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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Let's see, where to begin? This week has been

Bama week here in my neck of the woods. Everyone had been

saying this is the year the Big Orange finally beats Nick Sabans Crimson Tide.

You see it has been 16 long years since Tennessee beat Alabama.

This year they met at Neyland Stadium with BOTH teams being undefeated. Well the day started great as Noah's team the Kingston Yellow Jackets traveled to Wartburg and beat the Bulldogs.

Then, we went back home to watch the BIG game.

It wasn't just Pappy that was excited, you could feel it in the air. This was the year! Our year. We beat the Gators now we had to stop the Tide. Game Day was at Neyland Stadium for the second time this year, even they knew that this is the year we did it.

Rocky Top was booming with over 102,000 people screaming with anticipation.

Pappy could hardly wait. Then finally, it was GAME TIME.

It was a back and forth but, they did it! The Volunteers finally beat Bama 52-49!!! I thought Pappy was going to explode, he was so happy!

Then, he got in the car and headed to Atlanta. Pappy, Rob, and Noah went to see the 49ers play the Falcons.

As far as weekends go, this was one was a once in a lifetime. The 49ers lost but, other than that it was a perfect weekend, for Pappy anyway.

There was only one thing. Pappy didn't pack a bag. He put his stuff for the hotel in a Dollar General bag. Mimi told him, "So, you stayed at the Hilton. You dropped the car off with the vallet. Then you carried your stuff in, in a Dollar Store bag?! That is why we have luggage!" Lord have mercy, that man. Mimi ain't gonna let him live that one down, for a long while. So, any-woof. Hope you all have a good week.



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

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Weather forecast table with dates, temperatures, and icons.

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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 Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society Meets the second Tuesday of every month Senior Citizens Building at 6:00pm Events Together Morgan County, in partnership with Frozen Head State Park, will host the 3rd annual Christmas Drive Thru on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 - 1:00 at Frozen Head State Park. The Morgan County Road Committee will meet on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 5:30p.m. at the Road Department. The Morgan County Back Tax Committee will meet on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the main room of the Courthouse. The Singing group "Still Blessed" will be singing at Elizabeth Baptist Church, Sunday, October 23rd, at 5pm. Pastor Buster Armes and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

Check Out the New EV6 at Rusty Wallace Kia of Knoxville Today!

In Loving Memory

Loretta W. Boyd, 81

Ms. Loretta W. Boyd, age 81 of Harriman, passed at her home on October 10, 2022. She was a member of the Midtown Valley United Methodist Church. Loretta retired from K-25. She loved music, yard sales, crocheting, enjoying life, and she loved being "Bubba" to everyone.

and Toni Connatser. 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Along with many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 11:00 AM in Roane Memorial Gardens with Bro. Matt Peters officiating.

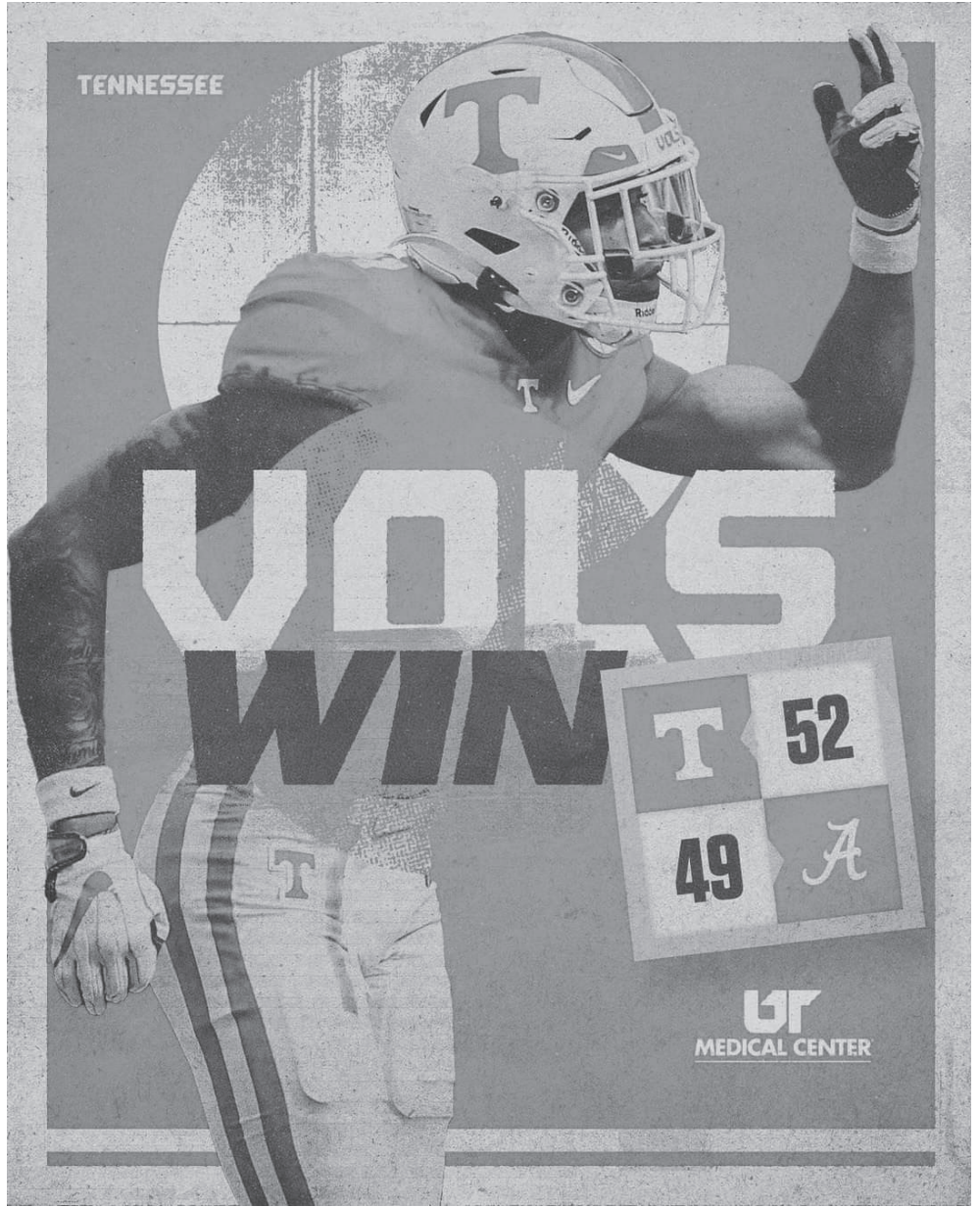
Davis Funeral Home, Harriman, is honored to serve the family of Loretta Boyd during this difficult time.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.davisfuneral-homes.com.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Jackie Boyd. Her Parents: Jeff & Wilma Walker. Brother: Tommy Walker.

She is survived by her son & daughter-in-law: Tony & Paula Wicks. 2 Daughters: Jackie Elaine Boyd

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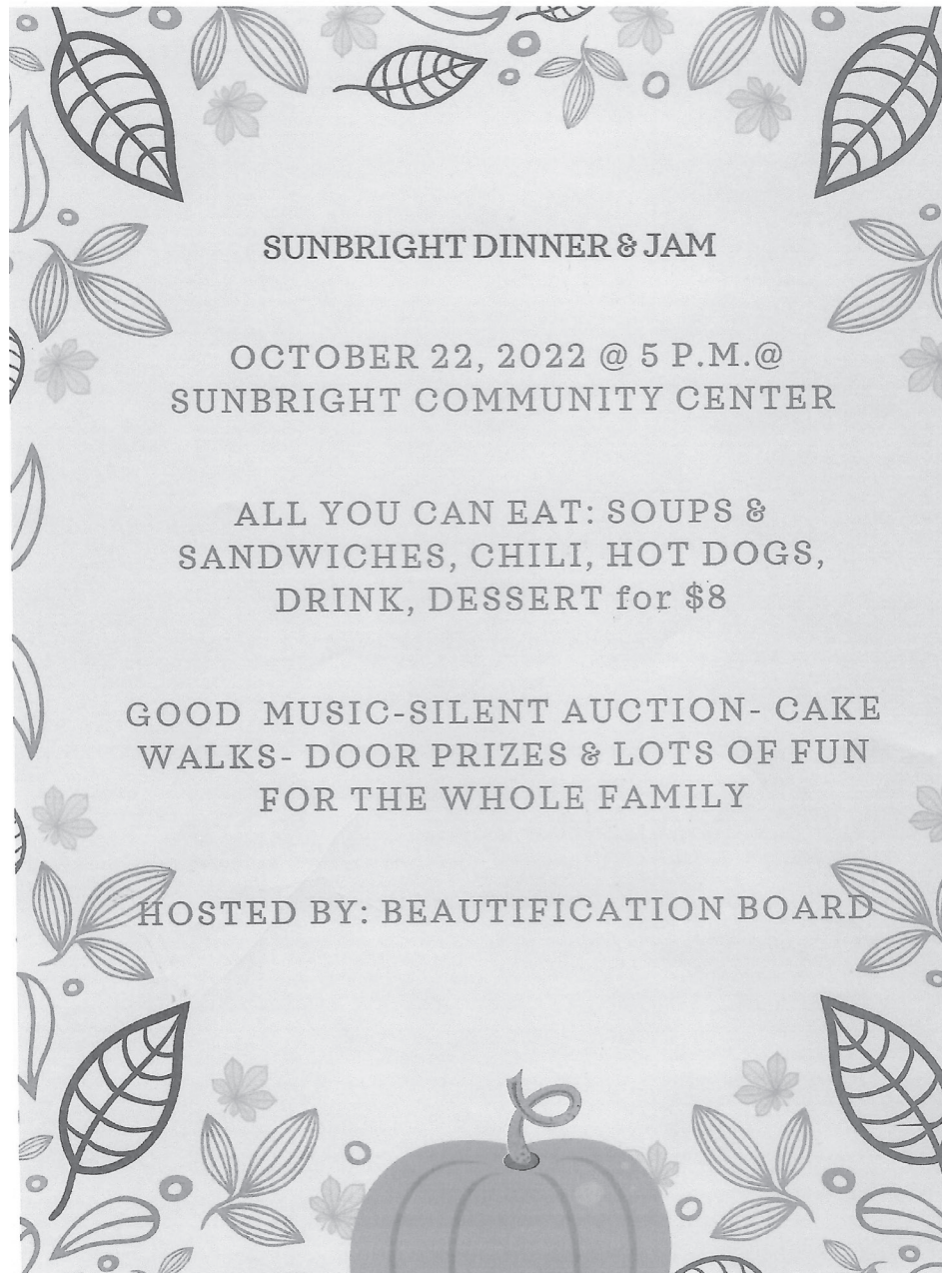
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Historically Speaking

Bobby Copeland – World's No. 1 writer of books on western films

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Bobby Copeland passed away not too long ago. This article was written several years ago now. I want you to experience Bobby as he was and so I have not altered the writing style except for the very last sentence.

I often dismay that we have people in Oak Ridge who are famous on the national or international stage, but totally taken for granted and most often unrecognized by local media or even given credit for their achievements in any way in their hometown of Oak Ridge. Shame on us!

Many Oak Ridge scientists are world renowned. Many dedicated servant leaders occupy prestigious positions on technical society boards (occasionally these folks will get a small amount of recognition when they are elected to office). Many inventors are granted patents (we should have a directory of patent holders!). Many national and international award winners get only sparse recognition and even less lasting appreciation for their hard work.

Still, we do better at recognizing technical achievements than we do some others. And that is understandable, given Oak Ridge's high percentage of highly qualified and successful scientists and engineers. Occasionally we should raise up one of our own who has done something unique and contributed to the world that is highly unusual. Such a person is Bobby Copeland.

Remember, if it is to be, it is up to me! So, I have found an example of someone who has carved out a niche for himself on the world stage of a particular special interest group... western film stars. I dare say only a handful of Oak Ridgers know about his collection of western film paraphernalia or his authorship of 22 books, and over 200 articles for various publications.

Not many cities can boast of having the No. 1 person in the world in any specialty. I am sure that we have several individuals who qualify as world leaders in technical specialties or scientific achievements.

Now let's celebrate Bobby Copeland's dedication to his chosen work and his resultant achievements in a most unusual field – "B-western" films and performers.

A little background on Bobby, his family came to Oak Ridge in 1945 when he was 10 years old. His family lived in Happy Valley. He readily recalls the theater there called "Playtime." His family soon moved to other locations in Oak Ridge where he always visited the local community theater regularly. He has watched cowboy movies at the Middletown, Jefferson, Wayne and Center theaters.

I don't know about you, but I had never heard of a theater called "Wayne." So, I asked Bobby about that. He said, "The Wayne Theatre opened in the same structure shortly after the Jefferson Theatre went out of business. It was much like the Jefferson, showing older movies, double-feature, and low-budget films. The Wayne was only open for a short period of time." (Photo Submitted)

I also asked him about the name "Middletown" for the theater located in what I had thought of as "Midtown," like the "Midtown Community Center." His response was that the name of the theater located in what was known as "Midtown" was actually named "Middletown."

Bobby is one of the few (perhaps the only person) to attend the Wheat and Gamble Valley grammar schools, the old Jefferson Junior High (when it was at the Robertsville Middle School location), the high school when it was at Jackson Square, and the present high school located on the Oak Ridge Turnpike. To have Bobby confirm that he attended school at Wheat of course means there was an elementary school there in 1945.

So, what about these "B-western" movies? Do you recall them? If you do, then you realize the formula.

Bobby says, "B-westerns were important to me because of good moral values taught by the movies. The cowboy hero gave me someone to look up to. He set an example by always doing what was right." Do you remember that? Sure you do...

Bobby is a collector of western movie paraphilia, but his main interest is in writing about the western film performers. He began writing in 1984 and that came about after years of dedicated interest in western movies.

He said, "My first collectible was a string-tie worn by singing cowboy Eddie Dean. Other collectibles include: shirts owned by Wild Bill Elliott, Crash Corigan, Lash LaRue, and Monte Hale; bandannas from Bob Baker, Monte Hale, Eddie Dean, Harry Lauter, Harry Carey, Jr., and Sunset Carson; belts from Monte Hale and Pierce Lyden (and also an autographed photo cup from Lyden); cowboy hat and tie clasp from



Bobby shown with a selection of his 22 books he has authored (Photo Submitted)



Bobby pictured with the famous western film stars Roy and Dale Evans (Photo Submitted)

Rex Allen; badge worn by Johnny Mack Brown to one of Ronald Reagan's functions and western pants worn by Johnny; Ken Maynard cigar band and stock certificate; duplicate of a John Wayne holster and belt made by Bob Brown, who made the original for Wayne."

Wow, what a collection. Do you collect anything? If so, you can appreciate the joy that comes from finding something special to you that you are seeking.

Since starting writing in 1984, Bobby is the author of 22 books, and over 200 articles for various publications -- including the British publication Wrangler's Roost. Bobby has also been a guest speaker at several film conventions. He is recognized worldwide for his knowledge and authorship.

When asked to name the favorite western film star,

Bobby said, "My favorite star is Wild Bill Elliott." Do you remember him? He made 256 movies from 1925 to 1957. Do you recall anything unusual about the way he wore his guns? Yes, two six-guns worn facing butt-forward in their holsters.

For readers who might not be as familiar with "B-westerns," here is what Bobby Copeland thinks you might need to know to better appreciate them and their history.

"If you were fortunate enough to have lived in the 1930s and 1940s, and if you were lucky enough to obtain a dime, you could visit your local movie house to view an exciting B-Western movie. The BWestern is a true piece of Americana and reflects on a time when we believed in God, country, Mom, apple pie and Saturday matinee heroes.

"Many have asked, 'Just what does the 'B' stand for in B-westerns?' Well, it stands for budget - low budget. However, these films should not be thought of as inferior just because so little money was spent on making them.

"To a great segment of the population, these little gems are still considered very special. They made an impression on the youths of that era that is still etched in the hearts and minds of those individuals today.

"Fans of the B-Westerns now gather at Western film festivals to meet the performers whom they idolized as youths in an attempt to recapture memories from the past. At these events through the years, this group of fans have enjoyed meeting in person Roy Rogers, Lash LaRue, Buster Crabbe, Rex Allen, Don 'Red' Barry, Eddie Dean, Gene Autry, Charles 'The Durango Kid' Starrett, Monte Hale, Ben Johnson, Clayton Moore, and hundreds of others.

"The B-Westerns had simplistic and repetitive plots, and there was never a mystery about the identity of the hero or the villain. Everyone knew that there would be a rip-roaring climax, where good would triumph over evil, and that the hero would ride off into the sunset ready to fight another day.

"The cowboy hero had the fastest horse, quickest draw, fanciest clothes, sang the sweetest song, and he possessed a heart of purest gold. Even on his worst day, he could beat the daylights out of the meanest bad guy and clean up the most wicked town in the West - without even getting dirty.

"For decades, critics have maligned the B-westerns and regarded them as nothing more than juvenile fare, or simply thought of them as a waste of film. Yet these grand old movies probably did more than any other one thing to shape our ideas and ideals.

"The films gave us action, comedy, music, and good wholesome entertainment for the entire family. They taught us faith, hope, loyalty, honesty, and gave us heroes. We knew they were not real, but we loved them just the same.

"They made no attempt to show life as it is, but rather how life should be. The B-Westerns were not a substitute for church, but they certainly complemented the message presented by the church. After watching one of these movies, you felt a tingle of goodness spread throughout your body - as if your soul had been cleansed.

"Unfortunately, the advent of television sounded the death knell for grand old films, and the heroes of the celluloid range are gone forever.

Several people in Oak Ridge know that Bobby Copeland is a western film fan, but I imagine they have no idea to what degree. Bobby Copeland is the world's No. 1 writer of books on western film performers.

Not many towns the size of Oak Ridge can boast of having a No. 1 in the world person in anything. Our own Bobby Copeland was internationally recognized as an expert on B-western films and performers.

HIMARS, The King of Modern-Day Conventional Battlefield



Michael Nance
Columnist

There have been many articles on the internet recently relating to the United States Military's, HIMARS system.

So, what is the HIMARS System and what is its capabilities? Those are the questions answered in this article.

The M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) is a light multiple rocket launcher developed in the late 1990s for the United States Army, mounted on a standard Army M1140 truck frame. We owe the genesis of this modern-day battlefield implement to the folks at Lockheed Martin.

As a former artilleryman, I remember when the HIMARS came onto the military scene, and to be honest I wasn't that impressed. At the time, I could see no substitute for a 155mm projectile from a howitzer exploding and raining down destruction onto the enemy. As it turns out I couldn't have been more wrong about this highly versatile and deadly system.

Each HIMARS unit can carry six GPS-guided missiles that can be reloaded in about a minute with a small team consisting of four soldiers. The range of the system is about 80km (50 miles). This range is effectively three times that of the conventional self-propelled howitzers that I am familiar with. The smaller crew and being mounted on a truck chassis dictate that after the HIMARS unit fires all of its ordinance it can quickly leave the firing position. This quick turn-around time prevents the enemy from targeting the launch point with artillery counterbattery. These capabilities evidence that the HIMARS system has the artillery ethos of "Shoot, Move and Communicate."

Ukraine was provided several of the HIMARS units in May and they have been devastating the Russian forces with the system. The Ukrainian forces have targeted Russian ammunition depots and even Russian sponsored foreign mercenary strongholds, all with deadly accuracy. Many experts believe that the HIMARS system has completely flipped the balance of power paradigm between the Russian and Ukrainian military capabilities.

The effectiveness of HIMARS on the Ukrainian battlefield was predicted a few months ago when retired U.S. Army General Mark Hertling tweeted: "w/ fewer rounds, greater range, precision accuracy" HIMARS are "a game changer" in the Russia-Ukraine war.



Photo, Courtesy of the United States Army

The entirety of Europe has taken notice of the HIMARS system. Poland and the Baltic States have witnessed how this system doesn't have a Russian equivalent. Russia's neighbors are now seeking to acquire the launch systems from the United States.

Polish defense officials have requested 500 HIMARS launchers and accompanying ordinance – this is a huge number and would be enormously expensive.

HIMARS soon to have a presence along Russia's borders is another

example of how the Russian invasion of Ukrainian has strategically back fired on Putin.

In conclusion, the HIMARS system is another example of American ingenuity, quality and creativity. All the things that a communist society lacks. Let's hope that we maintain these American traits in the years to come.

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“ Due to his hard work and consistent support of the thousands of firefighters and EMS workers across the state, The Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters Association has voted to endorse Rep. John Mark Windle in his bid for reelection to the 41st Legislative District of the Tennessee State House of Representatives.”



- James E. Mitchell, President
Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters Association
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

A King's Ransom: Chapter 16: Part 2



Carol Hall
Author

It couldn't be.

Elric Bohun? The man she'd met in the forest earlier in the day? What was he doing here? Is this where he lived? If so, he would know she didn't belong. She had to get away before he drew attention to her presence.

Dropping her gaze, she slipped back into the crowd.

"It's about time," Nicodemus groaned. "I was beginning to wonder if you were ever going to leave the gathering."

Bronwyn had been so caught up in the activities of the festival that she had forgotten that Nico-

demus was stuffed up under her hair. His voice caused her to jump.

"Sorry," she said, as she darted around people trying to get through the crowd.

When they had successfully escaped the festival, Bronwyn ducked around the side of the shoemaker's shop and stopped, peeking around the corner to make sure they weren't being followed.

"What are you doing?" Nicodemus asked. "Who are you hiding from?"

"Elric," Bronwyn whispered. "Remember him from this morning?"

"One of the men on horseback?" Nicodemus asked. "What's he doing here?"

"I don't know," Bronwyn said, impatiently. "Maybe he lives here."

"Was the other man with him, too?" Nicodemus asked.

"I didn't see him," Bronwyn said. "But I'm sure he's here somewhere."

"What do we do?" Nicodemus asked. "Are we still going to pilfer and pillage for some food and clothes?"

Bronwyn sneaked a peek around the corner again, but the light from the festival didn't reach this far, making it almost impossible to see more than a few feet in front of her.

"Yes," she said. "I still need clothes, and I don't know about you, but I'm famished."

"So..." came a voice from the darkness behind Bronwyn. "You plan on stealing from these fine folks?"

Bronwyn's sharp intake of breath sounded like a hiss.

Nicodemus squealed and scrambled back under her hair.

"I...who...what?" Bronwyn stammered.

"I saw you in the crowd," Elric said, calmly. "Across the circle from me. It took me a moment to realize it was the bewitched girl from the forest, but once I saw your wild, red hair, I knew."

"What are you going to do?" Bronwyn asked, fear etching her words.

"Are you going to turn me in?"

"For what?" Elric asked. "Being hungry?"

"For attempting to steal," Bronwyn clarified.

"I didn't catch you trying to steal anything," he said. "Seems to me you were only talking about it. Which brings me to my next question. Who were you talking to?"

"Uh..." Bronwyn hesitated. "No one."

"So," Elric said, questioningly. "You truly are possessed by a forest spirit? Is that why you talk to yourself?"

"I'm not possessed, and I wasn't talking to myself," Bronwyn said. She didn't want him to think she was deranged, or out of her mind. But could she tell him the truth?

"Then, how do you explain your behavior?" Elric asked, suspiciously.

"You were acting boggle-minded in the woods, and I know I just heard you talking to someone."

Bronwyn heaved out a deep sigh. "I was talking to my friend," she admitted. "His name is Nicodemus."

"Annddd, where is Nicodemus now?" Elric asked, looking around.

"He's sitting on my shoulder," Bronwyn said, leaning her head in that direction.

"Uh huh," Elric said, clearing believing she was either lying, or she honestly was out of her mind.

"Nicodemus," she said, giving in. "Come out please. Let Elric see you."

"I don't want to, Bronwyn," he said, barely above a whisper.

Elric must have heard him because he backed up a step. "There really is someone sitting on your shoulder?" he asked, sounding a bit fearful.

"Nicodemus, please," Bronwyn said. "Introduce yourself to this kind man."

"Fine, but if he freaks out and tries to hurt me, I'm going to be mad," he said, with a huff.

"You're starting to worry me, m'lady," Elric said, taking another step back. "What's on your shoulder?"

Nicodemus crawled out from under her hair, but his dark appearance made it hard for Elric to see him.

"Come a little closer," Bronwyn told him. "He's down where you can see him now. He's black, so he's hard to see in the dark."

Elric reluctantly took a step forward and leaned in, trying to see whoever,

or whatever, was sitting on Bronwyn's shoulder.

Nicodemus took another step forward. "Hello, sir," he said.

Elric squinted his eyes, then flinched, jumping back to where he previously stood. "Is that..." he started to say. "Is that a spider?"

"Yes," Bronwyn said. "Elric, meet Nicodemus. Nicodemus, meet Elric."

Bronwyn thought Elric was going to pass out. Even in the faded light, he looked pale and green around the mouth.

"It's ok," Bronwyn assured him. "He won't hurt you. He's a very nice spider."

"Um...ok...uh," Elric sputtered. "I've never heard of a talking spider before."

Bronwyn laughed. "Neither had I till I met Nicodemus."

"Is he the reason you were acting so crazy in the forest earlier?" Elric asked.

"As a matter of fact, yes," Bronwyn said, chuckling. "He crawled up the back of my leg, and it tickled. I'm really sorry about that."

"That explains a lot," Elric said, starting to calm down. "Whatever you do, don't show him to Merek, though. He's deathly afraid of spiders."

"I'll remember that," Bronwyn said. "Now, onto the matter at hand. What are you going to do with me?"

"What?" Elric asked, still eyeballing Nicodemus. "Oh, you mean about the stealing thing?"

"Yeah, that," Bronwyn said.

"Nothing," Elric said. "But I'd like to help you out."

"How?" Bronwyn asked.

"I'm staying at the Inn," he said. "You can come to my room, and I'll make sure you get plenty to eat."

Bronwyn gasped. "Sir," she said, aghast. "I can't waltz up to your room and just walk in. People will think...people will assume..."

"Oh," Elric said, shaking his head to clear it. He was still focused on Nicodemus. "I'm sorry. I should have realized that. I could sneak you in. That way no one would know."

"Ok..." Bronwyn said. "But what then? You'll feed us, then what?"

"Bronwyn, I only want to help you," Elric said sincerely. "I only have honorable intentions. I know you must have a story. I want to learn what's going on with you. I want to help."

"What about me?" Nicodemus asked. "Can I come, too?"

"I won't come without Nicodemus," Bronwyn said, adamantly.

"Of course," Elric said. "Seems you two are a matched set."

"Indeed, we are," Nicodemus said.

"Ok, then," Elric said. "There's a ladder outside my window. I'll go to my room and open the shutters. You two hide in the alley until I call you up. No one should be out and about yet. They're all still over at the festival. We should have plenty of time to sneak you in before anyone sees."

"Thank you, Elric," Bronwyn said.

"No problem," he replied. She could tell he was smiling, even though his face was hidden in shadow.

Elric led the way to the Inn, keeping to the dark alleyways, as Bronwyn followed.

They didn't pass a single soul on their way.

Even so, they managed to keep their conversation to a minimum in case some passerby happened to cross their path and wondered what they were up to.

They rounded a corner and slipped down a tight walkway between two buildings. When they emerged out the other end, they took a left and came to a tall, two story building. A ladder clung to the side of the wall, leading up to a window on the second floor.

"Wait here for me," Elric said. "I'll call down for you when I get inside."

Bronwyn fidgeted on the spot while she and Nicodemus waited for Elric to let them in. The darkness seemed so oppressive under the shadow of the building. Every little noise made her jump, thinking someone coming. Wringing her hands, she kept casting glances up to the window waiting for him to call down to them.

At last, she heard the shutters unlatch and creak open. Then Elric's voice drifted down to them. "Bronwyn?" he whispered down to her. "Come on up. Go slow, and be careful."

Bronwyn scaled the ladder up to the window, with Nicodemus clinging tightly to her shoulder. When she reached the top, Elric helped pull her inside.

As soon as her feet hit the floor, Nicodemus jumped down from her shoulder onto the bed.

The loud, piercing scream that filled the room caused Bronwyn to nearly jump out of her skin.



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army veteran Colonel Ola Lee Mize served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. In Korea he was assigned to 2D Platoon, Company K, 15TH Regiment, 3D Infantry Division and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Korean War.

Mize was born in Albertville, Alabama, the son of a sharecropper. He left school after 9th grade to help support his family. After several years of working for low pay, he attempted to enlist in the Army, but was rejected for being too light, at 120 pounds. He tried repeatedly to enlist and was eventually accepted, joining the Army in 1950 from Gadsden, Alabama.

Assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Mize planned to finish his term of service and return to school. When the Korean War began, he changed his plans and reenlisted in hopes of seeing combat. He volunteered for a front-line unit and ended up as a sergeant in Company K of the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

Mize later joined the Special Forces where he gained a commission and served three tours of duty in the Vietnam War. In 1965, he was assigned to the Special Forces Training Group, where he was the Advanced Training Committee chief for SCUBA, HALO, and the SKY HOOK schools. Colonel Mize is credited for being the officer responsible for starting the present-day Combat Divers Qualification Course in Key West, FL. From 1966 to 1967, he was again assigned to Vietnam with the 5th Special Forces Group where he was an Operational A, B, and C Detachment Commander and once more in 1969, where he was assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group as the Commander of the 3rd Mobile Strike Force Command (Cambodian Troops). During his tour while commander of B-36 3rd Mobile Strike Force he was awarded the Silver Star for Valor in 1969. Going on to meet president Eisenhower and Kennedy. He retired in 1981 as a colonel.

He was presented with his Medal of Honor at the White House on September 7, 1954 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: M/Sgt. Mize, a member of



Company K, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. Company K was committed to the defense of "Outpost Harry," a strategically valuable position, when the enemy launched a heavy attack. Learning that a comrade on a friendly listening post had been wounded, he moved through the intense barrage, accompanied by a medical aidman, and rescued the wounded soldier. On returning to the main position, he established an effective defense system and inflicted heavy casualties against attacks from determined enemy assault forces which had penetrated into trenches within the outpost area. During his fearless actions he was blown down by artillery and grenade blasts three times, but each time he dauntlessly returned to his position, tenaciously fighting and successfully repelling hostile attacks. When enemy onslaughts ceased, he took his few men and moved from bunker to bunker, firing through apertures and throwing grenades at the foe, neutralizing their positions. When an enemy soldier stepped out behind a comrade, prepared to fire, M/Sgt. Mize killed him, saving the life of his fellow soldier. After rejoining the platoon, moving from man to man, distributing ammunition, and shouting words of encouragement he observed a friendly machine-gun position overrun. He immediately fought his way to the position, killing 10 of the enemy and dispersing the remainder. Fighting back to the command post, and finding several friendly wounded there, he took a position to protect them. Later, securing a radio, he directed friendly artillery fire upon the attacking enemy's routes of approach. At dawn he helped regroup for a counterattack which successfully drove the enemy from the outpost. M/Sgt. Mize's valorous conduct and unflinching courage reflect lasting glory upon himself and uphold the noble traditions of the military service.

Mize died of cancer on March 12, 2014 at Gadsden, Alabama, aged 82.

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Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

We honor one of Tennessee's fallen law enforcement officers, Deputy Sheriff Matthew Kirrman with the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Kirrman was found deceased just after midnight on October 9, 2022 when his patrol vehicle was found

wrecked in the area of Ailor Gap Road and Possum Valley Road. His patrol car was found in a field after smashing through a barbed wire fence.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation along with the Tennessee Highway Patrol was called to investigate the incident. Deputy Kirrman's body was sent for an autopsy, according to TBI officials. The investigation remains active and ongoing.

Deputy Kirrman had previously served at the Knox County Sheriff's Office. He



was only twenty-seven-years-old. Please keep his wife Allison in your prayers.

A GoFundMe account has been set up under "Matthew Kirrman." The following is from the GoFundMe account that has been set up in his honor. This fundraiser is to aid Allison Kirrman after the untimely death of her husband Matthew Kirrman. For everyone that knew Matt, he was a man of great character who was always there to lend a hand or an ear for any friend in need. I ask that everyone able will reach out and help his widow in this time of need.

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Property Tax Relief for Seniors

*Pushing for and passing
legislation allowing more
Senior Citizens to qualify for
Property Tax Relief.*



NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* Using your fireplace? Try adding citrus peels to the logs for a nice aroma. They can be a good starter material as well.

* Those hide-a-key rocks can be a little obvious -- at least they are to me. I have a spare key hidden outside too, but I sealed mine in a plastic baggie and buried it in a spot known to our family members. Also, it's not right by the door. -- I.E. in Mississippi

* When closing up our cabin for the season, we brought a box of mothballs and scattered them around the porch perimeter. This keeps the small animals like mice and skunks from setting up shop there while no one is around. -- S.F. in Pennsylvania

* Now's a great time to start weatherstripping! Check and recaulk windows. Caulk along baseboards to deter drafts. Add insulation to electrical outlets and under

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Those of us who have a little difficulty successfully sealing wraps, gyros or burritos are at last in luck, thanks to a group of female engineering students who came up with a solution called Tastee Tape. It will hold your food nicely in place during cooking or consumption. And yes, it is an edible tape.

* Only humans have chins.

* Ladybugs are cute, but they're also cannibals. These tiny spotted creatures will, if need be, eat fertilized ladybug eggs, ladybug larvae and even other adult ladybugs.

* Do you know someone who really loves to tell jokes? Here's

hoping they aren't suffering from a rare syndrome known as Witzelsucht, or joke addiction, affecting certain folks with an injury to their brain's right hemisphere. One such patient couldn't stop waking his poor wife in the middle of the night to share his jokes with her.

* The longest eyelash on record reached a length of 2.75 inches and belonged to one Stuart Muller, who attributed the record-setting strand to a "mutant follicle."

* When the German football club FC Union Berlin faced bankruptcy in 2004, its loyal fans donated enough blood en masse that sufficient funds were raised to save it.

* King Charles III will receive

his crown while sitting on a throne containing the Stone of Destiny, a rock that was stolen from Scotland in 1296 and carried to Westminster Abbey by King Edward I, then returned to Scotland 700 years later. But why is it significant, other than its feature in a royal coronation? It is said to be the stone on which the biblical Jacob rested his head when he dreamed of a ladder ascending to heaven!

Thought for the Day: "The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot." -- Michael Altshuler

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sinks around plumbing. Seal it up to stay toasty this winter.

* Remember to turn off bathroom fans after 10 minutes. In the winter, if your house is on the dry side, don't use the fan at all: Open the door so the humidity from the shower or bath reaches into the house.

* "To remove the skin from salmon, I freeze it and skin it while frozen. The skin comes off much easier, and I waste less of the fish. I buy a large piece and parcel it into several smaller pieces, since it's just me. I like salmon, and it's healthy for me!" -- L.A. in Florida

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Summary
- 6 Barrel parts
- 12 Without exception
- 13 Salsa brand
- 14 Sweetheart
- 15 Try to rip open
- 16 Regarding
- 17 Chore
- 19 QB's stats
- 20 Scrooge's cries
- 22 Droop
- 24 Embassy VIP
- 27 Proboscis
- 29 AAA jobs
- 32 South Dakota monument
- 35 Comic strip possum
- 36 Curved lines
- 37 Decorate Easter eggs
- 38 Dhabi predecessor
- 40 Comestibles
- 42 Flow out
- 44 Recipe meas.
- 46 Golden rule word
- 50 Ray of "Goodfellas"
- 52 Like some swimming pools
- 54 Attractive person
- 55 Veteran sailor

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- 18 Guarantees
- 21 Busy insect
- 23 \$ dispenser
- 24 Music booster
- 25 Cattle call
- 26 Objects of fear
- 28 Daydreamer
- 30 Like some humor
- 31 Observe
- 33 San Francisco's Hill
- 34 FDR follower
- 39 Out-and-out neighbor
- 41 Egypt's
- 42 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 43 Resumes
- 45 Homer's son
- 47 Protuberance
- 48 Horn sound
- 49 Assoc.
- 51 Ring decision
- 53 Born

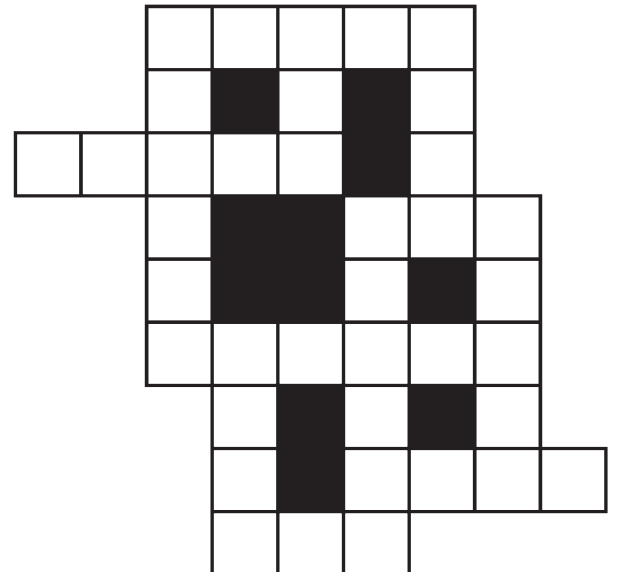
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- 1 Certain deer
- 2 Part of Q.E.D.
- 3 Ersatz chocolate
- 4 "The Greatest"
- 5 Overabundance
- 6 Lushes
- 7 Long journeys
- 8 — glance
- 9 "Impressive!"
- 10 "Zounds!"

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

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Colossians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 20:3, how many months did Paul stay in Greece? 3, 5, 7, 9
3. What is the shortest book in the New Testament (KJV)? *Luke, Titus, 3 John, Jude*
4. Who was the only woman to rule over Judah? *Deborah, Dorcas, Eunice, Athaliah*
5. Which of these appeared earliest in the Bible (KJV)? *Jacob, Abraham, Samuel, Moses*
6. What does the biblical name of "Nabal" mean? *First, Fool, Power, Face*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) 3, 3) 3 John, 4) Athaliah, 5) Abraham, 6) Fool

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Are Dogs Growing More Anxious?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My small mixed-breed dog, Tara, has terrible anxiety, especially when I leave the house or during thunderstorms. I have to either put a cone on her or socks on her paws so she doesn't chew them bloody during these episodes. I hear from other friends that their dogs have anxiety issues as well. Is this problem on the rise? — Sherri L., Kansas City, Mo.

DEAR SHERRI: Evidence isn't clear that anxiety in dogs is rising, but there is a rise in the understanding and diagnosis of anxiety in pets by veterinarians. This has led to an increase in diagnosis and treatment for pet anxiety.

While that is good for pets, there is no "magic bullet" to quickly cure a dog of an anxiety disorder. Tara's vet can diagnose the problem, and can help you determine different ways to treat her.

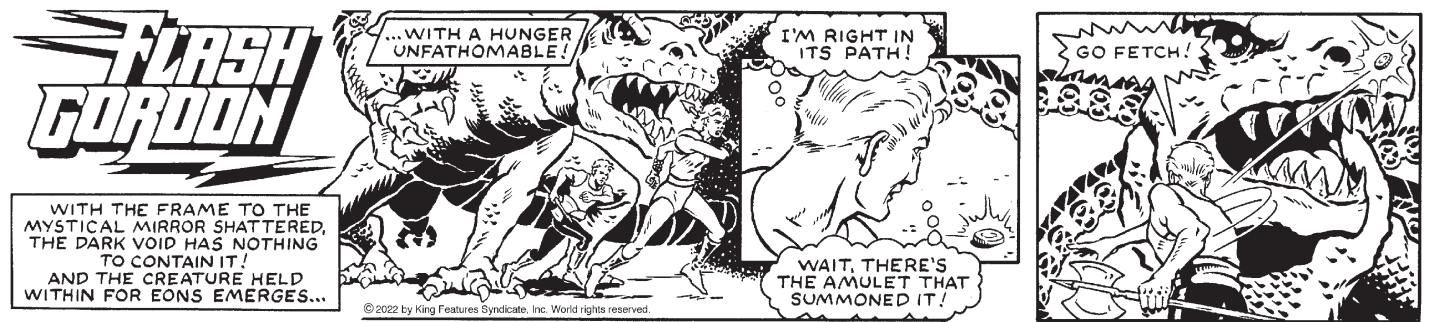
Medication can be a big help in easing anxiety symptoms, but you also want to look for causes of Tara's anxiety, and trigger points that set off her paw-chewing. Thunderstorms are one trigger; your leaving the house is another.

There are a number of different techniques, both training or interaction, to turn off those triggers. While there's not room in this column to list them, do some quick research and look for dog training manuals that stress positive reinforcement. Ask the vet and your friends about local dog trainers or specialists who treat pet anxiety issues.

In evaluating such professionals, ask what therapies they use or are open to, and make sure they emphasize your role in working with Tara (owners have to put in the time with their dogs). Be circumspect about pet therapists who insist they have a single, one-size-fits-all solution for anxiety.

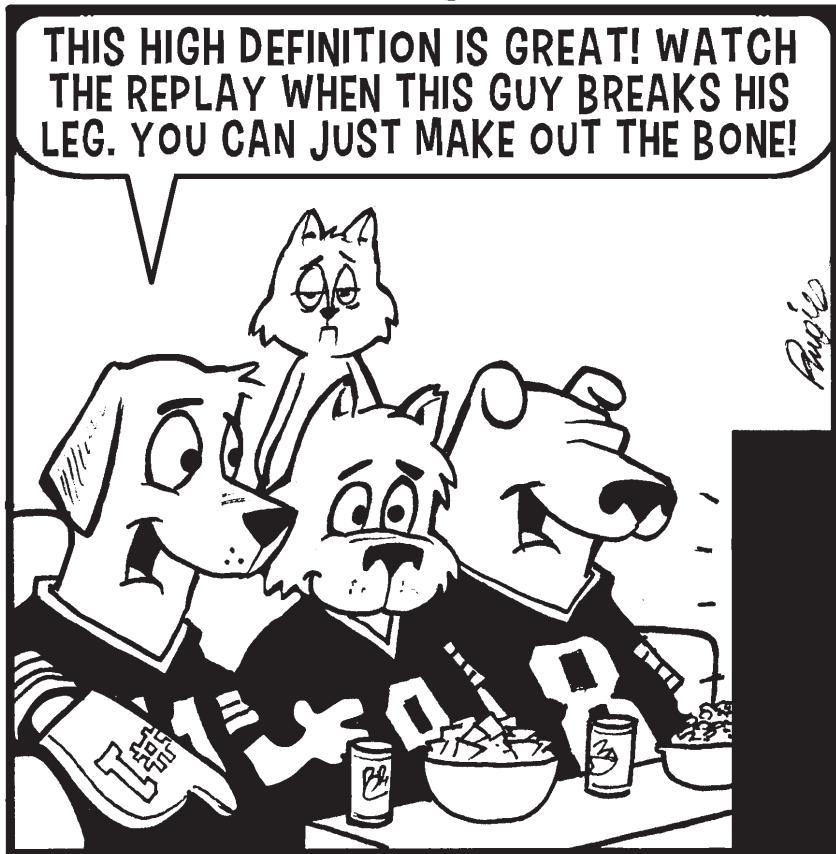
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

High-speed Rail Is a Progressive Fantasy

California progressives tried to build a European-style high-speed rail network and alienated the French in the process.

A big New York Times piece on the rail project reports that the French, who wanted to work with California, decided the state was simply too dysfunctional and departed to help complete a high-speed line in Morocco instead.

The ongoing unraveling of California's rail plan is an object lesson in how infrastructure as eschatology is a bad idea. If transportation is conceived as a way to save the planet and fulfill a deep-seated, quasi-religious fixation rather than a means to move people around more efficiently, it is bound to fail. Throw on top California's politicized decision-making and regulatory and legal obstacles to building, and it's a formula for a boondoggle for the ages.

No matter how high California has estimated the cost of the project, it hasn't been enough, even as almost nothing has been built. It started out at \$33 billion in 2008. Now, it's \$113 billion, with no one knowing where the funding is going to come from.

Not that the California experience will diminish the progressive ardor for high-speed rail. As far as its enthusiasts are concerned, it is like socialism -- never failed, just never truly tried.

President Barack Obama proposed an 8,600-mile high-speed rail system, and Transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg wants the U.S. to be the "global leader" in high-speed rail. Progressives think of bullet trains like windmills on rails, a symbol of enlightenment and modernity, a way to free ourselves from the selfish, small-minded tyranny of the automobile and adopt a sleeker, greener, more virtuous future.

Then, the wheel meets the rail. In California, it might have sounded appealing to build a high-speed rail link between Los Angeles and San Francisco -- if you abstracted the project from all the topographical and other difficulties. For political reasons, a less direct, less economical route between the cities was selected. And the decision was made to start building between the two megalopolises, in the Central Valley, creating the possibility that California may end up with a bullet train to and from nowhere.

Of course, we already have cheap, high-speed transport between population centers. It is called air travel.

As Randal O'Toole of the Cato Institute points out, planes cruise at roughly 500 miles per hour. The Amtrak Acela, on the other hand, has a top speed of 150 miles per hour. Yes, airplanes need infrastructure, but not expensive, complex new infrastructure all along their routes.

O'Toole notes that Japan's high-speed trains seemed like the future in the 1960's, when air travel was more expensive than rail. Also, Japan's high-speed trains had a ready-made customer base in the substantial proportion of the country's population that already traveled by train.

In the U.S. today, in contrast, the average cost per mile of traveling by air is cheaper than traveling by rail, and a minuscule 0.1% of all passenger travel is via Amtrak.

If we built the Interstate Highway System, why can't we build a comparable high-speed network? As O'Toole observes, the highway system basically paid for itself and accounts for a substantial 20% of the country's passenger-miles and a roughly comparable proportion of freight ton-miles.

High-speed rail could never be a match. Even if you put aside the endemic cost overruns, the inevitable construction delays, and the considerable maintainable costs, it can only carry passengers, not freight.

While progressives swoon over high-speed rail as the shiny future, some other genuinely futuristic technology is likely to emerge. If the age of self-driving cars ever arrives, people will be able to experience a car more like a personal train, except unlimited by rails.

California hasn't created a railroad to the future but a warning to the rest of the country to avoid its delusion and folly.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Suicide Rates Are Down

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently released its 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. Suicide numbers are down, they say, for the second year in a row.

At the same time, they announced the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grants, a program that gives money to community organizations to create suicide prevention programs, and authorized \$174 million to be handed out over the course of three years to provide those services.

The list of groups that received the grants is impressive, with most receiving the maximum amount of \$750,000. But it's the groups that received lesser amounts that arouse curiosity. War Horses for Veterans received one-third the maximum amount, yet they're very hands-on, matching horses with veterans and first responders under stress to help them recover from trauma. United States Veterans Initiative provides job assistance, rental assistance and much more, but they received only a small grant. Community

Building Art Works received a similarly small grant to provide writing and art workshops for veterans and family members in all counties of three states. Legal Aid Society got half the largest amount to handle legal assistance for the whole state of Kentucky.

Declining suicide numbers are no guarantee that veterans are under less stress. In 2020, there were 6,146 veteran suicides. That year had the lowest number since 2006, but we need to look at overall rates to see what it really means. While veteran suicide numbers fell by 9.7% between 2018 and 2020, the civilian numbers fell by 5.5%.

And just so you know, Staff Sgt. Parker Gordon Fox, for whom the grant is named, was a sniper instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia, when he died in 2020 of suicide at age 25. Fox, a talented musician, left his parents and many relatives, as well as his dog, Willie Nelson Fox, and a 1962 Gibson guitar.

If you or someone you know is in trouble, call 988 and press 1. Or go online to www.VeteransCrisisLine.net, and chat or text to 838255. There's help 24/7. Don't wait.

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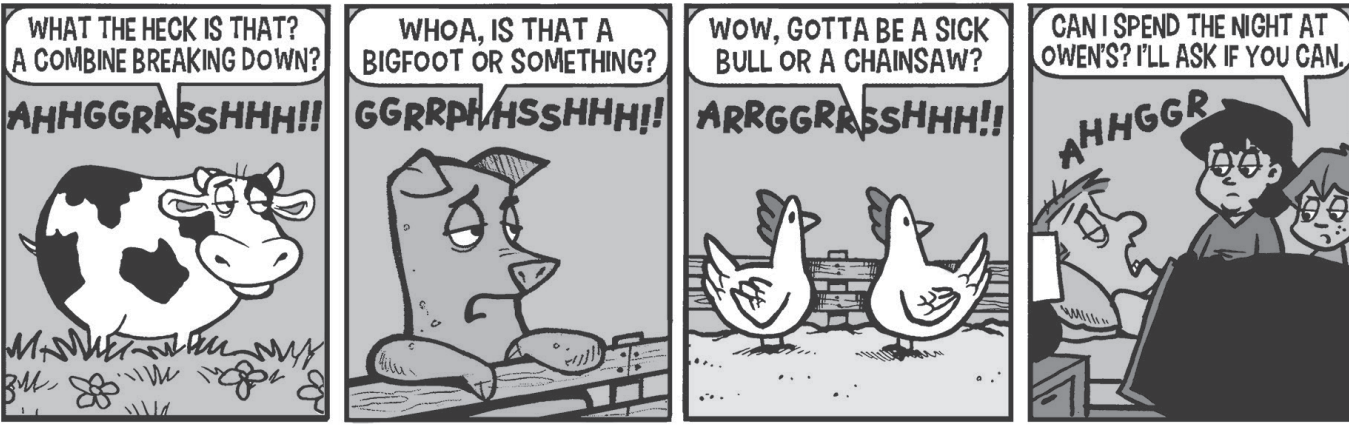


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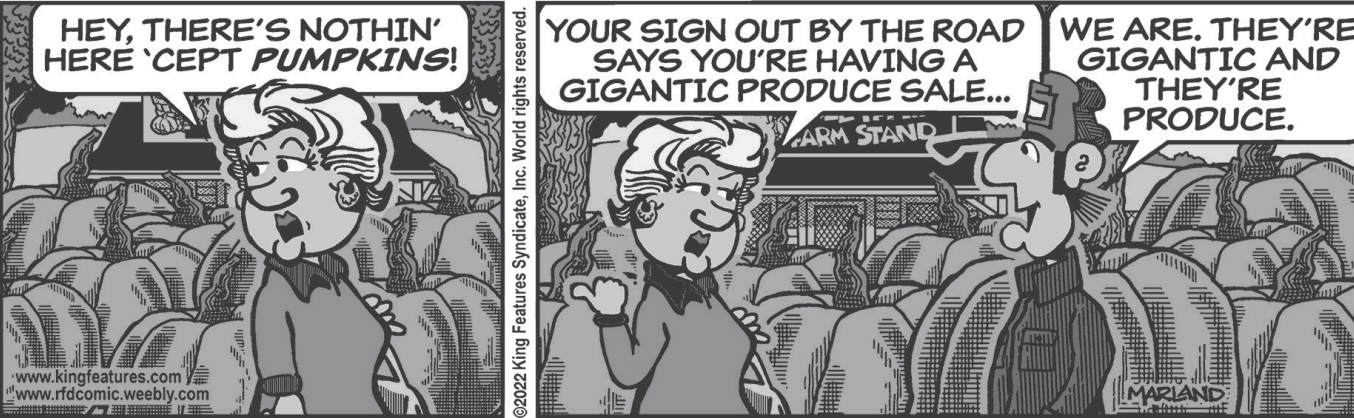
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On November 2, 1862, Mary Todd Lincoln wrote to her husband about the public sentiment against General George B. McClellan's cautious command, saying people "would almost worship you if you would put a fighting general in the place of McClellan." The president followed her advice.

* On November 1, 1941, Ansel Adams shot a picture of a moonrise over Hernandez, New Mexico, that would become one of photography's most famous images. Adams made more than 1,300 prints of it during his career including one that sold at a Sotheby's auction for \$609,600 in 2006.

* On October 31, 1955, out of loyalty to the crown, England's Princess Margaret announced she would not marry Group Captain Peter Townsend. His divorced status would have forced her to give up her royal title, Civil List allowance, and place in the line of succession to the throne.

* On November 3, 1960, Congress passes an act creating the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Morris County, New Jersey, residents and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey wanted to turn the swamp into a regional airport.

* On November 4, 1985, Soviet defector Vitaly Yurchenko announced his return to the Soviet Union, claiming he'd been kidnapped by the CIA. Yurchenko was awarded the Order of the Red Star by the Soviet government for the successful "infiltration operation."

* On November 5, 1995, Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell announces officially that he is moving the team to Baltimore. Months later, the NFL allowed Modell to move the team, but he had to give up rights to the Browns name.

* On November 5, 2003, Jarome Iginla of the Calgary Flames, one of just 20 players in NHL history to score 600 goals, became the first Black player in the NHL to become captain. The previous year, Iginla was the first Black man to win gold in the winter Olympics when Canada beat the U.S. at hockey in Salt Lake City.

Local committee to accept and select nominations for the Governor's Volunteer Star Awards (GVSA) for outstanding Youth and Adult volunteers in Morgan County

Wartburg, Tennessee – The Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards (GVSA) is an annual event that honors the efforts of volunteers from across Tennessee. Each year, one youth (under 25) and one adult (over 25) are selected to receive this prestigious award in recognition of their exemplary service in their county.

This year, nominations are being collected by Frozen Head State Park Ranger Lydia Martinez and will be reviewed by a panel of local leaders to select the two winners for Morgan County. Nomination forms are available at the Park Visitors Center, Tanners Cafe and at Morgan County schools. The nominee must be a Morgan County resident and the volunteer service must have been performed in Morgan County. Submissions must be received no later than November 1, 2022.

The nomination packet should include at least one photo of the nominee and consists of a completed nomination form with a

short (maximum 400 words) narrative that answers the following questions: What organization(s) does the nominee serve with? How long has the nominee completed volunteer activity with the organization(s)? What type of service does the nominee perform? What makes the nominee's volunteer service unique or creative? What is the extent to which the nominee's service goes above the call of duty? How does the service address or solve a local community need? What is the degree to which their services/actions have made a lasting contribution or meaningful impact on their community? What sets the nominee apart in terms of their character and/or commitment to the community?

Photos and completed nomination forms should be mailed to lydia.martinez@tn.gov by the November 1, 2022 deadline. Nomination forms can also be emailed by requesting from the same email address.



GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER STAR AWARDS

Do you know a volunteer that deserves recognition? Nominations are being accepted for the Governor's Volunteer Star Awards until Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

- ONE YOUTH (UNDER 25 YEARS OLD) AND ONE ADULT (25 YEARS OR OLDER) CAN RECEIVE THIS AWARD.
- REQUIREMENTS: VOLUNTEER MUST BE A RESIDENT OF MORGAN COUNTY, AND THEIR VOLUNTEER WORK MUST TAKE PLACE IN MORGAN COUNTY.

Email lydia.martinez@tn.gov for a nomination form or pick up a paper copy around town at participating businesses.



Together Morgan County will host the 3rd Annual "Find Randy" contest Monday, October 24 - Friday, October 28 in Coalfield, Oakdale, Petros, Sunbright and Wartburg. A poster of Randy Raccoon will be displayed in a different location in each of these communities for 5 days. Clues on where Randy is hiding will be posted on Together Morgan County's Facebook page each day. Those finding Randy should take a picture and post it on the Together Morgan County Facebook page along with the Community where they found Randy. There will be a daily drawing from all submissions in each community. Winners will win a Halloween Treat Bucket filled with Goodies.



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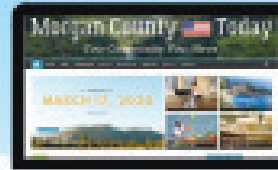
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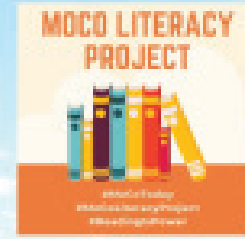
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Light Failure Lets Kingston Leave Early With Win Against Scott

By Richard Spears



The Lady Highlanders earned home field advantage for their District tournament semifinal game against Kingston, played on Saturday (Oct. 8), having defeated District rival Kingston September 27 in overtime. But Saturday's tournament game, due to a failure of the Highlander Stadium lighting to properly work, effectively ended as the sun set, with the Lady Jackets taking a 3-0 victory. Leading 2-0 at the half, Kingston put in a goal in the first minutes of the second frame, but with 31:26 on the clock and the field conditions getting worse as the lighting failed, the officials called the game, ending Scott's season. Lady Highlander Head Coach Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today, "I was disappointed we didn't get to finish this game. We're a great second half team, and we came out after halftime on fire, making adjustments, and then, no lights. I just have to look at the overwhelming positives from this team and how they fought hard all season. Last year, we didn't win any district games. This season, we finished second in a tough district. I can't say enough about all our players, and our seniors- they are top notch young ladies. All six of our seniors were All District players this year, Chloe Tucker was the MVP, Kaitlyn Butts was the Defensive Player of the Year. These kids have been like family to me. I'll miss them. But, I've got some very good young players that will return next year. I have a lot to look forward to, I just hate the way this ended."

Oneida Shuts Out Rockwood/Midway- Falls to C-Gap in District Final

The Lady Indians had a complete effort, combining offensive firepower and defensive prowess at Hoffman Field in Oneida Tuesday (October 11), shutting out the Lady Tiger Waves 5-0 in the District tournament semifinal to advance to the championship game at Cumberland Gap.

Oneida's first score was an "on goal" attributed to the Rockwood/Midway goalie's error, giving the Lady Indians a 1-0 lead ten minutes into the contest. That would be the score at the half.

The Lady Indians brought it offensively in the second frame, however as Oneida senior Claire Burress knocked in a goal unassisted in the first three minutes of the half to give Oneida a 2-0 lead. Six minutes later, Burress struck again, scoring off an assist from Jillian Cross to put the Lady Indians up, 3-0. At the 20 minute mark, Lady Indian junior Emilee Sexton took an assist from Kamryn Kennedy and booted home a goal for a 4-0 Oneida lead. With 14 minutes left in the game, Oneida's Alexea Jones, with an assist from Kennedy again nailed a goal. Score, 5-0 Oneida. That would be the final. In comments after the game, Oneida Head Coach Phil Newport said, "I'm glad we responded like we did after halftime. Three of our scores were off assists, so we were passing and sharing the ball well. Our defense was phenomenal, holding them to just one shot in the entire game. We effectively neutralized them." Oneida went on to play Cumberland Gap on the road Thursday (Oct. 13), in a game that was marked by, as reported by many in attendance, poor sportsmanship by the Lady Panthers and one-sided officiating tilted in Gap's favor, as Cumberland Gap would claim the District title with a 6-0 win over the Lady Indians. Newport said, "It was a fiasco. Gap played hard into our best players, as they are coached to do, and they were looking to intentionally hurt our girls. It was a frustrating night. When I have to take a player out to keep her from getting injured by inappropriate play from our competition, something's wrong. And the refs didn't make any calls on them." Oneida was scheduled to play at Loudon Tuesday, October 18 in a first round Region tourney game.



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



CLAIRE BURRESS



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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Mental Health Awareness Week

Many Americans struggle with mental health conditions. The United States has continually seen a growth in suicide, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, etc. If left untreated, the effect on everyone can be pretty devastating.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, "Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. Despite mental illnesses' reach and prevalence, stigma, and misunderstanding are also, unfortunately, widespread."

I want to shine the light on another problem that is happening in our schools that involves our youth. I believe the effects of school bullying are not only devastating to a child short term, but long term as well. I think it's important for schools to provide educational training on bullying. Students need to learn how to identify it and learn what effects it has on their peer's lives. I know several schools who have anti-bullying training.

Bullying is not okay. Let's look at some statistics: Did you know every 7 minutes a

child will be bullied at school? I have spoken to teachers, principals and students across America who are concerned with school bullying. 1 in 5 students have admitted they have been bullied in school and 70% of students have admitted they have seen another student being bullied. According to the CDC, "the second leading cause of death was suicide for students between the ages of 15-24 in 2017. Every day we lose 17 teenagers a day



to suicide.

How can we confront this problem in the United States? I gave a Ted Talk last year

in Boston, MA with some different ideas. One idea: is there a phone app for that? Could the private or public sectors create an app that helped with bullying? What if there was a universal app on every student's cell-phones that allowed them to report bullying, facetime with a counselor on demand, access chat rooms with adult mentors, and connect with other students who are going through the same issues.

50 states have laws on the books against student bullying. I think we need to bring awareness to our students that bullying is against the law and it could lead to prosecution. On this same theme, schools should adopt evidence-based programs and curricula. This would be introduced at an elementary and middle school level. Presentations and getting students involved in role-playing seminars seem to provide valuable lessons. I think guest speakers work well. Schools can utilize their communities to find volunteer speakers that can share their powerful testimonies on bullying. I think the last idea is to get the private sector involved more to create innovative solutions to help curb this epidemic. It's time to stand up for our youth.



Zack Ballinger

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Who Is Ready for Pumpkin Spice Whoopie Pies? Everyone!

Nestled snugly between "everything BBQ-flavored time" and "everything peppermint-flavored time" we have my personal favorite: "everything pumpkin-spice-flavored time"! This week I have a wonderful dessert overflowing with the nectar of the pumpkin spice gods.

Remember whoopie pies? If a cake, a cookie, frosting and a sandwich somehow managed to have a baby, it'd be a whoopie pie. Two round, pillowy cakelike cookies with a creamy cloudlike filling sandwiched between them. So soft and dreamy, they're bound to please the most discerning sweet tooth.

Traditionally, whoopie pies are chocolate cakes with vanilla filling, but not today! We're making pumpkin spice whoopie pies with several fillings to choose from. We have marshmallow pumpkin spice, maple vanilla, salted caramel and, for making pumpkin spice latte whoopies, coffee latte filling. How to choose? You might have to make this more than once! I sure did.

This pumpkin spice cookie recipe has been around forever and is very easy to prepare. I've chosen to use a boxed cake mix as an ingredient because I find it not only easier, but when you compare the cost of assembling all the cake ingredients, it's less expensive. Look for cake mix on sale when possible.

PUMPKIN SPICE WHOOPIE PIES

Total Time: 45 minutes
Yield: 15 decadent whoopie pies

1 cup canned pumpkin
1/3 cup butter, softened
1 (15.25 ounce) package spice cake mix
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
Filling (see recipes below)

Preheat oven to 375 F. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper or greased foil. In a stand mixer or large mixing bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed, beat pumpkin and butter until smooth. Add cake mix, eggs and milk, then mix until well-combined. Chill batter for 15 minutes to firm up a little.

Drop batter by heaping tablespoonfuls, 3 inches apart, on cookie sheets. Aim for 30 cookies total. Smoothe the



These soft and dreamy whoopie pies are bound to please.

tops of the cookie batter with moist fingertips. Bake for 15 minutes. I did one sheet at a time, but you can do two at once. Just rotate pans halfway through.

Place cookies on a wire rack to cool completely before assembling into whoopie pies — seriously; let them cool or it's a big mess. If storing before assembling, place in single layers in a storage container with wax paper between layers to prevent sticking. These soft cookies will stick

together like glue!

To assemble, prepare filling of choice (recipes below) and chill filling for one hour. Pipe or spoon about 2 tablespoons of filling on the flat side of one cookie and top with a second cookie. Repeat for remaining pairs. Serve immediately or store in the refrigerator.

For each filling recipe below, begin by creaming together 1/2 cup softened butter with an 8-ounce brick of softened cream cheese until smooth. Then add the remaining ingredients.

Marshmallow Pumpkin Spice — Add 2 cups powdered sugar, about half of a 7 ounce container of marshmallow cream (incentive to make a double batch?), 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice and a pinch of salt.

Maple Vanilla — Add 3 cups powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 3 tablespoons maple syrup.

Salted Caramel — Add 1/2 teaspoon each almond and vanilla extracts, 1/2 cup salted caramel sauce (found near the ice cream at the store) and 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt. Gradually add 3 cups powdered sugar.

Coffee Latte — Dissolve 1 1/2 teaspoons instant coffee or instant espresso granules into 1 teaspoon vanilla extract. Add to mixture, then gradually add 3 cups powdered sugar.

Diva Tip: Only serve these treats to people you really like, because they are amazing, and people will follow you home. Truth.

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IRS crackdown on improper PPP forgiveness

The PPP loan program was established to help small businesses that were adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people who received the PPP loan forgiveness were qualified and used the loan proceeds properly to pay eligible expenses. However, the IRS has discovered that some businesses that received loan forgiveness did not meet one or more of the eligibility conditions. A recent IRS news bulletin encourages people who inappropriately obtained forgiveness of their PPP loans to take steps to become compliant. Becoming compliant will allow people to avoid the potential consequences.

The news bulletin highlighted the Chief Council Advice which addressed misrepresentations and omissions of facts regarding loan forgiveness.

IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig said, "This action underscores the Internal Revenue Services' commitment to ensuring that all taxpayers are paying their fair share of taxes". He added, "We want to make sure that those who are abusing such programs are held accountable, and we will consider all available treatment and penalty streams to address the abuses."

If you misrepresented facts for PPP loan forgiveness, filing an amended tax return can enable you to become compliant.

Under the terms of the PPP loan program, lenders can forgive the full amount of the loan if the loan recipient meets three conditions.

The loan recipient was eligible to receive the PPP loan. An eligible loan recipient:

is a small business, independent contractor, eligible self-employed individual, sole proprietor, business, or a certain type of tax-exempt entity; was in business on or before February 15, 2020; and had employees or independent contractors who were paid for their services, or was a self-employed individual, sole proprietor or independent contractor.

The loan proceeds had to be used to pay eligible expenses, such as payroll costs, rent, interest on the business' mortgage, and utilities.

The loan recipient had to apply for loan forgiveness. The loan forgiveness application required a loan recipient to attest to eligibility, verify certain financial information, and meet other legal qualifications.

If the three conditions above are met, then under the PPP loan program the forgiven portion is excluded from income. If the conditions are not met, then the amount of the loan proceeds that were forgiven but do not meet the conditions must be included in income and any additional income tax must be paid.

Anyone who has abused the PPP forgiveness rules can avoid potential IRS penalties by correcting their information with an amended return.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Cutting Down on Scam Phone Calls

Welcome to the season of increased scam telemarketer phone calls, either political or holiday related.

The National Do Not Call Registry is a government program intended to block unwanted sales calls. It's a free service, and all you have to do is sign up either on your phone or on the internet.

Call 888-382-1222 from the phone you want to block and follow the steps. Or go online to donotcall.gov and read the info. A word of warning: If you register your number online, you are also required to enter an email address. They'll send you a note asking you to click a link in that email to finish the registration to stop unwanted calls -- if they stop.

Blocking scammers on the registry doesn't take care of

the whole problem. The FAQ on the site says that certain types of calls are allowed: political, charitable, debt collection, informational and surveys. Think about the holes those leave.

I maintain that receiving a political call is still a sales call -- they're trying to sell us on the idea of voting a certain way, and therefore political calls also should be blocked in the Do Not Call Registry. Surveys can be just as bad if the questions they ask are clearly skewed in one direction or another.

I see charitable calls as scams if they take your personal banking or credit-card information. Additionally, if you've ever done business with a company, they're allowed to call you.

So, there are holes in the system. But you can take steps to stop at least some of the calls by registering with Do Not Call.

As an aside, I called the registry to verify that my phone is already listed. Yes, despite all the calls I get, it's been listed as a do-not-call number since 2006.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Who wrote and released "Big Yellow Taxi"?
2. Which group released an album titled "Waiting for the Sun"?
3. Why was Carnaby Street popular in the 1960s?
4. Which group released "Lyn' Eyes"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Loneliness is the cloak you wear, A deep shade of blue is always there."

Answers

1. **Joni Mitchell, in 1970. She wrote the song in Hawaii after seeing the gorgeous landscape broken up by a massive paved parking lot.**
2. **The Doors, in 1968. It was their only No. 1 album and included "Hello, I Love You," one of their only two chart topper singles, the other being "Light My Fire."**
3. **Carnaby Street, likely first built in 1685, became a hippie haven by the 1960s. It was dedicated to fashion and music, with underground clubs where groups like the Rolling Stones and The Who got a start.**
4. **The Eagles, in 1975. The song nabbed a Grammy for Pop Vocals.**
5. **"The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore," by Frankie Valli in 1965, and then a year later The Walker Brothers released their own cover. The Valli version only hit No. 128 on the charts, but the Walkers' version went to No. 13 and is the one everyone remembers.**

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2 Thessalonians Chapter 3

(2 Thes. 3:1-5) Request for prayers: As the apostle works toward the conclusion of this epistle, he petitions their prayers on behalf of himself and his companions (Silas and Timothy). He wishes that the “word of the Lord” may have unimpeded progress and a glorious effect, even as it has with the Christians in Thessalonica (what a compliment to them!). He hopes he and his co-workers might be delivered (rescued) from the “unreasonable” and “evil” men. He may be referring to a particular situation and a definite class of persecutors. “Unreasonable” carries the idea of that which is outrageous, and “evil” denotes active malice. These enemies have not “the faith” (the force of the Greek); this may signify that they stand outside the body of Christian doctrine, or else they do not possess “the (quality of) faith” essential to please God (v.2).

But (a contrast follows) the Lord is faithful. The difference between faithless men and the faithful God is dramatic indeed (2 Tim. 4:16-17). To those who yield themselves to him, he will strengthen (make firm) and guard them from “the evil one” (Satan). Help for both the inward and outward man! This would not totally insulate them from persecution, but their faith would not be ravaged beyond their power to overcome (v.3; 1 Cor. 10:13).

The apostle encourages them by expressing genuine confidence in their intention to progress in the gospel. He believes they are practicing their religion and will continue in that effort, yielding to apostolic instruction. He prays that the Lord will bless them with the abiding realization of “the love of God.” This could be God’s love for them or theirs for him---or both. Each is grammatically possible. The expression, “patience of Christ,” may denote their patience in view of their ultimate union with the Lord or the exemplary patience displayed by the Savior.

(2 Thess. 3:6-15) Church discipline: The issue of church discipline is a sensitive and painful theme, but one of absolute necessity, though seriously neglected in today’s church---both by avoidance and brutal abuse. Discipline involves a broad range of potential actions---from plain teaching to eventual excommunication. It is not an option; it is an apostolic “command.” This admonition is buttressed by the “name (authority) of the Lord” (Mt. 18:15-17). “Withdraw” designates a cessation of purely social activity (1 Cor. 5:9). It is not to be used in a discriminating fashion, but is applicable to every rogue church member capable of understanding the nature of the ordinance. Their actions are “disorderly,” out of step with inspired teaching and apostolic practice.

The apostles’ pattern of conduct was to be emulated; they did not behave themselves in a disorderly fashion. Neither were they mercenary. They did not “sponge off” the brethren, but worked hard night and day so as not to burden the local church. The divine ideal was that they be supported, but under special circumstances, for expediency’s sake, they abstained (v. 9; 1 Cor. 9:3-14; 1 Tim. 5:18). The apostle appears to have had some critics---even at Thessalonica. Clearly there was an element of lazy saints, who refused to work (maybe becoming

a burden to the church). Their employment was unemployment! Working did not excite them. In such cases the church was forbidden to indulge the abuse. Where did the idea originate that “everyone” (even able-bodied people who can work, but won’t) has the “right” to be cared for by others? Such is contrary to divine instruction and does nothing more than reinforce laziness (v.10)!

Paul obviously had heard the report that some at Thessalonica were walking “disorderly.” They refused to get a job, and instead spent their time in minding other folks’ business. Busybodies are condemned (v.11; 1 Tim. 5:13). Those of this caliber were both commanded and exhorted by the authority of Christ to quietly work (with contentment), eat their own food (which they earned), and stop mooching off others (v.12). The brothers were to not grow tired of doing good (v.13).

Back to the issue of discipline. In a mode of sternness, Paul warns: “If any man (person) obeys not (the sense is that of an arrogant refusal) our word (instruction) by this epistle...” The apostle had warned about discipline in his first letter (4:11; 5:14); this is a second warning. There won’t be a third! The rebel is to be subject to the full force of disciplinary action. Thus, “note” that man. “Put a tag on the man” (Robertson). Identify him to the whole church as an impenitent offender. It is not a procedure done behind closed doors (1 Cor. 5:4). It is not a vengeful, hateful act. It is not a tool for venting personal animosity. It is an effective method of restoring the lost---if there is a residue of honesty remaining in the transgressor’s soul.

In order for the discipline to be effective it must be honored by the church, and association with the offender that is strictly social must cease (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5; 1 Tim. 1:19-20; Tit. 3:10). Does that mean ceasing all communication? No. Does it imply that the disciplined person cannot be visited and lovingly urged to return to the Lord? Of course not. But sufficient social pressure must be applied so that the wayward soul will miss the warmth of Christian fellowship and long to return. Sometimes such is difficult because the disciplined person has himself been reclusive and distance is what he prefers!

A part of the process is to bring the sinful person to a sense of shame. He has sinned against God, against the church, against his family, and against his own soul. Tragically, however, the ability to be ashamed (a valuable quality), has long disappeared in some (Jer. 6:15). At the same time, the church must ever bear in mind that this offender, no matter how obstinate, is not to be treated as an enemy, but rather admonished as a kindred spirit in the Lord (v.14-15).

(2 Thess. 3:16-18) Closing: Having dictated the epistle to a faithful scribe, the apostle closes with a loving salutation in his own handwriting, which was his customary practice. He prays that the favor of Jesus, who is his “Lord” (with absolute authority over him) his Messiah (so profusely heralded in the literature of the Old Testament), may abide with them.

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“Male Wild Williams”

Christopher Merret was born in 1615 in Gloucestershire, England. He studied medicine and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1651. He liked collecting plants and maintained a herb garden. In 1666 he produced one of the first resources for British plants, animals and fossils known as the *Pinax Rerum Naturalium Britannicarum*.

The book includes the first known lists of British butterflies and birds.

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Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in me will not be disappointed.

ISAIAH 49:23



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The National Wrestling Alliance is coming to the Big Easy for Hard Times 3 and Revolution Rumble

NEW ORLEANS — Hard Times 3 (also known as Hard Times in New Orleans) is an upcoming professional wrestling pay-per-view (PPV) event promoted by the National Wrestling Alliance (NWA) in conjunction with New Orleans-based WildKat Pro Wrestling, owned by NWA wrestling star, Hollywood actor and stunt professional Luke Hawx.

Hard Times 3 will take place on November 12, 2022 at the Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center in Chalmette, Louisiana.

Revolution Rumble, a television taping for NWA Powerrr and NWA USA, also being co-promoted with WildKat Wrestling, will be held the following night on November 13, 2022 in the same venue.

The main event for Hard Times 3 will feature NWA World's Heavyweight Champion Trevor Murdoch defending the Ten Pounds of Gold in a triple-threat match against former World's Heavyweight Champion Matt Cardona and current NWA Television Heavyweight Champion, FOX News personality, and best-selling author Tyrus.

Also scheduled for the event, EC3 will take on Thom Latimer in a one-on-one matchup. The Fixers, Jay Bradley and Wreckingball Legurski defend their NWA United States Tag Team Championship against Brady Pierce and Rush Freeman, the Spectaculars with Rolando Freeman in their corner. Kerry Morton will challenge for the NWA

Junior Heavyweight Championship, currently held by Homicide. Former NWA World's Heavyweight Champion Nick Aldis will finally get his hands on Odinson after the Asgardian Warrior blindsided the National Treasure at NWA 74.

Also scheduled to appear at Hard Times 3 and Revolution Rumble, NWA National Heavyweight Champion "the Great" Cyon, NWA Women's World Champion Kamille, NWA World Tag Team Champions Bestia 666 and Mecha Wolf

signing up for the NWA Newsletter at National-WrestlingAlliance.com.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at NWA-TIX.com.

The PPV will be available for purchase through FITE TV <https://www.fite.tv/watch/nwa-hard-times-in-new-orleans/2pbwy/>.

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Morton, MLW Openweight Champion Davey Richards, Aron Stevens, Jax Dane, Jennacide and many more.

More match announcements will be made in the coming days. You can be the first to know by

reinventing the brand for the modern era whilst honoring the legacy of its heyday in the 1980s. Beginning with the critically-acclaimed Ten Pounds Of Gold docu-series, the NWA has since expanded its programming to include two weekly broadcasts (NWA Powerrr & NWA USA) and 6 annual pay-per-views, all of which are available via NWA All Access, our paid subscription service on Triller's FITE streaming platform. Replays of NWA Powerrr and premieres of NWA USA are also available on the NWA YouTube channel.

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The Rapture and the End Times



Tom Redmon
Columnist

Did you know that the rapture could happen at any time? Paul outlined the details of the rapture in 1 Thessalonians 4 in which he said, “we do not want you to be

uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus (4:13-14). The Christians who have died are dead in the physical body but are alive or asleep in the spiritual body.

The Christians who are living at the rapture will be taken up in the clouds to meet with Jesus and taken to Heaven. There will be a generation of Christians who will never experience death. As you remember Enoch and Elijah went to Heaven without ever experiencing death (Genesis 5:24 and 2 Kings 2:11). Wouldn't it be great to be in this generation of Christians?

Paul says we will all be changed (1 Corinthians 15:51). When we go up to meet Jesus, we will be instantly transformed into the type of body Jesus possessed after his resurrection.

When some Christians speak of Heaven it is the third Heaven sometimes called “Paradise” or “Abraham’s Bosom.” Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:4 that we have a promise from Jesus himself to rely on that it is the places where all Christians go to immediately when they die. You no doubt remember when Jesus was on the cross, he declared to the thief on the cross who had professed his faith to Christ that “today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43). The rest of the scripture will tell you that is true. As you remember Stephen was being stoned, he anticipated



being with Jesus at death. Stephen called on the Lord and said, “Lord Jesus receive my spirit.” (Acts 7:59).

Remember the rapture can happen at any time. When you hear the trumpet sound and look to the eastern sky and there in the clouds you will see Jesus and the ones sleeping in Christ arise to meet him. At the rapture, Christ’s feet will never touch the earth (1 Thessalonians 4:17). In the second coming his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives.

The second coming Jesus will return to earth with believers to establish his kingdom. Unbelievers will look on him whom they have pierced (Zechariah 12:10) and every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10-11).

The tribulation which will last seven years where an antichrist will arrive, he will be empowered by Satan. He will oppress God’s good purposes with every fiber of his being. Scripture calls him “the Beast.” He will establish a peace treaty with the nation of Israel and halfway through the seven years he will betray Israel. These last three years are called the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21).

A disaster such as a nuclear accident, a giant asteroid, a financial meltdown, or another world war could be the catalyst that would set the stage for this world dictator. It could be a crisis in the Middle

East that will bring the antichrist to the world stage. By looking at 2 Thessalonians 2:6-9 you will find several interesting facts about the man known as the antichrist. The first fact is he will come to power after the Christians are removed from the earth at the rapture. He could be alive today. He will likely be a Gentile (Revelation 13:1) and he will rule over a revived Roman

empire that will apparently be in the form of a ten-nation confederacy.

The false prophet will see to it that in controlling the world commerce that only the ones who have the “mark of the Beast” (Revelation 13:16-17) will be able to purchase goods, and services. Technology is so advanced that it would be easy for the antichrist to enforce his mandates with a chip.


The last three and one-half years of the tribulation will not be a good time to be on earth. Oh yes, there will be people who will be converted by the 144,000 witnesses from among the twelve tribes of Israel. These Jews, who believe in Jesus Christ, will preach the gospel over the whole earth (Revelation 7:5-8). Many will be saved during this time. Many will also be persecuted for they will not have the mark of the Beast.

Do not say, well I can be saved during the tribulation. Why wait when you know you will be persecuted? Here in America, we have no excuse when we say I don’t know my savior. We have many churches; we have gospel programs on radio and television. We have Bibles available to anyone who wants one. If you are not a Christian come to Jesus today.



My loving wife from our story last week. June 8, 1963 began the wonderful life together that Wanda and I shared. Her life ended to soon because of cancer.

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Where Have We Gone

Whenever I begin to pen words, I pray for those words to only be from God. My God is the trinity found in Genesis 1:1. My God gave me an owner's manual, and warranty deed over my life before he brought Adam into existence. My God wrote time in advance. He calls this book the Bible.

Catholics while encouraging them to experience change occurring in America.

My Dad would marry my mother and have three children. My brother Sean Michael had died. My mother was addicted to methamphetamine and valium, my father had answered his draft notice and was in basic training, when my sister and I were found abandoned and brought into foster care.

Sixty-six individual books, revealed to at least forty-two men, over 3,000 years, all saying one thing with every letter, every number, every part of speech, every metaphor, every story, conceived by the trinity before they brought the universe into existence. That universe is the product of thus says the Lord.

My Dad would receive a hardship discharge and come home to get his children back. My mother, I would not meet until I was a Christian and mature. I was forty-nine the first time I would meet my biological mother. I pray for her to receive salvation every day.

Elohim is the creation name of God found in Genesis 1. It denotes one all powerful, all knowing, all consuming, God, in three distinct characters, a Father, a Son, and their link to men the Holy Spirit. Our creator exists as God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit all the time.

I would confront the narrative I had been raised with, as I meandered through life and began to question every pre-supposition I had formed in my life. If I was ever to fulfill God's perfect will for my life, I could never return to the place of my nativity. The gods of my parents had to be replaced by the God of the entire Bible. God's mission, had to become my mission.

The trinity was reunited as the God-man at Jesus Christ's baptism to fulfill all righteousness. When Messiah came up out of the water, the Father and Holy Spirit in the form of the dove, united to fulfill God's perfect will for humanity: the crucifixion of the creator by those he created to witness of his majesty on earth.

As a Ranger squad leader, I was required to be a master and teacher of the Ranger handbook. My mission from my commander was to get men ready for war. Every aspect of Ranger life, comes from the foundations learned in the pages of the Ranger handbook.

Thy throne oh God is a scepter of righteousness. This is how God identified Jesus Christ to the Hebrew priests? Why?

My greatest award ever received for being ready for war, and having men trained to replace me if injured or killed, was the reward in knowing every member of my weapons squad who survived Mogadishu, went on to serve in the GWOT. Seeing these heroes years later, is the greatest gift bestowed upon a Ranger leader who earned his combat scroll serving with men much better than I.

The priests had separated the divinity of Messiah from the humanity of Jesus Christ, to cling to their religious pre-suppositions. They had grown comfortable getting paid for the message of God, and their temple had become more important than spending time alone in prayer and meditation of God's precepts found in his word.

Life's greatest reward now revolves around getting these men under the blood of the Lamb. It will never happen in church. Church is not there when a believer enters the valley of Elah unprepared for spiritual warfare.

They had hijacked his message, and now they were profiting from what God had done in their lives. Jesus Christ overturned the money changers tables because they were selling the sacrifices to the very poorest who needed mercy and grace, yet instead the priests held on to ancestor worship, religious traditions, and allowed pagan practices to permeate their temple.

The Bible alone is a Ranger's spiritual two-edged sword, to vanquish all the enemies of God who stage an assault on our lives when we testify to saving faith in Christ. Our sword requires us to master it as a weapon. We need both edges to wield Old Testament mercy and New Testament grace.

The tabernacle written about in our Old Testament, was the most important place to a Jew. Proper understanding of the temple, will clear up all questions about how God views buildings we call church.

The sword of the Spirit is the word of God. Become a Berean Ranger and master the Bible as a spiritual weapon. Faith is your courage. Hope is your battle cry. Love through Jesus Christ is what a Ranger Christian should offer everyone we encounter.

When Moses received the design plans for the Ark of the covenant, included were the plans of God to allow the Jews to build a temple. But not before he went out of his way, to show them he does not dwell in houses made with human hands.

He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood.

The Jews had been in Egypt in servitude for Abraham's unbelief for 400 years now. They had witnessed YHWH defeat the gods of Egypt through the plagues. The last being the sacrifice of the firstborn. God's plan of redemption had been polluted in Assyria and Egypt, and the Egyptians had deified their Pharaoh, his wife, and their offspring.

He is alive forevermore, and he is returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 6-7-2022

The death of Pharaoh's firstborn son, was God reclaiming how he alone intended to redeem humanity through the death of his son. We will meet Pharaoh's son in Heaven for he was taken before the age of responsibility to God, which is twelve. God removed him before he brought the judgement and wrath of YHWH upon Pharaoh, and Egypt, for treating his people so badly.

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I spent the majority of my life, trapped in human religion. I was taught to do what my ancestors did. My first problem, was who exactly were my ancestors?

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

On my father's side, they were easy to discern. My Dad, was descended from Scotch-Irish Catholics. My grandparents had seven children, six boys and one girl. They raised their children as Roman

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

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