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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

neighbor, Ms Tammy.

She is just as sweet as Ms Mary. Mimi and Pappy say we are blessed to have such good neighbors.

Anywoof, Ms Tammy told Mimi that she too, has a MOLE issue. Ain't that crazy? Those ugly things are all around my kingdom. They are invading from all sides. Well, I dig for them and I haven't got one yet. Have you saw them? They sure do look weird, like two hands conjoined with one furry arm that has a snout. It looks like it was supposed to grow a face but, forgot how. I told you they were weird looking.

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Well Mimi talked to our other

Pappy is trying to win the war against them. He says he can't use some of the weapons



against them that most people use, because some of them will hurt me. Pappy wuffs me so much that he just can't put me in any kind of danger. He also says that I am the queen. I guess that makes him in charge of my very own version of the Secret Service. Isn't that just the sweetest thing, you ever heard. God wuff that man, he is always thinking of others, that's just how he is. I am one lucky girl to have such a kind and considerate Pap.

I hope that everyone has a great week and that everybody does something nice for someone else. For more of my Pet Perspectives like and follow me on Facebook 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.

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.

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.

### Announcement of Morgan County Republican Party

#### Reorganization of Executive Committee To Whom It Concerns,

In preparation for the upcoming county party reorganizations, the Morgan County Republican Party would like to ensure our citizens are provided all necessary information and proper notification of the reorganization process.

The Morgan County Republican Party Reorganization of the Executive Committee will be held:

Thursday, March 2nd, 7pm eastern at American Legion, 202 S. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887

If you are interested in seeking the office of Chairman to the County Executive Committee, please contact our Contest & Credentials committee at Steve Highland at [steve@highland.net](mailto:steve@highland.net) Any candidate seeking the office of Chairman is required to notify the Contest & Credentials committee seven (7) calendar days prior to the reorganization of their intent to seek the chairmanship. If a Chair candidate does not notify the C&C within the timeframes, they will not be eligible for office. All other positions can be nominated from the floor.

Morgan County Republican Party  
[steve@highland.net](mailto:steve@highland.net)  
505-414-9399

### WEEKLY WEATHER



Tue 28 **70°/49°**

Wed 01 **70°/57°**

Thu 02 **67°/56°**

Fri 03 **61°/33°**

Sat 04 **50°/32°**

Sun 05 **56°/39°**

Mon 06 **60°/47°**



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# In Loving Memory

## Gerida Armes, 74

Gerilda Armes, 74, began the path that led her into the arms of Jesus Christ and the beautiful home-coming in Heaven with her family waiting for her on Sunday, February 19, 2023. We know they are as happy to be reunited with her as we are heartbroken to be separated, even for a short time.



sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, great-great nieces, great-great nephews, and friends she loved.

Gerilda was preceded in death on this journey by parents Morgan and Carrie Armes; brothers Billy, Fred, Morgan Jr., Jimmie, Steve, Johnny, and cousin Sidney Armes; sisters Agnes Thompson, Carolyn Armes, Tate Trout, and Martha Armes, infant; loving nephew Joshua Crouch; and a host of numerous uncles, aunts, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, and friends.

walking, being in nature, and loving and laughing with her family and friends. Above all, Gerilda had a defender's heart who always made a way forward for her family, and we are so grateful for the time we were blessed to have with her.

The family will receive friends Thursday, February 23, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Tony Cathey officiating. Graveside services will be Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Petros Cemetery in Petros.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Gerilda Armes.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Stephanie and Darrell Kingsley; beloved grandson Joseph Kingsley; brother and sister-in-law Joe and Randi Armes; special nephews Joey Sexton and Little Joe Armes; and a host of special cousins,

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# Happy 100th Birthday!

Irene Helton of Oakdale will celebrate her 100th birthday Saturday, March 4. Affectionately known as Granny Irene, she is treasured by the multiple generations of family and friends who are blessed to know her.





# The Bulldog Banner



**Cole Burchell**  
(CatFish Cole)

## The 4-H Regional Speech Contest

By: *CatFish Cole*

Anxiously waiting for the result of my dedication, passion, and persistence from the previous few weeks. I sat amongst the rows of benches pondering to myself, why I am here, how my life has guided me to this point, and whether all my work will pay off. I would soon find out, but to understand this moment fully we must go back weeks before in the classroom of Mrs. Carol Jones at WCMS.

It was here that I gave my speech before a large audience for the first time, or in front of anyone besides my mirror and closest family. Nervously I stepped up to the podium ready to present my speech titled Liberty, Lawyers, & Democracy. Previously a career project assigned for ELA weeks before allowing me to adjust and rehearse to match 4-H standards. Me, president of our club, was expected to speak with politician level fluency and confidence. Though I found myself breaking a sweat and finding it hard to focus on my index cards as they shook uncontrollably in my hands. Straightening my back and viewing the dozen desks occupied by my fellow peers. I began to speak, I was used to winning this stage, but this had been one if not the worst I had done in a long while or at least I think. Yet as I said my last words and calmed my nerves I received an applause that touched every corner of that classroom. I hate to toot my own horn, but this moment really showed me something. I had known these people for years, how could they not clap? There was little competition either in our class, at least with public speaking, so if I was to win it all I needed to step up my game, and I did.

This was my moment to prove to myself I could pass beyond the tough county competition that had held me back for so long. Though I often had many doubts about it, being that I had progressed so many times to only see myself fail again, year after year. I practiced anyway and realized I needed a change in direction, something that would interest people beyond not simply my opinions, but facts of life that one must know. Rebranding my speech was not an easy task; it meant stripping away the useless pieces of information to find the message that I had to get across. Titled The Importance of Lawyers I was no longer reading off of a Wikipedia page, I was expressing my feelings and values all backed with interesting and useful facts. Really allowing anyone to listen and understand something that everyone must one day because no responsible person could ever say that one will never need some legal assistance in their life. It would be foolish and untrue, but it is not the importance of my topic that matters, it is the speaker's ability to deliver their message clearly and eloquently to their audience. By doing this you can make anyone cry, laugh, and upset at anything you could desire and that is real power.

For many years I have had a love for the presidency and all things that come with it every 4 years. Politics has been a

passion of mine since I can remember and has allowed me to achieve much with my public speaking ability. Ever since I heard Reagan's Berlin Wall Speech I've been amazed by the power words can have on us. Now back at the regional contest it had been a long time since I first gave my speech. I had worn it out, day and night practicing to my body's extent but I was still unsure of my capabilities. I knew though that no matter the outcome I had made it farther than ever before and that is something I could be proud of. I sat there again, allowing my mind to wander watching the clouds roll by through the window. Until finally, our judgment day had come, they began with the lower grades which gave me plenty of time to accept the reality of my situation and all that I had done to reach this point. No one that day left with nothing as participation trophies were granted to those not amongst the top 3. I remember thinking to myself that I was surely beaten, I had talked too fast and the other contestants spoke so flawlessly. I truly believed I had been outdone.

We lined up all 8 of us 8th graders before a hundred or more parents, 4-Hers, and staff to receive our good work reward. I could not complain in that moment before all these people in a place so new and exciting. Experiencing something like never before I was unconditionally happy which to me is the best feeling in the world. One by one they called the names of my fellow speakers where they would step forward to receive their ribbon. I began rushing through my head many crazy thoughts going over my speech wondering what I could have done better. Then suddenly I noticed only three of us had not received our reward, how could this be I swore he and she did better than me. Next, they called 3rd, not me then 2nd, not me?, finally named 1st. Weston Burchell. My mind had exploded with so many emotions I can not put them in words to describe what I felt. I can only say that I am thankful for 4-H and their wonderful work for young minds across the nation but, my real respect and gratitude goes to all that attended parents, 4-Hers, and staff. The support provided by these amazing people is the only reason I and every 4-Her was there in that building doing something we loved, and my fellow competitors it was an honor sharing this great memory together and I hope to see at least one of you one day a politician.

WCMS Students: Beginning this week we will have a school poll like the one below that you and only you can answer. Read the question then circle one of the two options that you agree with most. (Please Return Your Response To The Library By Fri.) We will tally these responses and inside the next edition is where you can find whether or not you're in the majority.

Would You Rather:

Have a long summer break (4 months) with no breaks throughout the year (Excluding Holidays)?

Or

Many breaks throughout the year (3 week long breaks every 9 weeks + Holidays) with NO summer break?

(Pi Day Ad)

**Central Middle School will be celebrating Pi Day on Tuesday, March 14. Students are encouraged to wear a Pi or Albert Einstein shirt to receive an extra credit daily grade in their regular math classes. Shirts may be designed at home by students or may be purchased from t-shirt vendors or sites such as Amazon. There will be a cash award for the student who can recite the most decimal digits in Pi. Math teachers will be providing students with more details soon!**

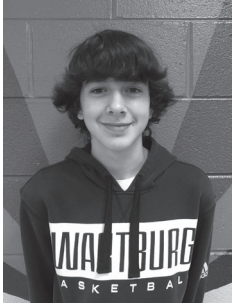


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**“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.” – Mark Twain**





By *Big Man Dan*

# THE BULLDOG BANNER

## Baseball and Softball Openers

As some of ya'll know and can tell by the title and by the warmer temps the Baseball and Softball seasons will be starting soon. They have already played a couple of pre-season games and may be looking good for this coming season. They have had many practices and I am sure that they have been working very hard. Baseball's first regular season game will be on March 2, against Rockwood at Rockwod. Softball's first Regular season game will be on March 3 against Oneida at home. The rest of the schedule will be down below. The 8th Grade Baseball Players are Johnathan Kilby, Noah Shannon, and Eli Swint. The 8th Grade Softball players are Ivy Dolan, Emma Redmon, Madi Aslinger, Lily Swint, and Maddi Hurst. We wish the best to those 8th Grade players this season because it will be their last season in Middle School. We would encourage any of you to come and check them out, watch, and support them as they play the game they love.

Coach Chris Rogers says:

"This season looks optimistic as we bring back three 8th graders, ten 7th graders, and six 6th graders. Players and coaches are working hard to make this year one of the best years we have ever had. We have the ability and talent to place high in this year's season."

### Baseball Roster

8th Grade	Caden Melton	Hayden Diden
Noah Shannon	Parker Rogers	Elijah Melton
Eli Swint	Parker Vespie	Caleb Armes
Johnathan Kilby	Eli Richardson	Jackson Seay
	Micah Francis	Blake Bingham
		Joshua Matheson
7th Grade	6th Grade	
Parker Beene	Malik Jones	Riley Thompson
Kasen Hutcherson	Marshall Lively	

I took a moment with two of the 8th graders to get their perspectives on the upcoming season.

### 8th Grader Noah Shannon

Noah has played Baseball at WCMS for three years. He plays 1st base, pitcher, and catcher. He enjoys growing and bonding with all the coaches and his teammates. His favorite memory from the past 3 years is "when I hit my 1st home run. We were playing Scott County and they just had put a new pitcher in. My mom got it on recording and was crying she was so happy." When asked about his hopes for the 23' season, Noah states "To win All-District. To play the best I can and to help lead the team to our first District Championship."

### 8th Grader Madi Aslinger

Madi has played Softball at WCMS for three years. She plays 3rd base. She enjoys all her friends on the team and all the memories she's made while playing. Her favorite memory from the past 3 years was 'the game against Coalfield at Coalfield that went into many overtimes including international overtimes. That game went past midnight, we won and we got to wear pajamas to school the next day.'" When asked about her hopes for the 23' season, Madi states "I hope that we will make it to the championships and to make more great memories. Coach Laurel has taught us to play through the hard times and she has always believed in us."

### Softball Roster

8th Grade	7th Grade	Shelby Kelly
Madi Aslinger	Jalynn Bible	Bradlee Sexton
Ivy Dolan	Addi Brown	Audrey Young
Maddy Hurst	Maci Byrge	
Emma Redmon	Alyssa Evans	6th Grade
Lillie Swint	Lila Frasier	Aubree Keener
	Skyliah Hooks	Presley Morgan
	Trinity Hamby	Alexis Scarbro
	Maeve Hudson	



### WCMS Baseball Schedule 2023

Date	Location	Time	Opponent
February 20	Harriman	5:30	Scrimmage vs Harriman
February 24-25	Oliver Springs	TBD	Preseason Play
March 2	Away	6:00pm	Rockwood
March 3	Away	6:00pm	Norwood
March 4	Home	12:00pm	Norwood
March 7	Away	5:00pm CST	Fentress w/JV
March 10	Away	6:00pm	Clinton
March 16	Away	6:00pm	Tellico Plains
March 17-18	Home	TBD	JV Play
March 20	Home	5:00pm	Coalfield
March 21	Away	5:00pm	Coalfield
March 23	Away	4:30pm	Oliver Springs
March 24	Home	4:30pm	Oliver Springs
March 25	Spring City	TBD	JV Tournament
March 27	Away	5:30pm	Scott County
March 28	Home	5:30pm	Scott County
March 30	Away	5:30pm	Lake City
March 31	Home	5:30pm	Lake City
April 10	Away	6:00pm	Oakdale
April 11	Home	5:30pm	Oakdale
April 17	Away	5:30pm	Oneida
April 18	Home	5:30pm	Oneida
April 21	Away	5:30	Norris w/JV



### WCMS Softball Schedule 2023

Date	Location	Time	Opponent
March 3, 2023	Home	5:00pm	Cherokee
March 6, 2023	Home	5:00pm	Oneida*
March 9, 2023	Away	6:00pm	Oakdale*
March 10, 2023	Home	5:00pm	Norwood*
March 13, 2023	Away	5:30pm	Scott Co.*
March 16, 2023	Away	5:00pm	Coalfield*
March 20, 2023	Away	5:00pm	Norwood*
March 21, 2023	Away	5:00pm	Oliver Springs*
March 23, 2023	Home	5:30pm	Harriman
March 27, 2023	Home	5:00pm	Coalfield*
March 28, 2023	Away	5:30pm	Rockwood
March 30, 2023	Away	5:30pm	Oneida*
March 31, 2023	Away	5:00pm	Cherokee
April 10, 2023	Home	6:00pm	Oakdale*
April 11, 2023	Away	5:00pm	Midway
April 13, 2023	Away	5:30pm	Harriman
April 17, 2023	Home	5:00pm	Oliver Springs*
April 20, 2023	Home	5:30pm	Midway
April 21, 2023	Home	6:00pm	Campbell Co.
April 24, 2023	Home	5:30pm	Scott Co.*
April 27 - May 3			Area Tournament
May 5 - 13			Sectional Tournament
May 19 - 20			State Tournament



# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Micah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What perfectly square "new" city is described as having walls made of Jasper? *Jerusalem, Jericho, Paphos, Gibeon*
3. From 1 Samuel, what Philistine soldier was slain by a boy? *Joab, Abishai, Dan, Goliath*
4. On which "Mount" did Jesus deliver his final discourse? *Zion, Olives, Carmel, Pisgah*
5. In which book is the phrase, "Could eat a horse"? *None, Acts, Ruth, Ephesians*
6. Which friend of Jesus was buried in a cave? *Sisera, Joshua, Lazarus, Arioch*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Jerusalem, 3) Goliath, 4) Olives, 5) None, 6) Lazarus

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## Clicker Training Can Help Your Dog Love to Learn

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** What is the value of training dogs using a clicker? I have tried using a clicker to train my dog Atlas, but he didn't listen very well. When should I click at him — when he's misbehaving? Or when he's doing something right? And how can he tell? — John H., Springfield, Massachusetts

**DEAR JOHN:** Clicker training, or "mark and reward" training, can seem almost magical in terms of how quickly and enthusiastically a dog learns. But that magic only happens when it's being done correctly.

Basically, you press the clicker device when your dog does precisely the thing that you are trying to train him to do. And you follow up immediately (like, within a second) with a reward — usually a little bit of a treat. So, here's how it is done:

- Decide on one behavior that you want your dog to learn in your training session. Start with a basic behavior, like "sit," "come here," "lie down" or "give paw."

- Give Atlas the command. If he doesn't follow the command, don't click.

- As soon as he follows the command, click once and give him a little treat.

- Repeat the process again and again until he follows the command immediately.

By associating the clicker noise with a command and a reward, Atlas will quickly build a positive association with the command. This works for many types of training, from basic obedience to agility to job-specific commands. But you start with just one command at a time.

Also, consider working with a trainer, either one on one or in a group training setting. You'll pick up many training skills quickly. It's worth the investment.

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



## Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps





# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

\* If you have a plastic-bristle broom that is starting to get really ragged and it's time to replace it, don't get rid of it. Turn it into a scrub broom. Trim the bristles down to about an inch. You can even cut them at an angle. Then you can use this broom to scrub stubborn spots. The bristles are nice and tight when they are so short.

\* Check your windshield wiper blades. Are they smeary? Before you replace them, use a paper towel and rubbing alcohol to clean the blades. They might have life left in them yet!

\* Still fire season in your neck of the woods? Most of us know not to burn magazine inserts or anything plastic, but did you know that you CAN add some spice to your fire? Save the peel from your citrus fruits (oranges, tangerines, grapefruit -- even lemons and limes) to add to your fire. They burn well, and they smell great!

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* Think money doesn't grow on trees? Try telling that to a certain dog in Colombia. After seeing students pass money to a food stall attendant, the enterprising pooch began a regular practice of "paying" for dog biscuits with tree leaves.

\* In a few American cities, Halloween was originally called "Cabbage Night." The name came from a Scottish fortune-telling game in which girls would use cabbage stumps to predict the identity of their future husband.

\* Best-selling author Maya Angelou was San Francisco's first Black streetcar conductor.

\* Sea sponges, like humans, sneeze

to clear their internal filter systems. Unlike humans, such sneezes last about half an hour.

\* In the 18th century, some wealthy folks with gardens decorated their plots with "ornamental hermits" -- actual people whom they paid to dress like a Druid (however they took that to look) and wander around their estates.

\* America's eighth president, Martin Van Buren, tried to keep a pair of tiger cubs given to him by the Sultan of Oman, but Congress made him send them to the zoo.

\* The space between the bottom of a cabinet and the floor is called the toe kick.

\* "Chess boxing" is a sport in which opponents alternate between rounds of chess and boxing until

either competitor is checkmated or knocked out.

\* In 2004, Alice Pike tried to use a fake \$1 million bill to purchase \$1,675 worth of merchandise at Walmart, expecting to receive change from the undoubtedly startled cashier. Well, she did think the bill was genuine ... as she remarked (from jail), "You can't keep up with the U.S. Treasury."

\* The WD-40 Company never patented the WD-40 formula in order to avoid having to publicly disclose its trade-secret ingredients.

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Thought for the Day: "Stay in your own lane. Comparison kills creativity and joy." -- Brene Brown

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\* "We had a piece of linoleum left over when we replaced the kitchen flooring. It was almost a perfect size to put over our picnic table. We use it for crafts and whenever we don't want anything to fall through the boards. It stores neatly against the wall behind our outdoor shelves when we aren't using it!" -- R. in Minnesota

\* If you have a light bulb that has broken off in the socket and you need to get it out to replace it, use needle-nose pliers to grab the metal ring and unscrew it. Be sure to turn the light off first! If that doesn't work, you might be able to use a bar of soap to grab any glass shards sticking out, and unscrew it that way.

\* "When I put on my stockings, I put on my dish gloves first. It sounds silly, but I do not have any snags in my stockings, and the grip of the gloves makes them easy to pull up and adjust for a perfect fit." -- W.M. in New York  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Pirate's chart
- 4 "Shark Tank" network
- 7 Clench
- 11 Misfortunes
- 13 Monk's title
- 14 Jeans maker Strauss
- 15 Grabbed
- 16 Sailor
- 17 Opposite of "sans"
- 18 Lukewarm
- 20 Soft shoes, for short
- 22 Eggy quaff
- 24 Give
- 28 Limo alternative
- 32 Orange variety
- 33 Online auction site
- 34 "Kapow!"
- 36 Traditional tales
- 37 Winter woes
- 39 Lauded
- 41 Balloon filler
- 43 Little rascal
- 44 Beseech
- 46 Speak one's mind
- 50 Big swig
- 53 Profit
- 55 Alike (Fr.)
- 56 Sheltered
- 57 -- Jima
- 58 Activist Parks

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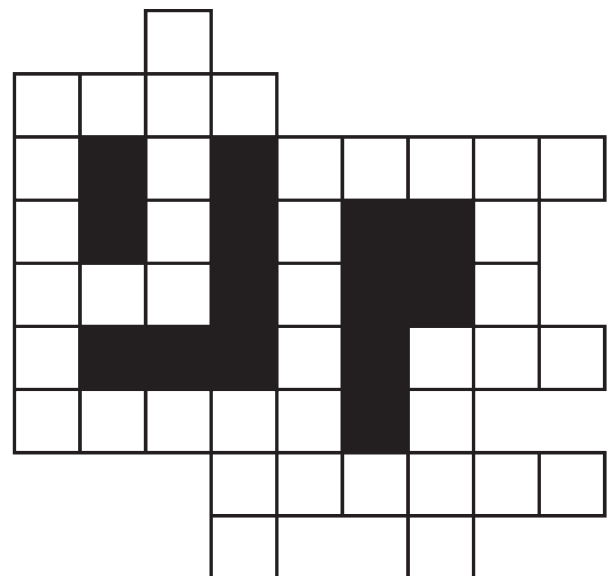
### DOWN

- 1 Catcher's aid
- 2 Skin soother
- 3 Fall into a soft chair
- 4 Astern
- 5 "Dracula" author Stoker
- 6 Ersatz chocolate
- 7 Fairy-tale footwear
- 8 Speed (up)
- 9 "-- had it!"
- 10 Photo, for short
- 12 Swimmer without a suit
- 19 Medico
- 21 Biz bigwig
- 23 Prattle
- 25 New Mexico resort
- 26 Shrek, for one
- 27 Garden intruder
- 28 Georgia or Cal
- 29 Bassoon's kin
- 30 Humpty's perch
- 31 Knock
- 35 Hosp. scan
- 38 California's Big --
- 40 I love (Lat.)
- 42 Craze
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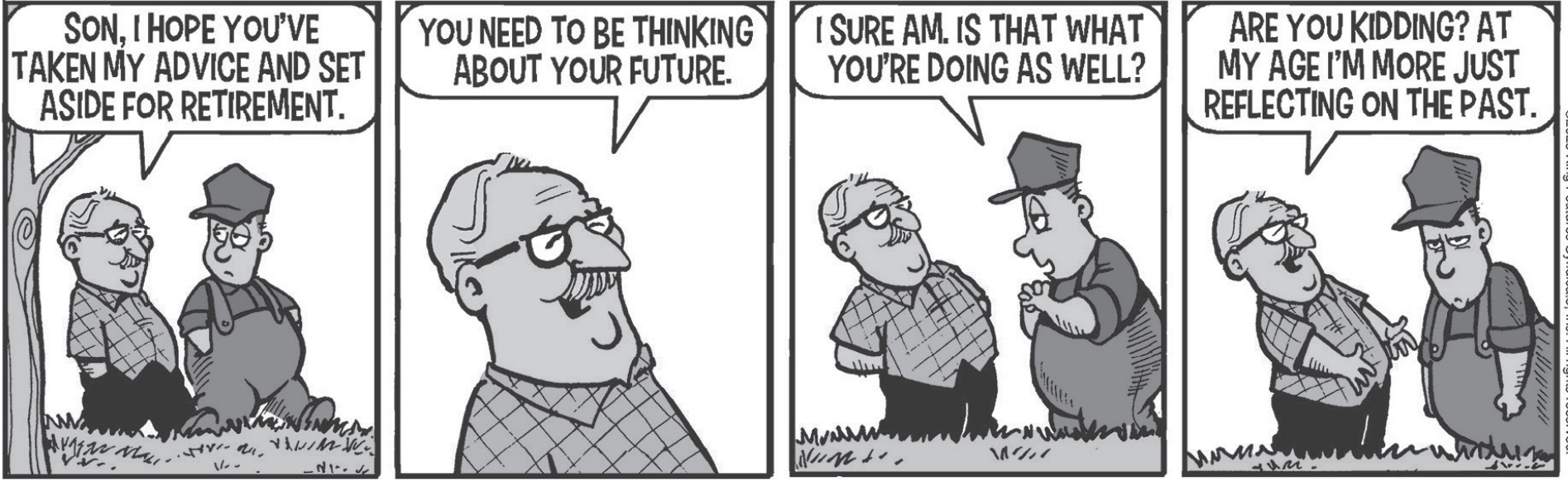
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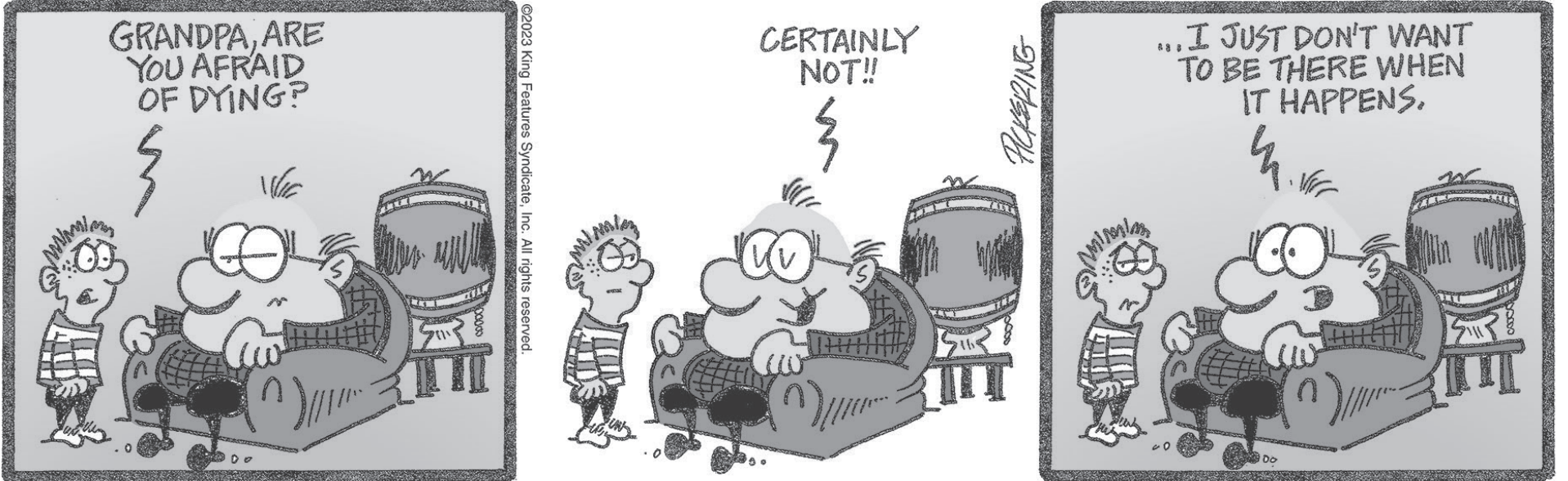
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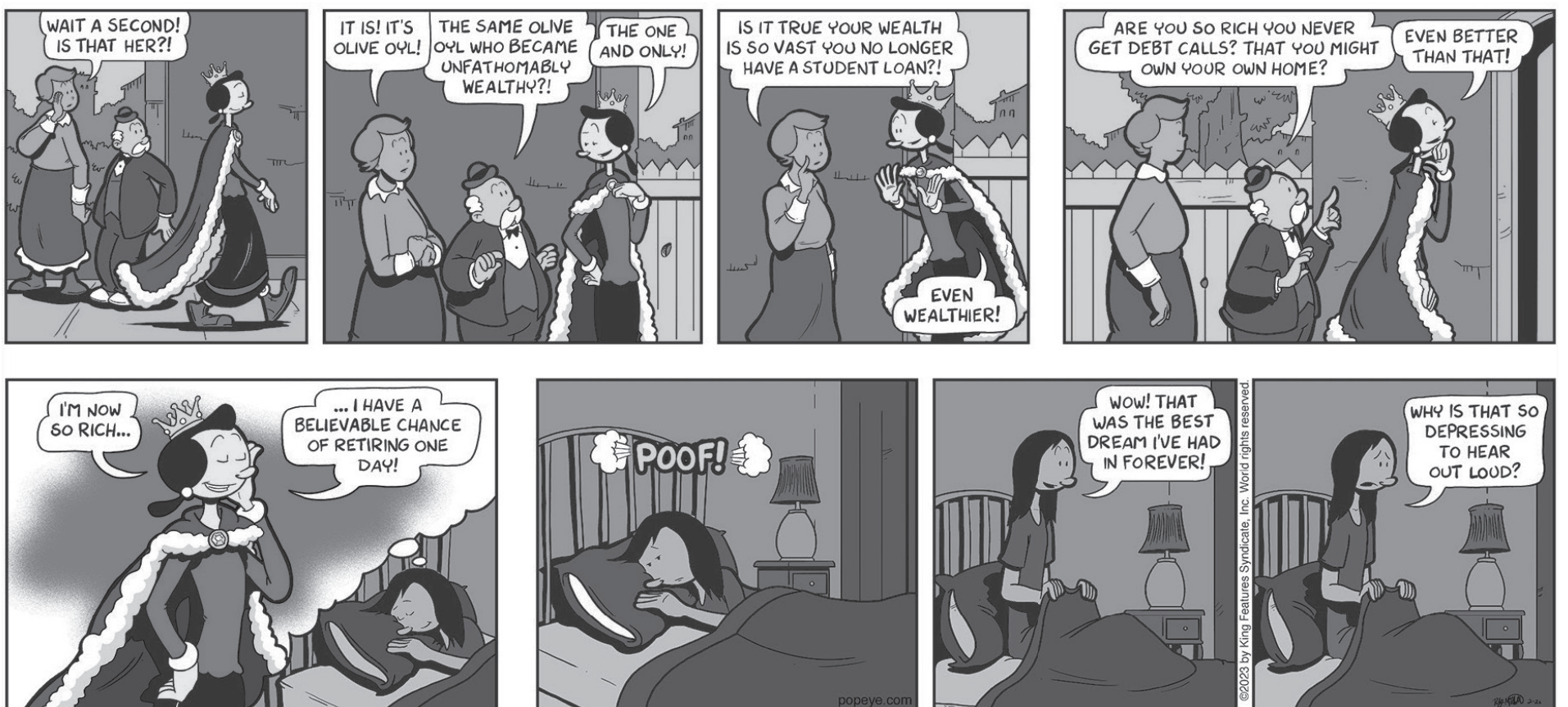


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**THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN**

By Rich Lowry

**The ignorant and racially charged attacks on Nikki Haley**

Only in 21st-century America can you call yourself the “proud daughter of Indian immigrants” and get accused of whitewashing your background.

For the left, the verdict is in and has been for a long time -- Nikki Haley is not Indian American enough.

The offenses of the former South Carolina governor are myriad, from using an easily pronounceable name to converting to Christianity, to once checking “white” on a voter registration card, to touting the value of hard work in getting ahead, to defending America against charges of racism.

This has subjected her to ignorant, highly personal, racially charged attacks.

The NAACP activist (and pastor!) Talbert Swan tweeted that she said say her “real” name and asked if she’s too afraid of “white folks” to do it.

This is long-running criticism. When Haley came on an episode of “The View” last year, Sunny Hostin asked derisively, “What is her real name again?” Hostin, whose given name is Asuncion, called her a “chameleon” and remarked that it might be different “if she leaned into being someone of color.”

This is dumb and ill-informed. As a USA Today fact-check noted, Haley’s name at birth was Nimrata Nikki Randhawa. Rather than being a westernization, “Nikki” is a common nickname in Punjab, where her parents are from. She used the name Nikki since she was young, and then took the last name of her husband Michael Haley, in what is still the common practice in the U.S.

All that aside, the Hostin critique gets to the bottom of the real indictment of Haley from the race obsessives -- she’s not obsessed with race enough. Or, as “South Asian American experts” cited by NBC News put it, she has “an on-and-off relationship with their Indian identity.”

What does “on-and-off” mean except that, while expressing pride in her background, she doesn’t let it wholly define her? In what world is this not a healthy, well-adjusted attitude?

Was her announcement video, which did acknowledge the difficulties of growing up as an Indian American in the South Carolina of that time, supposed to be a screed about all the terrible things that have been done to her by the country her parents chose to come to?

The answer for her woke critics is basically “yes.” Again and again, critiques of Haley mention that she’s perpetuating the “model minority myth,” by which they mean she extols up-from-the-bootstraps hard work instead of painting a picture of immigrant futility in a fundamentally racist country.

The other charges against Haley are as meritless. She reportedly checked “white” on a voter registration card more than 20 years ago. Apparently, the card only offered the options of white, Black/African American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American or other. These categories, an unavoidable aspect of American life, are insanely reductive and imprecise. Asian is often taken to mean East Asian, not South Asian, and if Haley didn’t want to “otherize” herself, she might have checked white as one of a number of not-accurate options.

Regardless, what’s the allegation here? That she thought no one would find out about her Indian heritage if she checked a certain box on a card no one knew about?

Haley also converted to Christianity, which she has explained thoughtfully and sensitively. It’s a feature of Christianity, not a bug, that it is open to all, from every nation and every background. And she’s not the first person to convert to Methodism.

At the end of the day, the left is willing only to accept the legitimacy of minorities who toe the party line and are adherents of the worst sort of identity politics and of “The 1619 Project” version of America.

This is why Justice Clarence Thomas is never considered truly Black and why it doesn’t matter how often Haley says she is proud of her heritage. She’ll still be assailed as a false Indian American working to support white supremacy.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.





**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

The headlines in the Knoxville Journal were clear on Feb. 5, 1940, Sisters Slain at Oliver Springs.

Most of you out there were either to young, or not born yet, to remember this terrible tragedy. Like me you probably heard your parents or relatives talk about the killings but didn't get the full story. We might have to wait a little longer to determine the whole story, because there is a mystery surrounding this story.

We know that somewhere around noon on Feb. 5, 1940 that two spinsters and their houseboy were found dead inside the house that was described as an old-fashioned house located on the Clinton Oliver Springs highway and deemed a landmark because it was built before 1900. Killed were Ann Richard, age 45, Margaret Richard, age 46 and their houseboy Leonard "Powder" Brown, 16, a negro.

Sheriff Bob Smith was continuing his investigation of the slaying and indicated that his findings would result in a verdict that the negro boy killed the sisters and then turned the gun on himself. They were all shot in the head.

The sheriff wanted to withhold his final verdict until two other clues were completely investigated. The first one was that two men in town were asking for directions to the Richard home right before noon. The second one was that two negro prisoners were released from Brushy Mountain Prison at nearby Petros that morning.

I guess one reason "Powder" Brown was blamed was because one report said he was holding the pistol that was used in the killings. Another report said the pistol was beside the body. It was a .32 revolver stolen from the home of Gerald G. Hannah. The negro boy had assisted on this day carrying in coal into the Hannah house into the very room where the gun was located.

After leaving the Hannah house he went to the Richard house. It was believed this was just a short time before the slayings took place.

For me it is hard to believe this small negro boy who was described as being scared to death of guns and was afraid to kill a chicken would steal a gun, take it to the Richard house although he had never handled a gun before was able to shoot two women in the head. Oliver Springs High School principal Professor William Britton described Powder Brown as a meek, timid youth who would be easily scared and not the type to commit a murder. Prof. Britton also said he would refuse to wash an automobile that was used by an undertaking establishment. He sure doesn't sound like a killer to me.

An inquest was held a week after the killing, a jury of twelve white men came to the conclusion that Brown wasn't the killer. But for 61 years or until 2001 the case remained closed and many still believed that "Powder Brown" was guilty.

In 2001 Police Chief Paul Massengill opened the triple murder case. After over 60 years a mystery witness came forward. He said he had lived in fear all this time. He was afraid to come back to Oliver Springs. He still had fear and didn't want his true identity revealed.

The case was reopened after WNOX in Knoxville announced that it had found a new witness a seventy-five-year-old black man who claimed he had seen two men spying on the house the day before the murders.

The way I figure it this mystery witness was around fourteen years of age in 1940 when he saw these two men. He recognized these two men and they saw him as well. A short time after the murder one of these men came to him and told him he had better not tell anyone of what he saw. With him being black and the two men being white you can imagine why he wanted to get out of Oliver Springs. He stayed gone for 60 years and the first thing he wanted to know when he

## Tragedy at Oliver Springs February 5, 1940

got back was were those two men still living?

The two men were deceased but they had families that were very angry when the case was brought up. There is no proof that these two men had anything to do with the murders. Still Massengill was bent on learning the truth. He would like for justice to be done. He said, Leonard Powder Brown is cleared but we've got to find out who did this.

Even May Richards the surviving sister of the two sisters who were murdered didn't believe that Powder Brown was the killer. Her brother Joseph who was the twin brother of Ann Richards who was murdered. He never believed that Powder Brown was the one who killed his sisters. The way they looked at it these people were murdered that day.



So, the two clues that were checked about the two men asking about direction to the Richard's house and the two released negro prisoners at Brushy Mountain Prison didn't prove anything and were dropped. Many towns people wanted this story dropped so they were willing to accept the fact that Sheriff Bob Smith was right, it was a double murder and a suicide. Still today people want to remain silent and seemingly still afraid to talk. Relatives on both sides are still living.

This unsolved case will never be solved. It is to late. It has been 83 years since the murders were committed. Most or all the witnesses are dead and probably the guilty party has been deceased many years.

I guess you could say there were several theories brought up and no doubt Sheriff Smith didn't check them out because he was sure that "Powder Brown" had committed the crime. One witness who went to the Richard house was Mrs. O.P. Jones who was making a delivery. She knocked on the door but was not let in. She said she could hear two men talking, and she was specific they were

white men. She did that because she didn't want the two black convicts who had been released to be falsely accused. I don't know if Sheriff Smith did anything with this information.

In 2001 Police Chief Paul Massengill said that a cousin of the two Richard girls and two men in town were accused of killing the three murdered victims. But she was never found guilty.

Another theory was that the Richard sisters who went to the Presbyterian church reported that someone who lived in town was hiding moonshine in the crawl space of the church. To the sisters this was a disgrace and they reported it to the authorities who already knew it and turned a blind eye. It was just another theory.

Leonard Powder Brown had to wait a long time to have a funeral. He was given a private funeral by family members of the very women he was accused of killing. One of the Richards purchased a headstone and invited city officials and citizens of Oliver Springs.

Some of the attendees wanted to remain anonymous even decades after the crime was committed.

Betty Shelton, a relative of the Richard sisters said, "I was glad to see Powder Brown cleared and for us to have a memorial service for him."

### Facts about Oliver Springs and residents

The city of Oliver Springs was established because there was a spring there that was thought to have healing powers.

President Kennedy and First Lady Jackie visited there and the Secret City.

None of the Richard girls ever married. That included Mary a sister who was a school teacher and who found the bodies. She didn't stay in Oliver Springs after the murders and never went back to the Richard's mansion. She moved to Atlanta, Georgia to be near her brother.

Mary and Joseph sold the mansion for \$1.00 to the American Legion. It burned in 1947.

At one time Oliver Springs had a huge hotel with 150 rooms with electricity and an elevator. Clearly ahead of its time. It attracted visitors from all over the world. It was famous because of its mineral springs. It burned in 1947.

This case remains unsolved.

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David Zubler  
Columnist

## Changes that may reduce your refund

Several tax changes may reduce your refund this year.

Due to the pandemic, Congress passed a tax law that allowed you to take the standard deduction and still take a deduction for contributions. However, that law expired in tax year 2021. Consequently, if you don't itemize and take the standard deduction cannot deduct your charitable contributions this year.

You may have received \$1,400 per person in stimulus last year. Unlike 2020 and 2021, there were no new stimulus payments for 2022, so you won't receive any stimulus money with your return.

Several tax credits have returned to 2019 levels. You will likely receive a significantly smaller refund than the previous tax year.

Changes include the Earned Income Tax Credit amounts and the Child and Dependent Care Credit going back to pre-COVID levels.

The maximum Earned Income Credit amount nearly tripled for people with no children in 2021. For the first time, the Earned Income Credit was available to both younger workers and senior citizens. There was no upper age limit for claiming the credit if taxpayers had earned income. The Earned Income Credit rules have reverted to the rules before Covid. If you don't have a qualifying child, you must also be at least 25 or older but under

65, not qualify as a dependent of another person, and lived in the U S for more than half of the year. At least one spouse must meet the age rule.

The Child and Dependent Care Credit returns to a maximum of \$2,100 in 2022 instead of \$8,000 in 2021. The loss of \$6,100 in Child and Dependent Care Credit will have a substantial impact on your refund if you are taking the credit.

However, you may still qualify for temporarily expanded eligibility of the Premium Tax Credit. This refundable credit helps eligible individuals and families pay for their health insurance purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace. To get this credit, you must meet the requirements. If you purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace, you would receive a Form 1095-A Health Insurance Marketplace Statement. Form 1095-a must be reported on your tax return. The Premium Tax Credit is claimed using Form 8962.

The IRS has announced that for tax year 2023, there will be annual inflation adjustments for more than 60 tax provisions, including the tax rate schedules and other tax changes. Information regarding the annual inflation adjustments will be included in future columns.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Shrinkflation: Beating Them at Their Own Game

"Shrinkflation." That's a word that's been in the news lately, and one that we need to pay attention to.

We know prices are increasing on our groceries. We see it every time we look at the price tags on the shelves when we shop, and certainly at the checkout. But shrinkflation is a different thing and can be harder to spot. Shrinkflation is sneaky price increases.

In shrinkflation, the prices don't go up, but what we get comes down. This is impacting most things across grocery stores, including dairy, shampoo, meats, frozen foods, toilet paper, pet food, pastries, candy bars, laundry detergent, sliced cheese, tea bags ... well, everything.

Example: The price of a can of beans stays the same, but we

get fewer ounces. Example: The price of a loaf of bread stays the same, but it's smaller. Same with cereal, which you'll have noticed when the box sizes changed.

In my case, one particular item (frozen meatballs) at my local store dropped from 64 meatballs to 56 ... fewer for the same money.

Keep an eye on the unit pricing on the tag on the grocery store shelf. Yes, it's in tiny print (which is one reason to carry a small magnifying glass at all times), but the numbers will tell you the unit price per fluid ounce, pound or count. Over time you'll be able to see if you're getting less for your money.

Look at generics to save money (and, in many cases, get a better product) or just change brands. Buy more than one if the price is good, but watch the expiration dates.

Lastly, consider signing up for a store's loyalty card if you get cash benefits for doing so, and sign up for the emailed weekly sales flyer to shop from.

By shopping carefully, we can beat them at their own game.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Name the group that had a Top Ten hit with "Let Me Love You Tonight."
2. What was Billy Joel's first No. 1 chart topper?
3. Where did Gogi Grant get her first name?
4. Name the artist who wrote and released "Against the Wind."
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I want you to come back and carry me home, Away from these long, lonely nights."

## Answers

1. **Pure Prairie League, in 1980. Vince Gill sang lead before launching his solo career as a country singer.**
2. **"Just the Way You Are," in 1977. The song took two Grammy awards for both Record of the Year and Song of the Year in 1979.**
3. **A record producer changed her first name to Gogi, after the name of a restaurant. Her hit "The Wayward Wind" stayed at the top of the charts for six weeks in 1956.**
4. **Bob Seger, in 1980.**
5. **"All Out of Love," by Air Supply, in 1980. The first line of the chorus was originally written as "I'm all out of love, I want to arrest you" but the group was convinced to change it to "I'm all out of love, I'm so lost without you."**

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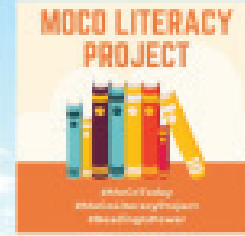
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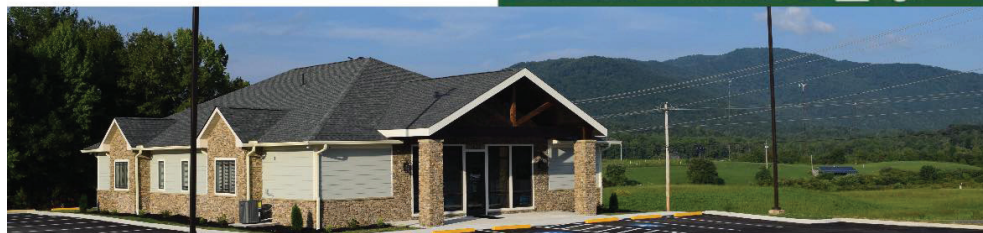
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# Hebrews Chapter 7

(Hebrews 7:1-3) Melchizedek, the mysterious priest: Melchizedek, a contemporary of Abraham, was king of Salem (later known as Jerusalem), as well as a priest of God Most High. (He was not a worshipper of “El, the high Canaanite god,” as modern liberal writers contend.) The fact that he was both a king and priest is significant. His dual roles foreshadowed the priesthood of Christ (Psa. 110, Zech. 6:12-13). After Abraham had rescued Lot, in route back home, patriarch paid tithes to Melchizedek and was blessed by the renowned ruler (Gen. 14:17). Our writer describes him as king of righteousness and peace (v. 2). He was a type (picture prophecy) of Christ. He was without genealogy---not literally, but with reference to his kingly---priestly functions. His priesthood was not determined by a physical genealogy, nor was his office limited by a set number of years (as was Aaron’s); rather, it is described as without beginning or end, it had no term limit.

(Hebrews 7:4-10) two priesthoods): the greatness of Melchizedek is emphasized by the fact that Abraham gave him a tenth of the spoils he had taken in war. This was similar to the fact that the Levites, descendants of Abraham, later took tithes from the Hebrew people under Moses’ law. Our author will now argue that this arrangement demonstrated that Melchizedek’s priesthood was superior to Aaron’s. This case will be made in three ways. The first argument is found in this section (v.4-10).

Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek, and the king blessed the patriarch. But the lesser person is always blessed by the better (v.7). Hence, in some sense, Melchizedek was the---not morally, but in rank or position. In a way, therefore, Levi, who received tithes from the people under the Mosaic regime, also paid tithes representatively through his ancestor, Abraham. This order of payment subtly suggested that the administration of Melchizedek was superior to that of Aaron; or, to say it in another way, the covenant of Christ (of whom the king---priest was a prophetic picture) was superior to that of Moses (of which Aaron’s administration was representative). Why, then, were these Hebrews tempted to forsake Christianity and return to Judaism? That did not make sense.

(Hebrews 7:11-22) the Levitical priesthood analyzed: now to the second argument for the superiority of Melchizedek’s over Aaron’s. If there had been perfection (redemptive adequacy) through the Levitical priesthood (the system of Moses’ law), that order of things would have continued permanently. But it did not. A priesthood of another kind (see v. 11, 15) replaced the former. Inasmuch as the priesthood was changed, such indicated the necessity of a change of the law (v. 12). The law of Moses was abrogated (Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14); the law of Christ replaced it.

The change in priesthood required a new high priest from a different tribe (v. 13). The new priest came out of the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10), for which tribe there was no authorization in the law for the selection of priests (v. 14); hence, another law would have to replace the first. (From this comes the truth that one is not permitted

to act in religion in the absence of divine authority.) The new priest would be our Lord (v. 14); the new law would be the new and better covenant (v. 22).

The old regime was of a carnal nature (v. 16), thus was weak, unprofitable, and made nothing perfect (it could not deal with sin permanently). It had to be removed to make way for a covenant with a better hope through which we draw near to God (v. 18-19). Jesus Christ, therefore, became the surety (guarantee) of the new, better covenant (v. 22), underwritten by the oath of God (which never happened in the interest of Aaronic priest (v. 21). In view of these facts, why would one forsake perfection (that which was divinely efficacious through Christ) and return to that which was not? The Judaizers are not thinking logically.

(Hebrews 7:23-25) the superiority of Christ’s priesthood: the third and concluding argument relating to the priesthood issue is contained in verses twenty-three through twenty-five. The many priests of the Old Testament regime, one by one, died out. (During the 107-year period, from the time of Herod the Great until the destruction of Jerusalem (37 B.C. --A.D. 70), twenty-eight men held the office of high priest. Not a one had the qualifications of the Aaronic line). In contrast, Christ, as our high priest, abides perpetually, having served already for more than twenty centuries! His priesthood is unchangeable. He ever lives to make intercession!

Jesus, therefore, is able to save to the uttermost, the equivalent of unchangeable, not subject to alteration. (This contains no implication of the impossibility of apostasy, as sometimes claimed.)

Hebrews 7:26-28) Christ, the perfect High Priest: this high priest of Christianity has certain qualities unrivaled by anyone else. As our high priest he is holy (truly pious), guileless (void of all that is wrong, without malice), undefiled (stainless, untainted), and separated from sinners. The verbal form suggests an action performed on him by another, and that with abiding effect. It alluded to his exaltation into heaven out of earth’s sinful environment---consequently, his having been made higher than the heavens (an explanatory phrase).

Our perfect high priest did not need to offer daily sacrifices, as the Aaronic priests did---certainly not for his own sins (of which he had none). Neither did he need to offer up himself for the sins of the people each time they sinned. This he did once (meaning once for all times) at the cross. Under the Mosaic law system, high priests, good as each might have been, nevertheless were sinful. On the other hand, God’s oath, confirming his Son as high priest, provided a system a sacrifice permanently efficacious. (As an incidental matter, this affirmation negates the Roman Catholic doctrine of the sacrifice of the mass, which alleges that Jesus is sacrificed over and over, thousands of times, each time the Church accommodates a mass).

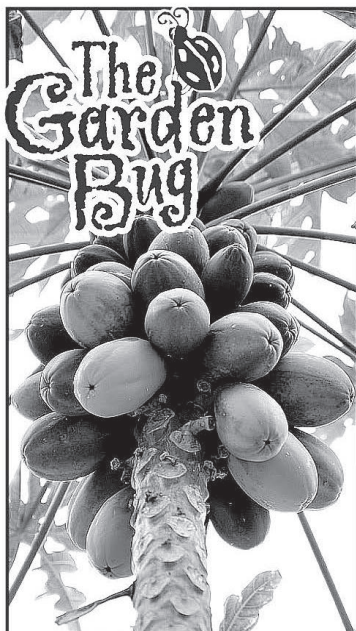
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and establish His words  
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# Historically Speaking

## Molly Brown, Part One

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Molly Brown concluded her senior class, yearbook memories in the 2004 Oak Log with the following: "One word. CONFERENCES." That summarization personified her Oak Ridge High School (ORHS) leadership resume', and it could still be her mantra in her professional career.

She currently serves as a Deputy Program Manager for the US Navy where she said, "I stumbled upon the arms control treaties and agreements world with my first job and have stayed in this niche field since. I started working in chemical and biological treaties, eventually working my way to the Compliance Assessment Group." Her work with the US Navy requires that she render policy advisement and oversight on international and domestic laws requiring compliance. Her job involves research, problem solving, travel, communication skills, and diplomacy.

In interviewing Molly, I was curious to get a sense of her teenage aspirations regarding her future. Her educational choices, beginning as early as ORHS, no doubt helped to secure the career she now enjoys. She answered my question as follows: "I saw myself spending time in DC doing something in politics." Her current work, which is largely apolitical, is vital to national security. More on her specialized assignments will follow in a subsequent, Part Two, of her story while this Part One installment will concentrate on her Oak Ridge and Roane County origins.

Raised in Oliver Springs near the Hopper farm and surrounded by extended family, Molly attended school for grades K-8 in Oliver Springs. The Hopper clan, her mother's family, traces their local origins back to a young slave girl named Adeline who was sold to William Staples of Oliver Springs in the 1840's. In the late 1940's, the same land that Adeline worked was purchased by Molly's grandfather and his brother, William and Benton Hopper. Now, Hopper descendants count eight family homes on same property and seven generations of Hoppers who have lived and worked in the area. Blake, older brother of Molly, lives with his family on the farm. One of Molly's fond childhood memories is accompanying her Uncle Julian Hopper and Grandmother Nannie Hopper on trips to sell farm produce at the Oak Ridge Farmers Market, a tradition that continues into the present day.

Molly's parents, Emmitt and Abigail (Gail) Brown, met as students at Campbell High School in Rockwood, TN, the segregated school for Black students living in Roane County before the middle 1960s. For grades 1-8, Gail attended a one-room schoolhouse, the Oliver Springs Colored School. Gail's sister and family historian, Julia Daniel, said that students called their school by the preferred name of "Miss Mayme's School," in honor of Mayme Carmichael who taught three to four generations of students there.

Gail graduated as valedictorian of her high school senior class in 1963. She completed an undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee as one of the earliest Black student graduates in UT's history. Emmitt, a Rockwood native, joined the US Navy post high school. Gail and he spent their first years of marriage in Puerto Rico and Maryland, Emmitt's last Naval assignments. They transitioned from military life to live nearby the Hopper family homestead in Oliver Springs. Emmitt was employed by the Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL) where he became the Chief of Security before retiring. Gail's teaching career at ORHS spanned more than three decades from 1969-2001.

Molly transferred from Oliver Springs Schools to ORHS in her freshman year of 2000-2001. Given that Molly's mother was a respected faculty member and Chair of the ORHS Business Department, and her sister Carla was a 1991 ORHS gradu-

ate, the transition was made easier.

Molly immersed herself into the academic and extracurricular life of ORHS. She played AYSO community soccer until her junior year when she sustained a sidelining injury. Notable among her many activities were selection as a representative from ORHS to Girls State, a four-year member and senior-year president of SECME (Southeastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering), and the TN State President of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). She honed public speaking/communication skills and leadership through these activities, and her advanced academic coursework positioned her for challenging post-secondary studies.

One of her beloved high school mentors



Molly Brown



Molly Brown and Willie Wildcat of Northwestern University

was Cassandra Osborne, ORHS history teacher and Social Studies Chair. Cassandra also holds the honor of being Molly's godmother. Cassandra sponsored SECME, a popular club with ORHS students, and she recalled Molly's special talents. She wrote, "Molly served as President of SECME and always received the highest academic awards bestowed by the organization. She gave up her spring break each year to travel to various colleges with the organization. Molly always stood out to college reps based on her inquisitive and well thought out questions regarding higher education."

Cassandra continued, "Molly has always been a very capable debater and is diligent in checking her facts before speaking. I think one of the best ways overall to describe Molly is very knowledgeable, intelligent, trustworthy, and a genuine individual who is a lifelong learner. She respects everyone and has the interpersonal skills to make others feel comfortable around her."

During the summer preceding her ORHS senior year, Molly was accepted for a pre-college program at Northwestern University called LEAD (Leadership, Education, and Development) through the Kellogg School of Management. LEAD exposed Molly to opportunities for team project work in developing and writing a detailed business plan, in giving presentations, and in responding to critiques by the university faculty and MBA graduate mentors. The month-long program offered the student scholars an academic survey of marketing, finance, managerial leadership, management communication, team collaboration, negotiation skills, social responsibility, and business plan development. The student scholars' project work imitated a similar process used in training MBA graduates of the Kellogg School.

Molly said that her participation in LEAD convinced her that Northwestern University was the undergraduate experience she desired. LEAD certainly provided the specialized skills for her ORHS senior-year assignment as the State President of FBLA and an eventual trip to the FBLA national convention. Her Northwestern undergraduate studies were directed toward a double major in political science and international studies. She wrote, "(My classes) taught me how to analyze, process, and synthesize my thoughts which have been critical skills needed in my career."

Ever seeking a new challenge, Molly used her summers and other free time to pursue internships in various fields. In the summers before and after her Northwestern freshman year, Molly completed an ORNL internship in Environmental Science where she studied the cumulative thermal stress on fish during chronic exposure to high temperatures. Contemplating the possibility of law school, Molly elected to spend the summers of 2005 and 2006 working in the Anderson County Juvenile Court. The final quarter of her collegiate junior year, as well as parttime during her senior year, she interned with a public consulting firm whose CEO was the Mayor of Evanston, IL.

Molly's high school career was filled with conferences and meetings where she learned to take the lead. Her journey was just beginning when she transitioned from Wiley the ORHS Wildcat mascot in cardinal and gray to Willie Wildcat of Northwestern University, the NU mascot wearing purple and white. Even with a double major in political science and international studies, she completed both Bachelor degrees in less than four years. Her teen professional dreams of a career in DC were coming true when she subsequently accepted her first job as a National Security Analyst for the Computer Sciences Corporation in Alexandria, VA. To be continued.

Per official government guidelines: The views presented for this story are those of Molly Brown and do not necessarily represent the

views of the Department of Defense or its components.

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Thank you, Benita for this introduction to Molly Brown and her educational credentials. She is indeed an outstanding graduate of Oak Ridge Schools.



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# Is World War III on the Horizon?



**Michael Nance**  
Columnist

World events in Europe and the Middle East are casting a curtain of concern over western nations and many are wondering if the beginning of World War III is just around the corner. Will the war in Ukraine, Russia's growing alliance with China, and Iran's efforts to enrich uranium all collaborate to drag the world into a World War? That is the question this article explores.

The War in Ukraine is over a year old, and it is certainly the product of a tyrant's design. The United States has provided support to the besieged Ukrainians in the form of modern weapons and huge sums of money. To this end, the war is seen by some as a proxy war between the west and Russia. Many other nations are supporting Ukraine, but by far the United States is the country's largest supporter. This war is aligning Russian, Iranian and potentially Chinese interests in a troubling way that could have catastrophic consequences. Iran is supplying Russia with military unmanned drones, and they have had a moderate impact on the battlefield. It would be incorrect to assume that Iranian drone technology is primitive, as they have deep technical understanding of military drones. Iran has honed their drone capacity as a result of western sanctions preventing the importation of military aircraft. To fill the void of unavailable military aircraft Iran embraced the lower cost military drones and they have been remarkably successful at constructing these effective, but low-cost weapons.

Considering that Rus-

sia is now a major importer of Iranian drones, and that Iran has a desire to create a nuclear weapon this relationship should worry everyone. Putin is obviously desperate to win in Ukraine and if Iran developed a nuclear weapon western interests would pivot from Ukraine to Iran, potentially overnight. This is a tactic right out of Putin's playbook.

Further complicating

ests further align in Russia, a separate economy could form. From a historical point of view this is a terrible omen for the chances of another World War.

In both World War I and II we see that economic drivers assisted in causing both conflicts. In World War I, Europe witnessed serfdom end and industrialization shake the economic foundations of the continent. The drastic war

stronger alliance with Russia and a real separate economy emerges it could be another harbinger to a third World War! Not to mention that China still has strong designs on Taiwan, and the United States is the prime opposing party.

The gravity of the circumstances did not escape Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. He was recently quoted in an interview as saying: "My hope is that the government in Beijing will maintain a pragmatic attitude, otherwise we risk World War III – we are all aware of that." Former President Donald Trump also recently warned of the possibility of a global war in an interview when he stated: "I think more than anything else, I think we can end up in World War III. All of the horrible things that took place in Ukraine, looks like it's going to happen in China with Taiwan."

The statements of former President Trump and Ukrainian President Zelensky both have political underpinning in their sentiments, but the fact is everyone is concerned about the conflict engulfing the globe.

In conclusion, we must also remember that it was the ally's failure to challenge Adolf Hitler at the beginning of World War II that allowed the war to be so costly in lives. With that as a history lesson, Putin cannot be allowed to bully his way through Europe. Conversely, the United States and our allies must be careful with China and not allow a strong partnership to form between China and Russia. To prevent a third World War may require diplomacy and many uncomfortable and unpopular decisions, only time will tell.



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this entire set of circumstances is China and the economic changes that are occurring around the globe. Due to the sanctions against Russia, China is now becoming the dominate economic power in Russia. It could be said that if the war in Ukraine continues and Chinese economic inter-

reparations that Germany had to pay the allies resulting from the Treaty of Versailles at the end of World War I, drove the German government to operate a separate underground economy. This separate economy drove alliances which brought World War II to the stage. In this respect, if China forms a

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**John Burns**  
*Opinion Columnist*

# The 24 Elders

Every letter, number, part of speech, every yod and every tittle, were placed in the Bible for our instruction, and correction. Reproof is a term meaning it is self-correcting and can stand alone on its own merit. It can prove itself true!

The Bible was conceived by the Trinity of Creation, prior to making our world inhabitable by humans. The creation was fine-tuned by our Creator, distinctly to be inhabited

by the only species in creation He planned to offer salvation. Humans were brought forth in God's image to prove God alone is sovereign over creation.

In the beginning of man, Adam fellowshiped directly with Elohim the creator. The language they communicated in was ancient Hebrew. It is comprised of 22 characters making up the Hebrew alphabet. Each character was a distinct symbol, with a distinct meaning. Each character also had a numerical value. The Old Testament is a Hebrew algorithm proving God gave us the digital code over the creation in the Bible.

The number 24 is used only one other time in the Bible. 1 Chronicles 27 we find King David assigning the priests 24 2-week periods each revolving around the Luni-solar calendar of moon cycles. Zechariah, John the Baptist's father can help identify when Jesus Christ was presented in the temple by his assigned position to burn incense at a very specific time.

Ezekiel teaches that the Messiah will be in the temple in Jerusalem during the new moon and Shabbat during his 1000-year earthly reign from David's Bema seat. The priests alone ensure when it is time to worship Messiah. Nothing has changed.

Revelation 5 we are introduced to the priest-kings around the throne of God worshipping the Lamb in heaven. There are 24 priest-kings representing the church or true bride of Christ. These are a subset of the body of Christ. Identified by the 7-lamp candlestick in Revelation 1:3.

The 24 elders are on earth in revelation 1:3, then John gets a picture of the rapture as he is transmitted to heaven in revelation 4:1 to witness the 24 priest-kings praising the Lamb of God who purchased their redemption through his blood.

They are clothed in white and their garments have been redeemed in blood. In Revelation 5 they are praising the God-man who is able to open the scrolls based solely upon his resurrection. He is now the Lion of the tribe of Judah, preparing to unleash the wrath of God upon the world that denied him for 2000 years.

The bride is in heaven receiving crowns and a mansion prepared by our risen bridegroom. This is key to understanding all prophecies about the rapture of the bride of Christ. A careful study of the ancient Hebrew wedding ceremony can clear up a lot of misconceptions about who indeed is the virgin bride?

The virgins who are instructed to have their lamps trimmed and fail, are a picture of the majority of the body of Christ. Amazingly there are 6 who fail, and 6 is the number of man. Church has gotten uncomfortable with the blood of the Lamb requirement to cleanse all unrighteousness. Unending mercy has been replaced by the prostitution of grace.

The bride of Christ is in heaven prior to the start of the time of Jacob's trouble. No-where in scripture is the church, the bride, or the body of Christ labeled Jacob!

The tribulation is the missing link to Jeremiah first prophesying that Israel would endure 70 weeks of 7- year periods of tribulation. By the time Jesus Christ was denied as Israel's King and Messiah and executed represented 69 weeks of years. A 70th week

is required to end their transgression and repentance from denial of Messiah occurs, and this fits Revelation 5:19 perfectly. It also matches the time the bride and bridegroom celebrate after the marriage is consummated.

The Marriage supper of the Lamb occurs in heaven at the end of the tribulation, and prior to Messiah returning to Jerusalem to destroy all the kingdoms of the earth who denied him. Israel has recognized the error in denying Jesus Christ. They have cried hosanna, and we return with him as priest-kings to set up the millennial kingdom.

The millennium will see worship of true biblical monotheism restored as God once again dwells with men on earth. Jesus Christ will sit upon King David's throne for 1000 literal years. The lion shall lie down with the Lamb on earth. Eden will be restored, and righteousness will flow from the throne of Messiah.

The question we all must ponder: Is Jesus Christ God, must again replace religious traditions begun by men? We all must answer for ourselves the question, was it God on that cross?

Is the Bible a carefully devised love story? Does the love story revolve around the execution of the Son of God at the hands of his heavenly Father? Did Jesus Christ die to restore the worship of Creator to the minds of men? Have we fulfilled our human destiny?

Prophecy to the teachers' mind, is one of unlocking biblical patterns. These patterns prove the authenticity of the Creator who wrote our story in the very stars of heaven, before he gave us the written revealed history of our universe. The Bible is the greatest textbook in human history, and God desires we again become students in these last days of gentile salvation.

We live in a time the Bible says more about than the time Jesus Christ walked the shores of Galilee, calling the 12 Apostles out of human careers, to make them all fishers of men. He has given us the Holy Spirit to correct our religious thinking, and return us to sound Bible instruction found in both testaments of the Bible.

Those who watch the news are worried about the advent of the anti-Christ. We who read the Bible, are eagerly awaiting the return of our risen bridegroom from heaven.

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 8-28-2022

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

*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

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Marvel not that I  
said unto thee,  
Ye must be born again.

John 3:7

- Jesus

“I’ve failed over and over  
in my life, and that is why  
I succeeded.”

— Michael Jordan

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The City of Wartburg is not accepting sealed bids on the following:

- 1997 Chevrolet 2x4 3500 6.5L Diesel Ton Truck with Dump Bed
- 1993 Chevrolet 2x2 20 Series Van 6 Cyl Gas
- Low Boy Trailer
- Low Boy Trailer
- Smith Air Compressor trailer style
- Brush Bandit Chipper Trailer Style
- Electric Golf Cart

1997 GMC Sonoma 2x4 White 2 Door 4.3L V6  
2003 Ford Ranger 2x4 Cab/Half White 3.0L V6  
Bids will be accepted at City Hall until Monday March 13, 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.

**Note Day Change!** Together Morgan County will hold their monthly meeting **THURSDAY, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. est** at Morgan County Schools Central Office located on Flat Fork Road in Wartburg. Everyone is welcome to attend.



# MoCo Today's Veteran of the Week

United States Army veteran Master Sergeant Earl D. Plumlee served in the War on Terrorism in Afghanistan while assigned to Company C, 4TH Battalion, 1ST Special Forces Group (Airborne).

On December 16, 2021 he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in Afghanistan. He was presented his Medal of Honor at the White House by President Joseph R. Biden Jr.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: Staff Sergeant Earl D. Plumlee distinguished himself by acts of gallantry above and beyond the call of duty on August 28th, 2013, while serving as a weapons sergeant, C Company, 4th Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) in support of Enduring Freedom. Sergeant Plumlee instantly responded to an enemy attack on Forward Operating Base Ghazni in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan that began with an explosion that tore a 60-foot breach in the base's perimeter wall. Ten insurgents wearing Afghan National Army uniforms and suicide vests poured through the breach. Sergeant Plumlee and five others mounted two vehicles and raced toward the explosion. When his vehicle was engaged by enemy fire, Sergeant Plumlee reacted instinctively, using his body to shield the driver prior to exiting the vehicle and engaging an enemy insurgent 15 meters to the vehicle's right with his pistol. Without cover and in complete disregard for his own safety, he advanced on the enemy, engaging multiple insurgents with only his pistol. Upon reaching cover, he killed two insurgents —one with a grenade and the other by detonating the insurgent's suicide vest using precision sniper fire. Again, disregarding his



own safety, Sergeant Plumlee advanced alone against the enemy, engaging several insurgents at close range, including one whose suicide vest exploded a mere seven meters from his position. Under intense enemy fire, Sergeant Plumlee temporarily withdrew to cover, where he joined up with another soldier and, together, they mounted another counterattack. Under fierce enemy fire, Sergeant Plumlee again moved from cover and attacked the enemy forces, advancing within seven meters of a previously wounded insurgent who detonated his suicide vest, blowing Sergeant Plumlee back against a nearby wall. Sergeant Plumlee, ignoring his injuries, quickly regained his faculties

and reengaged the enemy forces. Intense enemy fire once again forced the two soldiers to temporarily withdraw. Undeterred, Sergeant Plumlee joined a small group of American and Polish soldiers, who moved from cover to once again counterattack the infiltrators. As the force advanced, Sergeant Plumlee engaged an insurgent to his front left. He then swung around and engaged another insurgent who charged the group from the rear. The insurgent detonated his suicide vest, mortally wounding a U.S. soldier. Sergeant Plumlee, again, with complete disregard for his own safety, ran to the wounded soldier, carried him to safety, and rendered first aid. He then methodically cleared the area, remained in a security posture, and continued to scan for any remaining threats. Staff Sergeant Earl D. Plumlee's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Special Forces Regiment, and the United States Army.

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Police Officer Geoffrey Redd of the Memphis Police Department, Tennessee died on Saturday, February 18, 2023 after succumbing to wounds he sustained two weeks earlier while responding to a suspicious person call at the Poplar-White Station Library.

Officers, including Officer Redd, had responded to a nearby business regarding a trespasser. Approximately 30 minutes later the subject became engaged in an altercation with a citizen inside of the Poplar-White Station Library.

As Officer Redd and another officer attempted to contact the subject outside of the library the man produced a handgun and opened fire on them.

Officer Redd was shot and critically wounded before the other offi-



cer returned fire and killed the subject. Officer Redd was transported to Regional One Hospital and remained in critical condition until his death.

Several years prior to being shot, Officer Redd had been critically injured when he was struck by a vehicle while on duty. He returned to duty following an extensive recovery period.

Officer Redd was a United States Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Memphis Police Department for 15 years. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and four grand-

children.

Please keep Officer Redd's family in your prayers in the name of Jesus Christ.



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## Foods to Stockpile to Reduce Grocery Spending

Whenever you read about frugality, you'll find a lot about what *not* to buy. Well, I'm going to tell you what you *should* buy. These are the items to stockpile when they go on sale.

With prices skyrocketing, it's important to know the prices of items you buy regularly so you know if you're getting a good deal. I seriously recommend keeping notes when you shop to record the prices of any items you purchase regularly.

Here are some of the goodies no pantry should be without:

**Peanut butter:** This pantry staple keeps a long time and is always handy. Stored in a cool, dry area, it'll last at least two years.

**Salad dressings:** Especially Italian, Greek and Balsamic. Besides dressing salads, they make great marinades for meat, poultry and fish. You also use them to dress pasta, potatoes or steamed vegetables.

**Condiments and sauces:** Items like soy, teriyaki, barbecue, mustard and ketchup keep for a very long time and help with inspiration when it comes to meal planning.

**Spices:** Stored properly, avoiding light, heat and moisture, dried spices and herbs last one to two years.

**Pasta:** Watch for coupons and wait

for sales. Properly stored, unopened packages last up to three years, so stock up!

**Pasta sauce:** The canned stuff still goes on sale for around a dollar. If you're like me, you usually add stuff to it anyway — a little onion, garlic and sausage. You know. There's your last-minute meal, ready and waiting.

**Canned tomatoes:** They come in lots of varieties, and store brands are terrific. Lycopene, the antioxidant found in tomatoes, is in its cell walls. Cooking tomatoes releases lycopene to do its work, so canned is healthier than fresh. They keep for about a year.

**Dried and canned beans:** Dried are most economical and remain at best quality two years or longer. Canned are ready immediately for quick meals.



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### Make this quick and easy chili with pantry ingredients.

**Canned soups:** Keep a few cream soups on hand for quick meal fixes and a few main dish soups on hand for emergency meals. Collect coupons for quality brands then wait for sales.

**Frozen vegetables:** When the price goes under the price per pound of the fresh veggies, it's time to pick some up. Kept frozen, they remain at peak quality up to 12 months.

**Frozen meat and poultry:** Again, watch for sales and put a few aside.

Chubs and vacuum-packed ground meats freeze beautifully and take up minimum space.

Here's a quick and easy chili recipe made with pantry ingredients. This makes a base for meals like burritos, tacos or taco salad. Serve over baked potatoes, rice or pasta; make chili mac; or use as filling for omelets; or just eat it with tortilla chips.

### 10 MINUTE PANTRY CHILI

Yield: 4 servings

Total Time: 10 minutes

What You'll Need:

1 pound ground beef, pork or turkey

1 1/2 cups onion, chopped

2 tablespoons chili powder

1 tablespoon cumin

1 tablespoon dried minced garlic

1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce

1 (15-ounce) can red kidney beans

Salt & pepper to taste

Here's How:

Heat skillet to medium-high. Place hamburger and onion in the skillet, stirring occasionally. While the hamburger cooks, open the beans and tomato sauce and rinse the beans. Set aside. When the meat is nearly done, drain the excess fat from the skillet. Add the chili powder, cumin, garlic, tomato sauce and beans. Stir to combine. Add salt and pepper to taste.

If you can budget a few dollars each month for stocking up on sale items, it will save you a bundle in the long run.

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## SENATOR KEN YAGER RECEIVES TENNESSEE MEN'S HEALTH NETWORK'S 2022 MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

(NASHVILLE) Tennessee Men's Health Network is pleased to announce Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) has been named the organization's 2022 Man of the Year.

"Senator Yager's courageous battle against prostate cancer was followed by our organization", says Mike Leventhal, Executive Director of Tennessee Men's Health Network. "Senator Yager's decision to discuss his treatments provides hope to those that are fighting cancer, becoming a strong advocate for men and their families to learn more about the dangers of prostate cancer and the importance of early detection. His willingness to get the message out about regular physician visits and having proactive healthy

habits will help save lives."

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers among men. Every two and a half minutes a man is diagnosed with the disease. Last year, over 288,000 men were diagnosed with this cancer, over 4,500 of those in Tennessee. Approximately 34,700 men will lose their life due to prostate cancer this year, almost 600 in Tennessee.

Tennessee Men's Health Network is an affiliate of Men's Health Network headquartered in Washington, D.C. TMHN is classified as a nonprofit educational organization comprised of physicians, researchers, public health workers, individuals and other health professionals. TMHN is committed to improving the health and wellness of men through education campaigns, data collection and work with health providers to provide better programs and funding on men's health needs. Additional questions or comments should be referred to [info@menshealthnetwork.org](mailto:info@menshealthnetwork.org) or by calling (865) 406-0129.



State Senator Ken Yager (center), R-Kingston, is presented with the Tennessee Men's Health Network Man of the Year award from Board member George Bove (left) and Executive Director Mike Leventhal (right).

Senator Ken Yager represents Senate District 12 comprised of Campbell, Clay, Fentress, Macon, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Roane and Scott Counties. He lives in Kingston.



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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## Honor Flights 2023

By the time you read this, the first Honor Flights of the year will be taking place.

Honor Flights are free trips to Washington, D.C., for veterans, a day of visiting the memorials and monuments dedicated to their service. The trips leave from one of 124 hubs around the country, with all details managed by a crew of volunteers. In 2022, there were 21,800 veterans who made the Honor Flights and 18,709 guardians with them. Since starting in 2005, Honor Flights have escorted over a quarter of a million veterans on these trips.

Because of the ages of elderly veterans, flights are currently restricted to veterans from the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War eras.

For those not near a hub, or for those in the five states without hubs, there is the Lone Eagle program ([loneeagle.honorflight.org](http://loneeagle.honorflight.org)). Any veteran is eligible, but priority is given to veterans from the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam eras. Each veteran needs to have a guardian along on the trip. Children or grandchildren are eligible, but they must be 18 years or older.

For veterans who are seriously ill (and who have less than one year to live), there is the TLC program. TLC in this case is taken to mean Their Last Chance -- veterans who might not have time in the future to make a regular Honor Flight. Each TLC veteran needs to have one guardian, a trained caregiver who will manage all the required medical care for that veteran. The costs are picked up by a donor. For specific info, contact Bobbie Bradley at 937-521-2400 ext 104.

To see the 2023 schedule and learn more about Honor Flights,

go to [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org).

Will you open your wallet to send a few dollars to Honor Flights to help more veterans make the trip? They're a non-profit with a four-star Charity Navigator rating. You can donate online at the website or send a check to Honor Flight, Box L-4016, Columbus, OH 43260-4016.

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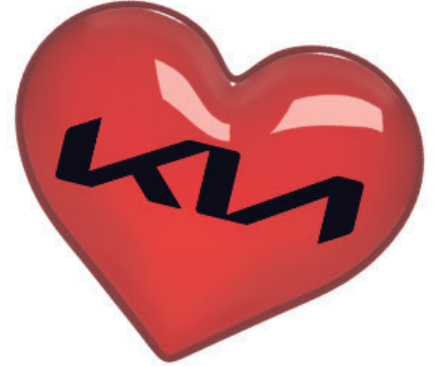


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