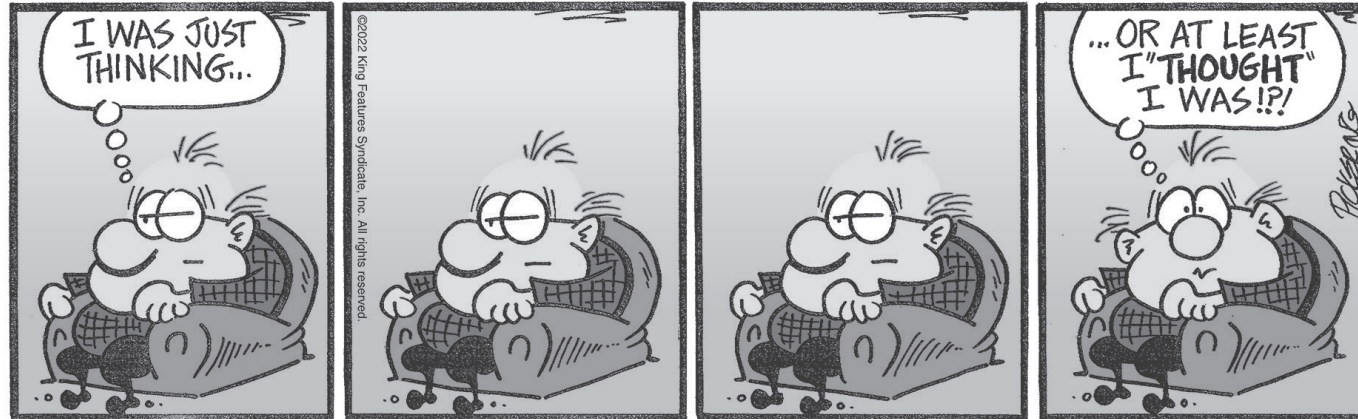
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Sept. 3, 1783, the American Revolution comes to an end when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain and France sign the Treaty of Paris. The signing signified America's status as a free nation, as Britain formally recognized the independence of its 13 former American colonies.

* On Sept. 1, 1850, circus entrepreneur P.T. Barnum brings to the United States Jenny Lind ("The Swedish Nightingale"), the greatest opera performer in the world at the time. Her tour is believed to have netted Barnum close to a half-million dollars.

* On Aug. 31, 1888, Mary Ann Nichols, the first victim of London serial killer "Jack the Ripper," is found murdered in Whitechapel's Buck's Row. On Nov. 7, after a month of silence, Jack took his fifth and last victim, Mary Kelly. In 1892, with no leads found and no more murders recorded, the Jack the Ripper file was closed.

* On Aug. 29, 1945, President Harry S. Truman authorizes the Navy to seize control of and operate petroleum refineries to counteract strikes by oil workers. Oil, gas and chemical workers had worked hard during the war to meet production demands and now wanted to return to a 40-hour work week. They resented the amount of money oil industry CEOs were making off of their labor while they simultaneously threatened to lower workers' wages after the war.

* On Sept. 4, 1957, Ford Motor Company unveils the Edsel. One reporter called it "an Oldsmobile sucking a lemon." In addition, at highway speeds, the famous hood ornament had a tendency to fly off and into the windshield.

* On Aug. 30, 1967, Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice. He would remain on the Supreme Court for 24 years before retiring.

* On Sept. 2, 1987, the trial of Mathias Rust, the 19-year-old pilot who flew his Cessna plane into Red Square in May 1987, begins in Moscow. Rust had become an international celebrity after he flew completely undetected through Soviet airspace. Rust claimed that he was merely trying to promote world peace.

EthBaal King of Tyre



John Burns

Opinion Columnist

We learn of the father of Jezebel in the book of Kings. Chapter 16 has us introduced to Ahab being chastened by God, for continuing the practices of Jeroboam. Ahab went a step further. He married the daughter of a king who was the head of the largest fertility cult in Canaan.

EthBaal is king of the people identified as Sidonians. Jesus Christ identifies an ancient war between God and these people. Nimrod had consolidated the worship of all things created in Babel. Now, Ishtar and Baal have migrated to the coasts of Israel and modern Lebanon.

Mesopotamia, and more so Babel, is where the fallen angels under the direction of their Archangel leader Lucifer, began to produce offspring with the daughters of Adam. From Babel in Assyria, and Egypt in Mizraim, fallen angels populated all areas in the levant. Canaan was not spared.

The Sidonians were ancient seafaring peoples who established a vibrant trading country we today call Lebanon. Tyre is where EthBaal became King and lord over the ancient fertility religion of Ishtar. Jezebel was his daughter who served at the temple and placed in charge of the offerings of babies from Hebrew mothers.

God warned Israel about the fate that would befall a nation that destroyed their offspring. Israel had allowed for the gods of Babylon and Egypt into their homes and eventually by 586 BC, carved Idols they worshipped were being hidden by Levite priests in the temple dedicated to YHWH.

Baal is the Assyrian and Chaldean word that transliterates into English as lord. He would take on many prefixes and suffixes depending on the created deity he controlled. The oldest cult to incorporate Baal worship is the cult of Mithras. This is the cult of the Bull.

A bull is a beast of burden and animal of sacrifice in antiquity. The bull represented a nations financial stability. The bull always leads to the worship of the towers. The towers are how men expressed how they got wealthy by depending on Mithras the bull. The adherents were called Mithraidites.

The first letter of the Hebrew alphabet is the Aleph. It is the English letter A. It is the first letter in the creation name of God. The Aleph is the Ox. In antiquity, the letter Aleph looked like a two horned beast. God is both our burden bearer and our eventual sacrifice for sins. Calling on Baal, activates God's greatest jealousy as creator.

Jesus Christ once taught he is the Alpha and Omega. This is Greek. What Messiah said in Hebrew was I am the Aleph and the Tau. He was identifying as the Aleph of creation who intended to become our beast of sacrifice. He alone is Lord, not Baal! The Tau is the last letter in the Hebrew alphabet. It represents a cross shaped mark.

The Tau is the mark of Cain. It is where the plan of God was finished. The cross is the only mark in history that sanctified a wedding covenant, and promised a kingdom. Place the cross of Christ squarely at the center of every biblical question, and unbelief in Jesus Christ as God will fade away.

King EthBaal continued what Nimrod started and every empire in history continued. He melded religion with the government. The religion of men was the religion of the state and EthBaal was their leader. The marriage of religion to government was continued.

EthBaal raised Jezebel to be a devout antisemite. She would do anything to get rid of the prophets and priests of YHWH. The problem was, the religious leaders of the day were aiding and abetting her in the destruction of human offspring. Abortion backed by government was codified in Babylon, and continued by the Sidonians of Phoenecia.

Tyre was the center of the Phoenecian world. There were elaborate temples to Ishtar and Baal everywhere. There were schools of learning dedicated to indoctrinating children into the religion of the state of Phoenecia. Only one education was tolerated, and polytheism was the accepted religion of the state.

Very wealthy elite peoples sent their children to state sponsored schools to learn human fertility practices, and military or financial training. Trade guilds sprung up in Tyre, centered around the worship of Baal and Ishtar. Parents sent their children to learn from a socio-political, elite crowd of people, who controlled every aspect of their lives. Their lives centered around the sacrifice of human children on superheated altars.

No one could question the religious practices of the state of Phoenecia without fear of persecution from within government. Government only allowed one way of thinking, and murder of infants satisfied their need for human suffering. Death is the center of their religious beliefs. All else is secondary.

Phoenecia was incredibly wealthy. No one needed the God of creation. Immorality was at the center of every decision EthBaal made. Perversion of God our creator's family unit, centered around human sacrifice, homosexuality, the making of male eunuchs, which was an ancient transgender practice.

The fallen angels were causing God's people to mock him as creator. The priests of God were silent as they became incredibly wealthy. Synagogues were popping up all over, and the acceptance of a watered-down religious experience became mainstream in Israel. Nothing has changed in America.

Religious traditions replaced relationship to God as creator. Ancient fertility holidays were accepted in Hebrew religious services. Christmas and Easter, replaced Passover, and the resurrection according to God's calendar in the Torah. Shabbat was changed to Sunday, and slaves were given Sunday off to worship at the houses of sun gods.

EthBaal required men worship his opinion about what Moloch accepts as a sacrifice. His opinion was centered in human death. God hates EthBaal, and Jezebel is alive and well today. Hillary Clinton will make her return for the purpose of being destroyed by the house of Jehu in 2024!

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 virgin bride very soon. John Burns 5-13-2022

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Zion National Park

I was able to visit Zion National Park a couple weeks before Christmas of 2020. The national park is located in Springdale, Utah; it's about a 3-hour drive from Las Vegas, NV. The park is known for its mountainous scenery distinguished by its steep canyon walls and red cliffs. It's one of the best national parks in the United States. If you like to hike, the park offers a bunch of different trails with varying degrees of difficulty.

Springdale, UT is right by the entrance of the park. It's a neat little town to stay in during your visit. Springdale has several locally owned restaurants, shops, cafes, coffee shops, and craft stores. What's really cool about the town is there are no chain stores of any kind besides a Subway sandwich franchise. If you like to support local; Springdale, UT offers you the ability to do that and avoid corporate chains.

Because of the location and unique geography of Zion National Park, there are numerous plant species and animal

diversity. "The park has 289 species of birds, 75 mammals, 19 species of bats, and 32 reptiles. They inhabit the park's four life zones: desert, riparian, wood-

land, and coniferous forest. Zion national park includes mountains, canyons,



Zack Ballinger

buttes, mesas, monoliths, rivers, slot canyons, and natural arches". (Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zion_National_Park)

I hiked around the park, but the most memorable hikes were called the Watchman and Angel's Landing. Angel's landing was one of the most intense hikes of my life. It's a steep 2.5 mile climb up the canyon. Once you get to the top, the rest of the way you have to use a chain to climb up another .5 miles. There are no guard rails or safety measures. I didn't make it very far before turning around and heading back down. It was snowing that day, the rocks were slippery, and it started getting too crowded. I would recommend this hike to someone in the summertime, but not in the winter. It was definitely worth the hike for the first 2.5 miles. The scenery is absolutely amazing.

I visited Zion National Parking during the off season which was right before winter. The park was still pretty busy, but of course this year was a lot different because of the pandemic. I actually liked visiting this time of year because of the beauty of the snow in the mountains. The town was dressed in Christmas lights and décor and that really put you in the Christmas spirit. Zion National Park should be on your list to visit for your Christmas of 2022.

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DIVAS ON A DIME
By Patti Diamond

Frozen Lemonade Concentrate Is Surprisingly Versatile

I'm always on the lookout for inexpensive ingredients that can be used in lots of recipes. I'm especially happy when I find unexpected uses for a common ingredient. I was wandering the frozen foods aisle and did a double take on a can of frozen lemonade. The wheels began to turn.



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Try these lemonade marinades for chicken.

I keep frozen juice concentrate in the freezer at all times. Lemonade is a particular favorite because it's a useful ingredient for many different beverages and much more.

Some beverage ideas: Add strawberries, blueberries or raspberries to make fruity lemonade. Add mint or basil for a sophisticated twist. Mix lemonade with different soft drinks, like lemon-lime soda or ginger ale, for bubbly treats. Or mix with iced tea to make an Arnold Palmer.

Summer cocktails come to life mixed with lemonade. Who doesn't enjoy a hard lemonade slushy by the pool? Or a Lynchburg lemonade mixed with whiskey? Lemonade even makes a perfect base for a margarita.

How about dessert? Since frozen is as frozen does, here's the classic frozen lemonade ice box pie. Remember that one?

LEMONADE ICE BOX PIE

1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 (12-ounce) container whipped topping, thawed
1 (6-ounce) can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
1 (9-inch) graham cracker crust

In a mixing bowl, blend the first three ingredients. Pour the mixture into the pie crust and freeze until solid. Tart and creamy, cold and dreamy.

But here's where I got excited! I thought, what is frozen lemonade? It's a concentrate of lemon juice, citrus pulp, lemon oil and sugar. You know what else uses those ingredients? Marinades. Especially marinades for chicken and pork. I can feel your skepticism. Stick with me!

I went all "mad scientist" in the kitchen and played around until I came up with two marinade recipes that all my taste testers loved. I promise, they're not sweet! Here are the winners.

Both recipes make 1 cup of potent marinade, enough for 3-4 pounds of your preferred chicken pieces.

LEMON, ROSEMARY AND GARLIC MARINADE

6 ounces frozen lemonade concentrate
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon garlic cloves, crushed (or more!)
1 1/2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, minced (or 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary)
1/2 teaspoon onion powder

In a gallon-size resealable food storage bag, combine lemonade concentrate, Worcestershire, vinegar, garlic, rosemary and onion powder. Add chicken pieces, seal the bag and smush to blend. Marinate in refrigerator for 1 hour or, even better, overnight. Optional — before you add the chicken, reserve 1/4 cup of marinade and mix with 1 cup plain yogurt to make a delicious sauce for the chicken.

LEMON, GINGER AND SOY MARINADE

6 ounces frozen lemonade concentrate
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons fresh ginger, grated
1 tablespoon garlic cloves, crushed
1/2 teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground

In a gallon-size resealable food storage bag, combine lemonade concentrate, soy sauce, ginger, garlic and pepper. Add chicken pieces, seal bag and smush to blend. Marinate in refrigerator at least 1 hour or overnight.

To cook the chicken — Preheat oven to 375 F. Bake for 50-55 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 165 F. You can also grill, broil or pan fry this chicken.

Please note lemonade concentrate comes in two sizes: 6 and 12 ounces. These recipes call for 6 ounces, so you may get two recipes from one can. When buying concentrate, purchase brands that don't contain high fructose corn syrup. They may cost a few cents more, but it's truly worth it.

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David Zubler
Columnist

Beware of \$80 billion funding for IRS

The Senate approved almost \$80 billion of funding for the IRS. "Enforcement" is designated for over \$45 billion of the funding. IRS audits will substantially increase with the hiring of 87,000 new agents.

The Act is expected to pass in the House and then go to President Biden's desk for his signature.

In a letter to the Senate last week, IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig said that resources from the Inflation Reduction Act "are absolutely not about increasing audit scrutiny on small businesses or middle-income Americans." Instead, it will bring the IRS "back to historical norms in areas of challenge for the agency,"

Funds received will also go toward "employees and IT systems that will allow us to better serve all taxpayers," Rettig wrote. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the investment in IRS funding is projected to bring in \$203.7 billion in revenue from 2022 to 2031. However, opponents say IRS enforcement may affect everyone.

"Our biggest worry in this is that the burden for these audits will land on Walmart shoppers," said Rep. Kevin Brady.

According to the Wall Street Journal, "The Joint Committee on Taxation, Congress's official tax scorekeeper, says that from 78% to 90% of the money raised from under-reported income would likely come from those making less than \$200,000 a year".

Audits won't increase immediately after the bill is passed. New auditors receive about six months of training.

As a result of the funding, many people are becoming more

concerned about having an increased risk of being audited. If your tax return is a basic W2 return, there is very little risk of an audit.

If your tax return includes a business, many factors could trigger an audit.

Your odds of being audited can be drastically reduced by being careful when filing your tax return. The IRS has software that scores every tax return with a numeric score. The higher the score, the more likely your return will be audited. An experienced tax preparer should be able to tell you if they see something that increases your risk of being audited. However, a tax preparer with little experience is not as likely to know what may cause your return to be audited.

If you have multiple years of unfiled returns or have received threatening letters about your tax liability, it's important to take immediate action to resolve any issues that you may have.

Keeping accurate records and using an experienced tax professional can help prevent you from being audited.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Getting Ready for Medicare Open Enrollment

Before we know it, that yearly event will be here -- when we have to decide what to do about our Medicare plans between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7 for coverage that will begin Jan. 1.

There are several things we have to consider, such as taking on a prescription drug plan or changing to a new one, or staying with original Medicare or going with an Advantage plan or changing Advantage plans or going back to original Medicare. All these take time to think about.

Thoughts to consider:

What will Social Security look like in 2023? We won't know the Social Security increase until it is announced in October. There have been guesses that we might receive as much as a 10.5% increase, which calcu-

lates to \$175 for the average beneficiary. The Part B premium will be deducted from that.

We're likely looking at an 8.5% increase in Medicare Advantage and Part D drug plans costs.

Check the costs of your prescriptions over the past three years, because for some of us, that's where the big-ticket expenses are. Chances are the drug costs have gone up, possibly even significantly. And chances are they're not coming down.

What to do, what to do ... Two options are worth looking at: GoodRx (www.goodrx.com) and Marc Cuban CostPlus Drug Company (costplusdrugs.com). Both offer discounted prices on prescription drugs. Investigate and see what you think.

A Kaiser study concluded that seven out of 10 people did not research the plans during open enrollment. Because of the rising costs of everything in our lives, this needs to be the year that we compare, compare, compare. When in doubt, look into SHIP, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, which is in every state, staffed by volunteers who can help you wade through the Medicare information. Call them at 877-839-2675 for the one near you.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. In which Bill Withers song does he hold a note near the end for 18 seconds?**
- 2. Which artist released an album titled "Comic Book Heroes"?**
- 3. Name the group that released "I'll Sail Away," "She Has Wings" and "City Ties."**
- 4. Which group wrote and released "Whipping Post"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Who's gonna ride that chrome three wheeler, Who's gonna make that first mistake, Who wants to wear those gypsy leathers."**

Answers

- 1. "Lovely Day," in 1977. That high-E note was the longest sustained note ever in a U.S. Top 40 song. Another singer (Freddie Curci) is said to have held a note for 20 seconds, but that's not confirmed.**
- 2. Rick Springfield, in 1973. The album came out, was quickly pulled back due to legal problems, and was reissued later.**
- 3. Red, White & Blue (grass), in 1977, all written by Ginger Boatwright, queen of bluegrass music.**
- 4. The Allman Brothers Band, in 1969.**
- 5. "Fire Lake," by Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band, in 1980. The song was partially written in 1971 but wasn't picked up again until 1979 when it was finally finished and used on their "Against the Wind" album.**

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In the matter of the Estate of <u>ROSS O. HOWARD</u> Deceased		

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH DAY OF MARCH 2022, Letters of TESTAMENTARY in respect to the Estate of ROSS O. HOWARD who died on the 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2021, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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Colossians Chapter 3

(Colossians 3:1-4) The motivation of Christ's resurrection: Paul now draws a practical conclusion. "If (since) then you were raised together with Christ (from your baptism) (2:12) seek (persistently so) the things above (the heavenly realm)." There Christ is "seated at the right hand of God." "Right hand" is a figurative expression (found about 170 times in the Old Testament) which denotes glory, authority, honor, etc. (Psa. 110). The Christian is to "set his mind," steadfastly engage his attention, on heavenly matters, rather than being preoccupied with mundane, earthly things. In the conversion process we "died" (separated ourselves from worldly goals) and "hid" our lives with Christ in God. "Hid" suggests nurturing and safety (v.3). Jesus is the source of our spiritual lives and our reason for living; he will be "manifested" at the time of his coming, at which point we also will be manifested in glory (v.4).

(Col. 3:5-11) Put off the old man: Christians, therefore, are to "put to death" (separate from them) earth's carnal impulses: "fornication," illicit sexual unions; "uncleanness," this can denote religious corruption (Mt. 23:27), or moral contamination; "passion" suggests vile lusts; "evil desire" (illicit cravings); and "covetousness" (greed), the equivalent of "idolatry" which makes "gods" of material things.

These reflect a disobedient disposition, are damning in consequence, and surely, if continued, will elicit the "wrath of God," punitive justice (v.6). The Colossian saints had once "lived in" (habitual action) these sordid circumstances. Now, however, they are to "put away" these lifestyles (v. 8). This is the second dimension of repentance---sorrow for sin, then reformation of life.

There also are interpersonal attitudes and actions that must be eliminated: (a) "anger," explosive bursts of temper; "wrath," seething fury; "malice," viciousness; "railing," blasphemies, slander; "shameful speaking," obscenities and lying (distorting truth). Christian speech must be characterized by kindness, purity, and truth.

The child of God must "strip off" the old character and clothe himself with a new set of moral rules. It will not be a quick battle. The "renewal" is pursued constantly, as one becomes increasingly knowledgeable of the moral nature of his Creator (v.8-10). In Christ, cultural barriers must give way to unity---between Jew and Gentile, slaves and masters, etc. Christ must be supreme, above all others considerations (v. 11; Gal. 3:28).

(Col. 3:12-17) Put on the new man: The Colossians are identified as God's "elect." These are not specific persons chosen to be saved before the foundation of the world; rather, they are those obedient in disposition, who individually determined to enter the "in Christ" relationship (see Eph. 1:4, "chose us in him") by obedience to the truth (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27). Personal acceptance of the gospel, or thrusting it away, determines who the elect are. A person "judges" himself worthy or unworthy of eternal life (see Acts 13:46). The elect are tenderly called "holy and beloved." These brothers are to "clothe themselves" with a variety of qualities that will enhance interpersonal relationships and promote unity in the body of Christ. If Christians cannot learn to live in peace, the cause of Jesus is seriously damaged.

"Compassion" is mercy shown to others. "Kindness" is the ability to treat folks gently. "Lowliness" is the disposition that motivates one in the service of others. "Meekness" is the quality of keeping oneself under control, no matter what the situation. "Longsuffering" describes the one who is patient; he is willing to "go the second mile" with the frailties of others, keenly conscious of his own faults. The "forbearing" one is the disciplined individual who can "hold himself back," even in the face of the most vigorous provocation. The "forgiving" person is the soul most like Christ, who forgave even from the agony of the cross (through not unconditionally) (Acts 2).

Crowning all of these admirable traits, there must be "love" (1 Cor. 13:4-7). Love is the cement of maturity which binds together the Lord's people. It helps in achieving the sacred goal. The Christian is to make decisions relating to brotherly relationships as peaceably as possible, allowing the peace that derives from Christ to function as an arbitrator (umpire) in such matters, recognizing that we have been "called into one body," for which we must be supremely thankful (v.15). The admonition is an indictment against modern denominationalism beyond the body and factionalism within it.

Verse sixteen sets forth a worship obligation. The expression, "word of Christ" (1 Thes. 1:8; 4:15), can mean either the word from Christ or about Christ. It may even embrace both senses. Christians are to let the "word" take up residence within them---by study, reflection, the example of others, and personal actions. Additionally, exercising sacred wisdom, the saints are to "teach" and "admonish" (these are commands) "one another"; the idea suggested is that of "corporate unity" in worship (Lightfoot). The manner in which the obligation is implemented is by means of psalms (book of Psalms), hymns (more general songs of praise), and spiritual songs (as opposed to secular). Worship should result from hearts of thanksgiving. See also Ephesians 5:8-21. Note: (a) There is no justification here for mechanical instruments of music in worship to God. (b) There is no authority for "performance" worship, the use of choirs or solos. (c) Both men and women are to "teach" by song; thus, a woman may "teach" in this capacity without violating Paul's prohibition elsewhere (1 Cor. 14:34; 1 Tim. 2:12). (Go to: BIBLE-TALK.TV Mike Mazzalongo the acappella church).

Whatever the Christian does, either verbally or by his actions, such must be done "in the name of the Lord," under his authority (Mk. 16:17; Mt. 10:1). The expression has no reference to the use of a formal, spoken phraseology, but to a recognition of Christ and his authoritative go-between role (1 Tim. 2:5). We acknowledge our right to approach God on the ground of our relationship to Jesus.

(Col. 3:8-25) Domestic duties: There is a "headship" scale divinely imposed within the family of mankind. Christ is the head of man, man is the head of woman (1 Cor. 11:3), and the husband is the head of his wife (Eph. 5:23). This is offensive to the modern world of feminist aggression; nonetheless, it is sacred oracle. Wives, therefore, are to be in subjection to their husbands. This does not mean they are to be doormats or allow themselves to be victims of abuse. No home can be congenial where a husband is overbearing. Husbands are to "love" their wives. This is not romantic love, but the agape love described in elsewhere in Paul's writings (1 Cor. 13:4-7). If more husbands were loving, rather than "bitter," more wives would be happy to honor the Lord's instructions for domestic order (see Eph. 5:22).

The "children" addressed obviously are old enough to be accountable before God and yet are still dependent upon parental guidance. They are commanded to "obey" (to listen under, hence to yield) the instruction of their parents, as long as such does not conflict with divine revelation. In this they please the Lord (see Eph. 6:1-4). Moreover, fathers are not to provoke their children by irrational and non-spiritual attitudes or actions. They should be gentle, loving, and nurturing.

Further, servants (slaves) are to obey their masters with personal integrity and devotion, not merely when being watched. Slavery was an evil institution in the Roman Empire, and slaves were frequently abused. But Christianity issued no "emancipation proclamation"; rather, Christian loyalty, dedication, and devotion were to conquer the slave-master yoke. Christian slaves, therefore, were to serve their masters with the same spirit of obedience they would exercise in yielding to God. Ultimately the Lord would reward them; moreover, those who abuse others---whether husbands, parents, or masters---will reap as they have sown, and the great Judge will not be a respecter of persons!


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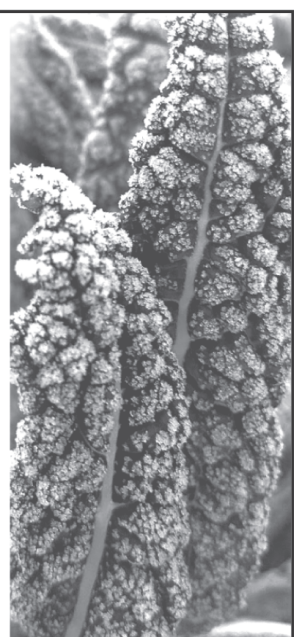
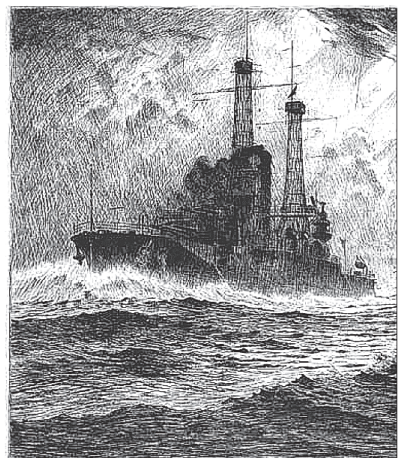
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Some went out on the sea in ships;
 they were merchants on the mighty
 waters. They saw the works of the
 Lord, his wonderful deeds in the deep.
 For he spoke and stirred up a tempest
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