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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

It has been a good week, until...

The week started off one a high. We are all still

hung over from Tennessee beating Alabama. It was so glorious! Then, things started getting a little less happy. Mimi, brushed me out really well. Good grief, woman! I don't have a matted coat! I thought that would never end.

The next day, I went out and rolled in the grass. You guess it. She brushed me, again! She told me that I brought it on myself by getting grass, leaves, and twigs in my fur.

The day after that, she shoved those stupid pills down my throat and held my mouth shut, until I swallowed them. She says that I have to take them so, I don't get heart worm and fleas. She tells me that Dr Bristol instructed her to give them to me, for

my own good. I'm just gonna have to talk to Dr Bristol, about that. Finally, came the worst day, yet. I got sick. I puked not once but, twice. Mimi was worried about me. I just felt awful. I laid in my bed and slept most of the day. When Pappy came home, I played Tug of War with my moose and fetch for a few minutes. It wore me out. Mimi told Pap if I wasn't better by morning, I was going to see Dr Bristol.



I heard that. What did I do? I jumped up into Mimi and Pappys bed during the night. Scared Mimi, half to death. I thought it was funny. I wanted to make sure she knew I was feeling better so, I didn't have to get a shot. That reminds me. That is another thing on my list to talk to Dr Bristol about. I wuff her but, she always tends to give me a pain in my neck.

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

**WEEKLY WEATHER**

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Thu 27	68°/46°	
Fri 28	70°/51°	
Sat 29	65°/50°	
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Mon 31	64°/46°	

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING** day 3:00-7:30, and Wednesday 9:00-12:00.  
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

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

Our current hours are Monday 10:30-3:00, Tues-

### Amos Morgan, 57



Amos Morgan, born September 5, 1965, went to be with Jesus on October 15, 2022.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Kilby Morgan; parents, Angmon Morgan and Josie Stephens; and brother, Avery Morgan.

He is survived by his parents, Don and Kathy Carroll; daughter, Tessa Kilby; son, Eddie Kilby; grandson, Lenox Kilby; sisters: JoAnne (Brian) Spurling, Donetta (Keith) Shannon, Kassy (Charles) Walker, Judy (Arnie) Carroll; brother, Jimmy Jo Hamby; nieces: Ashley Davis, Jessica Tart, Jessica (Chase) Jones and Caiden Jones, Brooke (Tyler) Harper, and Andrea Morgan; nephews: Will (Mary) Carrol, Mikey (Amber) Waters, Preston (Shala) Steelman, Grant Steel-

man, Houston and Kole Shannon, Heith (Jessica) Shannon, and Levi, Tylee, Breanan, and Jesse Walker; great-nieces: Hailey Waters, Aniston Steelman, Makayla Carrol, Madison Warfield, Lilly & Morgan Davis; great-nephews: Abel Waters, Jonas Carroll, Axel Steelman, Kile and Noah Davis, Grant and Braidon Carroll; and special friend, Julia Soldner.

The family will receive friends Monday October 17, 2022 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright. The funeral will follow at 6:00 with Bro. Roy Langley officiating. The graveside service will be held Tuesday October 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Union Grove Cemetery in Sunbright, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Amos Morgan.

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## In Loving Memory

### Anita Gail Lane Gunter, 63

Anita Gail Lane Gunter, age 63, of Wartburg passed away October 13, 2022 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. She was born March 20, 1959.



Anita graduated from Central High School in 1977. After graduating she became a homemaker who loved raising her two children. She had the "green thumb" to raising her flowers, she loved decorating and loved going to the beach. But her grandchildren were her whole world. She will be missed by all who knew her and her fur baby Buffy. She would always tell people "My girls are my world".

She is preceded in death by her mother Christine McCoy; grandmother Clancy Gunter grandfather Doc Gunter.

She is survived by her daughters Renee (David) Landrum and Shelly Lane and fiancé Jason

Hughes; grandchildren William, Wyatt a

nd Waylon Landrum, Khloe, Gunner and Lane Hughes; father Bill Gunter; sisters Jackie Furney & Debbie McCoy; brothers Greg Gunter, Danny & Scott McCoy; step-brothers Dean & Steve

Hutcherson; 2 special step mothers who treated her like their own Sharon Adams and Sue Gunter and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Monday, October 17, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1-3:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. Danny McCoy officiating. Interment will follow in the Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Anita Gunter.

### Della Mae (Pace) Barnett, 86

Della Mae (Pace) Barnett, age 86, of Deer Lodge passed away October 17, 2022 at her home.

She is preceded in death by her parents William & Anna May Pace; husband Ellis Barnett; brother Harold Pace; sisters Pearl Lavender & Helen Pace; step-dad Morton Carroll.

Della is survived by her son Marty (Ellen) Barnett; granddaughter Monica (Cody) Goodman; great grandchildren Oakland & Carter Goodman; sisters Wanda Beasley, Carol Ann Patton, Edith Gro-

leau; sister-in-law Fern Pace and a host of extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00-2:00 p.m. with a graveside to follow at 2:30 at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge with Bro. Shawn Hankens officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Della Mae (Pace) Barnett.

### Gayle Hicks

Gayle Hicks, of Elgin, TN, passed away at Patriot Hills Assisted Living in Oak Ridge, TN on October 21, 2022.

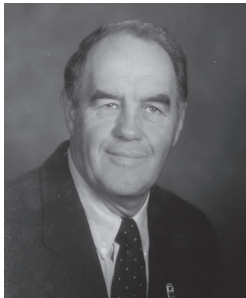
He is preceded in death by his parents: Silas Hicks and Dorothy Mosier; wife, Gail "Kathy" Hicks; sisters: Betty Bateman and Judy Painter; grandmother, Sarah Hicks; and brother-in-law, Skip Babcock.

He is survived by his son, Tim (Tangiela) Hicks; beloved grandson, Terrence "Terry" Hicks; brother, Jim Mosier; sister, Kay Mosier-Babcock; brother-in-law, Chuck Bateman of Ohio; and several other extended family and friends.

There will be a grave side service Saturday October 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sunbright Cemetery in Sunbright, TN.

### Andrew Clay Starr Jr., 87

Andrew Clay Starr Jr., age 87, of Sunbright, Tennessee entered Glory on Saturday, October 15, 2022. Andy was an avid lover of family, farming, sports, and cattle. He spent his life serving his family, his community, and the cattle industry. His family



describes him as a strong man that demanded attention when he entered a room. When he talked, people listened. He used his gift of leadership in many capacities and was best known as a dedicated judge, showman, and breeder of Angus cattle. He served the industry at a national level as the president of the American Angus Association in 1991. He and his family traveled the country showing and judging cattle for many years and share fond memories on the road and in the ring. He made many friends along the way and will be remembered as a devoted husband and father, a generous member of his community, and an influential cattleman. He has instilled his love of animals in his children and grandchildren, and his legacy will continue at Star Dust Farm for years to come.

When raising his family, Andy prioritized Christian values and morals. His dedication to his faith will be proven through the fruits beared by his family and future generations.

Andy was preceded in death by

his parents, Andrew Clay Starr and Lila Louise Stroud Starr, first wife and mother of his children, Billy Mae Matthews Starr, and infant sister Janet Luggage Starr.

Andy leaves behind his loving wife of 42 years, Kathleen "Kathy" Starr, son Andrew Clay Starr III and wife Angie, daughter Dana Starr Brown and husband Tom, son Bill Reeder and wife Yvette, and daughter Carla Cooper. Andy was a loving grandfather to 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Andy was the oldest of his siblings and leaves behind his sister, Annetta Waller and husband Charles, and two brothers, David Starr and wife Karen, and Max Starr and wife Cindy. Andy's siblings blessed him with 6 nephews who now have beautiful families of their own.

Andy's family will receive friends on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 10:00am-12:00pm at Sunbright First Baptist Church. Funeral service will immediately follow at 12:00pm. The family will go in procession to Mt. Vernon Cemetery immediately following the funeral service for a Committal service and burial.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.BerryHighlandWest.com](http://www.BerryHighlandWest.com) for the Starr family.

### Flora Lee Walker, 87

Mrs. Flora Lee Walker, 87, of Oakdale, passed on October 14, 2022. She loved the Lord, her husband Robert, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to the end. She was a member of Oakdale UMC

The family will receive friends on Sunday October 30, 2022, at 3:00 PM with a Celebration of Life service to follow 4:00 PM at Oakdale United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the charity of your choice.

Davis Funeral Home in Harriman is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Flora L. Walker.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.davisfuneralhomes.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomes.com)

### Brenda L. VanNorstran, 59

Brenda L. VanNorstran, age 59, of Wartburg passed away Sunday, October 16, 2022 at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge.

Brenda enjoyed watching her hummingbirds and being with her pets. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and great grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her parents Farwell & Billie Ruth Rose; brother Henry Rose and her dog Jasper.

She is survived by her husband Bill VanNorstran; 2 daughters Laura (Sam) Butler of Oliver Springs and Nicki (Travis) Loy of Harriman; fur babies Socks and Squeaky; sisters Liz Peters and significant other Carson, Betty (Crawford) May, Deborah (Terry)



Jones, Michelle (Rocky) Best and Wendy (Vince) King; grandchildren Hannah (Derrick) Tinker, Michael Butler, Kansas Butler, Aubrey Loy and Jace Loy; great grandchildren Hayland Tinker, Kalani Tinker and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Tuesday October 18, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Garvin Walls officiating. Graveside services will be Wednesday at Nelson Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Brenda L. VanNorstran.

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# Historically Speaking

## Bill Wilcox: On war, peace, and reconciliation

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Bill Wilcox passed away on September 2, 2013. The following article was written before his death.

It is with great delight that I bring you this article by Carolyn Krause about my wonderful, good friend, Bill Wilcox, who turned 90 years of age on January 26, 2013, amid a winter storm that prevented a grand party planned in his honor. While I have written about him often, I am fully aware that others see him in just as great a light as I do and seeing him recognized by a wide range of people is rewarding to those of us who admire him greatly and embarrassing to him, and that is good, as it should be.

Here's Carolyn:

...

From late 1943 to 1945, people living in and outside the Secret City watched long trains with loaded boxcars roll into Oak Ridge several times a week. For most the cargo, including building materials and sealed drums, was a mystery.

What left Oak Ridge weekly in a coffee-cup-size container was kept so secret that most people working on the war effort here had no idea any product was going out. "Don't ask, don't tell" was the unspoken mantra of the culture of secrecy about people's jobs that General Leslie Groves brought to town.

Groves headed the Manhattan Project that employed construction workers to build huge production plants and three small secret cities, as well as scientists and engineers to create two war-ending atomic bombs. He also was responsible for keeping the Germans, Japanese and Russians ignorant of the size of U.S. efforts.

What came in as uranium oxide in boxcars went out weekly as a few ounces of uranium enriched in fissionable U-235. A secret courier carried the mysterious stuff in a briefcase.

"People wouldn't have believed it," Oak Ridge City Historian Bill Wilcox, 90, told Bob Edwards in an interview broadcast by Public Radio International Jan. 27, a day after Wilcox's birthday.

"The product of the \$478 million Y-12 plant was being carried out every week in a briefcase chained to the wrist of a military security person in plain clothes accompanied by a bodyguard in plain clothes."

The two men went by car to Knoxville, where they took a train to Chicago and then boarded a Super Chief passenger train to New Mexico. The product was secretly transported from a little train stop called Lamy to Los Alamos, where the uranium bomb was designed and built.

Wilcox told Edwards that if the enriched uranium transported from Oak Ridge's Y-12 Plant to Los Alamos were melted down, the total amount would be roughly the size of a basketball. It was enough for one atomic bomb.

Los Alamos had collected enough plutonium from the large nuclear reactors in Hanford, Wash., to build a second atomic bomb. The process for producing plutonium and separating it from spent uranium fuel was pioneered in Oak

Ridge at the Graphite Reactor at X-10.

On July 26, 1945, the United States, United Kingdom, and Russia called for Japan to surrender in the Potsdam Declaration, which threatened Japan with "prompt and utter destruction." The militaristic government of Japan ignored the ultimatum.

On Aug. 6 and Aug. 9, the two atomic bombs created by the Manhattan Project were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. The militaristic leaders still refused to surrender, even though the bombs' acute effects killed 150,000 to 250,000 Japanese. Less than a week later Emperor Hirohito insisted that Japan surrender, ending World War II.



A young Bill Wilcox shown sitting in a rocking chair in 1944 (Photo Submitted)



A slightly more mature leader shakes hands with President Jimmy Carter when he toured K-25 (photo and artwork courtesy of Lynn Freeny)(Photo Submitted)

The surrender halted the land invasion of Japan planned for November 1945. Such an invasion would have killed an estimated 250,000 Americans and more than one million Japanese.

Oak Ridgers "reacted to the news of the bombing in the same way as the rest of the United States," Wilcox told Edwards. "We were thrilled that somebody had developed a brand-new weapon that might win the war. We were surprised and amazed and we didn't understand it" until they read newspaper articles by New York Times Science Writer William L. Laurence, whom the Army had hired to tell the story.

A Pennsylvania native and a 20-year-old graduate of Virginia's Washington and Lee University, Wilcox was hired in 1943 as a junior chemist by

Eastman Kodak. He was sent to Oak Ridge and told to work with other chemists to better understand the chemistry of uranium.

The chemists were ordered to refer to uranium and its compounds as "tube alloy," "tubanyl oxide" and "tubalous tetrafluoride," according to Bart Callan's oral history interview with Wilcox in March 2005.

They also developed methods for separating uranium from solutions containing various metals that dissolved the stainless steel in the receivers of the Y-12 calutrons that enriched uranium in U-235.

"You knew you had been a part of the making of the bomb," Edwards stated, wanting to know how Wilcox felt about the consequences of detonated nuclear weapons.

"We didn't glory in the deaths of 100,000 people in Hiroshima or Nagasaki," Wilcox said. "Nor did we glory in the deaths of 100,000 people in the firebombing of Tokyo on March 9 and 10 [1945]. Those were horrible deaths to contemplate in that horrible war.

"What we did celebrate was that Oak Ridge helped bring peace to the world that was aching from six long years of World War II. Since the war Oak Ridge scientists turned to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy."

He cited Oak Ridge's production of radioisotopes for medical diagnosis, treatment and research, calling the work the foundation of nuclear medicine that has helped people around the world. Another beneficial legacy was the reactor design work at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which led to nuclear power plants – the source of 20% of U.S. electricity.

"Nuclear energy can be both a blessing and a curse," Wilcox told Edwards. "It's a triumph and a tragedy, just like all our other energy sources, such as fire and electricity. But we have learned how to use them safely and so have conquered our fear of fire and electricity. Now we need to overcome our fear of nuclear energy."

Edwards noted that Wilcox "smoothed over" the local controversy over the bronze Friendship Bell designed in Oak Ridge and cast in Japan in 1993. Local opponents saw it as an apology to Japan paid for by taxpayer funds.

Wilcox helped people reach a consensus that the bell is "a symbol of the bonds of friendship and mutual regard that have developed between Oak Ridge and Japan over the past 50 years." He drafted a statement of purpose for City Council and wrote the words for the bell's plaque. He also spearheaded the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge's development of the Secret City Commemorative Walk in A. K. Bissell Park.

Seventy years later, the Oak Ridge train is still rolling along, and it's no secret that many people who have hopped aboard are dedicated, like Bill Wilcox, to advancing the national interest through science and technology.

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Thank you, Carolyn, for yet another insightful glimpse into our heritage through oral histories and other sources.



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hard work of the tellers, their customers, and the leadership of their branch manager Cynthia Davidson. Present to accept the check from SHOC was Anna Harlan, Debbie Taylor, Tina Williams, Lora Fountain, and Missy Longmire. Branch manager Cynthia Davidson shared the hard work the tellers did having had the largest num-

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## A King's Ransom: Chapter 17



**Carol Hall**  
Author

Merek nose-dived for the door when Nicodemus landed on the bed.

"Argh!" he cried out, clutching the door handle, ready to throw the door open and run. "Get that thing out of here!"

Bronwyn raced over and grabbed Nicodemus off the bed, wrapping him protectively in her arms. "He won't hurt you," she said, trying to calm Merek down. "He didn't see you sitting there, or he never would have jumped on the bed."

"Elric," Merek said, angrily. "Get that hideous creature out of here. NOW!"

"Calm down, Merek," Elric said. "And stop yelling. You'll bring the proprietor running if you don't lower your voice."

"Lower my voice?" Merek asked, incredulously. "There's a spider in here, and you want me to lower my voice?"

"I'll explain everything as soon as you calm down," Elric said. "Sit down, would you?"

Merek made a snorting sound, but made no attempt to sit down in the chair across from the bed.

"Merek," Elric said, with a warning tone. The way he said it, made Bronwyn question the relationship between the two men. Elric spoke with authority, not friendship. Bronwyn tossed a glance between the two men. Who were they? What were they doing in this village? It was apparent they didn't live here, or they wouldn't be staying at the Inn.

Bronwyn watched as Merek threw Elric a dirty look, but obliged him by taking a seat.

"Thank you," Elric said. "You remember Ms. Dumont from the forest?"

Merek shot Bronwyn a scathing look. "Yeah," he said, curling up his lip. "The dimwitted welp."

Elric took a threatening step toward Merek. "I'll not ask you again to treat her with respect," he said between gritted teeth. "You think too highly of yourself if you feel the need to belittle those you deem unworthy of your regard."

Merek looked up at Elric, an indignant look on his face. With tight lips, he nodded his head a fraction of an inch. "I apologize," he said, addressing Bronwyn. "Please excuse my behavior. It's been a long trip, and I seem to have lost my manners."

"Thank you," Bronwyn said.

Elric, seeming satisfied with Merek's apology, settled himself on the edge of the bed. "Merek, we're going to help Bronwyn," he said, his tone indicating there would be no argument about it. "She's traveling with a...uh...rather unusual companion. Nicodemus is the name of the spider you encountered moments ago. He'll not harm you in any way, so I advise you to return the favor."

"But...", Merek sputtered. "He's a...it's a...you have got to be kidding me!" His voice was beginning to rise in anger.

"Keep your voice down," Elric warned.

"You expect me to help a spider?" Merek asked, horrified. "You want me to believe that big, hairy monster won't hurt me?"

"Sir," Nicodemus piped up. "I would never dream of hurting you."

Merek threw himself against the back of the chair, his eyes wide and fearful. "It talks?" he asked, his voice trembling. "The spider can talk?"

"Yes," Elric said. "He's not your typical arachnid."

"This isn't happening," Merek babbled. "I must have fallen asleep, and this is all part of a horrendous nightmare."

"I'm afraid not," Elric said. "You need to get a hold of yourself, man. You're starting to look like a fool."

Merek gaped at him, but clamped his mouth shut. He threw Bronwyn a look of pure mistrust and loathing.

"Fine," he said, turning his attention back to Elric. "So, how are we expected to help this...this woman and her pet?"

Elric motioned for Bronwyn to sit on the bed next to him. He scooted down, allowing her some room.

Bronwyn took a seat, cradling Nicodemus in her lap. She could feel his tightened limbs and knew he was afraid. Rubbing her thumb down his back, she whispered, "Don't worry. I won't let him hurt you."

Nicodemus wiggled down into a fold in her skirt without saying a word.

"Bronwyn," Elric prompted her, kindly. "Please tell us how you ended up in the forest all alone, and with your spider friend as a companion."

Bronwyn glanced over at Merek. Even in the dim light of the lantern, she could see a deep scowl on his face. "Maybe it's best I leave," she said, starting to feel uncomfortable.

"Nonsense," Elric said, noticing her nervous glance toward Merek. "He won't do anything to harm you or Nicodemus. I promise."

Bronwyn, again, pondered the relationship between the two men. It was definitely more than just a friendship. Merek seemed almost indebted to Elric. Was Merek a servant? And if so, who, or what, was Elric? But Elric

introduced Merek as his friend. None of this was making sense.

"May I ask you a question first?" Bronwyn asked.

"Of course," Elric said.

"Who are you?" she asked. "Where are you from?"

Bronwyn thought she saw a covert look pass between Elric and Merek, but it happened so fast, she wasn't sure.

"We're just a couple of friends traveling around exploring the countryside," Elric said, elusively.

"Where are you from?" Bronwyn pressed.

"The western side of the province," Elric said.

Bronwyn looked at him questioningly. "What village?"

"It's...a small place," Merek interjected. "You probably haven't heard of it."

"Try me," Bronwyn said, getting the feeling they weren't being totally honest with her.

"The Village of Drumden," Elric said. He said the name so smoothly, that some of Bronwyn's doubts began to fade away.

"You're right," she said. "I haven't heard of it."

"Now m'lady," Elric said. "Would you please tell us about yourself?"

Bronwyn swung her gaze from Elric to Merek, and back to Elric again. Feeling like she could trust them, or at least Elric, she dove into her story.

"I was taken from my home in the Northern Region several days ago by King Radomir's soldiers. My mother, nor I, could pay the taxes that were owed, so I was to be a ward of the King's until the fees could be paid," she explained. "When I reached the castle, I was introduced to the king. He offered me the queenship if I would marry him. I refused, so he had me thrown into the dungeon. That's where I met Nicodemus. We escaped and have been on the run ever since. I'm trying to make my way home, back to my mother."

"So," Elric said, to clarify. "You're a ward of King Radomir's?"

"Yes," Bronwyn said, wincing. She hated that she felt like a criminal for having escaped.

"Does the king know you escaped?" Elric asked.

"Yes," Bronwyn said. "His soldiers are out looking for me."

"Not all of them," Merek murmured under his breath.

"Merek," Elric said sternly, with a reprimanding tone.

Merek dropped his head and began fiddling with his hands.

"Go on," Elric urged Bronwyn. "What happened?"

"I was almost caught a couple of times," she said.

"You can't return to your village," Elric said. "That's the first place they'll go to look for you."

"But I have to!" Bronwyn exclaimed. "My mother is still there. I have to go back."

"If you do, you'll be caught for sure," Elric reasoned with her. "You can't go back."

Tears filled Bronwyn's eyes. "I have to," she said, barely above a whisper. "I have nowhere else to go."

Nicodemus writhed his way out from the folds of her skirt. Climbing up onto her stomach, he said, "Don't listen to him, Bronwyn. If you want to go home, then we'll go. You have me. I'll protect you from those evil soldiers." He climbed up to her shoulder, and using one of his legs, he wiped a tear from her cheek.

"You can't go alone," Elric said. "Merek and I will go with you."

"Elric," Merek said, cautioning.

"Hear me out," Elric said, raising his hand to ward off any arguments.

"We'll take Ms. Dumont to her village to get her mother. Then we'll escort the two ladies to a new place where the King won't think to look for them."

Bronwyn watched a look pass between the two men again. It was obvious they were privy to something she wasn't.

"Fine," Merek said, before she could ask any questions. "But remember what we're out here for."

"I'm well aware of why we're out here," Elric said, giving Merek a hard look. "I don't think a quick stop at her village will put us out of our way much, do you?"

Merek narrowed his eyes at Elric. "I suppose not," he said.

Bronwyn watched the exchange and suspicion began to form in her mind.

"What's going on with you two?" she asked. "I'm not asking for your help, so if you have plans of some kind, don't let me get in the way."

"It's no trouble, m'lady," Elric said, reassuringly. "We're more than happy to make sure you have a safe trip back to your village. Isn't that right, Merek?"

Merek nodded his head. "Sure," he said, but his tone didn't match the word.

"Great," said Elric, clapping his hands together. "We'll leave at first light."

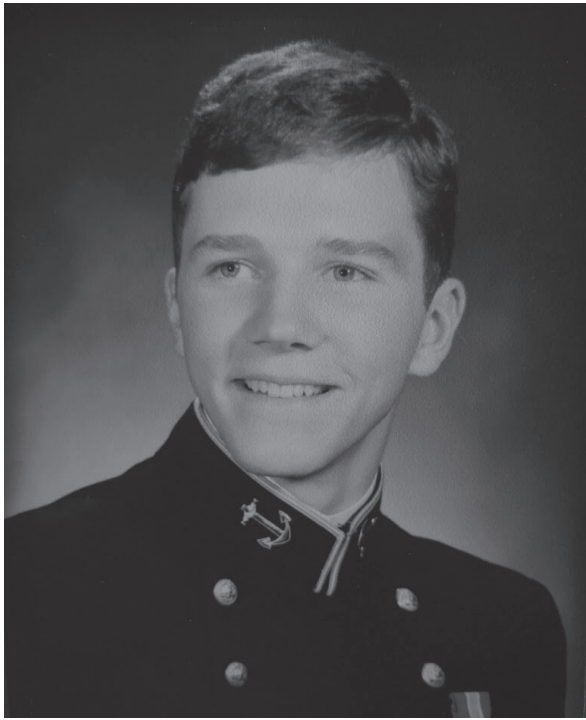
Bronwyn turned her head to look at Nicodemus. "What do you think?" she asked.

"I say we proceed with caution with these two men," he said softly in her ear. "Something seems a little off with them."





# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Dennis Worley is a veteran of the United States Navy, but his childhood was spent on a dairy farm in Greeneville, TN far from the open waters of any ocean. His dad was also a United States Navy veteran and had even served in World War II.

When Dennis was seventeen-years-old he came to a crossroad in life and felt that he had to decide to become either a cadet at the United States Naval Academy and serve in the United States Navy as a naval officer or earn a

degree in agriculture at the University of Tennessee. Dennis decided that service in the United States Navy was where God desired him to be, so he did just that.

On June 26, 1968 he became a cadet at the United States Naval Academy and became a commissioned naval officer upon graduation on June 7, 1972. Once commission, he then dedicated twenty-four-years of his life in service to the United States Navy before retiring from the Navy in 1994 at the rank of O-6, Captain. This week he will be celebrating the 50th reunion with his graduating class.

Throughout his service in the Navy, he served in the Vietnam War and Desert Storm/ Desert Shield and served on the following ships; the USS Long Beach (a nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser), the USS Haleakala (a nitro-class ammunition ship), the USS Garcia (a destroyer escort ship), and the USS El Paso (an amphibious cargo ship). Captain Worley also held three different naval commands throughout his military career and served in numerous countries. He also served as an instructor at the United States Naval

Academy and the War College.

After retiring from the Navy, Dennis taught NJROTC at Farragut High School for eight years. While teaching at Farragut High School a friend of his persuaded him to get involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) International. Dennis did so and just as in the Navy he gave his all by serving Jesus Christ in this manner by coaching and mentoring young athletes from different backgrounds, cultures, and religions from all over the world.



Between his service in the Navy and in the FCA International he has traveled to eighty different countries and to forty-nine of our fifty states, having only North Dakota to go.

In 2009, he and his wife Ann, moved into a beautiful log home nestled in the woods of Morgan County. He is now an active member of American Legion Post 149.

Dennis and Ann are blessed with; four children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. After the service dedicated and God centered life that Dennis has lived, his grandchildren all decided not to call him anything traditional like, grandpa or grand-dad, but found it more fitting to call him, "Captain" as they all still do to this day.

Well, "Captain" we at Morgan County Today humbly thank you for your military service but most importantly for your service to God our LORD Jesus Christ.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you and Ann.



## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Sergeant Dustin Demonte and Police Officer Alex Hamzy with the Bristol Police Department, Connecticut



were shot and killed in an ambush in front of a home on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Officers had responded to a business earlier in the evening in response to complaints about a disorderly patron. Officer who responded to the call issued the man a summons and released him. The man then went home, armed himself with an AR-15 rifle, and made a fake 911 call reporting a disturbance at his home. As officers

arrived at the scene the man opened fire on them from his front yard.

Sergeant Demonte and Officer Hamzy were both fatally

wounded while a third officer suffered non-life-threatening wounds.

Sergeant Demonte had served with the Bristol Police Department for ten years. He was thirty-five-years-old and is survived by his expectant wife and two children.

Officer Hamzy had served with the Bristol Police Department for eight years. He was thirty-four-years-old and is survived by his wife, parents, and two sisters.

## Property Tax Relief for Seniors

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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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 \* Halloween can be a spooky good time for children and adults alike, but the cost of costumes can be downright scary. When I was a child, my brother and I dressed as a pirate and a gypsy, respectively, for several years, as they were costumes that could be put together using things you might find around the house. This week, a focus on inexpensive or FREE Halloween costumes. Happy Halloween!

\* Most anyone can come up with a ghost costume (basically, a white sheet with eyes cut out and cut off at the bottom so it's not too long). How about dressing up that ghost with costume jewelry and makeup, or a mustache/beard drawn on, with a tie and carrying a briefcase labeled "Scare Corporation"? Use hats or other dress-up accessories to make Dr. Ghost or Officer Ghost. The possibilities are endless.

\* A basic scarecrow needs only a flannel shirt, a pair of jeans and socks, a floppy hat and some straw. Stuff wadded-up plastic bags into shirt or pants to fill, then use rubber bands to secure straw at the cuffs. Paint on a funny face.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* A border collie named Saul took a leaf out of another (albeit fictional) canine's book, being praised as a "real-life Lassie" when he led two members of a search party to his owner after the man was injured on a hike.

\* Nutmeg can produce a hallucinogenic effect if taken in a high enough quantity.

\* It's not just trees that help provide us humans with oxygen -- about half of that in our atmosphere is a byproduct of photosynthesis from the microscopic sea algae known as phytoplankton.

\* Rhubarb grows so fast you can actually hear it!

\* Legend holds that when a pope dies, it's the custom to strike him on the head three times with a silver hammer to ensure he's really deceased.

\* A survey revealed that nearly half of the unmarried gents polled washed their bedsheets a mere four times a year, instead of the recommended once per week. Singletons, there may be a lesson in there.

\* Less than 14% of all M&Ms candies are brown.

\* May never begins or ends on the same day of the week as any other month in any given year.

\* Proof that crime doesn't pay ... even in space! Earlier this year, Canada passed a law allowing prosecution of crimes committed by the country's astronauts on the moon or

on their way to it.

\* The greatest number of people to play a single piano simultaneously is 23.

\* For a reasonable \$19.95, you too can buy alien abduction insurance from a Florida agent. Of course, to cash it in, you'll need to hand over a signature from an "authorized, on-board alien," and who knows if they can even write in English?

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Thought for the Day: "Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you."  
 -- Walt Whitman

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(Thanks J.R. in Illinois.)

\* Be an over-the-top tourist: A loud Hawaiian-style shirt paired with a pair of shorts, perhaps socks with sandals? Carry a camera on a strap around your neck. Use a small carry-on bag as your treat bag, or decorate a paper sack by gluing on squares cut from a map.

\* Be Static Cling! Use safety pins to pin a variety of small items to your outfit -- think socks, scarves, even a pair of undies if you dare! Tease hair until it's standing straight up, and use hairspray to keep it that way.

\* Get your hands on a large, clear plastic bag and some small colorful balloons. Cut leg and arm holes in the bag, with the opening side up (it will be secured at your neck). Blow up the balloons and fill the bag while you're wearing it. Secure loosely at your neck with a pretty ribbon, and you're an instant Bag of Jelly Beans. Make a sign to attach across your back or front. Be careful when you sit down!

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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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 Creche trio
- 5 Sheep's cry
- 8 Espy
- 12 Optimist's credo
- 13 Steal from
- 14 Texas city
- 15 Lost traction
- 16 "Madam Secretary" memoirist Madeleine
- 18 Dutch exports
- 20 Spanning
- 21 Demolish, in Dover
- 23 Jungfrau, for one
- 24 Tirana resident
- 28 Blathers
- 31 Meadow
- 32 Seafood selection
- 34 Gangster's gun
- 35 Lincoln in-law
- 37 Tuna type
- 39 Sneaky chuckle
- 41 Son of Adam and Eve
- 42 You can count on it
- 45 Seduce
- 49 Prince of Monaco who is Grace Kelly's son

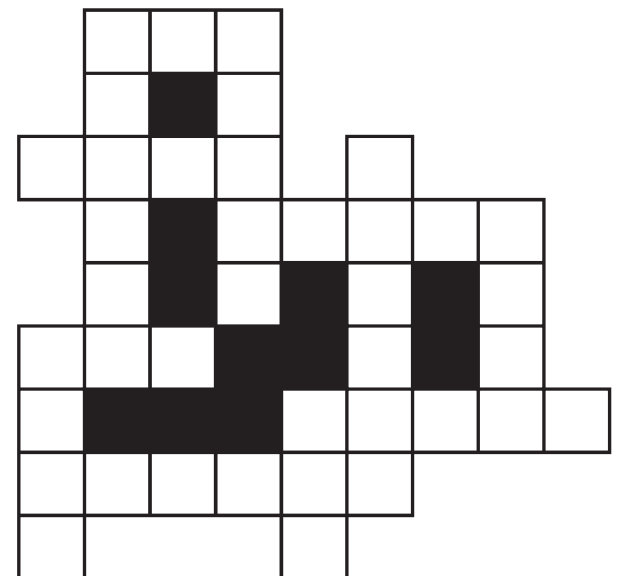
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- 54 Baby carriage
- 55 Golf stroke
- 56 Belly
- 57 Eyelid woe
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- 6 MSN rival
- 7 "Waterloo" group
- 8 Making spiral patterns
- 9 Samoan port
- 10 Phil of folk music
- 11 Youngsters
- 17 -- Victor
- 19 Skillets
- 22 British nobles
- 24 Flight stat
- 25 Zodiac cat
- 26 Vice
- 27 Mother
- 28 Teresa, for
- one
- 29 Standard
- 30 Fr. holy woman
- 33 Social appointment
- 36 Not half bad
- 38 Victors
- 40 "Ben- --"
- 42 Seniors' org.
- 43 -- cheese dressing
- 44 Male deer
- 46 Scurry
- 47 Fine
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- 50 Post-op area

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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 Apollos in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which mountain is associated with King David capturing the Jebusite fortress? *Zion, Nepal, Rahab, Carmel*
3. In Colossians 4, who does Paul call "our dear friend, the doctor"? *Jesus, Mark, Luke, Asa*
4. Jesus was about how much younger than John the Baptist? *12 days, 6 months, 1 year, 3 years*
5. From Mark 14, how long will poor people be around? *Always, Sometimes, Never, 40 years*
6. In Genesis 42, which Hebrew governed Egypt? *Darius, Sisera, Cornelius, Joseph*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Zion, 3) Luke, 4) 6 months, 5) Always, 6) Joseph

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

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## Solving a Litter Box Mystery

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I'm responding to your recent column about the kitten who won't litter train. I've had kitties for over 50 years. The only time one of my kittens had trouble using the litter box, I made sure to watch him the next time he started sniffing around. It turned out that the sides of the litter box were too high! I replaced it with a litter box that had lower sides and it solved the problem. Love your column! — Linda P., Williamson, New York

**DEAR LINDA:** Thank you for the advice! Cats are experts at hiding their problems, and it can be difficult to see if a training issue is something to do with behavior, health problems or something else.

Your advice to observe the kitten closely, without interfering as it goes about its business, is perfect. If you've got time to follow a kitten around the house from a distance, that's great. Of course, many of us are busy or have to leave the house for most of the day for work. One way to get around that is to use an indoor security camera — one of the small cameras available for purchase online like a Blink or a SimpliSafe — and point it at the litter box. You can observe activity around the box while you're away (or in another room).

In this instance, the sides of the box were simply too high! A quick fix got the kitten back on track.

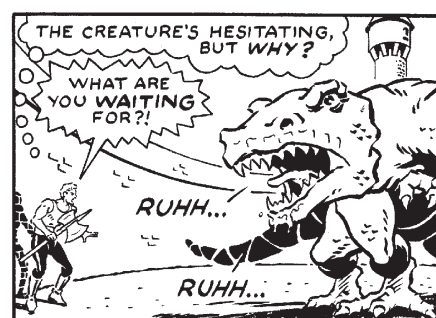
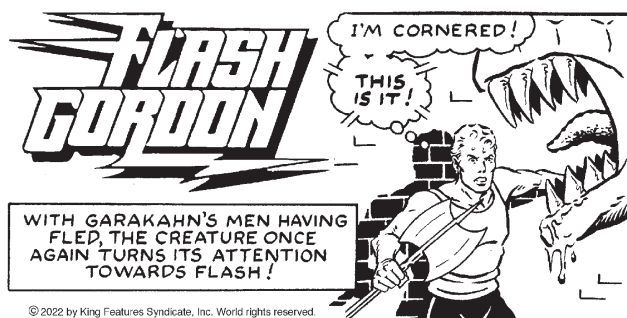
Now, what if you observe something else, like the kitten showing distress just before it pees or poops? Or interference from another kitten or cat? Contact your veterinarian for advice, a checkup if needed, and an action plan to solve the litter box mystery.

Send your tips, comments or questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

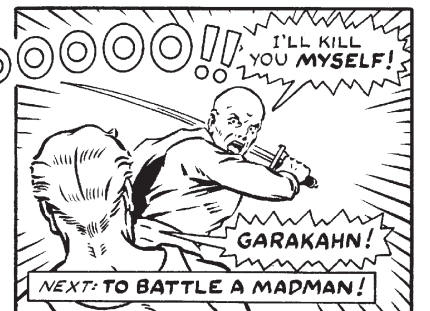
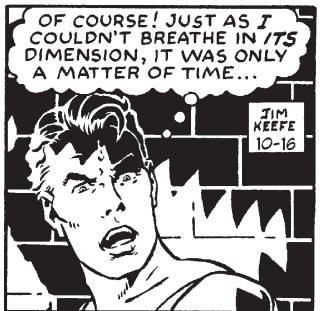
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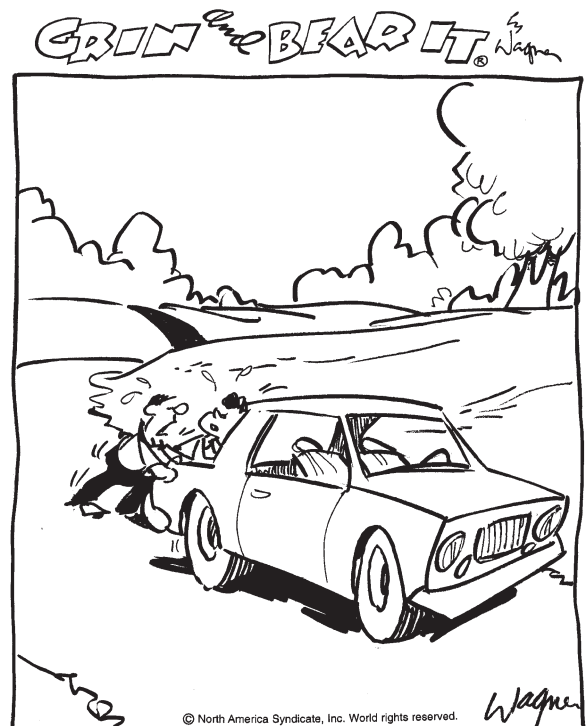


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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## Biden Deserves What He's Going to Get on the Economy

The S&P 500 is down more than 5% since Joe Biden's inauguration, and the Dow Jones Industrial more than 4%.

The Federal Reserve is ratcheting up interest rates, raising borrowing costs across the board.

And one of the most respected bankers in the country is warning of a recession, telling a conference that "this is serious stuff."

Yet, there was President Biden enjoying an ice-cream cone in Portland, Oregon, saying that "our economy is strong as hell."

Inflation? It doesn't worry him, at least not if the rest of the world could get its act together.

"Inflation is worldwide," he said. "It's worse off than it is in the United States. So the problem is the lack of economic growth and sound policy in other countries, not so much ours."

As polls show the economy growing in importance for the midterms -- the latest New York Times poll has 44% of voters saying it's their top concern, up from 36% in July -- Biden's overall performance on the issue matters even more, to his detriment and that of his party.

There are deft political maneuverers who react to circumstances as necessary, and then blinkered and mulish politicians who can't or won't acknowledge reality.

There are policymakers whose worldviews line up with basic economic laws, and then those always bound to be confounded by the real world consequences of their ideological fixations.

There are master communicators who can make anyone feel better about anything, and then there are stumblebums whose evasions and lapses in logic are painfully obvious.

Joe Biden is emphatically the latter on every count. He likes to say fighting inflation is his foremost priority, but it's hard to identify any major initiative of his that would be any different if the annual inflation rate were under 2% rather than over 8%.

He came into office promising to spend \$11 trillion over the next 10 years, according to the estimate of Brian Riedl of the Manhattan Institute, and has spent as much of it as he could. When Congress wouldn't assent, he spent hundreds of billions more by abusing his executive authority. The most significant nod he made to inflation was to call one tranche of this spending the Inflation Reduction Act, as if the name of the bill were more important than its substance.

Otherwise, Biden and his officials have relied on bad predictions, dubious math and premature celebrations to try to get them through.

In June 2021, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said inflation would be elevated through the rest of the year, "maybe around 3%," but this represented "transitory factors."

A month later, Biden himself said inflation would be "temporary." Of course, it was on a path to 40-year highs.

It's one thing to spike the football in the end zone; it's another, as Biden keeps doing, to spike the football when it's third and long at midfield and getting repeatedly penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Last week, he said inflation over the past three months averaged 2% on an annual basis, a new way of counting meant to obscure that the real annual rate was 8.2%.

This was reminiscent of his insistence that the inflation rate this past July was 0% because inflation was flat from June.

He similarly declared victory on gas prices, when they have been rising again, and has portrayed himself as scourge of the budget deficit despite his binge of further deficit spending.

If Biden is offering poor explanations for poor results, at the end of the day, it doesn't matter what he says. No presidential statement can compete with declining real wages and steeply increasing food costs.

The voters seem to be working themselves up to administer what is the only appropriate reaction to such heedless mismanagement and transparent spin on an essential matter affecting their daily lives, which is to make their discontent unmistakable at the polls in November.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## Changes for VA Small Businesses

If you hope to set up a business as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) or a veteran-owned small business (VOSB), your verification will no longer be done by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Instead, as of the beginning of 2023, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will be in charge.

No new applications will be accepted after Oct. 24, 2022, for either verification or reverification, due to the transition to the Small Business Administration. If you currently have a business and wonder about your next steps, go to [vetbiz.va.gov](http://vetbiz.va.gov) and click on "See frequently asked questions concerning this change."

The Vets First Verification Program, using the Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE), will be your go-to for all types of assistance, including working through the initial steps: Intake, Assessment, Federal Review and Decision.

The benefits are worth the trouble to become VA-verified, if only for the set asides that are at the heart of how the

VA helps small businesses -- competition is limited, which helps veterans compete for federal contracts. At least 3% of those contracts are held for service-disabled veterans who own their businesses.

To be a SDVOSB or VOSB, a business must be owned 51% or more by a veteran who did not receive a bad conduct or dishonorable discharge, and be controlled on a daily basis by a veteran who has the managerial experience to run the business. In addition, the veteran has to be the highest paid person in the company, working full time and holding the highest position in the company. To qualify as a service-disabled business, the veteran must meet all of the above qualifications and also have a disability rating letter from the VA confirming a service-connected disability.

If you're ready to start a business, check out [www.va.gov/osdbu/verification/index.asp](http://www.va.gov/osdbu/verification/index.asp) and scroll to the guides and forms.

If you're still at the thinking stage and need direction and help in becoming an entrepreneur, go to [www.va.gov/OSDBU/entrepreneur/index.asp](http://www.va.gov/OSDBU/entrepreneur/index.asp) for information on finding financial backing, growing your business or doing business with federal agencies and more.

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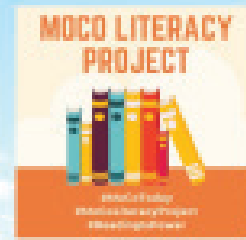
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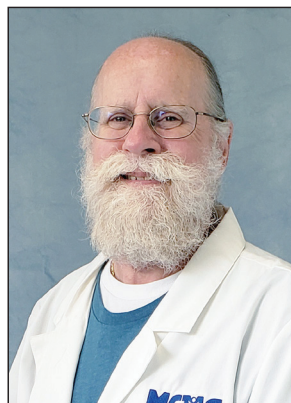
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# Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

## Job Interviewing: How to answer, “Why do you want to leave your job”?

People change jobs for many different reasons throughout the course of their career, either due to their own accord or through a possible company downsizing. The first thing you need to be aware of is that it's okay for you to want a new job, but you need to have a reason for it.

“I really would like to make more money and you guys are paying \$1,000 more a year.”

“I am bored and I hate my job.”

“My boss sucks and he is a real pain to work for.”

“I hate my current job and I am miserable.”

All of the above statements in quotations should not be stated as a reason for leaving a current job. The second thing you

need to be aware of is the potential for you to put your foot in your mouth big time. There is never an appropriate time to start bad-mouthing current employees, your boss, upper management, former colleagues, or the organization as a whole. I've actually dedicated an entire chapter in the book to this topic, because it's that important.

Finally you will need to give clear expla-



nation on why you are looking to leave your current position and why the new job would be a lot better fit for you.

Sample answer: “My current job as a

financial advisor has taught me many things over the past five years. I have learned extensively about financial management tools, investment vehicles, analyzing mutual funds, and how to communicate with individuals and offer financial products that will satisfy my client wants and needs.” I feel

like I am ready to take the next developmental role in leading and managing people. I have taken leadership development courses through my company, as well as enrolling in a college course, entitled, “Leadership Development and Organizational Management”, and I have been reading books on leadership styles. I have had the opportunity to train new hires, as well as conduct training for employees on maximizing ROI with their current investment

clients. I think this new opportunity would better suit my talents, because I have the experience, education, and skills to lead my team. I have been a financial adviser for the past five years and have learned valuable knowledge about the financial sector. I have enjoyed my time at my current company, but I am ready to move up from a traditional investment advisor. The duties and description of this opportunity precisely fit what I've been looking for, career-wise. This experience, along with me being a team leader in my current role, has prepared me to be one of the best financial management leaders for your organization.”

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**Zack Ballinger**



### Meringue Ghost Cookies So Easy It's Scary

Meringue is a light, airy and beautifully sweet French dessert made from stiffly whipped egg whites and sugar. Many people think it's a very difficult and temperamental technique, yet it's actually quite simple. When you see how easy and inexpensive this is, you'll never buy meringues from the bakery again!

To make our adorable little ghost cookies, we need hard meringues. This is meringue that has been baked in an oven. They are solid to the touch and light as air. They can shatter when you bite into them, then dissolve pleasingly on the tongue. Hard meringue can be eaten as a confection, a cookie or used as a base for other desserts.

Making meringue is easiest with a stand mixer, but I've used a hand mixer with no trouble. I wouldn't try to whisk meringues by hand; it's too much work for a Diva.

It's extremely important to keep the yolks separate from the whites. Any fat from egg yolk will prevent egg whites from beating properly.

To avoid an accident, use the three-bowl method. Separate each egg white into a cup or small bowl before transferring the yolk to a second bowl and the whites to a third bowl. Use any white that has even a speck of yolk in it for another purpose.

It's easiest to separate eggs when they're cold, but let the whites come to room temperature before using.

#### FRENCH MERINGUE COOKIES

Yield: 36 cookies  
Total Time: 1 hour 50 minutes  
3 egg whites, room temperature  
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 225 degrees. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

Beat the egg whites and cream of tartar in the mixing bowl of a stand mixer (or a metal or glass bowl with a hand mixer). Use the whisk attachment on high speed and whip eggs until they hold soft peaks.



**These meringue ghost cookies are fa-boo-lous**

Reducing the speed to medium and whisking constantly, add sugar 2 tablespoon at a time, whisking after each addition, until sugar is well dissolved before adding the next. Continue beating until whites are glossy and stand in stiff peaks. Add vanilla and blend one final time.

Aiming for around 2 tablespoons per cookie, pipe or spoon your meringue onto a parchment-lined baking sheet.

To create ghosts, with a piping bag and a large round tip, use a motion like making a soft serve ice cream cone. If you don't have a piping bag you can use a zip-top bag with a small corner cut off. That's what I used for the photo. Easy!

Bake for 30 minutes then turn the oven off. Leave them there until completely dry, between one and two hours. Another name for meringue cookies is “Forgotten Cookies,” and they can be left in an oven for long periods of time after the cooking is done.

To decorate as ghosts, use melted chocolate and a toothpick to draw faces.

Warning! Cooked meringues can not be refrigerated or they will become soggy like cardboard. But they will keep for at least a week if you store them in an airtight container.

Now that you know how to make meringue, there are so many ways to enjoy it. For example, little bite meringues are called kisse and are eaten as a sweet little confection. They are often made with chopped nuts, cherries or coconut. Alternatively, you can shape them into dessert shells that you fill with ice cream, custard, whipped cream or fruit.

Enjoy your fru-ghoul and fa-boo-lous ghosts, and happy Halloween

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## IRS Changes will reduce taxes

The IRS announced that it is making adjustments due to the increase in inflation. People are struggling with inflation which impacts their buying power. Prices for gas, rent, and groceries have increased more than at any time in the last 40 years.

The new tax changes are a welcome relief for people who have been impacted by inflation. The changes include an increase in the standard deduction and the income tax brackets.

The standard deduction is increased every year.

However, the changes are more significant for 2023. The larger standard deduction will decrease taxable income.

Tax brackets determine the tax rate you'll pay on each portion of your income. For example, expanding the 10 percent bracket will allow you to pay more tax at a lower 10% rate than the 12% rate which is the next tax bracket.

The standard deduction will increase by \$1,800 for married couples filing jointly, by \$1,400 for heads of households, and by \$900 for single taxpayers and married taxpayers filing separately.

The IRS said that about 60 tax provisions would be updated to counter the rising inflation.

The individual tax brackets for capital gains will also be increasing in 2023.

The higher income tax brackets are intended to prevent "bracket creep" due to inflation. Bracket creep can push people who received cost-of-living pay increases into higher tax brackets.

The standard deduction, which is the baseline amount of income that people can receive tax-free will increase to \$13,850 for individuals and \$27,700 for married couples. This is the largest increase to deductions since 1985 when the IRS began annual automatic inflationary adjustments.

For tax year 2021, the child tax credit increased from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for qualifying children under age 6 and \$3,000 for other qualifying children under age 18. The entire amount was refundable.

In 2022, the tax credit will be refundable only up to \$1,500 (up from \$1,400 in 2020 to adjust for inflation), depending on your income, and you must have earned income of at least \$2,500 to even be eligible for the refund.

The 2023 child credit amount will remain at \$2,000 per qualifying child. The maximum refundable portion of the credit for a qualifying child will increase from \$1,500 in 2022 to \$1,600.

Refundable tax credits are credits that enable you to receive a credit that is larger than the tax you owe. For example, if you owe \$600 in taxes and qualify for a \$1,000 refundable credit, you would receive a \$400 refund.

The maximum child tax credit is \$2,000 per qualifying child and is not adjusted for inflation. The refundable portion of the child tax credit is adjusted for inflation and will increase from \$1,500 to \$1,600 for 2023.

The earned-income tax credit for low-income workers will be worth as much as \$7,430 (for qualifying taxpayers with three or more children), which is a \$495 increase from last year.

The new tax changes should result in tax savings for many people next year.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Workouts at the Rec Center

Two months ago the senior center commandeered a large space in the town's rec center because we had vetoed the idea of exercise classes in a too-small space at the senior center.

It was a two-month test, warned the senior center, to see if we'd actually show up. They even brought in a too-young male coach to put us through our paces. Although we were suspicious about his age, by the third week we agreed he knew his stuff.

And he himself brought in an even younger female assistant who stayed at the front of the room demonstrating the exercises while the young male coach paced around the room, expression serious, studying us, stopping us in mid-move to instruct and praising where warranted.

Two weeks ago he brought in yet another assistant and broke us into two groups across the rec center floor. He labeled us "Easy" and "Not Easy," saying that some of us needed to take things more slowly while others needed to put more effort into the workout. Try as I might to get transferred to the Easy group, he was having none of it.

He worked hard on our behalf, badgering the rec center to open up the weight room so he could give out some hand weights. He coaxed the local sporting goods store into donating some stretchy bands and yoga mats. Last week he brought in a diet handout, foods to eat to build muscle.

We discovered just this week, however, that we've all been guinea pigs, that our too-young male coach was using us as his senior fitness specialist project for college. Color us shocked! We weren't sure how we felt about that until we learned that he'd earned an "A" on the project.

The other good news is that they've hired our too-young male coach and his two assistants on a permanent basis. And we get to stay at the rec center.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Who was "Sir Duke" written about?
2. Who was Boxcar Willie?
3. Which group released "Nights in White Satin"?
4. Which song was David Bowie's first U.S. No. 1 hit?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I heard the weatherman predict a sunny day, He did not mean to lie, I look outside it's raining."

## Answers

1. **Duke Ellington. Stevie Wonder's 1977 hit was a tribute to the Duke, who had died in 1974. Other jazz greats like Louis Armstrong and Glenn Miller were also mentioned in the lyrics.**
2. **Boxcar Willie (born Lecil Travis Martin) was a country music singer and writer of hobo music. At the same time, he was a flight engineer in the U.S. Air Force.**
3. **The Moody Blues, in 1967. And yes, songwriter Justin Hayward penned the song after receiving a set of satin sheets. When it was released, the song only went to No. 103 on the charts. Four years later it climbed to No. 1 on the Top 100.**
4. **"Fame," in 1975.**
5. **"This Time I'm In It For Love," by Player, in 1978. Player's version made it to the Top 10 charts, while previous versions (by Austin Roberts and Cyndi Grecco in 1976 and 1977) didn't chart at all.**

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# 1 Timothy Chapter 1

(Author) The introduction shows the book to be composed by Paul, and ancient testimony supporting that conclusion is profuse. The “church fathers” refer to or quote from the document. Ignatius, Polycarp, the Epistle of Barnabas, Clement of Alexandria, and Tertullian are among the witnesses. The radical, modern view that disputes the Pauline authorship is not supported by the evidence of antiquity. By the end of the second century, 1 Timothy was accepted as having been written by Paul and was regarded as authoritative.

(Date) The date of the letter is obviously sometime after Paul’s release from his Roman imprisonment, as recorded in the final chapter of Acts. Timothy and Paul had rejoined one another for a while. Eventually the younger brother was left in Ephesus, and Paul had gone on to Macedonia (perhaps Philippi) (1:3). The letter is generally dated in the fall of A. D. 63 or slightly later.

(Purpose) Paul had visited with the elders of the Ephesian congregation en route to Jerusalem with the collection for the poor of Judaea near the conclusion of his third missionary campaign (Acts 20:17). He had warned of ominous times for that church in the future (Acts 20:29-30). From indications in this epistle, his earlier prophecy was fulfilled precisely. Timothy thus needed both instruction and encouragement as he labored in Ephesus. Accordingly, Paul penned this first letter to help accomplish both goals.

(1 Tim. 1:1-2) Salutation: Even to one as close as Timothy, Paul begins with his customary apostle designation, perhaps because the letter was to be read by others as well (the pronoun “you” in 6:21 is plural). He is an apostle by the authority of “God our Savior, and Christ Jesus our hope.” Paul greets Timothy with the customary “grace and peace,” but adds “hope” as well. Timothy is designated as the apostle’s “true child,” for Paul had converted him (Acts 16:1-3) and he had been a frequent companion of the apostle in various preaching endeavors.

(1 Tim. 1:3-11) Preserve the gospel: Paul had urged Timothy to settle in Ephesus (Acts: 19:1) for a while as he proceeded on to Macedonia (northern Greece). His initial commission was to oppose false teachers who were teaching a “different doctrine.” There is a doctrinal standard! Some were teaching non-historical “myths” and wrangling over ancestral catalogs (an inclination of the Jews), rather than managing the business of teaching the truth (v. 4). Timothy’s work was to lovingly flow from a focused motive, a sincere disposition, and a heart void of hypocrisy (v. 5).

Some had turned away from the gospel, speaking nothing more than fruitless drivel, and without understanding of the matters upon which they pontificated (6-7). Law is good if its purpose is understood, It basically is designed to expose the outlaw, those who will not be governed by rules. They refuse to yield to divine law and opt to be their own gods. Paul now catalogs two classes of sin---sin directly against God and sin indirectly against God by assaults upon those in his image. Those condemned are (v. 9): (a) “lawless” (casting off legal restraints); (b) “unruly” (refusing to yield to authority); (c) “ungodly” (without respect for God); (d) “sinners” (deliberate law violators); (e) “unholy” (viewing sacred things as repulsive); (f) “profane” (suggesting aggressive disregard for things holy).

Now for moral sins: (a) some are so calloused they murder even their parents. Nero Caesar arranged for the murder of his mother (v. 9). (b) “Manslayers” is a more generic term for any who take human life without divine authorization. (c) “Fornication” embraces many deviates, sex outside of a marriage union, adultery against a marital partner, and homosexuality (Jude 7). (d) “Kidnappers” are slave traders, ransom seekers. (e) “Liars” and “false swearers” are those without verbal integrity (Prov. 6:16-17).

Any other thing contrary to “sound doctrine” is condemned as well (see “such like” in Gal. 5:21).

(1 Tim. 1:12-17) Paul’s thanksgiving for salvation: The apostle continually thanks Jesus for counting him faithful and appointing him to apostolic service. His past had been a bloody one indeed. He had been a “blasphemer” (speaking

against the Christian Way), a “persecutor” (putting “to flight” the people of God as they ran for their very lives), and “injurious” (harming with a sadistic fervor). Amazingly, however, he had obtained “mercy” (pity from God) because he was unaware of the vile nature of his actions (v. 13). He thought he was waging war for God. Ignorance did not excuse him (Acts 23:1; 26:9), but he was forgiven when he accepted Heaven’s grace, being immersed in water to have his sins “washed away” by Christ’s blood (Acts 22:16; Eph. 5:26; Heb. 9:14). When he was pardoned, Paul entered the “in Christ” relationship (Gal. 3:27), and his budding faith and love overflowed like a flood (v. 14).

This is the first of Paul’s five “faithful sayings” in his letters to Timothy and Titus (3:1; 4:9; 2 Tim. 2:11; Tit. 3:8). It is an affirmation of integrity on behalf of what follows. The reason for Christ’s earthly sojourn was “to save sinners.” All have sinned and desperately need salvation (Rom. 3:23)! And salvation is through the gospel (Rom. 1:16). Humbly, the apostle viewed himself as the “foremost” sinner (v. 15). Note the present tense “I am”; he still carried the haunting memories of his days of vicious persecutions. Screams and blood were sounds and sights time could not obliterate---even with a recognition of forgiveness. However, he had obtained mercy when he obeyed the gospel plan of redemption (Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4, 1 Tim. 1:17-18). The apostle affirms God’s providential use of him to help others; this is a marvelous commentary on the patience of the Lord, which example would be an incentive to others to obediently believe on him for the reception of eternal life (v. 16).

He bursts into an exclamation of praise, giving God honor and glory. The Lord is: (a) “the King eternal” (without beginning or end and absolutely sovereign); (b) “immortal” (not liable to death); (c) “invisible,” unseen as a Spirit being (Old Testament references to “seeing” God do not refer to his intrinsic essence, but to temporal outward forms occasionally assumed ) (Gen. 32:30); (d) “the only God” (this sets him in contrast to pagan “gods” who have no reality) (v.17; 1 Cor. 8:4-5).

(1 Tim. 1:18-20) The good warfare: Paul issues a fatherly “charge” (authority implied) to Timothy, and in the process alludes to certain “prophecies which led the way” to this young man. Likely God had signified that he wanted this brother to work with Paul (Acts 16:1-3). Paul admonishes Timothy to “war the good warfare” (2 Tim. 4:7)---implying there is an evil one. There is an internal warfare in every child of God, and an external one against forces of Satan. The latter is in Paul’s view on this occasion (2 Cor. 10:5; Eph. 6:11). In such conflicts one must hold on to his faith and do what he knows is right (dirty fighting does not become a Christian).

Some, however, having abandoned these qualities, had made “shipwreck” of “the faith” (the gospel system) and the personal faith of others disciples (v.19). Paul was certainly familiar with shipwrecks (2 Cor. 11:25; Acts 27:1)---material and spiritual. Two perverters of truth are mentioned. Hymenaeus may have been the one who taught the absurd doctrine that “the resurrection is past already” (2 Tim. 2:17-18)---somewhat similar to the “radical preterism” of today, which holds that the general resurrection occurred in A.D. 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem. The other was Alexander. Two other Alexanders are mentioned in the New Testament (Acts 19:33-34; 2 Tim. 4:14-15). There is not enough information to identify the person mentioned here. Both of these rebels were “delivered unto Satan” (disfellowshipped) (1 Cor. 5:5, 13), which identifies them as church members. The purpose of the discipline was instructional, that they might learn not to blaspheme (v. 20). There is no indication that they were restored.

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### Roasting pumpkin seeds

- Preheat oven to 300° F.
- Toss 1½ cups raw pumpkin seeds, 2 teaspoons melted butter and a pinch of salt in a bowl, mixing well.
- Spread the seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes or until golden brown. - Brenda Weaver

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*These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm, shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted, twice dead.*

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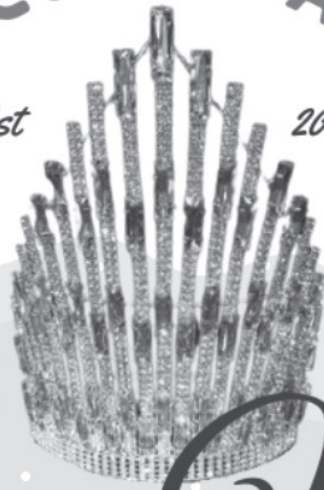
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# Like Israel the USA will be Punished

The Lord said to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. That is why the Israelites cannot stand

against their enemies; because they have been made liable to destruction. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction." (Joshua 7:10-12)

God had to punish Israel many times. He loved the Israelites because they were his chosen people but he hated the sins they were committing. Jeremiah told them that they had perverted their ways, and had forgotten the Lord their God.

What makes the United States think or feel that God will treat us any differently than he did Israel? It is true that he loves us because at one time we could be called a Christian nation. But not now. If the prophet Jeremiah was going through our country now, he would warn us just like he did Israel. Like Israel we have strayed far from what our forefathers founded our nation to be.

We have taken God out of our schools and we have allowed their curriculum to be corrupted by the liberals that we have voted in to take over our government.

I know we can go back to the 1700's and 1800's to trace the founding of liberalism but for the sake of time I will take us back to the early 1900's when Teddy Roosevelt was president and started what was called the progressive party. He and Woodrow Wilson could be called the fathers of the modern progressive party. Franklin D. Roosevelt helped it grow and made it popular during World War II. Today the democratic party wants it to be called progressive instead of liberal. It sounds better to them and as we get closer to socialism it hides the fact that we are getting closer to communism. Why anyone wants to be like Cuba, Venezuela, or Russia is beyond me but I would bet it is for our leaders who want the power to be the five percent of the wealthy in charge of the subjects or peasants. They will start out promising the people, free this and free that, so they will get elected over and over, and finally they won't have the money to give the people the things they once promised. The government really has no money except what they tax the people for. When they have taxed us to the hilt maybe to 75 to 85% the government will go broke and only the rich government officials will have money. One party is now in charge and all of our rights and freedoms are gone. Unless things change, that's where we are heading.

God cannot be happy with our country. We have killed over 65 million babies through abortion and when our Supreme Court voted Roe vs Wade out the people, or many of them didn't even listen when they said the abortion law will be controlled by the states. We still allow abortion but the people of the states will help decide to approve it or not. I can tell you right now what states will approve it.

Same-sex marriage has been approved but before that they worked on getting homosexuals into our military services. When I was in the Navy, they sent them home when they found out they were gay, but now when things like this happens, they look the other way and some say "well you can't fight city hall." At first Hillary Clinton was against this but later she said I have evolved. Our culture has changed so much I think a lot of people have evolved. Now they want to teach

our kindergarten children about homosexuality as a natural thing. Who knows where we will be twenty-five years from now (that is if we are still here).

The family was a strong union and little children knew when they came home, they would see both mama and daddy. Now there is so much shacking up going on, many kids are born out of wedlock and they are confused why mama and daddy don't live together.

Today it seems that society has put a stamp of approval on couples living together without the benefits of marriage that teachers and

destroyed. Christians have not stood up when they saw these things coming and now some people say we've gone too far to come back now. Dr. David Jeremiah agrees with these people and he could be right.

I have lived long enough to see these things evolve. Back several generations ago our colleges and universities were actual academic learning institutions but today 90% of the professors are liberal and their students had better have a good Christian background or be ready to have a good brain-washing to come over to the liberal philosophy side.



The home life of children today is so adverse to what we had in the 50's and 60's that it would be better for all Christians and caring parents to homeschool their children. They cannot get enough teachers to put in the classrooms. Some schools are just trying to get a body in the classrooms to babysit the students.

If you ask me, "how did we get here I would tell you, when we left God out of our lives." Some hearts are so hardened that they believe that God doesn't exist so stealing, murder, and cheating are okay. Our crime rate has gone so high that people that can afford to move to another state are already moved or planning to. I just wonder if we are going to try blue in all the states and have a dictator.

The biggest thing our nation must fight against is for all Christians to stand up for our beliefs and fight, if need be, for our faith. That is one freedom we do not give up. Socialism cannot function where there is Christianity.

Another thing is we need to defend our second amendment. If they take away our guns we are doomed.

Our borders need to be defended. If we have no borders, we have no country. Biden and the liberals are lying to us. We have allowed over two and a half million illegals to come into our country and they say the border is closed.

Believe me Jesus is coming soon. I recently wrote about the rapture; the final years of earth's history called the tribulation that we all should be ready for. God bless His people.

professional people are doing. Someone told me it's okay, everybody is doing it there's no stigma and this is the 2020's. I guess like Clinton we have evolved.

The trouble is that the Bible never changes and God's laws are still the same. They don't evolve. The institution called marriage is no longer in vogue for man but to God marriage is still the way it was in the 30's, 40's, and 50's.

Hollywood has been a bad example for us for a long time but now it has been so brazen that it has to be a sin for Christians to watch the movies they put out. It has gotten so you cannot find a family program on T.V. because all kinds of sins are promoted. They want us to accept these things as normal. Homosexuality will never be normal to a Christian. Abortion will never be accepted by Christians. Changing the gender of young people will never be accepted by the Christian community. Like Jesus we can love these people but never accept their sins. I'm afraid our society has done both. For that is why we find our culture like Rome's was before being

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# The Virtuous Woman

Tucked away in the Proverbs of Solomon, is an amazing allusion to the relationship desired by Jesus Christ toward his espoused virgin bride. Proverbs 31 begins with an introduction to a King I can find nowhere in Bible history. Another mysterious King like Melchizedek.

His Hebrew name seems to point to a conversation between Mary and Jesus Christ. King Lemuel has a name that must be unpacked in the Hebrew tongue to fully comprehend what is taking place. Imagine a mother talking with a son about how a king should act, and how he describes what a virtuous woman should be.

The name Lemuel in Hebrew begins with the letter Lamed. It is the English letter L. It is the shepherd's staff or shepherd's crook. It denotes God's two divine attributes of mercy and grace. The staff has two ends, one for correction and one for blessing. One for mercy and one for grace.

The second letter in our king's name is the Aleph. It is the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet. Both Hebrew and English share the distinction of having twenty-two characters. Hebrew is a guttural sound language so vowels are not present. Every Hebrew letter tells an individual story.

The aleph is an ox. Both as a beast of burden and an animal to be sacrificed. It happens to be the first letter in the God of creations name. Elohim begins with an aleph. Jesus Christ said I am the aleph and the tau. The beginning and the end. The first and the last. The alpha and the omega.

The third letter in the name of King Lemuel is the mem. It is described as the living water. It is the water of refreshing and the water of divine judgement found in Noah's saga. It also happens to appear in the creation name of God. Elohim ends with the living water of Jesus Christ our Hebrew messiah.

Following the mem is the yod. It begins the name of YHWH. The yod are the open hands of God. The open hand of correction, that always precedes the open hand of blessing. The right hand of mercy preceding the left hand of grace. The open hands of God, nailed to a cross, yet still offering one thief mercy, and another thief grace!

Another aleph follows the yod in the name of our King. It can never be overstated how important names are to God. Every Hebrew name can tell the story of a person's life and mission. God our creator is sovereign over the affairs of men. It seems Lemuel is a picture of the believers promise from King Jesus.

Undergirding the entire Bible narrative is a story conceived by a loving God, outside of how we humans experience time. God wrote history in advance. With a little Christian humility, a desire to fulfill God's perfect will for humanity, and a newfound desire to learn the heart and mind of God, a believer can change the world.

A marriage covenant between one man and one woman is the pattern upon which God wrote the story. In Genesis, we are introduced to our pattern, Adam and Eve. One created in the image of God, and one taken from the created man. The man to be the protector, provider, priest, prophet and progenitor of humanity. He is endowed with the Godly attribute of mercy.

The woman brought forth to be the glory of man. She was endowed with the Godly virtue of grace. Her soul purpose is to be a suitable helpmeet in child birth, child growth, and child teaching of God's pleasing perfect will for the family. She is to be revered and respected first by the father.

The first attack from Lucifer occurred in Genesis with Cain and Able. The first-fruits of Eve's womb. One son who understood God's single plan of redemption, including the sacrifice of an unblemished male lamb for his sins. Another son filled with jealousy and wrath after denying God the first ten percent of his increase.

Enter Seth. His name transliterated into English means appointed. Seth was always God's plan for redeeming mankind to himself. He would marry the daughter of Adam, to keep the Messianic bloodline protected.

God had appointed Eve the son of promise in Seth.

The next attack came as men began to once again worship and call upon the name of God, during the life of Seth. Apparently, the mark of Cain brought the vengeance of the fallen angel Lucifer, as he instructed the fallen angel army to begin to have sexual relations with the daughters of men.

Genesis 6 explains the war going on between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman. Nothing has changed. Lucifer will do anything to stop men from accepting Jesus Christ as Messiah to include divorce, adultery, abortion, idol worship, and every other perversion of the marriage covenant of Genesis 2:24.

Jesus Christ was promised a reward and an inheritance from God the Father for enduring the cross. They are mutually inclusive and mutually exclusive. His reward was to receive a gentile bride taken from all the nations of the earth as the good news of Christ's resurrection was taken to the four corners of our earth.

Jesus Christ's bride was to be a virtuous virgin bride. King Lemuel is talking with his mother explaining what indeed is virtue and where does it come from. The purpose of a bride for a coming king is to rule and reign with him in his coming kingdom. It is the pattern of all human history.

Jesus Christ's coming kingdom requires his reward to be unblemished. He alone is God and he alone is to be worshipped. His virgin bride exhibits Godly virtue only when she submits to the correction and blessing of her King. You cannot have one without the other.

A virtuous woman and bride to be, must forgo the Roman gods permeating Christian churches. We must all examine our relationship to Jesus Christ only through the lens of the entire Bible message to truly understand the Levirate marriage paradigm upon which God is fulfilling every promise found in scripture.

God has sent the comforter into our fallen world to find his son a bride. She is to be washed in the blood of the Lamb, and her testimony of saving faith in Jesus Christ is her perpetual act of service to Messiah.

A virtuous woman and virgin bride to Messiah, will go ye into all the world and share the gospel of mercy and grace. Jesus Christ alone, offers all those who would believe.

Become a virtuous woman by reading the proverb of King Lemuel as he instructs all on how to become the espoused bride of Messiah whose dowry was paid on Calvary.

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 6-19-2022

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

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## King Crossword

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# France in the News



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

Wow, there is a lot going on in Europe in general, but France seems to be dominating a majority of newsworthy headlines. From their growing support of the Ukrainians to the left and right wing internal political infighting that could wreck their energy prices throughout this winter.

The French President Emmanuel Macron has been criticized in the past for his reluctance to challenge Russia on the Ukraine War. General Thierry Burkhard, the French army's chief of staff, has also made comments that infer that openly supporting Ukraine could draw France into conflict with Russia. This is not to say that France has not been supporting Ukraine, they certainly have. The support has been very hush, hush, and under the radar until recently.

On Sunday 10/16/2022 it was reported that France has pledged air defense systems that have the potential to eliminate the drones being used by Russia to terrorize many Ukrainian cities. France also announced that as many 2000 Ukrainian troops will be receiving enhanced military training from within their borders.

The air defense system that France has pledged Ukraine is known as the Crotale air defense system. This system is generally accepted as one of the most successful and reliable Surface to Air (SAM) missile systems in the world. The system has a long lineage and first came to service some 40 years ago. Since that time many updates and variants of the system have been developed, tested, and employed on several battlefields with sound results.

This is yet but more bad news for Vladimir Putin, as the Russian Missile strikes in Ukraine have been about the only thing slowing down the Ukrainian military. If the Ukrainian military get a few of these systems operational before the winter season, this could be the "check mate" for the Russian military. Although this move by the French President is welcomed, he certainly has his hands full with domestic energy issues at home.

Considering that Europe is heading into a winter season without access to the Russian energy market due to the Ukraine War, it is a terrible time to have a refinery strike. But that is the reality in France

In fact, France has experienced refinery strikes for the past three weeks and it looks like a settlement is not on the near-term horizon. This strike is responsible for causing fuel shortages throughout the country. Many parts of France the citizens must wait for hours to get fuel. The United States experienced long fuel lines in the 1970s, if history teaches us anything it is that long fuel lines, or fuel issues of any kind have serious election consequences. The strike is attributed to the left-wing



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opposition party and the disenchantment of many due to the current inflationary climate. But there are other contributing factors that are also fueling the strike. Many of French energy companies have experienced record profits partially due to high fuel prices. This doesn't bode well with a public struggling to adapt to record inflation.

On Sunday over 100k protesters marched in Paris in protest. On Tuesday there is information that several French Unions with strike that affect public transportation and public services.

Considering that French President Emmanuel Macron was just reelected, he has

time to sort all of this out, but he should be paying attention. Macron is an advocate for business and in his previous term he streamlined French labor laws and eliminated a wealth tax. He also had an unsuccessful bid at increasing the fuel tax which sparked nationwide protests and criticism.

In conclusion, it will be interesting to watch the events in France unfold for the next year or so. Hopefully the events in France may give the United States some insight on how to end the political war between the right and the left, which is undeniably making our country weaker.

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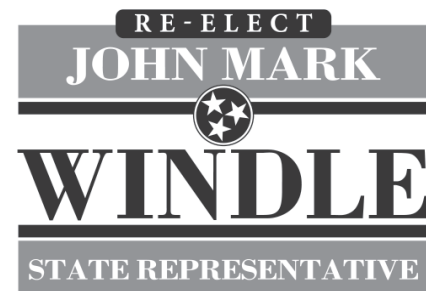
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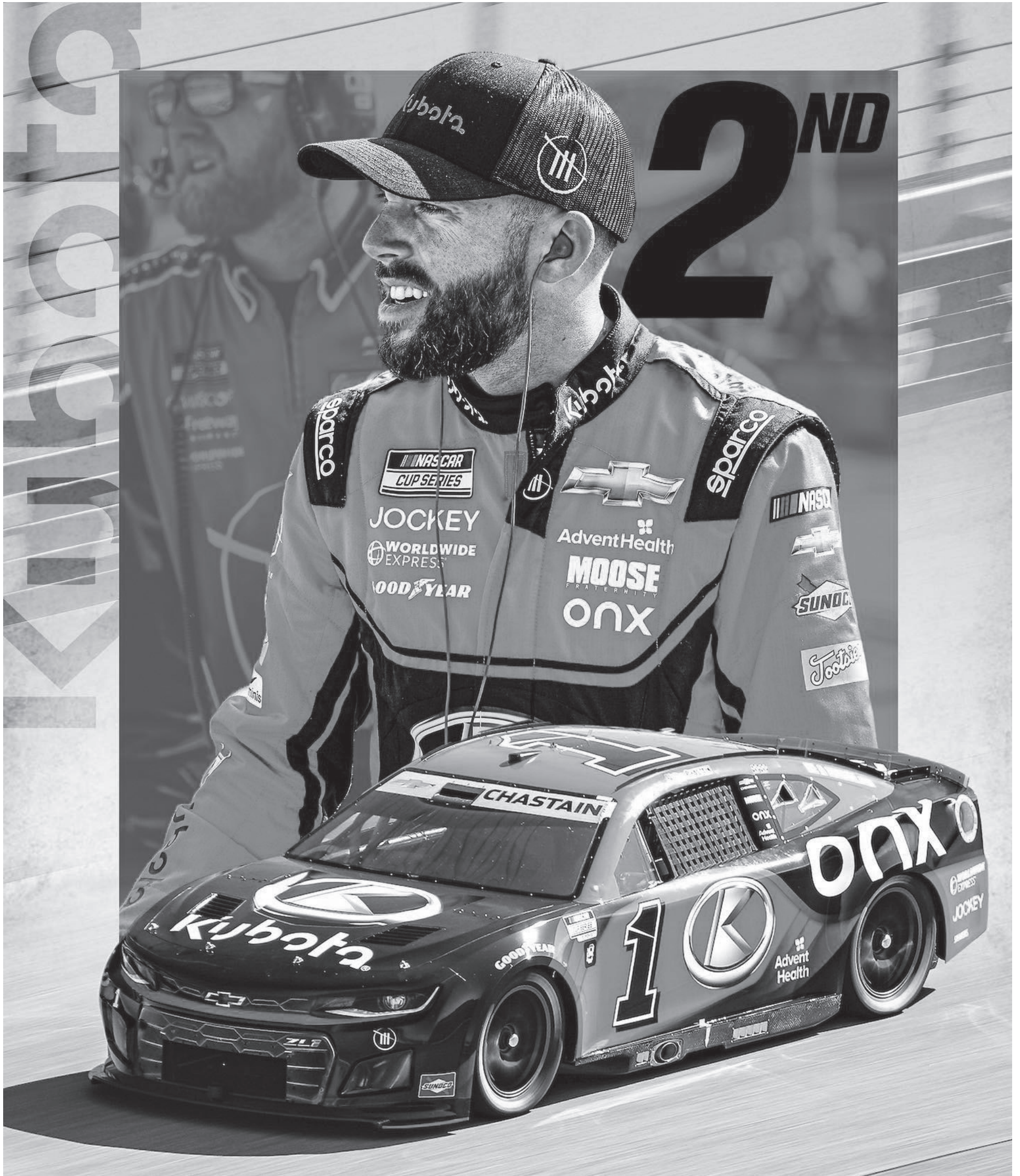
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