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In Loving Memory

Sue Anne Bradley Liles, 90

Sueanne Bradley Liles, age 90, departed her earthly home on January 9, 2023. She joined her beloved husband of almost 65 years, Edward Ralph Liles in her heavenly home following a prolonged illness. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her devoted daughters.



In her later years, she remained active in support of Petros senior citizens. She was actively engaged in raising funds for the new facility. She also was a regular volunteer at the Rock Mission – her brownies were always in demand! Sueanne enjoyed a unique opportunity playing an extra along with other members of the Petros community in the movie October Sky.

Sueanne is survived by her daughters Sherry Liles of Petros TN and Theresa Liles Hall (Marvin) of Signal Mountain, TN. Never were grandchildren more cherished and loved than Jonathan Hall (Hannah) of Ooltewah, TN, David Andrew Hall (Emily) of Liberty Hill, TX, Matthew Hall of Signal Mountain and great grandson Skyler Hall of Ooltewah, TN.

Sueanne was a faithful and dedicated member of Petros Baptist Church. She sang in the choir, taught in Sunday school, and served in numerous other ways as needed for more than 60 years. She constantly sought opportunities to comfort, support, and minister to others.

Sueanne is also survived by her brothers J.W. Bradley of Wartburg, TN, Leon Bradley (Karen) of Clinton, TN, and Bobby Bradley (Zona) of Tazewell, TN. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Judy Layne of Joyner, TN, and Carolyn Liles of Petros, brother-in-law Bobby Weiford of Petros as well as many nieces and nephews and a multitude of extended family members and friends.

With a ready smile, encouraging words, and unwavering generous spirit, Sueanne will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

She was preceded in death by parents Judson and Irene Bradley and sister Jackie Hart (Howard).

The family will receive friends Monday, January 16, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Jim West officiating. Interment will follow in the Petros Cemetery in Petros.

Ms. Sueanne loved children. Not surprisingly, she found many opportunities to give of herself to local youth. As a school bus driver, substitute teacher, kindergarten aide at Petros-Joyner Elementary, and faithful Kool-Aid kid for Vacation Bible School, she touched an entire generation.

The family would like to thank the staff at Quality Private Duty Care for their kind, attentive care over the past several years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Petros Baptist Church at P.O. Box 310, Petros, TN, 37845.

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

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.

January 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Morgan County Schools Central Office. The January meeting will focus on the 2023 Action Plan and ways the collaborative can work to benefit Morgan County Families. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society Meets the second Tuesday of every month Senior Citizens Building at 6:00pm

Oakdale Public Library welcomes patrons. The current library hours are:

Monday 1:00 – 3:00

Tuesday 4:30 – 7:00

Wednesday 9:00 – 12:30

Thursday 9:00 -1:00.

Morgan County Republican Party meets the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at the American Legion in Wartburg

Scheduled activities include Afterschool Activities on Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30, Craft time on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30, BINGO for adults on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30, Preschool Story Time on the 1st and 3rd Thursday 10:00 – 11:00 and Family Story Time on the 2nd and 4th Thursday 10:00 – 11:00.

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.

Together Morgan County will meet Friday, Jan-

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The Twitter Files Part 1



Michael Nance *Columnist* Musk would be hailed as a hero of free speech, or a thorn in the side of the democratic party. Musk, a technology genius who owns the electric car giant Tesla, you would think he would be invited to the Whitehouse for a State Dinner. But Mr. Musk is a complicated man and has proven that he follows his beliefs above everything else and lets the chips fall where they may. Not only has he not been invited to the Whitehouse for a State Dinner, but last year, President Biden, in an apparent snub at Musk, did not invite the top-selling electric vehicle maker Tesla to the e-vehicle expo at the Whitehouse.

On April 14, 2022, Mr. Musk began buying the tech giant Twitter, and he concluded the purchase by October 27, 2022. It was at that time; fate change the dynamics of fortune and Musk was setting on a mountain of data that according to many reports proves less than admirable behavior on the part of the Biden family and the Biden Administration.

Mr. Musk chose to make the public aware of the information which infers censorship that has occurred at Twitter, even before the 2020 Presidential election.

On October 14, 2020, the New York Post published a story entitled "Biden Secret Emails", which was a damning story based on an abandoned laptop of Hunter Biden. An email from that laptop revealed a meeting between then-Vice President Joe Biden and a top executive at a Ukrainian energy firm in 2015. Hunter served on the board of Directors of the Ukrainian energy firm for a reported salary of \$50,000 a month. Later, Joe Biden urged officials

in Ukraine to fire a Ukrainian prosecutor investigating that energy firm and they did. This is what many allege is corrupt business dealings on the part of the Biden family. That is up to the reader to decide.

It is interesting that a later Senate investigation was conducted on the matter that cleared the Bidens of wrongdoing and concluded that Joe Biden did in fact hold 1 billion dollars of aid over the head of Ukrainian officials and insisted that they fire the aforemen-

tioned prosecutor. But the investigation insisted it was because the prosecutor was soft on domestic corruption, not because of any wrongdoing of Hunter Biden.

concerning his "relationships with other countries." In the author's opinion, this move by Biden will do nothing but expand his critics as many are concerned that his administration has weaponized the federal government against his opponents. Reportedly, a Saudi Prince has a 4% stake in Twitter, which is the stated source of Biden's concerns. That seems rather juvenile when compared to his son Hunter's foreign business connections. But that's politics.

member of the Vaccine Safety Subgroup of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

He was asked the following question over Twitter: "Dr. Kulldorff, do you think younger age groups and/or ppl who already had the virus need to be vaccinated? I am not an antivaxxer, but I am "vaccine hesitant" about this one. It seems to be a religious mantra now that everyone MUST be vaccinated."

He replied tweeting the following:

"No. Thinking that everyone must be vaccinated is as scientifically flawed as thinking that nobody should. COVID vaccines are important for older high-risk people and their caretakers. Those with prior natural infection do not need it. Nor Children."

After his Tweet an internal memo went out at Twitter that Dr. Kulldorff (Professor of Harvard Medical School) violated Covid-19

misinformation policy and shared false information and was banned.

It is obvious that Twitter was not functioning as an unbiased platform of information prior to Musk's ownership. Why this was occurring can be debated, but not the fact that it was left leaning and restricting real debate.

I applaud Elon Musk for bringing to the surface censorship now or in the future now matter which political party tries to dupe the American voter. I also agree with his quoted statement: "This is a battle for the future of civilization. If free speech is lost even in America, tyranny is all that lies ahead."



When the New York Post story on Hunter Biden's laptop first broke, Twitter took almost unbelievable steps to suppress the story. They removed links, posting warnings that it may be "unsafe," even blocking its transmission by direct message, a tool normally used for extreme cases such as child pornography.

That censorship appears extremely biased when you consider that according to Federal Election Commission data a whopping 99 percent of online political contributions made by Twitter employees in 2021 went to Democrats.

Coincidentally, in November of 2022, President Biden called for a federal investigation of Elon Musk

Twitter employees have forwarded explanations to the censorship of Hunter Biden's laptop that indicated "hacked data" policies, confusion etc. and if this was the only example, their reasoning might be believable. But this is not the only example of censorship at Twitter, oh yes, there is much more.

Several well-credentialed Doctor's Tweets that did not Support Dr. Anthony Fauci's Covid-19 position were blocked. Fauci has also been a target of Elon Musk on several tweets, and it is clear there is more information to come on the subject of Fauci.

The tweet that caught my attention was by Martin Kulldorff. He is a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and a former member of the US Food and Drug Administration's Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee and a former

Karen's KITCHEN



Karen's Scratch Made Detroit Style Pizza

Ingredients:

1 package (0.25 ounces) of Fleischmann's Original Active Dry Yeast
 1 tsp. sugar
 1 cup of warm water (temperature must be between 100-110 Fahrenheit)
 2 ½ cups all purpose flour
 1 ½ tsp. salt
 5 tbsp. olive oil divided
 5 ounces pepperoni slices
 5 ounces of hot Italian sausage
 16 ounces of mozzarella cheese- (Tillamook Low Moisture cheese used for this recipe)
 3 ounces of sliced black olives
 3 ounces of sliced mushrooms
 18 ounces of marinara sauce- (Rao's Homemade Marinara used for this recipe)
 Recipe makes eight slices of deep-dish pizza (adult portions)

Step One:

Using a stand mixer bowl, place 1 cup of warm water, 1 tsp. sugar, and 1 package of yeast in the bowl. Allow to sit for 2 ½ to 5 ½ minutes until small bubbles form. (You will know as the small bubbles form quickly and form a sheen across the top of the water quickly)

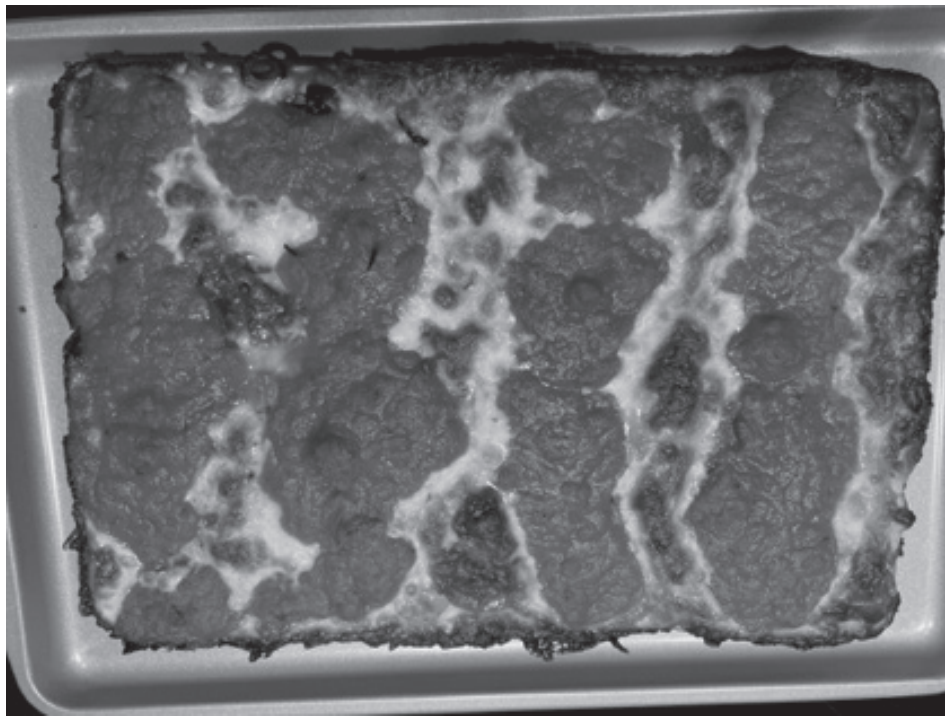
Step Two:

Add flour and 1 tablespoon of olive oil to the yeast mix-

ture. Using stand mixer and dough hook, stir on low for 2-3 minutes or until flour is incorporated. After flour is incorporated increase speed to medium and mix for 3-4 minutes.

Step Three:

Using 2 tablespoons of olive oil coat a bowl and transfer dough to bowl and cover and let rest at room temperature for 70-90 minutes.



Step Four:

Sauté sausage in frying pan until brown, drain grease and set aside in bowl.

Step Five:

Preheat oven to 500 degrees Fahrenheit.

Step Six:

Coat a 9 by 13-inch-deep dish pan with 2 tablespoons of olive oil, add dough, knead dough, and cover pan. Edges of dough should extend ½ inch upwards from the

bottom of the pan. Cover pan and let rest for 20 minutes. Uncover pan and if shrinkage has occurred, knead dough again and cover for additional 10 minutes. Repeat process until no shrinkage is noticeable.

Step Seven:

Begin with adding 12 ounces of mozzarella cheese to dough, cover entire surface of dough and ensure that at least ¼ inch of cheese extends above crust onto baking pan. Spread entire 5 ounces of Sausage, 5 ounces of pepperoni, 3 ounces of black olives and 3 ounces of mushrooms across surface area of pizza. Finish adding remaining 4 ounces of cheese of cheese across the pizza surface area.

Step Eight:

Spread four even lines (approximately 2 inches wide) from side to side of marinara sauce (even distribution) until entire 18 ounces of sauce is used.

Step Nine:

Place Pizza in 500-degree oven for 12-15 minutes until edges are a golden brown and cheese is turning a dark brown.

Step Ten:

Slide pizza carefully out of oven and quickly run a thin (preferably metal) spatula around the edges and cut to serve.

Note: Be careful many non-stick pans are only rated to 450 degrees Fahrenheit, make sure the pan used is rated for 500 degrees. A non-stick pan is not required because of the olive oil being used to be coat the pan.

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The Cool Cats of MoCo

MoCo is always full of surprises but, one thing that might surprise you is our local big cat reservation or Tiger Haven. Tiger Haven is located outside Lenoir City and hosts 248 felines of all sizes. Owned and operated by Tyler Ellis with the help of many employees and his stepson Noah Shannon. With an interview with Noah, we could get a closer look into this great organization and what it is like to take care of these wild cats.

Tell us a little about what Tiger Haven is, and what their goals are?

- “As a non-profit organization Tiger Haven’s goal is to rescue sick and endangered cats from all around the U.S. We rescue various species of cats all the way from tigers to leopards. Too often though we are called to circuses and uncaring homes to rescue and nourish these felines. Along with the government and TWRA, we are able to provide a safe haven for these cats.”

How did you and your family get into this unique business?

- “Well my stepfather used to work at the facility as construction. The previous owner Mary Lyn Haven was very sick at the time, and she and my stepfather were close. So she handed the business over before she was to die but wound up recovering.”

What is your secret to maintaining such a large facility?

-”Keeping a neat schedule with clear expectations plus having everything in order. With a lot of ground to cover we navigate around the facility on trucks and various other vehicles. These are necessary to carry food to the hundreds of cats. We also use these vehicles for repair and maintenance. It is important we make sure the cats get what they need.”

Do you have a favorite cat or species above all others?

-“My favorite breed has to be the liger, a super unique species and they’re really cool and interesting to take care of.

Number two would have to be good old tigers. It amazes me how they all have the same orange and black stripes yet, each one has its own design. Each species is different and unique in their own way.”

What can the people of MoCo do to help your cause?

-“You can go to tigerhaven.org and donate, learn, and “adopt” a big cat in which we will give you updates on your new feline friend.”

I wanna thank Mr. Shannon for the wonderful interview and advise anyone wanting to learn more visit www.tigerhaven.org and support there cause.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Joshua (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 3, who asked "How can a man be born who is old?" Stephen, Nicodemus, Paul, Thomas
3. What notoriously wicked woman married King Ahab? Candace, Shiprah, Adah, Jezebel
4. From Esther 5, who was the wife of Haman of Persia? Naaman, Zeresh, Not named, Delilah
5. Where were Adam and Eve married? Heaven, Haran, Midian, Eden
6. Who wrote the most of the Psalms? Solomon, Moses, David, Micah

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nicodemus, 3) Jezebel, 4) Zeresh, 5) Eden, 6) David

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Emotional Support Animals Are a Lifelong Responsibility

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I am wondering how I can get an emotional support animal. I noticed a woman in the local pharmacy today whose dog wore a harness with "ESA" printed on it. Is there an organization that supplies these animals to people who need them?
— Curious in Daytona Beach

DEAR CURIOUS: You'll find many websites offering ESA certifications or advice on getting an ESA prescription from your doctor. But there is no single organization for ESAs, and there is not one group I know of that supplies them on request (certainly, none that I would recommend).

At this time, the way to "get" an emotional support animal is to adopt or purchase a pet. You are solely responsible for the care and training of this animal — dog, cat, rabbit or bird. It's part of your family. From there, you can designate your pet as an ESA by doing the following:

Ask your doctor or mental health professional for a letter stating that the presence of your pet is needed for your emotional health.

That's it. That's all that is needed to designate a pet as an ESA.

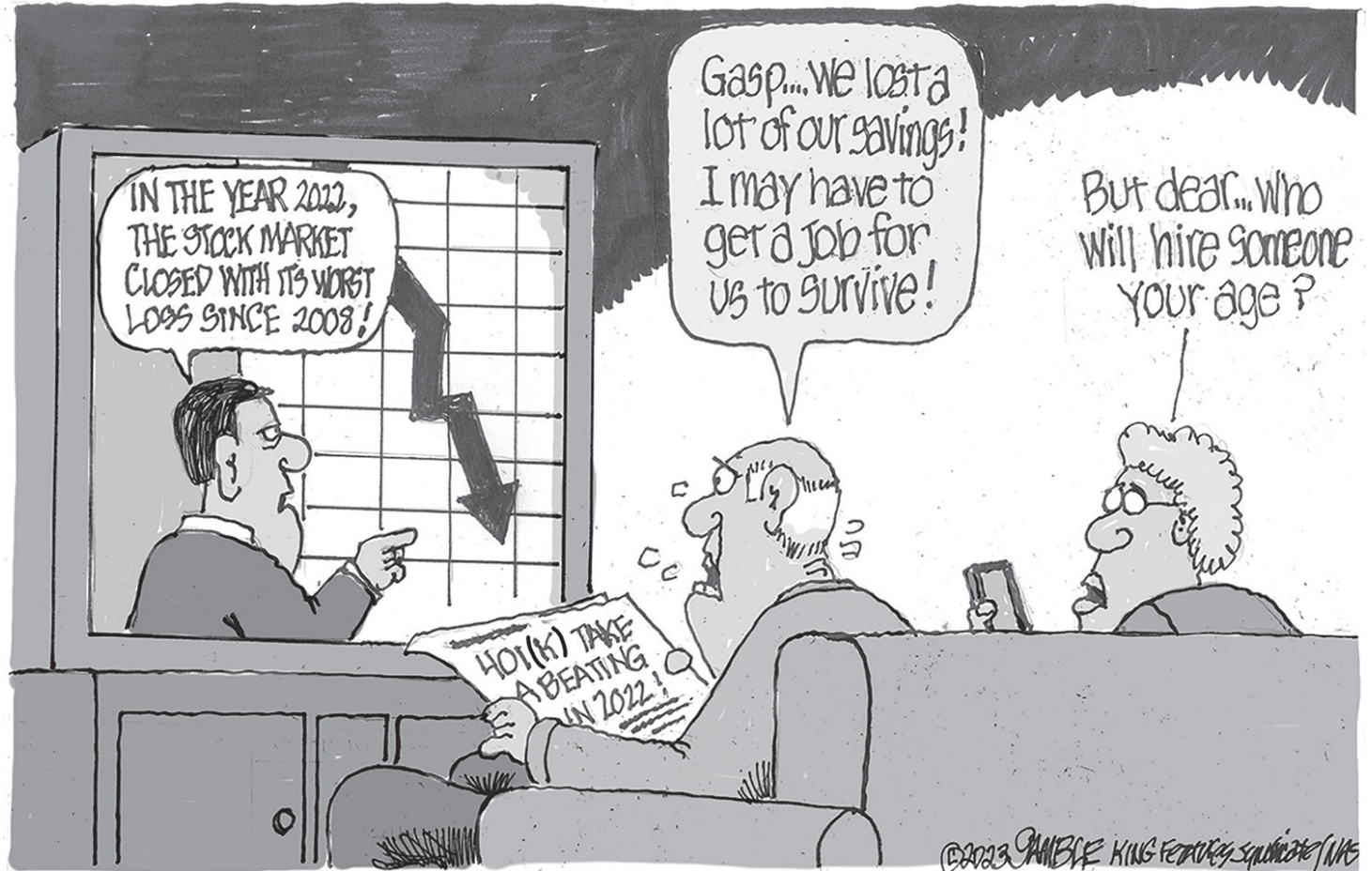
Now, keep in mind that an emotional support animal does not qualify for the same considerations as a service animal. While many stores allow ESAs on the premises (leashed and well-behaved), other businesses do not. Airlines will not accommodate them, for example.

The advantage of an ESA designation/prescription is in housing. Properties must waive pet restrictions and fees for owners of emotional support animals, under the Fair Housing Act.

The American Kennel Club has a more detailed article explaining the difference between ESAs and service animals here: www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/everything-about-emotional-support-animals.

Do you have an emotional support animal? Tell us about your experience at ask@pawscorner.com.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* Make ice cubes out of punch when you are entertaining. I like to make different combinations, which can be adapted for adult and child parties. One that I like very much is to make ice cubes from red fruit punch and then float them in lemonade. As the cubes melt, the mixture turns pinky-orange. -- I.F. in Missouri

* Bring egg whites to room temperature before whipping. You will get better volume, and they will be more stable.

* Ever make a delicious dinner that involves some stinky ingredients? This happens when I make broccoli cauliflower casserole, or pork and sauerkraut. No worries; you don't have to smell that smell all day. Just simmer a pan of vinegar on the stove while making foods that are odorous. The vinegar smell goes away quickly, taking with it any other odors. All that's left is the smell of yummy. -- M.N. in South Carolina

* Wash bath towels in cold water. It preserves color and still cleans them well. Add a clean, dry bath towel to smaller dryer loads to speed up drying time.

* Turn down the maximum temperature on your family's water heater. You will do two things: One is to avoid accidental scalding, which is especially important if you have young children or seniors in your house. The other is to lower your electric bill, because the water heater will not have to work as hard to keep that big tank of water so hot. -- T.D. in New Mexico

* Keep a few bandanas handy in cold weather. They can be used as a mouth/face cover to keep your nose from freezing. They are easy to store in a pocket, and easy to put on and remove.

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

* Research has shown that girls and women who watched the TV series "The X-Files" were more likely to believe in the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and to encourage their own daughters and granddaughters to pursue careers in those fields -- something called "The Scully Effect" after the series' female main character, Dana Scully.

* Pentheraphobia is the fear of your mother-in-law. There, folks, you now have an official name for it.

* In 2006, actor William Shatner, beloved by "Star Trek" fans as Captain James Tiberius Kirk, sold his kidney stone, complete with stent and string, to a casino for \$25,000. While Shatner retained "visitation

rights," the complete proceeds were donated to Habitat for Humanity.

* Whack, zoom, out of the way! A table tennis ball can travel off the paddle at a speed of 105.6 mph.

* All of the world's pandas are technically owned by China. The country leases them to zoos in an act called panda diplomacy.

* Ever dreamed of being a swash-buckling buccaneer? Try attending MIT, where after completing courses in pistol shooting, fencing, archery and sailing, undergraduates can earn a bona fide Pirate Certificate. (Note: For entertainment purposes only!)

* On Dec. 19, 1881, Sir William Payne Gallwey, a retired conservative member of the British Parliament, died while out shooting on

his estate, Thirkleby Park -- but not from a gunshot. Instead, Gallwey suffered a fall and landed on a turnip, sustaining serious internal injuries to which he succumbed a few days later.

* Bananas get their curves by turning skyward as they grow, to absorb sunlight.

Thought for the Day: "Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul." -- Samuel Ullman

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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ACROSS

- 1 Energy
- 4 Amtrak express
- 9 Sushi fish
- 12 Praise in verse
- 13 VIP on Air Force One
- 14 Tennis feat
- 15 Museum piece
- 17 Train lines (Abbr.)
- 18 Sprite
- 19 Holler
- 21 Word game with dice
- 24 Horseshoe site
- 25 Brit. record label
- 26 Not 'neath
- 28 Bolivian city
- 31 Wilson's predecessor
- 33 Observe
- 35 Castle
- 36 Caper
- 38 Music booster
- 40 GPS suggestion
- 41 Skip
- 43 Telethon array
- 45 Soft and weak
- 47 Kanga's kid
- 48 Use a shovel
- 49 Land in the Irish Sea

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- 55 Beethoven's "Fuer -- "
- 56 Kimono sash
- 57 Unruly group
- 58 Impudent
- 59 Tex- -- cuisine
- 7 "The Addams Family" butler
- 8 Houston team
- 9 Picnic veggie
- 10 Beige
- 11 For fear that
- 16 Small barrel
- 20 Thy
- 21 Alpha follower
- 22 Muscat's land
- 23 Eloquent person's talent
- 27 Actor Stephen
- 29 Memory method
- 30 Stretches (out)
- 32 Marathoner's stat
- 34 Catherine, notably
- 37 Municipalities
- 39 "Nuts!"
- 42 Inventor
- 44 Gut-punch reaction
- 45 Wax-coated cheese
- 46 Rover's pal
- 50 Fleur-de- --
- 51 Oft-tattooed word
- 52 Jurist Fortas
- 53 Kibosh

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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- LEL
- ♥ TROPUS
- ♥ ERTIM
- APCM
- EARLOC
- ASE
- ♥ EL SO
- ♥ LARPE
- ♥ PTO
- SIMCAT
- REMLO
- ♥ ALER

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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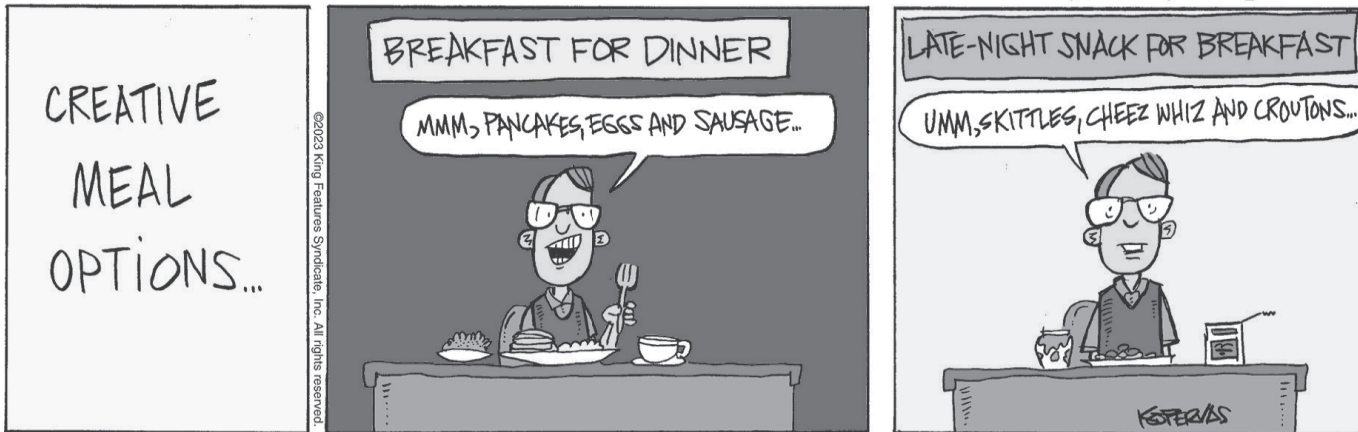
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by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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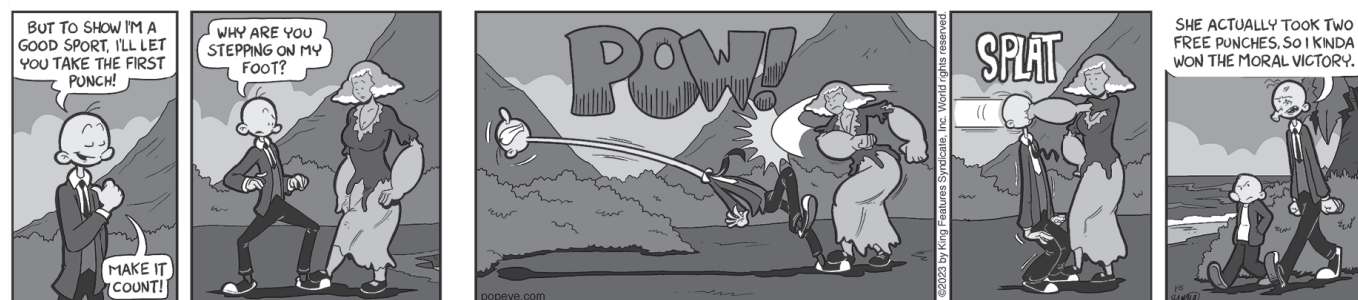
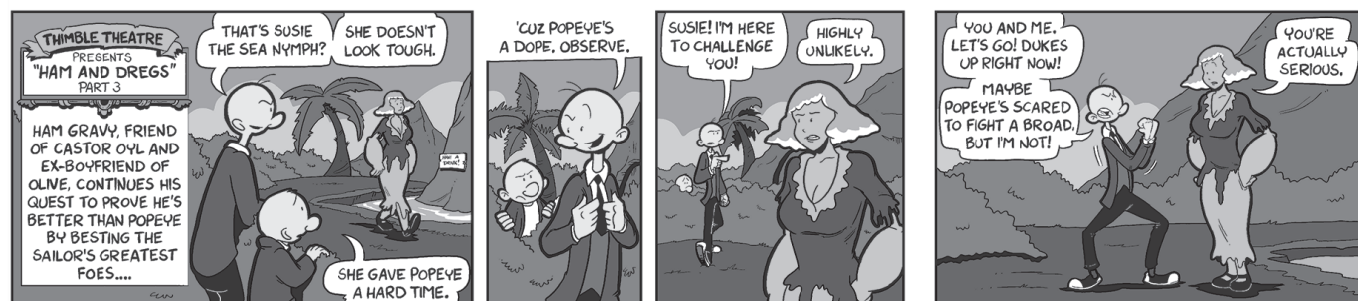
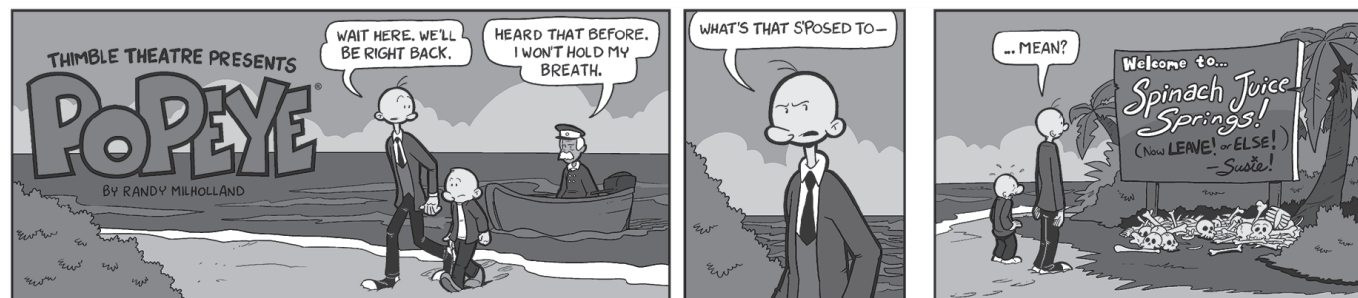
by Mike Marland



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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Jan. 30, 1661, Oliver Cromwell was ritually executed. That is, his corpse was. The former Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England was posthumously convicted of high treason and his remains hanged and beheaded, two years after his actual demise.

* On Feb. 4, 1789, George Washington was unanimously elected as the first president of the United States. His campaign cost nothing, as he did no public campaigning, since he didn't really want to take office. He was also the only U.S. president to be inaugurated in two cities (New York and Philadelphia).

* On Feb. 5, 1931, Maxine Dunlap became the first woman to be issued a glider pilot license. Two years earlier, her 50-second, 980-foot flight beat the previous record of 17 seconds that had been established by Amelia Earhart.

* On Feb. 2, 1937, it was reported that the White House roof was leaking, a matter of special concern since additional rain and snow was expected. The matter of repairs was complicated by the fact that Congress was still engaged in a debate over whether to spend the necessary \$400 to effect them.

* On Feb. 1, 1953, winds from some of the strongest storms on record battered the east coast of Britain from Yorkshire to Kent, resulting in up to 150 fatalities, while thousands were forced to abandon their homes due to flooding. Passengers on the Princess Victoria ferry, from Scotland to Ireland, were also forced to flee the ship in the Irish Sea due to high waves.

* On Jan. 31, 2000, family practitioner Dr. Harold Shipman, who apparently never read or didn't believe in the Hippocratic Oath, was jailed for life for murdering 15 of his patients. He was also suspected of killing more than 100 others, but did not confess to them. Shipman remains Britain's most prolific convicted serial killer.

* On Feb. 3, 2009, Harry Potter creator J.K. Rowling was made a knight of the Legion of Honour, France's highest civilian award. Rowling's great-grandfather was French, and she was given the honorary title by President Nicolas Sarkozy at a ceremony in Paris, where she apologized for giving Potter's arch-nemesis a French name, as well as the quality of her French accent.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Not All Conspiracy Theories Are Equal

The same people who pride themselves on rigorously insisting on the facts -- ideally, explained in the dulcet tones of an NPR anchor -- are happy to embrace conspiracy theories supportive of their own worldview.

This is why the idea that Russian disinformation on social media influenced or even decided the 2016 election has gained such purchase, even though a new study finds, unsurprisingly, no evidence for it.

The overwhelming focus on the Russian influence operation in the wake of 2016 was classic conspiratorial thinking -- an unusual or unwelcome event, namely Trump's shocking victory, was attributed to the machinations of a small, shadowy group of malefactors.

This fevered notion fueled Democratic 2016 election denialism; catalyzed a federal investigation into Trump that was senseless and disruptive; created a cottage industry of supposed disinformation experts; pushed social media companies into exercising rank political censorship in the name of fact-based content moderation; led to the suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop story; and distorted the work of the FBI, which made itself an adjunct of the progressive crusade against such supposedly pervasive and incredibly consequential disinformation.

The effects of all of this are still with us today. The panic over disinformation is the backdrop to many of the "Twitter Files" releases, which will be followed up with hearings by House Republicans.

It always seemed unlikely that a challenge beyond the grasp of American politicians with endless resources and extensive knowledge of our political system -- namely, swaying an election based on some random, not-very-good social media posts -- would be easily within reach of clueless Russians wielding a bunch of bots.

The new report published by Nature Communications (affiliated with the famous journal Nature) is the product of a yearslong research project led by New York University's Center for Social Media and Politics. For technical reasons, the study focuses on Twitter, although surely its findings are more generally applicable.

It found that even though the scale of the Russian efforts sounds vast (an estimated 32 million Twitter users exposed to Russia-sponsored posts -- egads!), its reach and measurable effect were negligible.

The report relied on a detailed survey of a subset of Twitter users, finding 1% of people on Twitter accounted for 70% of exposure to Russian tweets, and 10% for 98% of exposure.

In other words, this was not a widespread phenomenon. Indeed, the median exposure to Russian accounts the last month of the election was zero because overall exposure was so tiny.

As one might expect, the Russian accounts were "overshadowed -- by at least an order of magnitude -- by content from ordinary domestic political news media and U.S. political candidates."

Was the Russian disinformation carefully targeted for political effect? No. It turns out that the Internet Research Agency, the outfit in charge of the bots, didn't know how to target American swing voters (maybe they are better at this when trying to influence by-elections in Vladivostok).

The Russian accounts were disproportionately seen by strong Republicans. These weren't people sitting on the fence, who then saw some crude anti-Hillary meme on social media and thought, "That clinches it -- now I can't vote for the Democrat I've disdained literally for decades."

The study found, naturally, "The relationship between the number of posts from Russian foreign influence accounts that users are exposed to and voting for Donald Trump is near zero." Nor did Russian posts influence attitudes toward the issues or drive increased polarization.

It turns out that random drivel produced by foreigners and thrown into the enormous, all-consuming maw of American social media doesn't have much effect.

If the report's findings were more politically convenient, they would be spread far and wide by traditional media outlets urging everyone to accept its conclusions as "science."

In the end, it turns out, the biggest success of the Russian operation was driving a segment of American political opinion completely mad.

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

I hear a lot of people ask the question, have we gone too far in the United States to come back? Our country has gone through so much the last twenty-five years, and both parties can take the blame. We can even go back to the 60's when prayer was taken out of the schools and 1973 when abortion was passed, this was sixty years ago when the liberals got a foothold in our society. Our culture today looks nothing like it did after World War II. Even though we fought a war in the 1950's it was a good time to grow up. People seemed to trust their government and the country was not divided like it is today. School children could still pray and have chapel programs where God and Jesus were not strangers. People, for most parts loved their country and military men were welcomed home with opened arms. In a few short years all of that changed and the 1960's were filled with all kinds of protests because of integration and the Vietnam War. Nothing divided our country like the war in Vietnam did. The racial question not only concerned integrating blacks wanted change in every facet of our society. They wanted to be able to sit anywhere on the buses; they were tired of being regulated in the back of the buses. They wanted to be served in all the eating places where whites were only welcome. In short, they wanted the same freedoms that whites had and they wanted them immediately. Our streets were filled with hate in the large cities. Los Angeles, Chicago, and other cities lost block after block to fire. In short, we were living in a different world than we lived in the 1950's.

This is where our country started going down. We had brief periods like in the 80's when things seemed to get better but the 90's is when things looked good for the liberals. On September 11, 2001 when Islamic terrorist crashed planes into the Trade Center in New York we found out no one was safe from these evil people; not even in the United States. Since then, we've had both democrat and republican presidents and just look what we have now. Things don't look good.

Some say that we need another president that will build our military like Trump did then we would be alright, but I say that would help for a short time. Biden has been in office for two years and look how far he has taken us down.

I will tell you what would save

Can We Save America

America. America has strayed so far from God and I can't see how He can keep blessing America. Sin is rapid in this country. Where we used to be a God-fearing nation. We are now shaking our fist in the face of the one that could save us. We cannot keep killing babies and expect God to turn his back. We have a loving savior but he hates sin and we have a lot of it in this country.

We have a lot of false prophets who are leading people astray. They might think they are on their way to heaven, but they need to read the Bible more and ask Jesus to help them understand it. In the Old Testament we find that God warned Israel many times. He told them to fol-

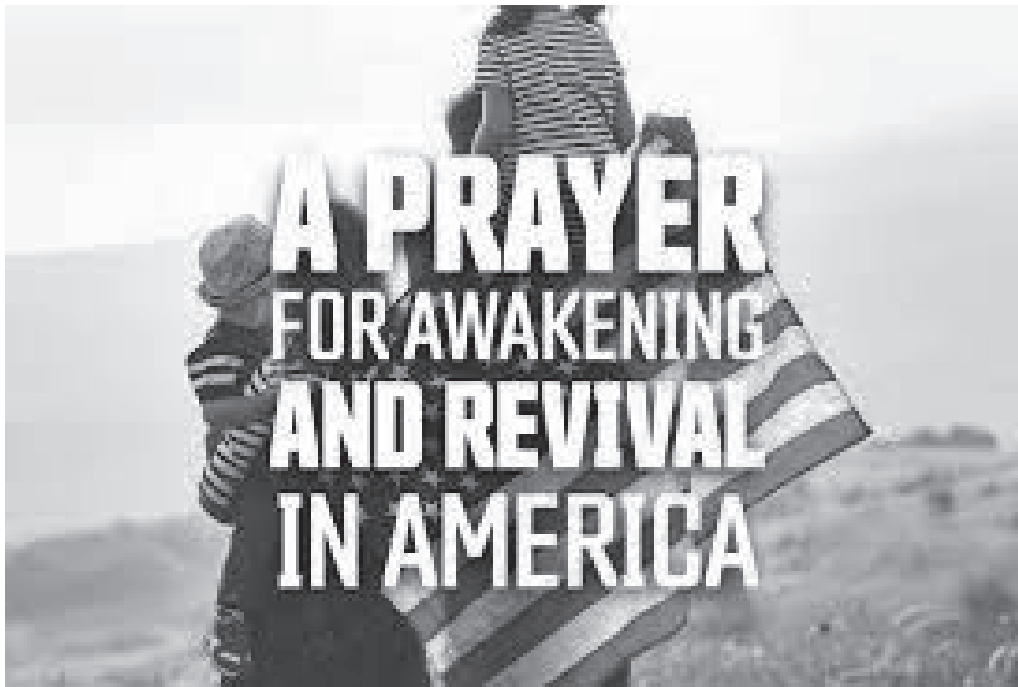
low him and he would bless them, but he warned them if they turned on me they would be punished.

Some of our cities like San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Chicago, and St. Louis are just like Sodom and Gomorrah were in biblical times. I know surely there are a few Christians in all these cities, but I would say they are few and far between. Even in our rural communities many churches are almost empty or less than half full. People are out their doing anything they want to do.

Crime is out of control and criminals are turned loose on our streets to commit more crimes. Our borders are wide open and we have no idea how many criminals are coming across them every day. We do not vet these migrants or illegal immigrants and we do not know if they have Corona Virus or other diseases when they get here then we are responsible for taking care of them. We house them, feed them, educate them, and provide health care for them. When they go to the emergency room many times, they are taken care of before citizens. How long can we afford to have our borders wide open? Biden has only been there once and that was just this past week. He doesn't think it's a problem. That's a big laugh. Christians are in the way of our socialistic government and you can bet they want to get rid of us. Citizens who have guns are also in their way. Oh, how they would like to confiscate our guns. I thank God for the NRA.

The things I have talked about need to be changed but they are only temporary solutions.

We need to turn to our savior Jesus Christ and he will help us take care of the things I've listed above. A great revival would be great. It's the only way we can save America.



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David Zubler
Columnist

Taxpayer Advocate latest IRS report

“We have begun to see the light at the end of the tunnel,” Erin Collins, the taxpayer advocate, wrote in her report. “I am not sure how much further we need to travel before we see sunlight.”

Collins condemned the IRS’s old technology and slow customer service.

The IRS received about 173 million phone calls in 2022, but only 13% got through to an IRS employee. “As a result, most callers could not get answers to their

tax-law questions, receive help with their account problems, or speak with an employee about compliance notices,” Collins wrote.

Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen has promised the IRS will answer five times more phone calls. The IRS has hired 4,000 new customer service employees and plans to hire 700 employees to provide help at Taxpayer Assistance Centers across the nation.

The increased staff will take time before the taxpayer sees the results. The problem is that in order to train the new employees, experienced staff will be pulled from their regular work. The IRS will have to perform a challenging balancing act.

“In the short run, that may mean that fewer employees are assisting taxpayers, particularly experienced employees who are likely to be the most effective trainers,” Collins wrote.

The IRS started 2022 with an unprocessed backlog of 4.7 million original returns and 3.2 million original business returns. The backlog has been reduced to 400,000 individual paper returns and 1 million business returns.

Filing a paper return can slow your refund by months.

About 13 million individuals filed paper returns last year and generally experienced delays of six months or longer.

Returns that were flagged for potential identity theft delayed refunds. The IRS website states that “due to extenuating circumstances caused by the pandemic, our identity theft inventories have increased. On average, it is taking about 360 days to resolve identity theft cases.” Collins said the long delay was unacceptable and urged the IRS to assign more employees to process the identity theft cases.

The Treasury Department said that the IRS problems resulted from years of underfunding. As a result, the IRS audits almost 80 percent fewer millionaires than it did ten years ago. Collins recommended that the IRS allow online accounts for people that would let them view notices and upload documents requested. By avoiding correspondence going through the mail, taxpayers could resolve the issue faster and get their refunds sooner.

“If spent wisely, this funding will give IRS management the tools it needs to bring U.S. tax administration into the 21st century by enabling it to hire and train the workforce of the future, replace antiquated IT systems, and generally revamp the taxpayer experience based on principles of fair and equitable tax administration,” Collins wrote.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Having a Pet Is Good for Us

The studies are clear: Owning a pet is good for us.

For those of us who stay home much of the time, having a pet can be a boon to our physical and mental health. Play with a cat, you get laughter and stress relief. Walk a dog, you get exercise. (And don’t forget the social aspect when you meet up with other dog owners along the way.) Blood sugar levels even out and blood pressure goes down, per the studies.

On the other hand, those studies were written before the pandemic. Now we find that too many pet owners are having to relinquish their pets ... and those who would consider pet adoption are hesitant.

No matter how much we’d like to own a pet, there can be concerns that we need to consider before we adopt, and the big one is pet food.

In many areas, there have been difficulties keeping our pets fed. Ask neighbors who have pets if they’ve had trouble getting pet food over the past two years. Sometimes the manufacturers haven’t kept up due to supply chain problems.

But there are options that might ease your worry. Learn about ordering pet food online and having it delivered to your door. It’s also possible that your local food bank keeps a supply of pet food on hand. Meals on Wheels often delivers pet food. The animal shelter itself is sure to have a pet food bank. I searched for “free pet food pantries” near me and found dozens -- even a library and a church!

Take a look at Pets for the Elderly (petsfortheelderly.org), especially the stories about seniors who’ve adopted pets. They work with 54 shelters in 32 states to help pet adopters over age 60.

If you still aren’t sure, consider becoming a foster parent to one or more pets. You’ll be able to try it out and see how the situation feels.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Who was the lead singer for The Crickets?**
- 2. “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing (In Perfect Harmony)” ended up as advertising for which product?**
- 3. Name the group that released “Our Day Will Come.”**
- 4. Which artist released the “One Man Dog” and “Walking Man” albums?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: “Why can’t you see what you’re doing to me, When you don’t believe a word I say?”**

Answers

- 1. Buddy Holly. Holly was releasing music under both his own name and anonymously with the group, working for two different record producers.**
- 2. Coca-Cola, in 1971. The original was a jingle called “True Love and Apple Pie,” by a pair of British songwriters. In TV commercials, groups of people stood on a hill in Italy lip-synching the altered lyrics with and without references to the soft drink.**
- 3. Ruby & the Romantics, in 1963. In 2007 the group was inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame.**
- 4. James Taylor, in 1972 and 1974.**
- 5. “Suspicious Minds,” by Elvis Presley in 1969. The song was originally written and released by Mark James, but it never got any attention until Presley released a cover the following year.**

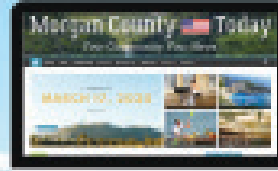
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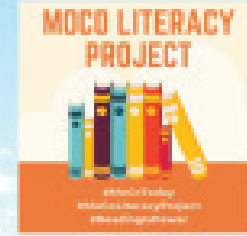
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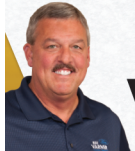
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Philemon Part 1

Author: The little book of Philemon is the briefest production of Paul in the New Testament record. Its authenticity was attacked by a few in the fourth and fifth centuries A.D., but the allegations were subjective (allegedly it was unworthy of Paul's theology). Radicals in the modern world also seek to undermine the genuineness of the document upon similar bases. But the evidence for Pauline authorship is powerful. Paul identifies himself as the writer three times (v. 1, 9, & 19). Ancient scholars attributed it to the apostle, Ignatius, Tertullian, Origen, and Eusebius. The document well deserves its place in the New Testament canon.

It is clear that this letter was written during Paul's first Roman incarceration, which spanned a two-year period (Acts 28). The book is addressed to Philemon, who lived in the city of Colossae, as evidenced by the fact that Onesimus, his slave, was a native of that city (Col. 4:9). Further, both Colossians and Philemon were sent at the same time (Col. 4:7-9; Philem. 12). The date therefore of Philemon was approximately the same as Colossians, A.D. 60-62.

(Phil. 1-3) Salutation: Paul, departing from his usual salutation as an apostle, introduces himself as a "prisoner" of Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:1; 2 Tim. 1:8). His body is the prisoner of Nero, his soul to Jesus! Timothy, our brother," joins in the greeting, not as co-author, but as one obviously known to Philemon, who is applauded as our brother and fellow-worker. This is no mere flattery but a sincere acknowledgement of their common heritage in the new birth---and both Onesimus' and Philemon's Christian work ethic.

Greetings are sent also to Apphia, "our sister" (who probably was Philemon's wife). If so, she would have had the daily chore of managing the slaves. Acknowledgement is offered also to Archippus, who may have been his son (and who enjoyed a ministry of some kind (Col. 4:17). Philemon provided the meeting place for the church in Colossae (v. 2). He is depicted as a courageous "fellow-soldier," one aggressive with the truth and brave in its defense. All that is known of Philemon (the name means "affectionate") is found in this brief letter. Evidently he was prosperous (implied by the size of his home and his ownership of a slave); moreover, he enjoyed a good reputation (5-7). An ancient legend suggests he was martyred under Nero Caesar.

His home likely was spacious, thus able to accommodate the church assemblies that regularly convened there. The formal greeting of "grace" (unmerited favor) and "peace" (harmony with God) is extended from "our Father" (common children of God via the new birth) (Jn. 3:3-5) and "the Lord Jesus Christ." These three terms---"Lord" "Jesus," and "Christ"--- reflect authority, mission as the Savior, and the fulfillment of the Old Testament messianic hope. The pronouns will now change from the plural to the singular (except in v. 22, 25). The letter is mostly personal.

(Phil. 4-7) An expression of thanksgiving: The apostle thanks "my God" (common with Paul); he is not claiming an exclusive relationship, shared by no other, but is expressing a close relationship with his deliverer. As with so many others, he has Philemon personally in his heart when he prays. Paul's attention was not self-focused; he thought so frequently of others and the good things they were doing.

The apostle was steadily "hearing" a good report regarding Philemon---likely from Epaphras (v. 23; Col. 1:7-8; 4:12-13), and likely even Onesimus in certain particulars (5). Philemon had a reputation of one who had "love (dedication) and "faith" toward Christ and toward all the saints (v. 5). His love and trust were motivated by his knowledge of Jesus. The term fellowship refers to Philemon's well-known generosity (sharing with others (Rom. 15:26; 2 Cor. 9:13; Heb. 13:16). Paul prays that this generosity, which resulted from his faith, would become even more effective,

expanding his knowledge of the good he was doing for the cause of Christ (v. 6).

As a result of Philemon's noble qualities, the apostle was overjoyed and greatly comforted by the quality of this brother's love; because of his dedication to others, the hearts (souls) of the saints had been refreshed. And there is emphasis---"through you, brother" (v. 7).

(Phil. 8-21) A personal appeal to Philemon: Paul now gets to the main business. As an apostle of Christ, he had the perfect right to pressure Philemon with a command regarding the sensitive subject about to be introduced; however, for "love's sake" he had rather forego and heavy-handedness, and gently "urge" this brother to do the right thing. Such would grant him more satisfaction in the end. The apostle's plea is undergirded with the reality that he is aged ("ambassador,") and is a prisoner for his Lord. Paul was sixty plus---perhaps not so old by modern standards, but very old in view of the abuse he had taken (2 Cor. 11:23). The psychology was genuine and would be virtually irresistible to a spiritual soul! Paul's motive is now revealed. It has to do with two relationships---slave---master (Philemon and Onesimus) and father---child (Paul and Onesimus).

Some consideration must be given to the slave problem of the ancient world. The evil institution of slavery was never the ideal will of God. Human beings were never intended to "own" one another. God is the only owner of his creations. But slavery had evolved from the degeneracy of human self-rule. The Old Testament has regulated the institution among the Hebrews, requiring kindly treatment---until a better day could dawn---but that did not restrain heathen nations.

Estimates of the number of slaves in the Roman world vary. In Athens (300 B.C.) is estimated that there were four hundred thousand slaves and only twenty-one thousand freemen. Among the Romans, the figure is thought to be around sixty million. As a rule, the Greeks treated their slaves better than did the Romans. To the Romans, a slave was not a person, but a thing, a piece of property to be treated as the owner would---bought, sold, beaten, molested, or murdered. If a slave ran away, he could be posted on a "wanted" list; if identified, he was to be returned to his master, who might punish him as he willed, It also was possible, and permitted, that a friend might intercede on the runaway's behalf and a bargain be reached. These facts facilitate a better understanding of the Philemon-Onesimus-Paul situation.

The apostle begins his plea: "I am begging you"---a tender, persistent, heart-throbbing petition. The request is on behalf of "my child," his convert, whom he had spiritually "begotten" (through the gospel) (1 Cor. 4:15; 1 Pet. 1:23), apparently during Paul's initial confinement in Rome. It would be interesting to know how Onesimus had managed to find his way from Colossae to Rome, a distance of some twelve hundred miles, and how he came to locate Paul, about whom he almost certainly had heard previously. The Holy Spirit does not indulge us with irrelevant details (v. 10).

Paul concedes that the slave had once been unprofitable to Philemon (evidenced by his flight). Now, however, he was profitable to both Paul and Philemon---to Paul as a personal helper, to Philemon to love and value his service to the apostle! The name "Onesimus" means "profitable"; he finally has lived up to his mother's desire for him (v.11)! Now Paul was sending him home. Reflect upon the trust that Paul has placed in both Onesimus and Philemon; the one, not to flee elsewhere, but returning to his master; the other, that he will treat his new brother with compassion. As Onesimus departs for Colossae, Paul's "very heart" (deepest level of affection) is pained at the loss (v. 12).

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The Garden Bug

Feeding birds in winter

Help your feathered neighbors by providing consistent food sources for them in the coldest months. Suet (an animal-fat mixture) is loved by nuthatches, woodpeckers, titmice, chickadees, cardinals, warblers, wrens and most insect-eating birds. Mealworms, cracked corn, nyger seed, peanuts and sunflower seeds are also good choices. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: almanac.com, birdwatchersdigest.com

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

O God, You have taught me from my youth, and I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, your power to all who are to come.

PSALM 71: 17, 18

Detail of "Bearded Man" by Hubert von Herkomer (1849-1914)

Historically Speaking About Joe Couch

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

My friend Lynn Calvert called to ask if I knew Joe Couch. I did not, but Lynn assured me he was an influential Oak Ridger to teens growing up in the 1950s and 1960s. At Lynn's request, I am including an article written by his brother, Doug Calvert. Doug and Lynn hope the comments will bring about memories from others who enjoyed Joe during their teen years. You may add comments to the online version of this Historically Speaking column.

Doug began by saying, "I was informed by my brother that today's Oak Ridger carries the obituary of a very special person, Mr. Joe Couch. I read his obituary and realized that it spoke to his many years of residency in the Lexington area and his success as an insurance executive. I also noticed that his local Oak Ridge radio "work" was limited to part of a sentence.

I would never disagree with someone's obituary, and certainly never contradict any part of one, but Joe Couch was much more than just a radio DJ with a "Golden Voice." To thousands of Oak Ridge teenagers in the 50s and 60s, he was a nighttime visitor on our AM radios as we did our homework or cruised around town and visited the drive-ins like Da' Wabbit and the Blue Circle.

A few of us may have listened, parked down near the river, while we waited for the submarine races to start. He played love songs, ballads, the best of rock and roll, and a few old favorites from the 40s - many on request. We sat and listened during the summers, with bedroom windows wide open - no house had air conditioning - and all through the year, His radio voice and his selections of "our" music were cheerful constants in many of our lives.

I suspect that if your paper ran a poll of Oak Ridge's most popular people for each decade since 1945, Joe Couch would place very high for the 1950's, 60s and 70s.

When my brother sent me the link to Joe's obituary, I answered his text with my feelings about Joe. He and my sister, ORHS Classes of 1957 and 1960, suggested that I, Class of 1963, should send my writing to the The Oak Ridger and ask that it run as a follow on to his obituary.

My motivation is the hope that other Oak Riders who grew up with Joe's accompaniment, and the ones who were too late to hear him, will remember and know that we once had a great radio station host who made our lives better with his efforts.

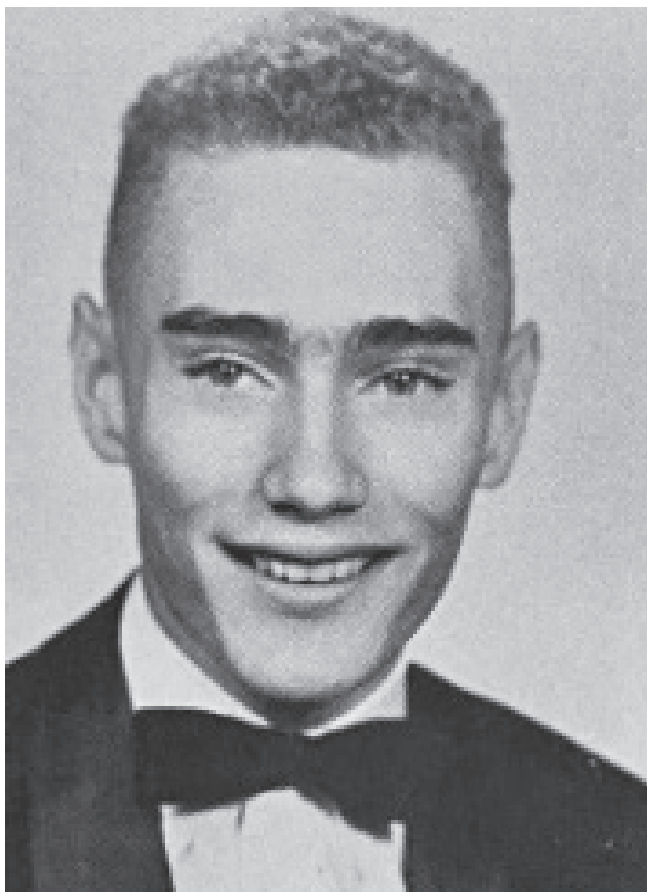
To thousands of Oak Ridge kids in the 50s and 60s, Joe Couch was a celebrity, a hero, and sometimes, a messenger. He was the evening host of a very popular music show on

WATO, one of our two hometown's AM radio stations.

The WATO radio broadcast studio was downtown, and underground. To reach it, to go and watch him doing his evening music



Joe Couch



Joe Couch senior picture

broadcast, you went through double glass doors located between the entrance to the Davis Brothers Cafeteria on the left, and the breezeway, that held several small stores, on the right. Down a long flight of stairs, in the hallway, the WATO studio had a large glass window, behind which he sat at his console with record turntables on his left and right, and a stack of records in front of him.

With his microphone suspended in front of him, he would pull it close to talk on the air and push it away to use the intercom that let him talk with the teenagers who stood or sat in a few chairs in the hall. In between songs, he would ready the next 45 RPM single on the empty turntable while he used the inter-

com to talk with the kids, all of them fans of him and his show.

John Kinser and I, along with Dwight Moody, both long lost too soon, and other guys, would go there and sit on the floor and watch him and listen to Joe and the music and flirt with the girls who were always there and who adored him. He took requests on the call-in phone line, delivered dedications requested by the kids in the hall, and seemed to truly care that high school students would come to watch him do his show.

He was the nicest person and always seemed to be having fun on the radio.

On rare occasions, Elizabeth would be in the studio and helped him pull the requested records that he didn't have on his play list. As soon as the song was played, she would get up and replace it in the racks where it belonged.

He adlibbed some commercials, read typed announcements about the upcoming events at the Wildcat Den, and read off scores from ballgames phoned in by his fans.

In the time of American Bandstand and Dick Clark, Wolfman Jack, and Dick Biondi, the self-proclaimed "Village Idiot" of Chicago's nighttime "flamethrower" super-powerful radio station, with its musical station ID, "WLS, in Chicago," on AM radio 890, Joe Couch was a hometown celebrity and a friend to kids who had no money for records but always had the latest music, free for all, with Joe on WATO, at 1290 on the AM radio dial.

When WATO went silent, due primarily to the growing presence of TV, with greater varieties of entertainment and visual advertising that almost killed radio advertising, someone locally assumed the station license and the WATO call sign. Unlike WOKI, still in use today by a local area FM station, NewsTalk 98.7, that alternately says it is in Knoxville or Oliver Springs, WATO is no longer listed as an active call sign in the FCC license registry.

Two now silent voices that will always be remembered by Wildcats from the 50s and 60s. RIP Joe.

Thanks Doug and Lynn for contacting me about Historically Speaking including this follow on to the obituary of Joe Couch. Undoubtedly, there are others who recall him with a like fondness as you describe. Maybe we will hear from some of them in the comments to the online version of this Historically Speaking.



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Celebrate Fortune, Happiness and Health in the Chinese New Year

This year, Chinese New Year begins on Sunday, Jan. 22 and will culminate with the Lantern Festival on Feb. 5 as we welcome the year of the Rabbit.

You know me, if festivities are happening, I'm on board! In the Chinese culture, eggs symbolize birth or a new start, so this week I'm sharing the Chinese American classic Egg Fu Yung. This Chinese restaurant favorite is like an omelet filled with crisp vegetables served with a sweet and savory sauce.

It's surprisingly easy to prepare, very inexpensive, and it's delicious.

The only thing you probably don't have on hand would be mung bean sprouts. They're usually under \$2, commonly found packaged in the produce department near the tofu or canned in the ethnic food aisle of your grocery store. Bean sprouts make this dish fresh and crispy, but if you absolutely can't find them, substitute thinly sliced celery, bok choy or napa cabbage instead. They have the same crunch and a similar taste.

EGG FU YUNG

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

Total Time: 1 hour

This makes 6 to 8 egg foo yung and is a satisfying dinner served with ramen or rice and stir fry vegetables on the side. The recipe yields enough

too.

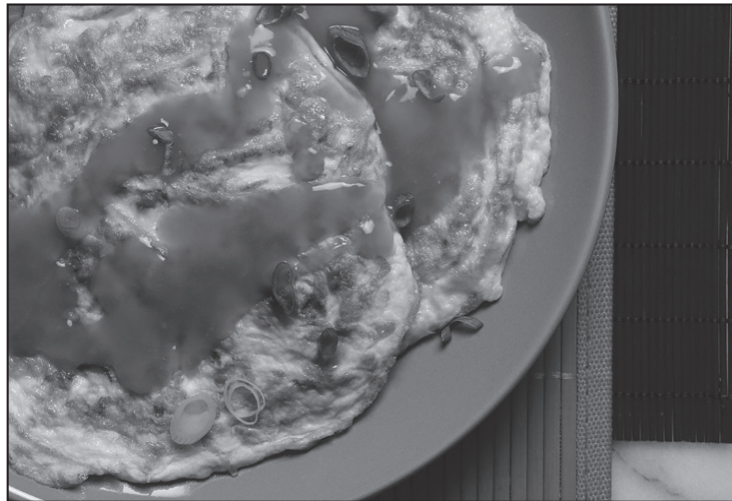
What You'll Need:

For the Sauce:

- 1 (14.5 ounces) can chicken broth, divided
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 1/2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ginger, grated
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch

Here's How:

In a small saucepan, combine 1 cup of the chicken broth with the soy sauce, vinegar, sugar, ginger and garlic, and bring this mixture to a boil. Take the remaining cold chicken broth and mix it with the corn starch until completely blended, no lumps! Slowly, add this to the boiling liquid while whisking to combine. Bring to a boil, stirring until thickened. Hold this on very low heat, stirring occasionally, until ready to serve.



www.JasonCoblentz.com

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with Egg Fu Yung.

For the Egg Fu Yung:

- 12 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 12 to 14 ounces (about 3 cups) mung bean sprouts
- 1/2 cup green onions, thinly sliced,

Vegetable oil or olive oil for cooking

Here's How:

Preheat the oven to 180 F. Combine the well-beaten eggs with salt, pepper, garlic powder and sesame oil. Add the bean sprouts and green onion, stirring to incorporate. In a preheated 8-inch skillet, heat about a teaspoon of oil adding additional oil as needed. Using a 1/2 cup measure for each, place a scoop of the mixture in the hot pan and fry as you would a pancake, turning once, until cooked through and golden brown. Keep warm on a platter in the oven while cooking the remaining mixture.

Repeat with remaining egg mixture to make 6 to 8 pieces. Stir the egg mixture each time you scoop to be sure each one gets an equal share of the sprouts and onion, or the last few will be just egg. Serve topped with the Egg Fu Yung sauce, garnished with green onion.

This inexpensive recipe is a great addition to your Meatless Monday rotation. However, you could also add cooked chicken, shrimp, pork, beef or tofu. Other optional ingredients would be sauteed mushrooms, peas, julienned carrot, thinly sliced cabbage and/or cilantro.

While not traditionally Chinese, it's fun to have this easy and versatile recipe to help celebrate the "other" New Year. Happy cooking and xin nian kuai le! Happy New Year!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website *Divas On A Dime* — *Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous!* Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Understanding the times as it relates to the God people confess belief in, has never been more important. The organized church married the world in the temple town of Pergamos in the early days of our existence. Christ is calling people out of church, and back to belief in every word of scripture.

The ancestors of Christianity are most misunderstood as men began to believe in Greek interpretation techniques, and away from the Jewish understanding given to us by every writer of the Bible. Pagan men, began to deny Jesus Christ's Jewish inheritance as early as the time of Paul the Apostle. Pagan men began to claim that God has replaced Judaism with New Testament Christianity that was steeped in antisemitism. Racism took hold in Church as western minded men, began to teach that the Jews were abandoned by God. 87% of the Bible was denied in favor of western eugenics taught by men who were concerned with losing money to Rome.

Where are we now? Church has become a-millennial. Allegorizing the literal translation in favor of a doctrine of demons. The three-dimensional church model has failed society in getting people under the blood of the Jewish Lamb of God, and God is about to leave the majority of professing believers here on earth as he removes the bride of Christ.

The majority of the body of Christ will go through the tribulation. They will have martyrdom as their only hope of being saved, or going to heaven at the end of the millennium. Prophecy from an Old Testament perspective, has been abandoned in favor of cursing all those who do not follow their carefully devised fables. A return to the entire Bible is required if you intend to be counted worthy as the bride of Christ.

The Bible says more about the time we are living in, than it does the time Jesus Christ walked the earth in Israel. Yet religious men, wanting men to believe them more than believe God, are still prostituting the grace of God, promised to those who cry out for mercy each day. Only the key of mercy can open the door of grace in our lives. Mercy must precede grace if we are truly saved. It does not change our state of being when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord, it does however change our status in God's eyes.

This is why Jesus Christ stands at the door of most churches knocking, and wanting back in! Christ does not dwell in houses made with human hands. His desire is to occupy the tabernacle of the individual human condition. One testimony of belief in God's plan at a time.

We were created in God's image. God is a trinity. So are we! Proverbs teaches us that we are a spirit, that possesses a soul, while existing in a body that is completely corrupt. God's desire is to unite all three under the blood of the Lamb for the purpose of ruling and reigning with Messiah in his coming Kingdom.

Men in church have become the Pharisees and Sadducees Christ warned us of. Doing what is right in their own eyes and deceiving men to do the same. At the heart is the move away from Old Testament foundations, in favor of Judging others by outward appearance.

They believe it is their Job to point out what everyone else is doing wrong, while never repenting of their Roman religious practices and holidays. They lead people away from thus says the lord every Sunday in houses of worship God left a long time ago. Humility has been replaced by their belief in their own ability.

The Holy Spirit never testifies of himself anywhere in scripture. Neither should men professing to be pastors over the Lord's sheep. A shepherd knows his sheep and makes them his priority as he pro-

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vides all of their spiritual needs according to Jesus Christ's riches in Glory.

The Hebrew and Greek word for a pastor is taken from the word shepherd. Men claiming a pastoral anointing should learn from the Old Testament shepherds exactly how God sees their responsibility toward the sheep he has called to receive salvation.

Abel, Seth, Noah, Moses, Joshua, Joseph, David, Amos, and Jesus Christ our good shepherd all teach us the exact thing to look for in a pastor, and a pastor is always concerned for his sheep. He knows every sheep by name!

What is missing from pastoral care is sound Old Testament teaching on shepherding. Beginning with our introduction to God as the shepherd over his entire creation. The knowledge of who died on that cross, begins with an introduction to the creation name of God in Genesis 1:1.

Contained in the creation name of Elohim is the letter L. In Hebrew it represents the shepherd's staff by which the shepherd leads, corrects, and guides the sheep. It has two ends, the mercy end, and the grace end. One for correction, and one for blessing.

Most New Testament preachers, deny eternal mercy to their flock by focusing only on grace. Once saved always saved, denies God's desire to correct religious prostitution of his idea of true shepherding. God has two hands. One for correction and one for blessing. Every Prophet in the Old Testament had to be corrected, before they were blessed with the anointing of God to fulfill Gods pleasing perfect will for humanity. Religious pre-suppositions had to be corrected before God empowered them for ministry. Nothing has changed!

If you desire grace to appear every day in your life, then every day ask God for mercy for we exist in the presence of sin, and nowhere more than in denominational church.

Are you serving the God of monotheism or do you mix Roman pagan practices with a little bit of Jesus? God did not excuse the Jews of the Old Testament and overlook their sin, and he cannot overlook any New Testament believers practices that mocks him as the God of creation. Humility is required as God proclaims, the time for judgement has begun, and it is beginning in the houses where men have perverted the plans of God with the importation of Roman pagan practices, he punished our Jewish ancestors for!

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 8-7-2022

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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King Crossword

Answers

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Public Notice

Morgan County has been petitioned to remove a section of Arnold Potter Rd. from the Highway Maintenance List. Any interested party wanting to speak for or against the removal may do so at the Public Hearing at the Counties next scheduled County Commission Meeting. The public Hearing will be held at 6:45 immediately before the Commission Meeting held at the Courthouse. Purposed removal is approximately 390 ft. at the very end of the road.



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This new system will allow you to call in your outage from anywhere and will sync your account with your phone number. It is extremely important that we have your correct phone numbers (both your home phone number and cell numbers) linked to your account, so that the system will recognize your outage.

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Bids will be accepted at City Hall until Wednesday January 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The bids will be open at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council meeting 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.

Open Position: Petros Library Director

Begins Jan 2, 2023

You know you are a small-town librarian...
... if you stop at yard sales to buy DVD's for the library.
... 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

United States Navy veteran Rear Admiral Eugene Bennett Fluckey served as the commander of submarine U.S.S. Barb (SS220) during World War II.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in combat along the coast of China between December 19, 1944 – February 15, 1945. He was presented with his Medal of Honor on March 23, 1945 in Washington, D.C. by the Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as commanding officer of the U.S.S. Barb during her 11th war patrol along the east coast of China from 19 December 1944 to 15 February 1945. After sinking a large enemy ammunition ship and damaging additional tonnage during a running two-hour night battle on 8 January, Comdr. Fluckey, in an exceptional feat of brilliant deduction and bold tracking on 25 January, located a concentration of



more than 30 enemy ships in the lower reaches of Nankuan Chiang (Mamkwan Harbor). Fully aware that a safe retirement would necessitate an hour's run at full speed through the uncharted, mined, and rock-obstructed waters, he bravely ordered, "Battle station[---torpedoes!]" In a daring penetration of the heavy enemy screen, and riding in five fathoms of water, he launched the Barb's last forward torpedoes at 3,000-yard range. Quickly bringing the ship's stern tubes to bear, he turned loose four more torpedoes into the enemy, obtaining eight direct hits on six of the main targets to explode a large ammunition ship and cause inestimable damage by the resultant flying shells and other pyrotechnics. Clearing the treacherous area at high speed, he brought the Barb through to safety, and four days later sank a large Japanese freighter to complete a record of heroic combat achievement, reflecting the highest credit upon Comdr. Fluckey, his gallant officers and men, and the U.S. Naval Service.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

From TDOC: It is with sad and heavy hearts we share the news regarding the passing of one of our own.

Officer Shayna Bruce has been with TDOC since 2001, when she hired on as a Correctional Officer at the Morgan County Correctional Complex. She worked numerous posts, proving to be a dedicated and hard-working professional. In 2010, she made the lateral move to Correctional Clerical Officer, where she worked closely with Internal Affairs. She never passed on an opportunity to learn, taking it upon herself to take advantage of every training she could, especially those that focused on security threat groups, helping her to understand them better, thus enhanc-

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SHAYNA BRUCE**
E.O.W.
01/11/23

PSALM 116:15
PRECIOUS IN THE
SIGHT OF THE LORD IS
THE DEATH OF HIS
SAINTS.

PSALM 116:7
RETURN UNTO THY
REST, O MY SOUL;
FOR THE LORD HATH
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ing her ability to do her part to keep MCCX safe and secure.

As much as she was known for her professionalism and commitment to MCCX and TDOC's mission, she is known and will be most remembered for her love for her work family and community. Shayna was always one of the first to step up when there was a need and took advantage of every opportunity to assist - whether it be a crisis or a simple facility-based function/activity, you could count on her to be right there lending a hand and a smile.

We ask that you keep her family and friends there in Morgan County in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Helping Veterans in 2023

Recently retired or unemployed, at loose ends and wondering what your next steps should be? If you're looking for ways to help other veterans in your area, this year could be your most meaningful.

-- Is anyone building homes for veterans in your area? Are any organizations ready to break ground and start building in the spring? Do you have construction, plumbing or electrical skills? Even if you don't, there are jobs you can do to move the project along: reading blueprints and ordering materials, supervising deliveries, providing overnight security, painting walls and trim and much more.

As a place to start, ask if the Habitat for Humanity near you is building a home for a veteran. You might end up as a Habitat employee in charge of volunteer resources or running a Habitat ReStore full of building materials.

-- Raise a service dog puppy. These little guys need to spend the first year of their lives in a loving environment to get them ready for their all-important service dog training. You'll get the pup ready by teaching him initial basic commands, keeping him healthy and getting him socialized out in public. At every step of the way you'll be giving the puppy what he'll need to help a veteran with PTSD, a physical disability or mental trauma.

Look around online for organizations in your area that are raising and training service dogs for veterans.

-- Volunteer on an Honor Flight. Keep an eye on the schedule in your area for the Honor Flights, those all-expenses-paid trips that take hundreds of veterans to Washington, D.C. They need volunteers for every trip to escort mostly elderly veterans to see all of their monuments and spend the day together. The 2023 schedule of trips will be up on the website in February (www.honorflight.org). Look for the map on the list of hubs around the country.

Is 2023 going to be your year to help yourself by stepping up to help other veterans?

CITY OF WARTBURG, TENNESSEE

Ordinance Number 403-23

First Reading: January 25,2023 at

Sewer Rate Increase

10:00 a.m.

Ordinance No. 402-23

An Ordinance changing the sewer rate for the City of Wartburg in Wartburg, Tennessee

Second Reading: January 26,2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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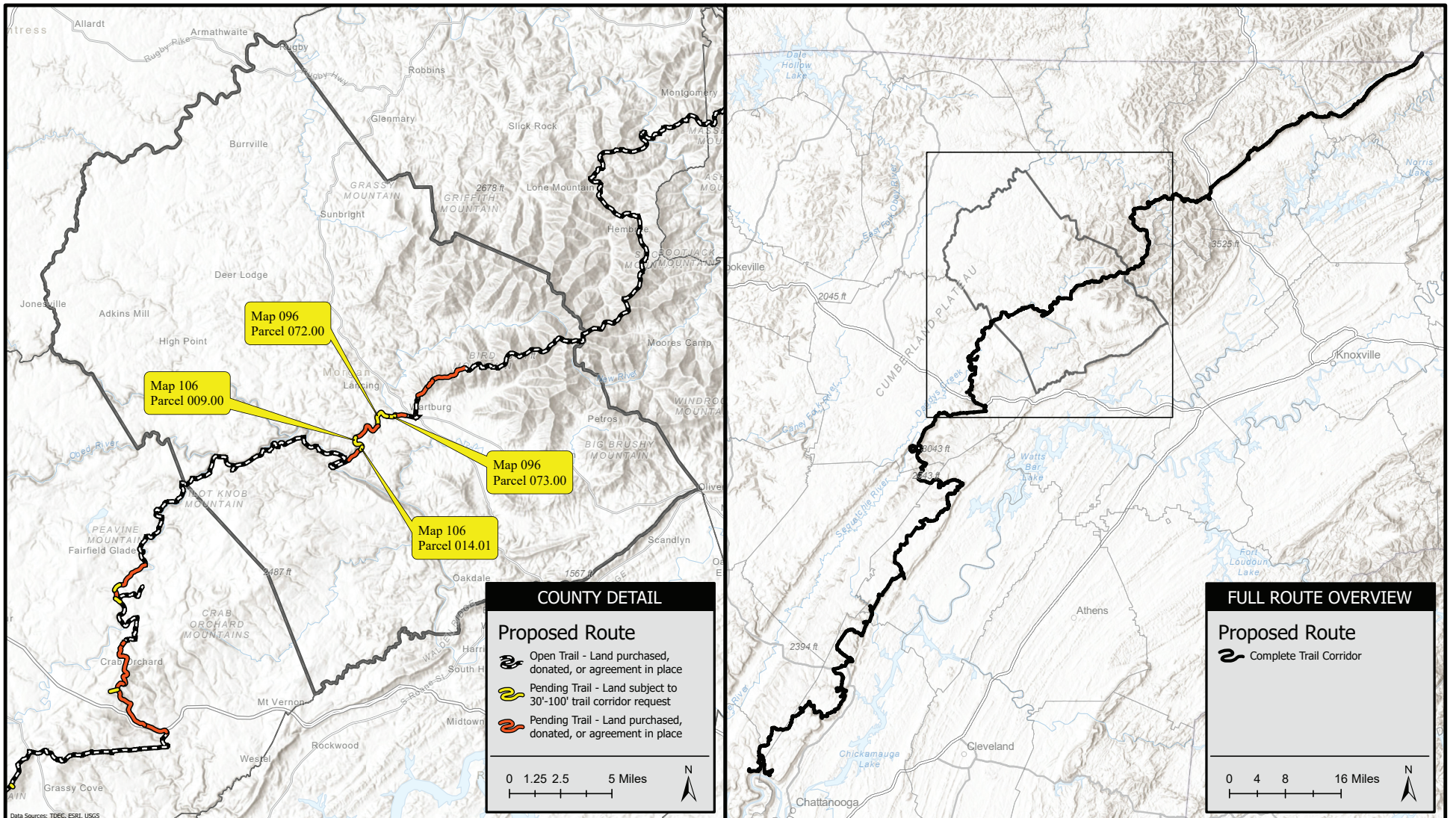
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Cumberland Trail Notice:

In Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 11, Part 1, also known as the Tennessee Trails System Act (the "Act"), the Tennessee General Assembly has declared that the policy of this state is to provide for the ever-increasing outdoor-recreation needs of a growing population, and to promote public access to, travel within, and enjoyment and appreciation of the natural and remote areas of the state, by establishing trails in both natural, scenic areas of the state and in and near urban areas. According to the Act, state scenic trails should be extended trails that provide maximum potential for the appreciation of natural areas and for the conservation and enjoyment of the significant scenic, historic, natural, ecological, geological, or cultural qualities of the areas through which such trails pass. In accordance with T.C.A. § 11-11-109(1), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation hereby provides notice of the selected route of the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail, which is managed as part of the Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park. The law requires that before locating routes of state scenic trails such as the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail, the Department must select a route which is compatible with preservation or enhancement of the environment it traverses. The Department must also publish notice of the selected route in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the trail is located, together with appropriate maps and descriptions. Pictured with this notice is a map of the selected trail route. Within each map/parcel identified on the map, the trail would run through a corridor between thirty (30) to one hundred (100) feet in width. For more information, please visit https://tnstateparks.com/parks/cumberland-trail or email ask.tnstateparks@tn.gov.

CUMBERLAND TRAIL STATE SCENIC TRAIL & JUSTIN P. WILSON CUMBERLAND TRAIL STATE PARK MORGAN COUNTY TRAIL STATUS



The Morgan County Genealogical & Historical Society will have a new temporary exhibit at the Heritage Museum. The exhibit, **Historic Wartburg Businesses**, will feature businesses from years past starting January 14 and running through February 25. The museum is operated by volunteers and is open on Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-3pm. 121 N Kingston Street, Wartburg. 346-4100.



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McNally re-elected Lt. Governor and Speaker of the Senate

(NASHVILLE, TN), January 10, 2023 — The State Senate today re-elected Lt. Governor Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) for a fourth term as Speaker of the Senate. Senators met at noon on the first organizational day of the 113th General Assembly to elect their speaker. By statute, the Speaker of the Senate holds the title of Lieutenant Governor. McNally has served as Speaker of the Senate and Lieutenant Governor since January 2017.

“The Tennessee Senate is one of the most conservative legislative bodies in the nation. This is a great source of pride and has resulted in great things for our state. But our strength comes not just from our conservatism but also from our dedication to the people of this state,” said Lt. Governor McNally. “I am extremely proud to once again serve the people of Tennessee as Speaker of the Senate and Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee. I am grateful for your trust and will not let you down.”

“Tennessee has made remarkable progress over the last decade. Conservative ideas have been put into action and our state is better for it. We have low taxes, low debt and our economy continues to grow as jobs and people flood into our state. We will continue to face challenges this year and in the years to come. Some will be predictable, some will be unpredictable. But we will get through them by working together for the benefit of all Tennesseans.”

ABOUT LT. GOVERNOR RANDY MCNALLY

Tennessee’s fiscal conscience, Lt. Governor Randy McNally is only the second Republican Tennessee Senate Speaker in modern history and the first from Anderson County in nearly 150 years.

As chairman of the Senate’s Finance, Ways and Means Committee for a decade, McNally oversaw the General Assembly’s only constitutionally prescribed duty: the passage of a balance budget. Recognized across the state as a finance and budget expert, McNally’s leadership has been critical in keeping Tennessee budget in

balance and its credit “Triple-A” rated.

In addition to his 26 years on the Senate Finance Ways and Means Committee, McNally also served as chairman of the Senate Education Committee in the 102nd and 103rd General Assemblies.

A legislative leader for over 40 years, Lt. Governor McNally has been recognized for his work in the General Assembly and his community. McNally counts among his many achievements the American Conservative Union Conservative Achievement Award, NFIB’s Guardian of Small Business Award, the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Legislative Award and the Tennessee Press Association Open Government Award.

McNally received his B.S. from Memphis State University in 1967 and graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in 1969. He served as a hospital pharmacist at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge from 1979 until his retirement in 2010. Lt. Governor McNally and his wife Janice have two adult daughters, Melissa and Maggie, three grandchildren, Haley, Morgan and Trent, and one great-grandchild, Malachi.

BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

BOYS

WARTBURG

JAN. 12 VS. CLARKRANGE
L 40-69

JAN. 10 AT MIDWAY
L 53-76

COALFIELD

TUE. JAN. 10 VS. HARRIMAN
L 56-61

SUNBRIGHT

JAN. 9 AT JELLICO
L 53-71

OAKDALE

JAN. 10 AT OLIVER SPRINGS
L 36-50

GIRLS

WARTBURG

JAN. 12 VS. #3 CLARKRANGE
L 20-65

JAN. 10 AT #21 MIDWAY
L 41-50

COALFIELD

JAN. 10 VS. #17 HARRIMAN
L 62-77

SUNBRIGHT

JAN. 9 AT JELLICO
W 80-45

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JAN. 10 AT OLIVER SPRINGS
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