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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

I had a very frightening thing happen to me. It scared Mimi, too.

It all

started when Pappy's seatbelt just up and quit working. I mean, how does that even happen? The crazy thing just won't click. That is kinda important, don't ya think? If the seatbelt doesn't work, you can't drive the car. Well, you can but, you shouldn't. For one thing, you could get in an accident. Then another thing, you can get pulled over and receive a ticket.

So any-woof, Mimi was on the phone trying to get some place, any place to replace the seatbelt. Grrrr, that's a discussion for another day.

While Mimi was on the phone, discussing the

seat belt issue, I was minding my own business just brushing my teeth. Then out of the blue, I WAS CHOKING!! Mimi told the person to hold because I was choked. She picked me up, gave my belly 3 hard squeezes...nothing. She then proceeded to hit me hard several times on my back. All of the sudden (but it felt like hours) the piece of chew flew out of my mouth! Hallelujah! Oxygen was restored and I could breathe! Thank the Lord, my Mimi knew what to do. It scared me so bad that I shook and shivered for about 10 minutes. Mimi said it scared her, too. That woman really wuffs me. She and Pappy are so happy that I am okay.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy week. Remember to do something nice for someone.

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

Sunbright First Baptist Church invites everyone to our drive thru of "A Jesus Journey" on December 16th and 17th from 6:30pm-9:00pm. The drive thru and hot chocolate are free.

WEEKLY WEATHER CITIZENS GAS UTILITY DISTRICT logo with map of Morgan County.

Weather forecast table with columns for day, temperature, and weather icon.

Tennessee 811 logo with text 'Know what's below. Call before you dig.'

Christmas Backpack Giveaway event details including location (First Baptist Church of Wartburg), time (9-11:30 AM), and contact information.

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

In Loving Memory

John "Johnny" Newton Cline III, 63

John "Johnny" Newton Cline III, age 63, of Andersonville, formerly of Wartburg, passed away, December 8, 2022. He was raised in Rockwood, Tn. Johnny moved to Wartburg in 1990 with his wife Patricia, and daughter Samantha.



Johnny was a welder for many years, he then worked for PCI for several years, before he was unable to work any further. Johnny never met a stranger. Once he made a friend, they would then be his friend for life. He enjoyed classic country music, singing, and dancing. Johnny also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He taught his grandson, Holden, how to fish and would take him every chance he got. It was something he had taught his daughter to do, and he carried on the tradition with Holden. He loved spending time with his grandsons and doing what he could with them. Johnny and his daughter loved working together in their garden at home. Most of all he loved his daughter and grandchildren unconditionally. He was a proud papaw and he let

everyone know. Johnny was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Devonia. He is preceded in death by his Wife, Patricia Cline; In-laws, Archie and Dorothy Armes, Father, John N Cline II; Grandparents, John and Inza

Cline. Johnny is survived by his Daughter, Samantha (Justin) Elliott, Grandchildren, Holden Tucker and Carter Elliott; Mother, Marguerite (Glenn) Smith; Brother, Bill Cline, Brother, Matthew (Wendy) Cline; Sister, Regina (Bill) Blaes; Sister, Sharon Houston; Sister, Martha Knippers; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. The family will receive friends Sunday, December 11, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-6:00 pm. The funeral is to follow with Bro. Gary Armes officiating. Graveside services will be held Monday, December 12, 2022, at 12:00pm at Tioga Cemetery in Devonia.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of John "Johnny" Newton Cline III.

Terry Lynn (TK) Knight, 66

Terry Lynn (TK) Knight passed away December 2, 2022. He was born February 5, 1956. Terry was on dialysis for 3 1/2 years. He was admitted into the hospital on November 11, 2022 for the flu and pneumonia and remain there until he passed away.



Terry loved fishing, hunting, and camping. He was preceded in death by his parents Marley Carr Knight and Eula Jones Knight; grandparents Luke and Barbara Jones and Charlie and Anna Knight; nephew Jerry Eugene (Duke) Penney Jr.; brother-in-law Joe L. Bewley, Jr. He is survived by sisters Elaine Penney and husband Jerry, Vikki Bewley; brothers Jerry Rob-

in Knight and Jeffery Allen Knight; nieces Cayla Knight, Sarah Penney Austin and husband Patrick and their children Sophia and Tessa; nephews Bradley Knight, Brandon Knight and wife Ashley, Cameron Knight, Gabriel Knight; uncle David Jones; aunt Kay Harney and a host of extended family. The family will receive friends Sunday, December 11, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bro Keith Beasley officiating

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Terry Lynn (TK) Knight.

Josephine Hamby McGhee, 81

Mrs. Josephine Hamby McGhee, age 81 of Harriman, went home to be with the Lord, Monday December 5, 2022, at her home with her family by her side. She was a 1960 graduate of Central High School in Wartburg. Josephine worked at Roane/Burlington Hosiery in Harriman for many years. She was a faithful member of Knoxville Primitive Baptist Church and a former member of Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church. The only thing she loved more than her family was the Lord.



Steve and Lisa McGhee. Two brothers: Nathan and David Hamby. Three grandsons: Caleb, Ethan, and Matthew McGhee, along with a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

The family will receive friends Thursday December 8, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 8:00 PM with Elder Daniel Wood officiating. Graveside services will be Friday morning at 11:00 AM in Armes Chapel Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her parents: French and Mary Diden Hamby.

Davis Funeral Home in Wartburg is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Josephine Hamby McGhee.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years: Billy McGhee. Two sons and daughters-in-law: Brad and Trina McGhee, and

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

Shirley J. Davis, 82

Shirley J. Davis, age 82, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2022, at home surrounded by her family. Shirley loved Jesus and her family. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend to many. She loved to get together with family and play guitar and sing hymns and work on her word search puzzles.



She is survived by her children: Philip Davis and wife Michelle of Murfreesboro, TN; Kathy Olmstead and husband, Seth of St. Cloud, FL; Grandchildren: Philip, Josie, Tanner, and Tyler; Brother: Sonny Human; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her son: George T. Davis; parents, Elmer and Effie Human of Lancing TN; husband, Russell Roy Davis; brothers: Lawrence, Charles, Clayton, Howard, and David Human; sisters: Evangeline Williams and Catherine Human Hardwick.

The family will receive friends Saturday December 10, 2022 from 12:00 – 2:00 at Shubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, TN. The funeral and graveside service will follow at 2:00 with Bro. Ryan Human officiating at Fairview Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Shirley J. Davis.

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Why is Washington Soft on Saudi Arabia?



Michael Nance
Columnist

Recently, Saudi Arabia has been on the United States public opinion hotseat. Conversely, many of our countries elected leaders, including the president refuse to hold the country accountable for obvious troublesome behavior. This begs the question why? This is the central question this article explores.

It's no secret why the American public is frustrated with the Saudi government when acknowledging their actions of decreased oil production and numerous human rights violations. In 2022, a total of 144 beheadings were performed by the Saudi Government under crown prince Mohammad Bin Salman Al Saud. It seems that critics to Mohammed's governing style are either imprisoned or killed in a brutal public manner. One example of this behavior was the brutal murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. After the disappearance of Khashoggi, Saudi officials initially denied any knowledge of his location or fate. Eventually, they admitted he entered the consulate in Turkey and was murdered by Saudi agents. The Saudi government alleges this was a "rouge unsanctioned operation." U.S intelligence officials disagree with that assessment and allege that the crown prince ordered the murder and that the seven members who conducted the operation were part of his personal security detail. It was well-known that Khashoggi was a vocal critic of the crown prince and authored many articles voicing his dissatisfaction concerning the crown prince's policies.

Both former President Trump and current President Biden have not taken actions against the Saudi family in connection with this murder. President Biden has even lobbied to make the crown prince exempt from any U.S. based lawsuits resulting from the murder. These actions from both the republicans and democrats are inflammatory when you consider that 15 of the 19 hijackers that perpetrated 9/11 were citizens of Saudi Arabia. At the very least, it would seem this isn't a country we should struggle to protect, or should we? So why are our elected leaders so willing to give the Saudis a pass? The reflex answer many always gravitate to is oil and U.S. energy dependance on the region. That answer doesn't satisfy many scholars and doesn't align with the preponderance of evidence. Looking below the surface of the mainstream news and acknowledging the struggles of the ruling family of Saudi Arabia offers some insight into Washington's thought process.

Although this article brings to the light many reasons why Washington has surrendered its principals to the Saudis, the author in no way supports their acquiescence or pardoning of Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman Al Saud from any part he may have played in the murder of Jamal Khashoggi.

To better understand the situation it is important to understand the current leader of Saudi Arabia. During the crown prince's ascension to power, he gave many signals that he was a moderate. In truth, at the beginning of his reign, he made many moves that gave the world hope. Inside Saudi Arabia he opened movie theatres, extended driving rights to women, and marginalized the power of the countries' feared religious police.

Afterwards, however, he has given the impression of a hardliner, consolidating power and punishing or imprisoning his political enemies. His bi-polar actions don't follow common sense but reviewing the

complicated circumstances inside Saudi Arabia it becomes clear that the crown prince is playing a complicated political game trying to survive in a tribal and religiously sectarian climate.

Understanding how the family of Saud came to power is key to understanding the situation we face with the country today. Circa 1927, the Saud family consolidated control over the Arabian Peninsula.

nuclear weapons.

The United States and many other countries in the international community have joined together and took actions to prevent Iran from access to nuclear weapons. The reasoning is simple, a nuclear weaponized Iran will certainly threaten Israel and destabilize the entire middle eastern region.

Saudi Arabia is an important part

concerning cooperation on matters of defense. During the negotiations of the agreement the terrorism in the region was one of the primary topics. The Saudis taking this action aligns with U.S. interests as the U.S. Department of Justice has had concerns about the area and Islamic extremism going back at least two decades, maybe three. An abstract from a D.O.J. report stated the following excerpt:

Due to signs of al-Qaeda operations in Indonesia, the United States is taking an active part in paying closer attention to regions where Islamic militancy is being used and attempting to dismember these militant groups. Due to the current instability of Indonesia, there is fear of creating fertile ground for international terrorists, militant Islamics, drug traffickers, and organized crime.

The last twist in the importance of Saudi Arabia against Iran is the strengthening of the Russia-Iran military relationship, which is growing as a result of the Russian war with Ukraine. Just recently the National Security Council spokesman John Kirby stated: "Iran is providing Russia with drones for use on the battlefield in Ukraine, in exchange, Russia is offering Iran an unprecedented level of military and technical support that is transforming their relationship into a full-fledged defense partnership."

As the Russian Iranian relationship grows, Saudi Arabia becomes more important to counterbalance Iranian military growth.

The last reason I will forward concerning our elected official's demeanor with the Saudis are political connections.

Both the Bush family and the Clinton family have deep ties and relationships within the Saud family. The elder Bush, (Bush 41), being a former head of the CIA under Gerald Ford, and later as vice-president during Reagan's terms, was well-prepared to exploit U.S. relations with the Saudis. One of the many keys to President HW Bush's relationship with the Saudi's was his close friendship the Saudi ambassador to the U.S., Prince Bandar. The friendship appears to be genuine as Prince Bandar would routinely and unexpectedly visit Bush's summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine. This relationship helped the Bush administration maintain a beneficial bond with the Saudis

President George H.W. Bush was defeated by Bill Clinton, who surprisingly had a relationship of his own that paid dividend with the Saudi royal family. One of Clinton's classmates at Georgetown University was Prince Turki bin Feisal. Prince Turki was the head of the Saudi Arabian intelligence service from 1979 to 2001.

During Clinton's previous tenure as Arkansas Governor, he lobbied to secure a multimillion-dollar Saudi donation to a Middle Eastern studies program at the University of Arkansas. A few weeks after Clinton was inaugurated president, the Saudi Ministry donated 20 million dollars to the program. They clearly understand how to use money in Washington to achieve their goals.

Understanding that the Saudis have close relationships with the republican and democratic dynasty families of the Bushes and the Clintons, dictate that they have real horsepower in the Washington political circuit.

In conclusion, the Saudis are positioned geopolitically to exploit U.S. relations in almost every conceivable way. No wonder the Washington elite are holding their nose while embracing the Saudis. Although this article outlines the reasons for Saudi-U.S. relations it in no way contends it is the correct course, rather it explains the complex calculus that our leaders encounter in the chess game of foreign relations.



President George W. Bush (Bush 43) meets with Saudi Arabian Ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, Texas, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002. (Photo Courtesy of George Bush Whitehouse Archives)



Image of U.S.S. Cole after Bombing, (Courtesy of the F.B.I.)

This was a difficult task trying to unite tribes of Bedouins and Muslim fundamentalists. To consolidate Saudi Arabia the Saud family gave control of the schools and religious temples to the religious factions, while the Saud family retained control of all other government institutions. So many times, when we in the U.S. see actions coming out of Saudi Arabia, we don't realize the internal battles that may be occurring behind the scenes in the Saudi government. Those internal political battles give many U.S. diplomats fear that extremist who are potentially much more anti-western than the current regime could take control of the country. The current crown prince of Saudi Arabia is also concerned about maintaining power and any criticisms that weaken his position are harshly and quickly responded to. In the author's opinion this is why both Trump and Biden have not really held the crown prince accountable for the murder of Khashoggi. It is my belief that U.S. officials are convinced they could get a much more anti-western Saudi leader if the crown prince loses the throne.

So, what are the other reasons that the U.S. is looking the other way concerning the Khashoggi murder? Well unfortunately there is a myriad of reasons. One of the primary motives is Saudi Arabia's role as a counterbalance to Iran. Iran is a threat to middle eastern stability and the U.S. is focused on preventing Iran's access to

of that effort. Saudi Arabia and Iran have been in a proxy war since circa 2014. The main battleground is in the country of Yemen. In Yemen the Iranians are supporting Houthi rebels, who previously overthrew the Yemeni government. After the overthrow of the recognized Yemeni Government Saudi Arabia formed a multinational coalition and attacked the Houthi rebels in a devastating air campaign.

A humanitarian crisis resulted from the War in Yemen and the United Nations brokered a truce in April of this year. The truce was initially 2 months but has been renewed several times but expired in October. The failure of the truce to be renewed has left many worried the fighting could once again escalate.

It is important to remember that Aden, Yemen is the place where Al-Qaeda operatives attacked the U.S.S. Cole blowing a 40-foot-wide hole in the destroyer and killing 17 U.S. servicemen. Based on the U.S. experience in Yemen, and the instability of the country makes it a likely place Al-Qaeda would plan future attacks against western nations. It is surely in the interest of the U.S. that Saudi Arabia prevent Al-Qaeda from creating another safe haven as was the case in Afghanistan.

Yemen is not the only country where Saudi Arabia and U.S. interests intersect. On January 23, 2014, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia entered into an agreement



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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Immanuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? *Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah*
3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ...? *Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers*
4. In Luke 2:8-11, how did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? *Magi informed, Joseph announcement, Mighty wind, Angel appearance*
5. Where did the wise men go first when they arrived in the Holy Land? *Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron*
6. What does the Bible record as to when Jesus was born? *Late September, Dec. 25, March 17, Does not*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Isaiah, 3) Engaged, 4) Angel appearance, 5) Jerusalem, 6) Does not

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After Neutering, Follow the Veterinarian's Advice

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I believe strongly in natural cures and treatments for people and pets. Recently, my tomcat, Jessup, went to the vet to get fixed, to stop my neighbors from complaining about his aggressiveness. I used herbal tinctures and supplements to prevent infection and reduce Jessup's pain so that he wouldn't have to take antibiotics and other medications that might harm his health long-term. When I told this to the vet at Jessup's follow-up, she got really upset and said that if I did that again, she would no longer accept Jessup for treatment. I don't understand why. Who's in the right here? — Sherry L., Los Angeles

DEAR SHERRY: While herbal supplements can be helpful for pets, it's very important that you share with the veterinarian any current or intended use of these supplements.

For example, some prescribed drugs can interact with supplements and prevent a pet's liver from properly metabolizing those supplements, causing a dangerous buildup of toxicity.

Vets today will work with pet owners to make sure that prescribed medications don't interfere with, or interact with, herbal or vitamin supplements. But you have to be upfront and list any and all remedies that you're giving to your pet. This is especially important with higher-risk procedures and surgeries of any kind, including neutering and spaying. A small pet's body is especially reactive to pain and infection, and it's important to keep them comfortable and avoid hampering their body's ability to heal.

Work with the vet. Follow their advice. Ask questions before a procedure and disclose the supplemental treatment that you'd like to give your pet. Veterinarians will work with you on an effective treatment plan because, just like you, they want your cat to be healthy and happy.

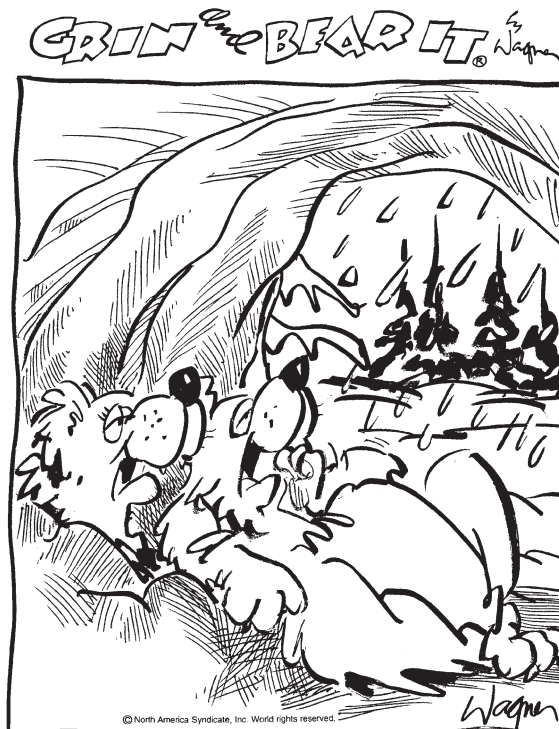
Readers, how well do you get along with your pet's veterinarian? Let us know at ask@pawscorner.com.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* B.G. in Minnesota writes: "If you want to freshen up drawers with sheets, pillowcases or in your luggage, just place a dryer sheet inside. They really do leave a nice scent, and they are also great for dusting jobs!"

* To control the level of garlic in a recipe, add it at the beginning for a lighter taste and at the end for a stronger taste. To get garlic out of the clove quickly instead of tedious peeling, just smash it and squeeze it out.

* The best cure for a foggy windshield is a chalkboard eraser. You can purchase them at office supply stores. They can be stored easily in your glove box. No window cleaner required for a quick clear windshield, and you can see well after. A clean windshield is a safety issue! -- M.T. in South Carolina

* Fill measuring cups with hot water and empty quickly before measuring sticky substances like honey or peanut butter. It will slide out much easier.

* Banana trick: For faster ripening, leave bunches together and store in a bag. For slower ripening, separate the bananas. They will ripen faster if stored near apples or citrus fruit. Also, remember that just because the outside is getting brown spots, the inside isn't necessarily going soft.

* Warm up refrigerated baked goods in the microwave, but add a mug of water. It will keep the moisture in the bread. If your bread loaf is going stale, wrap it in foil and pop it in the oven for about 10 minutes at 300 F. It will freshen the bread!

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

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* A fight between chameleons is more likely to be both initiated and won by the lizard with the brighter stripes. But then, such conflicts are rare, since that flashier color display is typically enough to win the duel.

* Every year, 11,000 injuries are reported in America as a result of sexual experimentation.

* Do you like to bowl? So did a lot of folks in 14th-century England, to the extent that King Edward III actually tried to outlaw the game in an effort to redirect the focus of his troops to archery!

* The Popigai crater in northern Siberia contains an estimated trillions of karats of industrial-grade diamonds. Unfortunately, they're too

expensive to mine.

* Many if not most people hate those annoying pop-up ads that plague our computers ... and you can include their creator, Ethan Zuckerman, in that group. In 2014, he confessed in an article: "I wrote the code to launch the window and run an ad in it. I'm sorry. Our intentions were good."

* Bulgarians nod when they want to say no and shake their heads when they want to say yes.

* A cow will allow itself to be led up the stairs, but it will be impossible for you to lead it back down the stairs again.

* Here's a little extra justification for those of us who dislike daylight saving time: The practice has been linked to increased heart attacks,

strokes, car accidents, workplace injuries, headaches, depressive episodes and even lower SAT scores.

* For centuries, the word "topaz" was used to refer to any yellow gemstone, despite the fact that natural topaz is colorless.

Thought for the Day: "Lighting a fire under something may get it burning, but lighting the fire from within something tends to keep it burning." -- Brenda Strohbehm Henderson

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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: ◆◆

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King Crossword

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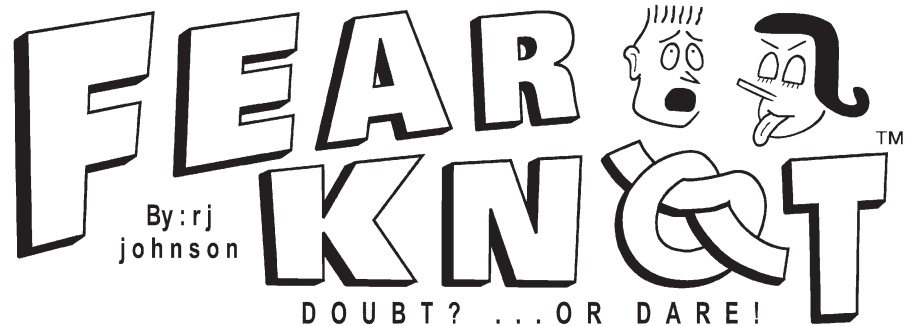
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- 26 German
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- 31 Postpone
- 32 Wildebeest
- 33 Romance-free, as a relationship
- 35 Head, to Henri
- 36 Sweet wine
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- 38 Snapshot
- 40 Graceful bird
- 42 Slithery fish
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- 48 Part of TNT
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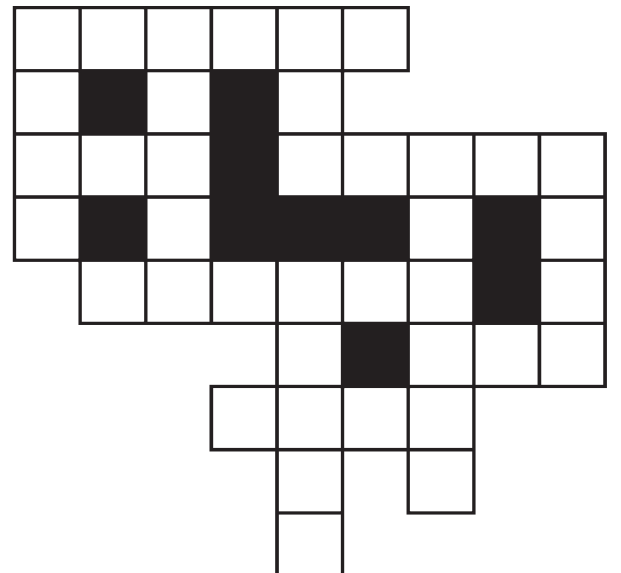
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- 2 — Lingus
- 3 Spring month
- 4 Plug parts
- 5 Wee songbird
- 6 "It can't be!"
- 7 Floral neckline
- 8 Teaching staff
- 9 Courier
- 10 Dull pain
- 11 Go sightseeing
- 16 USO patrons
- 20 Ultramodernist
- 21 Leak out slowly
- 22 Work hard
- 23 Maryland's capital
- 24 Avocado dip, for short
- 26 Camp shelter
- 27 Peyton's brother
- 28 Grooving on
- 29 Prompted
- 31 Girl in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 34 Nanny's charge
- 35 Beliefs
- 37 Crone
- 38 Anti-fur org.
- 39 Cattle group
- 40 Cabbage salad
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- CYRA



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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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Dec. 28, 1900, Mrs. Lulu Jenkins, of Chicago, was paid \$4,000 in compensation for the lynching of her husband in Ripley County, Indiana. Mr. Jenkins allegedly was involved in the theft of a horse and ended up the victim of a furious mob. Two other men were killed as well.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

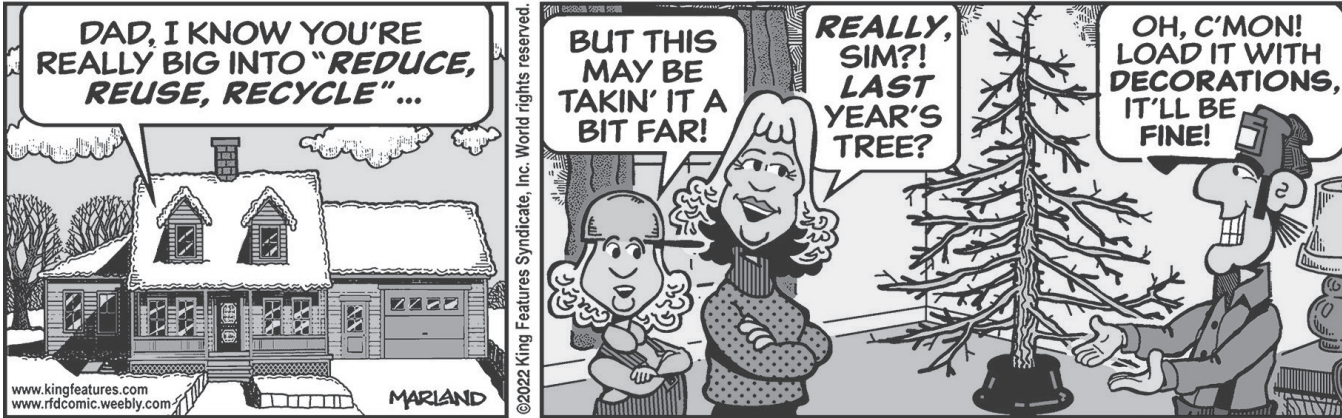


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* On Dec. 31, 1943, Henry John Deutschendorf, better known to us today as singer-songwriter, actor John Denver, was born. In a four-decade career before his untimely death in an airplane crash, he won worldwide affection and acclaim not just for his music but for his dedication to humanitarian and environmental causes.

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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* On Jan. 1, 1962, the U.S. Navy SEALs unit was created. Their elite members (only about 20% actually make it that far) are trained to operate in urban, desert and jungle locations and to withstand torture.

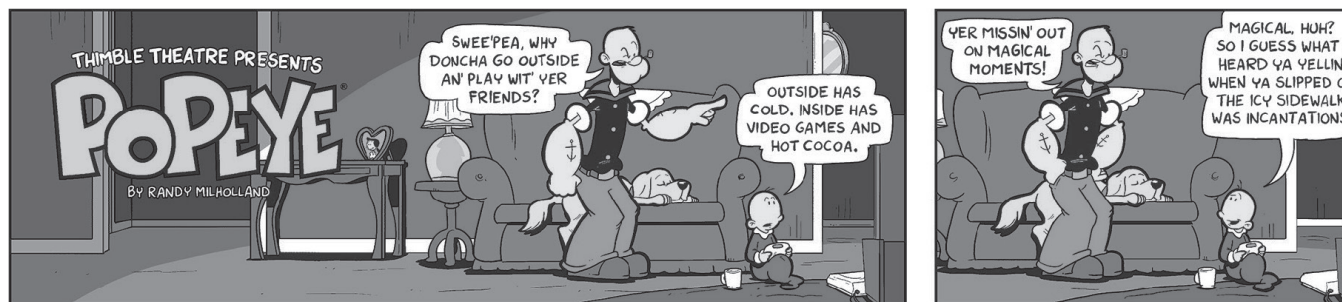
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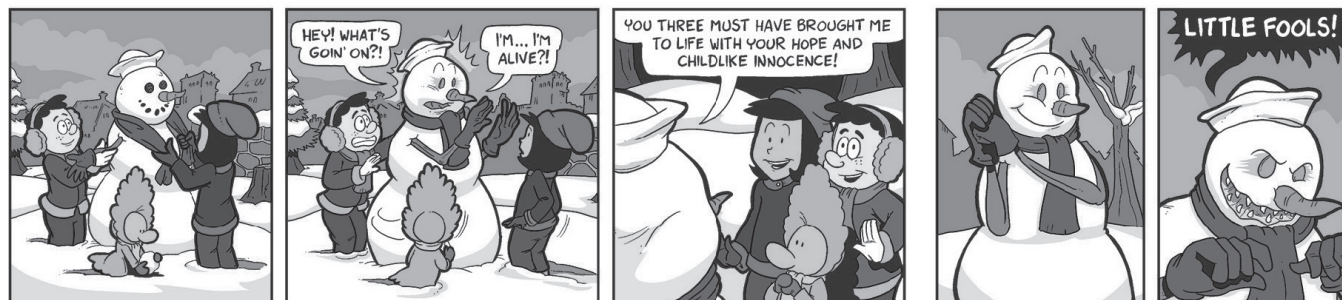
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* On Dec. 26, 1966, the first Kwanzaa celebrations began in America, with the holiday continuing until Jan. 1. Created by activist, author and professor of Africana studies Dr. Maulana Karenga, the annual event, which affirms African family and social values, was originally intended to replace Christmas for Africans.



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* On Dec. 30, 1984, speleologists (cave studiers/explorers) in the Mexican state of Oaxaca landed upon what was then thought to possibly be the world's deepest cave after going through a maze of underground tunnels in the jungle.



* On Dec. 27, 1994, Rwanda's president died in a plane crash and the African country was plunged into a genocidal blood bath in which the Hutu majority slaughtered the Tutsis, leaving half a million dead. A distraught missionary exclaimed of the carnage: "There are no devils left in hell. They are all in Rwanda."



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* On Dec. 29, 2011, Russian authorities discovered a large amount of a rare caviar stored in, of all places, a morgue in St. Petersburg. A businessman and morgue attendant were arrested but claimed that the caviar was being kept for a personal New Year's celebration.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

The Spies Who Deserve To Be Out in the Cold

The "Twitter Files" released by Elon Musk give us a more fine-grained understanding of how and why the social media company decided to censor the Hunter Biden laptop story.

This was a woefully stupid decision. The New York Post's account was suspended for two weeks for the offense of coming up with a scoop that we are still talking about and that will surely play a large role in upcoming GOP investigations into Biden family corruption.

That's the kind of thing that newspapers should get awards for; Twitter thought it should get punished for it.

But the Twitter officials caught up in the progressive bubble that caused them to censor first, ask questions later -- all in the name of "safety," of course -- weren't the most blameworthy actors in this episode.

That dishonor belongs to the former intelligence officials who put out a widely cited, deliberately misleading letter suggesting that the Hunter Biden laptop was Russian disinformation. It muddied the discussion over the laptop and gave President Joe Biden a handy tool to try to deflect the laptop story.

These former officials knew what they were doing, traded on their public service for a tawdry political purpose, and have by and large demonstrated no remorse.

Even the former head of trust and safety at Twitter -- who sounds like he just came from a sit-in at a university president's office demanding the disinvitation of a right-wing speaker from campus -- has said Twitter shouldn't have suppressed the Hunter Biden story.

Amazingly, the former officials, once entrusted with some of the most sensitive powers and roles in the U.S. government, aren't as responsible and accountable as a social-media functionary from woke central casting. As a sheer matter of public accountability, their disgraceful performance should be one focus of House Republican investigators beginning in January.

More than 50 former intelligence officials signed the letter, including five former CIA directors or acting directors. Biden cited the letter in a debate with Donald Trump. "There are," he said, "50 former national intelligence folks who said that what ... he's accusing me of is a Russian plant."

That statement was strictly true; it just didn't hold the significance that Biden hoped the average listener would assume. When Trump derisively noted that Biden sounded like he was saying that the laptop was another Russian hoax, Biden doubled down: "That's exactly what we're told."

Of course, we all know that there's no way Biden heard about the laptop with all its tawdry and comprising information and thought, "No, that's not my boy -- must be the insidious work of an extremely adept, undetected Russian spy network trying to influence the election."

Now that multiple other news outlets have confirmed the legitimacy of the laptop, the letter-writers haven't repented about themselves spreading clever disinformation meant to influence the election. They've fallen back on a Jesuitical defense of their handiwork.

And, indeed, the letter-writers played a game. They didn't actually say that the Hunter Biden laptop story was disinformation, at the same time they created that impression. This has given them plausible -- or more accurately, implausible -- deniability.

Cornered about the letter on Fox News, former CIA officer David Priess said that the laptop story, just as the letter asserted, had "all the classic earmarks" of Russian disinformation. That didn't mean it was disinformation, just that it had the earmarks.

That's not how the letter was promoted at the time, though. Nick Shapiro, a prime mover behind the missive and a former top aide under CIA director John Brennan, told Politico, "The real power here however is the number of former, working-level IC officers who want the American people to know that once again the Russians are interfering."

No weasel words there. And the press coverage leaned heavily on the suspicions of the intelligence officials, not their lawyerly caveats.

Even more than the former management of Twitter, the letter-writers have shown they never should be trusted again.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review..

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

On Top of the World The Blimp Hangars at Moffett Field, California

Never in my life did I expect to be inside a blimp hangar, much less on top of one, but at Moffett Field, California I experienced both and I can tell you

one thing I never want to be on top of another one. I've never been more scared in my life.

When the maintenance man came to the photo lab to get a photograph, I wish I had hid in the darkroom. The chief said, "Redmon you would be a good man for this job, tell us about it when you get back."

We rode over to Hangar #1 which covered 8 acres. The man's name was Albert (Al) and I asked him if we were really going on top of Hangar #1. He said, "yes sir, we are going up there and take some pictures of the damage to the roof." I asked, "what will we be riding in." He said, "oh, we will be safe you must be scared."

When we got to the car that would take us up in the clouds I wanted to say to Al, "buddy you can get somebody else to go up with you because I'm afraid of heights and I'll get sick." Just wait till I get back to the photo lab and get ahold of that chief. I knew by the way he talked that this was a job no one wanted. This would probably be my last day in the Navy. I could see us splattered on the pavement below.

These huge blimp hangars were built in the 1930's and used in WWII. There are two hangars. Hangar #1 covered 8 acres and is so large it contains 93,000,000 cubic feet and a sudden change in temperature causes clouds to form and rain to fall inside it.

When I saw the car that we would take I almost lost my breakfast. I told Al I didn't join the Navy to risk my life on top of a blimp hangar. He laughed and said, "well you've flown in a lot of Navy planes and they go a lot higher. Let's buckle up and get it done."

The car was no bigger than a four-wheeler and as I buckled myself in, I just knew this would be my worst day in the Navy. As we started up, I couldn't help wonder if the magnets on the bottom of this contraption would hold. I supposed Al had been up in that thing a few times and he was still living. As we moved across that roof of tin I was amazed because unlike a train on a track we were not on a track, we were crisscrossing the ribs. When Al saw a bad place in the tin, he would direct me to take a picture. We went all over those 8 acres of metal roof and I took quite a few pictures. I wondered if Al saw my knees shaking and realized that I was scared. I would hate to have his job.

I know most of you have seen the Goodyear Blimp flying over college football games and think nothing of the size. The hangars at Moffitt Field, California are monstrous things. They had to be to accommodate the large blimps of WWII.

The hangars for the Goodyear Blimp were built in 1917 and the first one was built at Wingfoot Lake in Akron, Ohio and it is one of the oldest active aircraft bases in the world. The other two bases are located at Pompano Beach, Florida and Carson, California.

There are only around 25 blimps in operation today. The reason is because they are so expensive to make and operate.

During WWII the blimps were used for anti-submarine operations. Because of the cost of helium, they were not used extensively.

When dirigibles (synonym for blimp) were first produced they operated on hydrogen, but with the crash of the Hindenburg on May 6, 1937 in Manchester Township, New Jersey they found out that hydrogen was flammable and the search for something safer was found in helium but it was scarce. It is thought that a spark ignited leaking hydrogen on the Hindenburg. Sixty-four

percent of the passengers survived.

Some interesting facts about blimps is that they have no bathroom or water fountains. If you want to take a tour in California it will cost you \$14,000 for two people to go all over the state of California.

Blimps fly from 1,000 to 1,500 feet up in the air. They travel from 78-125 mph.

I'm sorry to say that since 1994 there is no longer a Navy base at Moffett Field, California. It is leased by NASA and they are rebuilding Hangar #1.

I was stationed there the latter part of 1960 and most of 1961, and although I had some dangerous assignments, I loved Moffett Field. Just to think I was on top of the hangars there gives me a thrill still today.

The only blimps in operation today are at the three Goodyear bases in Ohio, Florida, and California. You will see them at big football games in the South, North, East, the Great Lake States, and the Pacific Coast.

As I expected the chief was no where to be seen when I got back to the photo lab, but when I did see him, I let him have it. I got out of the Navy two

months later and he wrote me a letter when I got home.

As I look back on my Navy tour, I'm thankful that I went through survival training, that I was on Guam a longtime because we went on detachments to New Zealand and a lot of other places. I'm even glad I did ship board duty. I can truly say I did it all and I lived to tell about it.



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David Zubler
Columnist

Year-end tax planning for 2022

Bunching charitable donations and medical expenses into one year instead of spreading them over two years is a good strategy if it enables you to exceed the higher standard deduction.

Medical expenses and donations can be prepaid this year using a credit card. However, you can't deduct payments this year if you receive the medical care in a future year.

Property can be donated to a charity for a deduction without spending any additional money. For

most property, the deduction is the fair market value of the property donated.

Donating appreciated property like stock may provide an additional tax savings because you would avoid paying capital gains.

You can't claim a deduction for any donation unless you keep a record of the contribution. Generally, a cancelled check or receipt with the name of the charity, the date of your donation, along with the amount of the donation should provide the necessary documentation.

A charitable deduction of \$5,000 or more for a single asset or for multiple similar items of personal or real property may require a qualified appraisal.

If your employer has a 401(k), contributing the maximum amount will reduce your taxable income.

Pay 2023 tuition in 2022 to take full advantage of the education credit. The American Opportunity Tax Credit, is a tax credit for up to \$2,500 per student. This helps to cover the cost of tuition, course materials, and fees paid during the taxable year.

Pay your estimated state tax installment before the year ends

instead of at the January due date.

Pay your entire property tax bill by year-end, including installments due in 2023.

Set up a health savings account (HSA). You can deduct contributions to an HSA to reduce your taxes. Earnings are tax-deferred until withdrawn, and withdrawals are tax-free when used to pay medical bills.

Tax-loss harvesting, which offsets capital gains with losses, may be an excellent strategy if you have large losses this year or an unusually high income.

Suppose you are retiring and expect a lower income next year, or you expect to have significant medical bills. In that case, you should consider deferring income and expenses to the following year.

Accelerating income into 2022 is a good idea if you believe you will likely be in a higher tax bracket next year. This is even more important if your earnings are close to threshold amounts. If you exceed the threshold, you will be liable for the Additional Medicare Tax or Net Investment Income Tax (\$200,000 for single filers and \$250,000 for married filing jointly) next year.

Using these strategies before the end of the year could enable you to reduce your taxes.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

The Joys of the Food Bank

A few months ago I escorted three very nervous elderly ladies to the food bank. By "escorted," I mean I had to scout out the situation in advance, come back with a report (no, the food bank staff wouldn't ask embarrassing questions about finances) and then actually take the ladies to the food bank in my car to pick up their groceries.

Fast-forward a few months, and I've just learned that said ladies actually went to the food bank by themselves today ... and had a wonderful time.

You wouldn't think that "wonderful time" would be an apt description of a trip to a food bank, but they were delighted by the whole experience. For this pick-up, the food bank did things a different way: Having received an abundance of donations from various places, this time they invited their

"guests" into the storage area and allowed them to pick out exactly what they wanted for their holiday meals.

One of the ladies chose a small turkey, another a turkey breast to be made into sandwiches and pot pies, and the third a ham for future casseroles, knowing that they were going to split the bounty when they had holiday meals together. They negotiated their way up and down the storage area aisles, accompanied by a friendly staffer, chatting about potential recipes and collecting a wider variety of foods than each would get individually during a typical food pick-up.

I'm told I will be a recipient as well: I am invited to share their meals when they carve the turkey, make the sandwiches and turn the ham into delicious casseroles as my reward for having introduced them to the joys of the food bank.

The food bank is to be lauded for their largess this holiday season. They might never know just how happy they made those three ladies.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. What did "Where the Action Is" and "American Bandstand" have in common?
2. Did Gary Puckett & The Union Gap ever have a No. 1 hit single?
3. Who had the most success with "The Tide Is High"?
4. Which artist went on the Who's That Girl World Tour?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I keep a close watch on this heart of mine, I keep my eyes wide open all the time."

Answers

1. The television musical programs were both created by Dick Clark, with Clark hosting "Bandstand" from 1956 to 1989. He never appeared on "Action," only doing remote announcing of the bands.
2. Once, but it was in the U.K., when "Young Girl" topped the charts in 1968.
3. Blondie, in 1980. The original was released by the Paragons, in 1967.
4. Madonna, in 1987. Her first was the Virgin Tour in 1985.
5. "I Walk the Line," by Johnny Cash. He penned the song, about marital fidelity and avoiding temptation, in under an hour. It stayed on the charts for 43 weeks and, in 2014, ended up as No. 1 on the list of the 100 greatest country songs of all time.

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2 Timothy Chapter 2

(2 Tim. 2:1-13) The duties of a gospel preacher: Paul tenderly encourages his “child” in the gospel (1 Tim. 1:2) to “be strengthened” in the “grace” (favor) that is found “in Christ”. The strength is from above, though Timothy must avail himself of it. The “things” the lad had heard were gospel principles and events. These truths he was to commit to faithful men, men with the ability to teach others effectively. Both of these qualities are paramount.

Paul now sets forth a series of qualities that must characterize the dedicated preacher (v.3-7): (a) He must serve sacrificially; if he labors only when there is an absence of danger, he does not have the grit necessary for the task. (b) He must be focused; he cannot be distracted with worldly matters and be a soldier on duty. (c) He must do his work lawfully; any who flouts the law is unworthy of the vocation he espouses. The lawless can never be effective. (d) The godly minister must be a vigorous laborer; only one who works hard can influence others in the exhausting task of proclaiming the truth. When all is concluded, the laborer deserves to be the first to enjoy the fruit of his ministry.

Paul urges Timothy to consider these things, and if he should be puzzled, the Lord would assist him with “understanding”---either by divine revelation or, perhaps through the events of providence. The text does not imply perpetual “revelations” to Christians for all time.

Will there be “suffering” in this noble enterprise? Indeed! But the sacrifice will be worth it all. Here are some things to keep in mind (v.8-10): (a) Remember Jesus, “risen” (and remaining so) from the dead (1 Cor. 15:4). This is the foundation of Christianity. (b) Jesus is the “seed of David,” thus the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy (2 Sam. 7:12; Isa. 11:1; Mt. 1:1). Such was a recurring theme in the gospel Paul proclaimed. (c) It was a message worthy of suffering, even in chains as a prisoner. Though he was in bonds, the gospel could not be restrained. He would preach it anyhow; Timothy must as well. (d) Paul was willing to endure all these indignities for the sake of his brothers in Christ (2 Cor. 11:23); these are designated as the “elect” because they had been gathered out of the world by their obedience to the gospel of Jesus (Eph. 1:3). (e) The apostle was willing to sacrifice so that others “may obtain salvation.” The fact that the verb represents potential action demonstrates that personal salvation had not been fixed before the foundation of the world, as Calvinism alleges. (f) The future salvation is the final stage of glory (4:18). (g) The sphere wherein salvation is found is “in Christ” (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:4).

Paul follows with his final “faithful saying,” by employing a series of four “ifs” (v. 11-13): (a) “If we died with him (died to sin in the conversion process (Rom. 6:2), we also shall live with him.” If one does not submit to the plan outlined in Romans 6:3-4, he will not live with him in eternal glory. (b) “If we endure (continually---including Paul and Timothy), we shall also reign with him” (Rev. 3:21). “Reign” has nothing to do with the mythical thousand-year reign of millennialism. It does make Christians faithfulness a condition of ultimate salvation. (c) “If we shall deny him, he also will deny us” (Mt. 10:33). (d) If we are faithless (repudiate our faith---as some have done), he will remain faithful”---and punish those who have been appropriately warned of the consequence of such. To reward the faithless would be the equivalent of denying himself! This context is a deathblow to Calvinism’s impossibility-of-apostasy dogma.

(2 Tim. 2:14-19) The preacher and doctrinal error: It always is a reality that brethren need to be “put in remembrance” regarding spiritual issues; certainly that was true regarding the church in Ephesus, with whom Timothy was working (1 Tim. 1:3). “These things” are the same as “the things” previously mentioned (v. 2). Error had worked its way into the Ephesian church (Acts 20:29-30). There was considerable worthless controversy over “words,” verbal battles of no consequence that disrupted the unity of the church. Some words are exceedingly important; others are not. Timothy was to give due diligence to stand approved by God. He was to be a “workman,” vigorously involved in his role as an evangelist so

that he would have no need of shame. He was to “handle correctly” the “word of truth” (the gospel message). Contrast that with those who “handle the word of God deceitfully” (2 Cor. 4:2).

“Profane babblings” (v.16) stands in contrast to the “word of truth” (v. 15). One can dredge himself deeper into sin (3:13). False teaching is a spiritual disease that finally can be fatal (v.17). Two heretics are mentioned by name. Hymenaeus is generally believed to be the same person as the false teacher mentioned in 1 Tim. 1:20, who, in connection with Alexander, made “shipwreck” of the faith of some, for which he was disfellowshipped by Paul. Apparently, however, the discipline was ineffective with this hardened rogue. In this text, he is identified with Philetus, of whom nothing else is known. How tragic to be historically distinguished for but one thing---error.

These two men are described as those who “concerning the truth have erred.” Paul would have no sympathy for the modern doctrine that there is no such thing as “the truth.” To “err” is “to miss the mark”. What was their error? They alleged that the “resurrection is past already,” even as some do today (radical preterism). This teaching caused some to abandon their faith (v.18). In spite of the invasion of error, solid truth and God’s genuine people will remain firm; those truly dedicated to the gospel will depart from unrighteousness (v. 19).

(2 Tim. 2:20-21) Vessels for the master’s use: Though God’s house is firmly anchored, such does not overrule human freewill; some do depart from the faith (1 Tim. 4:1). “House” is figuratively employed to illustrate different qualities of people in the church. Some vessels are of gold or silver. These illustrate the faithful, godly members of the spiritual body of Christ. These are vessels of “honor,” by their lives they honor God. By ways of contrast, however, there are also vessels of wood and clay. These are substandard materials of “dishonor,” the false-teaching troublemakers (like those openly rebuked) who dishonor the Lord, hence are weakening his house (1 Cor. 3:10-15).

If a person desires to be a “vessel of honor,” he will “purge himself from these.” “Purge” suggests the idea of standing aloof from. The pronoun “these” refers to those like Hymenaeus and Philetus who are contaminating the church with their erroneous doctrines. The fact that one is to “purge himself” shows that he must exercise individual initiative in putting distance between himself and those who are attempting to corrupt his faith. When he effects this separation from evil leaders, he, in a special sense of the term, is “sanctified,” he has been set apart in a new environment in which he now is “clean” from the influence of the false teachers (1 Cor. 5:7), and is qualified, therefore, for the Master’s use (v.21).

(2 Tim. 2:22-26) Personal instructions: The apostle now advances some individual instruction for the young evangelist. These relate to his personal purity and his demeanor toward others. Timothy is to “flee youthful lusts.” “Flee” implies danger, hence the need for rapid departure, used by Paul on several occasions (1 Cor. 6:18; 10:14; 1 Tim. 6:11). “Youthful lusts” are intense desires, mostly peculiar to the age of youth. Normally, “lust” is associated with sexual problems (Mt. 5:28), and sexual lust is a problem for a nation’s youth, though not exclusively confined to the young by any means. “Lusts” are not unique to sexual matters; they can involve materialism, ambition, addictions, etc. But it is not enough merely to “flee”; there are positive traits to be cultivated as well.

Timothy was to follow after (in Haste) such qualities as righteousness (doing right, pursuing God’s revealed will), faith (confidence in God, trust in him, and pledging fidelity to his word), love (putting his interests first in one’s life), and maintaining peace with those of like mind who call upon the Lord in obedience undergirded by pure motives. On the opposite side of this coin are things to be avoided. For example, do not be drawn into stupid and mindless controversies that precipitate church fights. Some anxiously go from one battle to another, ever living for the adrenalin rush as they “contend for the faith” (v. 23).

The Lord’s servant must not be a quarrelsome person; such a one will never lead souls to Jesus. To the contrary, he must be gentle toward all. Faithful men must be apt to teach, forbearing as well. See: 1 Tim. 3:2; 2 Tim. 2:2) BIBLETALK.TV Mike Mazzalongo: FortifyYourFaith.org



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— Brenda Weaver



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...There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” LUKE 2: 8-10



Historically Speaking

The Graphite Reactor: Isotopes and a New Element

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Carolyn Krause focuses on one of my favorite subjects, the historical Graphite Reactor and medical isotopes that were generated there.

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“If at some time a heavenly angel should ask what the Laboratory in the hills of East Tennessee did to enlarge man’s life and make it better, I daresay the production of radioisotopes for scientific research and medical treatment will surely rate as a candidate for first place.” —Alvin Weinberg, Director, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, 1955-1973.

The late Art Rupp would agree. He was especially proud of the Lab’s isotope development program, which he helped create and then led.

However, in an interview in 2003 with Steve Stow for the ORNL Oral History Project, he said that the isotope program started at the Lab’s Graphite Reactor, which was built in 1943, had not received the recognition it deserves, either locally or nationally.

In its heyday, the program separated, purified, promoted, packaged and scheduled the delivery of radioisotopes. The isotopes shipped from Oak Ridge to hospitals were used to diagnose and treat cancer and other diseases, prolonging lives. Other isotopes were useful for industry, agriculture and research.

Also, separation work in the program provided chemical proof for the existence of Element 61 in the periodic table. Henry Moseley, the brilliant English physicist who was killed at the age of 27 in World War I, confirmed in 1914 the 1902 prediction that an element with this atomic number exists.

Radioactive forms of various elements, called radioisotopes, were produced in and isolated from the spent uranium fuel of the Graphite Reactor. This Oak Ridge facility was the world’s first continuously operated nuclear reactor. It enabled researchers to demonstrate that gram quantities of plutonium-239 could be produced in a reactor and separated from the spent uranium fuel.

Researchers created other radioisotopes, such as radioactive phosphorus, by immersing a non-radioactive target material, such as melted sulfur in aluminum cans, in the sea of neutrons inside the reactor.

Under John Gillette’s stewardship, the program made up to 12,000 shipments of isotopes a year, or 104,000 shipments between 1946 and 1957.

The first radioisotope produced and shipped from a reactor – the Graphite Reactor – was carbon-14. It was sent in 1946 to a hospital in St. Louis for cancer research.

Rupp, a chemical engineer trained at Purdue University where he was once president of the poetry club, noted that New York City’s Rockefeller Center has a statue of Prometheus, but Oak Ridge does not. Why is this important?



A view of the Graphite Reactor building from an unusual angle (Photo Submitted)



An early aerial of X-10 featuring the Graphite Reactor building (Photo Submitted)



John Gillette
(Photo Submitted)



Art Rupp (Photo Submitted)

The element discovered in Oak Ridge was named

after Prometheus, the titan in Greek mythology who stole fire from Mount Olympus and brought it down to mankind.

In 1945 Jacob Marinsky, Lawrence Glendenin and Charles Coryell isolated the new element in a hot cell after separating rare earths from radioactive fission products. They were members of George Boyd’s group, which pioneered the use of ion-exchange chromatography for separating radioisotopes.

Employing a spectroscopic method, they identified Element 61, the only radioactive rare-earth metal. Coryell’s wife, Grace Marie, proposed the name promethium for the new element – a suggestion accepted by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

“Promethium is an element that does not exist naturally on Earth,” Rupp told Stow. Like technetium, it occurs only as a byproduct of fission. Promethium has been identified in the spectrum of a star in the Andromeda galaxy. Promethium made on Earth is used for atomic batteries in missiles and spacecraft.

“Its discovery in Oak Ridge is something that has just been forgotten,”

Rupp said. Rupp was involved in separating the first milligram of plutonium from the first uranium slugs removed from the Graphite Reactor. The goal was to capture laboratory quantities of plutonium for testing. Plutonium is a highly toxic, man-made element heavier than uranium. Universities using accelerators had produced only micrograms of plutonium. (A microgram is a thousandth of a milligram. One ounce = 28,350 milligrams.)

After a separations system of tanks and centrifuges was built, Rupp and Irwin Higgins used lanthanum fluoride as a “precipitate” to pick up plutonium and carry it away from uranium in a spinning centrifuge.

“The last bits of plutonium we massaged out of the centrifuge using big heavy gloves over our hands,” Rupp said. “Health physicists now would consider that action a horror.

“We got all the precipitate out and separated the plutonium from the lanthanum fluoride over an ion-exchange column. In the small amount of green liquid that came out was, I believe, the very first milligram of plutonium that had ever been separated from uranium.”

This small step led to the construction of large reactors in Hanford, Wash. They produced enough plutonium for the second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, ending World War II in 1945.

“We handled hundreds of thousands of curies of radioactivity of all kinds over 30 years,” Rupp said. “As far as I know, we never had a serious accident. I’m quite proud of that.”

And despite the potential dangers of his work environment, Rupp lived into his mid-80s. Many believe he met a heavenly angel upon his death in 2005.

Thanks Carolyn. What a wonderful treatment of an “old friend” the National Historic Landmark that is the Graphite Reactor and an excellent tribute to Art Rupp.



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DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

How to Make the Best Latkes for Hanukkah

Beginning at sunset Sunday, Dec. 18, the Festival of Lights begins.

The eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights, also known as Hanukkah, is celebrated by lighting the menorah, playing the game of dreidel and eating special holiday foods.

Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was defiled by the Seleucids in 164 B.C. During the rededication, a miracle happened. A small quantity of oil that was sufficient only for one day continued to burn for eight days. Therefore, Hanukkah is one of the happiest Jewish holidays of the year. The roots of this holiday include liberation from oppression, religious freedom, divine miracles, and courage.

Of all the traditional foods eaten on Hanukkah, the potato latke is always a favorite. This is a potato pancake fried in oil, which references the miracle of the oil in the temple.

Even if you don't celebrate Hanukkah, you'll love having this delicious and inexpensive recipe in your rotation. Latkes are crispy on the outside, light, soft and tender on the inside, and full of flavor.

There are lots of ways to make latkes, and each family loves the ones their "bubbe" makes. I don't want to step on any bubbe's toes, but this

recipe is a classic.

Traditional toppings are applesauce and sour cream, but you can top them with many other delectable goodies. To stay somewhat traditional, try smoked salmon with sour cream and chives, or pastrami with brown mustard.

CLASSIC POTATO LATKES

Yield: about 20 latkes

Total Time: 1 hour

5 large russet potatoes, peeled

1 large onion

1/3 cup matzah meal, cracker meal or dry breadcrumbs

1 teaspoon kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

2 eggs

1 cup vegetable oil + more as needed



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Celebrate the Festival of Lights with these traditional latkes.

Using a good old-fashioned box grater, grate the potatoes and onion together. The onion juice slows the potatoes from oxidizing and turning brown. You could use a food processor with a grating blade, but you won't get that beautiful rustic look of hand grating.

Transfer the mixture to a clean dish towel and squeeze, then squeeze some more to wring out as much of the liquid as possible. This is the secret

to crispy latkes. Place the mixture into a large bowl. Add the matzah or breadcrumbs, salt and pepper, and distribute through the potato mixture. Add the eggs and mix well. After this is mixed, transfer the mixture to a colander and place it back in the bowl. This is to keep the mixture from sitting in liquid, making sure there are no soggy latkes at the end of cooking.

Pour about 1/2 inch of the oil in a medium heavy-bottomed pan and place over medium-high heat. Once the oil is at 350 F (a drop of mixture placed in the pan should sizzle), drop heaping tablespoons of the mixture into the hot oil, flattening with a spatula and cooking in batches. When the edges of the latkes are brown and crispy, flip. Cook until the second side is golden brown. Transfer the latkes to a paper towel-lined plate to drain, and sprinkle with salt while still warm. Add oil as needed. Repeat, then eat!

Current trends show people adding all kinds of ingredients into the latke, like sweet potato, zucchini, cilantro, cheese, apple and such. Also, some air-fry them. Although we usually like to use less oil, the symbolism of the oil is really the point of latkes for Hanukkah.

Variety is fun, but for Hanukkah, it's best to be a purist.

In this holiday season, let's say thanks a lot, for lots and lots of latkes.

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John Burns

Opinion Columnist

From Ham to Nimrod

during the winter solstice.

The flood of Noah ended and the ark came to rest in the Himalayan mountains, most probably in Iran. Noah commanded his three sons to be fruitful and multiply. He instructed them to go in different directions, and repopulate the earth to fulfill God's perfect, pleasing will for humanity. Noah planted a vineyard. When the grapes ripened, he fermented the fruit and made wine. He drank the wine to the point that he

passed out, apparently naked. Ham approaches, and decides to violate God's instructions on relations between humans. He performs the first homosexual act in human history.

This is very important to understand with what is going on today. Ham was the eldest son and the heir apparent to all the promises God gave Adam and his descendants as long as they adhered to the marriage covenant and the raising of Godly offspring.

Ham surrendered his birthright to be the grandfather of Messiah. This pattern would manifest many more times in history. It has manifested today, as humans deny the covenants God established forever!

Ham has a name that transliterates as ruddy red to black in color. Ham's descendants traveled into Africa, Egypt, Cainan, and the lands between Arabia and Mesopotamia. It is the Hamites who introduce our world to the worship of the fallen angels under Lucifer.

Great astrological monuments and temples were constructed in Egypt, and the Land of Cainan. The fallen angels demanded men to sacrifice their children upon fertility altars. In Babel, Nimrod set up ziggurats from where to view the heavens, and an altar at the top to sacrifice human offspring.

The Hamites were cursed by Noah, infuriating God, setting in motion the past 5,000 years of warfare between cults venerating fallen angels who convince men to worship the sun, the moon, and the twelve constellations of stars, placed in the heavens to teach us God's single plan of redemption.

Ham is told by God that his descendants would serve the younger brothers. Slavery was established by God, as a means for Ham to repent and return to God's covenants. God tried many times to redeem the offspring of Ham.

Today they enjoy the same victory over curses when they believe Jesus Christ died to pay their debt to God as creator. Nothing but the blood of the Lamb will release the descendants of Ham from their eternal curse levied by Noah, then honored by God.

Ham is the progenitor of the first world dictator. His name is Nimrod. His first title is mighty hunter before the Lord. It is Nimrod that gave us the foundations for all pagan societies. His idea of civilization and God's idea of civilized are diametrically opposed.

Nimrod established his kingdom centered between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in Mesopotamia. It is Nimrod who established great temples venerating the creation, moving away from worship of God as creator. These temples centered first around the worship of the moon and its agricultural cycles.

This is very important to understand with the rise of Islam globally. The first god, venerated by Nimrod was titled, Sin. He is the moon god. Second was Moloch, the sun god. Finally, the Mazzaroth of Job 38 was polluted, and astrology was born. Fertility cults were established by Nimrod pointing to human reproduction as a product of the stars.

These cults are the foundation behind every sin committed by men, as they questioned the authenticity of the word of God. The fallen angels led men away from worship of God, and today they have convinced the church to venerate Nimrod at the feast of Saturnalia

The pagan feast was called Saturnalia. A veiled reference to the fact that Saturn is the star viewable in the morning during the celebration. Saturn is the perversion of a title of Jesus Christ perverted first by Lucifer and Nimrod.

The winter solstice occurs between the 21st and 25th of December. Nimrod claimed to be born as the son of the morning on December 25. He in turn would take a promiscuous woman already married to his greatest fighting general.

Her name is Semiramis. It is she who perverted God's plan to birth a savior through a Jewish virgin. Her adultery and pregnancy required she begin a pagan mythology. She claimed to be visited by Moloch, the creator of the sun, and he in turn supernaturally restored her virginity, and impregnated her with a son.

His name is Tammuz I. He was proclaimed to be the son of God. From this heresy, every pagan religion in history was born. As a descendant of Ham, this religion traveled to Egypt, as successive monarchies began to claim to be gods and goddesses. The male offspring of these alliances, were deified by men.

Semiramis was given the title of Queen of heaven. Nimrod was proclaimed to be the creator who gave us the gods. They are venerated today at Easter and Christmas all around our globe, and God will not allow this heresy in church to go unpunished.

Syncretism is the mixing of two belief systems to form a religious tradition. Nowhere on earth, has pagan religious tradition crept into Christian tabernacles, then in the America I love. The time for repentance and a return to the truths of the Old Testament is right now.

Many are called and few are chosen. Repent and return to the hard truths of the Bible or find yourself left behind at the rapture! Love is why God called me to study the Bible for the past forty-three years. It is the greatest decision I have ever made. I love humanity and God loves his creation. His desire is for all men to come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. To achieve this, he needs believers to leave pagan churches and return to the words of our entire Bible.

Humility is where our story begins and ends. Return to the foot of the cross, and ask God for mercy for bringing damnable heresies into houses claimed to be dedicated to the God of Jesus Christ. 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. 7-22-2022 John Burns

Staff Sergeant John Burns enlisted into the United States Army on September 23, 1987 as an 11C Infantry Mortarman. He graduated from the 7th Infantry Division, Ranger Class 11/89 and served in the invasion of Panama, Desert Storm and the Battle of Mogadishu while assigned to the 75th Rangers.

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

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

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King Crossword

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Solution time: 23 mins.

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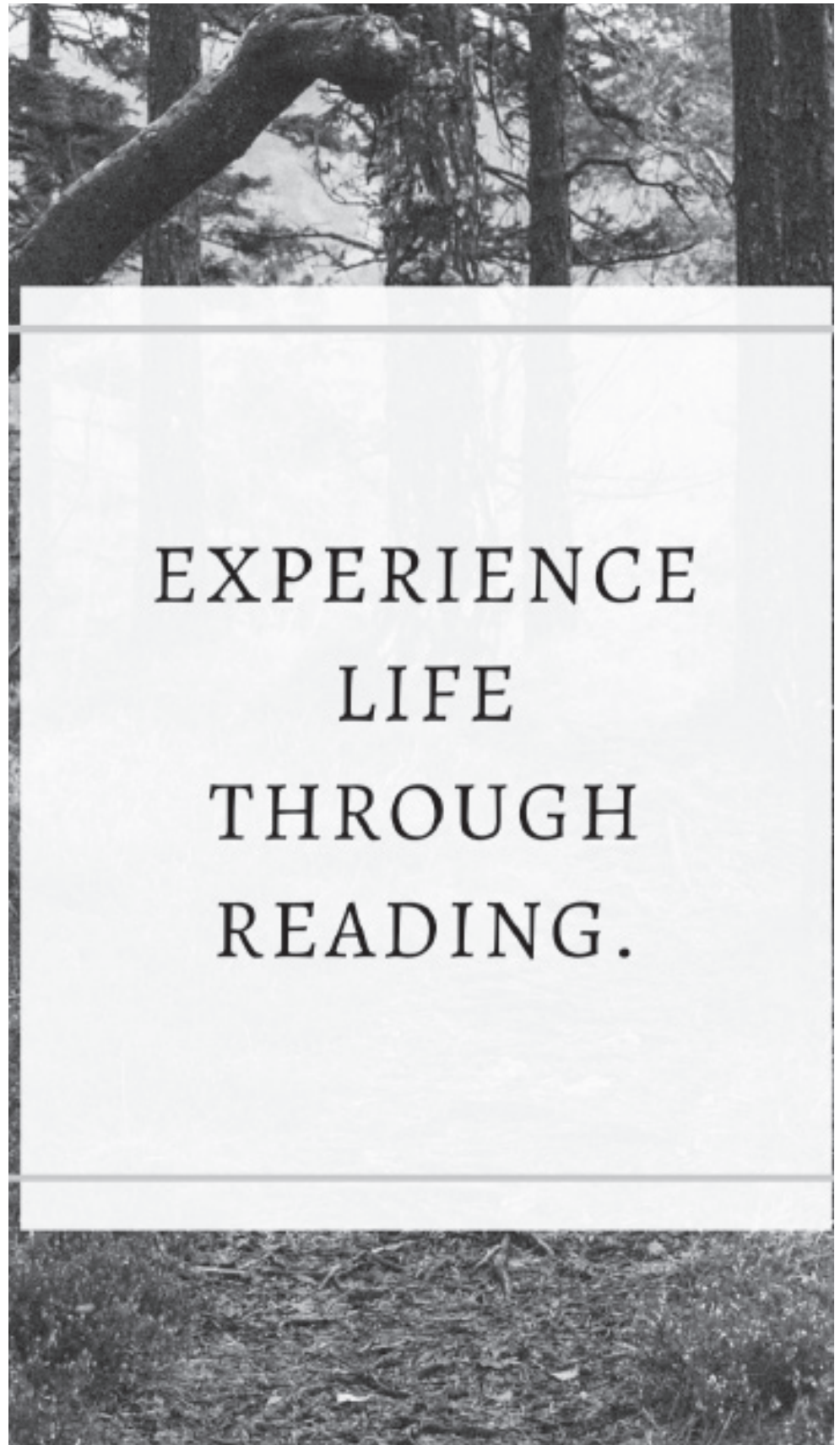
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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

We humbly honor Private First-Class Willie Fred Dail Jr. as the veteran of the week.

Willie was born on December 4, 1948 and resided in Knoxville, Tennessee prior to his military service as a United States Marine. Tragically at the age of just nineteen Willie gave his life in military service to our country on December 31, 1967 in Thua Thien, Vietnam.



December 4th, 2022 would have been Willie's seventy-fourth birthday.

Willie is remembered by his cousin, Diana: "He was like a brother to me. He graduated from Fulton High School. Joined the Marines right out of High School. When he was about twelve-years-old he had a paper route and he delivered on his bicycle."

PFC Willie Fred Dail Jr. is honored on Panel 33E, Line 7 of The Vietnam Memorial Wall.

MoCo Today would like to wish Levi Matheson a successful training at Parris Island as he enlisted into the United States Marine Corps. He is 20 years old.



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

United States Department of Homeland Security – Customs and Border Protection – United States Patrol Officer Raul Humberto Gonzalez Jr. passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 from injuries he sustained in an ATV accident while pursuing subjects illegally crossing the border.

Agent Gonzalez Jr. was traveling at high speed when he crashed. He was transported to local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Agent Gonzalez Jr. had served with the United States Department of Homeland Security for over



ten years and was assigned to the Rio Grande Valley Sector McAllen Station.

He was thirty-eight-years-old and is survived by his son, daughter, father, brother, grandmother, girlfriend, aunts, and uncles.

Keep all families across our great country who have lost loved ones serving within any scope of law enforcement. Regardless of where a law enforcement officer serves the impact, they have by preventing or removing criminals off our streets affects us all.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Two Tasks to Start the Year

In a matter of weeks, we'll have a new year when, ideally, we'll have more control over our lives. Here are two things we can all do to start with a clean slate.

Clean out your medicine cabinet. Pull out expired drugs (both prescription and over the counter) and go on a hunt for a location to drop them off. Some towns have only one drug disposal day per year, but other towns keep a machine in their police department to drop off drugs anytime. Ask if your local Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility has disposal. Or you can go to <https://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch> to search for a controlled substance public disposal location near you. Whatever you do, don't put them down the sink or toilet.

Organize your military files and information. If the worst should suddenly happen to you, don't add to your relatives' grief by making them dig for your information or wonder what your final wishes would be.

Here are some of the things you'll need to gather up:

-- Your DD214 or service equivalent. If you don't have one on hand, send for it.

-- Your birth certificate.

-- Your final will. If you don't have one, now is the time to make an appointment for January with an attorney. Call the nearest military base and ask for Legal Aid to see if you qualify for a free will.

--Any life insurance policies, copies of marriage certificates and divorce decrees, and a list of all the places you served while on active duty along with the dates.

Download or send away for the following:

-- Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes (VA Form 27-2008)

-- Claim for One Sum Payment Government Life Insurance (VA Form 29-4125e)

-- Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker (VA Form 40-1330)

Print out the Federal Benefits for Veterans Dependents and Survivors book or send away for it by calling the VA (800-827-1000) and add that to your stack.

Once you've gathered all this information (a box on a closet shelf will be enough), make sure someone knows where it is. Remember: Once it's done, it's done.

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