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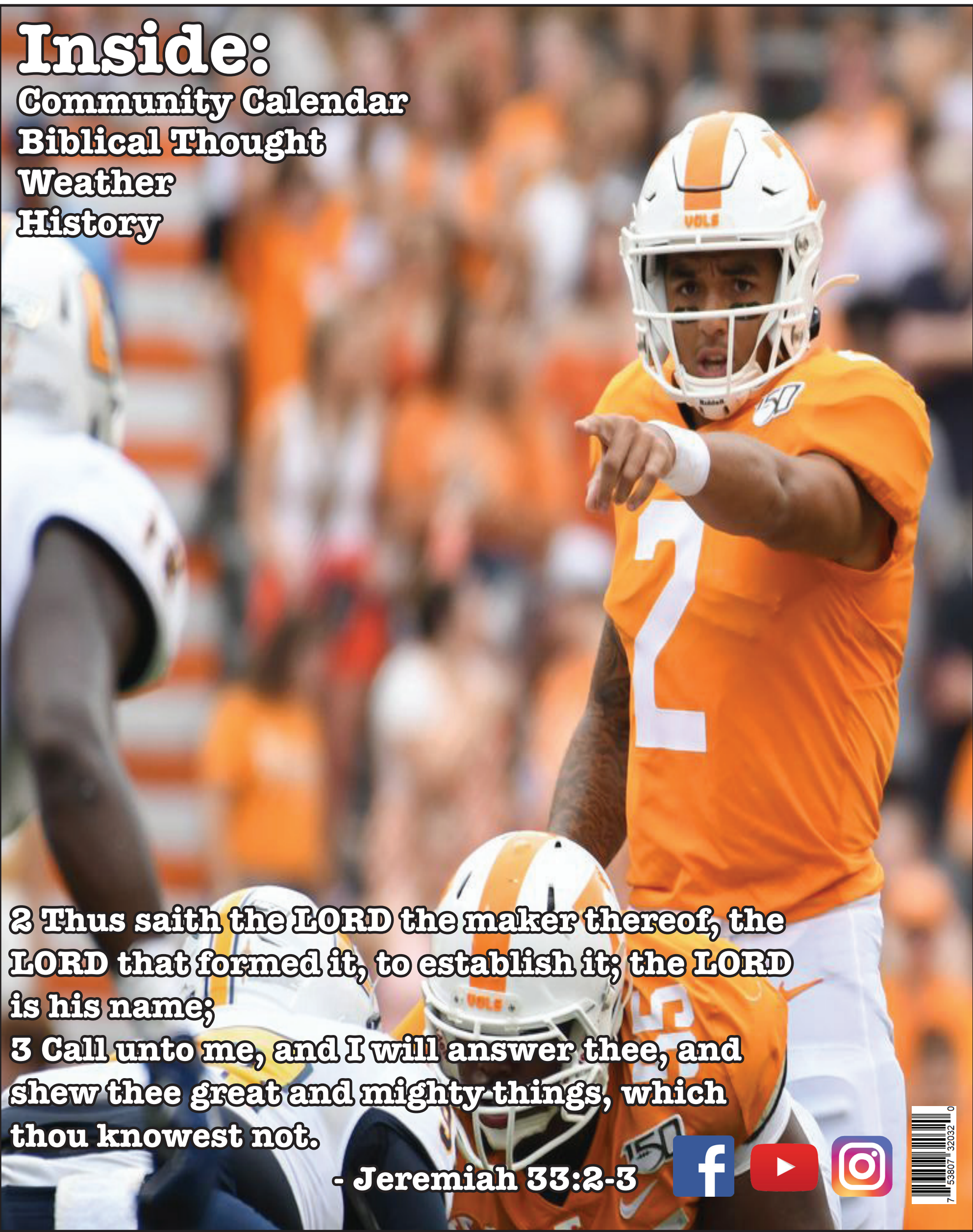
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2 Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name;
3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

- Jeremiah 33:2-3



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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

I GOT IN T-R-O-U-B-L-E

Well, I did it. Something I rarely do. I got in T-R-O-U-B-L-E, something else, that I rarely do.

It all started when Pappy let Ms Ivory and me out to chase the nasty geese back to the water. Let me tell ya, we accomplished our mission in record time. Then my nose got the better of me and I followed it. It took me around Ms Tammy's house and I disappeared.

Mimi and Pap looked and looked for me. Mimi shook the dreaded bottle with pennies in it. That usually makes me appear in a flash. Pap and Mimi decided to split up. Pap went to the left and Mimi went to the right. She started up the hill, shaking the said bottle all the while.

Then, she saw me running down the hill. I kind of thought it wasn't going to be good. She had that mom-tone saying: MS AVERY PEARL! YOU GET YOUR TAIL TO THE HOUSE RIGHT NOW, LITTLE GIRL!! That's when I knew for sure, I was in T-R-O-U-B-L-E!

She meant business. She scolded me all the way to the house. Telling me that I had better not ever runoff like that again! Never mind you, the hot pavement was burning my paws. That stuff is hot, I tell ya!

Any-woof, she said that it was my own fault that I was burning my paws, because I had no business running around the neighborhood.

When I got me a cool drink and cooled my paws, you know what that woman did? She gave me wuffins and ear scratches then, said she wuffed me.

So, I snuggled her and ler her know that I wuff her, too. Don't tell her but, the woman is always right.



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

WEEKLY WEATHER

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Tue 03	81°/63°	
Wed 04	76°/60°	
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COUNTRY FRIED STEAK DINNER and GAME DAY ACTIVITIES

WHAT: Country Fried Steak Dinner - with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Rolls, Dessert, and Drink - coffee or tea.

WHERE: DEER LODGE ABNER ROSS CENTER

WHEN: Saturday September 7th, 2024

TIME: 11am to 3pm

COST: (Intermittent entertainment by Cornet Band starting @ noon) \$10.00

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BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US AT 3PM FOR GAME DAY ACTIVITIES.

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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.

Together Morgan County will meet Fri, September 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. EST at Morgan County Schools Central Office located at 136 Flat Fork Road in Wartburg.

This is a hybrid meeting. Anyone wanting a link to join virtually can email heltons@msced.net. Everyone is welcome to join the collaborative as plans are made to support students and families in Morgan County.

MORGAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

The Morgan County Farm Bureau Board of Directors would like to invite all Farm Bureau Members to attend our annual meeting on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 202 S. Kingston Street in Wartburg. The meeting will begin with an evening meal and the annual report will be given. We encourage all Farm Bureau Members to attend this meeting.

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**Tom Redmon
Columnist**

Thankful for our American Legion and for Those who Love America

The people of Morgan County and Wartburg really have an organization to be proud of and that is the American Legion Post 149. Wartburg has had down time when the American Legion building sat empty for years. To me this was not the best of times.

The American Legion brings something to a community that no other organization can. All the members have served in one of our branches of military service, that above anything else says they love America and they respect our flag. Some have fought for America and some have earned the purple heart, without our military we would have no country. Many have died for America; 425,000 in WWII, 57,000 in Vietnam and 38,000 in Korea.

Our veterans really care about other veterans and that is a big part of our agenda. Veterans have problems; more so perhaps because the military can be pretty rough. I have a great friend who was in Iraq for over a year and he still suffers from PTSD. His suffering is still real after being out of Iraq for many years. Sometimes I think the mental problems are worse than the physical problems for soldiers when they come home. A lot of physical problems can be healed in months or years but PTSD can last on and on. We have a problem with veterans who are suicidal. The number of suicides has been increasing and we need to help veterans all we can. I think Mark Keck and others in Post 149 are reaching out to veterans who have mental problems.

Post 149 is very visible in the community. They're present at a lot of community services like the WECO outdoor show. I was at this year's show and several veterans were recognized for their service. Surprisingly three Redmons were recognized; they were Louis Redmon (US Navy), Kelly Redmon (US Air Force), and myself (US Navy).

Another thing that the American Legion Post 149 does is they are present at military funeral services. They also do home repairs for veterans. For those who are on walkers or wheelchairs they build ramps.

The American Legion also supports Boy's State and other leadership programs. Other programs in the community are Toys for Tots, Christmas for Kids, and providing food in the community.

I am proud to say that our Post 149 is very active due mostly to our leadership and good workers. I can tell you that a few years ago the post was inactive and the facility got rundown. Now after a few short years Post 149 has come to life and a lot of work has been done on the inside of our building. I think they are updating the outside as well.

I would really love to be a little younger so I could help out more. The American Legion, nation wide is over a hundred years old. The first post was established in 1919, right after WWI in Washington D.C. It is a great organization that fights for veterans' rights.

I would like to thank Ed Knight of WECO Radio and Vic Davis of Davis Funeral Home for what they do for our community and for the beautiful plaque they presented to veterans at the WECO outdoor show.

I also thank Mark Keck for the work he does for the American Legion and the Tourist Alliance, and for what he does for veterans.



I am an American Legion member and I have seen how our veterans respect our flag. To all of us it is a symbol of freedom. It hurts my heart to see people disrespect and even burn our country's flag. I can't believe that many of our government organizations put up a pride flag in place of the American flag during June. To me this is a criminal.

The American Legion meets with the youth of the community in which I think is important to pass on the love of our country and patriotism for our future. I believe most of our members in Wartburg have a love for our country although I would like to see more patriotism.





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TN; brother Jimmy (Ruth) Morgan of Sunbright, TN; Sisters Wanda (Gary) Heidel of Knoxville TN; Linda (Bill) Piper of Huntsville AL and a host of family and friends who loved her dearly.

She was affectionately known as GG by her granddaughter who was the light of her life. She would often put the needs of others before her own. She was considered an angel by her great niece. Her gentleness, concern, and love she gave to her family and friends will be deeply missed.

The family will receive friends Thursday, August 29th, 2024 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 6-7:30 pm EST with a memorial service to follow at 7:30 pm EST with Teresa Campbell Breeding officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Glenda Mae Richardson.

Glenda Mae Richardson, of Sunbright, passed away peacefully on Wednesday August 21st, 2024 at her daughters home after a long hard fought battle with chronic illness. Glenda was known for her kindness and caring spirit. Up until she became ill herself, most of her time was spent caring for others.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ray and Eva Jo Morgan.

She leaves behind her daughter Belinda Spurling of Sunbright TN; granddaughter Morgan Edmonds and her fiancé Christian Montez of Cookeville

Psalm 123:1

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



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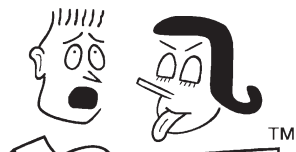
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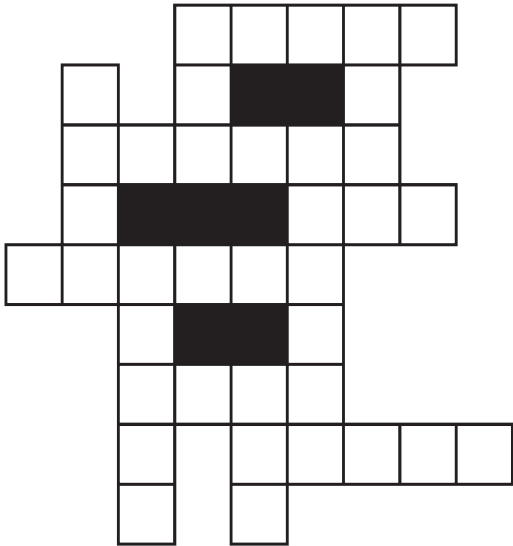
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By: rj johnson

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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.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

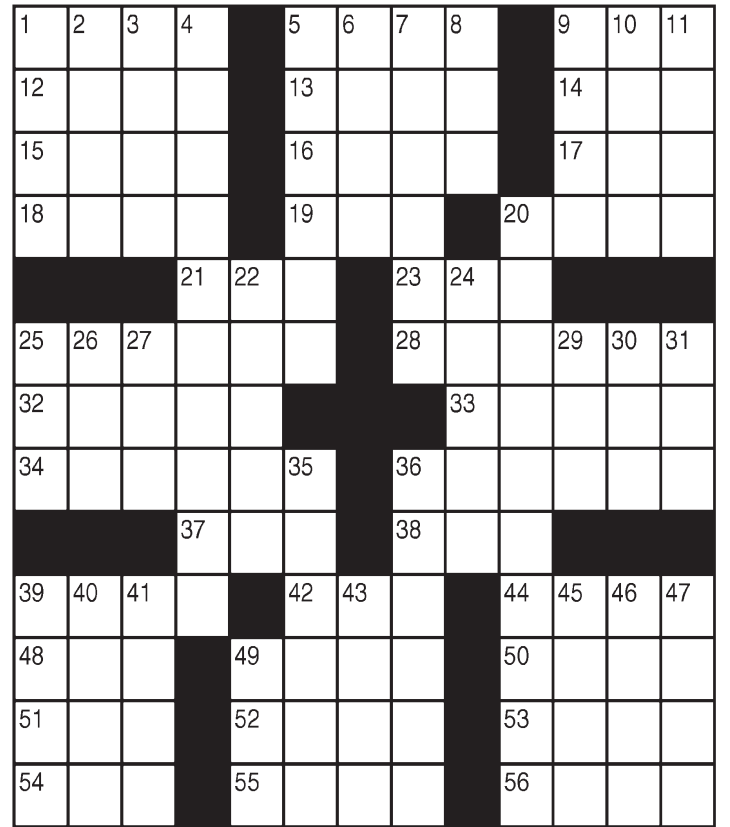


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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Costa —
- 5 Crib cry
- 9 Gal. fractions
- 12 Colorado resort
- 13 Russian river
- 14 Motor City labor org.
- 15 Alike (Fr.)
- 16 Eyelid woe
- 17 Lyricist Gershwin
- 18 Santa's runway
- 19 Sly chuckle
- 20 Per person
- 21 British verb ending
- 23 Right angle
- 25 Exaggerated pride
- 28 Affliction
- 32 Look of disdain
- 33 Edition
- 34 Agreed silently
- 36 Goddess of wisdom
- 37 Half of bi-
- 38 Mont. neighbor
- 39 Army transport
- 42 Cagers' gp.
- 44 Till bills
- 48 Internet address
- 49 Eye drop



- 50 Bryant of hoops fame
- 51 Three, in Rome
- 52 Saharan
- 53 Japanese noodle
- 54 Computer key
- 55 Pixels
- 56 Cooped (up)
- 5 Urges dogs on snow
- 6 Museo display
- 7 Chaos
- 8 Ginger —
- 9 Witticism
- 10 Poi base
- 11 Trade
- 20 #1 Elvis Presley song
- 22 Ambulance sound
- 24 Non-clergy
- 25 QVC alternative
- 26 Popular card game
- 27 Nap site
- 29 Enzyme suffix
- 30 Press for payment
- 31 Verily
- 35 Moolah
- 36 Prizes
- 39 Burlap fiber
- 40 Messes up
- 41 Power co. supply
- 43 Lure
- 45 Central point
- 46 Black, in verse
- 47 Dispatched
- 49 Smidgen

DOWN

- 1 KOA patron
- 2 Shakespeare villain
- 3 Pisa farewell
- 4 Super-motivated

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FLASHBACK, By Mick Harper

1. What is the Continental Drift?
2. Which group released "Shout"?
3. Where was "Give Peace a Chance" recorded?
4. Which musician was called Satchmo?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I could stay awake just to hear you breathing, Watch you smile while you are sleeping."

Answers

1. It's a line dance, aka the Sid Shuffle, from the animated movie "Ice Age." See YouTube for instructions on the dance.
2. The Isley Brothers, in 1959. It took until 1999 for the song to be admitted to the Grammy Hall of Fame.
3. In a motel room in Montreal in 1969, during the "Bed-In" staged by John Lennon and Yoko Ono during their honeymoon. Recording equipment, including a four-track recorder, was brought in. The small crowd included one of the Smothers Brothers, Timothy Leary of LSD fame and a rabbi.
4. Trumpeter Louis Armstrong was called Satchel Mouth because of the shape of his mouth from playing trumpet. That was shortened to Satchmo.
5. "I Don't Want to Miss A Thing," by Aerosmith in 1998. The song was featured in the film "Armageddon" and topped charts around the world. Mark Chesnutt followed with a cover the next year.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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September 2024

Morgan County Schools

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Labor Day Holiday 2	3 Breakfast: Cereal or Breakfast Fruit Pull-Aparts Lunch: Fruit Parfait Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans, Garden Fresh Salad Wheat Roll Side Kick	4 Breakfast: Biscuit Stick & Gravy Lunch: Juice Baked Spaghetti Carrot Coins, Brussel Sprouts Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Fresh Pears	5 Breakfast: County Steak & Biscuit Banana Lunch: Chicken Wings or Drum Sticks Mashed Potatoes Celery w/ Dip, Beans Caesar Salad, Roll Dessert, Fresh Fruit	6 Breakfast: French Toast Orange Slices Lunch: Walking Taco Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese Steamed Corn Spanish Rice Garden Salad Watermelon
9 Breakfast: Yogurt, Honey Bun Juice Lunch: Chicken Sandwich Herbed Potatoes Baked Beans Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	10 Breakfast: Steak & Biscuit Banana Lunch: Mandarin Orange Chicken or Pull-Aparts w/ Marinara Noodles, Veggie Medley Fresh Garden Salad Fortune Cookie, Side Kick	11 Breakfast: Pumpkin Bread or Cinnamon Roll, Orange Slices Lunch: Pizza or Calzone Marinara Sauce, Zucchini Stick Steamed Vegetables Caesar Salad Baked Cookie Strawberries	12 Breakfast: Waffle, Cereal Fruit Smoothie Lunch: Hoagie Bar or Meatball Sub Variety of Meat Cheese Sliced Fresh Veggies Pasta Salad, Baked Fries Fresh Fruit	13 Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit Banana Lunch: Chicken Nuggets or Fish Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
16 Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy Juice Lunch: Pizza or Calzone Corn on the Cob Steamed Veggies Caesar Salad Strawberries	17 Breakfast: Chicken & Biscuit Fruit Lunch: Mashed Potato Bowl w/ Popcorn Chicken Steamed Corn Leafy Green Salad Hot Roll Fresh Fruit	18 Breakfast: Donuts or Pancakes Orange Slices National Cheeseburger Day Hamburger on Wheat Bun Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Pickles, Onion Wedge Potatoes Garden Fresh Salad	19 Breakfast: Steak Biscuit Fruit Parfait Farm to School Lunch Smoked Pork Loaded Baked Potato Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce Steamed Broccoli Tossed Salad Watermelon	20 Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage Biscuit Fruit Parfait Lunch: Philly Steak or Hot Dog on a Bun Chili, Fries Cole Slaw Garden Fresh Salad Jell-O w/ Fruit
23 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza or Eggs & Toast Juice Lunch: Corn Dog or Crispiitos Tater Tots, Baked Beans Fresh Tossed Salad Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh Strawberries	24 Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito Fruit Smoothie Breakfast for Lunch Eggs Gravy & Biscuit Ham, Sausage, or Chicken Potato Patty, Grits Fruit Parfait	25 Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick Blueberry Delight World School Milk Day Chicken Alfredo Cheese Stick w/ Marinara Roasted Brussel Sprouts Caesar Salad, Veggies w/ Dip Banana, Side Kick	26 Breakfast: Muffin, Yogurt Fruit Johnny Appleseed Day Chicken Tenders Cheesy Potatoes Baked Okra, Steamed Broccoli Apple Salad Roll, Apple Crisp	27 Breakfast: Chicken & Biscuit Fruit Lunch: Chicken Fajita/ Soft Taco Lettuce, Tomatoes Refried Beans w/ Cheese Rice, Nachos w/ Cheese Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit
30 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza Banana Bread, Fruit Lunch: Salisbury Steak or Chicken Wings Mashed Potatoes Beans Garden Salad, Roll Mixed Berries				

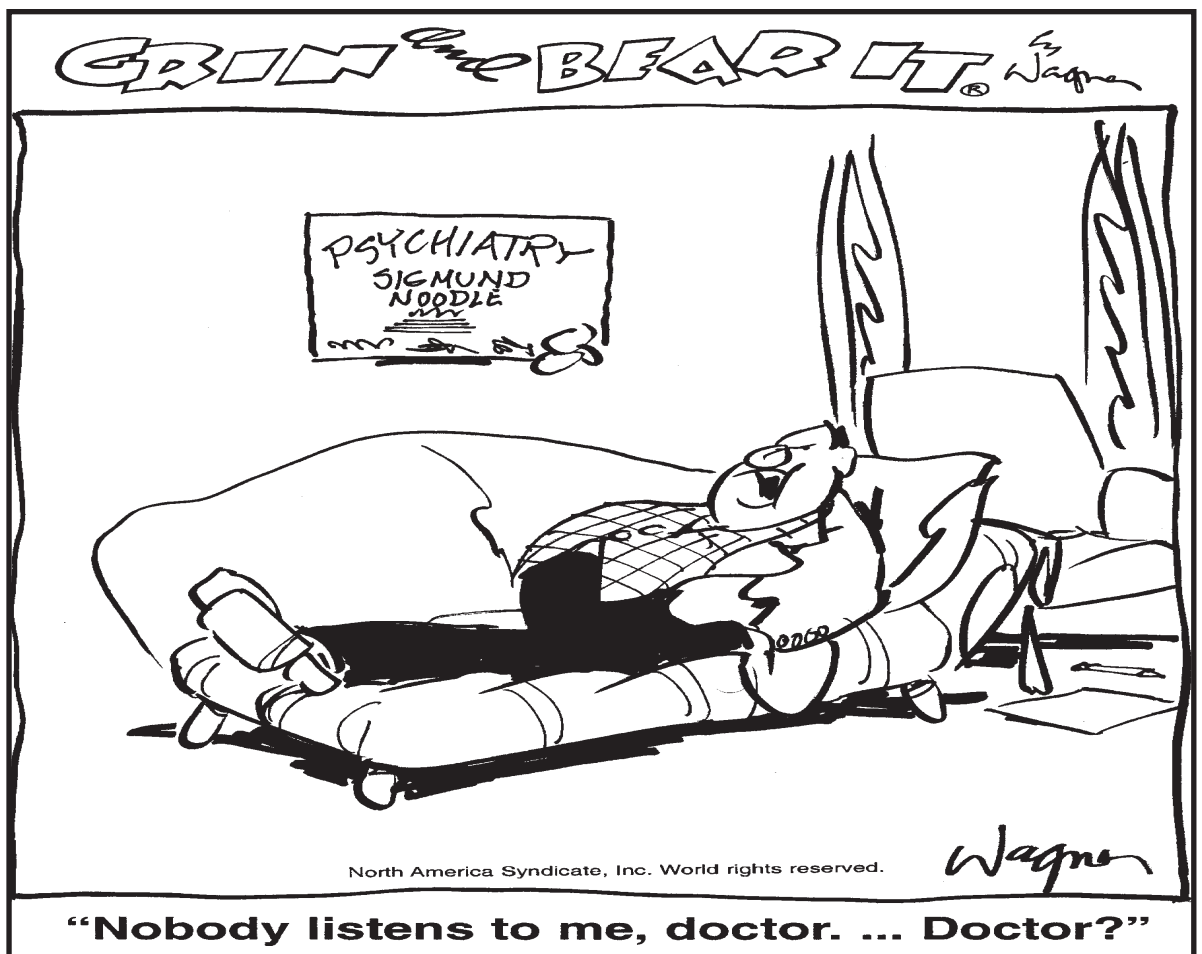
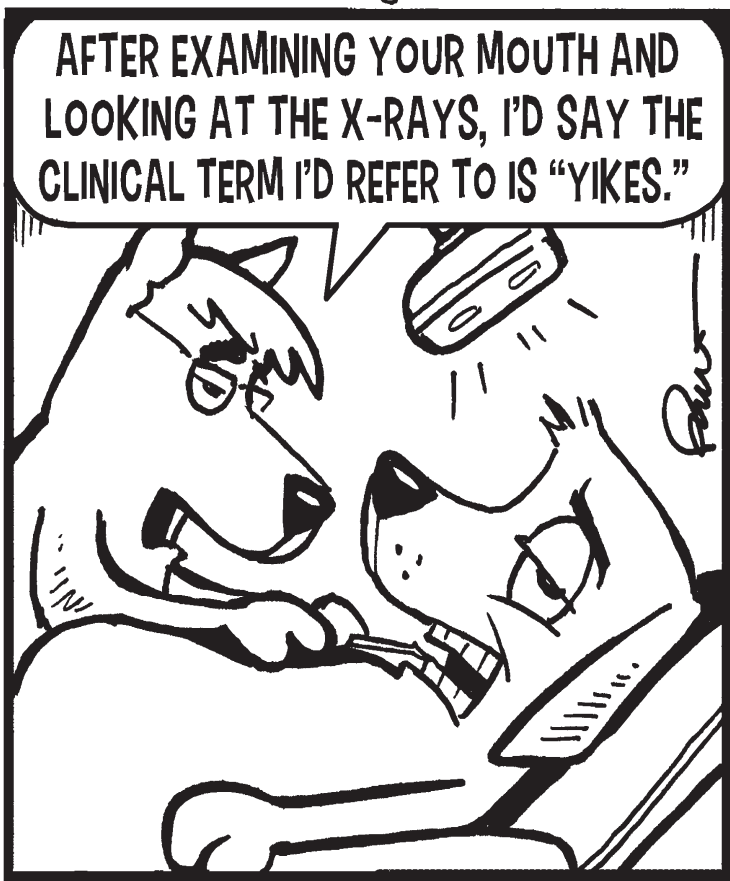
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IRS Doesn't Follow Procedures

A Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) research study reported that the IRS often fails to follow its own procedures regarding certain credits.

To prevent improper claims of credits, Congress authorized the IRS to ban taxpayers from certain credits if the taxpayer claimed credits due to reckless or intentional disregard of the rules.

The study found that the IRS often wasn't following its own policies and procedures when enforcing the ban of credits.

TAS reviewed 352 cases where the IRS

imposed a two-year ban in 2022 or the first eight months of 2023. The study found:

- In 76 percent of the cases, the IRS failed to secure required managerial approval.
- In 81 percent of the cases, the IRS did not adequately explain to the taxpayer why it imposed the ban, as required.
- In 30 percent of the cases, the IRS did not previously disallow the same credit for the same reason for which it imposed the ban.
- At least 50 percent of the prior audits took place more than three years from when the IRS imposed the two-year ban. The taxpayer's failure to respond to the audit automatically resulted in the ban. 16 percent of the no-responses were due to "undeliverable mail."

The study found that on average, taxpayers whose cases were reviewed lost approximately \$4,100 each year of the ban.

The TAS made recommendations regarding the IRS not following the procedures set out by them in the 2023 Annual Report to Congress. Unfortunately, the IRS did not agree to implement any of the recommendations.

TAS stated that the IRS must ensure that it is following its own policies and procedures, and that failure to do so may result in unjust application of the two-year ban. This could place financial hardship on taxpayers. They concluded by stating that the IRS should review its policies and procedures and develop safeguards to make certain auditors are following those policies and procedures.

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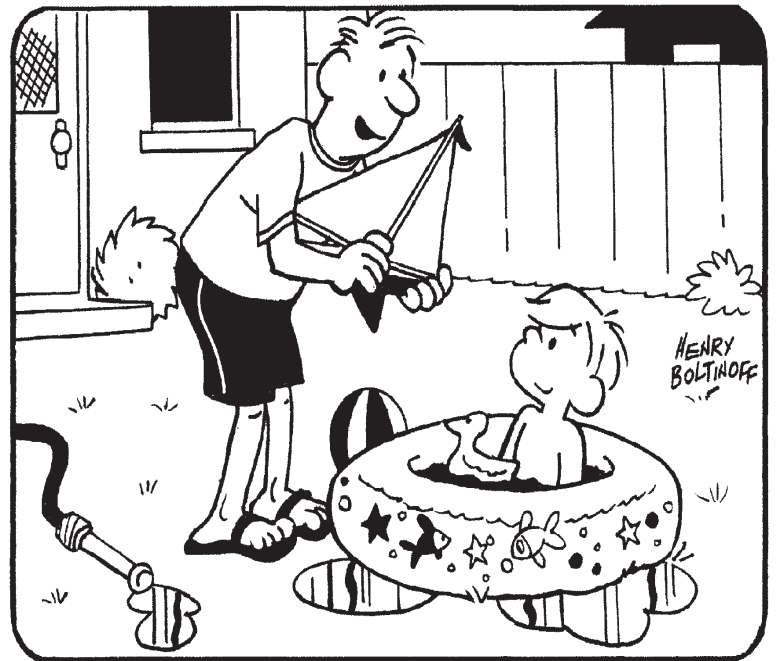
STRANGE BUT TRUE, By Lucie Winborne

- * Have you ever thought that your dog's feet smell like corn chips? If so, you're not alone. In fact, the term "Frito Feet" was coined to describe the scent!
- * The fastest knockout in pro boxing history occurred when Mike Collins knocked out Pat Brownson with his first punch and the match ended a mere four seconds after the bell.
- * A person who enjoys doing crossword puzzles is called a cruciverbalist.
- * Nestor Carbonell's portrayal of Richard Alpert on the hit TV series "Lost" led to an internet debate as to whether the actor was wearing eyeliner.
- * During the Gemini IV missions in 1965, James McDivitt and Edward H. White were the first astronauts to have reportedly smuggled chewing gum into space without permission.
- * On average, people in India spend 10 hours and 42 minutes a week reading, the most time of any country on Earth.
- * Thumbs have their own pulse.
- * The ringing of church bells at weddings can be traced to the Celtic heritage of Scotland and Ireland, when they were used to ward off evil spirits and grant wishes to the newlyweds.
- * In 1965, Johnny Cash's younger brother, Tommy Cash, released a song titled "I Didn't Walk the Line."
- * Upon hearing that the Great Fire of London might destroy his house, English diarist Samuel Pepys took care to bury his most prized possessions in his garden -- including a wheel of Parmesan cheese.
- * Ravens in captivity can learn to talk better than parrots.
- * When your "inner voice" speaks in your head, it triggers small muscle movements in your larynx.
- * Each year, 40,000 tons of space dust settles on Earth.

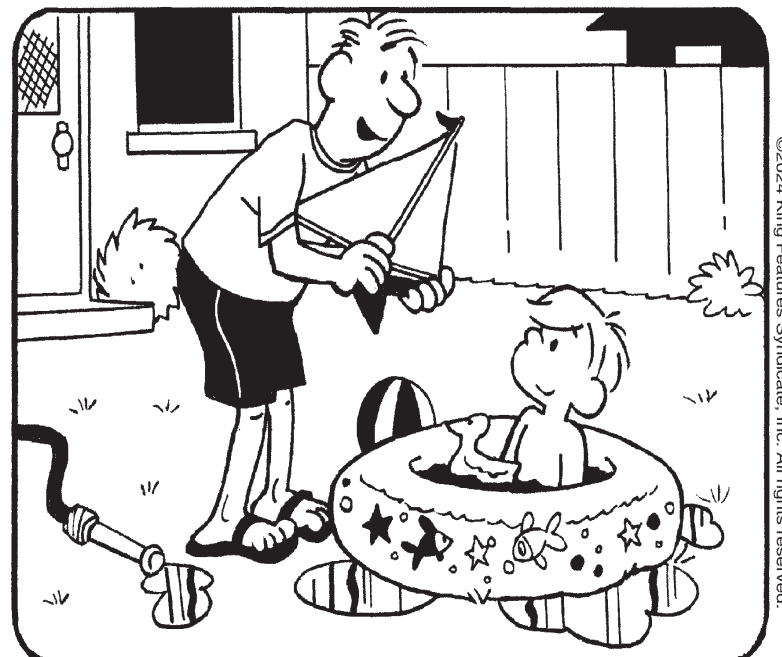
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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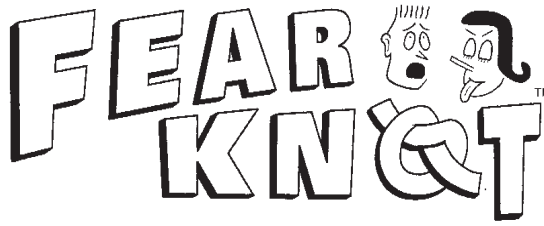
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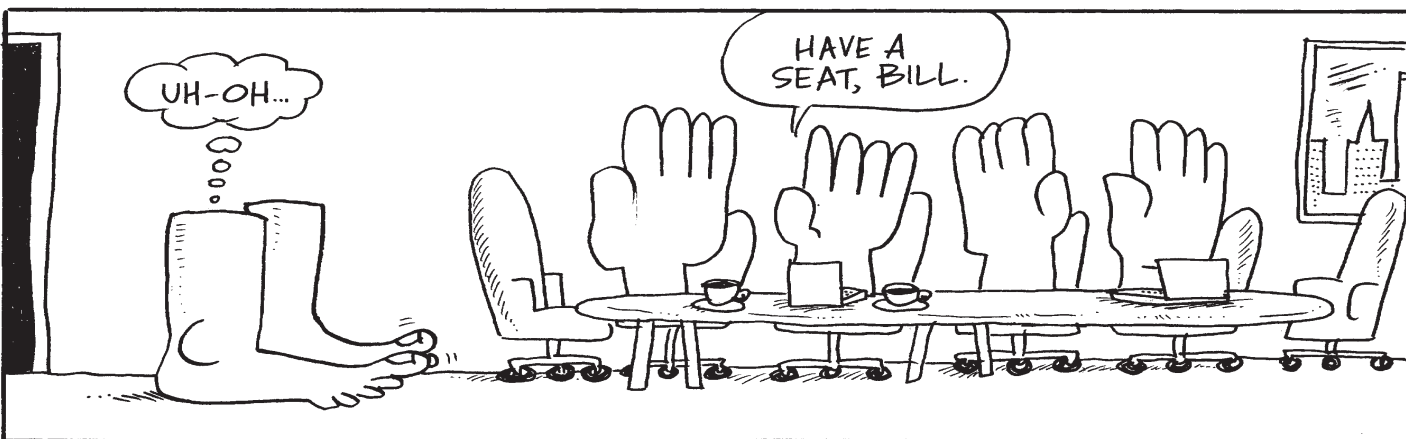
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



BILL ACCIDENTALLY SHOWS UP FOR AN ALL-HANDS MEETING.

KOPERVAS

Historically Speaking

Hope's Classroom Bus Tour

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

I am proud of my good friend Katatra Vasquez! She has taken an intense interest in the history of African Americans in Oak Ridge. She has published several books, Atomic Hope, Josie's Hope, in travel guide form and coloring book forms. All are available on Amazon.com. I was delighted to get to review her manuscripts and provide comments.

Now she expands her contribution to African American History by providing a tour of some of the most significant sites related to African American history in Oak Ridge. The tour and other events are sponsored by Oak Ridge Periodic Tables and Scarboro Community Alumni Association.

The Atomic Hope Heritage Preservation and Tourism Company and The Scarboro Monument Committee presents the Hope's Classroom Bus Tour on September 7, 2024. The tour commemorates the 69th anniversary of the Scarboro 85's amazing contribution to our Civil Rights efforts and honors those 85 Scarboro students who desegregated the Robertsville Junior High School and Oak Ridge High School on September 6, 1955.

The historical guided tour will provide information to students and adults on Oak Ridge's untapped history. Some of the Scarboro 85 students may be available throughout the tour and also at the program between the tours. There will be two tour times. The first tour starts at 11 a.m. and the second tour starts at 2 p.m. Both tours start from the Oak Ridge Civic Center/Senior Center parking lot.

Admission is \$20 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Scarboro 85 Monument Committee's efforts to erect a monument to the Scarboro 85 in A. K. Bissell Park.

Contact information: Call 859-475-3141 to reserve your place on the bus tour.

The Scarboro 85 Monument Committee invites the community to attend this educational event.

Katatra said regarding the tour, "There are many sites in Oak Ridge that highlight our amazing African American History all over the city but considering time and space I have

narrowed the tour to four significant stops and where there is travel time will have some interactive related activities. At the last stop, if possible, we plan to have one of the Oak Ridge 85 students present."

I find this quote regarding building bridges to be an excellent thought. "The legal system can force open doors and sometimes even knock down walls, but it cannot build bridges. That job belongs to you and me." - Thurgood Marshall

Katatra continues, "In our collective American story, the basic human experience of hope connects us all. Hope's Classroom is a transformative guided tour through Oak Ridge, Tennessee's Secret City, where participants explore pivotal sites marking the journey of African American students from segregation and desegregation to integration.

"These sites highlight the commitment to learning and progress, showcasing how education served as a powerful tool for empowerment and change. This interactive experience includes engaging activities that foster a shared understanding of hope and enhances intercultural relationships through historical insights."

The tour will use Daryl Lindsey's Olympus tour bus and supporting black-owned Razzleberrys with a signature historic peach ice cream. Please see the Hope's Classroom Tour Description below with proposed sites.

Tour Stops (1.5 Hour Tour)

Meet at the Oak Ridge Civic Center/Senior Center parking lot at 1405 Oak Ridge Turnpike (Choose tours at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m.)

Tour Stop 1 - Former Scarboro School Site in the Scarboro Community, 160 Hampton Road (This location is where Arizona Officer moved the Scarboro School in 1949 from the location highlighted in Tour Stop 2. The students desired to bring the name of the school with them and ultimately the community chose the name, Scarboro, to designate the entire community not just the school)

Tour Stop 2 - Manhattan Project Era Scarboro School for African American Children, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, South Campus, 1299 Bethel Valley Road (Al-den Blankenship hired Arizona Officer to start a school for African American children when they were first allowed to be brought to Oak Ridge after the World War II Manhattan Project effort which restricted African American parents from living together or bringing their children to Oak

Ridge. This school building had been there prior to the Manhattan Project.)

Tour Stop 3 - Manhattan Project Era Hutment, Oak Ridge History Museum, 102 Robertsville Road (typical of the housing provided for all African Americans during the Manhattan Project as well as other construction workers in Happy Valley across the road from the K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant construction site as well as in the south most portion of the city of Oak Ridge where Aldi's, Panera Bread and Aubrey's restaurant are located today)

Tour Stop 4 - Oak Ridge High School Desegregation Marker, 1450 Oak Ridge Turnpike (A Tennessee Historical Commission state historical marker provided by the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge [noon club] and designating one of the two locations [Robertsville Middle School being the second location today] where this historical desegregation event took place which is now being recognized as the first desegregation of public schools in the Southeast)

Katatra Vasquez, Atomic Hope author, historian, and speaker will guide the Hope's Classroom Bus Tour. On this tour participants will go through a journey of integrated education in the Oak Ridge

A 1:15 p.m. a commemorative anniversary/kick off campaign program will be held. Program participants include supportive quotes of the monument by: John Spratling, Ram Up-pulluri, Ray Smith, and Pat Postma. Rose Weaver, City of Oak Ridge Poet Laureate will present poetry. Details of the Scarboro 85 Monument Project with discussion regarding Phase 2 will be provided by John Spratling, Scarboro 85 Monument Committee Chair.

Food will be provided by small business Black owned and operated businesses Razzleberrys Oak Ridge with peach ice cream and Zeke's Food Truck with soul food.

This series of events commemorating the Scarboro 85 historic desegregation which led much of the other such efforts and set the pace for civil rights advances in the entire nation by demonstrating such action could be taken even in the deep south has for way too long been unobserved. It is a delight to see attention being given to these brave young students who are now in their later years and some even passed away before proper recognition was provided.



Scarboro School teachers pose with Arizona Officer, principal seated.

Historically Speaking

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The Scarboro 85 significance goes far beyond just the community of Scarboro and the city of Oak Ridge or the state of Tennessee, it goes nationwide. The actions of these brave young students marks the beginning of integration efforts in earnest by desegregating the first public schools in the southeast. The ensuing actions of the Civil Rights Movement must credit the Scarboro 85 as an early demonstration of the potential of success.

I am proud to have been selected to serve on the Tennessee Schools Social Studies Standards Review Committee which selected the Scarboro 85 story as one that should be taught in EVERY school in the state. The Scarboro 85 monument being designed now, and funds being raised for its construction will enable Oak Ridge to be placed on the Civil Rights Trail and the Scarboro 85 will be appropriately recognized in museums and civil rights tourism locations across the nation.

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TOUR DETAILS:

- Saturday, September 7, 2024
- 2 Tour Times Available from 11-1PM and 2-4PM
- \$20 per person, a portion proceeds benefits the Scarboro 85 Monument Construction
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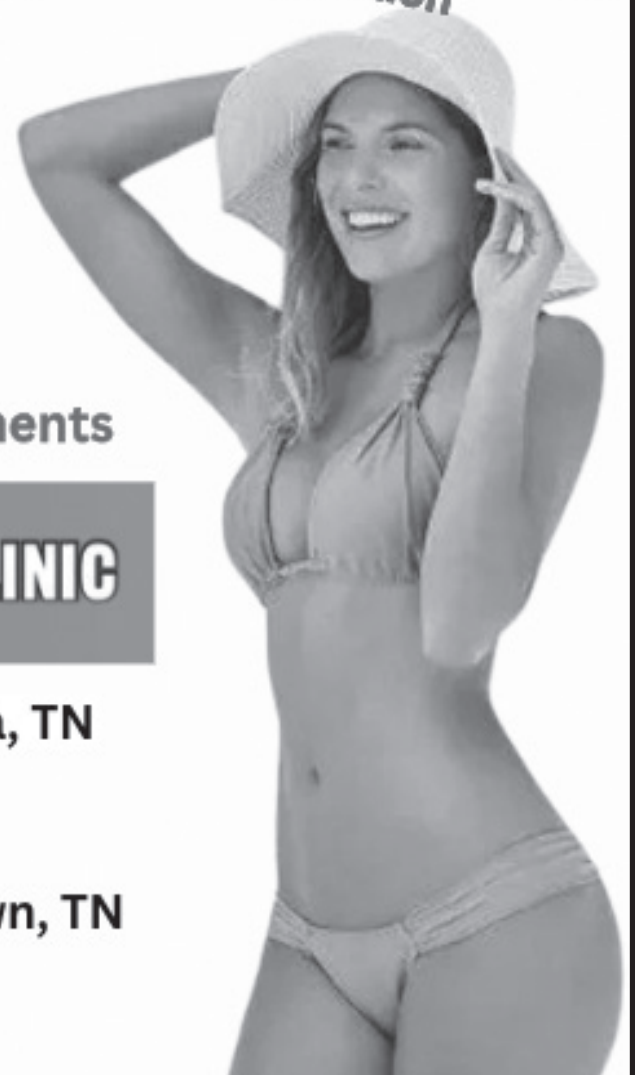
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Becoming the Lahmed, Psalm 119 Vs. 89-96



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Vs. 89 Forever Oh Lord, your word is settled in Heaven.

Vs. 90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you established the earth and it abides.

Vs. 91 They continue this day according to your ordinances, for all your servants.

Vs. 92 Unless your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.

Vs. 93 I will never forget your precepts,

for by them You have given me life.

Vs. 94 I am yours, save me, for I have sought your precepts.

Vs. 95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me, but I will consider your testimonies.

Vs. 96 I have seen the consummation of all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

We continue our study of the incredible acrostic psalm of King David. Our focus is the Hebrew letter Lahmed. It is the 12th letter of the Hebrew Aleph-Bet with a numerical value of 30.

The letter looks like a shepherd's crook or staff. It is defined as a goad or prod. It is the shepherd's staff of Moses and Yeshua. David reveals the trinity has a shepherd's staff that is also a two-edged sword, his word.

The descendants of Jacob were organized into 12 tribes by God the eternal shepherd. Jesus Christ called 12 Apostles.

John reveals in Revelation 4, 24 elders, dressed in white, seated around the throne of God in Heaven, worshipping God in heaven. The Church is never mentioned by John in Revelation after Chapter 4.

David was told by God to organize the priests into 24 courses of service. Each would serve in the Temple for two weeks. Beginning on the new moon of spring in the month of Nisan. Nisan is the beginning of months in the Bible. All biblical prophecy hinges on the calendar God established in the Torah.

Jesus Christ was born on Nisan 1. He was circumcised on Nisan 8. He was presented to Israel on Nisan 10 as their Messiah and high priest. He was crucified on 14 Nisan. He rose from the dead on 17 Nisan. This calendar was established in the flood of Noah. It is Christ's true calendar.

The High priest Ephod contained 12 precious stones. Each stone represented a birth month and a moon cycle of 30 days. When the shekinah glory of God, reflected off the high priest's ephod, it was spectacular. The high priest was a temporary replacement for Lucifer in heaven. Jesus Christ became our High Priest.

Jesus Christ was High Priest over his own sacrifice. We are called to be priest-kings after the manner of Christ. Christ as our eternal shepherd carries a true shepherd's staff with two ends.

The curved end is described in Hebrew as rechamim. It is the mercy end. It is how Jesus Christ taught what the true born-gain experience encompasses. Rechamim is a duality. A single pronoun expressed in plural form.

The root word is recham, defined as the womb of the mother. When an IM is added to any Hebrew word it has dual meanings. Rechamim is defined as eternal mercy from God. To be born again is to exist in an expression of desiring unending mercy from God.

Sheep need a shepherd to pull their head out of the water to keep from drowning. Our shepherd offers unending mercy to all who profess belief in God's single plan of redemption. Mercy is to understand that the wages of sin is death. I deserve death as a sinner.

Mercy's keys alone open God's door. Jesus Christ stands at the door of your heart, will you request his unending mercy over your life? He is our eternal shepherd. His desire is always to show his unending mercy. Sheep need forgiveness when learning the living water of the word of God.

The mercy end of our Good Shepherd's staff is available to believers who sin 70 x 7 times. The Bible reveals God's mind in his shepherd's staff. His mind is his mercy. He ever lives to offer unending mercy

to all who have the humility to ask for it every day.

Mercy is the result of being born again. Unless a believer has the humility and courage to request mercy daily, you can not see the coming kingdom of God.

The 2nd end of the Lahmed is the ruah ha khodesh in Hebrew. It is grace revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. The spirit is given as a comforter and instructor in unwavering grace. It is the free gift of restoration, given to all those who request unending mercy from Messiah each day.

Mercy alone will lead to the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Grace is described in the pointed end of our good shepherd's staff. The pointed end leads us to the narrow path leading to our sanctification and eventual glorification in Christ coming 1000-year kingdom in Jerusalem. If one is truly born again, the coming kingdom becomes discernible in scripture.

God gave us an incredible testimony of his entire plan of redemption outlined in the 22 characters of the Hebrew Aleph-Bet written in eternity past for our edification. Each letter was placed there by the trinity to teach us eternal truths about the true character of the living God we claim to believe in.

Religion has monetized the message of outward piety. Mercy seems devoid in those claiming faith in Jesus Christ. We are without excuse. The Gospel message is found in every letter of the Bible and encoded into the Old Testament.

We have gone through the first 12 letters and not one time has God mentioned judgement. Only unending mercy leading to the unwavering grace of the man Jesus Christ. There is a man seated on God's throne in heaven as I pen these words.

The English word for shepherd is pastor. Make sure your pastor offers mercy without judgement to all they encounter. Make sure you have not harnessed yourself to a wolf pretending to lead God's sheep.

Our world is crying out for a Messiah. Success in shepherding is found when we become Christ-like. His offer of unending mercy leading to unwavering grace, is the only true ministry calling. All else is man's thinking about God. The Bible outlines God's thinking about man.

It is time for true revival in America. It requires a return to both edges of the two-edged sword of the written revealed word of God. Christ seals those he calls with his name. His name is unending mercy and unwavering grace come down from heaven. His name is his character.

Will you harness yourself to Christ's divine attributes and go ye into all the world and preach the gospel of unending mercy? The lives of all those God desires in his coming kingdom are depending upon us to return to offering mercy from heaven.

Let him who has ears, hear what the Spirit of God is saying. In Christ's service and love, JB.

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

He currently serves as the Chaplain for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. His devout faith demonstrates to all he comes into contact with that he believes nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He enjoys writing and teaching God's Word while sharing his faith with a dying world.



Matthew Chapter 27 Part 2 of 3



Melvin Howard

(Matthew 27:32-44) The crucifixion: As they left the court environment for an execution location outside the gate (Jn. 19:17, 20; Heb. 13:12), the death party encountered a man of Cyrene whose name was Simon. This gentleman was “compelled” to accompany the group, bearing the cross “after Jesus” (Lk. 23:26). This would seem to suggest that, in his frail condition, the Lord weakened under the weight of the cross and required assistance to complete the journey (Jn. 19:17). Moreover, the manner in

which Mark mentions that Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus (15:21) could suggest that this family was later converted to the gospel (Rom. 16:13), and Mark knew their names would be familiar to his reader.

Following the procession was a great crowd, accompanied by women who buffeted their bodies and sang a funeral dirge (Lk. 23:27). Ever the Teacher to the very last, Jesus pled that they not weep for him, but for themselves and their offspring, in view of the coming days (forty years later) when the Roman armies would invade and destroy this holy city and the Hebrews would pray for the mountains to fall on them and cover them up (Lk. 23:30). Luke adds this proverb: “If they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?” (v.31). The meaning seems to be: “(If the Jews will so mercilessly murder me, the innocent Son of God, what will be the nature of God’s punishment upon this wicked nation?” Luke also mentions that two criminals were led along for their executions at the same time.

Finally, they arrived at Golgotha, a Hebrew term meaning “the place of the skull” (Jn. 19:17). They gave Christ some wine mingled with gall, or myrrh (v. 34; Mk. 15:23), the narcotic design of which was to deaden the pain immediately, and possibly even prolong the suffering. After tasting, the Lord refused to drink it. He was paying the price of sin for the whole world (at least potentially), and he refused to mollify that. This nullifies the bizarre theory that Jesus and his disciples conceived a plot whereby he would retrieve his body, revive him, and he would triumphantly announce his resurrection. Such a theory also assumes that experienced Roman soldiers would be unable to distinguish an unconscious person from a corpse! Rationalists are a reckless lot.

There they crucified him. The Romans were most noted for the practice. In 71 B.C., following a slave revolt in Rome, six thousand recaptured slaves were crucified on the Appian Way leading to the city.

The prospective crucifixion victim, as a rule, was first subjected to flagellation, a beating with a three-thong whip (fashioned of plaited leather and studded with bone and metal). The victim was stripped naked and then was secured with leather ties. He was then beaten from his upper back to the lower extremities of his legs. The flesh was flayed from the muscle. Eventually, muscle could be shredded from the bone. The bones of the back including the spinal column, might well be exposed in a bloody mass. Not infrequently, these whippings were fatal.

The shape of the cross is a matter of some controversy. Some scholars believe that the victim was forced to carry only the upper crossbar (which weighed about 125 pounds) to the place of torture. At the death site, the upright post might have been secured in the ground already, awaiting the attachment of the crossbar. The criminal would be made to lie upon the ground, with the crossbar under his upper back. The arms were then attached by nails. The nails almost certainly were driven through the wrists (Ezek. 23:42), since the palm tissue cannot bear the weight of the body. The Greek term rendered “hands” (Jn. 20:27) can also include wrists. The feet were nailed as well. In 1968, the first remains of a crucified man were discovered in Jerusalem. A seven-inch spike was wedged through a young

man’s heels. The Romans were not always uniform in their methods of crucifixion. The actual cause of death was the loss of blood volume and the inability to breathe due to the extension of the body. The victim could survive for days. Jesus lived only six hours.

As Christ hung there, the four soldiers divided up his garments and cast lots for his tunic, just as the Old Testament prophesied (Psa. 22:18; Jn. 19:24-25). And they sat and watched him there (v. 36). The hour of the crucifixion was nine a.m. (Mk. 15:25). A placard was placed above his head with this inscription: “This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews” (v. 37; Mk. 15:26; Jn. 19:19), written in three languages---Hebrew, Latin, and Greek (Jn. 19:20). The Jewish authorities attempted to persuade Pilate to adjust the wording so that it stated this was only the claim of this imposter, but the governor refused (Jn. 19:21-22). Two robbers were crucified at the same time---one on either side of God’s Son (Isa. 53:9).

Both had previously reviled him, but one recanted and declared Jesus to be an innocent victim. The penitent asked to be remembered when the Lord came in his kingdom. Jesus responded: “Today you will be with me in paradise” (Lk. 23:39-43). Though crucified victims often survived for days, both of them would die that day. Both would be together after death, implying both consciousness and recognition. They would be in paradise, a figure for a place of beauty and happiness.

Strange indeed, 3 dying men on crosses, but one of them cries out. Luke 23:42 “And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.” Was he suddenly remembering this kingdom teaching of Jesus? Matthew 4:17 “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” John 4:1-2 “When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)” or perhaps John the Baptizer? Matthew 3:1 “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,” and Matthew 3:5-6 “Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.” Very late this thief comes to faith in this Jesus, that he will establish his kingdom, which he did on Pentecost day in Acts 2. Matthew 16:28 “Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.”

By-passers wagged their heads (Psa. 22:7) and blasphemed him, quoting the false court testimony regarding his destroying the temple and rebuilding it in three days. They taunted him: “If you are the Son of God come down from the cross” (v. 40). If he had, there would have been no hope for them---or us! Similarly, the chief priests and elders mocked him, chiding: “He save others; he cannot save himself.” This is most significant; the phrase, “he saved others,” is a tacit admission that his miracles delivered the afflicted from their infirmities. Testimony from an enemy is the most powerful of all! As their railing taunts continued, the two robbers on either side of him reproached him in the same fashion (v. 42-44).

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