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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

It happened again! Another invader. Where

do all these illegal immigrants come from? We have had geese,

snakes, squirrels, rabbits, several different dogs, cats, pterodactyls (that's what we call those great blue herons) hickory horned devils (they do look mean) otters, giant turtles, ground hogs, moles, cow killers, and now an opossum.

I kinda felt sorry for the opossum. He had scraped his nose and had bloody paws from where he tried to escape the trap. Mimi said it looked like a giant rat. I have to agree. It sure wasn't happy and kept showing off his teeth. I gotta say, it did look scary with its mouth all sneering and such.

Well, my Pappy is so brave. He put that ugly thing (in the cage) into the back of the truck and off to the woods we went.

We drove on this road, across a tall bridge, and into a parking area. There, Pappy parked the

truck. He got out and put the cage on the ground. Mimi used a stick to make the opossum go to the back side of the cage so Pappy could open the other end. Well, he got it open and the opossum didn't realize for a second that he could escape. Well, he finally saw that he could and out the cage he flew like a flash. He ran through the woods and we could hear him scurrying around in the leaves.

I think he was keeping an eye on us while Pappy cleaned the stinky cage before he put it back into the truck. If I had been him, I wouldn't have stayed around where I could see my captors, they might change their mind and trap me again.

Any-woof, it was an exciting week. The light time is getting shorter and the leaves are getting so colorful. It sure is a beautiful time of the year. Hope everyone is enjoying this special time with friends and family.



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

WEEKLY WEATHER



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Wed 18 66°/46°

Thu 19 65°/50°

Fri 20 58°/42°

Sat 21 60°/41°

Sun 22 62°/39°

Mon 23 66°/39°

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING TIME. The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center has changed its meeting date. The Center will now meet on the third Monday of the month at 6PM. Please make a note of this change.

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.

The Morgan County Tourism Alliance meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm held at

Tanners Cafe.

The City of Sunbright is now accepting applications for a clerical position. Make arrangements to pick up/fill out an application at City hall. For more information call 423-628-5250

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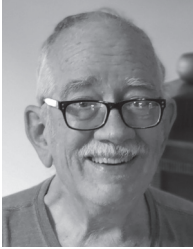
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In Loving Memory

Dennis R. Wilkes, 78

Dennis R. Wilkes, age 78, passed away peacefully on October 10, 2023, at his home in Wartburg, TN.



He was a beloved son, brother, husband, father and papaw.

After serving honorably in the United States Marine Corp. Dennis spent many years working for various contractors at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. He loved bowling, spending time in the outdoors, fishing, hunting, playing cards and board games with his family. After retiring from the Tennessee Department of Corrections, he spent his time reading his favorite novels, working in the garden with his grandkids and enjoying time spent with family.

He is preceded in death by his parents

Walter Jay and Erna Wilkes and grandson Raylan Mathis.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 48 years Louise Hamby Wilkes; son James Anthony (Trish) Wilkes; daughter Angela Denise (Josh) Mathis; grandsons Brennen Wilkes, and Alden Wilkes; granddaughters Kaiya (Noah) Wilson, Kenzie Mathis and Remy Mathis; brother Don Wilkes and sister Diane Vedder.

The family is honoring Dennis' wishes to be cremated. The family will receive friends Friday, October 13, 2023 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow at 3:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dennis R. Wilkes.

Denise Aytes, 72

Denise Aytes, age 72, of Wartburg went to be with her heavenly father on Thursday, October 12, 2023. She was a member of Union Baptist church, where she taught Sunday school and loved her babies. Her family was her world, especially her two granddaughters, Allie and Sydney.



She is preceded in death by her parents Luke and Deanie Brandon, sister Vicky Bell, brothers Jeff and Wes Brandon.

She is survived by her husband David of 53 years, her son Brad (Virginia) Aytes, granddaughters Allie (Donovan) Justes, Sydney Aytes and fiancé Peyton Hutcherson, siblings Leslie Adkins,

Mark (Debbie) Brandon, Barbara Lawhon, and Delana (Bill) Harvey and a host of nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews along with Makaela Potter who she loved like a granddaughter.

The family will receive friends Sunday, October 15th, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1-3 pm with the graveside services to follow at Morgan memorial cemetery with Rev. Jason Lowe officiating.

In Lieu of flowers, the family request that you send donations to SHOC in honor of Denise.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Denise Aytes.

Jeffrey Lynn Dodd, 44

Jeffrey Lynn Dodd, age 44 of Harriman, Tn passed away October 12, 2023 in the ICU at Roane Medical Center. He was born December 3, 1978.



Jeffrey was an avid football card collector, enjoyed watching NASCAR racing, and loved watching the Kansas City Chiefs.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Homer & Gertie Brown and Arthur & Marie Dodd; special brother James B. Dodd who he was caregiver to him for 18 years.

Jeff leaves behind his loving parents Lynn & Dorene Dodd; daughter Brianna Nichole Lynn Dodd; special friends Derrick Jones and Larry Peters; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and

cousins.

Also, thanks for the prayers for Jeff rom Rankins Chapel Church and Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and Pastor Walls for baptizing Jeff and for the way he would visit with Jeff and his brother James.

Our family is grateful for the compassion and care received from the doctors and nurses at the ER and ICU department at Roane Medical Center. His passing is difficult for the family and friends, but Jeff is at peace now.

The family has chosen cremation, and no services are scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jeffrey Lynn Dodd.

Anthony H. Davidson, 65

Anthony H. Davidson, age 65, of Sunbright passed away October 5, 2023 at U. T. Medical Center of Knoxville.

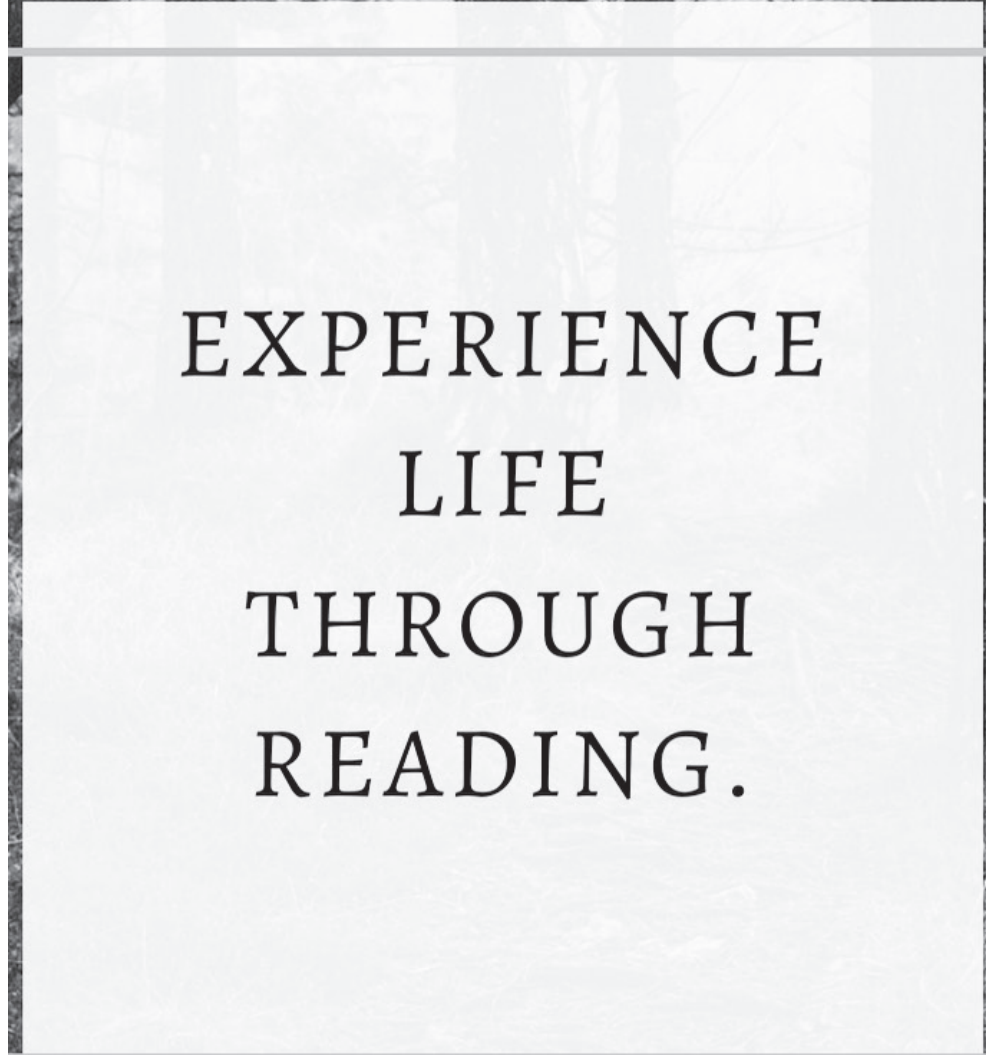
Tony loved all kinds of sports, and loved watching the VOLS. He loved Tunica, and spending time with his family most of all.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ottis & Clia Davidson; and wife Peggie Sipsy Davidson.

He is survived by his brother Rodney Davidson and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

The family is honoring Anthony's wishes to be cremated. No memorial services are scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Anthony H. Davidson.



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Tom Redmon
Columnist

Life Goes on and My Sermon of the Day

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)

God's word is plain for many are taking the wrong gate. Its sad to see a friend or loved one die, lost in sin. Our hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ. The narrow way is available to us all but how many are taking it today? Our government is corrupt and even our Justice Department is leading people to destruction. Do we even know who is in charge in Washington? Now we know why Obama wanted to stay in Washington.

I believe Christians will be persecuted in the future. In Matthew 10:22 it says, 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

We must be strong, for it is coming. Evil is so rampant in our world. When a grown man assaults and rapes a two-year-old baby. The baby is taken to the hospital, but it is too late and the baby dies. What kind of world are we living in when wrong is right and right is wrong? It seems that everything that a Christian used to stand for is now wrong. Have our cities become worse than Sodom and Gomorrah? God's word tells us it will become like this.

I'm going to get a little personal because of the things that have happened to me or around me the last nine or ten months. Here I had gotten back to church after the pandemic had passed. I think when our schools, businesses and churches were shut down it was a controlling experiment by the government. Biden and the liberal party were lying to us about the Corona Virus which for the most part turned out to be something similar to the flu. Also, when people died in hospitals, they were told to list them as dying from the Corona Virus even though it was a heart attack. The hospitals got more money that way. It has become difficult to believe the administration on anything now.

I want to get back to visiting the sick and shut ins because they need to know that someone cares. I had started reading my Bible more and having a daily prayer even with my wife. I was unable to get her back into church but while over at the retirement home in Knoxville she has started back to church. Praise the Lord.

During this period of my life, I've been able to get closer to the Lord and being by myself I never feel alone because the Holy Spirit is always with me.

With so much to do in my house my day passes so fast.

I never came down with the Corona Virus but I did get pneumonia and believe me it was pretty rough. I fought through this and another ailment and life goes on. I try to go to church because I feel that's where all of us need to be on Sunday. I love Sundry school and church and my Christian brothers catch me when I start to fall.

It has taken some time to get where I am today but with the help of Jesus Christ, I have come out on the other side stronger.



I call Margaret on a regular basis and she calls me. She has made several friends and her health is about the same. I pray for her a lot especially for her eyes. I tell you what we need in this ole world is more love. Christ is our best example of how we should love. He gave his all on the cross of Calvary and he did it all for our salvation. But if not for his blood, where would we be today?

I have learned to love my enemy. I love the ones who persecute me because Jesus tells us we should. I'll leave this ole world knowing that I have tried to obey Jesus and I tell you it is not easy. In Matthew 6:15 Jesus says, 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

There are many out there in our little community who are lost so while we wait for the return of Jesus Christ we need

to be out witnessing because the harvest is ripe and the reapers are few. It is so sad when we see a friend or loved one die without Christ.

In the last few months, I have seen several people leave this ole world. I always hope and pray that they will go to Heaven. But they must have made preparations to go there. Christ will save them but they must make the first move. They must repent of their sins and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. There must be a change in their life as they turn from their sin. Scripture says you throw off the "old man" and you are a new being. Some say

it's a simple thing, but it's a big thing. The Holy Spirit enters you the moment you are saved. Once you are saved you should start growing in Christ. Don't stay a baby Christian. Read the scripture daily and if a class for new Christians is available join it. Become a soldier for the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ole Satan will come at you and believe me he has the tools to tempt you. I would hate to be a teenager today because the temptations are much greater. But

Jesus is greater and if you follow the Holy Spirit and the scripture you can defeat Satan. If you sin, and you will because we all do, but go to God, repent and ask for forgiveness and work to never commit that sin again. Remember Satan can't make you do it but he can tempt you and make you want to do it.

By the time you read this I will be with my family in Florida and will be spending all winter there. I have lost many of my friends there, just like I have here, but my family has grown and another new great grand baby is on the way. There's plenty of food at Chick-fil-a and enough love to keep me going. The Lord is with me where ever I go. You folks work for the Lord until he comes. I love you.

I hope to keep witnessing while in Florida.

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* "I like to keep a few needles threaded with black, white and neutral thread for quick repairs. I keep them on a ribbon in my kitchen. I stuck the needles into the ribbon, then taped the ribbon at the top and bottom to the inside of the kitchen cabinet. It's handy and safe." -- A.A. in Florida

* Save your old tissue boxes. They can be used to store plastic grocery store bags for easy use. They can then be stacked up and stored orderly. I use mine for garbage bags.

* "If you start now purchasing or making a gift or two each week, you could have more than a dozen Christmas presents taken care of before December even begins. It's a good way to ease the pressure on your time and your wallet." -- L.S. in Indiana

* "I love to can and pickle my garden bounty,

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* There is cellphone reception at the summit of Mount Everest.

* The sport of badminton was originally called "Poona," which was played by British officers stationed in India in the 1860s.

* In the 1500s, when folks associated social class with the height of one's footwear, some shoes were so tall that the wearer required servants to help them walk. In response, many countries passed laws limiting the height of shoes, though the decrees were often ignored.

* Iguanas have two normal eyes and a third eye on their head that only detects brightness.

* First cultivated by the Aztecs,

morning glories were used in divination rituals. A concoction was prepared by combining the flowers' ground seeds, which contain an ingredient with effects similar to LSD, with water, which was then drunk to produce visions.

* Auto-brewery syndrome is a rare condition in which pure alcohol (ethanol) is produced in a person's gut after eating carbohydrate-rich foods.

* If you traveled at the speed of light, you could reach Pluto in four hours.

* Part of Manhattan's Ninth Avenue is named Oreo Way in honor of the beloved cookie, which was invented at a Nabisco factory on that street in 1912.

* You can obtain a degree in Viti-

culture and Enology, or the cultivation of grapes and the science of winemaking, at Cornell University.

* Humans and the galaxy share 97% of the same kind of atoms.

* The world's largest sandcastle, sculpted by a 30-person team led by Wilfred Stijger of Holland, stood 69.4 feet high and utilized 5,000 tons of sand. Stijger created it to represent the power the coronavirus held over the world and included a crown-shaped replica of the virus at its top.

Thought for the Day: "Be patient with yourself. Nothing in nature blooms all year." -- Lisa Kelly

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but since I give most of them as gifts, supplies can get costly. I have found many jars at thrift stores. And I have seen seals and lids as well, on occasion. Don't forget to check them out from time to time. The jars are going to get sterilized anyway!" -- E.D. in Georgia

* Looking for a way to replace eggs in a recipe? Here are some substitutes: powdered egg substitute (Ener-G brand, for example), 2 tablespoons of arrowroot powder or cornstarch; 1 banana, mashed; a tablespoon of milled flaxseed with 3 tablespoons of water.

* "To keep calendar entries straight, you can use a different color highlighter for types of events or for each family member -- blue for appointments, or green for kids' activities. A family calendar will help keep everyone in the loop." -- A reader

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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King Crossword

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- 5 Dispensed candy
- 8 1980s Chrysler line
- 12 - bene
- 13 King, in Cannes
- 14 British noble
- 15 Diner employee
- 16 Gerund ending
- 17 Pub potables
- 18 Candy bar nut
- 20 Stoic philosopher
- 22 Baseball film starring Robert Redford
- 26 Kathmandu's land
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- 31 Exploits
- 32 LPs' successors
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- 34 - de mer
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- 36 Rodeo rope
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- 45 Quick look

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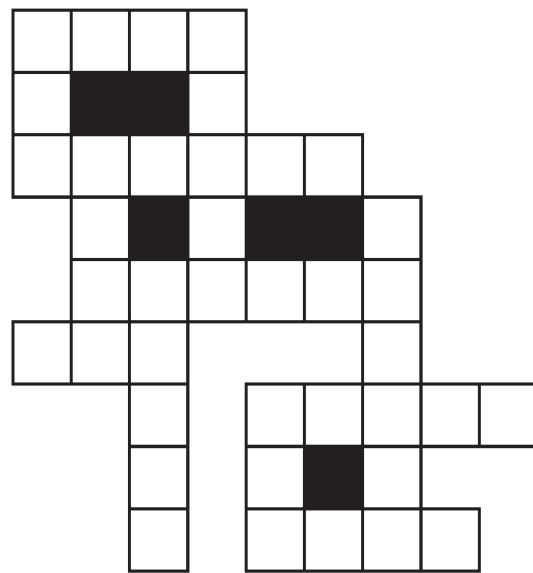
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- 26 Feeling no pain
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- 48 Ms. Thurman

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Scott County Today

ONEIDA FALLS SHORT IN COMEBACK VS. OLIVER SPRINGS

By Richard Spears



The Lady Indians were fighting up to the last minute in Wednesday (Oct. 11) night's District 2-A semifinal game at Jane Hoffman Field against the Oliver Springs Lady Cats, a game which OS won, 3-2. Oneida's Emilee Sexton, assisted by Avery Rector, scored the game's first goal in the 2nd minute. OS freshman scoring phenom, Kylee Moss, scored the tying goal ten minutes later, and that would leave the tally knotted at 1-1 at the break.

Moss, named the District's Offensive Player of the Year, put the Lady Cats up 3-1 in the second period with two more goals, but Oneida senior Rory Blevins nailed a goal with 6 minutes left in the game to close the gap at 3-2 in Oliver Spring's favor. That was the final. Oneida Head coach Phil Newport stated, "We still had six minutes left, and we got three more looks at it, but we just couldn't put the ball in." Newport told the Morgan County Today, "We were without Ali Smith, the District Defensive Player of the Year but when it comes to not getting it done tonight, I'm the coach and it does fall on me. I'm super proud of these girls, and having seven players on this year's All-District Team." Those players are, First Team: Rory Blevins, Jillian Cross, Jailyn Anderson, Ali Smith, and Rookie of the Year, Avery Rector (pictured). Second Team: Ayla Sims and Emilee Sexton.

Newport said he has a lot to look forward to in next year's Lady Indians team, with so many talented freshmen returning, along with two key players that were lost this year to injuries, junior Lydia Kline and sophomore Kamryn Stiltner. Team scoring leader Jillian Cross, a junior with 17 goals this season, will return to lead Oneida in the 2024 season. "Our seniors leave this team in good shape, and I appreciate the effort from all our girls this year, can't wait to see how next season shapes up," Newport said.



SCOTT COACH HENRY: ONE OF THE TOUGHEST TEAMS I'VE EVER HAD



After having defeated the Lady Patriots 3-1 in the regular season, Scott hosted District foe Union County in the first round of the District 4-AA tournament, and lost a tough battle, with the Patriots coming out on top by a 4-3 final score. Scott senior Rachel Garrett had a hat trick in her final soccer game as a Lady Highlander, booting in all of Scott's goals. The contest was tied at the half, 2-2, but Union scored in the 8th minute of the second frame to go up, 3-2. Six minutes later, due to an own goal the Lady Patriots took a 4-2 lead. Garrett, with an assist from senior Ellie Lowe, cut the lead to 4-3 with just over 2 minutes left in the contest. That was the final.

Speaking to his team after the game, Scott Head Coach Eric Henry said, "I can remember maybe only one of my teams from my past 20-plus years of coaching that could hold a candle to this team. This has been a challenging year, and some of you girls have been playing since you were five. I'm so proud of each and every one of you. You stuck it out and kept going, and always kept your chin up. I love you guys. You were a very coachable team. This has been a tough week, with 4 games, not something you usually see on the schedule. You guys played your hearts out, 4 games times 80, that's 320 minutes of intensity this week. I'm gonna miss my seniors. You all are a class act." Henry told the Morgan County Today, "This season didn't turn out how we wanted it to, but this team has been a real example of how to forge ahead through challenges and hardship, while staying positive regardless of results. I can't think of a bunch I've coached that has put up as much effort as these girls. God bless them all. They certainly have blessed me by being their coach."



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



JAILYN ANDERSON



ANGEL COOPER



The Bulldog Banner



Cole Burchell
(CatFish Cole)

The Israel-Hamas War

By: CatFish Cole

Captivated by the recent atrocities endured by the people of Israel and Palestine the world watches as Hamas continues its offensive against the Jewish people. The casualties of both Israelis and Palestinians continue to escalate totaling around 1,300 alongside 27 Americans and those of many other nationalities. Below is a Fact Sheet of the unfolding

KEY CONFLICT DEVELOPMENTS (10-13 OCTOBER)

10 OCTOBER

- Israel:** IDF announces that it has reestablished control of Israeli territories and sealed off its border with Gaza
- Northern Israel:** Lebanese Hezbollah fires a guided missile at an Israeli military vehicle
- Southern Israel:** Hamas launches a barrage of rockets, killing two foreign workers in Eshkol regional council
- Northern Israel:** Unidentified actors fire mortar shells from the Syrian side of the Golan Heights into Israel
- Gaza:** Israel bombs the Rafah crossing at the Gaza-Egyptian border

11 OCTOBER

- Northern Israel/Lebanon:** Lebanese Hezbollah fires missiles at an Israeli military position killing an Israeli soldier. IDF destroys a Hezbollah observation post in response
- Gaza:** Intense Israeli airstrikes hit several targets, including residential areas in Khan Yunis governorate
- Southern Israel:** Rockets fired from Gaza hit several buildings in Ashdod, including a hospital, injuring 11
- West Bank:** Settlers attack the village of Qusra in the Nablus governorate, killing four Palestinians
- Gaza:** Gaza's only power station stops working after running out of fuel

12 OCTOBER

- West Bank:** Settlers attack the funeral of Palestinians killed the previous day in the Nablus Governorate, killing a father and his son
- Syria:** Israeli missiles hit Damascus and Aleppo airports, putting them out of action
- Gaza/Lebanon:** Human Rights Watch accuses Israel of the use of white phosphorus in military operations in Gaza and Lebanon
- Gaza:** An Israeli airstrike hitting a residential building in Jabaliya refugee camp kills 45 people, bringing the total number of Palestinian fatalities inside Gaza to over 1,500 people
- Southern Israel:** Rockets fired from Gaza injures five Israelis in southern city of Sderot

13 OCTOBER

- Israel:** IDF warns 1.1 million Palestinians in northern Gaza to relocate to the south within 24 hours
- Israel:** Hamas fires hundreds of rockets into southern Israel, as well as northern Israel
- Gaza:** Hamas claims 13 Israeli captives held in Gaza were killed by Israeli bombings over the past 24 hours
- Northern Israel/Lebanon:** IDF responds with artillery and tank fire into Lebanon after gunshots fired towards northern Israel and an explosion damaged a section of the Lebanon border wall
- West Bank:** Israeli forces fatally shoot 11 Palestinians during violent marches in solidarity with Gaza

For more detail on all recorded incidents, access the full ACLED dataset. Data covering the period of 13 October 2023 will be publicly available for download on 16 October 2023.

events following the initial Oct. 7th attacks. Beyond this, I wish to express my complete support for Israel and all victims of this ravaging conflict. The atrocious acts of Hamas are indefensible and cruel, involving the separation of hundreds of families, the taking of 100-150 hostages, the execution of an unknown amount of hostages, and the decapitation of babies and toddlers.

Whether the U.S. will become involved in this conflict is unknown with supplies being sent already by the Biden administration. I can say that while Israel is our ally and in need and deserving of help and support this cannot become another Ukraine. If the U.N. is to become involved this could open up the floor for more peaceful and deescalating solutions pertaining to the peaceful Palestinian victims of this war. Hopefully, it will gain traction after the disapproval of Hama's actions by many prominent world leaders. I do hope that this conflict will end soon and the many refugees scattered in unfamiliar places may find peace and hope once more.



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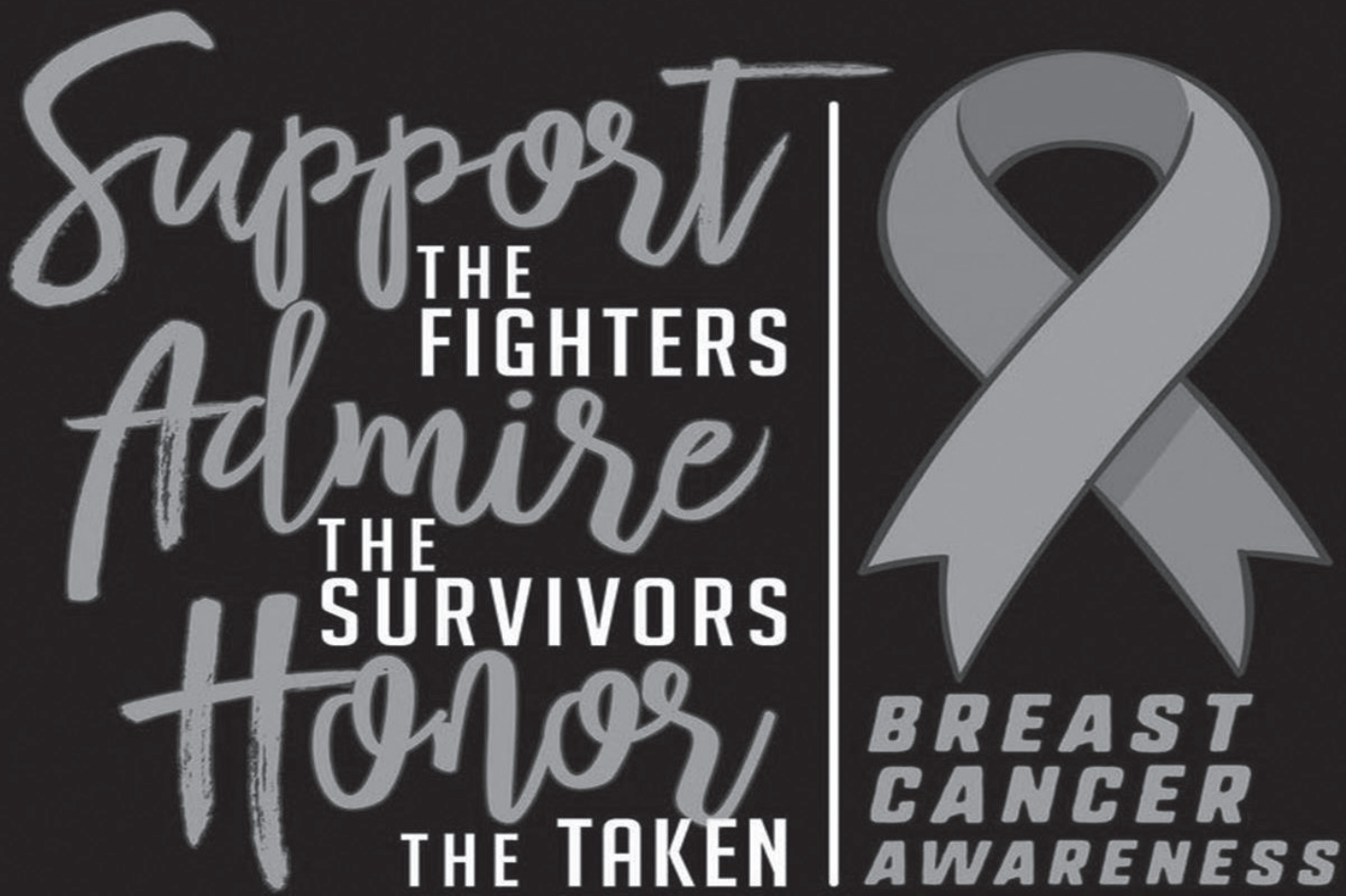
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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

My flight home from Mogadishu, was much different than my flight over to Africa. The flight over contained the best fighting force America had assembled since Viet Nam. 500 of the healthiest warriors in service to the president made the journey into the Mog. Now, I was wounded and traveling on a C-141 transport, with wounded Rangers stacked to the ceiling like cordwood.

No branch of service was spared. My litter shared space with wounded operators. A severely wounded Navy Seal. Wounded Airforce combat controllers. And, wounded Army Aviators. No rank was spared. From Private to SGM. Lt to LTC. The injured soldiers came from every background.

Our destination was home. America. Land of the free, because of the brave. The price of freedom became real to me once again, as my freedom flight home, would begin the long process of recovery, I still am struggling with today.

My physical injuries remind me every day, how America finds heroes from places in our land, most Americans have never heard of. I was now, flying to Germany, for stabilization surgery, before being shipped to Walter Reed Army medical center.

My thoughts were on my brothers in the task force, who now had to shift focus, and concentrate on finding our dead and missing family members. These men were strangers in August when this journey began. Now, we are blood relatives forged in the crucible of ground combat.

War is intimate. Bullets know no boundaries. In Mogadishu, my biggest life lesson has caused me to question certain things about society. Some men died with little training. Some men died with a modest amount of training. Others died with an unlimited access to the means to prepare for war. Men Die in War!

In this war, the men were my family. Now I had to focus on their plight. They were in Somalia. Their brothers left in body bags and on stretchers. Now they had to complete the Ranger mission. I was now in relative comfort at a military hospital in Germany.

Innocence in my life, was now gone. I had taken human life, I had witnessed men I came to respect, cry out to God, as their final breath left them. I had brothers that were incredibly maimed. Adrenaline had carried me through a four- hour ordeal, never rivaled in my life again. I was changed.

My life flashed before my eyes no less than four times on 3 October, 1993. Processing all I had witnessed; would prove to be the greatest challenge I would face. How I accepted Mogadishu, definitively ordered my footsteps for the next 29 years and counting.

Death had presented itself to me. I feel the normal thing would be to question Why did I survive, and men so much better than me did not? I had the added dimension of my leadership role, and men I had prepared for war were now dead. I began to question why I existed?

The Potomac River provided the backdrop for me to finally visit the capitol, and the Smithsonian Museum by myself. The nations capitol was where my renewed vigor to understand America began anew. I began to realize; our entire social system is built upon utopian views on Eugenics.

Our government exists, to control every aspect of the governed persons existence. From our enrollment in public education from pre-k to university, thought is what government desires to control most. Only the view of radicals is accepted as educational, and our entire system is guilty.

It was in DC, that I began to question my own morality. The Ranger creed required I remain morally straight. Would I choose the government model of alternate families, rewards for promiscuity, legislation of homosexuality and transgenderism as human rights?

The murder of the human genome in the convenient altar of the

womb of the woman? Cowards calling themselves men?

Delusion was manifesting in our country, and if fighting in war was to amount to anything for me, I had to adopt the tenet of Dan Busch to guide my newfound desire for absolute morality. From this time forward, the Bible alone would be my guide, and the promised Holy Spirit, alone would be my teacher.

What did it for me, were the funerals of my brothers buried in Arlington, being broadcast on every channel in Walter Reed Hospital. Seeing Deanna Joyce? Kasey's dreams evaporated after a Somali bullet felled this heroic Ranger.

I looked into his grey face for 50 minutes. I owed him my testimony to accept the Jesus Christ he believed wholly in.

I owed Dan Busch my sincere attempt to understand the Jesus Christ of the Bible narrative. It required me to first shed any care for what men think. I would only care what God thinks from now on. My journey into the truths of the Bible, began in earnest in 1993.

First thing I began to question, was why is the bible the only book government feared enough to legislate out of the American education experience? It shocked me that two famous Catholic brothers did this after seizing the power for the social democratic party birthed under FDR.

A new view of society emerged because of two supreme court decisions, both based on radical interpretations of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Their entire suit would evaporate today, based solely on the knowledge of vocabulary and history.

The Danbury Baptists gave us the separation of Church and state as a request to Thomas Jefferson, not our laws. Removing prayer and the Bible from children's lives, angered God, and the Kennedy's received a double portion curse, still playing out in their ancestors' lives.

Questioning a nation's mythology, has led to my believing in the greatest mythology ever accepted as true by men. It is the Hebrew version of mythology found in both Testament's of the Holy Bible.

Our Presidents have sworn to defend us while holding their hand on the bible, they had no intention of believing in!

Only Jesus Christ will one day deliver the utopia men seek!

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 11-20-2022

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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Historically Speaking

UT president Joe Johnson

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Lee Riedinger has a most high respect for Joe Johnson. I am fortunate enough to have gotten to know Lee over the past several years and even cotaught a course at the University of Tennessee with him, well, I told stories and he taught the class! From that experience has come a book that is soon to be published on the relationship between UT and Oak Ridge. The title of the book is: *Critical Connections*

The University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge from the Dawn of the Atomic Age to the Present.

More on that as I have asked Lee to give *Historically Speaking* readers some previews of what will be in the book. Publication is scheduled for 2024 so look for some insight into the content of the book over the coming weeks and months.

But now you are privileged to get to know UT President Emeritus, Dr. Joseph "Joe" Johnson, through the shared experiences Lee Riedinger had with him.

The quality and the impact of University of Tennessee presidents have varied over its history, but Joseph Johnson was undoubtedly in the top class of excellent ones. Joe served as UT president of the statewide system from 1990 to 1999 and came back in an important interim role from 2003 to 2004 (after one of the failed presidencies).

He helped the university in many ways over a long career, as the executive assistant to the university president from 1963 to 1969, vice president for development from 1969 to 1973, chancellor of the Center for the Health Sciences from 1970 to 1973, and vice president for development and executive vice president from 1973 to 1990. He is a legend for his grace and finesse in working with people. No one was better at remembering names, knowing details of the lives of friends and colleagues, and sending thank-you notes. Joe died on September 29, 2023, at age 90.

President Johnson helped grow the university in many ways throughout his long career. One of the most important contributions was his support, and even leadership, in advancing the UT partnership with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Though not a person trained in science or engineering, Joe understood opportunities and trusted people, always utilizing the knowledge and instincts of those around him. He was the president that took the lead in forming the UT-Battelle partnership that has managed ORNL since 2000.

When Union Carbide decided to end its role as the operator of the three Oak Ridge facilities (ORNL, Y-12, K-25) after 35 years, UT formed a committee in 1982 to study whether the university should enter the fray and compete for the Oak Ridge management contract. Paul Huray, who grew up in Oak Ridge and by then was a physics professor, was appointed to lead a large committee to study whether and how UT should compete, and I was another physics professor serving on the committee.

In the end, the Department of Energy decided to keep the operation of the three facilities in one contract, and the university decided not to proceed in mounting a bid. Our connections with ORNL were robust, but we had few credentials to manage Y-12 and K-25, even with a partner. Plus, UT was not ready as an institution to manage Oak Ridge facilities.

This picture changed considerably in subsequent years. UT partnerships with ORNL expanded, as the Science Alliance formed in 1984 as a highly visible joint program with the national laboratory. Previous decades had seen increasing connections between UT and Oak Ridge, starting with physics professor William Pollard forming Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies (later Oak Ridge Associated Universities) in 1946. In 1950, over 30 UT faculty served as consultants at the Oak Ridge facilities.

In 1963 the Ford Foundation funded a grant to bring 28 ORNL researchers to part-time faculty roles at the university. Many UT graduate students performed thesis and dissertation research at ORNL. Still, the Science Alliance was a big step forward, enabling the first hiring of eventually 20 nationally recognized joint faculty (Distinguished Scientists) between UT and ORNL and the construction and operation of the first joint institute (Joint Institute for Heavy Ion Research).

The decade of the 1990s saw a big advance in the UT-ORNL partnership, with President Joe Johnson playing a critical leadership role. Martin Marietta became Oak Ridge facilities manager in 1984 and in 1995 DOE split the contract into two pieces, with Lockheed Martin Research Corporation operating ORNL and Lockheed Martin Energy Systems managing Y-12 and K-25.

The university felt it was ready to compete if

an opportunity arose, and on June 13 Joe Johnson said in a Knoxville News Sentinel article that the university would consider getting involved in a bid process if Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary should decide to open the ORNL management contract to competition. In August 1996, O'Leary announced a two-year contract extension to Lockheed Martin for management of ORNL, valid until the end of March 2000.

In May, 1998, retired ORNL leader Alex Zucker visited me and Homer Fisher, a UT vice president reporting to Joe Johnson. Alex's message was clear - the competition for the ORNL management contract would soon begin and UT should choose a partner and mount a bid. The time had come in the view of Alex and others. However, some felt that UT was not ready for this big step and did not possess the expertise or the resources to make a competitive bid and should instead play a subordinate role in supporting the organization DOE would ultimately select to receive the management contract. Joe Lenhard, a senior official in DOE's Oak Ridge Operations office, was initially one such skeptic.

Pete Craven, an Oak Ridge business leader and UT supporter, arranged for Lenhard to meet with Fisher, and Homer impressively listed the ways in which UT had



UT President Emeritus, Dr. Joseph "Joe" Johnson

multiple connections with ORNL, understood the laboratory well, and was ready to compete. After that, Fisher and Johnson met with Jim Hall of ORO to make similar arguments.

These 1998 meetings started to turn the tide and soon thereafter President Johnson appointed a small group (Fisher, Riedinger, Zucker, and research vice chancellor Mike Devine) to study various aspects of a possible bid. On August 17, Johnson sent a letter to Martha Krebs, head of the DOE Office of Energy Research, saying that UT was supportive of Lockheed Martin's continuing role in managing ORNL, but, if a contract competition were to occur, the university would be involved in some manner.

On October 14, President Joe Johnson and Knoxville Chancellor Bill Snyder announced a set of four teams to work on different issues pertaining to a potential bid for the ORNL contract. Fisher and Devine coordinated the process, and I was named the UT team leader.

We spent six weeks interviewing a series of leaders of companies or university consortia who wanted to team with UT in a contract bid. Johnson and Fisher visited the Governor's office to explain the goals of this potential bid and get their quiet support. Amid this flurry of meetings and potential bid considerations, we had not been able to engage the Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio, in a serious conversation about teaming.

Battelle has managed Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) since 1965 and won the contract to manage Brookhaven National Laboratory in 1996 in partnership with Stony Brook University. There was speculation that Battelle was, itself, considering entering the bidding process for the ORNL contract.

Just before Thanksgiving 1998, Homer and I met with Barry Goss, a local business leader and consultant to UT on the bid process. We discussed that we had to choose a bid partner soon and lamented that we had been unable

to engage Battelle in a serious discussion. Goss replied that he would get Bill Madia, the PNNL director, to Knoxville next week, and we were happy but a little skeptical that this could happen so quickly.

But it did happen, and on Monday November 30 the meeting of Madia and Johnson in the president's office occurred. Those of us present watched the skilled UT president deftly lay out the university's qualifications and goals. Madia, the well-known Battelle leader, responded in kind, and a partnership was born. The formation of UT-Battelle LLC came from this crucial meeting at a crucial time.

Intense work on writing the UT-Battelle proposal to manage ORNL started soon thereafter. Battelle's Jeff Smith was a co-chair of the group to write the operations part of the proposal, and I was co-chair of the science and technology group (we later became the respective deputy directors of ORNL under Madia).

In February 1999, Johnson, Fisher, and Johnson's executive assistant Billy Stair met with Governor Don Sundquist and Deputy Governor Justin Wilson about a substantial commitment of state funds to back the UT-Battelle proposal. There was a precedent for such state-backed financial support. In 1982 then-Governor Lamar Alexander committed state funds (\$350,000) for the construction at ORNL of the first joint institute building, focused on joint programs in nuclear physics.

Now UT-Battelle proposed to construct three additional facilities to house UT-ORNL joint institutes, in computational, biological, and neutron sciences. The meeting in Nashville led to a \$12 million pledge of state support for these new joint institute buildings, which would make the UT-Battelle proposal more attractive to DOE reviewers.

The UT-Battelle proposal was orally presented to the DOE Source Evaluation Board on August 16, 1999. The lead-off talk was given by new UT president Wade Gilley, since Joe Johnson retired at the end of July. Optimism reigned about the new president's enthusiasm for UT-Battelle, but that did not last long (another story to be told). In October DOE announced that UT-Battelle won the contract to manage ORNL, besting a competitive bid by Lockheed Martin and the University Research Association. The UT-Battelle LLC contract to lead ORNL began on April 1, 2000, and continues to this day with high marks of success.

Under Joe Johnson's leadership, the University of Tennessee took its place among a small group of universities involved in managing national laboratories, including the University of California (Berkeley, Livermore, and Los Alamos), the University of Chicago (Argonne), and Stony Brook (Brookhaven). This is a prestigious club for UT, one that was impossible to contemplate when the partnership began in 1943 and grew through the decades.

The university is now a far better institution partially as a result of this partnership, and the national laboratory has benefited greatly by virtue of its shared researchers, graduate students working on site, and employees hired. Joe Johnson was the right president at the right time, and we thank him for his leadership in making all this happen.

In fact, he felt that this accomplishment in starting UT-Battelle and greatly boosting the UT-ORNL partnership ranks at the top of his long list of successes in his career, according to his wife Pat, as told to me at Joe's memorial service on October 4, 2023. He did have a huge impact. May he rest in peace.

As you can see, Joe Johnson was a key element in creating what has become a most successful partnership UT-Battelle. The Oak Ridge National Laboratory has grown over the past several years to one of the premier scientific laboratories in the nation and even in the world. Its leadership in a wide variety of scientific fields from supercomputing to basic sciences in most every area being researched today has come to be expected of ORNL. The Y-12 National Security Complex has also benefited from relationships with UT over the years as has the city of Oak Ridge as well.

Joe Johnson has been engaged in many of the interactions and encouraged the relationships to grow over time. Thank you, Lee, for bringing us your personal insights into a wonderful and charming leader of our area whose leadership style is one many leaders would benefit from considering. The writing of thank you notes being just one of many fine traits exhibited by "Joe," as many knew him, and yes, his impact will be felt for a long time to come.

Revelation Chapter 4

(Rev. 4:1-1) The heavenly door opened: John records that he saw a door “opened” in heaven. The verbal form represents a perfect tense, suggesting that the door opened and remained so---doubtless for John’s benefit. This is strikingly similar to the way Ezekiel’s commenced---“The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God” (Ezekiel 1:1 “Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.”) The apostle heard a voice bidding him to “come up hither” so that he may be shown “the things which must come to pass hereafter.” Reflect upon the word “must”---it reveals that God is in charge of human history. This is a thought that would be very helpful to Christians in a time of persecution.

(Rev. 4:2-7) The sacred scene: John was again said to be “in the Spirit (v.2). He had been “in the spirit” earlier (1:10), and now returns to that state. He saw a throne set in heaven, and upon this throne was Almighty God (v.8). The throne symbolized the sovereignty of Jehovah (Pa. 47:8 “God reigneth over the heaven: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness”). It was (and is) important for saints to know that God is still in control! The precise form God assumed had some resemblance to a human figure, thus was a theophany (5:1). The Creator appeared bathed in light “like a jasper stone and a sardius: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, like an emerald to look upon” (v3). The precious stones are difficult to identify but are designed to highlight different aspects of the majestic nature of God who dwells in light unapproachable (1 Timothy 6:15-16 “Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.”) The rainbow, of course, reminds us of the Flood in Noah’s day (Gen. 9:16, 17)---a circumstance in which judgment and mercy were combined.

Around the throne of God were twenty-four thrones occupied by a corresponding number of “elders,” probably denoting an order of angels (Isa. 24:23). The elders were arrayed in white, reflecting their purity. Upon their heads were crowns of gold. This suggests that they had been granted some sort of regal authority. Apparently there is an order of authority among angels (Jude 1:6 “And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”)

Out of God’s throne came forth lightnings, voices, and thunders. These are demonstrations of the power and sovereignty of

the Almighty (Ex. 19:16; Psa. 18:12; 77:18). There were seven lamp stands, burning continuously, a reference to the Holy Spirit (1:4), reflecting his role as the revealer of divine truth (spiritual light), made known through the Holy Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”) Before the Lord’s throne there was, as it were, a “sea of glass” like crystal (v. 6). Some view the sea as suggesting a separation between God and his creatures, thus stressing his holiness, or perhaps as a symbol of victory---much like the Red Sea became a victory sign for Israel in the Old Testament. Maybe it hints of the calmness of those who are true worshipers.

Close to the throne were “four living creatures” full of eyes before and behind. One was like a lion, another was like a calf, the third had a face like a man, and the fourth was as a flying eagle. Each had six wings, were full of eyes round about and within, and they worshiped God continuously. Mystery surrounds the identity of these beings. They may represent an exalted order of angelic beings. The four forms might suggest whatever is noblest, strongest, wisest, and swiftest in animate nature, including man. This could suggest, in a highly symbolic manner, that Jehovah is worthy of worship by his entire creation.

(Rev. 4:8-11) God worthy of worship: The living creatures were saying: “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.” This parallels the praise of the seraphim in Isaiah’s throne-room scene (Isaiah 6:1-4 “In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.”) In John’s vision, these living ones extol the holiness, the might, and the eternity of the Creator. As the living creatures render glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the eternal God, the elders follow, casting down their crowns before the throne, obviously acknowledging the complete sovereignty of the Creator. Verse eleven clearly reflects that God is “worthy” of adoration because of his role as the Creator (Psa. 18:3). In view of this, how wicked it is to deny the biblical doctrine of creation, and seek purely naturalistic explanations for the earth and its inhabitants.



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Harvesting corn

When their tassels begin to turn brown, pull corn “ears” downward and twist them off the stalk. Remove all husks, tassels and stalks, and place shucked cobs of corn in cold water until time to cook. Bring a large kettle of water to a rapid boil, adding 1 tablespoon of salt for each quart of water. Toss in all your corn cobs and boil them 3-5 minutes. Remove and drain, and serve hot with butter and seasonings. — Brenda Weaver

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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

ROMANS 12:1

IRS 'tax gap' increases to \$688 billion in 2021



David Zubler
Columnist

A new IRS estimate reflects an increase of more than \$138 billion for 2021 from the revised projections for tax years 2017-2019.

The tax gap is the difference between the estimated 'true' tax liability for a given period and the amount of tax that is paid on time. The gross tax gap includes three key areas including non-filing of taxes, underreporting of taxes, and underpayment of taxes.

Nonfiling means tax not paid on time by taxpayers who don't file on time. The estimate rose from \$41

billion in tax years 2017-2019 to \$77 billion in tax year 2021. The projections cannot fully represent noncompliance in some components of the tax system including offshore activities, issues involving digital assets and cryptocurrency as well as corporate income tax, income from flow-through entities and illegal activities because data are lacking.

Underreporting means tax understated on timely filed returns. Underreporting can result from income that isn't reported or expenses that are overstated. Underreporting rose from \$445 billion in tax years 2017-2019. Underpayment means the tax was reported on time, but not paid on time. Underpayment rose from \$64 billion in tax years 2017-2019 to \$68 billion in tax year 2021.

The tax gap associated with illegal activities has been outside the scope of tax gap estimation because the objective of government is to eliminate those activities, which would eliminate any associated tax.

For noncompliance associated with digital assets and other emerging issues, it takes time to develop the expertise to uncover associated noncompliance and for examinations to be completed that can be used to

measure the extent of that noncompliance.

The IRS notes that the tax gap estimates and projections cannot fully account for all types of noncompliance.

"This increase in the tax gap underscores the importance of increased IRS compliance efforts on key areas," said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel. "With the help of Inflation Reduction Act funding, we are adding focus and resources to areas of compliance concern, including high-income and high-wealth individuals, partnerships, and corporations. "These steps are urgent in many ways, including adding more fairness to the tax system, protecting those who pay their taxes, and working to combat the tax gap."

A 1 percent rate increase would bring in an additional \$46 billion, the IRS said. In 2022, the most recent tax year, the IRS collected more than \$4.9 trillion in taxes, penalties, interest, and fees.

The IRS recently created a new division that would go after uncollected taxes sheltered in "pass-through entities" including limited liability partnership, S corporations and sole proprietorships.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Avoiding Scammers During the Holiday Season

Here we are in the middle of the holiday buying season, already leery of online purchasing scams and every email we receive that includes links.

It doesn't help that Amazon recently sent out thank-you emails about gift card purchases ... which people believed was a scam email because they hadn't made any gift card purchases.

Message boards lit up as people tried to parse and analyze each sentence of the emails to determine whether they were scams or not. Many changed their passwords. Thousands flooded Amazon with phone calls, only to be assured that there was no scam, that it was an accident on Amazon's part to send out all these emails. Amazon quickly sent out follow-up emails to those customers to apologize for the error.

There was a collective sigh of relief that the email wasn't a

scam. But we shouldn't let our guard down too quickly. And we shouldn't be wary of scammers only on Amazon. It can happen with other online merchants as well.

Don't fall for suspicious activity scams wherein the scammer tries to convince you that your account has been either deleted or suspended for suspicious activity. What the scammer wants, of course, is your payment information, username and password.

Hint: Don't tell them anything. Call the merchant to inquire about your account.

Then there is the fake order confirmation that indicates you've made a very large purchase. A pre-recorded phone message will ask if you want to cancel or confirm that order. You'll be told to press a button to speak to a representative. Of course they'll want you to provide information to verify it's really you.

Hint: Hang up. Sign on to your Amazon (or other merchant) account and see if that purchase is actually listed in your orders.

On Amazon.com, there is a page dedicated to security. Click on "Help" at the very bottom of the page. Then select "Security & Privacy," and then click on "Report Something Suspicious." Other merchants likely have similar pages of security information.

Be leery, be wary, be suspicious -- and stay safe.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Name the first rock group to record and release "Turn! Turn! Turn!"**
- 2. Which group released "New York Mining Disaster 1941" as their debut single?**
- 3. Who was Walden Robert Cassotto?**
- 4. Who wrote "The Beat Goes On"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I would have waited forever if I'd known that you'd be here."**

Answers

- 1. The Byrds, in 1965. The lyrics (written by Pete Seeger) came from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. The song is also subtitled "To Everything There Is a Season."**
- 2. The Bee Gees, in 1967. Two of the Gibb brothers wrote the song during a power outage at the record company. Their inspiration was the Aberfan disaster in Wales that saw the top of a mountain slide down and kill hundreds when it hit the town.**
- 3. Bobby Darin. His "Dream Lover" was covered by numerous others, including Dion, and Ricky Nelson.**
- 4. Sonny Bono, of Sonny & Cher, in 1967.**
- 5. "One Promise Too Late," by Reba McEntire, in 1987. The song tells of the regret of finally meeting the one she's dreamed of ... after making a promise to someone else. The song topped country charts in both the U.S. and Canada.**

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