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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

## Happy Birthday to ME!

Guess what you guys?! I had a birthday last week! I am now, 7 years old. How old is that in doggie years? Hmm, that's a head scratcher.

Well, I for one am glad the numbers keep going up. What's bad is when they stop. Now, that is a problem.

Mimi and Pap say that isn't an issue if we know Jesus. From what I hear about him he is our Savior, anyone that believes in him will one day go to Heaven. That is a glorious place, the most beautiful place ever!

Any-woof, I had a great birthday. Mimi says she can't believe that I am 7 because, I still act and look like I am only 1. I am always happy, loving, curious, and playful. I wuff Mimi, Pap, Ms Ivory, doing tricks, and wearing dresses. Hey, every girl wants to look pretty! I sure am one lucky girl.

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



# Deer Lodge Volunteer Fire Department's New Administration and Leadership Team



The Deer Lodge Volunteer Fire Department is proud to announce its newly appointed administration and leadership team. These individuals bring dedication, experience, and a shared commitment to serving the Deer Lodge community with professionalism and integrity.

The department's new leadership includes:  
Chief: Trenton James  
Assistant Chief: Brandon Graham  
Captain: Hanna Lively  
Lieutenant: Dan Heidle

Each member of the administration is committed to strengthening the department through leadership, training, teamwork, and continued service to the community. Their focus is to ensure the department remains prepared to respond to emergencies while fostering a positive environment for current and future volunteers.

The Deer Lodge Volunteer Fire Department looks forward to this new chapter and is excited about the opportunities ahead. The department extends its appreciation to the community for its continued support and trust, which makes it possible for volunteers to serve and protect the citizens of Deer Lodge.

Please join us in congratulating Chief Trenton James, Assistant Chief Brandon Graham, Captain Hanna Lively, and Lieutenant Dan Heidle as they begin serving in their new leadership roles. We wish them continued success as they lead the department into the future.

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— In Loving Memory —

**Elizabeth Terry Smith, 67**



Grant Smith, Andrew Smith, Olivia Smith, Aubree Smith, and Wesley Smith; brother Mark Powers Terry.

A private disposition will be held at Happy Valley Memorial Park in Elizabethton, Tennessee at a later time.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Schubert Funeral Home, P.O. Box 326, Wartburg, TN. 37887 to assist with funeral expenses.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Elizabeth Terry Smith.*

Elizabeth Terry Smith, age 67 of Knoxville, Tennessee passed away on May 27, 2026, at Renaissance Terrace in Harriman, Tennessee.

She is preceded in death by her father, Dr. James Spencer Terry; mother Myra Frances Powers.

Elizabeth is survived by her children, Claire (Tim) Key, Kenric Smith, and Jordan (Mandi) Smith; her grandchildren,

**Emerson DeLaCruz**



Emerson is deeply cherished by his grandparents, Thomas Barnard, David and Lisa DeLaCruz, along with many other loving family and friends.

While our hearts ache in his absence, we find peace knowing he is now with Jesus - happy, whole, and being rocked by his Granny Maggie and his Papaw Johnny.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Emerson DeLaCruz.*

With broken hearts, we announce the loss of our precious Emerson at 15 weeks. Though his time with us was brief, he was loved beyond measure by his parents, Brandon and Sarah DeLaCruz, and his brothers, Xander and Nathaniel.

**Psalm 123:1**

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

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

**Audrey Mae (Terry) Griffith, 99**



Audrey was a hard-working Christian, a very special lady that showed her love by the way she cared for her family and friends. Being married to a man whose passion was singing gospel music, she would take all six children and go, sometimes five or more times a week, but was never heard complaining. After her husband Lee's passing, she also sang with her son Jerry and The Griffith Family singers until she was 94. She is remembered as a strong caring mother, grandmother, granny and friend to all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Audrey is preceded in death by

her husband Lee Griffith; sisters Naomi "Oma" (Ray) Maden, Mildred (William "Bill") Dyer, Bessie (Walter) Richardson, and Thelma (Junior) Parton; brothers Jesse, Johnny and Paul.

She is survived by all six of her children Elizabeth Ann (Peter) Hodges, Roger Lee (Linda), Jerry Carl (Linda), Wilma Gail (Allen) Branstetter, Ira Lynn (Christy) and Lawrence Allen (Karen); grandchildren Michael, Melissa, Heather, Rebecca, Cynthia, Travis, James, Lorra, Andrew, Charlotte and Adam. She also has 26 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 26 at Pilot Mountain Baptist Church from 4:00 – 6:00 with funeral to follow at 6:00, brother Charles Webb and James Griffith officiating. Graveside service will be Wednesday at 11:00 am at Lane Cemetery in Lancing.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Audrey Mae (Terry) Griffith.*

Audrey Mae (Terry) Griffith, 99, went to be with her Lord on May 23, 2026. She was born September 29, 1926, in the Greasy Creek community of Morgan County, Tennessee, to John Wesley and Maude (Davis) Terry. She was a member of Pilot Mountain Baptist Church.

**Jessie Lee Norris, 82**



35 of which she spent with Alvin ISD. Jessie also owned Norris Interiors in Alvin. Jessie enjoyed sewing, gardening, crafts, riding motorcycles and going back to visit her home state of Tennessee to see her family every chance she got. She also had an abundance of love for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, which she held dear to her heart.

Jessie is preceded in death by her husband Hubert A. Norris; parents Buela Irene and Bethlehem "Slim" Barnes; brothers Barney, Van, Roland and John Barnes.

Jessie is survived by her daughter Trudy Crouch; son Marty Norris and girlfriend Amy Wright; sisters Phyllis Simpson, Claudean Davis, and Mary Lois Moffette; grandchildren Wendi Crouch-Shutts, Clayton Crouch and wife Whitney, Christie Lee McAninch and husband Garry Jr., Jennifer Dorrell and husband Jonathan, Stacey Norris and boyfriend Sebastian Fields; great-grandchildren Savanna, Hailey, Parker, Isabella, Henry, Marcus, Nevaeh, Avery and Faith and special person to be mentioned Lisa Bradford, as well as numerous other family and friends.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at Sunbright Church of God in Sunbright from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Sunbright Church of God in Sunbright with interment to follow in the Sunbright Cemetery.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jessie Lee Norris.*

Jessie Lee Norris, age 82 of Alvin, Texas, passed away Friday, June 14, 2026. Jessie was born November 10, 1943 in Sunbright, Tennessee, and was a member of the Alvin community since 1976. Jessie was a school bus driver for 36 years,

## — In Loving Memory —

### Arnetta Ann Heidel Basler, 90



Arnetta Ann Heidel Basler, age 90 of Wartburg, TN passed away peacefully June 4, 2026, at Roane Medical with family by her side.

Arnetta was born on her childhood family farm in the Joyner Community of Morgan County on November 1, 1935. She was a lifelong member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wartburg. She married James

“Louis” Basler of the neighboring farm in March 1954 until his death in 2023. To her family’s delight, she made delicious Noodles, Pies, and Pumpkin bars. She enjoyed giving handmade baby quilts and embroidered baby pillows to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many throughout her church family. She was known for telling you that “she loved you with a Bushel and a Peck and a Hug around the Neck.”

She was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Thelma Heidel, husband Louis and infant daughter Rose Ann, Brother and sister-in-law Garland and Delonia Heidel, In-laws Fred and Macel Basler, Brother-in-law Bobby (Betty) Basler and Roy Basler.

She is survived by daughters Wanda (Johnny) Diden, and Carolyn (Bob) Jones all of Wartburg. Granddaughters Valerie (Dustin) Moore and their daughter Alice; Sarah Diden and her husband (Greg Tataryn). Grandsons Bobby Louis (Amy) Jones and their daughter Zoe; and Michael (Chadara) Jones and their children Jase and Navy. Sisters Ida Mae (Wayne) Hamby and Shirley (Benny) Parks. Extended family Hailey Ingram.

Services will be held at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Monday, June 8, 2026, with Rev. David Graves officiating. Receiving of friends 10:00 a.m., Funeral at 11:00 with burial to follow at the Wartburg City Cemetery.

Paul Bearers: Johnny Diden, Bobby L. Jones, Michael Jones, Dustin Moore, Greg Tataryn, Dustin Heidel and Honorary Paul Bearers Bobby G Jones, and PV2 Joseph Childs, Private Second Class, Army.

Memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church or the charity of your choice.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Arnetta Ann Heidel Basler.*

### William Edgar Lee “Eddie” Watson, 73



William Edgar Lee “Eddie” Watson, born April 24, 1953, passed away on June 6th, 2026, at his home after a short illness, surrounded by his family.

He was a life-long resident of the Coalfield community. He graduated from Coalfield High School in 1971. He retired from Acme Block/Sequatchie Concrete, as a driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Lyonia Clark Watson; grandparents, William Huse and Blanche Watson and Rev. Harry and Lettie Clark.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Noe Watson; son, Tim (Claire) Watson of Alyth Scotland; daughter, Misty Nacole (Derrick) Daugherty of Wartburg; son, Jacob Tyler (Chris-

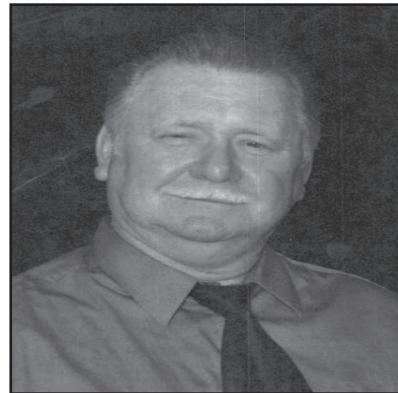
tina) Watson of Coalfield; and step-son, Neil (Susan) Noe of Coalfield. Grandchildren: Chloe Byrd, Aaron Watson, Madison Watson, Cameron Watson, Dylan Daugherty, Eli Daugherty, Elijah Watson, Cameron Osborne, and Zachary Noe. Great-grandchildren: Emersyn Byrd, Evelyn Daugherty, Owen Daugherty, and Daniel Byrd.

Siblings: Sharon (Ralph) Schubert, Denise (Chris) Duncan, and Scott (Cheryl) Watson; special aunt, Gladys Kelly and 5 nephews.

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 11th from 5-7 pm at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 7 pm with Bro. Dale Simmons officiating. A graveside service will be held on Friday June 12th at 10 AM in the Coal Hill Cemetery.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of William Watson.*

### Tony “Tom” Michael Supeck, 79 United States Air Force Veteran Vietnam War Veteran



Tony “Tom” Michael Supeck, age 79, of Lancing, Tn passed away on June 20th, 2026 at U.T Medical Hospital surrounded by loved ones.

Tony, affectionately called Tom, was born on September 13, 1946 in Oak Ridge, Tn to Ruddy and Mary Supeck. He grew up in Deer Lodge, Tn. After graduating from Sunbright High School, he joined the Air Force from which he retired after 20+ years of service. He was a Vietnam War veteran spending his time in Thailand and Guam working on the B52 Stratofortress. He retired back to his hometown of Deer Lodge in 1986.

He was a devoted family man. He especially loved spending time with his 4 grandchildren. He was known to them and

many others for his great storytelling about his time in the military. He also enjoyed fishing, Nascar, puzzles, and tinkering on cars, and taking his family out to eat.

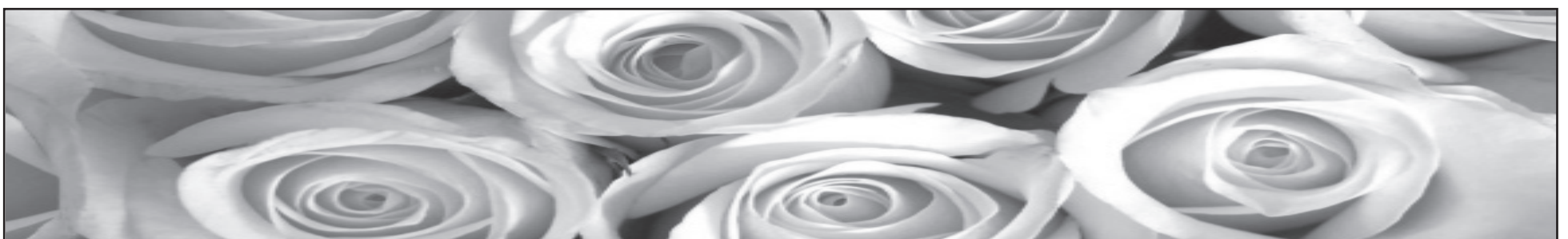
Tom is preceded in death by his father, Ruddy Frank Supeck, mother, Mary McCann Supeck, and brother Donald Ray Supeck, Sr.

He is survived by daughter, Sandy and husband Travis Gosnell, son, Tommy and Serita Bullock Supeck, grandchildren, Paige (Aaron) Supeck Beaubien, Hannah Gosnell, Tyler Gosnell, and Gavin Supeck. Brothers, Ronny Supeck, and Danny (Linda) Supeck and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will honor his wishes by having a graveside service with military honors by American Legion Post 149 at Stowers Cemetery, Meister Hills, Tn.

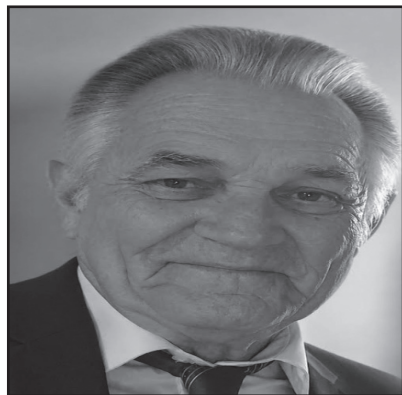
*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Tony (Tom) Michael Supeck.*

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— In Loving Memory —

**Roy Wade Morgan, 75**



Roy Wade Morgan, age 75, of Johnson City, TN, passed away on June 15th, 2026, at the Johnson City Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Born August 3rd, 1950, to Anita Grear Winnie Morgan and Roy Albert Morgan of Lansing, TN. He was a graduate of Wartburg High School.

He is preceded in death by his father, Roy Albert Morgan; mother, Anita Grear Winnie Morgan; son Justin Cory Morgan; brothers Gary and Ronnie Morgan.

He is survived by his wife Paula Morgan of Johnson City, TN; sister Elaine Pugh and Mike of Oakridge, TN; sister Lynita (Skeet) Loyd and Jerry of Lansing, TN; daughter April Henry and Bobby of Winchester, TN;

daughter Chasity Anderson and Kevin of Wartburg, TN; daughter Brandi Morgan and Ben of Elizabethton, TN; son Ethan Morgan of the home; daughter Sarah Simons of Johnson City, TN; daughter Hanna Shuff and Sir of Johnson City, TN; daughter Lauren Hayden and Taryn of Bluff City, TN; daughter Ashley Poe and Cody of Bristol, VA; son Mike Isham and Cynthia of Cleveland, TN; son Jeff Isham and Laura of Newport, TN; all his beloved grandchildren Christopher, Kadience, Brayden, Corey, Corrianna, Ryker, Cash, Erica, Caleb, Millie, Isaiah, Zach, Breanna, Kynlee, Kolsen, Camren, Nori, Chozen, and Sage; too many nieces and nephews to name but he loved you all dearly. He also held a special place in his heart for two dear friends, Mike Baines and Wayne Byron, whom he loved like sons. He cherished the bond they shared throughout the years.

A devoted outdoorsman, Roy Wade found great joy in the mountains. As a young man, his favorite hobbies were casting a fishing line in Greasy Creek or walking through the woods hunting deer and turkey all through-

out Sarvas Flats and Landrum Mtn. Spending time in the mountains brought him adventure and countless memories that he cherished throughout his life. He was always ready to tell a story from the mountains or a fishing tale to friends and loved ones.

In his golden years, nothing brought him greater happiness than spending time with his children and grandchildren. Some of their most cherished memories were made on the lake aboard his pontoon boat "Wet-Feet". Whether he was giving fishing lessons, pulling the kids on the tube, or tied up in a cove swimming, those moments reflected the joy he found in being surrounded by the people he loved most.

For over 40 years, he proudly served as a Lineman/Foreman at Pike and TVA, a career that was far more than a job—it was a calling. He took great pride in his work, helping keep the lights on for countless families and communities in many states over the years. He worked round the clock to restore power on storms such as the blizzard of '93 and Hurricane Helene. His

TVA coworkers were more than colleagues; they were family. The friendships he built over decades, being a lineman, remained some of the most treasured relationships of his life.

The streams, lakes, and mountains were his sanctuary on earth; Heaven is now his forever home. Though he has left this earthly life to be with our Lord and Savior, his memory lives on in every mountain sunrise, every turkey and deer in the woods, and every cherished memory shared by those who loved him dearly.

A service to celebrate his life will be held 4-6 p.m., Friday, June 19th, 2026, at First Baptist Church of Elizabethton, located at 212 E F Street Elizabethton, TN 37643,

The family will receive friends 5- 7p.m., Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at Schuberts Funeral Home, located at 1318 Knoxville Hwy, Wartburg, TN 37887.

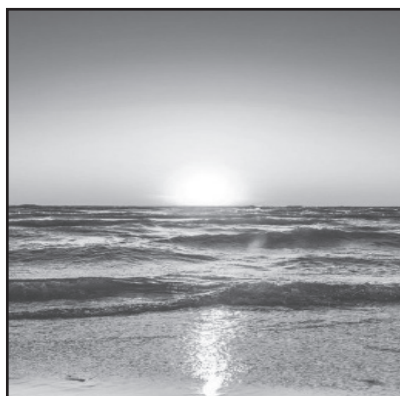
*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Roy Wade Morgan.*

**Psalm 86:4-5**

**4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

**5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.**

**Vaughn Sexton, 86**



Vaughn Sexton, born July 3, 1939, passed away May 31, 2026 in Douglasville, GA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louella Jones Sexton.

He is survived by his sons: Vaughn Allen (Stephanie) Sexton, Jr., of Eatonton, Georgia, Robert Glen Sexton of Dougl-

asville, Georgia; grandchildren: Christopher Aaron Sexton of Douglasville, Georgia, Scott Andrew (Haruka) Sexton of Tokyo, Japan; great granddaughter, Savannah Towa Sexton of Tokyo, Japan; brother Gerald Sexton of Lima, OH; and nephews Rory (Kathy) Sexton and Roger Sexton.

The family will be having a graveside service Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sunbright Cemetery in Sunbright.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Vaughn Sexton.*

**Michael "Darrell" Trout**



Michael "Darrell" Trout of Crossville, TN, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on June 20, 2026. Darrell was a man who truly loved life and never missed an opportunity to share a laugh with those around him. His quick wit brought happiness to family, friends, and everyone blessed to know him. He was a retired Ironworker affectionally known as "Bluebird" from Local Union 384.

He is preceded in death by his parents, J.C. & June Trout, brother Ronnie Trout and brother-in-law Junior Bowlin.

He is survived by wife Joani Trout; daughter Spring (Jerry) Picca of Jacksboro and son Jamie of the home. His beloved grandchildren Brett (Lindsey) Trout of Oakdale and Jordan (Cody) Duncan of Joyner;

great-grandchildren Lakynn & Shelby Trout and Adleigh & Reid Duncan.

Sisters Denise Bowlin of Morristown & Darlene (Mark) Kilby of Oakdale; sister-in-law Della Trout of Lansing, TN ;Aunts Helen Vawter of Centerville, OH and Mildred Summers of Valparaiso, IN; Nephews Doug (Michelle) Trout of Lansing, Derek (Heidi) Hamby, Blake Hamby all of Morristown and Brad (Alicia) Bowlin of Murfreesboro; niece Alyssa (Micah) Chitwood of Oakdale.

Special extended family Joe (Randi) Armes, Little Joe (Joni) Armes of Petros and Stephanie (Daryl) Kingsley of Coalfield

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 from 4-6 pm at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral Services will follow at 6pm with Bro. Tyler Trout officiating. Interment will follow at the Old Petros Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Petros, TN.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Darrell Trout.*

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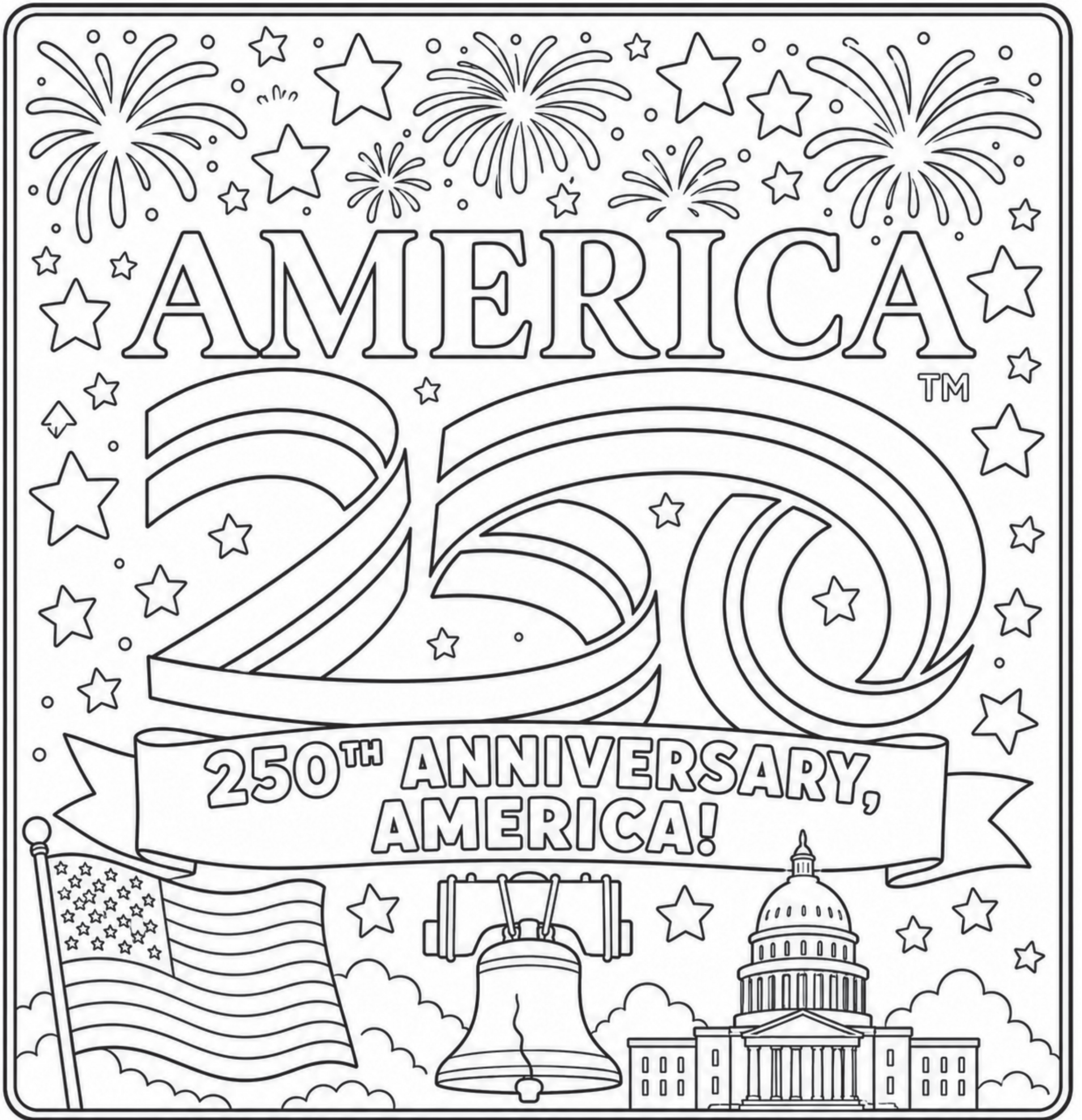
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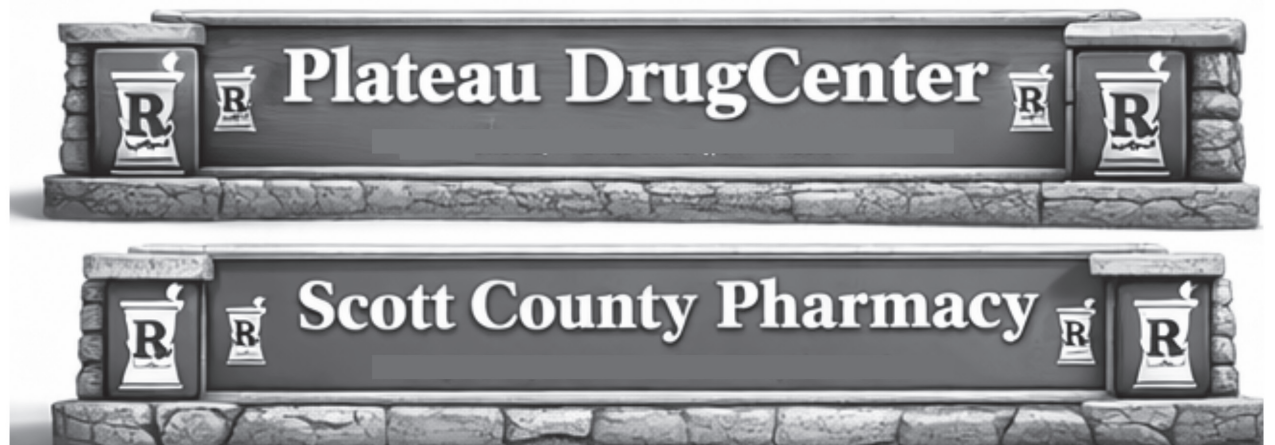
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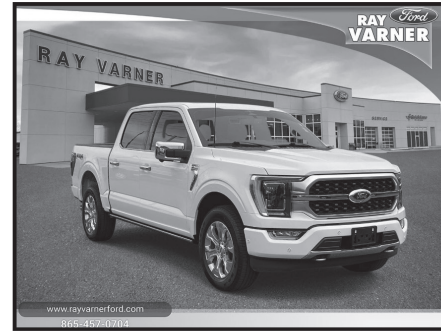
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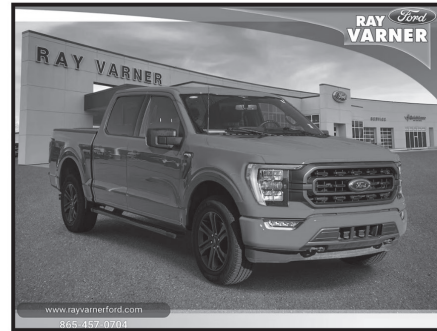


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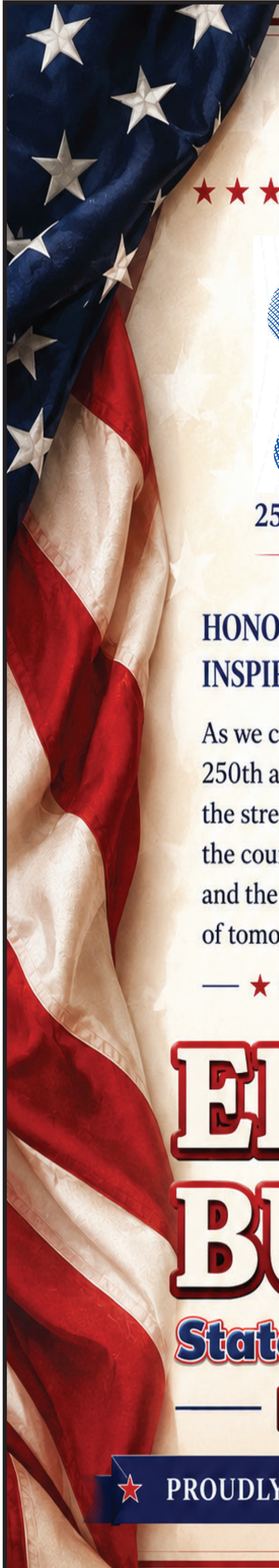
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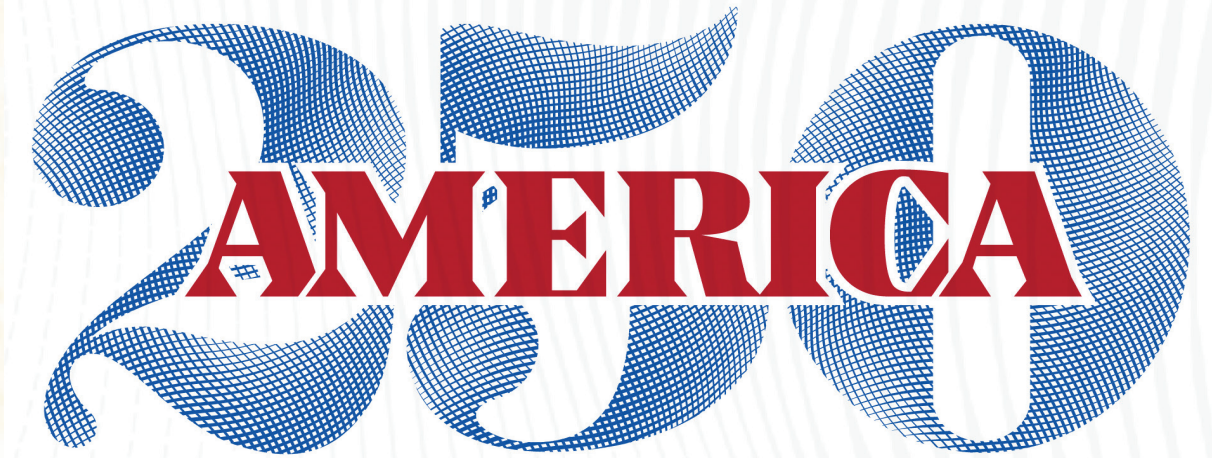
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# The Power of the Beautiful Game



**John Burns**  
**Opinion Columnist**

As America hosts the world on the biggest sporting stage in history, are we missing an incredible teaching moment? Can we learn from our neighbors in this world, what truly makes America great?

I have traveled to 45 countries on 6 continents while serving as an Airborne Ranger in the United States military. I have done joint exercises with foreign military personnel from 32 countries. I have deployed to war twice to confront enemies my President deemed foe.

I was wounded in Mogadishu, Somalia as part of Task Force Ranger in 1993. Those injuries remind me every day of the cost of the American freedoms, I have come to realize most American's take for granted. As if freedom is a birthright that has no cost or responsibility.

I challenge my fellow citizens to take a step back, and watch what the creator of the universe is doing to challenge the notion that one man can make us great. If that were true, that man is God.

Only the foundation forged by Immigrants fleeing monarchical religious persecution, enabled our nations true footing to be established. It began with the Jews who were evicted from Spain in 1492, found a willing shipmaster and dreamer in Christopher Columbus.

Ferdinand and Isabella, issued the Al Ham bra decree, forcing Jews to make a decision. Convert to the catholic faith. Or leave sovereign Spanish territory, while leaving your wealth behind. This Inquisition laid the groundwork for Catholics and Lutherans to eventually justify putting children in ovens.

Columbus had run out of funding options. His third voyage lacked money. He turned to the Jews of Iberia, to join him on the voyage that would eventually discover the new world.

Hispaniola was discovered, as Jews built the first modern structure in the new world, a Synagogue in today's Dominican Republic. It would share property with a Franciscan Monastery. Tolerance was the foundation the early settlers learned in extreme hardship in a new world.

The year was 1492. Almost 300 years before the declaration of Independence echoed in Philadelphia.

Next came the Puritans of England. They had escaped persecution at the hands of the British monarchy, to settle in the Netherlands. That too would be short lived. Forced to return to England, Liverpool became the place, where displaced refugees would leave for the new world for the next 600 years.

1620 would see William Bradford lead his fledgling flock to board a British vessel bound for Jamestown and the British colonies in America. 102 people boarded the Mayflower in 1620. Accompanying the separatist Puritans, are Jews and other minorities fleeing Europe with hope in the heart.

God the creator intervened. An Atlantic hurricane would tatter the sails and send the mayflower into Plymouth Harbor off the coast of colonial Massachusetts. Before leaving the ship Bradford would pen the first document revealing how Puritans intended to settle in the new world. The Mayflower Compact.

The Bible would be the book that settled all disputes. Liberal relations with indigenous tribes would permeate their ideas about what great looked like. Tolerance would be the modicum by which these religious refugees interacted with their new neighbors.

Thanksgiving was shared with their new neighbors in America. The British Monarchy had other ideas about the subjugation of indigenous peoples as they moved forward with plans to eradicate them to the last Indian. The values of Jesus Christ would now be challenged by the crown who claimed a monopoly on the idea of god. The Church of England has nothing to do with salvation in Jesus Christ or the born again requirement for entering and seeing the coming kingdom of our God on earth.

William Bradford would become Governor of Plymouth colony, a post he would hold off and on until 1657. He would purchase Governors Island and pen his famous "Shining city on a Hill." This sermon reminded colonists of the call of God to become lights in a dark world of Monarchical oppression.

The city he was viewing from his pulpit was Boston. The island would eventually become home to Logan airport, and the site chosen by educated terrorists, to begin the 9/11 attacks upon America. The Harbingers of judgement upon an apostate nation began in earnest. 20 have followed since 9/11.

Removing ancient landmarks got us here. The bible was taken from our children in 1962, as the radical democrat party of the 1960's laid the foundation for our eventual destruction at the hands of the God who shed his grace on thee for a long time.

I feel his grace has reached a limit we have little time to correct. Teshuva is the term Jesus Christ used when teaching the apostate Jews to repent and return to the written revealed word of God. It contains the mind

of a jealous creator who demands worship. He has no use for half measures.

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

The next attack by Democrats came when the ability for children to petition God to help their classmates who may be struggling, was removed from the public education experience. Only failure has followed. In 1960 we were in the top 5 in education for all. Today we are a dismal 53d worldly.

The people masquerading as saviors in public schools who constantly demand higher wages while failing our children must be taken to task. Private or charter schools alienate children and leave the poorest behind to languish in a public indoctrination system where Gods' morality is attacked.

Self-righteousness has paralyzed parents who have no other recourse and our children are becoming morally bankrupt. If America is to ever be great again, then Public school must allow the greatest literary book ever concocted by a loving creator, to return to children to allow them to decide if it is true.

Christianity was never meant to be experienced in comfort. The world has hardened to all things Christ. The modern church is at best apostate. Jesus told us our fate in his letter dictated to John in Revelation 3

Laodicea is the church God will eventually divorce. She has no need of God daily for she has cars, houses, bank account's a plenty. She is comfortable with kidnapping the idea of God two days a week for a total of 3 hours at best. Missionary outreach has become devoid in the laity.

The great commission was for every person born of a woman who accepts Christ debt payment for the sins which so easily ensnare us. What are we showing the peoples of the world who have come to our shores? Are we the shining city on a hill biblically? Are our children in Love with Messiah?

Is he their pearl of great price? Has church attendance and church business become more important than daily time spent alone searching scripture? Will God forgive western Christians for allowing the Roman pantheon into Church liturgy schedules?

He sent the Jews into captivity for doing everything we do in church? I think a lot of church folk are going to miss the soon rapture. And then there is the greatest heresy advanced in the body of Christ. Replacement theology. As if God replaced Jews with western sinners?

Biblical illiteracy is the fault. New Testament only theosophy denies the 800 scriptures in the old testament teaching the future of the Jewish remnant, currently being chastened by God in Israel. Jews were the first Christians and they will be the last to claim Christ as Messiah. Zechariah is all about now!

We live in a time the bible says more about than it does say about the time that Jesus Christ walked in the flesh in Jerusalem. He will soon be told by God to sound the trumpet. Those who are biblically literate in both testaments understand the second coming occurs twice.

Once in the clouds to retrieve his true virgin bride, promised to Messiah for enduring the cross.

The second time, is when the Jewish Remnant who survives the coming time of Jacob's trouble, cry "Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord, as they look upon him they have pierced while being protected by God in Petra after the failed invasion of Judah by Lucifer's "world army."

God has brought millions of people from around the world to our shores to experience the beautiful game of Soccer. We have an opportunity to share the unending mercy of God which will lead to unwavering grace being poured out in the lives of those we have never met.

We have a President receptive to freedom to worship God as a right defined in our legal framework as a nation. Now is the time to pray to return the bible and prayer to public school. If we do not, God is finished with us. Repent and return to the truths found in both testaments of scripture.

We are on the biblical cusp of the return of messiah to retrieve his bride before destroying the nations who denied his plan and who allowed children to be separated from his word. His word is his bond to his creation and it was meant to be taught to little children by parents. Church is man's invention.

God does not dwell in houses made with human hands. He desires to occupy the tabernacle of the human condition, one spirit, one soul, and one body at a time.

We stand at a crossroads as Americans. Our foundations have been under attack in plain sight as a nation brought forth by God to be his light to the world. The light of God is his love.

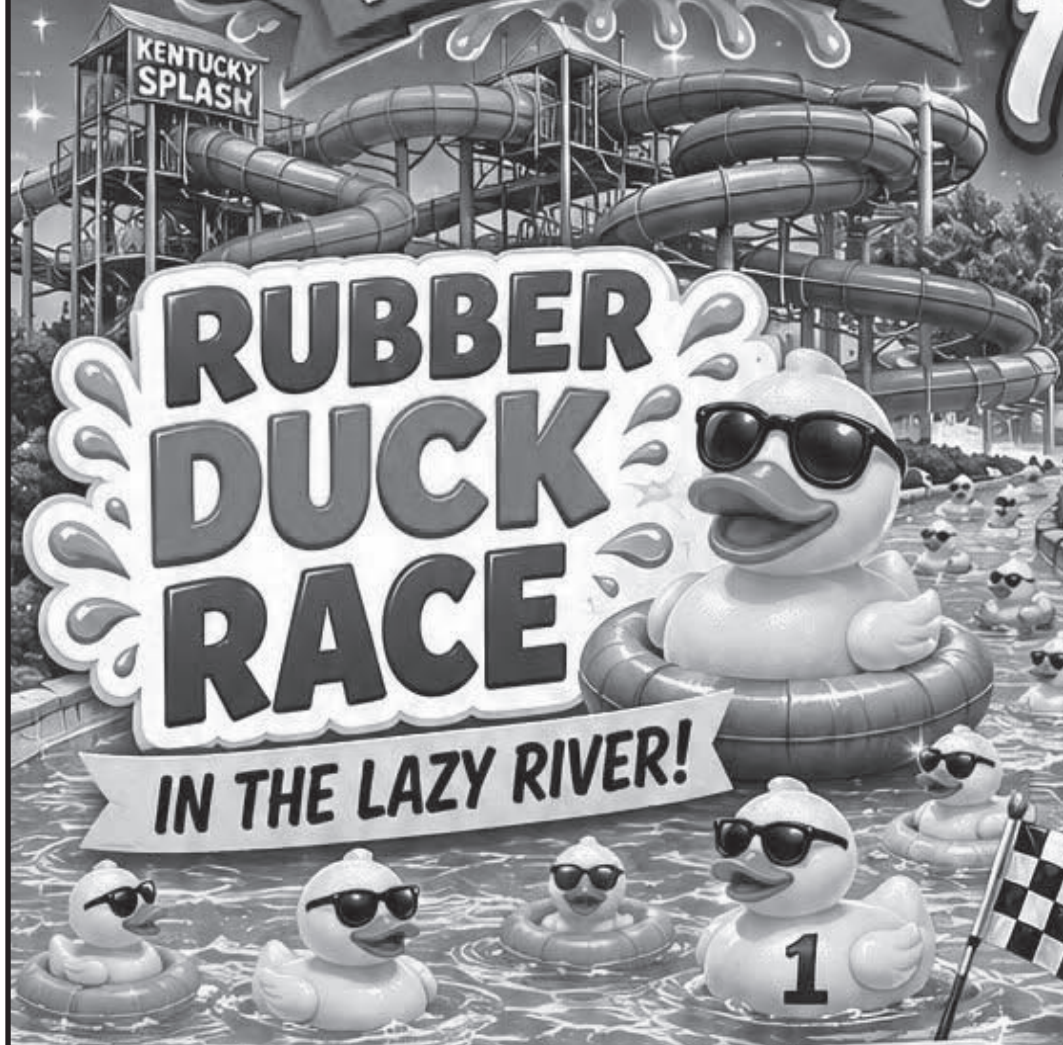
His love is so profound it is simple. A wooden cross. A cat of nine tails, 39 lashes, a crown of thorns, three iron nails, a Roman spear, and my sins anchored to his eternal destiny of saving our world from itself.

Repent and return to every word found from Genesis to Revelation. Become a Berean noble Christian, and take the unending mercy into a world desiring the wrong messiah. Only Jesus Christ crucified can make America great. All else is man's delusion!

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## Historically Speaking

### How ORNL isotopes enhance our nation's security

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Carolyn Krause and I recently heard a fascinating talk on important radioisotopes and stable isotopes produced at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Jeremy T. Busby, associate laboratory director for the Isotope Science and Enrichment Directorate (ISED) at ORNL, spoke to Friends of ORNL on "Isotopes: Vital to U.S. Success." His talk mentioned some history of the lab's isotope production and research, as well as current achievements.

At my request Carolyn conducted some additional research by delving into websites to learn more about the fascinating history and significance of certain ORNL-produced isotopes. ISED has fact-checked her series of three articles for this column to ensure its accuracy and clarity. ORNL has provided photos as well.

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Airport security in the United States and Western countries has improved immensely because of nickel-63, a radioisotope produced in the High Flux Isotope Reactor (HFIR) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Nickel-63 enables the detection of traces of explosives on skin and in baggage.

"We're the only producer of nickel-63 for the Western world," said Jeremy T. Busby, associate laboratory director for the Isotope Science and Enrichment Directorate (ISED) at ORNL, in his recent talk to Friends of ORNL titled "Isotopes: Vital to U.S. Success."

Nickel-63 is produced by placing targets of stable nickel-62 into the HFIR. There they are bombarded with neutrons for several months to create the radioactive nickel-63 required for the explosive trace detectors (ETDs) used in airports all over the world, according to a 2011 ORNL news release.

Following the development and commercialization of ion mobility spectrometry devices based on a discovery in 1970 by two scientists at a company in West Palm Beach, Florida, airports began deploying ETDs that use nickel-63 for security screening in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

After the "shoe bomber" incident in 2001 and the "underwear bomber" incident in 2009, the deployment of nickel-63 trace detectors rose dramatically worldwide, deterring terrorist incidents that could lead to the destruction of planes, pilots and passengers while endangering national security.

A single successful attack can shut down global trade and travel for days, causing billions of dollars in damage to the economies of countries that depend on the safe, uninterrupted flow of air travel. Security agencies can use data on the presence of explosives at airports to trace the source of the explosive material. The information might enable security agents to find a larger terror cell or a clandestine manufacturing lab before they cause major damage.

After mass deployment of ETDs, no successful explosive-based hijacking has occurred in the United States, according to the U.S. Transportation Security Administration. ETDs are also used by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents to detect persons carrying narcotics across international borders.

How do ETDs work? An airport security officer swabs a person's skin and surface of the individual's bag to collect microscopic chemical residue. The swab is inserted into the ETD, the collected residue is heated, and the resultant gas

is passed through a chamber containing radioactive nickel-63.

This "beta emitter" releases low-energy electrons as it decays. The electrons initially ionize the gas, creating a constant current. If the residue comes from an explosive or narcotic, it eventually captures the constantly released nickel-63 electrons, causing a sharp drop in the measurable electric current. If the signature of the decreased current matches one of the chemical signatures for explosive or drug residues in the ETD's library, an alarm is triggered. Ytterbium-171 for quantum devices. ORNL is producing ytterbium-171, the "superstar" isotope for making quantum computers, quantum sensors and quantum networking devices. Ytterbium-171 is a stable isotope produced using electromagnetic separation at ORNL.

It is separated from another of the seven different isotopes in naturally occurring ytterbium. Using neutron irradiation, HFIR has converted one ytterbium isotope (ytterbium-176) into lutetium-177 for cancer treatment.

To obtain "pure" ytterbium-171 for quantum applications, lab staff separate it from ytterbium-172 using ORNL-improved electromagnetic isotope separators, which are smaller and more efficient than the calutrons used in Oak Ridge during World War II. Electrically charged atoms (ions) of the two isotopes are shot through a powerful magnetic field.

Because the atomic nuclei of the two isotopes have a slightly different mass, they take different curved paths in the magnetic field and end up in collectors spaced a small distance apart. That's how ORNL staff catch ytterbium-171 in useful amounts for use in research labs at ORNL and universities such as Harvard and Princeton.

Because of its unique nuclear spin, the neutral ytterbium-171 atomic nucleus has only two energy levels when cooled to its lowest energy state; these quantum levels correspond to the 0 or 1 representing the smallest piece of data that are each stored in "off" and "on" switches in classical computers like the Frontier supercomputer at ORNL. The qubit (quantum bit) is encoded in the nuclear spin rather than the electrons.

Ytterbium-171 nuclei can be either aligned against an external magnetic field (spin down, or the 0 state) or aligned with the magnetic field (spin up, or the 1 state). A pulse of laser light striking an ytterbium nucleus can make it spin in both directions at once, enabling quantum computers to perform massive calculations simultaneously.

In a quantum computer, ytterbium-171 atoms are one of the most stable candidates for making qubits because the nucleus is tiny and buried deep inside the atom. As a result, it is naturally shielded from external environmental threats to its stability, such as stray magnetic fields, noise and heat.

National security benefits of quantum applications using ytterbium-171 are believed to be cybersecurity (protecting classified intelligence and financial data from being hacked); battlefield operations (navigating in jammed areas without the benefit of GPS from satellites); military intelligence (finding hidden submarines and underground facilities by detecting tiny shifts in magnetic fields and gravity) and materials research that simulates molecules at a quantum level, potentially leading to the development of stronger armor and faster jet engines.

Improved enrichment technology for national defense. The U.S. Navy predicts that its supply of highly enriched uranium (HEU) – uranium fuel with a concentration of over 90% fissionable uranium-235 – will run out in the late



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2040s. Its current supply is a finite stockpile of Cold War-era uranium including that stored at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge. The U.S. military is forbidden under international treaties to use uranium or enrichment technology imported from other countries for any use other than peaceful purposes.

Because the Navy will need domestic enriched uranium in two decades, ORNL is currently leading a high-stakes national security project in which its staff are building and testing a new generation of gas centrifuge machines they have developed. The smaller, modular centrifuges were designed using classified DUECE (Domestic Uranium Enrichment Centrifuge Experiment) technology.

ORNL is partnering with BWXT Enrichment Operations in Oak Ridge to prove that DUECE technology can work at scale to make both low enriched uranium (LEU) and highly enriched uranium (HEU) for national defense. ORNL, which began development of the new centrifuge technology in 2016, is testing a cascade of DUECE centrifuges on its campus. BWXT has constructed a building in the Horizon Center Industrial Park in Oak Ridge that will house the nation's first advanced centrifuge manufacturing development facility. ORNL staff will work with employees at the BWXT pilot plant to demonstrate mass production of small centrifuges based on DUECE.

BWXT will later build a larger pilot plant in Erwin, Tennessee, for producing domestic LEU to fuel a reactor in a nearby nuclear power plant that will be used to generate tritium in neutron-bombarded rods containing lithium. Tritium is used to make highly explosive thermonuclear warheads for missiles.

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# Historically Speaking How ORNL isotopes enhance our nation's security

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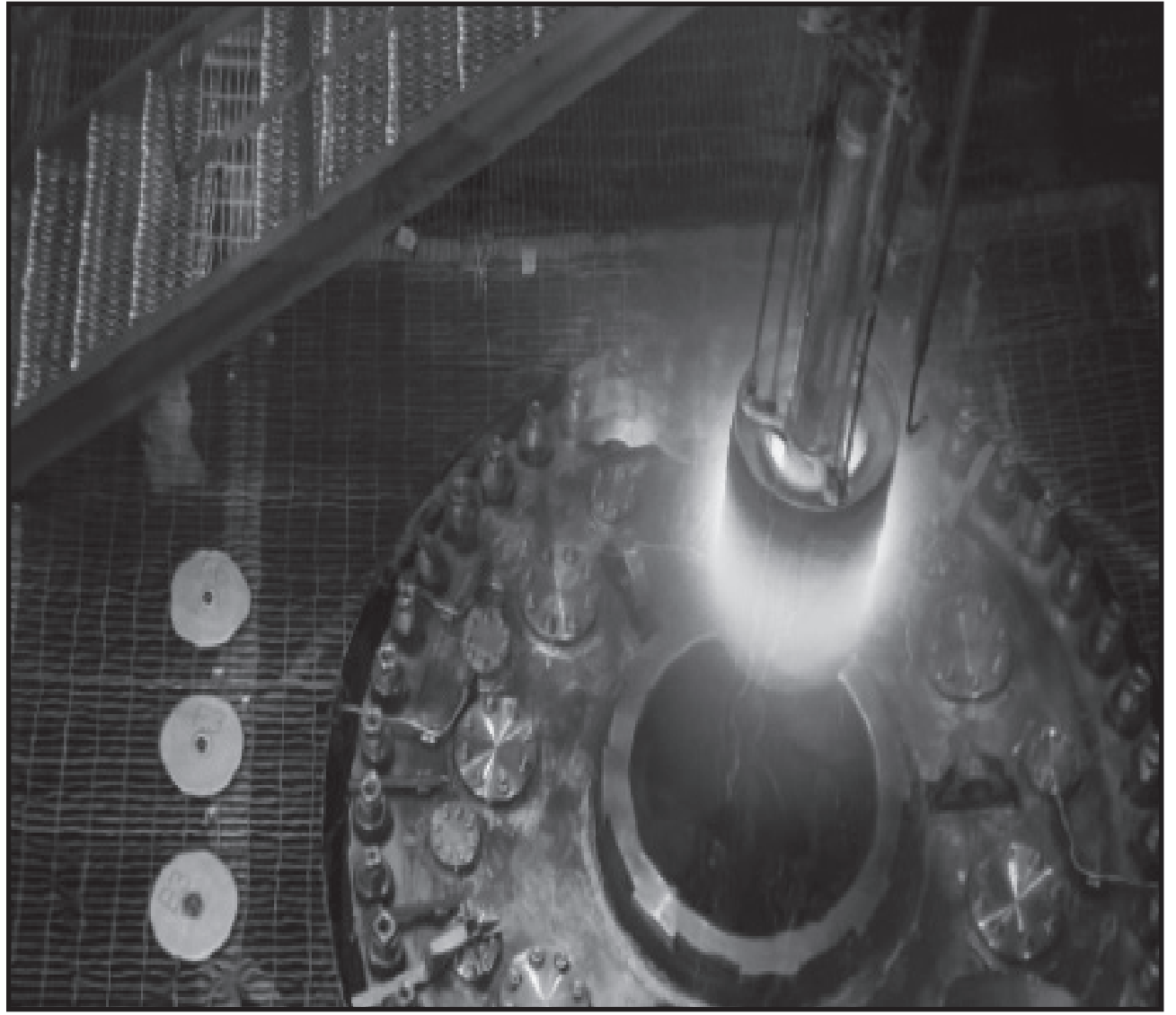
Later, the BWXT centrifuge system will be "repurposed" to produce the domestic HEU required to fuel the small nuclear reactors BWXT makes to propel and provide power for the Navy's missile-carrying submarines and aircraft carriers.

ORNL started out with a mission to support the national defense during World War II. Now, it still focuses mainly on research to solve difficult national problems during peacetime. But it will respond to any new challenges to maintaining our nation's defense.

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Thanks, Carolyn. This has been an excellent series to bring insights into nuclear medicine and other uses of radioisotopes produced at ORNL over the years and even a look at today and the future of isotope production.



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# 1 Corinthians Chapter 12



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(1 Cor. 12:1-3) Instruction of the Spirit: The following three chapters deal with the issue of miraculous spiritual gifts in the church. This chapter catalogs a number of the gifts and the unity that should prevail in the exercise thereof. Chapter thirteen discusses the disposition that should be employed in the use of the gifts and the limited duration of these endowments. Chapter fourteen addresses abuses of certain gifts as well as principles in regulating them.

Paul may be continuing a response to questions posed earlier (7:1). In the pre-Christians state of these Gentiles' lives, they had no spiritual guidance (a direct revelation) from God; hence, they wandered into idolatry in an attempt to satisfy their religious urges. Now it is different. The Holy Spirit provides direction through specially selected people (endowed with gifts by the imposition of apostolic hands (see 9:2; Acts 8:17-18; 19:6). No man speaking under the guidance of the Holy Spirit will speak against Christ and lead anyone into error. No one can provide the necessary information regarding the Lord and his religious system apart from the Holy Spirit's leading. In the apostolic age, the Spirit directly led some in the teaching; today, the Spirit instructs via the completed body of written revelation, the Scriptures (Eph. 6:17).

(1 Cor. 12:4-11) A variety of gifts: There were different types of spiritual gifts, ministrations, and workings, but each category is orchestrated under the sovereignty of the divine Godhead---Father, Son and Holy Spirit (4-6). Several spiritual gifts are listed, likely representative of others. These are extraordinary measures of otherwise natural attributes. (a) "Wisdom" is the practical application of data known. (b) "Knowledge" is the acquisition of facts and the proper correlation of these one to another. (c) "Faith" is probably a supernatural spiritual constitution exercised under extremely difficult circumstances (13:2). (d) "Healings" were miracles relating to the restoration of sick bodies or minds in special cases, and for the confirmation of divine revelation (Mk. 16:17-20; Heb. 2:3-4). They were not a general benevolent bestowal, as evidenced by the fact that many who were sick were not healed (2 Cor. 12:7; Phil. 2:25; 2 Tim. 4:20). (e) "Miracles" is a generic term suggesting unusual displays of power beyond any ordinary human ability. (f) "Prophecy" was employed in two senses: it could have reference to foretelling future events, or simply "forthtelling" gospel truth in the age before the Scriptures were completed. (g) "Discernment" involved the supernatural ability to evaluate a difficult situation---perhaps the kind of judgment exercised by Peter regarding Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11). (h) "Tongues" involved the gift of speaking a foreign language one had never learned by natural education (Acts 2:4-11). (i) "Interpretation" was the gift of being able to translate from one language to another without the normal knowledge of the languages.

The gifts were designed to work in unison and were assigned to different persons according to the Spirit's "will".

(1 Cor. 12:12-13) The one body: The church is analogous to the human body. A single body is composed of many members. All of the members, working together, maximize the efficiency of the body. This is the way in which the body of Christ, the church, was intended to function. This is the aim of Christ the Lord.

It is by means of the gospel of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, that one is motivated to be baptized (immersed in water). This is not Holy Spirit baptism, as a comparison of several parallel texts reveals. Paul's use of "we" identifies this baptism with that which he received (Acts 9:18; 22:16) and shared with the Corinthians (Acts 18:8)---namely water baptism. By baptism the candidate is transitioned "into one body" (the equivalent of "into Christ" or "into his death" (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27). The phrase, "made to drink of," is a metaphorical way of referring to the reception of the Holy

Spirit subsequent to one's immersion (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Gal. 4:6). This passage is parallel in principle with the new birth formula of "water" and "the Spirit" taught to Nicodemus (Jn. 3:3-5; Eph. 5:26; Tit. 3:5-6).

(1 Cor. 12:14-26) Honor the oneness of the body: The apostle again takes up the refrain of the one body and the cooperation of its members. Clearly this is another indictment of the divisive spirit that permeates some in the Corinthian church. The body is a unit of many integrated members. It is a design that works wonderfully well. With dramatic language, various body members are caricatured as if speaking to each other, criticizing one another and boasting of their individual superiorities (v. 15-17). How utterly silly such would be; yet that is precisely the condition of these squabbling saints.

Paul makes a devastating point. God made the body. He designed the constituent parts to function cooperatively, and "set" (arranged) them in place (v. 18). The verbal force indicates a decisive act in time, not a progressive development (as in an evolutionary process). As David expressed it: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psa. 139:14). Dr. Harrell Dodson, a clinical professor of surgery at a major university, and an accomplished surgeon, declared: "The complexities and interrelationships of the various cells, organs and systems of the body should make it evident that only God could be its designer." If there were but one member, there would be no body (v. 19).

Again, symbolically, the apostle has various parts of the body arguing his case for him. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need for you," etc. Even those members of the body that seem to be the most feeble, least honorable, or relatively unattractive, we treasure and bestow honor upon (v. 22). Why can't Christians treat one another with equal wisdom and love? God has so "tempered" (composed, adjusted) the various organs, that they are balanced, one with the others, for the function of the entire organism (v. 24). Get this point. There should be no "schism" (disharmony) in the body! Rather, the members should care for one another. When one suffers, others share in that agony; when one is honored, all should be happy (v. 26).

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 The diversity of gifts in the church: The application is now made regarding the unity that must prevail in the Corinthian church with respect to certain gifts. Each person is a part of the spiritual body of Christ, and each is a member in his own right, and with his own unique contribution. The principle of individuality is reflected in the physiological design of the body itself. Just as the Creator set those members in place to achieve its proper function, even so the Lord has set (for his own purpose) some in the church for the accomplishment of particular roles (v. 28). There clearly is a word of caution here for some who would assess their supernaturally endowed role as superior to others. This will be illustrated further in chapter fourteen.

Verses 27-31: Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

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