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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Now, we have to go

stay with the kids because their mom and dad went on a honeymoon. I have never heard of that place before.

It must be a special place because you have to go there after your wedding, with no kids.

I hope they have fun at this honeymoon place. I know it is on an island, that has a beach, and you have to fly there.

I did not know that Shawn and Jessica could fly. They hide their wings really well, cause I never knew that they had them. Maybe that is what a wedding is.

Could it be, that is when you get your wings? Hmm.

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

This weekend was special. Shawn and Jessica finally got married.

So any woof, before we go to their house to stay, someone special came to see me. It was Clara Bell! Mr Jake and Ms Vickie brought Clara and the girls down. They fished, in the lake.



Clara Bell and I played inside the fence. Oh, how I have missed seeing all of them. Clara Bell has always wuffed me and treated me like I was her very own puppy. She has gotten a little cranky in her old age, Ms Vickie says. Well, I don't know about all that stuff. I'm just glad that I got to see her. She did eat and drink from MY bowls. Can you believe that? I didn't really mind though, she has shared with me, many times.

Well, I guess I will go for now. Talk to you next week.

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

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

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

Oakdale Library News

We are getting back into the swing of the school year. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our summer reading programs. Special thanks goes to Save the Children for their generous grant, as well as TN State Library for granting us a free virtual tour of Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies. The following businesses also donated coupons or items:

- Wendy's of Harriman
- Taco Bell of Wartburg
- Buff City Soap on Parkside Drive
- Pine Orchard Baptist Church
- Cracker Barrel of Harriman
- TN Valley Fair
- AMSE
- Smokies Baseball
- Shoney's of Harriman
- Top Jump/ Top Golf
- WonderWorks

This Wednesday, August 24, we are picking back up with our 4th Wednesday Preschool Playtime. All those with little ones at home are welcome to join us at 10:30 as we build with magnetic blocks.

BINGO for adults is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 - 11:30.

Our 2nd Annual Online Auction will be held on Sept 9-11. We have collected some great items so far. If anyone in the community has new or gently used items to donate, please message us on facebook, or send us an email at oakdalepubliclibrary@gmail.com. Please keep your eye out for our auction event on Facebook. All funds raised stay with our library and help us purchase supplies for the library and for our programs.

Our current hours are Monday

10:30-3:00, Tuesday 3:00-7:30, and Wednesday 9:00-12:00.

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

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WEEKLY WEATHER



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In Loving Memory

Evelyn Brown (Evalina), 81

Evelyn Brown (Evalina), age 81 passed away August 14, 2022, at Roane Medical Center in Harri-man. She was born Au-gust 24, 1941.



She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister who loved spending time with fam-ily.

She is preceded in death by her husband Beecher Brown; parents Lee & Murtle Pilkey; sons David Brown & Raymond Brown; son-in-law Daniel Ferguson; great grandchildren Jazmine Brown & Jace Ferguson.

She is survived by her son Gro-ver (Joyce) Brown; daughters Sue Givens and Teresa Fergu-

son; daughter-in-law Glenda Brown; siblings Jerry Pilkey, Gene Pilkey, Lester Pilkey, Bobby Pilkey and Ray Pilkey and a host of grandchil-dren, great grand-children and extend-ed family members.

The family will re-ceive friends Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to fol-low at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Jimmy Banken officiating. Interment will follow in the Brown Family Ceme-tery in Oakdale.

Schubert Funeral Home is hon-ored to serve the family of Evelyn Brown.

Jeremy Lynn Beard, 39

Jeremy Lynn Beard, age 39 of Wartburg went home to be with his Heavenly Father on August 16, 2022. He was born on December 16, 1982.



His love has always been with the Lord and his church family at Macedonia Baptist

Church. When talking with Jere-my he always found a way to talk about the Lord. He loved spend-ing time on the lake camping with his loving wife and three boys. He always looked forward to go-ing to work alongside his father, Jeff at Poor Boys Tire Shop. He had a passion for coon hunting. Whenever you would see Jere-my he would have a smile on his face, and making jokes, secretly plotting his next prank.

His laughter was contagious to all those around him. His heart was full of love, and it brought him great joy to help others. He was a loving and cherished father, son, brother, uncle, nephew, and cousin.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Paul & Mae Beard

and Roosevelt & Ruby Armes.

He is survived by his loving wife of 18 years Dawn Beard and three sons An-thony (16), Hayden (14), and Cody (10); parents Jeff & Ella Beard; brothers Jef-fery (Donita) Beard of Wartburg and Justin Beard and girlfriend Dawn of Jamestown; sisters Amy (Paul) Duncan of Wartburg; nieces & nephew Mat-tie & Lannie Beard, Gracie Shane & Allie Duncan, Macy & Makinley Beard, Arissa & Sara Ripley and Ciara Vann and a host of extend-ed family and friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, August 18, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wart-burg from 6:00-8:00p.m. Funer-al services will be Friday at 1:00 p.m. at Armes Chapel Church with Bro. Jeff Beard and Bro. Dennis Armes officiating. Interment will follow in the Armes Chapel Cem-etry.

Schubert Funeral Home is hon-ored to serve the family of Jere-my Beard.

Kayla "Katie Bug" Armes, 30

Kayla "Katie Bug" Armes, age 30 of Lancing, TN, passed away Friday August 19, 2022 at Roane Medical Center in Harri-man surrounded by her family.



She is preceded in death by her mamaw, Sibyl Armes; aunt, Tammy Howard; and special nurses: Linda Perry, Wilma Mc-Cann, and Nancy Armes.

She is survived by her parents, Renea and Chris Tompkins; grandparents, Reuben and Rita Armes, Linda Tompkins and Gary Tompkins; siblings, Megan Rome-ro and John (Bailey) Tompkins; special nieces and nephews: Keylee Cooper, Jaxxon Winning-ham, Easton Tompkins, Jensen Tompkins, Madison Burchfield

(Cameron Turner), Ja-cob Burchfield, Kylie Hawn, Amara Brooks, and Ellee Mae Turner; aunt, Robin Brooks and companion Kenny Wil-liams, Jessica Tomp-kins and companion Jody Carter; uncle, Tra-cy Howard; many great uncles, aunts and cous-ins. Special nurses, Lin-da Norris and Michelle Stanley. She also leaves behind a host of special "riding buddies" and spe-cial friends.

The family will receive friends Monday August 22, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Schubert Fu-neral Home in Wartburg with the funeral to follow at 7:00 with Bro. Mitch Hawn officiating. The grave-side service will be held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Old Potters Chapel Cemetery in Lancing, TN.

Velva June Newport, 88

Velva June Newport, age 88 of Sunbright, went to her Heavenly home on Friday Au-gust 19, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family. Velva June lived for her family and her church. She was a member of Sunbright Church of God of Prophecy.



Florida; Gail Williams of Lancing; and Joye (Todd) Bussen of Clin-ton; daughter-in-law, Patty Newport of Sun-bright; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ransey and Annie Taylor; 6 sisters and 5 brothers; husband, Lemuel Newport; son, Brad Newport; granddaughter, Jennifer Williams and grandson, Gabriel Jordan.

The family will receive friends Tuesday August 23, 2022 from 9:00 – 10:45 a.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright. The graveside service will follow at 11:00 in the Sunbright City Cem-etry with Bro. Terry Potter offici-ating.

She is survived by her chil-dren: Carol Miller of Maryville; son, Bruce (Martha) Newport of

Schubert Funeral Home is hon-ored to serve the family of Velva June Newport.

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

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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Noah Cox Signs With Roane State for Track



Congratulations to Noah Cox who signed with Roane State Community College to run Cross Country. Noah Cox holds the record of the 800 m relay race at 9:53 minutes. Present at signing was Sunbright track Coach Tara England. Parents are Deidra Cox and Greg Cox and siblings Madilyn Cox and Andrew Brown.

Grandparents are Virginia Bunch and Henry Bunch and Donnie Williams. One nephew Elliot Brown. Noah shares with us that he is excited for an opportunity to continue running and looks forward to attending a four year college after RSCC to compete in cross country.

Futrell To Speak at the Morgan County Heritage Museum



in retirement, he has been an avid genealogist and photographer. His passion for preserving our heritage has been demonstrated in the books he has authored: The Futrell Family of East Tennessee: The First Four Generations, Coal Dust: Growing Up in Southern Appalachia, Civil War Sourcebook: Morgan County, Tennessee, and 101: The Men of Company H, 3rd Regiment East Tennessee Infantry. Terry also placed first in the recent Deer Lodge 4th of July Parade with an appearance on his recumbent trike!

The Morgan County Genealogical & Historical Society's Heritage Museum welcomes as a guest, Terry Futrell, on Saturday, August 27, 11am-3pm. Terry will be available to answer questions and share stories about Coalfield during the exhibit by the Coalfield Genealogical & Historical Society who partnered with MCGHS to share the history and heritage of the town.

Terry has 40 years professional experience, focused in the software and technologies field. Alongside his career and now

The Heritage Museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-3pm. The current temporary exhibit on the town of Coalfield runs throughout August and September.



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Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	NOTICE TO CREDITORS	Case Number <u>P-17-22</u>
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.

- (1)
 - (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

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A King's Ransom: Chapter 13



Carol Hall
Author

Shrouded in darkness, the tiny village seemed almost abandoned, except for the flickering flames of lanterns perched in a handful of windows.

From their vantage point in the woods, just off the trail they had followed in, Bronwyn and Nicodemus observed the village for several long moments.

"It's awfully quiet," Nicodemus spoke softly. "Are all villages like this at night?"

"Mostly, yes," Bronwyn said, keeping her voice low. "There isn't much to do in the evenings. Most folks are eating their supper, or relaxing before bedtime."

"Why are we hiding in the woods watching them?" Nicodemus asked.

"I want to make sure no soldiers are prowling around before we go marching in there," Bronwyn explained.

"Do you think Sir Gamel came here?" Nicodemus asked.

"It's a good possibility," Bronwyn said. "He rode off in this direction."

"Do you see him?" Nicodemus asked.

"No," Bronwyn answered. "It's too dark. I wouldn't be able to see him even if he was here."

"How long are we going to sit here and watch?"

"Until I feel it's safe."

"Oh," Nicodemus said. He huffed out a sigh. "I'm bored."

"Then go catch a bug or something," Bronwyn said, distracted. She was keeping an eye on a particular house that didn't have any lantern light shining from the window. It appeared no one lived there.

Nicodemus plunked down on her shoulder and exhaled a deep sigh. "Bbrroonw-wyynn...", he groaned. "I'm soooo bored."

"Would you please be quiet?" Bronwyn asked, waving her hand at him. "I'm trying to see if that house is empty, or not."

"What house?" Nicodemus asked.

"The one at the edge of the village," Bronwyn said, pointing to it. "There's no light, and I haven't seen anyone moving about."

Nicodemus noted the house, but didn't seem too interested. Instead, he pranced around on her shoulder, humming.

"What are you doing?" Bronwyn asked.

"I'm waiting for you to decide whether we're going to sit here all night staring at a vacant house, or whether you're going to get off your backside and go in," he said.

"Fine," Bronwyn conceded. "But if we get caught, I'm blaming you."

"I can deal with that," he said. "It would be far more exciting than sitting here all night."

"You wouldn't think so if you got thrown back into the dungeon," Bronwyn said.

"I'm willing to take the risk," he said.

"Fine, let's go," Bronwyn said.

She stood up and dusted off her skirt. It was still damp from the earlier rain, making it feel bulky and heavy.

Stepping out onto the dirt road, she hesitated.

"What if someone sees us coming?" she asked.

"In this gloomy blackness?" Nicodemus asked. "If they do, they have better eyesight than me."

Bronwyn noticed that the inky veil of darkness that hung over the land was indeed gloomy. The rain had caused a light fog to coat the ground, and the moon barely peeked out from behind a layer of clouds.

"I guess you're right," she said, taking a step forward.

"Of course, I am," Nicodemus said. "I'm always right."

"Whatever," Bronwyn chuckled. "I just hope you are this time."

Bronwyn moved stealthily down the small, grassy knoll that surrounded the village. With each step she took, her eyes darted back and forth among the houses making sure no one was witnessing their approach.

As they reached the small house at the edge of the village, Bronwyn paused and listened.

"I don't think anyone's here," she whispered to Nicodemus.

"I don't see anyone," Nicodemus responded. "I don't hear anyone, either."

Bronwyn crept up to the window and gazed inside. On a table next to the door, she could scarcely make out a small loaf of bread. "I see bread, Nick," she said.

"Can you reach it, Wynn?" Nicodemus asked.

"Wynn?" she asked.

"You called me Nick," he said. "I thought we were going with nicknames now."

Bronwyn scrunched up her face and looked at him. "Nick is short for Nic-o-demus."

"And Wynn is short for Bron-wyn," he said.

"But Wynn is ugly," Bronwyn said, curling her lip.

"Well Nick isn't exactly a spider-ish name," Nicodemus said. "It sounds more like a human's name."

"Oh, fine, whatever," Bronwyn said. "Let's not pick bones about it right now. I'm hungry, and that bread is calling my name."

Reaching her arm through the window, she was surprised when her fingers wrapped about the end of the loaf. Lifting it off the table, she withdrew her arm from the window, the loaf of bread in tow.

She put her back to the wall of the house and slid down, landing with a thump on her rear end.

Holding the loaf up to her nose, she inhaled deeply. The warm, doughy aroma made her stomach rumble.

Ripping off a piece, she handed it up to Nicodemus who was still perched on her shoulder.

It had been over twenty-four hours since Bronwyn had eaten anything. She was starved. Cramming the end of the loaf into her mouth, she bit off a large chunk and began chewing.

"Who's there?" came a feeble male voice. "Who stole my bread?"

Bronwyn jumped to her feet and swung around. A very old, withered looking man was standing in the doorway of the house. His shoulder-length, wispy, white hair wreathed his head, and his stooped stature gave the impression of a bird of prey.

"I...I'm sorry, sir," Bronwyn said, tentatively taking a step toward him. "We thought this house was empty."

"How many empty houses have loaves of bread cooling in them?" he asked, though not unkindly.

"We didn't see any lights, or fire in the fireplace," Bronwyn said, holding the loaf of bread out toward him. "We assumed no one was home."

"Are you hungry?" the old man asked.

"Y-yes," Bronwyn stammered. She was still holding the bread out in his direction, but he didn't seem to see it. "Here's your loaf back, sir. I only took one bite."

He reached out, waving his arm around, but couldn't seem to find Bronwyn's outstretched hand. She touched the loaf to the end of his fingers and waited for him to grasp it.

"Thank you," he said, as his gnarled fingers wrapped around the bread. "Would you like

to come in and share the rest of it with me?"

Bronwyn was shocked at the question. "You want us to come in and eat with you? Even though I stole your bread?"

"Why, yes," he said. "You must be famished if you're willing to steal."

"Thank you, sir," Bronwyn said, graciously. "We're very hungry, indeed. It's been a whole day since we've eaten anything."

"We?" he asked. "How many of you are there?"

"It's just the two of us," Bronwyn said. "Me and Nicodemus...my...uh...brother."

"Your brother?" Nicodemus hissed in her ear. "He's going to get a real shock when he realizes I'm a spider."

"I think he's blind," she whispered.

"Oh," Nicodemus said. "Then brother it is."

"I can hear you whispering," the old man said. "Is everything alright?"

"Yes," Bronwyn assured him. "I was trying to convince my brother that it's ok, you won't hurt us."

"She's right, young man," the old man confirmed. "I most definitely will not hurt you. I'm actually quite happy for the company."

Bronwyn followed the old man inside.

The tiny hut reminded her of her home back in Dowgarth Village. A pang of sorrow washed over her. How she missed the little village she'd so longed to leave. The thought of her mother brought a sudden tear to her eye. She swallowed the hard lump that burned in the back of her throat. She wouldn't let herself get weighed down with things she couldn't do anything about at the moment.

"I don't have much," the old man said, snapping Bronwyn out of her reverie. "But I'm happy to share what I do have."

"We really appreciate it," Bronwyn said.

"You'll have to sit on the floor," the old man said, regretfully. "I only have one stool."

"That's fine," Bronwyn said. "We'll be just fine on the floor."

The interior of the house was dark, since there was no fire to light up the place. Bronwyn didn't dare mention it, since she knew it wouldn't matter to the old man. If he couldn't see, he would have no need for light.

After slicing the bread into several pieces, he set them on the table. Taking one for himself, he sat down on his stool facing them. "Grab some bread," he said. "Then we'll talk."

Bronwyn grabbed two slices and resumed her spot on the floor.

"Now," the old man said. "First things first. What are your names?"

"Bronwyn and Nicodemus," Bronwyn offered.

"Mine's Theobold," he said. He bit into his bread and began to leisurely chew.

Bronwyn copied him, tearing off a piece and stuffing it into her mouth. She crumbled up a corner and dropped the bits onto her lap for Nicodemus.

"So tell me," Theobold said. "Where are you two from? I know everyone in this village, and you don't belong here."

"I...um..." Bronwyn started.

"Now, don't you be lying to me, young lady," Theobold warned. "I may be old, but I ain't stupid. I know when someone's in trouble and on the run. What did you do? Who's after you?"

"We're wards of the king," Bronwyn confessed. "We escaped from the castle and are headed home."

"Where's home?" Theobold asked.

"The Village of Dowgarth, in the Northern Region," Bronwyn replied.

"You're a long way from home then," Theobold said.

"Where are we?" Bronwyn asked.

"This is the Village of Aimar, in the Southern Region," Theobold said.

Bronwyn's heart sank. They were several days walk from Dowgarth, and that was only if she knew which direction to head in.

"Can you help us?" Bronwyn asked, desperately.

"What can I do to help you?" Theobold asked.

"Can you offer us a place to stay for the night, then perhaps show us the way North from here in the morning?" Bronwyn asked.

"I can do that," Theobold agreed.

"Thank you, sir," Bronwyn said.

"Your brother sure is quiet," Theobold said. "He doesn't say much, does he?"

"Oh, he's quite the chatterbox when he wants to be," Bronwyn smirked.

"He's just busy eating at the moment."

"How old are you, Nicodemus?" Theobold asked.

"Ten, sir," Nicodemus said, playing the role of little brother accordingly.

"Not so little after all, are you?" Theobold asked.

"Nope. I've been told I'm rather large for being a..." Nicodemus caught himself before he said it.

"For being a what?" Theobold asked, curiously.

"For being...a ten-year old...only ten years old," Nicodemus corrected himself.

"You guys finish eating your bread, and I'll go out to the well and bring us in some fresh water," Theobold said.

"Where's the well?" Bronwyn asked. "Do you need some help drawing the water?"

"Thank you, Bronwyn, but I am quite capable of getting it myself," Theobold said, kindly. "The well is just around the corner from my house. Since I'm blind, the villagers thought it would be best to build my house close to it. That way it wouldn't be too difficult for me to get my own water."

After grabbing a small bucket that was sitting next to the fireplace, Theobold left Bronwyn and Nicodemus alone in the dark house.



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army veteran Specialist Five Dwight W. Birdwell served in the Vietnam War while assigned to Troop C, 3RD Squadron, 4TH Cavalry, 25TH Infantry Division.

For his heroic actions in combat on January 31, 1968 he was presented with the Medal of Honor on July 5, 2022 at the White House by President Joseph Biden.

Specialist Five Birdwell's Medal of Honor citation reads: Specialist Five Dwight W. Birdwell distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving with C Troop, 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam on 31 January, 1968. On this date, C Troop was ordered to move south to help repel an enemy attack on

Tan Son Nhut Airbase. As the C Troop column of tanks and armored personnel carriers approached the west gate of Tan Son Nhut Airbase, it came under intense enemy fire from a building to its right. Unbeknown to C Troop, it had driven directly into an enemy force consisting of three battalions. The column tried to push through the initial attack but the lead tank, crippled by a rocket-propelled grenade explosion, was blocking the way forward. C Troop immediately came under heavy enemy fire from both sides of the road. Specialist Five Birdwell, upon seeing that his tank commander was wounded by enemy fire, immediately went to his aid. Under intense enemy fire, he lowered the injured tank commander to the ground, and moved him to safety. Specialist Five Birdwell then, with complete disregard for his own safety, mounted the tank and assumed the tank commander's position. Standing in the tank commander's hatch with the upper half of his body exposed to heavy enemy fire, Specialist Five Birdwell used the tank's .50 caliber machine gun and 90mm main gun to suppress the enemy attack. With the ammunition for the 90mm main



gun exhausted, he continued to fire the .50 caliber machine gun until it overheated. At this point, Specialist Five Birdwell, rather than abandoning his position, continued to engage the enemy with his M-16 rifle, sometimes exposing his entire body to enemy fire in order to engage the enemy from a better vantage point. When a U.S. helicopter crashed nearby, Specialist Five Birdwell, under withering enemy fire, dismounted and moved to the helicopter where he retrieved two M-60 machine guns and ammunition. After giving one M-60 and ammunition to a fellow soldier, he remounted his tank and used the other M-60 to again engage the enemy. Specialist Five Birdwell continued to engage the enemy with complete disregard for his own safety until the M-60 he was firing

was hit by enemy fire. Specialist Five Birdwell, now wounded in the face, neck, chest, and arms, dismounted the tank but refused to be medically evacuated. Instead, Specialist Five Birdwell, under enemy fire, rallied fellow soldiers to advance toward the front of the armored column where they set up a defensive position by a large tree. From this position, he and the other soldiers engaged the enemy with M-16 fire and grenades. As the enemy fire lessened, Specialist Five Birdwell gathered ammunition from disabled vehicles and helped wounded soldiers move to safer positions. His leadership and tenacity under fire inspired the other C Troop soldiers to continue fighting against the superior enemy force, and directly contributed to the enemy's ultimate defeat. Specialist Five Birdwell's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

This week we honor fallen Police Officer Cesar "Echy" Echaverry of the Miami-Dade Police Department, Florida who lost his life in the line of duty on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

Officer Echaverry succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained two nights earlier while chasing a robbery suspect at 8:50 pm.

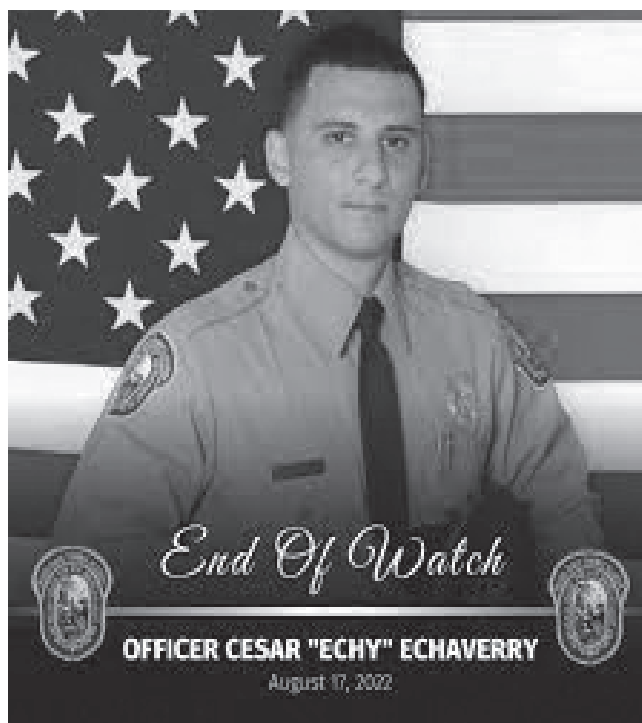
A vehicle that had been involved in an armed robbery in Dania Beach earlier in the evening was observed driving in Miami-Dade and fled when officers attempted to stop it. Officers pursued the vehicle until it crashed into a light pole. The driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot as Officer Echaverry and other officers pursued him on foot. The man opened fire, striking Officer Echaverry before he was killed by return fire.

Officer Echaverry was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds the following evening.

A second suspect in the initial robbery was shot and killed the following day as a SWAT team attempted to take him into custody at a local hotel.

Officer Echaverry had served with the Miami-Dade Police Department for five years and was assigned to the Robbery Intervention Detail.

MDPD Director Alfredo Ramirez stated "Officer Echaverry died in the line of duty while serving & protecting our commu-



nity. Our law enforcement family will continue to stand beside & support the Echaverry family through this difficult time. We'll never forget Officer Echaverry's bravery & sacrifice. Godspeed, brother."

Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniela Levine Cava released the following statement following Echevarry's passing, "I am heartbroken to learn of Detective Cesar Echaverry's death. He laid down his life to stop a violent criminal, and we will be forever grateful for his selfless service and sacrifice to our community. Echy, as he was lovingly known to his police family, will be remembered always for his courage, his sense of duty, and his unwaver-

ing dedication to keeping our residents safe."

"I ask that our entire community lift up his family, his loved ones, and our Police Department in prayer as they navigate an unthinkable tragedy," she continued. "We thank Echy's parents for raising a hero and we hold them in solidarity as they grieve. Our county is safer today because of Detective Echaverry's bravery — a sacrifice we will never forget."

He was only twenty-nine-years-old.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* To test the seals on your refrigerator and freezer, close a piece of paper in the door. If you can pull it out easily, it's likely that your seal is loose. Clean or replace door gaskets for a better seal.

* To keep vinyl seats bearable in summer heat, keep a few towels in your car and lay them over the seat. This also keeps the plastic parts of baby seats from burning little legs and arms.

* You can use plain white bread to get fingerprints and smudges off of wallpaper and semigloss painted walls. Just ball up the bread center (not the crust) and rub the smudge away.

* "Out of prewash and looking at a nasty grease stain? Grab your dishwashing liquid soap (not the one you would put in your automatic dishwasher). It's designed to break down grease, and I just dab it on, scrub a

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Venus rotates so slowly that a single day on the planet lasts longer than a year.

* While over 50 million Americans have signed up with a local gym, according to one study of 2,000 such members, 50% admitted they didn't even exercise when they got there but instead preferred to spend their time hanging out with friends or checking out the opposite sex.

* Cherry farmers hire helicopter pilots to air-dry their trees after it rains so the fruit won't split open.

* Toe wrestling has been a sport in several countries since the '70s, with men's and women's divisions and even a

World Championship. Players attempt to pin and hold down their opponent's bare toes for three seconds. Best two out of three rounds wins!

* Speaking of feet, the overwhelming fear of those appendages is called podophobia.

* Cartoon canine Scooby Doo's excessive use of the letter "R" is the result of a speech disorder known as rhotacization.

* The first public phone call on an Apple iPhone was a prank. On a San Francisco stage, Steve Jobs opened Google Maps, located a nearby Starbucks, and placed an order for 4,000 lattes, then told the surprised barista he was just joking and hung up.

bit, then let it set for about a quarter hour. After that, I launder in hot water. It's usually successful." -- via email

* Check bagged frozen vegetables with the squeeze test: A bag that's hard and solid has thawed and subsequently refrozen. You should choose another bag, one with loose, free-moving pieces.

* Remove cloudiness from a batch of tea with this trick: Let your tea cool before refrigerating it. You also can add a small bit of boiling water to a glass of iced tea if it is already cloudy.

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

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* Classical composer Franz Schubert was nicknamed "Little Mushroom" for his short stature and wide girth.

* New York has been destroyed in more movies than any other city.

* A dating app called Hater that began as a joke in 2016 matched potential couples according to their dislikes. While it launched to respectable success, it only lasted a couple of years. Perhaps it was the name?

* Statistically, the most dangerous job one can hold in America is president.

Thought for the Day: "Sometimes the road less traveled is less traveled for a reason." -- Jerry Seinfeld

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Red Planet
- 5 Dandy guy
- 8 Espy
- 12 Part of Q.E.D.
- 13 Lennon's lady
- 14 Frau's mate
- 15 Mater lead-in
- 16 Old Oldsmobile
- 17 Notion
- 18 Head honcho
- 20 Desolate
- 22 Presidential nickname
- 23 Dol. fractions
- 24 "Toodle-oo!"
- 27 Shun liquor
- 32 Actress Thurman
- 33 Hostel
- 34 Pie — mode
- 35 Gifted
- 38 "Roots" author Haley
- 39 Altar affirmative
- 40 Sushi fish
- 42 Demand
- 45 Zealous
- 49 Gestation location
- 50 Gun the engine
- 52 Black-and-white cookie
- 53 Spoken
- 54 "As I see it," to a texter
- 55 Cold War ini-

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- 8 Japanese faith
- 9 Statue base
- 10 Baseball's Hershiser
- 11 Tea carrier
- 19 Letters of approval?
- 21 Calendar abbr.
- 24 Boy king
- 25 Docs' org.
- 26 Amulet
- 28 Away from WSW
- 29 Try
- 30 Pub order
- 31 Remiss
- 36 Safe to consume
- 37 Refusals
- 38 Novelist Huxley
- 41 Hectic hosp. area
- 42 Victor's cry
- 43 Sushi wrapper
- 44 Half a sextet
- 46 Gaelic
- 47 Tree home
- 48 Afghanistan's — Bora region
- 51 Outback bird

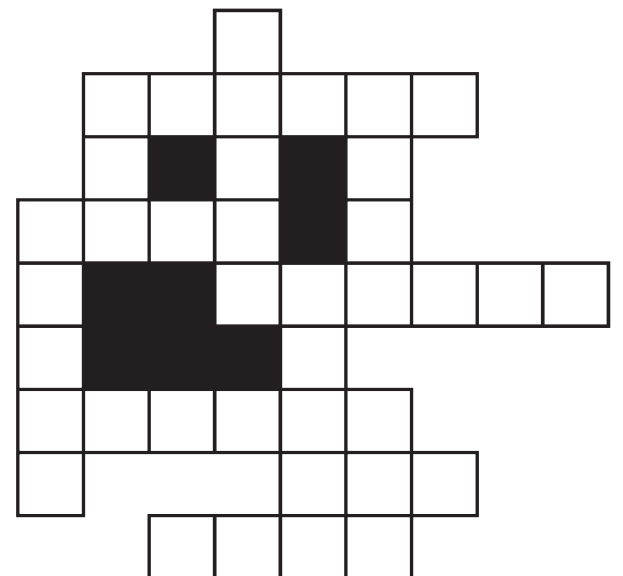
DOWN

- 1 Potatoes partner
- 2 Folksinger Guthrie
- 3 Wheelchair access
- 4 Sports venues
- 5 "Never mind!"
- 6 Single

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- YAH
- UPSMYG
- ♥ TUROE
- TESY
- EGSHUT
- ♥ DMA
- ♥ YERP
- ♥ DEGOL
- ♥ TGA
- EMTARD
- GUPYD
- ♥ IDTE



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

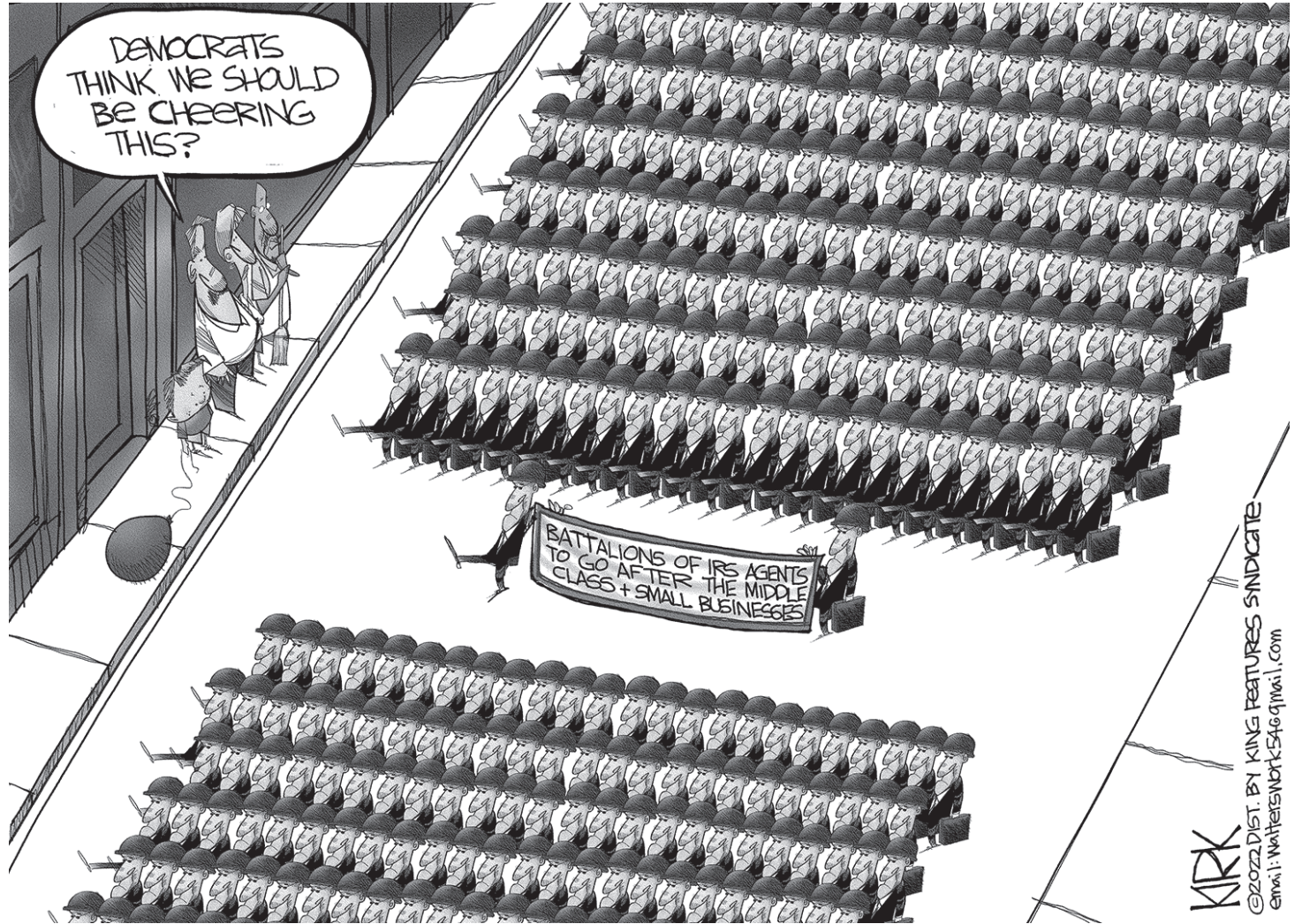
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 13, where was the tower that killed 18 people when it collapsed? *Babel, Shechem, Hananeel, Siloam*
3. Which biblical Philistine city is often heard today with the word "strip"? *Sunset, Corinth, Gaza, Derbe*
4. From 1 Samuel 16, how many boys did Jesse have? *4, 8, 11, 14*
5. Which apostle did Satan enter into? *Judas, Thomas, James, Peter*
6. Uriah had what occupation? *Servant, Carpenter, Shepherd, Soldier*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Siloam, 3) Gaza, 4) 8, 5) Judas, 6) Soldier

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Comfort foods

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by Healthy Exchanges

French Onions and Rice

If you enjoy French Onion Soup, then you'll enjoy this easy side dish, too!

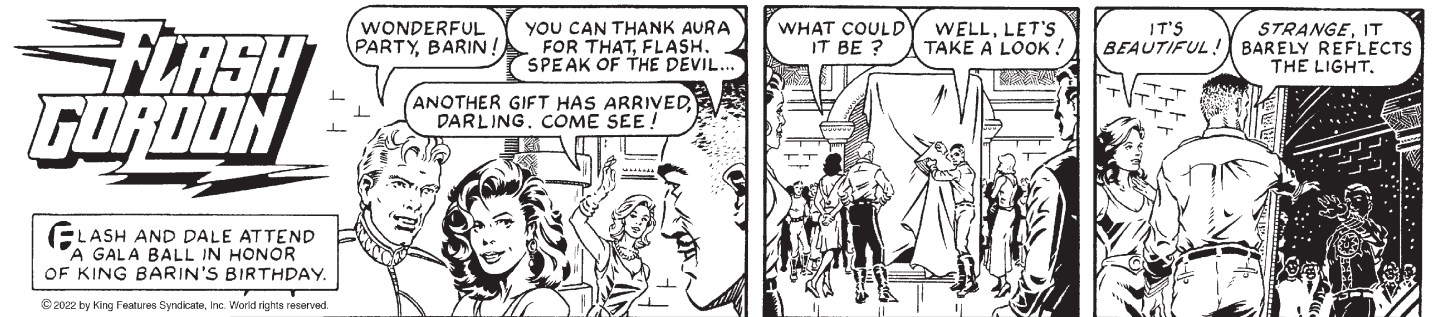
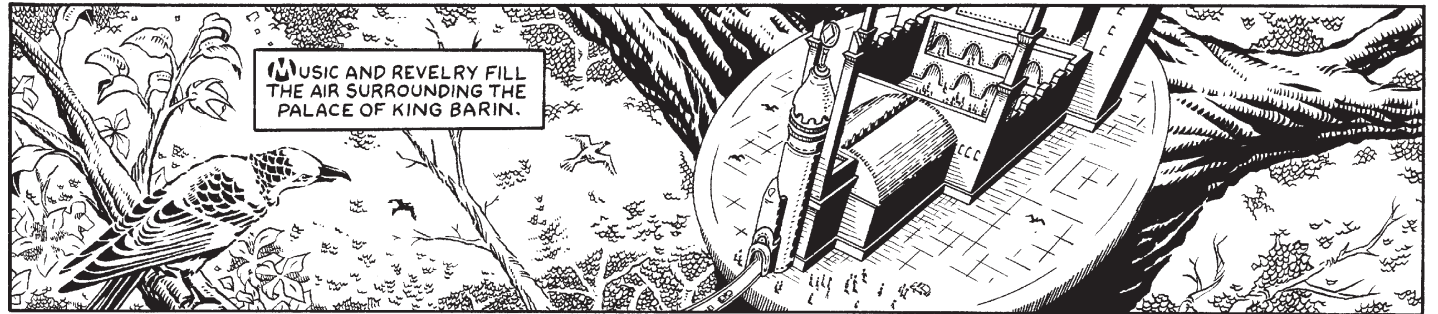
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can beef broth
- 1 1/3 cups uncooked instant rice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/4 cup grated reduced-fat Parmesan cheese

1. In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, saute onion for 8 to 10 minutes or until onions are golden brown. Stir in beef broth. Bring mixture to a boil.

2. Add uncooked rice, parsley and Parmesan cheese. Mix well to combine. Cover, lower heat, and simmer for 10 minutes or until rice is tender and most of liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally. Serve at once. Makes 4 (1 cup) servings.

• Each serving equals: 156 calories, 0g fat, 5g protein, 34g carb., 444mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Vegetable.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Merrick Garland Is on a Path to the Abyss

Does Attorney General Merrick Garland know that he is investigating the man most likely to be the opponent of the president he serves? Does he realize that the intense political pressure campaign that he's under to indict that man has been plainly visible to everyone? Does he care?

If we can't know where Garland is ultimately heading in his probe of Jan. 6 and the documents seized from Mar-a-Lago, all indications are that he is preparing the ground for an indictment of Donald J. Trump.

The former president is inflammatory and mendacious as a matter of course, but in this case, it is the mild-mannered former judge who came within a hair's breadth of a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court who is rehearsing for the role of arsonist.

An indictment of Trump would be one of the most consequential acts by the Justice Department in decades, and Garland has a flagrant conflict of interest and is likely to have to use an adventurous legal theory to try to nail Trump -- at the same time, the legitimacy of his institution is increasingly in doubt.

This is not a promising formula. An attorney general shouldn't consider the prospect of reaping the whirlwind and think, "Bring it on."

The Jan. 6 committee, elected Democrats, and the media have been braying for Garland to move against Trump. President Biden himself has reportedly told aides in private that Garland should indict Trump. "Garland Faces Growing Pressure as Jan. 6 Investigation Widens," The New York Times reported earlier this year.

It would take truly cussed independence and enormous moral and political courage not to take the path of least resistance and give in to these voices. Garland appears to be bending, presumably on his way to breaking.

It is amazing that he's gotten this far without feeling a prick of conscience about his own status. I have no use for special counsels as a general matter, but how can an attorney general make highly sensitive determinations that will quite probably affect the state of play of the next presidential election without realizing he has a profound conflict of interest?

It'd be one thing if Trump had shot someone on Fifth Avenue -- a clean, no-doubt crime that wouldn't require any novel theories or difficult-to-probe contentions about his state of mind to prosecute.

In contrast, Trump's Jan. 6 offenses involve alleged crimes, like obstructing Congress or defrauding the U.S., that are going to involve tricky questions about his motives and where the legitimate exercise of his powers ends and the supposed criminality begins.

Needless to say, the country is not prepared to adjudicate such questions in a calm, high-minded manner. It will be the O.J. Simpson trial meets the Hiss-Chambers case, with a presidential race not in the background, but very much in the foreground.

The fact of the matter is that while Trump's moral blameworthiness for Jan. 6 is not in doubt, his legal culpability is. It's easy to write an op-ed or say on cable TV that Trump incited an insurrection. As a legal matter, though, Trump didn't come close to crossing the line to incitement, which has very specific and high standards under law.

Even his infamous Georgia phone call looks different on the close reading it would get as part of any court case -- by the end of the call, his lawyers were only asking that the secretary of state's office tell them why their count of suspected fraudulent votes was off.

In an environment of ever-spiraling political conflict, it's difficult for anyone to exercise forbearance -- to realize the most emotionally satisfying course isn't necessarily the correct one and to be constrained by the public interest, even if that enrages his or her own side.

Merrick Garland can still err on the side of statesmanship. He looks set, though, to choose the abyss.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Use Video Chat to Keep in Touch With Grandkids

"It was a dark and stormy night" could have been an apt beginning to an exciting tale told by Nancy Liddy to her two grandsons in Madison, Wisconsin, via Skype recently. "A summer thunderstorm and resulting power outage left us with just a blur on the screen when we tried to connect for our weekly storytime," she said. "We quickly rescheduled. Neither the boys nor I want to miss the ritual, rain or shine."

Nancy plans ahead with a visit to her neighborhood library to check out three age-appropriate books that four-year-old Dominic and two-year-old Gabriel will enjoy. "I try to find a title that's silly or funny, such as Chris Monroe's 'Monkey with a Tool Belt' series. Humor always grabs their attention and gets us in the storytime mode. I also go for a classic I may have read to my own kids when they were young. 'The Story of Ferdinand' by Munro Leaf is a favorite. The third book is based on a topic that the boys are currently interested in, such as trucks and trains, wild animals or sea life."

It's not only a pleasure to share good reads with the boys, but video-chatting also nurtures her long-distance relationship with them. "Whether it's

one of the stories I read, or things they show and tell, we always have something in common to talk about when we see each other in person," she said.

Here are tips for video-chatting with younger children:

— Put a chat time on the calendar. Schedule it for when the kids are rested and fed, and try to make the "date" on a regular day and time.

— Look into the camera as often as possible. Eye contact helps kids stay engaged in conversations and interactions.

— Collect props. Books and items of interest promote curiosity and conversation. Encourage the kids to share their stuffed animals and items of interest, too.

— Create a special way of saying



Nancy Liddy reads to her two grandsons via video chat.

goodbye, such as blowing kisses.

Extra idea: Sunday, Sept. 11 is Grandparents' Day. Send a card, video-chat your grandparents or invite nearby grandparents over for a fun get-together.

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

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Veterans Service Organizations

If you're a veteran, are you in a veterans service organization? There are four groups, and while they differ in their origins, they all have the same goal: to help veterans.

The largest organization is the American Legion. Across the country are more than 12,000 posts and approximately 2 million members. The Legion is to be thanked for the GI Bill of Rights, which has helped many veterans get a college or trade education and a home with a low mortgage rate. But the Legion has done much more: The organization has also donated \$1 million to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and sponsored a study on the effects of Agent Orange. If you want to explore the Legion, read more online at www.legion.org.

Like the name says, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) steps up to help disabled veterans with nearly anything they need. Just last year, for example, they provided 163,000 rides for veterans to reach their medical appointments and helped file over 150,000 claims. They have 26 transition service offices, helping veterans

make the change to civilian life by providing benefits counseling. For more information on the DAV, start with www.dav.org.

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) changes lives. They push for better access to air travel, help veterans find employment and pay for adaptive housing and vehicles. So far they've invested over a half million dollars into spinal cord research. In one year alone, they helped veterans receive over \$78 million in benefits. Learn more at pva.org.

Started in 1899 by a few veterans during the Spanish-American War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has worked since then to get the rights and benefits that veterans deserve. They've assisted veterans with collecting \$10 billion in disability compensation and pension benefits with the help of over 2,000 accredited VFW reps. Today membership stands at 1.5 million. To learn more about the VFW, check www.vfw.org.

To be considered: Many of the veterans groups are losing membership due to the age of their members. Your interest will be most welcomed.

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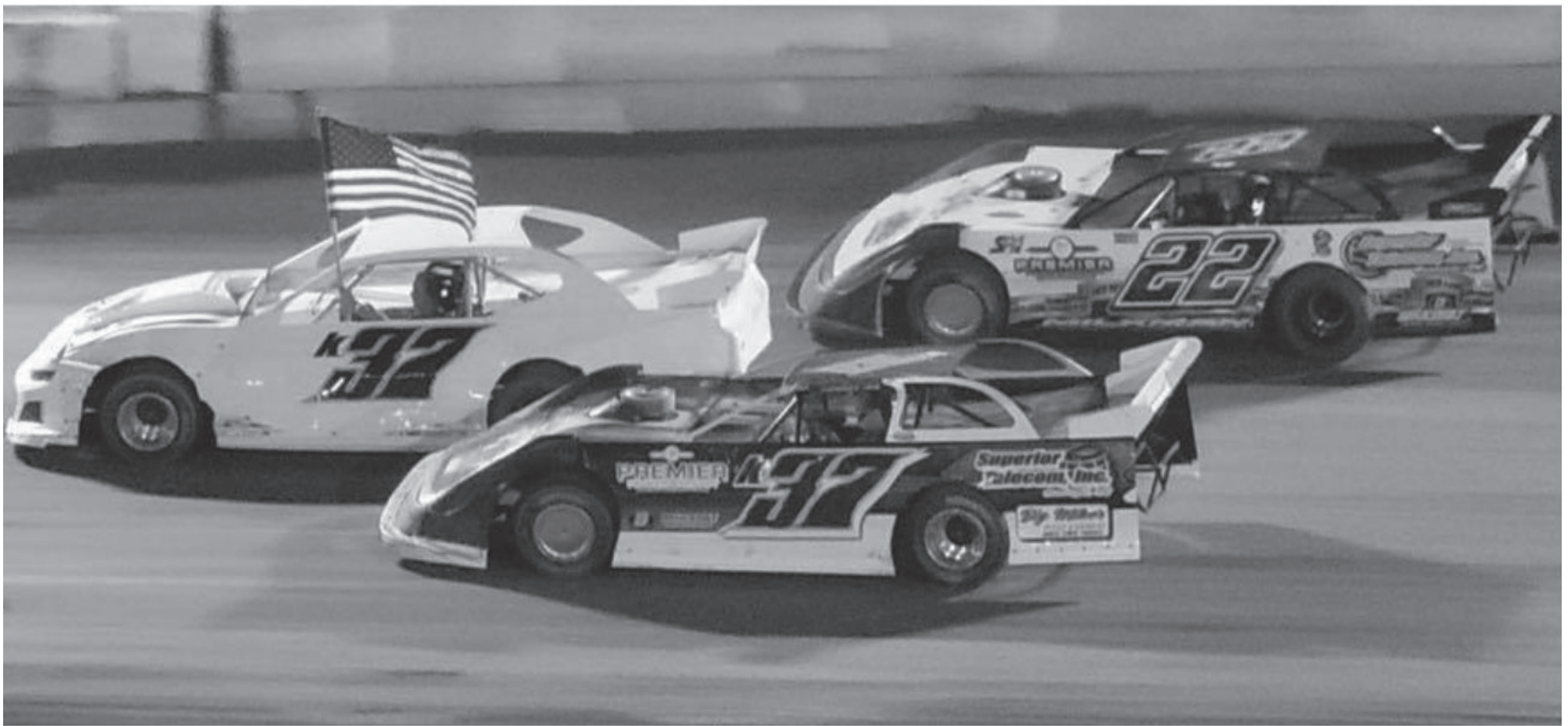
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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Face Your Fears

I remember riding in my granny's car to my Uncle Otho and Aunt Lorene's house located in the mountains of Oakdale, TN. She would take me there every Saturday and Uncle Otho would be waiting on me to help him around his yard. Uncle Otho was an avid gardener, fisherman, and love to work outdoors. I was about 13 years old when he asked me to do an impossible task: He wanted me to get on a ladder, climb up to his barn's attic, and help him store his bird-houses from the gourds he grew that summer.

I was terrified. I hated heights. My legs were shaking, my palms were sweaty, my heart was beating rapidly, each step up seemed heavier, as I climbed up what seemed to be a 100-foot ladder. The barn's attic was probably about 25 feet high. I felt like I was on a skyscraper in

NYC. I couldn't wait to come down from the barn's attic; I was even afraid to come down. After some coaching from my uncle, I finally made it down the ladder.



I meet people that are petrified of change. 70% of Americans don't like their jobs. A lot of the people I speak with are afraid of change. They have been doing the same

career for 20 years and can't imagine a career change. Being hamstrung by the fear of change, Many



Zack Ballinger

will remain in a career they despise because of their fear. Everyone has a fear of something. We have legitimate fears that will never go away or fears that we think are legit, we can overcome.

I get it if you are afraid of snakes; You can't hate snakes and then overnight love them. You may always be afraid of snakes because that fear is really hard to change. That is a physical fear. Heights isn't an easy fear to change. It took me a lot of time to overcome that fear, but I was able to conquer it a few years ago.

I visited Queenstown, New Zealand. The birth place of the Bungee jump. AJ Hackett had invented this sport in 1984. I was crazy enough to purchase the ticket to plunge off a 141 foot bridge over a small river. I decided I would face my fear and do it in a big way. The tour guides harnessed me in, recorded my height and weight, made me sign a waiver not to sue if I died, and I was ready to do the impossible. I will never forget looking over that river thinking, "What in the world was I thinking???" Moments later it was over. I had conquered my biggest fear.

For many of us, we need to conquer emotional fears. I knew if I were able to bungee jump, I could work towards conquering any fear. I think for a lot of people it's time to conquer the fear of changing jobs, job interviewing, public speaking, or starting up a business. For a lot of us: conquering fear is standing between our passion, happiness, and success. **FACE YOUR FEARS!!!**

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DIVAS ON A DIME
By Patti Diamond

Here's the Scoop on Creamy, Dreamy Homemade Ice Cream

It's fun to be a little decadent now and then, right? So, how does cold, velvety vanilla ice cream sound? How about indulgent chocolate ice cream? Perhaps sweet peach ice cream with raspberry swirl, or creamy espresso with chocolate pieces that melt in your mouth? Sound good?

Well, you're in luck, because this ice cream is easily made at home, with very few ingredients, and without an ice cream maker. And this base recipe has six delicious variations.

If you're limiting your sugar and fat intake, you may wish to avert your eyes. This treat is not meant to be consumed every day, but boy can it make any day a special occasion. When you combine sweetened condensed milk with whipped cream, something magical happens.

We're starting with a base of vanilla ice cream into which you'll incorporate additional ingredients as desired to create the variations below.

The measurements are flexible. Use this as a place to begin, adjusting the recipe until it speaks or sings to your taste buds.

EASY ICE CREAM

Yield: 8 (4 ounce) servings

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Freeze Time: 6 hours

2 cups heavy whipping cream
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened con-

densed milk
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/4 teaspoon table salt

In a blender, whip the cream to a soft peak stage then scrape the sides of the blender jar and continue to blend until stiff peaks form.

Using a spatula, gradually fold in the sweetened condensed milk, adding the vanilla and salt, and gently combine.

Give it one more whirl in the blender (it'll be rather stiff at this point), scraping the sides as needed.

Pour the mixture into a loaf pan (8 1/2 by 4 1/2) or a cake pan (8 by 8 inch) and freeze for 6 hours or overnight. To store, freeze, covered, up to one week. Voila!



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How does cold, velvety ice cream sound?

If you don't have a blender, you can use a stand mixer or hand mixer. I find using a blender whips less air into the mixture, resulting in creamier ice cream.

Using this as a beautiful blank canvas, the variations are limited only by your imagination. Some ingredients are better added when you're blending the cream and sweetened condensed milk mixture. Others you'll add when the ice cream is partially frozen, after 2-3 hours in the freezer, for even distribution.

VARIATIONS:

Milk Chocolate — Decrease vanilla

to 1 teaspoon and add 6 ounces melted milk chocolate chips to the room temperature cream mixture.

Espresso — When blending the base, add 2-3 tablespoons espresso powder, depending on how strong you want your coffee flavor. When partially frozen, stir in 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips.

S'mores — To semi-frozen ice cream, mix in 1/2 cup milk chocolate chips, 1/2 cup mini marshmallows, 1/2 cup graham cracker pieces.

Key Lime Pie — Omit the vanilla and add 1/2 cup frozen limeade concentrate with the condensed milk. When semi-frozen, stir in 1/2 cup broken graham cracker pieces.

Peanut Butter Cup — Add 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter to the cream mixture and add 1/2 cup roughly chopped peanut butter cup candies before freezing.

Peach Melba — Using one (15.25 ounce) can of peaches, drain and reserve the juice for another purpose. Puree about 1 cup of the peaches to blend with the cream mixture. Chop the remaining peaches to add when semi-frozen. When you add the chopped peaches, top the ice cream with 1/2 cup raspberry jam (or fresh raspberries!) and use a knife to swirl the jam into the iced cream.

You needn't wait for a special occasion to make this, because the best time for ice cream is always. Plus, ice cream is way cheaper than therapy.

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David Zubler
Columnist

IRS reason for buying ammo

It has recently been reported in the news that the IRS spent \$725,000 on ammunition this year. It has resulted in a lot of speculation by our political leaders and the media. Consequently, it has caused many people to be concerned about the government and the IRS's intentions.

People have been told to worry because the government treats the IRS like a military agency and stockpiling ammunition. And that the government is suppressing access to ammunition for the nation's gun owners. It has been questioned why the IRS needs millions of dollars worth of guns and ammunition.

The IRS did spend about \$725,000 on ammunition this year. The amount spent this year is similar to recent years. Most people aren't aware of why certain IRS employees have a need to carry and be well trained in the use of firearms.

The IRS Criminal Investigation (CI) division of the IRS has been purchasing guns and ammunition for over a century. The CI investigations have included gangsters, drug dealers, and the mafia. It has investigated famous gangsters like Al Capone.

IRS Special Agents work in the IRS Criminal Investigation unit known as CI. Special Agents are law enforcement officers trained to "follow the money." They investigate potential criminal violations of the IRS Code and related financial crimes.

CI Agents will identify themselves with credentials which include a gold badge, and generally travel in pairs. They are assigned to cases to investigate criminal activity. Anyone contacted by a CI Agent should request an attorney even if they are being questioned as

witnesses.

The CI course educates and trains in various Federal law enforcement skills, including the fundamentals of criminal law, constitutional law, the rules of evidence and criminal procedures, trial practices, investigative techniques, vehicle operation, non-lethal control techniques, and firearms.

Special Agents are trained for weeks at the National Criminal Investigation Training Academy. Special Agents receive firearms training and handgun qualifications. Their training requires large quantities of ammunition.

The Criminal Investigation Division had 2,046 Special Agents in 2021. The number of Special Agents has been around 2,200 for the last 50 years.

According to Justin Cole, the division's communications director, and figures provided to PolitiFact, that's slightly more than the money spent in 2021 (\$655,013) and 2020 (\$616,619).

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a report in 2018 on the IRS's spending on firearms and ammunition from 2010 through 2017. The IRS has spent an average of \$675,000 on ammunition a year from 2010 to 2017, the report shows. During that time, the IRS spent the most in 2011, with \$1,100,000 in spending. Some recent reports in the news about the IRS purchase of ammunition have caused confusion.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Exercise at the Rec Center

The senior center commandeered a large space at the rec center to use in an experiment. Their goal: to determine if we actually meant what we said about not coming in for exercise classes in a cramped senior center space where we're all breathing on one another. Find more room, we'd said, room to spread out.

Hence, the borrowed space at the rec center (which had to cancel the Tots and Mommy Workout Hour ... something about a stay-at-home father objecting to the name of the class).

The rec center space was nicely decorated with blue painter's tape X spots across the floor, 10 feet apart. Then before we started, we got a little talk.

"How many of you haven't taken an exercise class in two years?" asked the too-

young male exercise coach we'd never met before.

Hands went up.

There was a knowing nod from the coach and the admonishment: "We'll be taking this nice and easy. Do not push yourselves. If you need to stop and rest, then do that. Nobody will judge you." He cast a fierce look around the room as he said that.

The routine the coach put us through was a perfect combination of nearly everything, starting with mild stretching, moving into a few minutes of yoga poses, some cha-cha steps, a few ballet moves, leg lifts, toe touches and more.

During our cool down (although we hadn't actually worked up a sweat) the coach inquired: "How many want to do this again? Twice a week, same time."

Hands went up, because, yes, we wanted more of this.

We each took a handout at the door as we left, instructions for doing these exercises at home in case we didn't like the rec center setup. But I have a feeling we're all going to show up next week. It's the first bit of normal in two years.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Which former Beatle wrote and released "What Is Life"?**
- 2. Where did The Marshall Tucker Band get its name?**
- 3. Which song gave the Walker Brothers their first No. 1 hit?**
- 4. Who wrote and released "Help Me, Rhonda?"**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Hello, I don't even know your name, but I'm hopin' all the same this is more than just a simple hello."**

Answers

- 1. George Harrison, in 1970 on his triple album "All Things Must Pass." The song was used in several films, including "Goodfellas" in 1990.**
- 2. From a key ring. When they rented a rehearsal space, the key ring for the place had the previous tenant's name on it.**
- 3. "Make It Easy on Yourself," in 1965. The first to release the song had been Jerry Butler, in 1961, but that version only climbed to No. 20.**
- 4. The Beach Boys, in 1965.**
- 5. "The Last Time I Felt Like This," by Johnny Mathis and Jane Olivor. The song was used in the 1978 film "Same Time, Next Year" starring Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn. In the film, a couple meets for a weekend once a year for 30 years, even though they're married to others.**

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Historically Speaking

Oak Ridgers helped Fermi usher in

Atomic Age

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Recently, readers of *Historically Speaking* have been treated to articles written by Carolyn Krause, now retired, who was a science writer at Oak Ridge National Laboratory for 35 years and editor of the ORNL Review research magazine for 25 years. She is a good friend and offered to provide a few articles at first but has become a regular feature writer for the column.

Previously, Carolyn worked as a feature writer for the Pittsburgh Press and science reporter for *The Oak Ridger*. She is a fellow of the Society for Technical Communication and served as president of STC's East Tennessee Chapter for a year. A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Carolyn holds a B.A. degree in English from the College of Wooster, an M.A.T. degree from the University of Pittsburgh and an M.S.J. degree from the Medill School of Journalism of Northwestern University. So, she is well qualified to research and write historical materials for your reading pleasure.

Currently, she is engaged in volunteer publicity and newsletter writing for the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge, First Presbyterian Church, and Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning. She is a member of the ORICL board and the Oak Ridge Civic Music Association board, for which she does publicity for concerts and fundraising events and manages the content of the ORCMA website (www.orcma.org).

She is a volunteer in ORNL's History Room and has assisted in editing oral histories, which form the basis for contributions she has made and intends to make for *The Oak Ridger's* weekly *Historically Speaking* column. She and her husband Herb, retired atomic physicist from ORNL, have two grown children and two grandchildren.

I wanted you to know more about Carolyn as I see her epitomizing what is so valuable in Oak Ridgers. She has had an excellent career based on a well-rounded education, is retired and devotes a major portion of her time volunteering. I think it is important to realize that Oak Ridge is blessed with a high percentage of people like Carolyn, many of whom not only impact Oak Ridge with their expertise used in volunteer service and also reach communities outside Oak Ridge and some even reach to the East Tennessee region, the state and across the nation. Some even have impact internationally. Such is Oak Ridge, and proudly so!

Now let's enjoy another of Carolyn's articles, this one featuring Enrico Fermi.

Just over 70 years ago, on Dec. 2, 1942, at 3:20 p.m. at the University of Chicago, the first self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was achieved, initiating the controlled release of energy from atomic nuclei. The event was hailed as the Dawn of the Atomic Age.

Enrico Fermi, Nobel Laureate from Italy and one of the greatest scientists of the 20th century, supervised the design and assembly of an "atomic pile" in the squash courts under the west stand of the university's Stagg Field. Pile was a code word for nuclear reactor.

A nuclear chain reaction is a self-perpetuating reaction in which neutrons from radioactive uranium or plutonium nuclei "split" other nuclei into lighter radioactive nuclei (fission), with the release of more neutrons and lots of energy (heat). The neutron was identified in 1932, and nuclear fission was discovered and reported in 1939.

Fermi received the Nobel Prize in physics in 1938 for his "discovery of new radioactive elements produced by neutron irradiation, and for the discovery of nuclear reactions brought about by slow neutrons." After Fermi and his family traveled from Italy to Sweden so he could receive the award, they left permanently for the United States. Fermi's wife was Jewish and the Fascists of Italy were aligning their policies with those of

their ally, the Nazis of Germany.

Fermi accepted a position as professor of physics at Columbia University. In 1942 he and his family moved to Chicago.

Several people who later lived and worked in Oak Ridge interacted with Fermi in various ways during his Chicago days. They included Martin Whitaker, director of Clinton Laboratories in Oak Ridge, 1943-45; Richard Fox of Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Instrumentation and Controls Division; Ernest Wollan, who pioneered the use of reactor-based neutron scattering for research; Eugene Wigner, research and development direc-



Carolyn Krause (Photo Submitted)



Enrico Fermi was possibly the greatest experimental and theoretical scientist of the 20th century. He interacted with several researchers who later lived and worked in Oak Ridge (Photo Submitted)

tor at Clinton Laboratories, 1946-47, and winner of a Nobel Prize in physics in 1963, and Alvin Weinberg, ORNL director from 1955 to 1973. Nobel Laureate Arthur Compton headed the Metallurgical Laboratory, which he formed as cover at the University of Chicago. He recruited researchers from coast to coast, including Nobel Laureate Glenn Seaborg, who discovered the man-made element plutonium.

In his book "The First Nuclear Era," Weinberg wrote about his time at the Met Lab. He claimed he initially understood that its aim "was to investigate the possibility of creating a chain reaction in ordinary uranium. That the real purpose of the project was to create plutonium for use in an atomic bomb was not explained to me until after I had met Wigner."

Later, Weinberg learned that Compton had placed Seaborg "in charge of the research on plutonium chemistry and assigned him the task of devising

methods to separate plutonium from irradiated uranium in quantities sufficient for bomb production." Producing plutonium from irradiated uranium for research purposes became an Oak Ridge mission in 1943.

Whitaker's assignment initially was to help Fermi and Walter Zinn build subcritical uranium and graphite piles, described by Weinberg as uranium raisins in a graphite cake. The purpose of the graphite was to slow down the neutrons so more would react with uranium atoms.

Wigner headed the theoretical physics group, which studied how best to arrange uranium and neutron-absorbing materials for achieving a controlled chain reaction. Besides Weinberg, Wigner's group included future Oak Ridgers Gale Young and Katherine Way.

Young became Wigner's technology guru, and Way helped Wigner estimate the residual radioactivity and heat production after a halted chain reaction. Arthur Snell, later an ORNL associate director, worked in Samuel Allison's cyclotron group assessing nuclear activities in uranium and graphite piles.

Impurity-free graphite from Union Carbide (future operator of the Oak Ridge nuclear plants) and pure uranium metal from a research team at Ames, Iowa, were obtained for the Chicago pile. Future ORNL chemist George Boyd helped analyze these materials to ensure they had no impurities that might impede the chain reaction.

To control the reaction, Fermi directed the phased withdrawal of a control rod coated with neutron-absorbing cadmium. As he stood behind Fermi, Fox, who rigged the control-rod mechanism for the pile, was concerned that his cotton clothesline tied to two lead weights would slip off the pulley. It didn't, and Fermi's experiment was successful.

Some 50 invited spectators viewed the historical event from a balcony, including Fox, Wigner and Wollan, who monitored and recorded the radiation emitted by the world's first sustained nuclear reaction. Wigner reported how the participants felt:

"Nothing very spectacular had happened. Nothing had moved and the pile itself had given no sound... For some time we had known that we were about to unlock a giant; still, we could not escape an eerie feeling when we knew we had actually done it. We felt as, I presume, everyone feels who has done something that he knows will have very far-reaching consequences which he cannot foresee."

After the spectators departed, Wigner brought out a bottle of Italian Chianti in honor of Fermi's achievement and shared toasts with the workers.

"My only direct collaboration with Fermi," Weinberg wrote, "was in calculating the escape of neutrons through an empty cylindrical channel that traversed a reactor—for example, a channel carrying fast-flowing air or helium to cool the pile."

Weinberg was not present at the first chain reaction on Dec. 2, 1942. When asked about this during an ORNL oral history interview, Weinberg said, "That's because the admission badges were given out numerically and my number was too high; it was 54.

"But I went bowling with Wally Zinn and, I think, Fermi the evening before the pile went critical. I was invited to see the pile the following morning [after it went critical] by Walter Zinn, who was Fermi's chief assistant and later director of Argonne National Laboratory."

Weinberg had the good fortune to work in the company of intellectual giants at the Met Lab but the bad luck of missing its most historical scientific achievement.

Thank you Carolyn for another exceptional glimpse into Oak Ridge history that is not fully realized nor appreciated. Look for more articles from Carolyn in future *Historically Speaking* columns.

Colossians Chapter 4

(Col. 4:1) A warning to slave owners: Following up on the master-slave relationship, Paul admonished slave masters to treat their servants justly (in harmony with the standard of truth) and fairly. Masters themselves have a Master to whom they will give account. The text asserts the sovereignty to Christ and his role as judge on the final day of earth's history (2 Cor. 5:10). The verb "knowing" represents what ought to be, not what actually is in the awareness of the spiritually dense.

(Col. 4:2-6) Gospel obligations: The power of prayer is never far from Paul's mind. Thus, he encourages the brothers to continue steadfastly in prayer, with particular emphasis upon thanksgiving to God. The "unthankful" find themselves in poor company indeed (2 Tim. 3:2). In spite of the spiritual problems within this church, the apostle still solicits their prayers, with strong confidence in the providence of God. Even though he is incarcerated, the Lord may "open a door," allowing him further opportunity to proclaim the "mystery" (now revealed in the gospel) of Christ---even though for this very reason he is in chains. What a courageous man! He longs to continue manifesting the good news of Jesus.

He urges them to act wisely concerning those who do not yet know Christ, hence are outside the sphere of salvation. Treasure every opportunity, recognizing the brevity of time (Eph. 5:16). They are to guard their speech, keeping it such as to solicit favor from others when possible, seasoned with salt in responses to antagonists. Salt has both an antiseptic and flavoring capacity. Our words should heal and provide zest for life (Mt. 5:13).

(Col. 4:7-9) Concerning personal friends: Paul states that Tychicus will convey this letter to them. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister. "Minister" is sometimes technically employed for a deacon; here it denotes one who freely renders his service (in contrast to a slave). "In the Lord" is the equivalent of "Christian." The "have sent" verbal form anticipates the journey to be presently taken. In addition to the instruction of the letter, Tychicus will inform the saints of Paul's welfare and comfort their hearts. The brother was from Asia (Acts 20:4) and he is mentioned favorably by the apostle in his final two letters (Tit. 3:12; 2 Tim. 4:12).

Accompanying Tychicus will be Onesimus, the slave who belonged to Philemon and is so prominent in that small epistle. Onesimus is a faithful and beloved brother who had been converted by Paul and who had proved of great value to his teacher. Both of these brothers would inform the Colossians of Paul's state of affairs in Rome.

(Col. 4:10-14) Greetings from friends: Others, known in Colossae, also send fond greetings, Aristarchus was from Thessalonica. He had been with Paul on the apostle's third missionary

journey (Acts 19:29; 20:4; 27:2). He is described as a "fellow-prisoner," which likely describes his common fate with Paul in Rome. Mark was the cousin of Barnabas. He had abandoned Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary campaign (Acts 13:13) and had been a cause of contention when the two contemplated a second trip (Acts 15:36). He was later associated with Peter (1 Pet. 5:13), and ultimately was recognized as a valued servant of Christ, highly esteemed by Paul (2 Tim. 4:11; Philem. 24). Should Mark arrive in Colossae, he was to be welcomed.

Nothing else is known of Jesus Justus, except that he was Jewish. He, along with Aristarchus and Mark, had been unique "fellow-workers" with Paul in the interest of the kingdom of God. These had been a source of "comfort" to the aging and suffering apostle. Epaphras, a native of Colossae, who had sold himself into slavery to Christ, sends greetings to his home church. Likely he was instrumental in establishing this congregation and surely was loved by them. He prayed hard for them that they would stand as mature Christians. He had shown himself to be a hard worker among them, as well as at Laodicea and Hierapolis (cities near Colossae).

Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas also sent their greetings. Luke was a valued companion of Paul's, his actions being tracked by the "we" passages in Acts (16:10-17; 20:5-21; 27:2-28:16). Demas is mentioned but given no word of commendation; he already may have been exhibiting signs of weakness leading toward eventual apostasy (2 Tim. 4:10).

Col. 4:15-17) Personal greetings and instructions: Paul sends greetings to the saints in nearby Laodicea (Rev. 3:14) and to Nympha, in whose house the church convened. He encouraged Colossae to share this letter with the brothers in Laodicea, and the latter were to reciprocate by sharing an epistle they also had received. Some see this as the letter to Ephesus, but it may have been an independent epistle that, in the providence of God, has not survived, Archippus, Paul's "fellow-soldier" (Philem. 2), is encouraged to "take heed to the ministry." Was he growing a bit weary? He was encouraged to "keep on filling it full."

(Col. 4:18) Concluding salutation: Paul signs the epistle with his own hand. Apparently he had dictated the letter to a reliable scribe (Rom. 16:22). He asks that they "remember" his "bonds" (chains), obviously with prayer in view. The apostle never complained of his hardships. He gloried in those chains; they were a token of his dedication. He signs off with the familiar, "Grace (God's favor) be with you."

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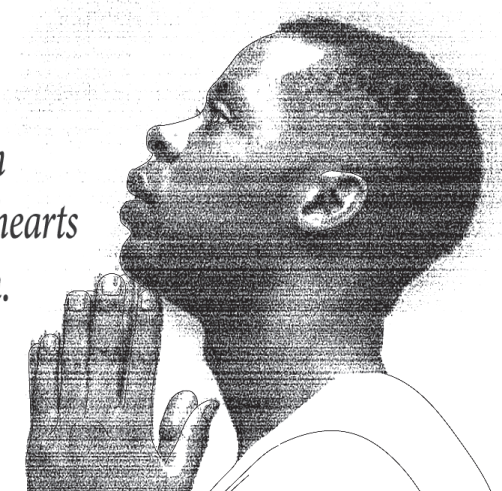


These plants display great beauty in the garden during late summer and early fall when not much else is blooming. Ginger lilies are not true lilies, but instead are a distant cousin of gingerroot that's used in cooking. They are beloved for their graceful, orchid-like blossoms that remind some of butterfly wings. In fact, butterflies love slurping their nectar, so a ginger lily is a great choice for a pollinator garden with some shade. It can grow up to 6 feet tall and spread out almost as wide.

Butterfly ginger lily

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For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

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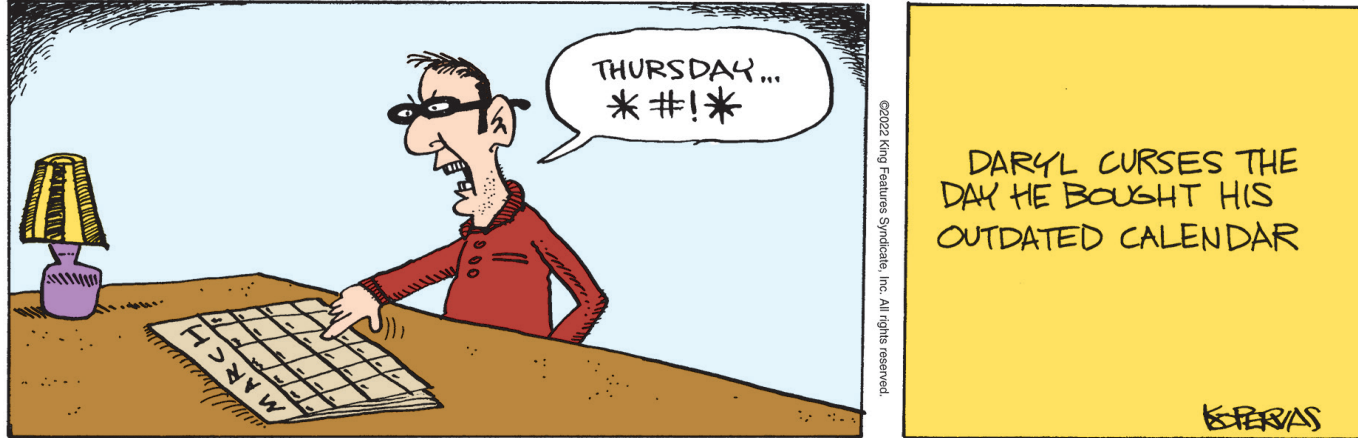
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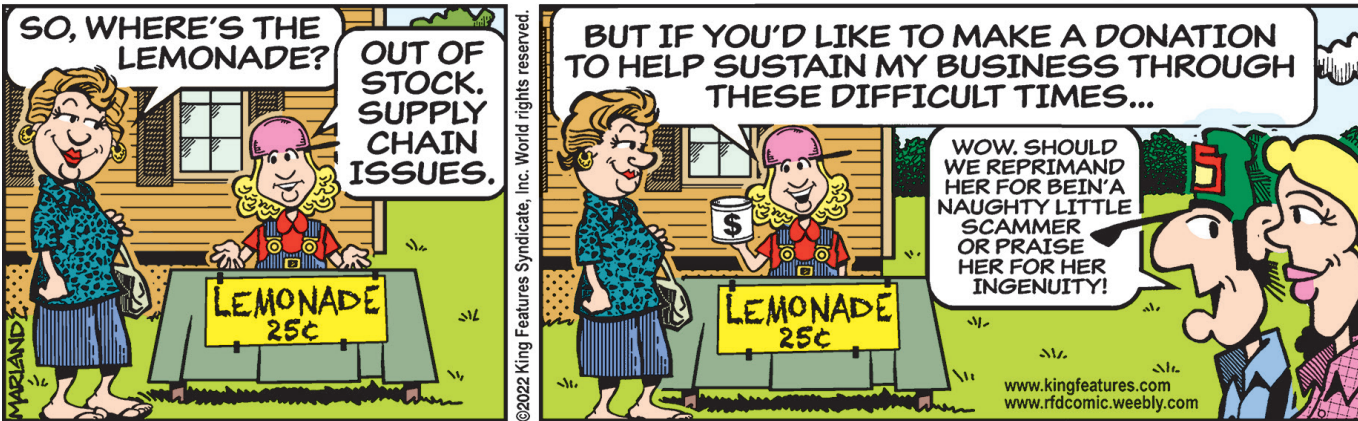
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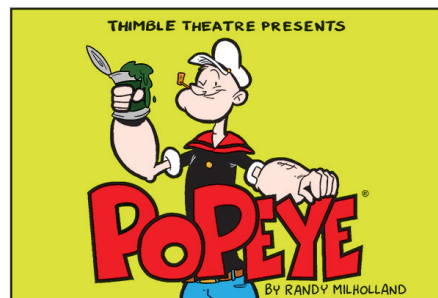
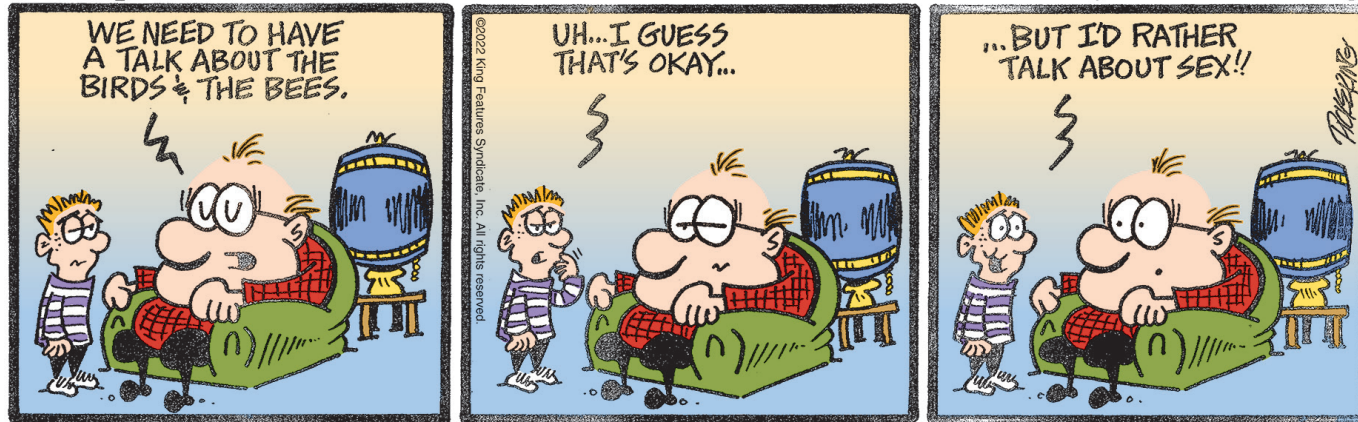
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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Sept. 11, 1857, Mormon guerrillas, stoked by a deep resentment of decades of public abuse and federal interference, murder 120 emigrants at Mountain Meadows, Utah. The conflict apparently began when the Mormons refused to sell the emigrants any supplies.

* On Sept. 10, 1897, a 25-year-old London taxi driver named George Smith becomes the first person ever arrested for drunk driving. A true breath test didn't come along until 1931 with a device called the Drunkometer. It involved a blow-up balloon and a tube filled with a purple fluid (potassium permanganate and sulfuric acid). Alcohol on a person's breath changed the color of the fluid from purple to yellow; the quicker the change, the drunker the person.

* On Sept. 7, 1936, Charles Harden Holley is born in Lubbock, Texas. Performing under the name Buddy Holly, he left behind a rock 'n' roll legacy that includes "That'll Be the Day" and "Maybe Baby" after his death in 1959 at the age of 22.

* On Sept. 9, 1942, in the first and only air attack on the U.S. mainland during World War II, a Japanese floatplane drops incendiary bombs on Oregon's Mount Emily, setting fire to a state forest. The president immediately called for a news blackout for the sake of morale.

* On Sept. 8, 1965, the five-year Delano Grape Strike begins as over 2,000 Filipino American farmworkers refuse to go to work picking grapes near Bakersfield, California. Over the next five years, even American households stopped buying grapes in support of the farmworkers.

* On Sept. 5, 1972, at the Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany, a group of Palestinian terrorists, known as Black September, storms the Olympic Village apartment of the Israeli athletes, killing two and taking nine others hostage. In an ensuing shootout at the Munich airport, the nine Israeli hostages were killed.

* On Sept. 6, 1995, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. plays in his 2,131st consecutive game. Ripken went on to play 2,632 games in a row before ending the streak by voluntarily removing himself from a game against the New York Yankees on Sept. 19, 1998.

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Mom and Dad



Tom Redmon
Columnist

This is the letter I wrote to my Mom and Dad many years ago when I gave them the photo album I mentioned in my last article titled Families Need to

Love Each Other.

To: Mom and Dad

I left the old homeplace in 1958, almost twenty years ago. I still have with me, precious memories of my youth on that East Tennessee Farm, many are so vivid that it seems like yesterday when; I went barefooted and waded ole Mud Creek and the coal pits. I claimed the hill up above the house as my hill. I slipped off and went swimming at the little hole or Lamance Falls. I always managed to get my clothes on backwards. I fought with Glenn and Allen, made up and fought again. Brotherly love was so strong. I caught the school bus in rain, snow, or sunshine. Highways 27 and 62 seemed a long way off. I couldn't get my chores done so I could listen to the Lone Ranger on the radio. I would go over to Grandpa and sit on the porch with him. We didn't talk much – just viewed the pretty mountains. Henry Lane would come up from New Orleans and spend some time with us. He would always give

us some money after we could commune with nature. We would have those Sunday afternoon gatherings and have a picnic on the ground. We made molasses in the Fall – everyone would come and we kids would have a ball on the tummy pile. Dad would take us fishing – most of the time in Jim's ole A-model Ford. Watts Bar was the lake back then.

These are but a few of the memories I have as a boy. We didn't have much in



the way of worldly possessions, but we were rich in happiness. I can't help but feel a little sorry for the kids today. They have so much, and yet they appreciate it so little. Most of our children do not know the joy of walking through the woods on an Autumn evening and taking that sweet breath of air in on a Spring morning. Most people have never fully

realized the meaning of life if they have not viewed God's handiwork through the eyes of a child.

I took the beauty of East Tennessee for granted, until I saw other parts of the world. So many people around home are like I was, they do not really appreciate what the good Lord has given them. Henry Lane summed it all up in one sentence when he said, "this land has everything a man could ask for, beauty, richness, solitude."

I want to thank you Mom and Dad for giving me a childhood with happy memories. So many children today are from broken or unhappy homes. You gave me guidance, love, and understanding. You corrected me and at times I did not understand why. Today I understand, I have children of my own and I see in them a bit of me when I was young. I correct them, I give them praise, and I love them with

all my heart. The things you taught me have helped me with my own children.

The photos in this book cannot depict the beauty of Morgan County, or the love in the hearts of our children, but it does serve to show that your son cares and loves you both.

God Bless You,
Tommy

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John Burns

Opinion Columnist

Jesus Christ taught that a little leaven, leavens the whole lump. Our God promised to redeem his creation through the seed of the woman. In biology, women have no seed. Our salvation has always been based upon a supernatural creator, saving us through his supernatural blood transfusion begun at Calvary in 32 AD. It never runs low!

Elohim had set in motion a predetermined plan to redeem mankind in the original garden. That garden housed a single tree that man was asked not to touch. 3,000 years later, God would allow himself to be crucified upon the same tree, in the same garden.

Biblical patterns are most important when trying to understand faith in Jesus Christ. Every word in scripture has happened, is happening, or will eventually happen. Every letter, every part of speech, and every number was placed in the Bible by a loving designer. You can find yourself in the lives of Old Testament characters.

Jeroboam is a most interesting character. Within two generations of God establishing David's monarchy, rebellion has taken place away from the worship of God as creator. Jeroboam had denied Rehoboam's succession to Israel's throne and led an expedition north to establish a divided monarchy with ten tribes following Jeroboam.

Has anything changed with denominational Christianity in America? After all, it was Baptists and Lutherans who persecuted Puritans and Jews in Europe leading to our nation's founding by people who loved the Bible. Every word of it. The Puritans alone did not separate Jesus Christ from his distinctly Jewish future.

Jeroboam convinced 87% of Israel to forgo the truth of the word of God, in favor of melding a little bit of God with pagan religious observances. It is he who set up the two golden calves that haunt our nation today, and will eventually lead to the apostasy by church folk very soon.

Calves are the offspring of bulls. The bull is the oldest cult in the world. Men began to sacrifice bulls before going to war. It is the bull who religious men place their hope in. The golden calf was the mocking of God's plan to become the beast of burden to be sacrificed upon the cross. The golden calf mocks God's plan to become the son of God in the womb of Mary.

Jeroboam set up the first golden calf in Bethel. A careful study using the Hebrew hermeneutics Jesus Christ used, reveals the name of God's house is Bethel. The golden calf was brought into the house of God in Bethel. Abram had set up the first altar for the worship of Elohim in Bethel, now Jeroboam was mocking God by setting up a pagan idol in God's house.

Denominational churches have done the same thing in America as they mix Roman religious holidays and observances with a little bit of Jesus the man. Allowing the state into our church services denies that God supplies all of our needs according to his riches in Glory. Money has become the God of Nicolaian preachers in churches all across our land.

The Northern kingdom set up by Jeroboam is a prophetic reference to what has happened to belief in Messiah here in America. Professing believers have no power in ministry because the golden calf of monetary solvency is more important than leading people under the blood of the Lamb.

Jeroboam had returned the Jewish people to pagan religious practices and God was very angry. The nation he had birthed to become a shining city on a hill, was now acting exactly like the pagans they were asked to separate from. God alone sanctified Israel, and he is today getting ready to redeem his covenant people in Israel again.

Jeroboam I

as he closes the door to Gentile salvation.

The second golden calf set up by Jeroboam occurred in the town of Dan. The tribe of Dan are the warrior tribe. It was Dan who led all the attacks on Israel's enemies when they entered the promised land. It was Dan who was assigned the eagle as his banner. It was Dan who was given the job of crushing the head of the serpent with the Word of God, yet Dan relied wholly on military might and forgot the God who actually fought the battles for them.

It was Jeroboam who introduced the Jewish people to homosexuality. It was punishable by death in the ancient world, for population was power and to partake in homosexuality was an abomination to our creator. God cannot use a homosexual because they are too selfish to reproduce and provide God with worshippers.

Silent pulpits in ancient Israel contributed to the decline in Biblical morality. Rabbis and prophets had gotten comfortable relying on their own ability to provide for themselves and their mighty military gave them a sense of comfort that led to wholesale denial of God's covenants. Today, church denies every covenant God sealed in the Old Testament, in favor of allowing the golden calves of Jeroboam, comfort, in the houses of worship, God is not in.

Jeroboam capitulated totally away from absolute morality established by God in eternity past. It was he who allowed the worship of the gods of Bathsheba, and Solomons 300 wives, and many concubines into the house of God. Compromise began in Israel with the worship of the golden calf of Egypt in the desert of Midian.

This single act of defiance led to a gradual decline in morality, and Jeroboam's plan was to double down. He led Israel completely away from the worship of the creator in favor of worshipping all things God created. Pride filled Jeroboam, and humility in worship was lost in favor of Jeroboam's own ability to provide for Israel through warfare and money.

Nothing has changed in the America I love. Church is comfortable worshipping at the altar of Israel's two golden calves. America is no different. The harbingers of judgement that manifest in ancient Israel, have all manifested in the America I love, and still the church doubles down in pride.

Jesus Christ must return soon to rescue his bride from within the body of Christ which has followed the ancient pattern of falling away from sound Hebrew doctrines outlined by God in the Old Testament. The church in America will soon be shocked as God removes Christ's promised Bride and they are left behind to worship the cult of human government.

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 5-14-2022

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Lady Highlanders Pounce On Lady Cougars to Start Season

By Richard Spears



but we made some adjustments and came out better the second half,” Scott Head Coach Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today.

Tough Night Against the Lady Mountaineers- Playing in Maryville Thursday(Aug. 18), Scott battled Heritage in an 8-2 loss for the Lady Highlanders. Senior Chloe Tucker scored both goals. Scott Head Coach Eric Henry said,“We certainly had a busy week, but we just didn’t do well against Heritage. We were flat, and playing short-handed. We just limped through this game. Heritage was super aggressive.” Olivia Rector assisted on both Scott goals. Henry said his younger players are looking better each game. Scott was scheduled to play Harriman on the road Tuesday (Aug. 23), followed by a home contest against Cumberland Gap Thursday (Aug. 25).

Oneida Pulls Out Last Second Tie With Kingston on Kennedy’s Goal

At home against the Kingston Lady Yellowjackets Thursday (August 18), the Lady Indians saw a different Kingston team than the one they had bested 4-1 just 5 days earlier at Scott High’s pre-season playday tournament. Oneida Head Coach Phil Newport told his team after the game, which ended in a 5-5 tie,“I told you they’d bring it, and we didn’t.”

Oneida jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on goals by Oneida seniors Claire Burress and Aliyah Douglas, then Kingston scored to make it a 2-1 game with 17 minutes left in the first period. Douglas scored unassisted 6 minutes later, to widen the Lady Indians’ lead to 3-1. But just one minute later, Kingston booted in a score to close the gap to 3-2. That was the tally at the half.

Early in the second frame, the Lady Jackets tied it at 3-3, then just 2 minutes later drove in a score to go up, 4-3.

At the 30 minute mark, Oneida senior Alexea Jones drilled in the tying goal to make the score 4-4. For the next 29 minutes, both teams battled and held each other scoreless. With 1:18 on the game clock, Kingston hit a long shot to go ahead 5-4. The Lady Indians worked the ball upfield, and got into a scrum in front of the Kingston goal. With the clock ticking down, Oneida’s Kamryn Kennedy got to the ball and put it into the net just ahead of the final whistle, to give the Lady Indians a 5-5 tie. In comments to his team after the game, Head Coach Newport said,“I’ll give them their due- they played harder than us tonight. We let off the gas, and they stepped on the gas.” Newport also told the Morgan County Today,“We were fortunate to come out of that with the tie at the end. We’ve not got any easy games looking ahead. I told this team, we can beat anybody on our schedule, and any team can beat us. We can’t dwell on tonight’s outcome. We have to present ourselves every game ready to play.” Oneida was scheduled to play Anderson County on the road Tuesday (August 23), followed by games in Gatlinburg’s Smoky Mountain cup Friday (Aug. 26) and Saturday (Aug. 27) against Dickson County, Dekalb county and Morristown West.

At Campbell County Monday (August 15), the Lady Highlanders gave up an early goal to the Lady Cougars, and answered with four quick scores to go up 4-1 more than midway through the first half. At the 7 minute mark, Campbell County hit a free kick, score 4-2, Scott. That was the tally at the end of the half.

Scott’s defense kept the Lady Cougars scoreless in the second half, while the Lady Highlanders added two more goals to finish their first game of the season with a solid 6-2 victory. In the game Ellie Lowe scored two goals, Brittany Morrow drove in a score, Katie Tucker nailed a goal, Olivia Rector drilled a goal and Rachel Garrett finished the Lady Highlander scoring with a long shot. Scott Head Coach Eric Henry said he was pleased with the way his team started their season, which would see the Lady Highlanders play three times in the week.

Scott Falls to Stone on the Road- Olivia Rector scored twice, but that was all the offense the Lady Highlanders could put up against Stone Memorial Tuesday (Aug. 16), as Scott fell 6-2. “We just didn’t play well the first half,



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