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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Christmas is Here!

Mimi and Pap are going to be cooking like crazy again, this week. We are having a Christmas dinner for the family. Last time we had a dinner, Aunt Pam fell off the steps. Boy, that was scary! Let's hope nothing like that ever happens again!

Mimi says it is hard cooking and cleaning for that many people and she sure appreciates Pap and all he does to help cook and clean up for the big event. She says she is grateful for everything he does, all the time.

She says that we are so blessed to have a family to spend holidays with because a lot of people don't have a home, or a family, or people to spend the holidays with.

So, with all that being said, be grateful for the mess, the noise, all the preparation and all that comes with the Holidays. Take time to absorb it all, look around at those you love laughing and

spending time together. Then, thank God that you have the blessings that he gave you and family to love.

The picture this week is Ms Ivory, relaxing and taking in all the Christmas decorations.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance & Accounting

Plateau Electric Cooperative is seeking a well qualified, detail-oriented individual for the position of CFO/Director of Finance & Eamp; Accounting. This position is responsible for the overall finances of the Cooperative, including: financial reporting, financial forecasting & Eamp; planning, annual budgeting, and loan applications. The position is also in charge of accounting, billing, credit/collections, benefits and insurance administration, and other administrative duties. The qualified candidate should have a Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business administration or related field. The successful candidate must be self-motivated, dependable, have strong communication skills, and a high degree of integrity. Previous experience in a utility environment, inclusive of electric utility accounting and rates, and experience with board reporting, is preferred but not required. In addition, five years of progressive experience in the areas of responsibility is preferred. Salary and position will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The Cooperative also offers an excellent benefits package.

Resumes will be received until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Resumes should be emailed to: HR@Plateauelectric.com.

COUNTRY FRIED STEAK DINNER

WHAT: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll, Dessert, and Coffee or Tea.

WHEN: Saturday January 4, from Noon to 3pm WHERE: Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center COST: Dine-in = \$9.00 Adult, \$5.00 Children, *To-Go and Delivery=\$10.00.

Come to the Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center for a delicious meal with music provided by the Rugby Coronet Band and a Door Prize.

*Delivery within a 5 mile radius of the Center. Please call 423-965-5000 before 10:30am for delivery. Drinks are not provided with deliveries.

All proceeds go to pay utilities and upkeep at the Center.

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Senior Citizens Building at 6:00 PM.

Morgan County Republican Party meets the last Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the American Legion in Wartburg.









— In Loving Memory —

Carlos Stewart, 72 United States Army Veteran



Carlos Stewart, age 72, of Gobey went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, December 15, 2024. He was a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Gobey.

He was preceded in death by his parents Garlin and Ellie Stewart; son Ashley Carl Stewart; brothers: Vester and Orman Stewart; sisters: Ann Clark, Nina Veno, Emily Dillard, and Flonnie Moore.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Melissa Coffey Stewart; daughter and son-in-law Dr. Natalie and Wayne Frasier; grand-daughters Lila and Ellie Frasier; sisters: Carolyn Gallaher (George) and Darlene Welch; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Carlos was a member of the United States Army and served in Germany. He retired as a security officer from K25. He loved gardening at his home, which was his favorite place to be. Carlos had many friends and family and he will be so very missed. He loved his family and the Lord and we rest in the promise of seeing him again in glory. His favorite Bible verse was James 5:16.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Tommy Kilby and Rev. Keith Kilby officiating. Graveside service will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Macedonia Church cemetery in Gobey.

Pall bearers are: Wayne Frasier, James Maden, Darren Gallaher, Barry Moore, Clarke Gallaher, Mark Kilby, and Bill Hamby.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Carlos Stewart.

Psalm 123:1

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Trevor David Kreis, 47



Trevor David Kreis age 47, of Deer Lodge TN, passed away on Friday, December 13, 2024. He was born on February 19, 1977 to Earl and Cathy Kreis.

He was preceded in death by His father, Earl Kreis. Grandfather, M.C Kreis and Grandmother, Corine Kreis.

Trevor is survived by his wonderful wife of 27 years Angie. His children, Tyler (Jordan) Kailey (Zachary), Grandchildren: Nevaeh and Zachary Kreis, and Asher Crowe. His mother Cathy Kreis His siblings, Promise Kreis and Shayne (Alyssa)

Kreis, His nephews: Camden, Cayden, and Lincoln, As well as an abundance of extended loving family and friends.

Trevor will be remembered for his love for his wife, children, and family. We will also remember his extremely large heart and the way he would do anything for anyone. Trevor will always be remembered most for his personality, he never failed to make people laugh even in the worst moments. He impacted the lives of every person that he met. He always reminded you to be a little less serious and have a bit more fun.

The family will receive friends Friday, December 20, 2024 at the Wartburg First Baptist Church Multi-purpose room from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Trevor David Kreis.

Junnie Mae Phillips, 89



Our beloved mother, Junnie Mae Phillips, age 89 went to be with Jesus on December 14, 2024. She left this world peacefully surrounded by her loving family.

She received Jesus as her savior in her teen years. She loved the Lord and was evident in her life

Our family are still in awe of how both mom and dad were able to care and provide for us so well in spite of work and other obligations. Dad held down 2 jobs plus doing mechanical repairs for neighbors, except for when mom was expecting she always held down a job yet was also full-time mom. We always felt loved and were. Mom was a skilled multi-tasker. Able to bounce a kid on her hip while doing laundry, getting breakfast while combing out hair she didn't waste a minute she and dad made a formidable team as parents, providers, and protecters. These traits were forged at an early age as both our parents were born into the depths of great depression to parents who knew what hard work was all about. The lessons learned from her parents, Roy and Mable Jones, were ever present and served her well.

Mom and Dad's faith in Jesus Christ is the glue that held our family together and all things "radiated" from him being at the center. While dad was instrumental with our spiritual need's mom was the one who ensured that we learned about the Lord and how much he meant to us. We were eternally grateful for both our parents and consider them a gift from God!

Junnie Mae is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years Charles; parents Roy and Mable Jones; brother Willard Jones; sister Kay Freels, Daisy Churchwell; brother Billy Jones; father and mother-in-law Charles and Mable Phillips; sister-in-law Geneva Phillips and sister-in-aw Mary Meyers.

June is survived by her sons Robert (Missy) Phillips, Randy (Julie) Phillips, Raymond, Ronnie, and Roger (Nellie) Phillips; sisters Wanda, Eva, Fay, and Becky; brothers David, Dennis; grandchildren Rhonda, Amber, Joshua, Emma, Clint, and Matthew; in-laws Lewis and Fay Phillips, and Lula and Bill Bullard; 7 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mom loved her whole family without reservation. How do you render down a life of almost 90 years into a few lines? Impossible! Yet will be remembered as loving wife and mother, a friend you could count on in need, prayer warrior, loving grandmother and aunt, and beloved sister.

A special heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to mom's dear friend Linda Wilson whose sacrifice and unwavering support and personal attention were indispensable in helping to care for our mother without whom we would have been at a great loss. Thank you so much Linda!

Thank you to all who sent up prayers and expressed their love in so many ways. Your support has seen us through this difficult time, and we remain in your debt.

Thank you to Quality Home Health Network of care providers both from the Hospice and long-term home care we were deeply moved by the close personal attention you gave to mom. In spite of a staggering work load you attended to her needs more as daughters than outsiders. Anytime day or night you would respond. Special shout out to Whitney and Carrie.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, December 17, 2024 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. Roy Langley officiating. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

We draw comfort in knowing that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Junnie May Phillps.

— In Loving Memory —

Genia Brown, 60



Genia Brown, age 60, of Sunbright passed away Monday, December 16, 2024 at her home.

her parents Clifford and Doris Northrup; granddaughter Riley Paige Evans; mother-in-law Wilma Brown

She is survived by her husband honored to serve the family of 42 years Roger L. Brown, Jr.; son Joshua Brown; daughters Amanda (Brandon) Evans and

Hope (Jordan) Hamby; grandchildren Mackenzie Crowley, Bailey, Tinley, Bentley Evans, Mackenzie, Emerson, Hudson Hamby; brother William (Carla) Northrup; sister Lois (Gary) Hawn and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, December 20, 2024 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. Charles Northrup She is preceded in death by and Bro. Ethan Northrup officiating. Graveside services will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in the Sunbright City Cemetery.

> Schubert Funeral Home is of Genia Brown.

Jackie Wayne Sweat, 71



Jackie Wayne Sweat 71, of Harriman went home to be with the Lord on December 13, 2024. Jacke was a devoted spouse, father and grandfather.

He is proceeded in death by his parents Dolphus and Mary Sweat, sisters; Joyce and Wanda, brothers; Taskell and Randall.

He is survived by his spouse Leslie Miles, Sons; Aaron (Laura) Sweat and Shane (Nashua) Sweat. 6 grandchildren; Alexis, Chevy, Aarionna, Emma, Mya and Remi Sweat. Sisters: Janice Mosier and Mary Rose (Shelby) Waddell and Brothers Steve (Bilie) Sweat and Billy Sweat. Jackie has a host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, December 18, 2024 from 1-2pm Schubert Funeral Home Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 2. Interment will follow funeral services in the Emory Heights Church Cemetery, Harriman, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jackie Wayne Sweat.





Tom Redmon

In Trouble for the Love of Ice Cream

It was Sunday, Company 190th's first day off to write letters or do about anything we wanted to within limits. Three Tennessee boys who had first met in Nashville and rode to San Diego, California on a train were outside by the place where we washed our clothes by hand. Carr, Crowley, and Redmon were talking when they heard the sound

of the grad-

uating trainees on the other side of the barracks. All three of us had thoughts of ice cream and sweets running through our heads. We had a little money in our pockets so why not walk over there on the grinder and get us an ice cream cone.

Here we were, out of uniform, ready to venture out of our area and get into trouble with Uncle Sam's Navy. We walked over there and purchased us a double dipped cones of ice cream. Boy I couldn't wait until I licked that inviting mountain of delicious vanilla and strawberry ice cream. The California sun was starting to work on the ice cream as soon as the clerk handed it to us. As we walked away, we heard the loud speaker from regimental headquarters blast the words, "you there, dumb brainless poor excuses for sailors march yourselves down to regimental headquarters and stand at attention until we tell you to move."

I thought Carr was going to have a heart attack. He was the seventeen-year-old from Ripley, Tennessee who had come to where I was sitting on the train and asked if he could sit by me. He said, Momma told me to get with someone who ap-

peared to be good so I wouldn't get into trouble. So, we marched down to headquarters and Carr was almost crying. He was saying now look what we've gotten into. Our ice cream was melting and starting to run down our arms. Crowley was laughing as he licked the ice cream off his arm. I looked at Carr and said, I guess you got with the wrong one, recruit James Carr. Your momma will be disappointed.

There we stood in front of the regimental headquarters like the officer ordered. I was dying to eat my ice cream that I paid 25 cents for and wondered how long we'd be in the brig. The pretty Sunday in sunny southern California turned in to court marshalled Sunday for three ragtag vagabonds from East Tennessee.

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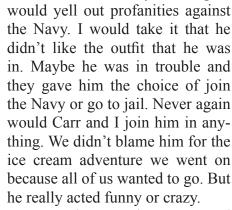
I guess we stood there for around thirty minutes or so until our ice creams were completely melted. When the officer came out and stood there in front of us while calling us everything but good sailors. You would have thought that we had committed the worst offence that the Navy had. Carr was shaking like a leaf on a tree and I was hoping that he wouldn't pass out. Crowley still had his silly smile on his face and I was hoping that the officer

wouldn't see it and put us in the slammer right away. I stood at

attention listening to the Lieutenant telling me how bad I was. He took our names and company number and said your punishment would be determined later. You are out of uniform and out of the area your supposed to be

in. I wanted to ask him how long we had to live and when our loved ones would be notified.

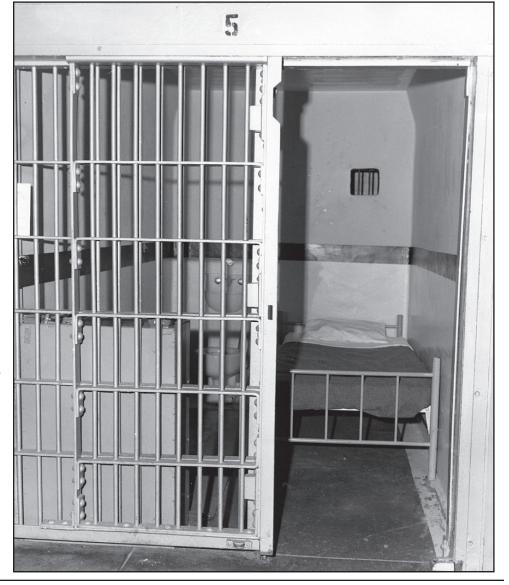
As we marched back to our barracks poor ole Carr kept saying over and over, "Oh! Glory me I wonder what Chief Mazza will do to us. I just know I want sleep tonight because we may die tomorrow." Crowley didn't seem to mind much I guess he had been in a lot of trouble back in his civilian life. His bunk was in the far end of the barracks and every morning he



Monday morning came and behold I was at the dentist when Chief Mazza came in. I asked Carr what he said to them and he said, "Oh, boy it was bad and I was scared to death. He told us we had better not mess up again." I figured that my chewing out was still to come but low and behold Mazza never said anything to me. I guess he had too many other things on his mind.

Our twelve-week training came to an end and Carr and me did okay. Crowley had to stay at San Diego after graduation and was declared unfit for the Navy. I was sent to Norman, Oklahoma for prep-school, then to Pensacola, Florida for aerial photography school. I didn't care much for ice cream after that episode.







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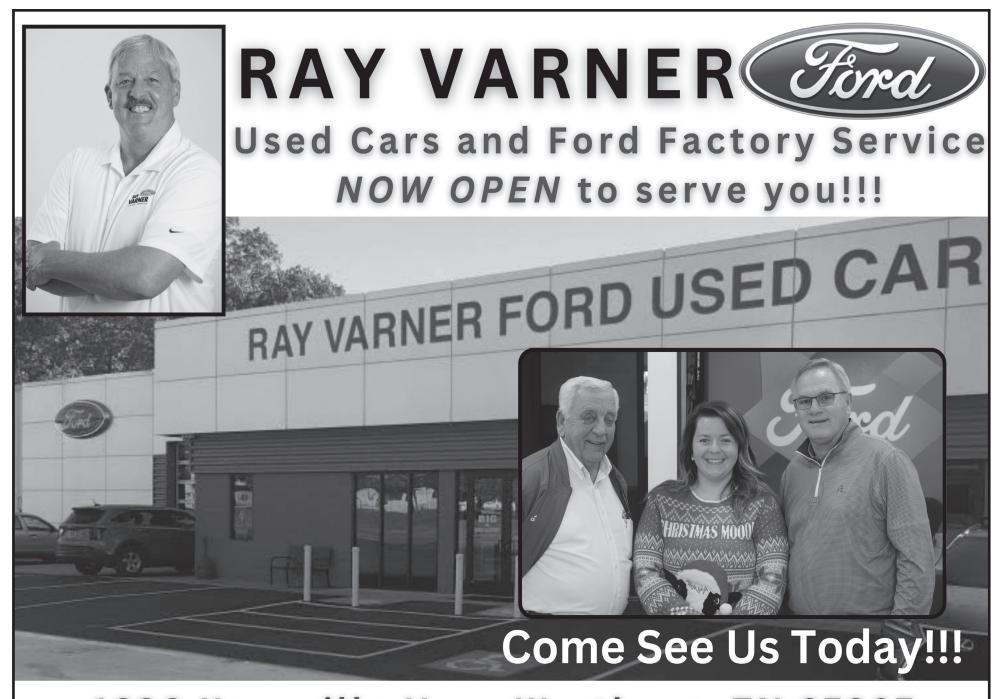








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1226 Knoxville Hwy, Wartburg, TN 37887 423-346-6227 Historically Speaking
The Oak Ridge Corridor (an idea by Senator
Lamar Alexander that is NOW taking action)
By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

The first time I heard the term "Oak Ridge Corridor" was in September 2015, when Senator Lamar Alexander suggested the brand for the East Tennessee areas of portions of Anderson, Roane, Knox, and Blount Counties. This was published in Historically Speaking on October 26, 2015.

Since that time the Oak Ridge Corridor idea has grown to a suggested name for an East Tennessee region! Three different names have been recommended over the years for portions of the region that was first suggested by Lamar Alexander.

Most recently, after decades of quiet but continuous thought and idea development, the Oak Ridge Corridor is firmly taking shape with a focus on the new nuclear industry aimed at reshaping the nation's energy landscape in a similar magnitude as Oak Ridge helped shape the World War II and Cold War efforts. This initiative began as a series of Economic Alignment meetings held in the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce that included Anderson County Mayor, Terry Frank; Roane County Executive, Wade Creswell; and Oak Ridge City Council member Sean Gleason, as well as others from the region.

That reshaping was boosted on October 28, 2024, when a new organization, the Oak Ridge Corridor Development Corporation had its inaugural meeting. The new 501 (c) 3 Development Corporation is the embodiment of the regional approach to development, having members from Roane County, Anderson County, the City of Oak Ridge, DOE and others.

The group is focused on assisting with the implementation of recommendations from Governor Lee's Nuclear Energy Advisory Council that need to be carried out in Oak Ridge. The new organization is chaired by Gerald Boyd, a former site manager of combined DOE facilities and a longtime proponent of the nuclear industry. The organizations Vice Chairman, Dave Beck is with Y-12 operator Consolidated Nuclear Security.

The group combines many voices in industrial development into one organization that will focus on making Oak Ridge the center of the new nuclear renaissance. Oak Ridge City Council Member and Oak Ridge Corridor Development Corporation Board member Sean Gleason said "This body will act as a point of strategic confluence and focus to ensure our regional alignment and capitalization on the emerging next-generational nuclear market. For the first time, we have stalwart concurrence of intent from exactly the diverse stakeholders necessary to achieve our goals. The magnitude of the opportunity has overcome legacy division and grievance, and the tone is one of excitement, partnership, and gratitude."

The Oak Ridge Corridor Development Corporation is still forming membership on its board of directors. The board welcomes others in the East Tennessee Region to join the initiative first conceived by Lamar Alexander and now a reality starting small but seeking growth to encompass the entire region of Knox and Blount counties as well as other areas where nuclear related industries might emerge over the coming months and years of the nuclear renaissance.

A bit of history:

Evolving from the Oak Ridge Corridor concept, first there was the Tennessee Technology Corridor in 1983 when the state legislation created the Tennessee Technology Corridor Development Authority. Then the Tennessee Valley Corridor organized in 1995 based on ideas from Lamar Alexander and Zach Wamp, which not only includes the East Tennessee region but extends to Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama and grew out of a summit conference in Oak Ridge. And finally, Tennessee's Innovation Corridor was created in 2014.

According to Darrell Akins, a long-time friend of the former Governor and Senator, Lamar Alexander came up with the idea in the early 1980's. Darrell explains, "I was serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Transportation when the Governor decided building a four-lane highway from the airport in Blount County to Oak Ridge was a top priority. He knew immediately it could be more than a just a

slab of concrete and that it would create a science and technology corridor to show linkage of Oak Ridge to the entire region."

"This would be happening just at the time a new contractor was taking over the Department of Energy operations with the promise of more aggressive technology transfer and economic development partnerships. He went further to say the entire region needed to leverage the global brand of Oak Ridge in promoting the advantages not only of Oak Ridge, but also the main campus of the University of Tennessee and the headquarters of the Tennessee Valley Authority. And the best way to do that was to call it the Oak Ridge Corridor.

"So, the Senator's recent comments just didn't pop into his head or come from a staffer. It's truly the 35-year vision of one of our state's most important leaders and statesmen, as well as one of Oak Ridge's most important advocates," concludes Akins.

A look at the present:

Now, nearly 10 years later, the brand **Oak Ridge Corridor** is even more appropriate and timely. Let's take a look at an updated view of just why the term is so well on target for this area now:

Great Things Happen in Oak Ridge EVERY DAY – Mayor Warren Gooch "Born of War, Living for Peace, Growing Through Science." Oak Ridge Community Foundation in 1990-1993 on the 50 th Anniversary of Oak Ridge.

Lamar Alexander has said, "The Knox-ville-Oak Ridge Innovation Valley is crossed by three Interstate highways (I-40, 24, and 75) and is at the center of two-thirds of the U.S. population. Beginning

3. The lab's Quantum Science Center is accelerating innovation in new quantum technologies, delivering secure, energy-efficient computing and helping maintain the nation's leadership in fundamental and applied science.

4. Oak Ridge National Laboratory has designed and built 13 nuclear reactors over the years, including the High Flux Isotope Reactor, which has been in operation for nearly 60 years and is the strongest reactor-based neutron source in the United States. HFIR is probably the most important research tool in Oak Ridge, and the isotopes it provides may be the most important post war contribution Oak Ridge has provided the world. In addition, the Molten Salt Reactor favored by Alvin Weinberg is now among the top designs being considered worldwide for the coming nuclear renaissance. Even environmentalists are fast becoming pro-nuclear. Oliver Stone's "Nuclear NOW!" movie is amazingly effective explaining the benefits of nuclear energy.

5. The lab's Spallation Neutron Source is the world's most powerful pulsed neutron source. A second target building is being constructed now. As part of preparing for the second target, the Proton Power Upgrade project is doubling the power capability of the Spallation Neutron Source from 1.4 to 2.8 megawatts

6. The International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor project is seeking to demonstrate the feasibility of fusion energy by building the world's largest fusion experiment in southern France. As one of 35 nations collaborating to build ITER, the nation's contributions are overseen by the US ITER Project,



The bridge on Pine Ridge that crosses over South Illinois Ave would be an ideal location to recognize the Oak Ridge Corridor (Courtesy of Ray Smith)

with the Manhattan Project to build the atomic bomb during World War II the region has become one of the United States' most prominent centers for advanced research, development, and manufacturing.

"When we say Oak Ridge Corridor, we express our region's greatest asset – the brainpower grown and attracted here by our colleges and universities, major federal investments, and an increasing list of corporate headquarters and major businesses.

"As we market the Innovation Valley to the world, we can proudly tout a name that is synonymous with the brainpower required to meet great science and technology challenges – the **Oak Ridge Corridor**."

Here are some specifics:

1. Frontier is the world's most powerful supercomputer (operating at a speed of one quintillion calculations per second) which is producing phenomenal results in energy, climate, medicine, and economics. The next supercomputer, Discovery, will utilize artificial intelligence algorithms and model real-world situations at new levels of detail for studying natural phenomena, strengthening nuclear security, exploring energy solutions, and even accelerating product design to market while reducing costs.

2. Oak Ridge National Laboratory is stewarding an artificial intelligence initiative that is focused on ensuring secure, trustworthy, and energy efficient AI in the service of scientific research and national security. As part of this effort, ORNL established the Center for Artificial Intelligence Security Research, or CAISER, to analyze vulnerabilities, threats, and risks related to the security and misuse of AI tools in national security domains.

which is managed by Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

7. Oak Ridge National Laboratory is building the Material Plasma Exposure Experiment, a nextgeneration facility that will support the advancement of fusion energy.

8. The Center for Bioenergy Innovation is based at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and is pursuing advancements for a sustainable bioeconomy.

9. The Mobile Uranium Facility, a partnership of ORNL and the neighboring Y-12 National Security Complex, is the national resource for characterizing, processing, packaging, and transporting uranium materials anywhere in the world.

10. Oak Ridge National Laboratory is overseeing LEGEND-1000, an international project to gain insights that could revise our understanding of physics and the cosmos.

11. The element Tennessine was named after Tennessee to honor the contributions of American researchers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Tennessine is one of nine elements Oak Ridge National Laboratory has helped discover.

12. The Nuclear Navy got its start in Oak Ridge in 1946 when then-Captain Hyman Rickover attended the first Reactor Training School at the Clinton Laboratories taught by Eugene Wigner and became acquainted with Alvin Weinberg. Rickover realized that by using weapons-grade uranium, a nuclear reactor could be built small enough to go inside a submarine. The fuel for all U.S. Navy ships and submarines has always been provided by Oak Ridge. A commitment for continuing for the next 50 years is in place with Y-12.

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- 13. Nuclear medicine advanced significantly using radioactive isotopes produced in the Graphite Reactor in Oak Ridge from the then Clinton Laboratories when carbon-14 was sent to the Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital in St. Louis. Within a year, over 1,000 shipments had been made and by 1950 over 20,000. The Oak Ridge National Laboratory (so named in March 1948) has continued to provide radionuclides ever since as the world's leading producer of radioisotopes and with capabilities to produce 290 different isotopes. A new Radioisotope Processing Facility is planned to be completed by 2034. Already electromagnetic separation units are separating stable isotopes using mass spectrometer technology similar in design to the Manhattan Project calutrons of Y-12 that were used for that purpose after World War II until 1998. A new facility—the U.S. Stable Isotope Production and Research Center—will open at the lab in 2032 and serve as the permanent home of this technology as the nation expands its capability to enrich stable isotopes.
- 14. Innovation Crossroads, which started in 2017, is a two-year program for fellows working to establish advanced manufacturing and energy technology companies. The program at Oak Ridge National Laboratory has supported 45 startups since its inception with 65 percent of those companies staying East Tennessee.
- 15. SkyNano, whose founder Anna Douglas is an Innovation Crossroads alumnus, opened a production facility in Louisville, Tennessee, in 2024. The company captures carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and converts it into valuable carbon-bases materials such as carbon nanotubes.
- 16. Oak Ridge National Laboratory has more than 1,000 patents since 2010, the most from any Department of Energy national laboratory.
- 17. Based on carbon-capture technology licensed from Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Holocene opened a pilot facility in Knoxville in 2024, and Google recently committed \$10M to help the company expand its operations in the coming years.
- 18. The University of Tennessee-Oak Ridge Innovation Institute is strategically aligning both institutions to expand interdisciplinary research, education, and innovation that is important to the United States and Tennessee.
- 19. Oak Ridge National Laboratory is home to eight Department of Energy user facilities that allow scientists to perform experiments that can't be done anywhere else. These world-leading facilities include experimental tools for research in biology, materials, physics, and more. Collectively, they have hosted more than 16,000 total users in the past five years.
- 20. The lab's Carbon Fiber Technology Facility, which was established in 2013, pursues high potential, low-cost raw materials, including textile, lignin, polymer, and hydrocarbon-based precursors. The facility has more than 90 industrial partners.
- 21. Governor Lee appointed a Nuclear Energy Advisory Council and designated \$60 million focused, in part, on Oak Ridge playing a lead role for the nation and the world as the next generation of nuclear reactors are designed and built. The Tennessee Valley Authority (the world's largest public utility) is in the planning stage for a small modular reactor to be built on the Clinch River site. Kairos Power has broken ground for a demonstration next-generation reactor using the molten salt design preferred by Weinberg. Called Hermes, this reactor will be cooled by a molten fluoride salt which eliminates the robust pressurized vessel that is required in all water-cooled reactors, to keep the water from vaporizing. Hermes will use kernels of enriched uranium enclosed in TRISO pebbles coated by graphite and ceramic layers impossible to melt in the reactor environment.
- 22. The Oak Ridge company TRISO-X LLC, a subsidiary of X-energy, will manufacture the ceramic TRISO particles required for the new generation of pebble-bed reactors such as Hermes.
- 23. Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation is building a manufacturing facility in Oak Ridge to fabricate

Fully Ceramic Microencapsulated nuclear fuel for use in their Micro Modular Reactor and other advanced reactors.

- 24. Orano USA plans to build a large uranium-enrichment facility in Oak Ridge, targeted on using centrifuges to provide uranium for an anticipated increase in the number of nuclear power reactors in the U.S.
- 25. Centrus Energy Corporation, founded in 1998, uses American Centrifuge Technology centrifuges to produce nuclear fuel for nuclear reactors around the world. Their centrifuges are manufactured in Oak Ridge.
- 26. Type One Energy Group plans to build Infinity One, a prototype of its fusion device, and locate it in the Bull Run Steam Plant, a large coal-burning power facility shut down by TVA on December 1, 2023. This fusion device would be a stellarator, a more compact but more complicated fusion confinement device than the large tokomaks countries have used for decades to try to approach nuclear fusion as an energy source. It is possible that fusion energy could be a major source of electricity by mid-century or slightly beyond.
- 27. The Y-12 National Security Complex is working on multiple nuclear weapons programs helping to sustain the nation's nuclear deterrent and support nonproliferation as well as provide storage for the nation's enriched uranium.
- 28. Y-12 National Security Complex is the largest employer in Oak Ridge. More than 8,000 employees support the National Nuclear Security Administration's missions on site.
- 29. Y-12's Oak Ridge Enhanced Technology and Training Center (ORETTC) is a training campus for radiation response, nuclear processing, and emerging technology arenas. Security, safety, and emergency response personnel from around the country and allied nations regularly visit the joint state- and federal-funded ORETTC campus to train and learn from

ing technology for the nation's security, economy, and energy portfolio. NTRC is home to the nation's early-stage research into transportation technology, including wireless charging and advanced combustion engines. GRID-C brings together expertise and capabilities to pursue advancements in power and energy systems, vehicle and buildings science, and cybersecurity.

- 34. ORNL and UT are working on various research strategies leading to more robust electric vehicle scenarios and better batteries for EVs and for storing electricity generated by fluctuating renewable energy plants. Volkswagen of America has located at the UT Research Park at Cherokee Farm an innovation hub focused on further development of electric vehicles.
- 35. Oak Ridge has supported the National Aeronautics and Space Administration since the 1060s. NASA has relied on Y-12 and ORNL from Blood in Gemini and the Moon Boxes in Apollo to Plutonium-238 to power deep space missions, design compact nuclear reactors for Mars, 3-D printed materials, computer simulations, and even power and materials to explore Jupiter's moon Europa.
- 36. Finally, environmental cleanup of the K-25 sites, now East Tennessee Technology Park Heritage Center, has provided substantial reindustrialization opportunities and the cleanup continues at both the Y-12 and ORNL sites providing potential reuse areas for such new facilities as the Lithium Processing Facility at Y-12.

Over the years, Senator Alexander emphasized the unique capabilities of the **Oak Ridge Corridor**. "The area is home to the world's largest public utility (the Tennessee Valley Authority), a major research university (the University of Tennessee), and other colleges and universities. In Anderson, Blount, Knox, and Roane Counties live more than 40,000 persons with graduate and professional degrees. This includes 1,600 scientists and engineers at the Oak Ridge



Senator Lamar Alexander speaking to the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge in September 2015 and Darrell Akins looking on (Courtesy of Ray Smith)

world-class expertise available at Y-12.

- 30. As a part of NNSA's Nuclear Nonproliferation Program, Y-12 helps to secure vulnerable nuclear materials around the world. Activities encompass detection, removal, and security of nuclear material, and ultimately making weapons material available for peaceful uses, such as fueling research reactors and producing medical isotopes.
- 31. Y-12, through its Down-Blending Offering for Tritium program, supports the production of tritium in a process involving down-blending of highly enriched uranium to ensure future tritium inventory for the nation.
- 32. The Uranium Processing Facility and Lithium Processing Facility construction projects are underway at Y-12 to modernize production facilities and ensure long-term mission delivery for the nation.
- 33. The lab's Hardin Valley Campus sits just off Pellissippi Parkway between Oak Ridge and the University of Tennessee. On this campus, you will find three unique capabilities in the Manufacturing Demonstration Facility (MDF), National Transportation Research Center (NTRC), and the Grid Research Integration and Deployment Center (GRID-C). At MDF, researchers are working with industry to deploy cost-effective and reliable additive manufactur-

National Laboratory, more than 1,000 engineers at the University of Tennessee, and hundreds more engineers at TVA and the Y-12 National Security Complex. Its elementary and secondary public schools are among the highest achieving in the state."

Updated numbers for 2024: 40,000 persons with graduate and professional degrees in Anderson, Blount, Knox, and Roane counties in 2017, in 2024 there are 102,027; 1,000 Scientists and Engineers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in 2017, in 2022 there were over 2,800; more than 1,000 Engineers at the University of Tennessee in 2017, in 2023 there were 5,263 enrolled in engineering at UT.

After decades of quiet but continuous thought and idea development, the **Oak Ridge Corridor** is firmly taking shape with a focus on the new nuclear industry aimed at reshaping the nation's energy landscape in a similar magnitude as Oak Ridge helped shape the World War II and Cold War efforts. Some 40 years after Governor Alexander's vision, the **Oak Ridge Corridor** continues to grow strong, rising to meet new challenges and to lead the way forward.

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David Zubler Columnist

trafficking.

IRS collects 4.7 billion

The IRS announced that it has recovered \$4.7 billion from new initiatives. The latest initiatives include collections from wealthy taxpayers and IRS criminal investigations.

More than \$1.3 billion was from high-income, high-wealth individuals who have not paid their overdue taxes or filed tax returns. The recent increase in hiring enabled the IRS to collect from wealthy taxpayers. IRS Criminal Investigations brought in \$2.9 billion. The collections were related to tax and financial crimes, including drug

and financial crimes, including drug trafficking, cybercrime, and terrorist financing. In 2024, CI identified over \$9.1 billion in fraud, obtained court orders totaling \$1.7 billion, and seized criminal assets totaling approximately \$1.2 billion.

Whistleblower information has been valuable for the collection of taxes. In 2024, the IRS paid \$123.5 million to whistleblowers, which resulted in the collection of \$474.7 million in proceeds on cases that included overstated deductions, underreported income, hidden offshore assets, general allegations of tax fraud, and abusive international transactions.

The IRS estimated that the tax gap for 2022 was \$696 billion. The tax gap is the difference between the tax liability for a given tax year and the amount paid on time. The 2022 tax year tax gap comprises taxpayers who don't file returns, underreport their income, and fail to pay their tax liability.

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The IRS also recently announced the new results from pursuing high-income non-filers who have not filed taxes since 2017. The IRS has collected \$120 million from more than 28,000 non-filers since September 2024. In these cases, the IRS obtained third-party information, such as Forms W-2 and 1099s, from people who received over \$400,000 but failed to file a tax return. The non-filer program has run sporadically since 2016 due to severe budget and staff limitations that did not allow these cases to be pursued.

"The IRS continues to show dramatic progress on a wide array of the agency's transformation efforts, producing real-world improvements to help taxpayers and businesses while also taking important steps in the law-enforcement and compliance arena to protect billions from ongoing schemes, ensure high-income individuals file returns and pay their taxes and penalties, and battle everything from terrorist financing to drug traffickers," said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel.

IRS Criminal Investigation (CI) is responsible for investigating tax

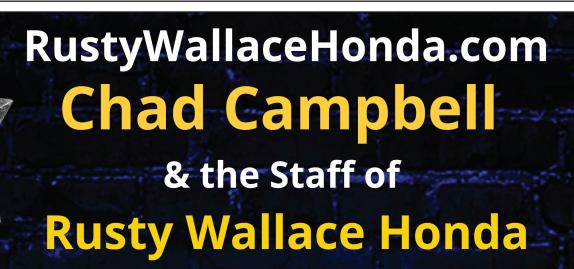












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Message to Pergamum



John Burns Opinion Columnist

Revelation 2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write: These things sayeth he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

Vs. 13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is; and thou holdest fast my name, and has not denied my faith, even in those days when Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you where Satan dwelleth.

Vs. 14 But I have a few things against you, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Vs.15 So hast there also them that hold to the doctrine of the Nicaolaitans, which thing I hate.

Vs.16 Repent, or I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Vs. 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches; to him that overcometh, will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

ELOHIM the God of creation framed the story of redemption around the ancient Hebrew wedding. The reason lies in Gods' reward to Jesus Christ for enduring the cross. God promised Jesus the Kingdom of David on earth for 1000 years as an inheritance from God the father.

A King needs a faithful virgin bride to begin his kingdom. The 7 Church letters are where God identifies the virgin bride of Christ. She is a subset of his body. She is within the Church, while not all church folks are the virgin bride. The majority will require chastening during the coming tribulation.

Redemption of mankind was promised by God through a preposterous plan. The Trinity conspired to redeem his creation back from the authority granted to Lucifer as an act of Mercy from God. Lucifer was given all the kingdoms of the world, from where he and God would fight for man's soul.

The seed of the woman was to become the son of God. His bloodline as a man begins with Adam and it is established as eternal during his first advent. The bloodline is supernaturally protected by God for 42 generations, and then the virgin gives birth to the son of God.

He was to become our Lamb and be sacrificed religiously for the sins of humanity. Our sins are the mechanism by which God justifies the need to allow his son to be killed. The story of redemption was not Gods' reaction to human sin. Sin required a sinless Lamb of God.

The conspiracy to save me and you, was a pre-determined plan. The characters of the bible were known by God before the earth was created inhabitable for mankind. Every day in human history is revealed in the stories that litter the bible. No coincidences in this life, only sovereignty ordering our footsteps. Pergamos is the place Lucifer gained his foothold in Church.

Pergamos is labeled by Jesus Christ as the seat of Satan on earth. How did the church become the bode of Lucifer and when did it occur? How will we recognize whether we are part of the Church of Pergamos?

Pergamos is made from 2 Greek words. Per which means unholy. And gamos which means marriage. Jesus Christ is identifying the church married to the world religious system. The world system of religion is titled human government. Where men and women begin to be deified as immortal demigods.

Caesar worship was codified in the Church of Pergamos. Pergamos adopted the Roman pantheon when Constantine decided to include Chris-

tianity in the Roman pantheon which worshipped at the house of the sun. He took the ancient the Babylonian title Pontifex Maximus.

He now became the head of Rome as emperor and the high priest deciding all matters dealing with the pagan pantheon of Rome. His grandson would go further by designating Christianity as the only accepted religious practice allowed. The worst thing to happen to the church called out of the world system.

Now persecution of true believers would begin and it was now sanctioned by the Roman emperor as law. A hereditary priesthood was to be established. They are the Nicaolaitans. Jesus would rebuke believers for allowing men to exhibit authority over other believers.

This priesthood codified the greatest heresy to ever enter Church, replacement theology. Roman Priest's began to systematically deny believers access to the written scriptures. This was done to usurp authority from our Jewish messiah, as men became worldly and enlightened by everything but scripture.

The Church of Pergamos is where belief in the two- edged sword of Gods' word brought persecution by people who were subjugating believers to heresies and Roman religious traditions that emigrated from Babylon. The Church of Pergamos is where Christmas and Easter replaced Passover and the Resurrection.

The bible timeline was exchanged for the state calendar codified in the Babylonian holiday schedule most churches prostitute today. Pergamos is where the fertility cults of Babylon became traditions in Church. The pagan practices of celebrating birthdays and worship of ancestors became normal.

Priests became devoutly antisemitic as the western church began a systematic effort to blame the Jews for Christ crucifixion. Balaam is used by God as a teaching tool for church people. He was called by God to be a prophet yet he accepted money for cursing Gods' people.

The Church of Pergamos is alive and well in denominations today, proving that not all who cry Lord, Lord, will enter messiah's coming Kingdom. To become Christ virgin bride a return to his written, revealed, word, and allow chastening away from Babylonian traditions in church to begin before it is too late.

Jesus is returning for a true virgin bride. She does not prostitute grace by following Babylonian fertility rituals in Christ Church. She understands Messiah is returning to Jerusalem to begin his millennial kingdom at the end of the Tribulation of the last days.

Let him who has ears hear what the Spirit is saying.

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Luke Chapter 15



Melvin Howard

(Luke 15:1-2) The preface to three parables: "Now all the tax collectors and sinners were drawing near to him." The tax collectors (publicans) were a despised group because they collected taxes on behalf of the pagan Roman government. Additionally, many of them were dishonest extortionists. "Sinners" takes on a special meaning here. All are sinners, but the reference here is to exceptionally disreputable people like prostitutes (Mt. 21:31-32). The verb pictures these classes as almost coming in a stream to the Lord. They were drawn to his up-

lifting message that promised hope of deliverance from their debauchery. As they came, the Pharisees and scribes continually murmured, complaining that he receives and socializes with this rabble. The three parables viewed these unfortunates and the way a loving God does.

(Luke 15:3-7) The lost sheep: Jesus begins with the familiar, "What man of you," appealing to their sense of moral responsibility. If a shepherd has one hundred sheep, and one wanders away, he will leave the ninety-nine safely behind and search for the one that is lost. The value of a single soul is paramount. When he locates the lost one, he tenderly lays it on his shoulders, so happy at having found the precious lost one. Others are asked to share in the joy (in contrast to these grumbling, self-styled elitists). The conclusion was this: there will be heavenly joy over one sinner whose life is characterized by repentance (the verb indicates a consistent pattern of conduct), more than over ninety-nine "righteous" people who need no repentance. There are no righteous people who need no repentance. The statement is irony. The Lord refers to those like these Pharisees who view themselves as righteous and see no need for personal repentance. They are deeply deluded.

(Luke 15:8-10) The lost coin: The background is the same as that of the lost sheep. The descriptions are genuine to the setting of that day. Near Eastern women highly prized silver coins, sometimes handed down for generations. To lose one was a catastrophe. The common home was small and frequently without windows. Lighting a lamp might be required even in the daytime. Like the sheep, the lost coin represents a lost person. While lost, the coin is of no value to its owner; the lost person cannot be used in God's service. When the coin was found after much searching (evangelism is not easy), there was much rejoicing. In heaven, there is rejoicing in the presence of angels. Earth's activities are known by God, and angels have an interest in the spiritual condition of Christians (1 Cor. 11:10); I Tim. 5:21). Again, "repentance" summarizes everything necessary to being right with the Lord again.

(Luke 15:11-32) The lost son: The principle is the same as with the two previous parables, except the details are different, and the lessons are more expansive. A son (one of two) became restless living with his father; hence, he decided to leave home. He asked for his inheritance and wandered into a far country where he became wild. Eventually, his inheritance was drained and he was in dire need. He even obtained a sorry job feeding hogs (quite repugnant to a Jew). When he hit bottom, he came to himself and vowed to return home, emaciated and stinking as he was. His heartbroken father had watched the road leading home, hoping someday to see his wayward son. Finally, one day he did, he ran to meet the lad, embraced him vigorously, and repeatedly kissed him. He refurbished him with clothes, sandals, and a ring (perhaps a symbol of full family reception). The fatted calf was killed and a celebration held; a lost son was now found---a child spiritually dead, because of being separated from his father, was now alive. Unfortunately, an elder brother pouted, claiming years of perfect obedience with little appreciation received. His father assured him, nonetheless, that he still was loved.

The meaning of the parable is clear and the lessons embodied are profuse and rich. (a) The father represents God. (b) The two brothers reflect humanity bereft of spirituality---one openly rebellious, the other smug and unloving. (c) Leaving God puts one into the "far country" of alienation. (d) Life estranged from the Lord is a waste. (e) Hardships may bear a direct relationship to sinfulness. (f) Suffering can produce a penitent heart homeward. (g) The Heavenly Father is most anxious to receive those who have been astray, but have the courage to return.

In view of the overall context (1-2), the basic facts are transparent. (a) The wild and reckless son symbolized the publicans and harlots. These, in a horribly wicked fashion, flouted a relationship with God and flagrantly abandoned a genuine relationship with their Creator. (b) The older brother represents the self-righteous Pharisees and scribes who congratulated them-

selves on their feigned righteousness and manifested a horrible attitude toward others who were snared in the clutches of sin.

The Primacy of Love: Ephesians may be taken as a starting point also for the discussion of love as central to Christian motivation. The phrase "in love" occurs with great frequency---referring to God's love (Eph. 1:4), Christians' love for one another (Eph. 4:2, 15, 16) in imitation of the divine love (Eph. 5:2), and perhaps both together (Eph. 3:17).

The command to love others was not a new commandment with Jesus and the church. Jesus and the church. Jesus quoted the law of Moses in defining the greatest commandments as to love God and to love one's neighbor (Matt. 22:34-40, quoting Deut. 6:5 and Lev. 19:18). The Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12) has parallels in the Judaism of Jesus' day and in the teachings of other moral teachers. Jesus and his teachings and example did bring a new definition, a new depth of meaning, to the command to love. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Jesus has become the standard for the Christian of what it means to love. The Christian's motives and actions will always be measured by this standard. The world and others may have their own definitions of love, but the Christian definition is provided by God's actions in Christ. Jesus' own conduct even went beyond his further statement of what is involved in love: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Even as Jesus taught his disciples to love their enemies (Matt. 5:43-44), so he died for the salvation of his enemies (Rom. 5:6-10).

Jesus' command to love enemies (Matt. 5:44) is followed by an appeal to be children of God the Father, who set the example of sending sunshine and rain on the righteous and unrighteous (Matt. 5:45). The command to "be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt. 5:48) is to be understood in this context. It is not a command to be morally blameless, as desirable as that is, but rather a command to be complete, "perfect," in regard to love, that is to love all persons, as God does. This interpretation is confirmed by the Lukan parallel to this context: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

These passages indicate for us the proper meaning of the biblical word "love." The English word "love" has to do duty for many meanings---sexual, familial, familiar, and charitable. It is no wonder that there is confusion in the general populace, who will in terms of sentiment if not romantic notions of love. Biblical love, on the other hand, has to do with the will and the accompanying action. It is the settled goodwill toward another and the determination to act for that person's welfare.

The ethic that is based entirely upon the commandment "Thou shalt love" is the supreme ethic because it never allows the practice of it to be comfortable. The very essence of Christian love is that it is for ever restless and unappeased. A man's conscience may be appeased when, conceiving Christianity to be a list of rules, he can look back at the day's end and say "I have kept all the rules. I have done all the 'Thou shall nots.'" A man's conscience can never be appeased when the very seat of it is in his heart and his spirit; when it does not "love" because he is good, but is good because he loves. His love can never be satisfied so long as he knows there is a single sorrow in the world, a single injustice which he has not been able or has not done his best to remove or to lessen.

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Cuba in Crisis



Michael Nance Columnist

its worst energy crisis in decades"

Our communist neighbor 90 miles off the shores of Florida are experiencing a multi-faceted crisis. According to Reuters, one of the worst crises the country is experiencing is a shortage of energy.

Reuters stated the following concerning the country's energy shortage:

"Cuba this week asked state and private businesses to generate more of their own electricity from renewable resources and to limit their use of air conditioning, among other conservation measures, as the communist-run government navigates

But it isn't just an energy crisis the island nation is enduring; the country's agriculture sector is also in deep trouble. Sugar has long been a chief export of Cuba. Historically, the country has produced millions of tons of the product, but forecasts for 2025 are a dismal 300,000 metric tons. This is in large part due to labor, fuel and fertilizer shortages.

In large part the country still has not recovered from the Covid 19 restrictions of 2020 which decimated the economy and reduced desperately needed import products.

Cuba has also experienced two major hurricanes and a 6.8 magnitude earthquake in recent weeks. This has led to nationwide blackouts, and dire circumstances for the struggling population.

The United States also has significant sanctions on Cuba, which some argue is leaving the country only one option of seeking help from our enemies, like China and North Korea.

Republican Mark Scott has criticized the Biden-Harris administration on their handling of the communist regime, he was quoted as saying:

"The Biden-Harris administration's years of appeasement toward the illegitimate, communist Cuban regime has fueled terrorism and instability in the Western Hemisphere and put America's national security at unacceptable risk. Removing the Castro/Díaz-Canel regime from the State Sponsor of Terrorism list ignores the fact that it harbors terrorists, provides a secret police force to Maduro to oppress the Venezuelan people, and hosts a Chinese Communist Party spy station 90 miles from Florida,"



Although it is without question that Cuba and its policies are almost 180 degrees from the American ideology, it makes me wonder if we could better influence the country through influence in this dire hour of need. The sanctions have been in place for decades and so far it has only gave our enemies like China more influence in the region, just something for our politicians and lawmakers to consider.

- 1 Reuters, Cuba decrees contingency plan, new restrictions as energy crisis deepens, https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/
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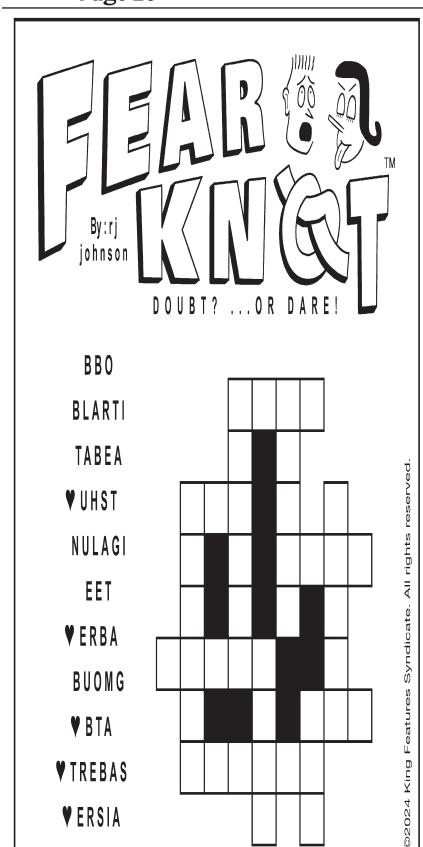


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FLASHBACK

- 1. The Temptations were first known by what name?
- 2. Who wrote and released "Same Old Song and Dance"?
- 3. Which artist was the first to release "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother"?
- 4. Name the Gibb brother who released "I Just Want to Be Your Everything."
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "We used to have good times together, But now I feel them slip away, It makes me cry to see love die."

Answers

- 1. The Elgins. They were renamed the Temptations when they signed on with Motown in 1961.
- 2. Aerosmith, in 1974. It was penned by Steven Tyler. The version on the group's Greatest Hits album had 52 seconds cut out and the lyrics changed.
- 3. Kelly Gordon in 1969. The Hollies followed with what became the more widely known version, although it only topped the charts in South Africa. Years later, Bill Medley added his version to "Rambo III," in 1988.
- 4. Andy, on his debut album. The 1977 song was penned by his brother Barry.
- 5. "So Sad," by the Everly Brothers, in 1960. The song charted around the globe, and numerous artists released their own covers, including Steve Wariner and Emmylou Harris. (c) 2024 King Features Syndicate

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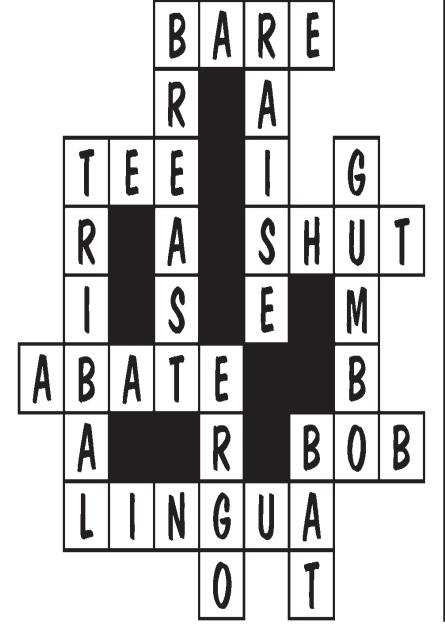
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"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches"

Proverbs 22:1



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— King Crossword — Answers

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