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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Grrr. Mimi was trying to send my Pet Perspectives Column this week. It was a pain. It changed again,

without warning. She noticed a few days ago that she wasn't getting emails. She didn't think too much of it because her phone did an update. She has restarted her phone a few times and it didn't fix the issue.

So any-woof, she went to send my column and it wouldn't pull up the Morgan County Today publishers email address. She tried and tried to get it to work to no avail. She even typed Morgan County Today in the search bar. You guessed, nothing.

She finally found an old column in one

of the files and clicked on the email address. Well, it came up under the publishers personal name, instead of their email address! Why did it change? These phones are supposed to be smart.

Mimi says just because something is smart, doesn't mean it has sense.

She also says that I am smart and I have a head full of sense, more than some people, and way more than some politicians in Washington DC, where ever that is.

Hope everyone has a great week. It is supposed to be wet one. By the way, just be glad that you don't have to go outside (no matter the weather) to do your business. Now that, is a real pain in the tail.



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.

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308 Maiden Street—Gym Entrance
Who: Any and all Families with children!

Follow our Facebook page for more information about this event!

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

In Loving Memory

Dorothy M. Summers, 88

Dorothy M. Summers, age 88 of Oakdale, passed away December 3, 2022 at Signature Health Care of Rockwood, TN. Dorothy loved to read and watch westers on TV. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

Nelson and husband Paul, Dusty Summers and wife Jayme, and Trent Summers and wife Emily; sisters: Mona Powell and June Horton; several great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William Houston Watson and Blanche Coffman Watson; husband, James Carr Summers; brothers: Billy and Alvin Watson; sisters: Vannie Underwood, Gladys Dalton, and Irene Helton.

The family will receive friends Tuesday December 6, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. The funeral will follow at 7:00 with Bro. Ronnie Nichols officiating. The graveside service will be Wednesday Dec. 7 at 12:00 noon at Pine Orchard Cemetery in Oakdale.

She is survived by her children: Darrell Johnson and wife Kathy, Dottie Johnson and husband Sonny; Four grandchildren: Travis Johnson and wife Robin, Holly

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dorothy M. Summers.

Karleen Stewart, 78

Mrs. Karleen Stewart, age 78 of Oakdale, passed away Monday November 28, 2022, at her home. She was a beloved member of the Pine Orchard Baptist Church.

children: Brighton Stewart, Veda Stewart, Lydia Richardson, and Zeke Richardson And a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Johnnie and Velma Leahman And her twin brother: Carl Leahman

The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM on Saturday December 3, 2022, at Pine Orchard Baptist Church in Oakdale. The funeral service will follow at 2:00 PM with grandson, Bro. Stone Stewart officiating. Graveside services will follow in Pine Orchard Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband: James D. Stewart Two sons: Jimmy (Laura) Stewart and Todd (Donna) Stewart One daughter: Rachel (Ryan) Richardson One brother: Jerry Leahman Three sisters: Carolyn (Luther) Jackson, Rena (TA) Whalen and Barbara Matne One sister-in-law: JoAnn Leahman 8 grandchildren: Eric (Heather) Stewart, Zachary (Kristen) Richardson, Bailey Richardson, Chloe Richardson, Chloe O, Natalie (Garrett) Nelson, Stone (Sierra) Stewart, and Shelby Stewart 4 great grand-

“There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains.”

Davis Funeral Home, Harriman, is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Karleen Stewart during this difficult time. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.davisfuneralhomes.com.

Charles R. (Dicky) Wilson, 92

Charles R. (Dicky) Wilson, age 92, of Wartburg, TN passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2022. He was born March 3, 1930 in Morgan County.

daughter Teresa Wilson Heidel, his son and daughter-in-law Charles Richard (Ricky) Wilson, Jr. and Angela Reece-Wilson, grandchildren Amy Wilson and Andrew and Rujuta Wilson, and great-grandchildren Ayan and Riaan Wilson.

Dicky was a veteran who served in the Korean War. He was a member of the Mason's Lodge. Dicky was the owner of Wilson's TV.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, December 7 from 1-2 pm at Schubert Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2 pm with Pastor Matt Ward officiating. Graveside services will follow at Estes Cemetery in Coalfield.

Dicky was preceded in death by his son Bryan Wilson, his parents Mae and William Wilson, and his brothers Clayton Wilson, Reed Wilson, Billy Wilson, and Tommy Wilson.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the Family of Charles R. (Dicky) Wilson.

Dicky is survived by his wife of 69 years Mary Jo (Davis) Wilson, his

Margaret Loraine Salmons Hacker, 95

Margaret Loraine Salmons Hacker, 95, traded her earthly body for a glorious body to live in heaven with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in Heaven. This glorious event took place on Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 2022. Loraine was born in Corbin, KY on January 29, 1927. Her family moved to Tennessee in 1945. She was a God loving Christian and a member of Bethel Baptist Church on Oakdale Highway. She loved her family and friends and was a comfort and counselor to anyone who needed her. At different times in her life, she worked in retail and insurance, even though she didn't receive her GED diploma until she was 74 years old, a lifetime dream fulfilled.



and Kevin Foster of Oakdale. Sisters: Lillian Clark and Bette Shelton of Lexington, KY. Along with nine grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Special appreciations to helpers, Doris Bowen, Tammy Pack, and the Amedisys Hospice Care from Sweetwater, TN, especially Coral Miller.

The services will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

The family will receive friends at Davis Funeral Home in Harriman on Tuesday, November 29, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM with funeral services following with Bro. Jimmy Banken officiating. Graveside services will be Tuesday November 30, 2022 at 1:00 PM in Roane Memorial Gardens in Rockwood.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Fred & Margaret Salmons.

Husband: Auriel Hacker. Special Aunt: Nina Taylor. Brothers: Charles Salmons, Earnest Salmons, and Fred Jr. Salmons. Sisters: Gladys and Evelyn Salmons.

Davis Funeral Home in Harriman is honored to serve the family of Ms. Margaret Loraine Salmons Hacker

Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.davisfuneralhomes.com

She is survived by her Children: Darla Sue Campbell of Chattanooga, Gary & Mary Barton of Harriman, Norma & Eddie Holland of Harriman, and Beverly

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

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DECEMBER 8TH

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Morgan County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bridgette Defee said, "I am so grateful to have been in the position to inaugurate Spirit of the Mountain PowWow as the Chamber's most notable cultural event for our area. Managing our amazing event is one of the most important things in this world to me. Our native committee is an amazing group and I love them more than they know. So grateful that our precious coordinators Wayne and Luz White have been able to pull in a great team of precious souls who help make our Pow Wow so special."

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Bethlehem in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi
3. With perhaps two different biblical answers, who was the father of Joseph? Jacob/Heli, Gideon/Ishmael, Solomon/Nahum, Samuel/Pilate
4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted Jesus would be born in Bethlehem? Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum
5. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Cart, Rode donkey, Small raft
6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense

ANSWERS: 1)Neither, 2) Nazareth, 3) Jacob/Heli (Matthew 1:16, Luke 3:23), 4) Micah, 5) Bible not specific, 6) Silver

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



Pet's Safety Is Paramount at Holiday Dinners

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Last year, I caught my uncle and aunt feeding our King Charles Spaniel, Doogie, food from their plates after Thanksgiving dinner and pouring wine into a dish for him. As you know, holiday feasts have rich, fatty foods with ingredients that are bad for dogs, like onion, garlic, avocado and chocolate. Fortunately, Doogie only suffered a bit of indigestion. This year, I added a list of rules to the Thanksgiving invitation, including: Do not feed the dog; do not leave plates where Doogie can reach them; do not give alcohol to the dog; do not let Doogie out of his kennel.

My uncle and aunt posted the list on Facebook and said the rules are the reason they will not come this year. They're trying to shame me for protecting my dog. Some of our other relatives commented on the post and said they might not come because of the rules, either. What would you do? — Carole & Chuck in Marietta, Georgia

DEAR CAROLE & CHUCK: I'm no master of etiquette, but I can speak on this issue: The welfare of your pet comes first.

Dogs will not turn down yummy food, especially if it's bad for them. Dogs don't know alcohol is bad for them. Many dogs don't know how to handle the stress of a sudden crowd of strangers in the house. Dogs will react badly to inconsiderate handling. Dogs will take advantage of your distraction to reach abandoned plates and countertops laden with deliciousness.

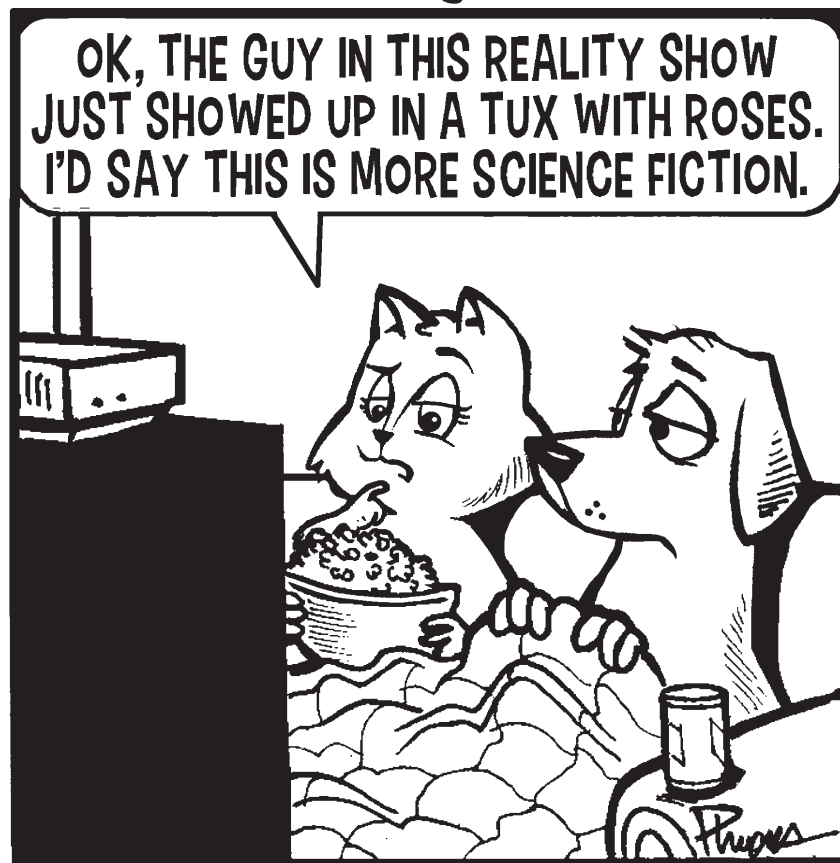
Your rules about Doogie are reasonable. You can respond to the post calmly with your side of the story, and let the other relatives decide for themselves what to do. Best of luck.

Do you have a story about pets and the holidays? Tell us at ask@pawscorner.com.



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

 * Burned rice? No problem. While it's still hot, carefully remove to a new pot any rice not browned or blackened. Then top it with a single slice of white bread. Allow it to sit for several minutes under a tightly fitted lid. The burned smell is absorbed by the bread, and the rice is fit to eat.
 -- M.U. in Michigan

* Plastic holiday tablecloths can be a festive addition to any family celebration. But what to do if you unpack yours and it's wrinkled? Get those wrinkles out in a hurry with a hair dryer. Set the hair dryer to a low setting, and gently run the warm air over the wrinkles. Smooth and set the table.

* Freshen rugs without the heavy perfume smell of store-bought brands; Simply sprinkle a little baking soda on your carpet and let it sit for about 10 minutes before vacuuming.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* In 2020, a lightning bolt extending a total of 477.2 miles spread across Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, setting a new world record for the longest flash.

* Rubber bands last longer if you refrigerate them.

* Rooms at the Null Stern ("zero star") Hotel are situated in repurposed nuclear bunkers and include open-air mountain rooms with equally zero walls. The designers obviously weren't kidding about that rating.

* In 2002, NASA intern Thad Roberts stole a safe full of moon rocks so he and his girlfriend could have "sex on the moon." Their other-worldly romantic encounter back-

fired when they later tried to sell the \$21 million worth of rocks. Roberts was caught and sentenced to eight years in prison.

* And speaking of romance: Tinder's not just for humans! Well, not at the Dutch zoo that created a "Tinder for orangutans" to help a female named Samboja find a breeding partner. The primate was shown photos of potential mates from an international breeding program on a tablet, but unfortunately her mother got hold of it ... and smashed it to pieces.

* Poet W.B. Yeats and magician Aleister Crowley were such bitter rivals in the world of the occult that Yeats once kicked Crowley down a flight of stairs for being a proponent of "black magic."

* Only humans have chins.

* Wrap the lint from your dryer in 6-inch strips of wax paper. Roll it up, twist both ends and you have a perfect firestarter.

* For light and unbelievably fluffy pancakes, try subbing the water in your recipe with club soda. Yummo. -- E.S. in Florida

* Add a few drops of water to votive cups before adding a candle. The wax will float on the water, and when the candle burns down, it won't get stuck in the votive glass. -- O.J. in Wyoming

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

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* In 2012, the police chief of Vaughn, New Mexico, stepped down because his own criminal record prevented him from carrying a gun. That left just a drug-sniffing dog named Nikita as the only certified member of the town's police department.

* Trained pigeons can tell the difference between paintings by Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet.

Thought for the Day: "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." -- Zig Ziglar

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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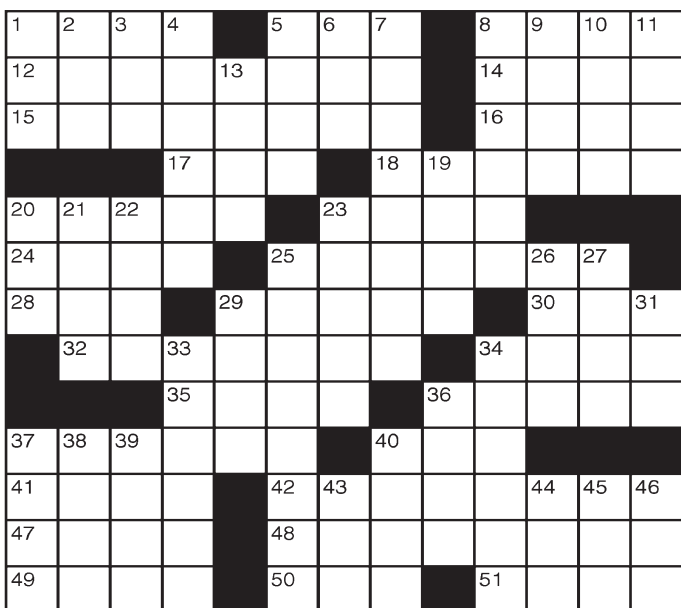
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Singer Lovett
- 5 "Ben-Hur" studio
- 8 Beanies
- 12 "Madam Secretary" actress
- 14 Opposite of "sans"
- 15 Very hungry
- 16 Gambling city
- 17 Coq au —
- 18 Painter Georges
- 20 Watched surreptitiously
- 23 Pot covers
- 24 Any time now
- 25 Stuffed Italian pasta
- 28 Boy king
- 29 Doctrine
- 30 NYPD alert
- 32 Gulches
- 34 Potter's medium
- 35 New newts
- 36 Tint
- 37 Import duty
- 40 JFK info
- 41 Portent
- 42 Enraptured
- 47 Theater award
- 48 Eternally
- 49 Variety
- 50 Still, in verse

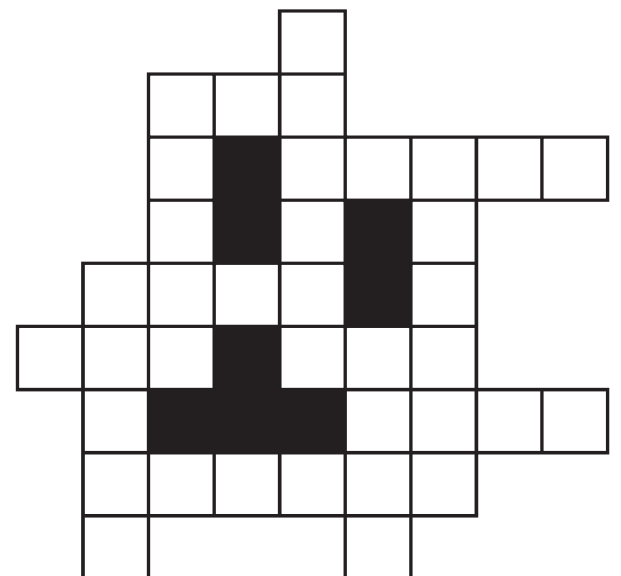


- 51 Playwright O'Casey
- 10 Elizabeth of "Jacob's Ladder"
- 27 Apple tablet
- 29 Squabble
- 31 "See ya!"
- 11 Highlander
- 33 Like marble
- 34 Great divides
- 13 Oklahoma city
- 36 Commotion
- 19 Redact
- 37 Grabbed
- 20 Retired jet
- 38 Both (Pref.)
- 21 Serve coffee
- 39 Check
- 22 Greek vowel
- 40 Divisible by two
- 23 Highway divisions
- 43 St. crosser
- 25 Cheap way to live
- 44 Weed whacker
- 26 Chorus syllables
- 45 Notable time
- 46 Lair

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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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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Dec. 23, 1672, Italian astronomer, mathematician and engineer Giovanni Domenico Cassini discovered Rhea (originally christened Sidera Lodoicea), the second-largest of Saturn's 62 moons. In 2010, a spacecraft named for Cassini would detect a thin oxygen atmosphere around it -- the first such known outside planet Earth.

* On Dec. 24, 1945, a fire destroyed the home of George and Jennie Sodder and their nine children in Fayetteville, West Virginia. While their parents and four other siblings escaped, no sign of the remaining five children has ever been found, despite decades-long publicity and numerous investigations by both law enforcement and amateur sleuths.

* On Dec. 22, 1956, a baby western gorilla named Colo debuted on the world stage at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in Ohio, where she would spend her entire life, becoming the first-ever gorilla born in captivity. Upon her death in 2017, she was also the oldest known gorilla in the world.

* On Dec. 20, 1957, Elvis Presley received his Army draft notice while spending the holiday season at his newly purchased mansion, Graceland. Distraught fans sent thousands of letters to the Army asking for him to be spared, but Elvis himself had no hesitation about entering, though he did receive a deferment that allowed him to finish work on the movie "King Creole."

* On Dec. 21, 2006, rebel monks at the centuries-old Esphigmenou Monastery in Thessaloniki, Greece, took up crowbars and fire extinguishers to repel church-appointed monks with sledgehammers attempting to break in. The rebels vehemently opposed efforts by the Orthodox church to improve relations with the Vatican.

* On Dec. 25, 2013, military defense forces discovered a professionally designed but incomplete 40-meter tunnel connecting Hong Kong to China that included rail tracks, hanging lamps, ventilators and a small transport cart. Authorities believed the tunnel, which cost an estimated \$494,000, was created with the intention of smuggling goods into Hong Kong to avoid tariffs.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

The Extreme Recklessness of Biden 2.0

Joe Biden 2024 is a bad idea whose time has come.

If Democrats had gotten the shellacking that seemed to be coming their way in the midterms, Biden might have been wounded enough for elements of the Democratic establishment to begin to try to shoulder him into retirement.

Instead, the Democratic overperformance has Biden looking revitalized. Gov. Gavin Newsom of California told the president on election night that he's not running against him (not that Biden was ever likely to face a direct primary challenge). Press coverage has emphasized Biden's vindication. The shot in the arm is understandable given what his party was able to pull off, yet it doesn't make Biden a day younger -- in fact, he just turned 80 and every day of his presidency is an experiment in whether an unprecedentedly aged president can perform at the level demanded of the office.

Democrats consider Biden the safe choice in 2024, since he's the incumbent and surrounded by flawed alternatives, yet he is actually an enormous risk. Nominating him again would be extremely reckless, both for the party and for the country.

It may well be that Biden, even in his enfeebled state, is the best matchup against Donald Trump. He beat him once before, after all, and used him as an effective foil during the midterms. It is to Biden's advantage that it has proven difficult for anyone to work up a passionate hatred of him, rather than a low-intensity sense of pity or contempt. And he still has a relatively moderate affect and profile -- there are limits to how "woke" an 80-something, silver-haired creature of the Democratic establishment can appear, no matter how far left his policies are.

There's no guarantee, though, that Biden will get the former president as his opponent. If he doesn't, then he'll be denied the dynamic of one old guy whose record is terrible running against another old guy who frightens people.

If Trump can't secure the GOP nomination, everything changes. Ron DeSantis is 44. Ted Cruz is 51. Mike Pompeo is 58. Tim Scott is 47. Basically, any Republican nominee besides Trump would instantly be bequeathed a powerful past-vs.-future theme (age aside, Trump will unavoidably and perhaps explicitly be running a campaign of restoration).

There's another risk for Democrats, as well -- namely that Biden will experience some age-related meltdown in public during a general-election campaign that will make his struggles undeniable even to well-wishers determined to look the other way.

Aging is a progressive condition. Biden isn't getting any younger or more capable. The good news is that today, right now, he is as fit as he'll ever be to perform his duties; the bad news is that there are a lot of days between now and 2024 when he'll be less fit, whether by a tiny increment or by a lot.

The public is already unsettled. According to the exit polls, 58% of voters said Biden does not have the acuity to serve effectively as president.

If Democrats get their way, this is just the beginning. They propose to reelect a man who will be 82 on Inauguration Day, and 86 by the end of his second term.

The actuarial tables and the realities of aging being what they are, this creates considerable risk of putting the country through the trauma of having a president who is incapable of carrying out his entire term. If you think our politics are deranged now, just wait until we face a genuine, inevitably wrenching 25th Amendment crisis, or we have to deal with the legitimacy issues around an unelected president.

Why even consider going down this route? In part, because Biden made an identity politics choice for vice president, and not a good one. It is understandable that the prospect of Vice President Kamala Harris makes Democrats want to cling to their nurse for fear of something worse. But the country deserves a better idea.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review..

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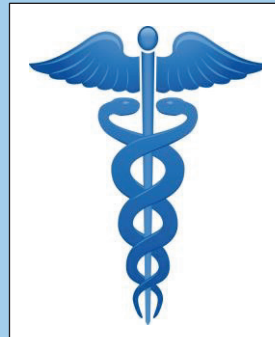
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Tom Redmon
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The Worst Part of the Storm

Ian turned out to be a category 4 hurricane and it covered a large area on the West Coast of Florida before going toward Orlando and the Carolinas. It

also seemed to endure longer in one place before moving on. Some said nine to ten hours. Can you imagine having winds up to 140-150 mph around your house for ten hours.

Ian was supposed to hit around the Tampa Bay area but ended up going ashore in Lee County over 120 miles south of Tampa. The city of Fort Myers ended up getting the worst part of the hurricane. My children live on the West Coast of Florida. Scott and Dawn who own a Chick-fil-a live in Plant City just east of Tampa. Robin lives in Bradenton, about 20 miles from the coast and Jason lives in Sarasota, the farthest south of the three. He was affected most by the storm but nothing like Fort Myers and Lee County were.

I want you to go with me to where Ian made a direct hit. Just imagine living in peril for many hours and having your house lifted off its foundation. Many residents had chosen to leave the area and their plan might have saved their lives. Residents who lived on the coast were evacuated and sometimes these evacuations are enforced but because the hurricane was predicted to hit over a hundred miles north of Fort Myers. Some on Fort Myers Beach did not get out in time. Mobile homes are not safe during a hurricane. In 2004 in Charlotte County, I saw where a mobile home park used to exist. It had been wiped off the face of the earth by hurricane Charley. You could not even see a piece of metal in the field. A man told me it was all in the bay. I was told that all the residents had gone up north. They returned after the storm to find nothing of the homes they used to live in. Now let's talk to some of the residents who lost everything in the most devastating storm that ever hit on the West Coast of Florida.

Jim and Martha came to Florida from Ohio in 2006. They hated the winters in Dayton so they decided to sale their home there and live in Lee County permanently. Until Ian hit, they were a happy couple. Their house was nothing fantastic. It was valued at around \$400,000.00 like most houses near the coast. Jim had retired from the Royal Cash Register cooperation and they lived moderately in what we classify as middle-class life. They were active in their church and they loved playing shuffle-board which is very popular with elderly Florida couples.

Jim and Martha had friends that lived around fifty miles inland and at the last minute before Ian hit Fort Myers, they decided to leave their home. They had no idea what their home would look like after the hurricane. They did not move to Florida before hurricane Charley.

Jim said it was pretty bad where they were during the storm. The winds were at least 120 mph and the rain was coming down like a water fall. No doubt Jim and Martha wished they were back in Ohio.

This storm lingered longer than most hurricanes do and after 24 hours Jim thought he would get out and drive over to his home. He noticed that many trees were down and one had fallen on the house next door. He also found out that the highway into town was blocked.

While this was going on I was back in Tennessee in touch with my kids by cell phones. Thankfully they were all doing good. In Plant City Scott said they had to close Chick-fil-a but other than that they had very little damage. Robin and Earl were staying with their son which was boarded up. They didn't even lose electricity.

Jason and his family had to endure more in Sarasota and he said they wished they had left and gone inland, but other than losing electric power and a couple of trees they were unscathed.



Two days after the hurricane passed Jim was allowed to go to where his home was, or used to be. All he could find was the concrete pad where his home used to stand. All around him all he could see was demolished homes. It looked like a war zone.

No doubt tears came to Jim's eyes as he

saw his life's work gone down the drain. He and Martha had worked so hard to have a nice home and they had put everything they had into their Florida home. Now it was gone. Oh, yes, he had insurance but not flood insurance because it cost a lot extra.

The seventy-five-year-old couple had to think on the bright side. Since they are Christians, they thanked God for sparing their lives. They hadn't gotten the report yet on how many had been killed but the mayor of Fort Myers had predicted hundreds had perished. When asked if they plan to stay in Florida Jim said, "we haven't fully decided but we have friends here and we could build farther inland.

The saddest scene was of the young folks who had lost their parents in the storm. It was reported that over 65% of the fatalities had been over 70, with 10% of that group being in their 80's and 5% being over 90. I've heard that 114 residents lost their lives and later it was determined that it was closer to 140. Most of the people died of drowning.

The sad thing was that the Lee County officials (Fort Myers) didn't call for evacuation until the day before Ian hit. Most of the deaths were reported in Lee County.

Here is a little history on hurricanes in the United States since records have been kept. The worst hurricane in U.S. recorded history hit Galveston, Texas in 1900. The death toll was between 6,000 – 12,000.

Other devastating hurricanes to note are; the Great Labor Day hurricane of 1935, hurricane Camella in 1969,

hurricane Andrew in 1992, and hurricane Katrina in 2000.

Believe it or not: our worst storms have been in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. It has been estimated that Ian caused between 40 to 67 billion dollars in damages.

The worst month for hurricanes is September.

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David Zubler
Columnist

Beware of holiday scams

The IRS recently announced that the holiday season is a prime opportunity for identity thieves to steal your personal financial information. The information is often used to file fraudulent tax returns.

Most people know about the threat of opening emails from potential scammers. However, many people need to be aware of the potential danger of opening text messages.

Smishers target cell phone users to retrieve their personal information. The scam messages may look like they are from the IRS. The messages often

offer lures like tax credits, fake COVID relief, or help setting up an IRS online account. Smishing is becoming more commonly used by scammers.

Fictitious text scams with “smishing” schemes often increase during the holidays. Only reply to a text message from a phone number if you recognize the number. And never click on a link embedded within a text. It’s best to delete the text without opening it to avoid smishing.

Some of the smishing tactics include:

Impersonating a collections agency and threatening to hurt your credit score

Request for payments for an overdue bill

Attempting to confirm your banking information

Using a “Click here” in the text

Data thieves can also steal your information if you’re shopping online and use publicly accessible Wi-Fi. These thieves often sell tax preparer or taxpayer information on the internet to other crooks so they can file fraudulent tax returns. The stolen data can be difficult for the IRS to detect because the fraudulent returns use real financial information.

To prevent your data from being stolen:

Only shop in public places with secure Wi-Fi.

Shop at sites where the web address begins with “https.” The “s” is

used to signify secure communications. The “padlock” icon in the browser window also indicates secure communications.

Ensure that computer anti-virus software has a feature to stop malware and that a firewall is enabled to prevent data theft.

Strong and unique passwords should be used for online accounts.

Use multi-factor authentication whenever possible to prevent thieves from hacking your accounts.

The IRS is also reminding people not to buy anything from online sellers that accept payments only by gift cards, cryptocurrency, or money transfers from companies like Western Union or MoneyGram. Scammers tell people to use these payment methods since they are almost impossible to trace.

“With holiday shopping starting and the 2023 tax season quickly approaching, many people will be using laptops and personal devices to share sensitive financial information,” said IRS Acting Commissioner Doug O’Donnell. “In the months ahead, these same devices will be used to complete millions of tax returns by both taxpayers and tax professionals, making the holiday season the perfect time to take steps to protect your valuable information and watch out for scams.”

You can report these IRS-related scams to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.

Using caution can help to prevent your valuable information from being stolen.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Do You Feel Isolated?

Researchers must be worried about us. There are hundreds of studies done around the world on the topic of isolated seniors and how it’s bad for our brain and physical health. While we can appreciate their concern, it would be nice if they could all agree on the facts they report.

A Norwegian university has released the results of a report on maintaining brain health and preventing cognitive decline. They’ve concluded, after reviewing 101 other studies, that social activity is important, along with physical exercise and interesting hobbies.

One study praised us for following the Covid rules and staying home and not having face-to-face social activity, saying we mentally weathered our isolation better than any other age group. Another study said that we didn’t do well, that we suffered from sleep disturbances, depression and anxiety.

Another study analyzing information from before and during the pandemic concluded that yes, there was physical and social isolation, but not digital isolation. In other words, we’ve been online communicating with others.

One serious study looked at 12 possible relationships (friends, neighbors, family and so on) and concluded that being socially isolated made one more susceptible to the common cold.

Yet another study said that it was when the Covid rules were lifted, when we could go to stores and back to our meetings, that our real stress started.

In the U.S., 27% of seniors over the age of 60 live alone, as opposed to several other countries where multiple generations live together. One thing researchers need to consider: Some seniors might like the peace and quiet of living alone, might like having control about who comes over and when, and might prefer the independence.

Still, if you sense you don’t get out enough, go. Take a walk. Volunteer to walk a dog at the shelter. Stroll the aisles at the library.

Or don’t. It really is up to you.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. What does the song title “Livin’ la Vida Loca” mean? Who sang it?**
- 2. Who is Robert Thomas Velline and how did he get his start?**
- 3. Which group wrote and released “Dance With Me”?**
- 4. Who was the first to release “Some Guys Have All the Luck”?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: “Everybody sing, everybody dance. Lose yourself in wild romance. We’re going to party.”**

Answers

- 1. The title of Ricky Martin’s 1999 song means “Livin’ the Crazy Life.” The song took numerous noms, including Best Male Pop Vocal and Song of the Year, at the 2000 Grammys.**
- 2. Bobby Vee. He (and some high school friends) filled in at the last minute on Feb. 3, 1959, when Ritchie Valens, Buddy Holly and The Big Bopper were killed in a plane crash on the way to the Iowa gig.**
- 3. Orleans, in 1975.**
- 4. The Persuaders, in 1973. Rod Stewart followed with a cover in 1984.**
- 5. “All Night Long (All Night)” by Lionel Richie in 1983. The alleged “African” lyrics in the song (such as “Tom bo li de say de moi ya”) are fake, made up by Richie, as he didn’t have anyone to write real ones.**

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2 Timothy Chapter 1

Introduction: Author; The Pauline authorship of this document was scarcely disputed (except by a very few early heretics, Marcion and Tatian) until the early nineteenth century. A number of the patristic writers cite 2 Timothy with the same authority as they do the undisputed books of the New Testament. For example, Polycarp, Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Justin Martyr, etc., cite the book. All three of the so-called pastoral epistles are listed in the Muratorian Canon (a catalog of the New Testament books dating from the late second century) and in the Old Latin and Old Syriac versions---in all manuscripts and versions, and in the same order as in our present New Testament. Second Timothy has twenty-three personal references to Paul. Both internal and external evidence clearly establishes that Paul was the author of this document.

Date: It is impossible to precisely trace Paul's movements between the time of his release from his first Roman confinement and the time of his second Roman incarceration, during which the second letter to Timothy was penned. The time lapse was possibly some three years. This epistle might be dated in the autumn of A.D. 66.

Purpose: The purpose of this letter is fairly clear. First, Paul knew that the end of his earthly sojourn was imminent, and he realized that his death would leave a void in the lives of his close companions in the faith. Especially would this be so in the case of Timothy, whom the apostle had converted, and with whom he had worked so closely on a number of occasions. What would Timothy do? He was still a "youth" (under forty) (see 1 Tim. 4:12). Surely he would need encouragement. By means of this letter the tired old warrior would offer words of spiritual strength. In addition, hopefully, he might be able to see the young man one more time for face-to-face exhortation.

2 Tim. 1:1-5) Salutation and Thanksgiving: Paul begins with a reference to his apostleship---evidence that he expected this epistle to be read by others who would not be as familiar with him as Timothy was. While there are minor differences between the salutations of the two Timothy letters, they are complementary and without conflict. Paul thanks God for the precious memories he has of this lad, including him constantly in his prayers to the Father. He longs to see him again that his cup of joy may overflow as he reflects upon Timothy's genuine (literally, non-hypocritical) faith, the character of which he had received from both his mother and grandmother.

(2 Tim. 1:6-14) Encouragement for hard times: Paul encourages his friend to "stir up the gift of God" which came to him through apostolic hands (Acts 8:18; 19:6), obviously a miraculous gift, the specific nature of which is unrecorded (1 Tim. 4:14). There is no hint of rebuke here, as some suggest, only encouragement. The Spirit did not take control of Timothy, independent of his own will, as modern Pentecostals claim for themselves. The evangelist had to use it. It was not God's will that either Paul or Timothy be fearful in their teaching, but they were to exhibit power, love, and self-control (v. 7).

It is not necessary to conclude, as some scholars tend to do, that Paul was accusing Timothy of being a coward (v. 8). His admonition was an inoculation for the dark days ahead. The lad would encounter hardships, and he would need to endure; he, could do that by the same gospel power that saves from sin. Salvation is a holy calling ((via the gospel) (2 Thes. 2:14). It is not a direct operation of the Spirit, nor is it according to "our" (human) works. Such, however, does not exclude divine works, works (commands) given, or prescribed, by God himself (Jn. 6:27-29). The Lord's plan of salvation is consistent with his purpose foreknown back in eternity, to be fulfilled by means of the "in Christ Jesus" method (v.9). This would require the role of Christ in redemption and the surrender of man in obedience, by which he enters "into Christ" (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27), where salvation is to be accessed (2 Tim. 2:10).

The great scheme of redemption was permanently "manifested" by the initial appearing of Christ. One aspect of the mission of Jesus was to "abolish" death.

The actual phenomenon of death will not be terminated until the final coming of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:24-26). By his own resurrection Jesus abolished the enslaving "fear of death" (Heb. 2:15), and that confidence we may embrace already! All of this, of course, has been "brought to light" by means of the gospel message (v. 10). As an apostle, Paul had been "appointed" by God as a preacher and teacher (perhaps both preliminary preaching and subsequent maturing instruction). Because of this role, he was suffering persecution, yet he had not the slightest sense of shame on that account.

Why was Paul exempt from shame? Because he had an abiding knowledge of, and steadfast trust in, his divine Protector. He would be all right no matter what happened to him! He is firmly persuaded that the Lord is "able" to guard that which has been committed unto him (his life, his soul, his future) in view of the coming day of judgment (v. 12). Some contend that the sense is that God is able to guard the gospel which has been committed to Paul. Either is possible, but the former seems more likely.

Timothy, therefore, was to continue holding on to "the pattern of sound (healthy) words." Note that there is a "pattern" (standard) of Christian teaching. Let those who disdain "pattern theology" beware! Teaching can be either "healthy" or deadly infectious; much of it is the latter. The teaching has been divinely conveyed by "words"; this asserts the doctrine of verbal inspiration. The gospel is not a vague feeling, a collection of mere abstract thoughts; it is doctrine framed in "words." The essentials of the gospel must be embraced with trust and loving dedication to the Lord's will and with service rendered within the "in Christ" domain (v. 13).

Gospel truth is to be guarded "through the Holy Spirit that dwells in us" The presence of the Spirit, in this context, most likely alludes to the supernatural gifts with which both Paul and Timothy (v. 6) had been endowed. In other texts, the "indwelling" of the Spirit is attributed to all Christians, though not in a miraculous manner (Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19; Gal. 4:6). That same Spirit, as we wield his word (Eph. 6:17), enables us to combat error just as they did.

(2 Tim. 1:15-18) Examples---Bad and Good: Paul declares that many ("all" is hyperbole) in provincial Asia had "turned away" from him, some of them possibly fearful of the Roman government. Two of these are named, Phygelus and Hermogenes, of whom nothing else is known; perhaps they were prominent among the dissenters and were named on that basis. It is prudent on occasion to identify offenders for example's sake.

Now for a good example: "The Lord grant mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus." A considerable number of scholars identify this as a prayer, and a prayer to Christ (v. 18). "House" would stand for his family that lived in Ephesus (4:19). Evidently, the family encouraged Onesiphorus (whose name means "help-bringer") to visit Paul in Rome, and likely they assisted with his benevolent mission on behalf of the suffering apostle. This brother is commended in two ways. First, he "refreshed" Paul, either physically, spiritually, or both. Secondly, he was not "ashamed" of the apostle's chain. In this final imprisonment, one might mentally form a more realistic vision of Paul by seeing him as dirty, likely with tattered, bloody clothes, troubled by wounds and sores, uncut hair and shaggy beard, gaunt, etc. Onesiphorus searched for Paul until he found him.

Paul prayed for this brother, that he might find mercy in the day of judgment. Some, without any basis whatever, have attempted to argue that Onesiphorus was dead at this time and that the apostle's petition sets a precedent for praying on behalf of the dead. The fact that Paul hopes that mercy will be extended is proof itself that he was alive still. There is no change from "non-mercy" to "mercy" after one has died (Lk. 16:26).

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Thursday

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Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit
Fruit
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
Macaroni & Cheese
Steamed Broccoli
Salad
Fresh Veggies w/ Dip
Wheat Roll, Mandarin Oranges

6

Breakfast
Pancakes, Cinnamon Roll
Fruit Juice
Lunch
Choice of Pizza
Steamed Corn
Carrot Coins
Fresh Veggies & Dip
Side Kick

7

Breakfast
Chicken Biscuit
Yogurt Fruit Taco
Lunch
Mandarin Orange Chicken
Lunchable
Noodles w/ Veggies
Stir Fry
Roasted Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

8

Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza, Donut
Fruit Smoothie
Lunch
Salisbury Steak/ Drum Stick
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fresh Veggies w/ Dip
Salad, Roll
Fresh Fruit

9

Breakfast
Lunch
MANAGER'S CHOICE

12

Breakfast
French Toast, Hot Cocoa
Juice
Lunch
Popcorn Chicken
Macaroni & Cheese
Peas
Hot Roll
Fruit Parfait

13

Breakfast
Assorted Bread
Yogurt, Fruit
Christmas Lunch
Roast & Gravy or Ham
Dressing
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
Festive Salad
Sister Schubert Roll
Dessert

14

Breakfast
Lunch
MANAGER'S CHOICE

15

Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit & Gravy
Juice
Lunch
Chicken Sandwich
Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese
Pickle, Onion
Seasoned Fries
Veggies w/ Dip
Seasonal Fresh Fruit

16

Breakfast
Donut
Juice
Lunch
SACK LUNCHES

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DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond



Easygoing Spice Blend Is Great for Goodies and Gifting

Here's a quick recipe for easy homemade gingerbread spice mix, the perfect addition to your holiday repertoire. If pumpkin spice is the flavor of autumn, then gingerbread spice has to be the spice blend of winter. The ingredients are similar, but the balance of the spices yields a completely different result.

Gingerbread spice can replace cinnamon in most recipes and is wonderful added to hot chocolate, coffee or chai tea. If nothing else, sprinkle it with sugar on hot buttered toast.

GINGERBREAD SPICE BLEND

Yield: 1/3 cup

Total Time: 5 minutes

2 tablespoons cinnamon
2 tablespoons ground ginger
1 1/2 teaspoons ground allspice
1 1/2 teaspoons ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon finely ground pepper

Blend all ingredients together. Store in an airtight container. Please note this stuff is potent! Th-th-th that's all folks!

Now, what do we do with all this holiday goodness?

GINGERBREAD CREAM CHEESE

Yield: 1 1/2 cups

Total Time: 5 minutes

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup chopped pecans
1/4 cup raisins or dried cranberries

2 tablespoons crystallized ginger
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1/2 teaspoon gingerbread spice

With a hand mixer, soften cream cheese until fluffy then add remaining ingredients, mixing until incorporated. Schmear on bagels.

SHORTCUT GINGERBREAD SNICKERDOODLE COOKIES

Yield: 16 cookies

Total Time: 30 minutes

1 (16.5 ounce) tube refrigerated sugar cookie dough
1/3 cup molasses
1/4 cup flour
1/4 cup crystallized ginger, diced
2 teaspoons gingerbread spice

Mix cookie dough with molasses, flour, ginger and gingerbread spice. Roll tablespoonful-size balls of dough in cinnamon and place 2 inches apart on parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake at 350 F for 16 to 18 minutes or until set around the edges.



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**These gingerbread snickerdoodle cookies
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GINGERBREAD PALMIERS

Yield: 36 cookies

Total Time: 45 minutes

1 sheet from a (17.3) ounce package frozen puff pastry, thawed
2 gingersnap cookies, the cheap ones
1/4 cup diced butter
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
2 tablespoons crystallized ginger, diced

2 tablespoons granulated sugar +
more for topping
2 teaspoons gingerbread spice

Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Pulse gingersnap cookies, butter, cocoa powder, ginger, sugar and gingerbread spice in a food processor to make a paste. Unfold a sheet of puff pastry and spread the paste on the opened sheet. Fold the two opposite sides of the pastry in to meet in the middle, then fold into the middle again. Sprinkle generously with sugar. Slice crosswise into 1/4-inch pieces. Bake 12 to 14 minutes (pictured).

GINGERBREAD MONKEY BREAD

Yield: 12 servings

Total Time: 1 hour

1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon gingerbread spice
2 (7.5 ounce) cans refrigerated biscuits
1 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup butter

Preheat oven to 350 F degrees. Spray a 12-cup Bundt pan with cooking spray.

Mix granulated sugar and gingerbread spice in a zip-top bag. Take refrigerated biscuits, separate biscuits, and cut each into quarters. Place in bag and shake to coat. Arrange biscuits in pan. In a small bowl, melt brown sugar with butter and pour over biscuit pieces. Bake 35 to 45 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through. Cool for 10 minutes, turn upside down onto serving plate and serve warm.

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God's goal from the beginning in Eden has been to convince men to believe in his plan of redemption.

When Lucifer rebelled before our world was made, he convinced one third of the angelic host to bow down and worship him. The first rebellion in history was led by the anointed cherub that covereth, created perfect in wisdom and beauty.

The word covereth has to do with his position as archangel in charge of the worship of God. Corruption comes hardest on those anointed to teach God's single plan of redemption. The plan revolves around men being created as the replacements for those angels that Lucifer lost eternally for God during his first rebellion.

Angels cannot reproduce. There are only male angels. This should settle it in every man's heart, the exalted position of a woman in God's plan of redemption. Humans were created uniquely for the purpose of reproduction to provide God with replacement worshippers. Any perversion or false posterity is taken as rebellion away from God.

Many people in history have taken oaths of chastity. They all violate God's command to be fruitful and multiply. I frankly do not trust men or women who deny God access to children, to be raised to worship and honor him. Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old, they will not depart from it. How can men or women who have never had children of their own, attain the empathy toward children and parents alike, required to train up that child? Voluntary humility never gets anywhere in the kingdom of our God. To make one a eunuch is a perversion of God's plan.

Genesis 2:24 is the beginning of the paradigm of marriage and how God views marriage between his creation. For this reason, shall a man leave his mother and father and cleave to the bosom of his wife and the two shall become one flesh. We must confront how absolute this command is. It begins with a statement of a God with a single reason for having a man leave his mother and father. That reason is to cleave to the bosom of his wife. This statement has everything to do with human reproduction and a single purpose for it.

When we get to the book of Malachi God gives his reason for why he allows one man to marry one woman for life. And wherefore one. Because He was seeking a Godly seed. The single purpose for marriage in God's plan, is for humans to reproduce and provide God with worship leaders.

Marriage is the paradigm by which God framed his entire plan of redemption. If one can understand marriage from God's point of view and learn the ancient Hebrew wedding, you can begin to really understand why God desires personal relationship to Messiah every day, over church for one hour maybe twice a week.

Our entire salvation rests upon God preserving a bloodline from Adam to Messiah, that has been under attack. It has not stopped or been averted. Satan has perverted God's plan for humanity so badly, he must return soon to judge America, or he will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.

There is no place I have traveled where the perversion of genesis 2:24 has taken place than in America. In fact, now my government that was founded upon Judeo-Christian principles handed down from the Puritans and Jews who arrived at Plymouth Rock, openly legislates using Christian and Jewish money to mock the plans and morality of God. The Church has been silent since our government removed our children's weapons to fight spiritual warfare in wickedly high places.

After the supreme court removed prayer from public school in

1962, and the Bible in 1963, the family unit began to crumble. Leading to unadulterated sex and the assault upon the morality of God during the turbulent 1960's. Would it not be nice if Christians took to the streets to protest the immorality now being forced upon our nation? A real pushback on the immorality of this polytheistic government.

Who is looked at as leaders in our world from a Christian perspective? The Pope, cardinals, bishops, priests all have their foundations in Babylon. They begin their career as a deacon, they receive a black shirt, black pants with a white collar. Archaeology has revealed these are the vestments of the Babylonian priests under Pontifex Maximus at the time of Nimrod. The Pope is the modern cult leader and his hierarchy all wear the vestments of Babylonian priests.

They are not the only ones. Martin Luther failed to get rid of the Nicaolaitan cult leaders disguised as men of God. The reformation failed to return us to our Jewish roots, and today Babylonian priests lead unsuspecting believers in rituals begun by Nimrod and Semiramis.

There is one mediator between God and man, the Lord Jesus Christ. God does not enjoy any kind of church hierarchy that begins with a voluntary humility toward reproduction, and God's desire is to have children raised that love his Messiah and coming King.

The bloodline of Messiah has been under attack and Lucifer's time is short. He has planned this all-out assault on God's people and their morality for a long time. Today, homosexuality, transgenderism, divorce on demand, eunuch priests over God's people, and all kinds of alternate moralities are being forced on our society and our children which begins when we release them to teachers who do not share our belief systems.

The Bible ends with a warning to those who would add to or take away from any word contained in scripture. They would suffer the plagues contained within. Romans 1 plainly states what happens when an empire turns its back on him as lone creator, he turns us over to a reprobate mind, leading to all kinds of abominable practices focusing on human reproduction and human sexuality.

The end result is that a nation is abandoned by God, and despotic leaders become their curse. Name your poison, I have not seen a leader try to return us to Godly morality. Donald Trump began to fulfill prophecy. Those opposed to Godly morality have united to stop God's plan of returning Trump to the White House, and eventually placing Jesus Christ on the throne of King David in Jerusalem forever.

No one on this phony January 6th committee is committed to God's plan of redemption, they all have too much blood on their hands.

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 7-21-2022

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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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Truck Driving, Adjunct Instructor

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology Oneida/Huntsville is accepting applications for a Truck Driving Adjunct Instructor. Position will be scheduled up to 29 hours per week, Monday-Friday, and will be located at the Oneida campus at 180 Eli Lane, Oneida, Tennessee.

Minimum Qualifications

- High School Diploma; Associate Degree from a regionally accredited institution preferred.
- Valid Commercial Driver's License.
- Five (5) years of experience as an over-the road driver with exemplary driving record.

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- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to develop theoretical and practical instructional activities to prepare students for Commercial Driver License exam.
- Ability to establish and maintain positive working relationships with students, staff, business and industry personnel.

Job Duties

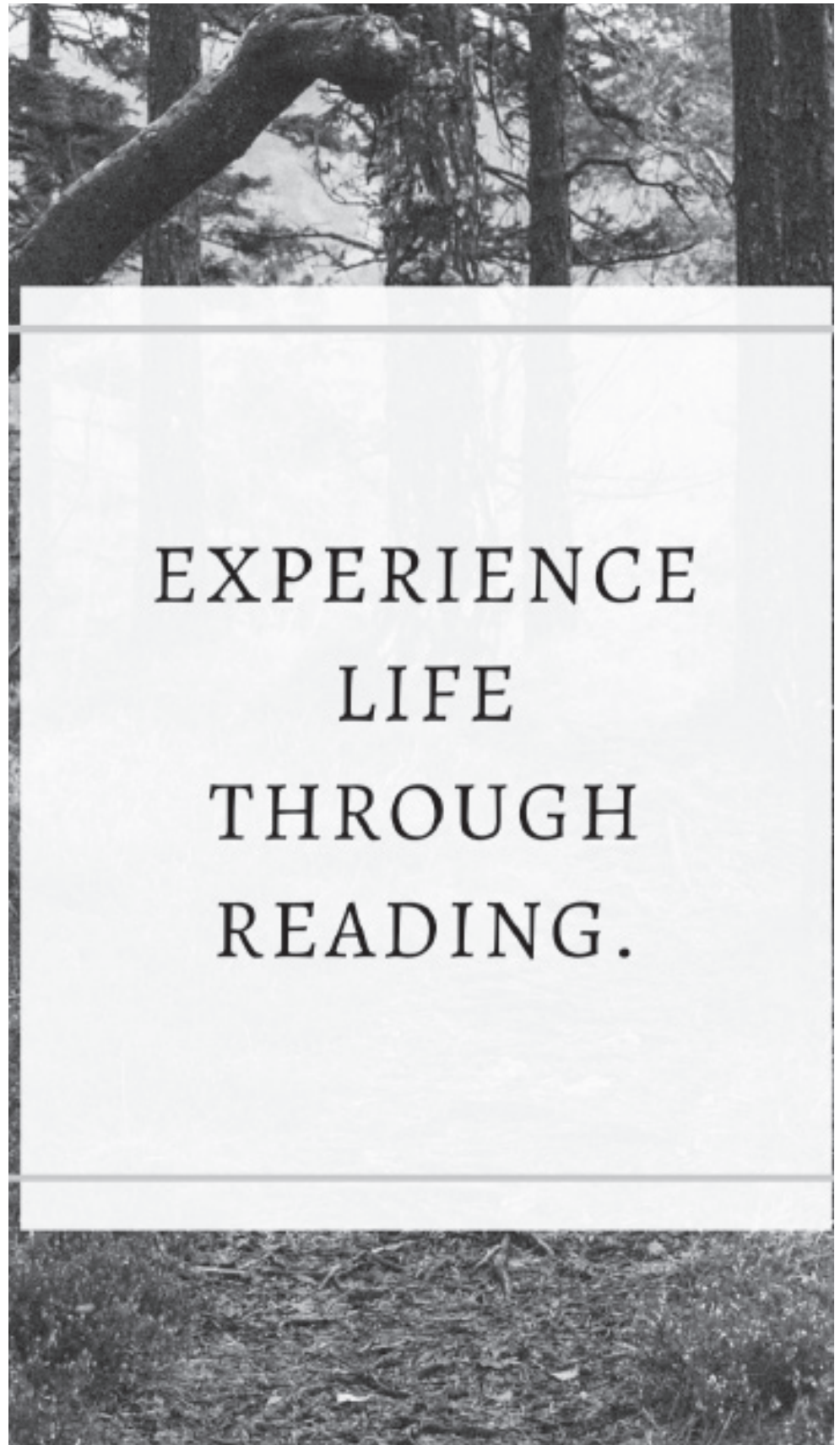
- Instruct students in all phases of the program through lecture, demonstrations, and/or audio-visual aids. Teaching will include the use of simulators and over the road tractor and trailer.
- Prepare and/or revise syllabi of courses of study with detailed lesson plans.
- Administer assessments to evaluate student progress.
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- Attend workshops and/or other training programs to remain current in the Truck Driving industry. Overnight travel may be required.
- Conduct and/or attend school events and/or meetings, with business and industry to develop partnerships and collaborate with partners regarding program initiatives and training methodologies.
- Ensure compliance with all TBR, Council on Occupational Education, institutional, state and federal requirements.

Salary: Commensurate with Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology salary guidelines

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The City of Wartburg is not accepting sealed bids on the following:
2003 GMC C7500
Bids will be accepted at City Hall until Wednesday December 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. The bids will be open at 3:30 p.m. and a decision will be made by Council to accept or reject the bids. The City of Wartburg reserves the right to accept or reject all received bids.



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You can contact our office at one of the following numbers listed below:

Wartburg Office: 423-346-3699

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Open Position: Petros Library Director

Begins Jan 2, 2023

- You know you are a small-town librarian...
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- ... if you know the mom, dad, grannie, grandpa, and 1st cousins of the child who is checking out a book from your library.
- ... if a small dog wanders into the library and you know which owner to call.

While these examples make us chuckle, they also highlight a simple truth.

Being a small-town librarian is, indeed, a singular calling. Yes, there is plenty of paperwork and monthly reports to fill out, and meetings to attend. There is often more work to do than one person can accomplish in a day. But the joys far outweigh the challenges. A rural librarian delights in serving the community and in finding creative solutions to problems; in making kids happy to read and surprised with their creative discoveries; in sharing with adults the one book that best fits their interest, in guiding the exasperated senior who is stymied with a computer problem. Above all, the small-town librarian is accepting of all persons and genuinely appreciates their diversity. He or she advocates for her patrons whenever possible and makes the library a welcoming center for all.

JOB DESCRIPTION/ Duties

Part-time: 22-26 hours a week

Computer knowledgeable

- Develop programs for various age groups & interests
- Able to prepare and present reports as needed
- Attend meetings, trainings, and workshops as assigned.
- Be creative and innovative with ideas
- Financially responsible in ordering
- Excellent communication and relationship skills

Send resume to: Petros Public Library, PO Box 147, Petros, TN 37845



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Chris Wry of Lansing, Tennessee is a United States Army veteran. Chris was raised in Knoxville, Tennessee but decided to buy his aunt and uncle's home to move to Morgan County six years ago.

Chris comes from a family that has a long line of military veterans. One of his grandfathers served in the United States Air Force in WWII. Another one of his grandfathers also served in the United States Air Force but as a mechanic for the well-known Blue Angels. He also had multiple uncles that served in the United States Army.

Chris decided to enlist into the United States Army to do his part in securing American freedom after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Chris's military career began in 2003. He completed both Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Upon graduating from Advanced Individual Training, he earned the title and responsibilities of a qualified 19K – M1A1 Abrams Tank Crewmember.



After graduation he was assigned to the 1ST Cavalry Division and on his way to Operation Iraqi Freedom to fight in the Global War against Terrorism. Once Chris arrived in Iraq his unit was stationed at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Cuervo, located six miles southeast of Sadr City in Baghdad.

FOB Cuervo was named in honor of Private First Class Cuervo who was killed while deployed with the 2nd Armored Calvary during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Chris was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 2006 at the rank of E-4, Specialist.

He is now an active member of American Legion Post 149 in Wartburg.

Christ we at Morgan County Today, thank you for your military service and for continuing to serve fellow veterans and our great community as an American Legionnaire of Post 149.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Sergeant Frank Gualdino of the Yonkers Police Department, New York was killed in a vehicle crash on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

Sergeant Gualdino was driving westbound when an oncoming vehicle lost control and collided with his unmarked vehicle and a transit bus.

Sergeant Gualdino was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The bus driver and passengers were treated for minor



injuries.

The sixteen-year-old unlicensed driver who caused the crash was transported to a hospital in critical condition.

Sergeant Gualdino had served with the Yonkers Police Department for twenty-four-years and was due to retire in August 2023. He was fifty-three-years-old and is survived by his wife, daughter, and son.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Were You Stationed at Fort Ord?

I remember Fort Ord as a beautiful place to live, with perfect weather and the ocean right over the sand dunes. It was idyllic.

But now over a thousand veterans have developed cancer after having served at Fort Ord. The likely culprit: chemicals in the drinking water, 40 of them, with trichloroethylene, or TCE, being most notable for causing different types of cancer. And once again, leaking tanks allowed chemicals to leach into the water supply.

It wasn't until an anonymous call in 1984 that the EPA and other agencies learned about illegal dumping of drums of chemicals that were leaking into the soil. It was two years before the Army decided to clean it up. But there was concern in 1985 about the level of chemicals, and studies were done. The conclusion of many of the tests: Chemicals exceeded safe limits. An order went out that those doing cleanup were not to tell the community, the press or other government agencies.

The EPA labeled Fort Ord as a Super Fund site in 1990

because of leaking underground petroleum tanks, a landfill, a motor pool, a target range, a burn pit for drums of chemicals and other culprits.

The base closed in 1994, but the housing was still used until 1997.

Ring any bells? Think back to Camp Lejeune and all the years it took to get the illnesses listed as presumptive after exposure to all the chemicals. And at this writing, Lejeune is the only base where the Department of Veterans Affairs assumes that service there caused so many of the health problems ... not only in veterans but their spouses and children.

Veterans who have become ill after serving at Fort Ord have gone to the VA for care and have been told there's no service connection between their illnesses and Fort Ord.

To read more about Fort Ord, see www.fortordcleanup.com and click on "Cleanup Programs." To see what was known when, click on "Documents." Or call them at 800-852-9699.

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