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Kermit's lament

It's Not Easy Bein' Green

By Helen Maguire

"Bein' Green" (also known as "It's Not Easy Bein' Green") is a popular song written by Joe Raposo, originally performed by Jim Henson as Kermit the Frog on both *Sesame Street* and *The Muppet Show*.

In the Muppets version, Kermit begins by lamenting his green coloration, expressing that green "blends in with so many ordinary things" and wishing to be some other color. But by the end of the song, Kermit recalls positive associations with the color green, and concludes by accepting and embracing his greenness.

More than three dozen albums recorded over a span of 45 years contain the song. Artists from Jim Henson (1970), to Brenna Whitaker's "We Love Disney" 2015 album included "It's Not Easy Bein' Green" in their selections. Artists as varied as Frank Sinatra (1971), Diana Ross (1974), and the Boston Pops (1996) paid tribute to "Bein' Green." Even Till Brönner, German jazz bugler, chose to include it in his 2005 album "That Summer." Ray Charles' version from his 1975 album *Renaissance* gained popularity thanks to an episode of *The Cosby Show*. Charles then sang a duet with Kermit on *Sesame Street* and *The Cher Show* and also sang the song on the 1989 special *Sesame Street... 20 Years & Still Counting*.

In addition to Jim Henson,

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Thanksgiving Facts

The pilgrims arrived in North America in December 1620. By the fall of 1621 only half of the Plymouth Pilgrims, who had sailed on the *Mayflower*, survived. The survivors, thankful to be alive, decided to give a thanksgiving feast. The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three days.

The Pilgrim leader, Governor William Bradford, had organized the first Thanksgiving. He invited the neighboring Wampanoag Indians and their chief Massasoit to join in the feast. The Wampanoag had taught the Pilgrims how to

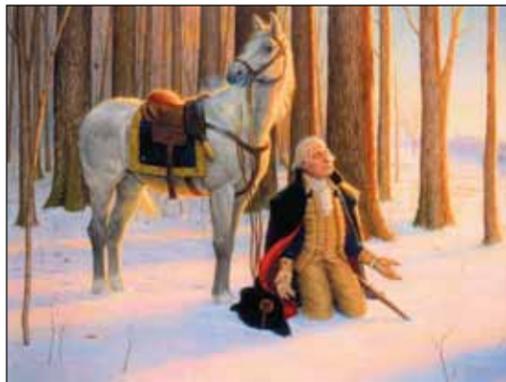
cultivate the land for local crops.

- President George Washington issued the first national Thanksgiving Day Proclamation in the year 1789

- Abraham Lincoln issued a "Thanksgiving Proclamation" on third October 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving.



Pilgrims preparing for journey to the new world



The Father of Our Country in a prayerful moment

No Soldier Is Buried Alone Thanks To Arlington Ladies



By Helen Maguire, The Northwest Connection

there since the Civil War.

The grounds were originally the property of the family of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's wife, who was also a granddaughter of George Washington. When the Civil War broke out, the Union took the property; and, almost immediately, the burial of Union soldiers began there.

The Arlington National Cemetery is truly sacred ground. It is the final resting place for over 400,000 of our nation's military, some of whom have been buried



Paying tribute: No warrior laid to rest alone

Every day Arlington National Cemetery sees dozens of new burials and provides each fallen service member or veteran with the pomp and circumstance, the honor and dignity they are due for having

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Happy Thanksgiving to All



Turkey Turk



By Victoria Larson, N.D.

It was a blue day in late summer, you know the kind, where you wish someone would bring you a vanilla latte or flowers, but it doesn't happen and you cannot get out of your funk. What soothes my soul, and always has, is a new animal. So off I headed to my favorite feed store to look for "leftover" end-of-summer

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38th Annual Juried Show Brings Top Artists To Troutdale's Glenn Otto Park

By Heart of the Country Artists

Painting and drawing have always interested versatile artist Nancy Tingley of Portland. A college graduate in the fine arts, Tingley is one of the nearly 40 artisans selected to participate in this year's 38th annual Larch Mountain Artists' Heart of the Country Art Show and Sale.

Tingley has broad experience in combining oil or acrylics on a variety of surfaces. She expertly chooses each medium and surface to



"Timberline" by Nancy Tingley

best fit her finished piece. Always challenging herself to explore, wood, metal, canvas, paper, and even walls have become her canvas.

"The medium watercolor holds special attraction for me because of its versatility," said Tingley "It can be exciting to be spontaneous and yet very detailed in the same piece of work."

"Botanicals especially lend themselves to watercolors," she said. "Because I also have a background hiking and camping, I'm naturally

drawn to the native plants and berries of the Pacific Northwest as subjects for my art. My upcoming show will feature work with professional calligrapher, MaryEllen

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JoLinn Kampstra

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The Positive Effects Of Change

Cycles, vicious cycles. I know we all struggle with this. There's something you want to change about yourself. You plan, prepare, strategize, have the proper motivation and then...well, you take action and like the famous Nike slogan, "you just do it!" Changes can be anything from losing weight, to reading more books vs. watching TV, starting college, making new friends, starting a business, I think you get the picture.

There you are, on course, at least for two weeks or possibly a month you've run the course, feeling great about your accomplishment. You've been disciplined and feel the positive effects of your pre-determined new course...and then something happens that knocks you off course—and for me, it's called...life interruptions.

Now, for me to change something about myself requires a strong determined

focus of mind, heart and soul.

I must stay on task, and I cannot deviate from my course or all will be lost. Am I the only one out there with this problem? I certainly hope not—after all, misery loves company. (Just kidding.)

But, I have good news for those of you who struggle with the same cycle of up and down victory and defeat. It's called discipline and the ability to forgive yourself when you've failed to stay the course.

Many times we can't predict what "life interruptions" will challenge us and how that can affect our time. But I do know this, that being too hard on one's self can be self-defeating and discouraging.

So, without further ado, gird your loins, set your course, and run the race well! Your friends will be applauding you at the finish line.

Warmest regards,
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So, Do You Have Any Hobbies?

The lost art of old school hobbies in the Internet age



By Mark Ellis, The Northwest Connection

social media interaction, hobbies revolved around old school skills like patience (to seek and find that special stamp or coin to complete a themed collection), manual dexterity (the ability to fit that movable wing flap on a model of the plane the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk), and stamina (a stitch in time saves nine when sewing a scarf for a special gift).

Hobbies refresh and divert us

future engagement, unlike the imperative needs of electronic hand-held devices and PCs that bade us to our monitors for hours on end. Nothing will change about your collection of vintage railroad magazines while you're off doing other things, nor will your basement model train layout be any different when you go down to run the cars through tunnels and past stations, lost in the miniaturized world you've created.

Many elders among us have held on to their hobbies. They remember evenings when the only electronic fixes available were televisions with three or four channels and

the telephone to gab with family and friends. Having something to occupy our hands, eyes, and spirits was a Godsend, some exploration



while at the same time giving us something to hold in our hands, to see the results of our efforts. They are not lost in the ether of cyberspace, and can be set down at any time, saved for

Once upon a time, before the ribbon was cut on the internet's information highway, there was this thing called hobbies. Hobbies were activities focused on something an individual enjoyed, and wanted to spend a portion of his or her spare time pursuing. Unlike the cerebral tech knowledge required to engage in web surfing and obsessive

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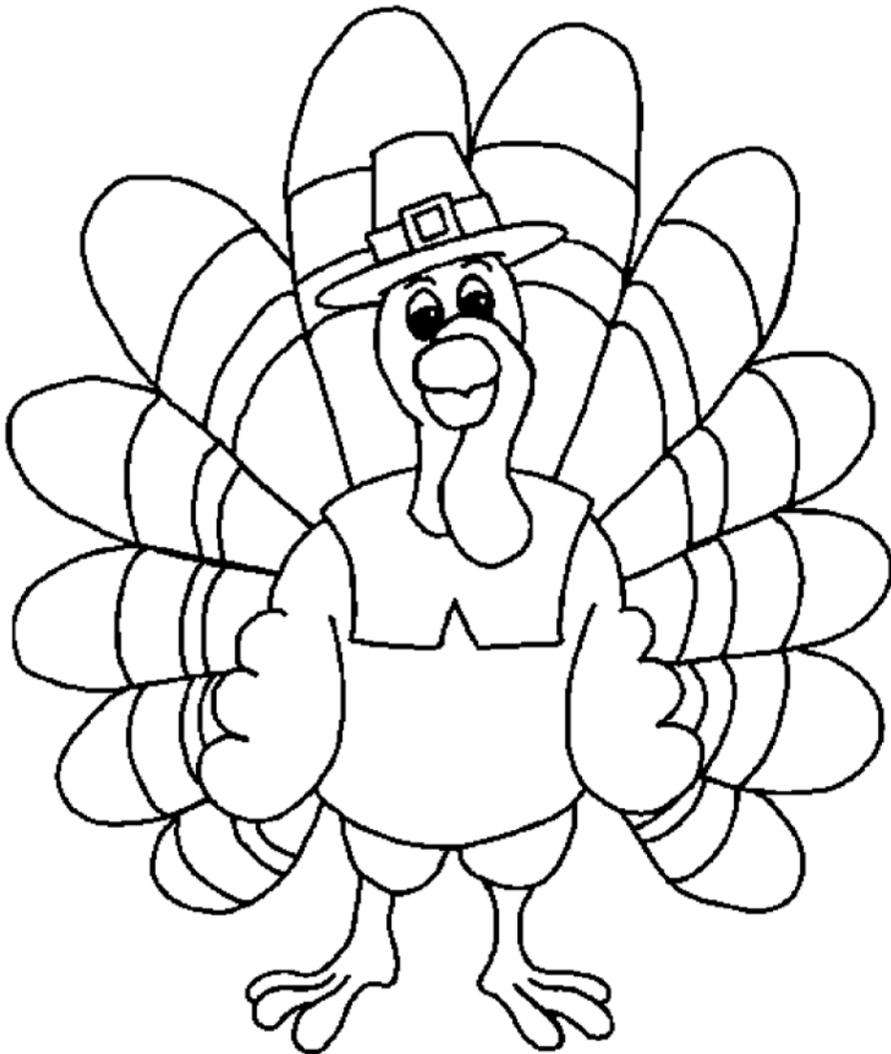
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Public Forum



Citizen Voices

Best Medicine: Vegas – Timeline To Hell



By **Connie Warnock, The Northwest Connection**

Most of us cannot imagine the evil madness behind the murders at the concert in Las Vegas, last month. I say “evil,” because it was. I say “madness,” because there was no sanity.

For most, if not all, of my readers, it is beyond imagining to picture such hell. In the aftermath, we are left craving an explanation—where there is none. Out of such an event come heroes of major

proportion—human “angels” who act swiftly to reach out and save the lives next to them. Often they sacrifice their own lives in the process.

In the aftermath of all this horror come the second guessers. And we wonder if there could possibly be anymore insanity. First come those who say clearly the shooter was insane.

Well, yes, but why? There is an intelligence involved here—albeit unbalanced and flawed beyond belief. The facts that were immediately forthcoming, however, cause even the most cautious minds to question a hotel that doesn’t check baggage brought in piece by piece – or in these times even one piece!

The “angels” and multitudes

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Is America’s Foundation Crumbling?



By **Garrett J. Baldwin**

Indeed we are. Logic has flown out the window, along with reason. The farther we get from the creation of this great nation, the farther the populace seems to get from God. We seem to have forgotten the morals and foundation of our ancestors who created the best civilization in this world’s history, Western Civilization. People seem to take pleasure in

cursing those of us who do not ignore that voice inside our heads and feeling in our hearts.

I find it astounding that people choose to ignore what is built into our DNA, God. He is in all of us, yet people outright choose to turn their backs on the Holy Spirit because it is just easier to be a sinner. How sad. And the world, led by the corrupt mainstream

the sin I had been committing, and though it was incredibly saddening to see how I had let evil dictate so many of my actions without notice, it was amazing to know that I could now see the light. It was breathtaking to know God was there with me in that room, wrapping his arms around me, filling me with His light while stripping me of my sinful ways.

My life was changed forever. I want this for every man, woman, and child in this world. There is no life without God, there is no

I was on my knees in the middle of my dorm room in Germany, in tears, repenting to God for every sin I had ever committed.

media, just feeds into this incredibly sinful culture that seems to have taken over.

I can admit that I walked in sin for years, and I am still not immune to it. But one day, I was awakened by God with new eyes. I remember the day perfectly. I was reading a book my father had created for me. Full of Godly words, poems, and letters to me about how God changed his life. I read the book from start to finish, and, by the end of it, I was on my knees in the middle of my dorm room in Germany, in tears, repenting to God for every sin I had ever committed.

It was miraculous. In that moment I could recall every bit of wrong I had done. In a flash God had opened my eyes to all

purpose without God. I cannot wait for the day Jesus returns! Every Knee Shall Bow!!!

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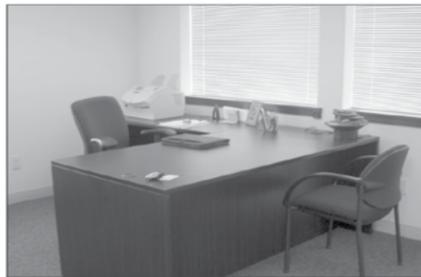
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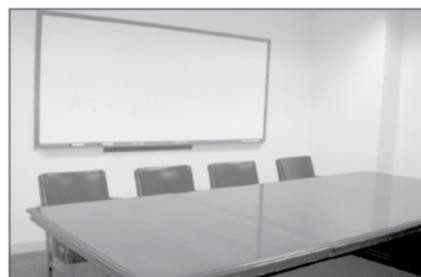
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Good News For Thanksgiving: The Polar Bear Has Been Saved!



By Gordon Fulks, PhD

of a healthy population.

The good news is not limited to polar bears. All eight species of fur seals, both species of elephant seals, walrus, sea otters, and all species of whales (including gray, right, bowhead, humpback, sei, fin, blue, and sperm whales) have made strong comebacks. And of course, a large population of seals benefits polar bears, because seals are their favorite food.

The famous British journalist and PhD zoologist Matt Ridley tells of his own experience with polar bears.

When he and friends visited Spitsbergen Island in the Arctic Ocean far north of Scandinavia in 1978, they thought nothing of camping out in

the open and using a small cabin. There was no danger from polar bears, because they never saw any. But when he inquired about making a return visit a few years ago, he was told that the cabin had been destroyed by the bears, and the bears had decimated the vast flocks of nesting geese by eating their eggs. Bears

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Although people who read *The Oregonian* might believe differently, conservation efforts over the last few decades have greatly benefited the iconic symbol

of the far north: polar bears. Their numbers have increased dramatically since the signing of an international agreement in 1973 to eliminate

commercial and sport hunting. The uncontrolled slaughter of these magnificent animals and many other marine mammals has led to a great resurgence. Canadian biologist Dr. Susan Crockford estimates that polar bears now number about 30,000. They are well distributed across all of their 19 Arctic habitats. Such a wide distribution is further evidence



A win for conservationists: "I'm back!"

Think Tank- News And Views from the Cascade Policy Institute

"Shuffling" Is For Playing Cards, Not School Kids



By Kathryn Hickok, Cascade Policy Institute

In government-run school districts, kids are cards in a deck. The bureaucracy gets to deal, assigning students to school buildings based on their residences. And even when parents exercise choice by moving into a neighborhood, gaining access to special school-based programs, or enrolling in charter schools located in underused facilities, the district retains the right to shuffle and deal over.

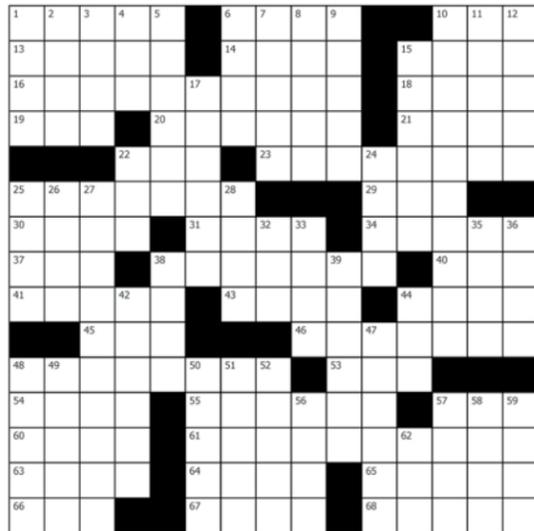
When Oregon enacted an interdistrict open enrollment law in 2012, hundreds of Oregon parents chose schools outside their districts of residence that better met the needs of their children. Empowering parents of every income level to choose schools through open enrollment, more charter schools, and

private school choice programs would be more respectful of each student's dignity—and a better way to address his or her educational needs—than a centrally planned system in which the odds always favor the district "house." In most aspects of life, Oregonians expect parents to judge what is in the best interests of their children. When it comes to education, the stakes are too high to treat kids like playing cards.

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If I Were the Devil...

By Paul Harvey



I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world.

I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's effort, instead of God's blessings.

I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people, instead of the other way around.

I would dupe entire states into relying on gambling for their state revenue.

I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership.

I would make it legal to take the life of unborn babies.

I would make it socially acceptable to take one's own life, and invent machines to make it convenient.

I would cheapen human life as much as possible so that the life of animals are valued more than human beings.

I would take God out of the schools, where even the mention of His name was grounds for a lawsuit.

I would come up with drugs that sedate the mind and target the young, and I would get sports heroes to advertise them.

I would get control of the media, so that every night I could pollute the mind of every family member for my agenda.

I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation.

I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable. If the family crumbles, so does the nation.

I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens, and I would call it art.

I would convince the world that people are born homosexuals, and that their lifestyles should be accepted and marveled.

I would convince the people that right and wrong are determined by a few who call themselves authorities and refer to their agenda as politically correct.

I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out of date, and the Bible is for the naïve.

I would dull the minds of Christians, and make them believe that prayer is not important, and that faithfulness and obedience are optional.

I guess I would leave things pretty much the way they are.

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of responders are heroes for certain. Given the magnitude of the disaster, of course Isis claims responsibility. This spawns an investigation into the past of the shooter. I am willing to bet he will come out as just another deranged individual. Based on the hotel's proximity to the concert, wouldn't you think, considering the events of the past few years that the possibility of this kind of activity taking place should have prompted extreme security measures on the part of all facilities near the concert site.

What should we take away from this? We live in unsafe times from both forces abroad, and possibly, right next door. Then there are the Democrats. They should try to think before they speak in light of a real disaster. Invariably they look stupid raving about doing away with the second amendment! That would just make us all targets. Yes, we need to stop selling conversion kits and silencers for guns. I think we all agree on that. I also think that anyone who is caught using a site that promotes Islamic terrorism should face

a mandatory jail sentence. I know this sounds like George Orwell in his book "1984," and "Big Brother is watching you." In a way, however, he is; and he's a possible psycho!

To those who listened to all the days of news reports after this horrible event: you heard the local law enforcement officers literally break down. Then they are asked to address the idiotic questions concerning a "timeline." They want this "timeline" from a sheriff who is obviously having a difficult time after having visited all the law enforcement families who also suffered horrible losses! This makes me furious. There were real check points that should have been in place to stop this maniac. Now television and radio pundits argue about what call was made when and want a "timeline."

Well, it's time to pull out all stops, assume the worst, and make plans and laws to prevent it. Believe me, it will be the best medicine.



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will eat practically anything. In the early 1970s, I spent time at the Churchill Research Range in Northern Manitoba along Hudson Bay. That area has the southern-most polar bear population. When the bears were migrating through the area, everyone was required to remain inside, lest we become the bear's next dinner. Occasionally, a bear would amble through town and make a meal of one of the sled dogs tied up outside. He might then go to the garbage dump outside of town looking for a little dessert. Life is tough in the far north, requiring adaptability. Polar bears especially need food in the spring after hibernating all winter. Then they can go through the summer with little food until the ice returns in

the Fall and makes hunting easier again. They need to store away a lot of fat to make it through the very harsh winter. If inappropriate weather conditions interfere with this feeding cycle, bears will perish.

Such a situation occurred between 1998 and 2004 with an earlier breakup of pack ice in Hudson Bay, leading to a drop of 22% in the local bear population. Since then, the pack ice has held together longer, and the bear population has rebounded.

But this is far from the only or worst climate dynamic affecting polar bear populations. In 1974, there was a catastrophic decline in the bear population in the Eastern Beaufort Sea north of Alaska. It was associated with extremely thick ice that decimated the seal population by 80% and consequently

the polar bears that depend on them for food.

In all of these situations, the polar bear population rebounded within a few years. This says that these bears, which have been



"Doing just fine, thank you."

around for thousands of years, are a very resilient species. They can survive the substantial variability in Arctic conditions that are a fact of life on a year-to-year and decade-to-decade basis. That also means surviving the far greater climate variations associated with Ice Ages. Polar bears have survived the extreme cold of an Ice Age as well as the considerably warmer conditions this planet experienced a few thousand

years ago during the Holocene Climate Optimum.

This is the best level-headed polar bear science that we have today.

Of course, it is very far from what the climate cult at *The Oregonian* would have you believe. Their recent series on "Nora," the zoo polar bear was supposed to be a wakeup call about the plight of polar bears in the wild. Zoo animals have far different problems than bears in the wild, because zoos are unable to recreate enough of an arctic environment to satisfy the needs of these animals. So Nora's problems are hardly analogous to anything in the wild, and a far cry from our own fate on this planet.

But this does not keep *Oregonian* Editor Mark Katches from saying that his five-part series on Nora "explores how our fate intersects with polar bears as our climate changes and the Arctic sea ice dwindles." He goes on to say "We

built [Project Nora] with kids in mind because, if our generation can't get things right, perhaps the next generation will." That is probably the most ominous comment in the entire series. The series is pure propaganda aimed at children. Propagandizing children is very very wrong. Effective propaganda always includes some shreds of truth to convince the young and gullible that it is believable. In this case, it is true that the Arctic has warmed more than any other region on the planet, about four degrees Fahrenheit since 1980. What *The Oregonian* will never mention is that we saw a similar warm up from 1915 to 1940 and to a similar peak. In other words, the Arctic climate is hardly different today than it was in 1940. It cycled back to cold after 1940, as the Pacific Ocean driving it typically does. The Arctic, with its low angle to no sunlight, is dependent on regular deliveries of ocean and atmospheric heat from

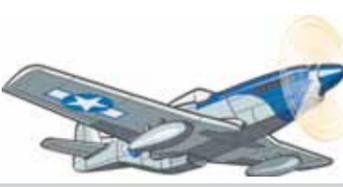
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lower latitudes. When those falter, the region turns colder. And *The Oregonian* will never



mention that the climate at the other end of the earth in Antarctica did not similarly warm after 1980. NASA satellite temperature data show no warming trend at all since 1980, suggesting that the "Global" in "Global Warming" is pure larceny. Again, Mother Nature (via ocean cycles) is in firm control.

Story telling is the bread and butter of journalism. While all of us love a story about an appealing bear, we expect those stories that are rooted in science to be true. *The Oregonian's* story about Nora was likely true but their extension into climate science was cynical nonsense rooted in politics; and deception, not authoritative science.

Look at the conclusion from their five-part series: "Global climate change is caused by increases in carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases in the Earth's atmosphere. The accumulation of these gases has caused the Earth's temperature to rise at the fastest rate in recorded history over the last 50 years, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council. And experts think the pace is accelerating."

There is so much nonsense, ignorance, and fraud in that conclusion that *The Oregonian* should be thoroughly ashamed. Climate change has many natural origins,

from the terrestrial to the extraterrestrial. Man-made carbon dioxide is a very minor player. Our oceans and atmosphere are major players, because they are never in complete equilibrium. Solar cycles and orbital changes caused by the planet Jupiter are also major players. Water vapor is the major climate gas, not carbon dioxide.

And the Natural Resources Defense Council that *The Oregonian* cites as their scientific source for alarm is hardly authoritative. They are a group of lawyers, without ANY scientific credentials that I could find. That fits well with *The Oregonian* that similarly has no scientific expertise either. Their main reporter for this series (Kale Williams) was a house painter before landing a job at the newspaper.

This Thanksgiving we should be thankful that the iconic symbol of the far north is doing just fine in a very harsh and very unforgiving environment. We should also be thankful that there are newspapers like the Northwest Connection that will still print the scientific truth as best we know it from real scientists NOT real lawyers.

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critters. Being late summer, about the only things left in "the chicken room" were five wild turkeys.

These turkeys were no longer at the semi-cute (we're talking turkeys here) fuzzy stage. These were gangly, teenage turkeys. No longer needing the warmth of their grow lights. I asked feed store owner Raleigh if I could have a discount on them because they were so funny-ugly, but the chuckling owner just said he'd take them home and let them go if I didn't buy them.

Which of course put them into the category of "rescue animal," and here I am, a sucker. How do you think I got five donkeys, two llamas, a blind Golden Retriever, my daughter's cats, and the mayor's Guinea pig when he took ill? Raleigh knew what he was doing. I paid fifty bucks for the five wild turkeys that I also intended to let run free!

Once home, I did not do my usual slipping of the right wings. I put them all in the

chicken yard and told them, out loud, mind you, that they were free to stay or leave, it was totally their choice. Two days later two had flown the coop.



Some of...

Three more days and another two were gone, seen pecking around



...Dr. Larson's...



...many pets!.

in the donkey field and generally acting like wild turkeys, albeit youngish ones, should act.

But Turkey Turk took to me. I mean, he fell in love. Perhaps my first mistake was naming him. It all started innocently

enough. He'd walk up the driveway to get the mail with me. The neighbors, and anyone driving by, doing double takes seeing a woman and her two dogs and her turkey walking to the mailbox. (I won't even tell you about the peacocks I previously had—that's a whole other story in itself.)

Not only did this turkey follow me around, but he'd sit on the porch furniture and look in through the kitchen window, his head just barely above the sill, beady turkey-eyes unnerving me, with a doleful look. He'd garble-yodel at me whenever I came outside. He'd sit on my shoulder when I fed the donkeys and llamas. We're talking about a fifteen pound wild turkey here. I'd slump my shoulder and he'd hold on tighter.

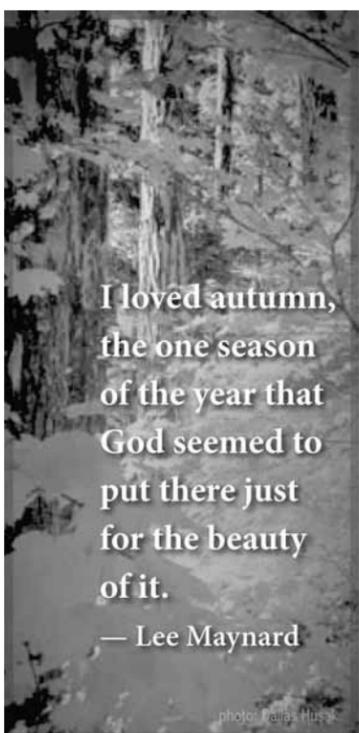
Every morning Turkey Turk was the hood ornament on my car. Then he began riding on top so that he could peer through the sunroof

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I loved autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to put there just for the beauty of it.
— Lee Maynard

Earthquake Home Hazard Hunt

Recommendations for reducing earthquake hazards in your home are presented on the other side of this poster.

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Happy Thanksgiving...

Make Your Own Thanksgiving Wreath!

Keep young crafters busy making a rustic pinecone wreath. This attractive decoration is good for the fall and winter seasons or for holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

What you'll need:

- * Grapevine wreath
- * Pine cones
- * Hot glue gun
- * Wired edged ribbon



How to make it:

1. Hot glue the pine cones two to three wide across the grapevine wreath, depending on the size of the wreath and your preferences. Be sure to put plenty of glue on the bottom of the pine cone to give it enough stability.
2. Let the wreath sit and dry for awhile.
3. Add the wired edged ribbon in and around the wreath. Tie a piece in a bow and add to the wreath by either tying on or hot gluing it on the wreath.
4. Be sure to hang with a heavy duty hanger as this wreath will be heavy!

Tips:

- * The pine cones could be spray painted prior to gluing.
- * Orange and black pine cones with added trinkets or ribbon would make a great Halloween wreath.
- * Silver and gold pine cones with added trinkets or holiday ribbon would be perfect for a Christmas or winter wreath.
- * This project will take a lot of glue sticks. As a note, it's best to work with clear glue sticks so that the glue does not show. Use a heavy duty glue if possible.

Hair For The Holidays

As hot summertime changes slowly into crisp fall days, the holiday season approaches. A good time to think about some changes in hair care.

Natural hair care is easy and quite inexpensive, requiring only a few ingredients and some time.

Conditioning and moisturizing hair for optimal shine and health does not require expensive shampoos and chemical-laden elixirs if you have a few minutes and some common ingredients.

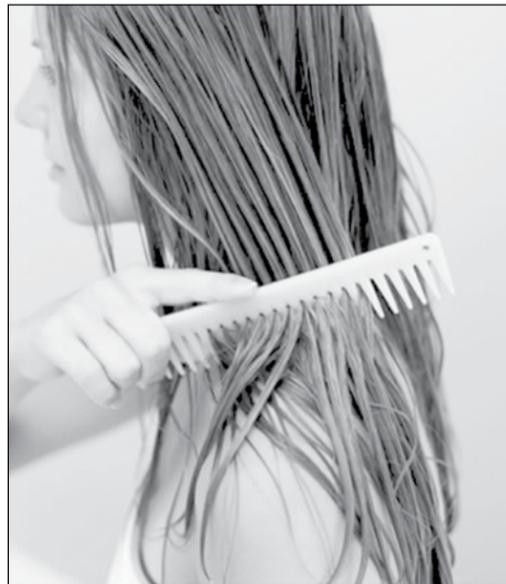
Some classic old-fashioned hair treatments include infusion rinses of herbs for shine and body, oil treatments for scalp and hair problems, and tonics to strengthen or enhance hair color.

Here are some simple recipes for natural hair care:

Master Infusion Recipe:

- 1 oz dried rosemary or a generous handful of fresh leaves
- 1 quart water

Add the rosemary to the water in a pan. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10–12 minutes, covered. Let cool for 1–2 hours, then strain. It is best used at once, but can be stored in the refrigerator for a week,



or until it starts to ferment. Use this as a master recipe, double the quantities of herb for a stronger infusion. For dry hair, use comfrey, elderflowers, quince flowers or sage. For oily hair, use mint, horsetail, lemon balm, lavender, marigold or yarrow.

A Good Dandruff Tonic

- 1/2 pound young stinging nettle tops, washed (or

2 cups dried nettles)
(use gloves to harvest fresh nettles, they lose their sting about 20 minutes after they have been picked)
2 1/2 cups water
Add the nettles to the water in a pan and heat slowly over a low burner. Simmer very gently for 3–4 minutes, keeping the lid on. Remove from the heat and let cool for 2 hours. Strain just before use, rinse hair several times, then leave on for 15–20 minutes before rinsing with cool water.

Highlights

for Blonde Hair

- 4 oz dried chamomile flowers
- 3 cups water

follow the Master infusion recipe, substituting chamomile for rosemary.

While still warm, rinse hair as in the above dandruff tonic and leave on for 1/2 hour before rinsing well with cool water.

Oil Hair Treatment

Combine 2 tablespoons of the master infusion recipe appropriate for your hair with 1/2 cup warm olive oil. Saturate hair and wrap

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In addition to Jim Henson, other Sesame Street Performers have sung it: Bob McGrath (1998), Rowlf the Dog (1993), Oscar the Grouch (2005). The song was sung by Big Bird at the two memorial services for Jim Henson in 1990. (In his comedy special *No Cure for Cancer*, Denis Leary incorrectly mentioned that Kermit had sung the song at the Henson funeral.)

Catching Your Kids In The Act



By Paula Olson, The Northwest Connection

What do you do when you catch your child doing something good? As parents we have a tendency to get on our kids' backs when they display undesirable behavior—when they are disrespectful, inappropriate, disobedient, or just plain mean. And it is our duty to help them correct their bad habits or unfortunate behavior. But how often do we notice when they do something genuinely nice—and how often do we acknowledge it?

With toddlers and preschoolers a simple "Thank you for sharing that toy with your sister" can ingrain in the child your expectation of

behavior as well as giving general positive reinforcement. But with elementary school-age kids and teenagers, we parents can get caught up in the "noise" of the day or the battle for independence and forget to notice just how many good things our kids do.

I'm not talking about performing an action well but rather noticing kindness toward someone. Your positive comments direct your children and reaffirm that you are a loving adult in their lives who cares about them enough to notice that they are capable of benevolence or purely doing the right thing.

Or, if your kids have extended their best efforts to accomplish something or complete a project, no matter the result, a compliment on how much they tried, how they figured something out by themselves, or how they came up with an original idea can boost their confidence. This encourages them to think for themselves.

My son recently received a box of full of word puzzles and other little projects. In it were coupons for us, the parents,

to dole out at appropriate moments of catching him doing something good. We did not attach any reward to these little pieces of paper because we want to instill that kindness doesn't always get compensated with a prize. The act of noticing is gift enough.

Last week, I had a small vase of fresh flowers I was going to give to someone. As I started up the car I commented (mostly to myself) that I hoped the vase wouldn't tip where I had tried to secure them. My son piped up with, "I can hold them, Mom." Bingo. That was a perfect moment to pull out the coupon from the stash I'd tucked in my purse. My son's eyes widened as I handed it to him and thanked him for his kindness. I could tell he was pleased and that my gift of acknowledgement would go a long way. I am going to try to find those moments more often, coupon or no coupon.



It's Not Easy Being Green

by Joe Raposo

It's not that easy being green;
Having to spend each day the color of the leaves.
When I think it could be nicer being red, or yellow or gold-
or something much more colorful like that.
It's not easy being green.
It seems you blend in with so many other ordinary things.
And people tend to pass you over 'cause you're not standing out like flashy sparkles in the water-
or stars in the sky.
But green's the color of Spring.
And green can be cool and friendly-like.
And green can be big like the ocean, or important like a mountain, or tall like a tree.
When green is all there is to be
It could make you wonder why, but why wonder?
Why Wonder, I am green and it'll do fine, it's beautiful!
And I think it's what I want to be.



Muppet Superstar: Kermit the Frog

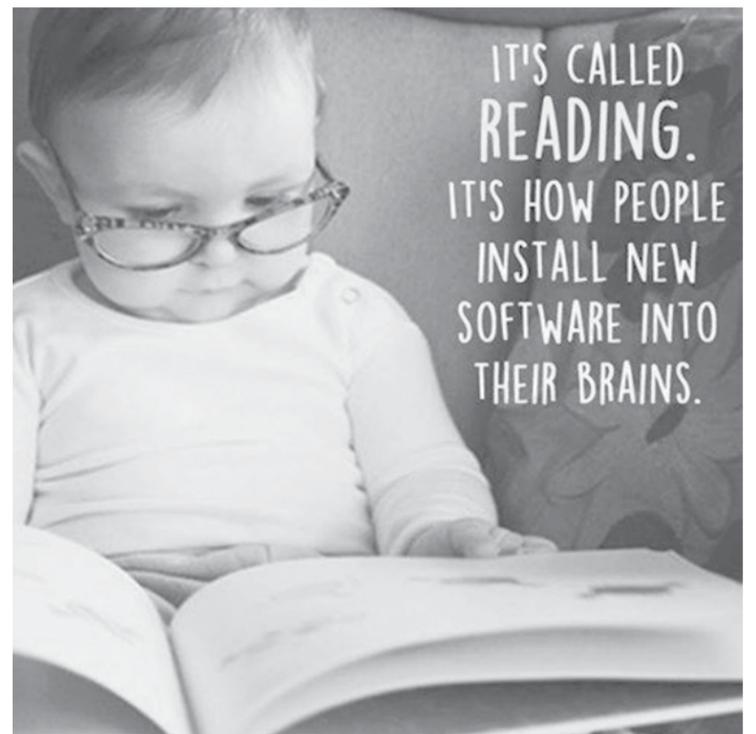
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in a shower cap or plastic bag and then a warm towel for 20 minutes. Rinse with cider vinegar and water and wash thoroughly with a mild shampoo. Add an egg yolk to the oil mixture if your hair is especially damaged.

note: fresh homemade mayonnaise will also work for this treatment, do not use commercial mayonnaise as the preservatives and chemicals will not rinse out easily.

Even that old-fashioned practice of brushing your hair 100 strokes from scalp to ends before bed actually has some benefits. The increased blood flow to the scalp helps hair loss and reduces dandruff and the brushing distributes natural oils through the hair which strengthens fragile, damaged tresses.

These simple herbal concoctions are a few of the beauty secrets that been used for many years. They won't harm yourself or the environment, and can be fun to try.



November Sudoku Puzzle

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The Troutdale Historical Society hosts an author reception and book signing. November 19, 2017 @ 1 – 4pm. Presentations by Peg Willis 1:15pm & 2:30pm



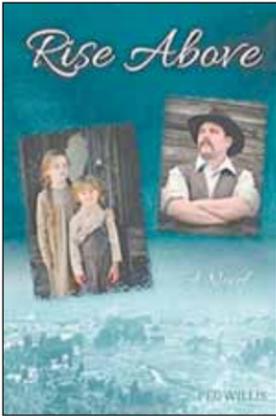
Peg Willis

authors who will be available to personally sign your books. Sharon Nesbit - *Sunny with Occasional Tirades*; Kathleen Overton - *Saving an American Treasure* (Vista House); Julie Stewart - *Images of America: Troutdale*;

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Ginger Harlow Allen - *Warts and All*; and Helen Wand - *Where Eagles Nest*.

Featured author, Peg Willis, will speak on her book, *Building the Columbia River Highway: They Said It Couldn't be Done*. Peg is a writer, teacher, and historian from Pendleton, Oregon. She will share a few of the incidents from her book and some stories she has learned since its publication. The audience will be encouraged to share their personal stories about the highway's history.



Please join us and meet these authors while enjoying the King of Roads exhibit, (free admission), 25-30% discount at the Barn Store gift shop, refreshments, and raffles of two original editions (1916 & 1926) of Samuel Lancaster's

book: *The Columbia: America's Great Highway*.

A visit to Peg's website tells you that she is a Suzuki violin teacher who also teaches old-time fiddling, guitar and bass to children. Peg will bring her fiddle and play us a couple of tunes. Her other book titles include *Rise Above* – a novel set in the context of the great Heppner Flood of 1903 and *Samuel Makes a Road* – a chapter book for first/second grade readers about Sam Lancaster, the polio survivor who designed the Columbia River Highway. All three of her books will be available for sale on Sunday.

In addition to her many years of teaching school and music, Peg is an avid fiber artist. People often find her knitting, cross stitching, or sewing on her 1906 treadle sewing machine or weaving on her 1939 floor loom.

We are also pleased to have in attendance five local

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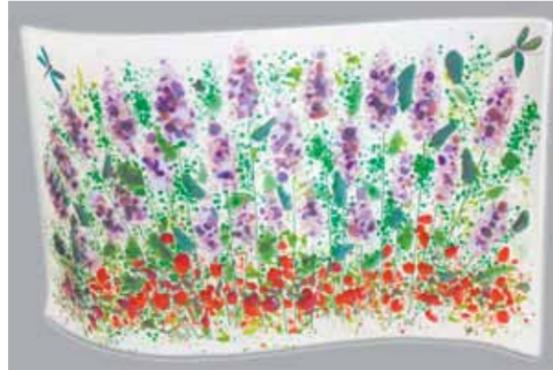
Hartman. Integrating her calligraphy into my pieces just came as a natural transition for me."

Tingley, who has exhibited widely, looks forward to the Larch Mountain Country Artisans' event. "This juried holiday show is always a highlight for me," she added.

Kathy Kollenburn of Wildflower Fusing will also be participating in the November show. Kollenburn began experimenting with fusing glass over ten years ago, and from the first class she attended, she was hooked on glass!

She works in a small studio space in her Gresham home. Kollenburn has taken several courses to learn new fascinating techniques in fusing glass and continues to build and expand on the knowledge she has acquired. Today

she specializes in creating functional pieces that bring color and light into homes of the Pacific Northwest.



"Wildflower Fusing" by Kathy Kollenburn

"The act of creating functional art through glass fusing is a way of relaxing," Kollenburn said. "It is still a surprise to open the kiln after a firing and see what emerges."

Tingley and Kollenburn are just two of the 34 talented artists featured in this year's Larch Mountain Country Artisans 38th annual *Heart of the Country Show and Sale*. The event will occur Friday through Sunday, November 17 - 19 in The Sam Cox building of Troutdale's Glenn Otto Park, 1106 Columbia River Highway, Troutdale, OR.

Parking is free and drawings for artists' pieces will be held hourly. For more information, go to www.LMCA-Artisans.com.



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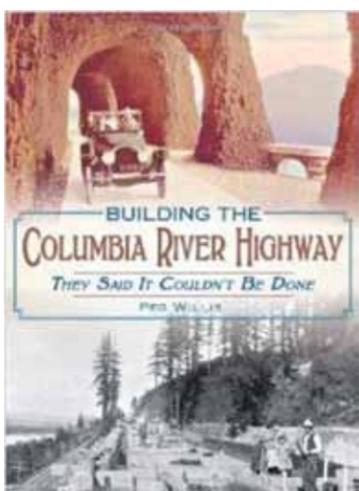
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Nancy Palamino



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honorably served this grateful nation. The beautiful tree lined boulevards and the broad green burial grounds in each section, echo regularly throughout each day with the sound of 21 gun salutes and the mournful, somber notes of taps. Over 4 million people visit this sacred place annually.

In 1948, General Hoyt Vandenberg, then Chief of Staff for the Air Force, and his wife, Gladys, were in the habit of routinely attending funeral services for Air Force active duty servicemen and Air Force veterans. They noticed that some of those services only had a military chaplain

present. Gladys Vandenberg was moved by the loneliness



Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark A. Mayo

of those funerals and began to invite some other Air Force wives to attend services as well. Eventually, she organized a group of women that would regularly volunteer to attend Air Force funerals to ensure

that no one would be buried alone. She called the group the Officer's Wives Club.

In 1973, Julia Abrams, the wife of Army General Creighton Abrams, founded the Army version of the Air Force group. The Navy started their own organization in 1985, and the Coast Guard formed its own group in 2006. These groups are collectively known now as "The Arlington Ladies."

The Marine Corps does not have a similar group. Rather, it sends a representative of the Marine Corps Commandant to every Marine funeral. Each of the Arlington Ladies groups is unique to its own branch of service, but they provide similar volunteer services.

All of the Arlington Ladies have some direct connection to their particular branch of military service. Most are the wives and some are the daughters of either active duty service members or military veterans. Their dedication is legendary. They

attend funerals, no matter the weather, just as the military honor guards do.

Mostly retired veterans themselves or their family members, their primary goals are to ensure no service



member is ever buried unattended and to serve the needs of the family, present or not. Whether the funeral is packed with friends and family or the only attendees are the Honor Guard, there is always an Arlington Lady present, year round no matter the weather.

They are not mourners and do not think of themselves that way. They attend for the same reasons many join the military. Honor, Duty, Country. They are there to pay tribute and, above all, honor our heroes.

Doreen Huylebroeck, whose husband, CPO Edward Huylebroeck, is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, is a Navy Arlington Lady. She began volunteering after her husband died. She never saw herself doing this, but was drawn into it by the invitation of others. She thought that she would not be able to control her own tears at the funerals but finally responded to a friend's invitation and joined the Navy Arlington Ladies group about three years ago.

Huylebroeck told a Stars and Stripes reporter, "The military person is a hero and he deserves it. It's just a special way to honor him and be there."

On average there are about six Navy funerals a day. Huylebroeck and the other Navy Arlington Ladies volunteer regularly for half a day at a time. They schedule it so that one volunteer attends all of the Navy funerals in the morning and another takes

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November Recipe

Pumpkin Pancakes



Beat 4 eggs whites to stiff peaks. In another bowl, mix 4 eggs yolks, 3/4 cup pumpkin puree, 1 1/2 cups milk, 4 Tbs. melted butter and 1 tsp. vanilla.

In a large bowl, mix 1 1/2 cups flour, 1/4 cup sugar, 3/4 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. salt, 2 tsp cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. ginger and 1/4 tsp. allspice. Stir in pumpkin mixutre, then fold in egg whites.

Drop 1/3 cupfuls onto a skillet, cooking each side until golden.

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or fascination with some engrossing facet of cultural life—Spanish Christmas ornaments, ham radios, personally-stuffed Teddy Bears.

Or beyond Earth and into the heavens, a telescope, or turquoise stones affixed to bracelets and necklaces fashioned by hand, during peaceful hours, something we care about in some abiding personal way.

They used to ask about hobbies on job application forms; do they still do that? Somehow, knowing about a person's hobby gave a glimpse into their individuality. A coloration of their personality over and

above their qualifications for the job. Sometimes the hobby and the job fit like peas in a pod: an entry level applicant whose hobby was vintage cartography, the study of historic maps, would naturally recommend themselves to a surveyor's position.



Popular hobby: Model railroading

And if a person had no hobbies, could not list a hobby, there was nothing wrong with that, but it was something to know about them, too.

Do young people today have such hobbies? We can be sure that many of them do. Having a rewarding hobby is something too beneficial to the human spirit to have died out completely, even with the advent of the electronic era and its ubiquitous gadgets. Somewhere some young boy is transfixed by the scent of

smoke from his wood-burning kit and the scene he's creating, a lone climber rising umber-brown on the face of a cliff. And somewhere in an upstairs bedroom, her homework finished and bored with her Twitter feed, a young girl has broken out her watercolor palette for another washy and idealized portrait of flecked Appaloosa pausing on a hilltop to sniff upwind under some clouds.

But are this boy and girl the exceptions? Have the tech wunderkinds rendered the pre-internet hobby hopelessly archaic, the lost art of handmade craft, the happy discipline of concentrating one's heart and soul on something to give, to keep, to leave behind?

There are men in our city devoted to vintage automobiles, the kind of cars you find if you visit Portland's Memory Lane. They spend hours tinkering and polishing

side mirrors on 1950 Nash Ramblers, the same car their fathers once drove. There are



A drive down memory lane

can afford. Imagine finishing that puzzle, and seeing Elvis.

These folks are almost invariably baby-boomers, and survivors of the Greatest Generation that came before them.

As we consider today's kids, kids who've never known a world that did not include easy transport along the information superhighway, we wonder

what they are working with their hands when those hands are not at work on a keyboard or monitor of some kind, what they have at the end of the day to show for the expenditure of time.

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News You Can Use...

The Tale Of Two Brothers



By Jim Kight The Northwest Connection

Something was off, literally. The sign on the building I approached had been removed because you could see the outline of what used to be a Swift Trucking sign. Instead the new sign was NV Transport. Being curious by nature I entered the office and found mostly Russian and Ukrainian employees at their desks. I approached Victor Shkurinsky who is in charge of accounting and asked where Swift Trucking had moved to. He indicated they had moved to a new location further to the

west. I told him I was looking to write a story about the trucking industry and

asked if he would like to be interviewed. He and his father, Valery Shkurinsky both agreed and what follows is an amazing story of success. NV Transport is a family business owned by Nick and Valery Shkurinsky.

Valery, when did you first come to the United States?

I arrived in America in February 1990 as a result of an invitation from a sponsor. But my first stop was in Austria and then Italy and finally on to Portland. I started with no home or business upon my arrival. I literally had very few possessions. I worked for Buckland Sheet Metal

and then started working in my own business.

What was your next step?

Two things happened almost simultaneously. First, I purchased a truck from the Freightliner dealer and worked for Continental Express as an independent operator. We then started



New truckers in town

Emmanuel Mercy Mission. The mission focuses on shipping clothing, shoes, food, personal packages, medical supplies, hospital equipment, and basic humanitarian aid to Ukraine and other counties in need. In one case, we shipped an ambulance. Once the container arrives it is inspected, photographed and distributed by the churches there.

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time. How did you do it?

To put it in one word, God. When we began our work in the mission, where 100% of the money donated goes into the cost of the items delivered, we were blessed in our trucking business. We now have 35 trucks and some 40 owner operator trucks working for us. In keeping with that we are looking for additional experienced company drivers and owner operators.



How did you come into possession of the former Swift Trucking Company Building?

We purchased the building in April of 2014.

In comprises of an office building, truck shop, and truck parking lot on 14 acres. We have since added a truck washing facility that is open to the trucking industry.

The trucking industry is growing rapidly. Everything we use and consume comes out of the back of a truck. With the internet, the demand for products being delivered to the front door will continue to increase and

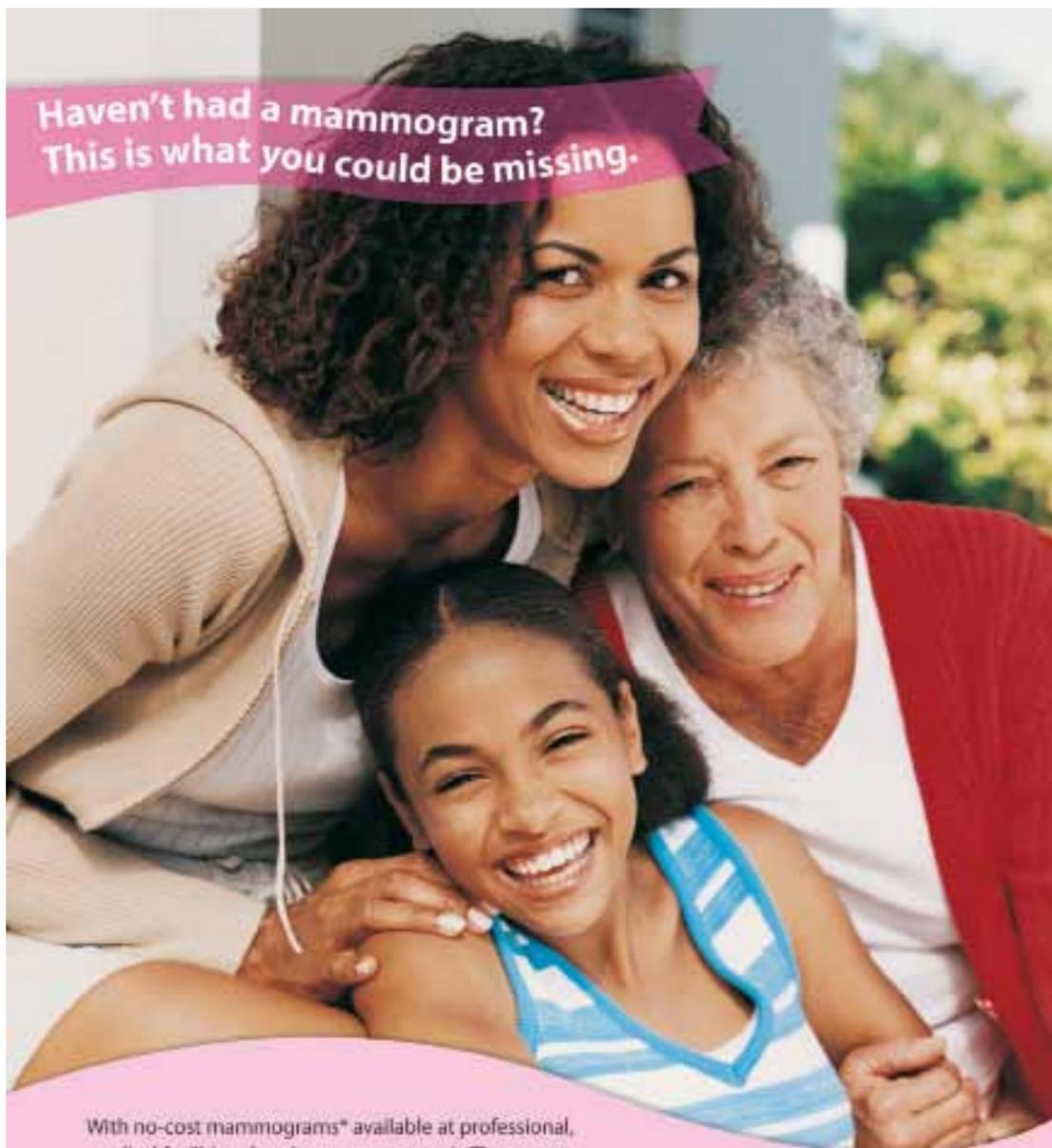
especially with Amazon locating across the street from our offices. We need experienced drivers and owner operators in order to meet customer demand. Hourly rates run between \$20-25 plus for local drivers; we are also looking to add over-the-road drivers.

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Top with whipped cream/ice cream, brown sugar, nuts, cinnamon/nutmeg, warm maple syrup or other desired toppings.

History/ Poetic Corner...

The Charlie Brown And Franz Stigler Incident



By Helen Maguire, The Northwest Connection

The Charlie Brown and Franz Stigler incident occurred on December 20, 1943, when, after a successful bomb run on Bremen, Germany, 2nd Lt Charles "Charlie" Brown's B-17 Flying Fortress (named "Ye Olde Pub") was severely damaged by German fighters. Luftwaffe pilot Franz Stigler had the opportunity to shoot down the crippled bomber, but did not. After an extensive search by Brown, the two pilots met each

other 40 years later and developed a friendship that lasted until Stigler's death in March 2008.

Pilots

2nd Lt Charles L. "Charlie" Brown ("a farm boy from Weston, West Virginia", he said) was a B-17F pilot with the 379th Bombardment Group of the United States Army Air Forces' (USAAF) 8th Air Force, stationed at RAF Kimbolton in England. [4][5] Franz Stigler, a former airline pilot from Bavaria, was a veteran *Luftwaffe* fighter pilot



Pilot: Lt Charles Brown

attached to *Jagdgeschwader* 27 (fighter band 27); at the time, he had 27 victory tallies to his name and would be eligible for the coveted Knight's Cross with one more downed enemy bomber (the required

number of victories was 30). (In Nazi Germany, the shooting down of a bomber aircraft was worth three points compared to one for a fighter.)

Bremen mission

The mission was the *Ye Olde Pub* crew's first and targeted the Focke-Wulf 190

aircraft production facility in Bremen. The men of the 527th Bombardment Squadron were informed in a pre-mission briefing that they might encounter hundreds of German fighters. Bremen was guarded by 250 flak guns. Brown's crew was assigned to fly "Purple Heart Corner," a spot on the edge of the formation that was considered especially dangerous because the Germans loved to target the edges instead of shooting

straight through the middle of the formation. However, since one bomber had to turn back due to mechanical problems, Brown was told to move up to the front of the formation.

Bomb run

Brown's B-17 began its 10-minute bomb run at 27,300 ft with an outside air temperature of -76 °F. Before the bomber released its bomb load, accurate flak shattered the Plexiglas nose, knocked out the number two engine and further damaged the number

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A Dad's Legacy

What legacy can I endow to whom I love?

None better than "There is a God above."

If but this wisdom I bestow I have not failed my love to show;

And if this one sight helped you see I have not failed my loyalty.

If God can use one weak as I

To set your heart to Him on high,

If this poor sinner can endure, that you be loving, true and pure,

I have not failed at what is best, though I might fail at all the rest.

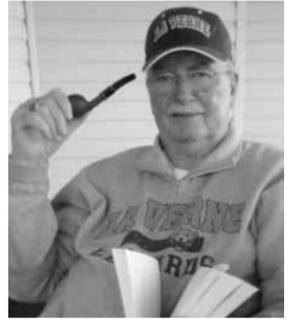
To you my children and my wife

I do devote my earthly life

That in this weakling you might see His Grace and Mercy salvaged me,

So when I pass it may be hailed "In loyalty he has not failed."

By Frank Maguire



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four engine, which was already in questionable condition and had to be throttled back to prevent overspeeding. The damage slowed the bomber and Brown was unable to remain with his formation and fell back as a straggler – a position from which he came under sustained enemy attacks.

Fighter attacks

Brown's straggling B-17 was now attacked by over a dozen enemy fighters (a mixture of *Messerschmitt Bf 109s* and *Focke-Wulf Fw 190s*) for more than 10 minutes. Further damage was sustained, including damage to the number three engine, which would produce only half power (meaning the aircraft had at best 40% of its total rated power available). The bomber's internal oxygen, hydraulic and electrical systems were also damaged, and the bomber lost half of its rudder and its port (left side) elevator, as well as its nose cone. Many of the gunners' weapons then jammed, probably as a result of loss of the onboard systems leading to frozen mechanisms (the ground crew did not oil

the guns correctly), leaving the bomber with only two dorsal turret guns and one of three

forward-firing nose guns (from eleven available) for defense. Most of the crew were wounded. Miraculously, all but the tailgunner survived.

Franz Stigler

The lone Allied bomber was a sitting duck. Holed

all over by flak and bullets and down to a single good engine, it struggled simply to stay in the air over Germany, let alone make it the 300 miles back to England.

Brown's damaged bomber was spotted by Germans on the ground, including Franz Stigler (then an ace with 29 victories), who was refueling and rearming at an airfield. He soon took off in his *Messerschmitt Bf 109 G-6* and quickly caught up with Brown's plane. Through the damaged bomber's airframe Stigler was able to see the injured and incapacitated crew. To the American pilot's surprise, Stigler did not open fire on the crippled bomber. Stigler recalled the words of one of his commanding officers during his time fighting in North Africa, "If I ever see or hear of you shooting at a man in a parachute, I will shoot you myself." Stigler

later commented, "To me, it was just like they were in a parachute. I saw them and I couldn't shoot them down."

Twice, Stigler tried to get Brown to land his plane at a German airfield and surrender, or divert to nearby neutral Sweden, where he and his crew would receive medical treatment and be interned the remainder of the war.

Brown and the crew of the B-17 didn't understand what Stigler was trying to mouth and gesture to them and so flew on. Stigler later told Brown he was trying to get them to fly to Sweden. Stigler then flew near Brown's plane in a formation on the bomber's port side wing, so German anti-aircraft units would not target it; he then escorted the damaged B-17 over the coast until they reached open water. Brown, unsure of Stigler's intentions at the time, ordered his dorsal turret gunner to point at Stigler but not open fire in order to warn him off. Understanding the message and certain that the bomber was out of German airspace, Stigler departed with a salute.

Landing

Brown managed to fly the 250 miles across the North Sea and land his plane at RAF Seething, home of the 448th Bomb Group and at the postflight debriefing informed his officers about how a German fighter pilot had let him go. He was told not to repeat this to the rest of the unit so as not to build any positive sentiment about enemy pilots. Brown commented, "Someone decided you can't be human and be flying in a German cockpit." Stigler

said nothing of the incident to his commanding officers, knowing that a German pilot who spared the enemy while in combat risked

was asked to speak at a combat pilot reunion event called a "Gathering of the Eagles" at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB,

Alabama. Someone asked him if he had any memorable missions during World War II; Brown recalled the story of Stigler's escort and salute. Afterwards, Brown decided he should try to find the unknown German pilot.



B-17 with German escort: An amazing act of wartime mercy

execution. Brown went on to complete a combat tour. Franz Stigler later served as a *Messerschmitt Me 262* jet-fighter pilot in *Jagdverband 44* until the end of the war.

Post war and meeting of pilots

After the war, Brown returned home to West Virginia and went to college, returning to the newly established U.S. Air Force in 1949 and serving until 1965. Later, as a State Department Foreign Service Officer, he made numerous trips to Laos and Vietnam. But in 1972, he retired from government service and moved to Miami to become an inventor.

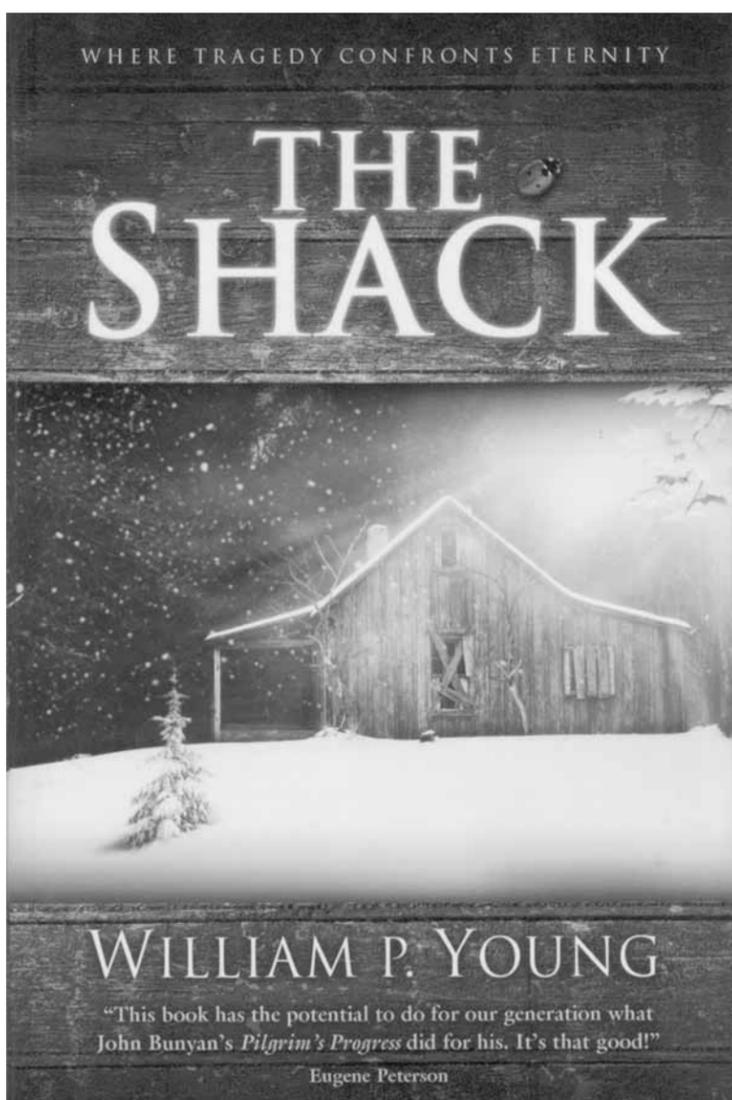
Stigler moved to Canada in 1953 and became a successful businessman.

In 1986, the then-retired Lieutenant Colonel Brown

After four years of searching for records that might shed some light on who the other pilot was, Brown hadn't come up with much. He then wrote a letter to a combat pilot association newsletter. A few months later, Brown received a letter from Stigler, who was now living in Canada. "I was the one," it said. When they spoke on the phone, Stigler described his plane, the escort and salute confirming everything Brown needed to hear to know he was the German fighter pilot involved in the incident.

Between 1990 and 2008, Charlie Brown and Franz Stigler became close friends and remained so until their deaths within several months of each other in 2008

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The Great Northwest Outdoors

How To Hunt Wild Turkey

By Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Wild turkey hunting is the fastest growing form of hunting in the U.S. today. In Oregon, turkey hunting has grown more than ten-fold since a statewide spring season opened in 1987.



Photo courtesy of the National Wild Turkey Federation

As more hunters take to the field to enjoy this challenging form of recreation, understanding time-proven techniques and necessary safety aspects of this sport becomes essential. This article will help make your wild turkey hunting experience safe and enjoyable.

Wild Turkey Identification

Because only male turkeys or turkeys with a visible beard may be taken during spring season, identification of the sexes is important. Toms weigh from 14 to 25 pounds or more, and typically have a series of hair-like feathers, known as the beard, extending from the breast. The beard is normally 3 to 10-inches long, and to some extent this relates to age. Most toms have spurs on the lower legs. Beard and spur length tend to increase with age. The gobbler's head is devoid of feathers and sports a bright color combination of red, white and blue. Body feather coloration is

pounds. A small portion (10 percent) of hens have beards. Unlike toms, hens lack spurs and have a few scattered, small feathers on the head and neck. The head is generally a dull gray-blue color, with pink and red coloration minimal or absent. Hen also have body coloration distinctive from toms; the breast feathers have a buff or white tip giving the hen its distinctive buff/brown color. These white or buff tipped feathers often give the breast of the hen a "frosted" appearance.

Finding a Place to Hunt

Wild turkeys pay no attention to ownership boundaries and can be found on both public and private land. Maps which show land ownership can be the hunter's best friend when attempting to locate public lands in areas where turkeys are found. Good maps are available from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, State

Department of Forestry and other sources. A section listing map source addresses can be found in the Oregon Game Bird Regulations published annually by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.'

Some excellent turkey hunting can be found on private lands, but developing trust and rapport with a landowner involves an investment in time and commitment on the part of the hunter that

should begin long before the hunting season. Hunters who spend the time and have the empathy needed to develop long-term friendships with landowners are usually the most successful at gaining access to private land. These are usually not friendships that begin on opening day and end when the season closes.



the best indicator of turkey sex; iridescent black-tipped breast feathers give the tom turkey its characteristic dark, polished look. Remember also that only toms strut and gobble. During display, the top of a gobbler's head will be as white as a golf ball, a characteristic lacking in hens. Hens weigh from eight to 12

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Financial Focus: How Can You Share Your Financial “Abundance” With Your Family?



Submitted by **Lynne Page**,
AAMS Financial Advisor

Thanksgiving is almost here. Ideally, this day should be about more than football and the imminent arrival of Black Friday mega-sales. After all, the spirit of the holiday invites us to be grateful for what we have and for the presence of our loved ones.

But it's important to look beyond just one day in November if you want your family to take part in your “abundance.” If you want to ensure your financial resources eventually are shared in the way you envision, you will need to follow a detailed action plan, including these steps:

- **Identify your assets.** If you haven't done so already, it's a good idea to take an inventory of all your financial assets – your retirement accounts (401(k) and IRA), other investments, life insurance, real estate, collectibles and other items. Once you know exactly what you have, you can determine how you would like these assets distributed among your loved ones.

- **Get professional help.** To

ensure your assets go to the right people, you will need to create some legal documents, such as a will and a living trust. The depth and complexity of these instruments will depend a great deal on your individual circumstances, but in any case, you certainly will need to consult with a legal professional because estate planning is not a “do-it-yourself” endeavor. You may also need to work with a tax professional and your financial advisor, as taxes and investments are key components of the legacy you hope to leave.

- **Protect your financial independence.** If your own financial resources were to become endangered, you clearly would have less to share with your loved ones, and if your financial independence were jeopardized, the result might be even worse – your adult children might be forced to use their own resources to help support you. Consequently, you will need to protect yourself, and your financial assets, in several ways. For one thing, you may want to work with your legal professional to create a power of attorney, which would enable someone – possibly a grown child – to make financial decisions for you, should you become incapacitated. Also, you may want to guard yourself against the devastating costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. Medicare typically pays

very little of these expenses, but a financial advisor may be able to suggest techniques or products that can help.

- **Communicate your wishes.** Once you have all your plans in place, you'll want to communicate them to your loved ones. By doing so, you'll be sparing your loved ones from unpleasant surprises when it's time to settle your estate. And, second, by making your plans and wishes known to your family well in advance of when any action needs to be taken, you'll prepare your loved ones for the roles you wish them to assume, such as taking on power of attorney, serving as executor of your estate, and so on. And you'll also want to make sure your family is acquainted with the legal, tax and financial professionals you've chosen to help you with your estate plans.

Thanksgiving comes just once a year. Taking the steps described here can help ensure your family will share in your financial abundance as you intended.



No Soldiers Is Buried...
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all of the afternoon funerals. They meet with the families before the services in family rooms that Arlington National Cemetery has set aside for that purpose. They are an official part of each funeral.

The Arlington Ladies mission has grown through the years. They deliver a personal note of condolence to family members at the funeral from the chief of staff's office, as well as a note from themselves based on information provided by the chaplain about the service member. If no family is able to attend they send a missive describing the service. But they do not let it go at that. They encourage any family members who wish it to remain in contact. They also follow up with a letter to the families six to eight weeks later to remind the families they are still thought about and remembered.

Huylebroeck goes the extra mile. If she finds that the family is local, she offers her personal contact information to them, in case they want to talk to someone outside of the family. She even offers to place flowers at the grave on birthday or anniversary dates. She pays for this herself.

“It's the least I can do, I would appreciate it if someone did it for me,” she told Stars and Stripes.

That is the embodiment of the Golden Rule, “Do

unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Huylebroeck estimates that she has attended over 500 funerals at Arlington. One of those she attended was for Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark Mayo, who was killed on Nov. 19, 2016 while on duty defending his shipmates and his ship, the USS Mahan, from an armed man who had gotten aboard while it was docked at Naval Station Norfolk.

These Arlington Ladies who represent the Air Force, the Army, the Navy and the Coast Guard provide an incalculable service of care and comfort to the fallen and to their grieving families at Arlington. They have made it their duty to ensure that someone is in attendance at every funeral, especially where there is no family to bury the deceased. This unique voluntary service offered by these women honors the service and the sacrifice of our military. They thank those who have served with the simple gift of their presence. In a way they are not only standing in for their particular branch of service, but for all of us.

Thanks to the Arlington Ladies for what they do out of love for our military members and their families. Their presence at the fresh graves of our fallen active duty service members and military veterans honors their service and their sacrifice and helps to bring some measure of solace to their families.

p.s. The group, now, also includes one man who is known as the Arlington Gentleman.

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as I backed out. This was getting bad. When Turkey Turk started trying to come in through the doors of my house, I knew I had to take matters into my own hands.

So I picked up my turkey-bird and carried him down to the farthest corner of the field where the blackberries are overly abundant. At some point in animal ownership, I always come to believe that they understand every word I say. So I told him to "listen"... and he cocked an ear. Well, an ear-space. I told him there were wild women in the bushes. Females, of his species, just waiting for him. I set him down near the bushes and walked away, never turning back.

When I got back up to my abode, there he was at the back door. I don't know how he did it. So I waited a few days, pondering my moves, and tried again. This time I asked him to stay with the girls

in the bushes. They could be heard making soft, attractant turkey sounds. This time he stayed. Or so I thought. The next morning there was his poignant face at my kitchen window. This is a rough thing to deal with before your first cup of coffee in the morning.

But I couldn't give up. I kept talking the whole time I carried him down the field this time. I told him he'd get himself a relatively lovely turkey. We're talking turkeys here after all, and some would say even the wild ones are not exactly lovely. I told him I would "absolutely never" let him in the house and that my cute little red car was getting some hard-to-explain scratches, on it. He peered at me, listening carefully to my words, and of course I believe he understood me. This time he stayed.

Not long afterward he found someone of his own species. I spotted younger-than-teenage, still fuzzy, turkeys under one of the birdfeeders. I was thrilled. Happy Thanksgiving to Turkey Turk and his family.



Hoping for a Thanksgiving reprieve?

Go Fetch! (A Breath Mint)



By Jordon Rubin

It's pretty normal for pets to have some scents about them, though. In fact, when animals are in the wild, their smells send signals to anything and anyone around them. Animals have pheromones and oils on their skin which can clearly communicate fear, territorialism and other messages.

toothpaste on the market, since you should never use human toothpaste for animals.

Other reasons for your pets' nasty-smelling breath may include the food they eat, not chewing their food properly, lack of adequate saliva, digestive difficulties or even food allergies.

Bad breath may also signal a foreign object caught in your pet's mouth or even an unhealthy animal. That's why you may want to consult your veterinarian if you believe your pet's breath is way out of control.

A popular way to keep your pet's breath fresh is to give him or her treats or other tidbits that are specially formulated to keep down bacterial levels in the mouth—since keeping bacteria at bay is a natural way to help diminish bad breath.

Additionally, slipping your pet these items may help keep your pet's mouth strong and healthy.

Now that's sure to keep a smile on your face—and give your nose a better experience—when you get those puppy kisses!

Many of us know that affectionate kisses from our pets can often come at an odoriferous price for us—the experience of disgusting dog breath. Some of us may even be tempted to toss some doggy breath mints their way, only to realize that the effects last for mere minutes before the smell returns.



Most of our pets, however, are not in the wild and that's why we may want to take steps to tame their aromatic calling cards, including some pretty offensive breath. The encouraging news is that veterinarians say good grooming efforts can keep some of the smells at bay.



Four things you can do to prevent falls:

- 1 Begin an exercise program to improve your leg strength & balance
- 2 Ask your doctor or pharmacist to review your medicines
- 3 Get annual eye check-ups & update your eyeglasses
- 4 Make your home safer by:
 - Removing clutter & tripping hazards
 - Putting railings on all stairs & adding grab bars in the bathroom
 - Having good lighting, especially on stairs

Stay Independent

Falls are the main reason why older people lose their independence.

Are you at risk?

Contact your local community or senior center for information on exercise, fall prevention programs, or options for improving home safety.

For more information on fall prevention, please visit:
www.cdc.gov/steadi
www.stopfalls.org

This brochure was produced in collaboration with the following organizations:
 VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Geriatric Research Education & Clinical Center (GRECC), and the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

"It's not the broken hip, it's the nursing home I don't want. I need to be independent, so I take Tai Chi."
Leonard Jones, age 74

"People who use canes are brave. They can be more independent and enjoy their lives."
Shirley Warner, age 79

One of the best things you can do is keep your pet's teeth clean—professionally cleaned at least once a year. Starting your pet out young with mouth hygiene is best, too, because it gets Fido accustomed to having his teeth taken care of.

Brushing at home is not a bad idea, either, if you can manage it and can get a toothbrush made specifically for your pet. There's even special pet



Is it a stroke? Check these signs FAST!

Act FAST. Call 9-1-1 at any sign of stroke!

Face

Does the face look uneven? Ask them to smile.

Arm

Does one arm drift down? Ask them to raise both arms.

Speech

Does their speech sound strange? Ask them to repeat a phrase.

Time

Every second, brain cells die. Call 9-1-1 at any sign of stroke!

Risk factors for stroke

Mini-strokes. transient ischemic attacks or TIAs. When stroke symptoms such as confusion, slurred speech or loss of balance appear and disappear, call 9-1-1. You may be able to prevent a major stroke.

High blood pressure. The #1 cause of stroke. Monitor blood pressure and always take prescribed medication.

Diabetes. Control the symptoms of diabetes with proper diet, exercise and medication.

Obesity. Being just 20 pounds overweight significantly increases your risk of stroke and heart disease.

Smoking. Smoking increases risk of stroke by two to three times.

Another way to remember stroke symptoms

- Sudden weakness on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing
- Sudden trouble walking or loss of balance
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

Call 9-1-1 at any sign of stroke.

Sudoku Puzzle Solution

1	7	3	2	6	9	5	8	4
5	8	9	4	1	3	6	7	2
4	2	6	7	5	8	1	9	3
2	9	1	5	8	4	7	3	6
3	4	5	6	7	2	8	1	9
8	6	7	9	3	1	2	4	5
9	1	4	8	2	6	3	5	7
6	5	8	3	4	7	9	2	1
7	3	2	1	9	5	4	6	8

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If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from

Chasing The Wind



By Randy Alcorn, Eternal Perspective Ministries

The book of Ecclesiastes is the most powerful exposé of materialism ever written. Solomon recounts his attempts to find meaning in pleasure, laughter, alcohol, folly, building projects, and the pursuit of personal interests, as well as in amassing slaves, gold and silver, singers, and a huge harem to fulfill his sexual desires (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11).

The more Solomon had, the more he was tempted to indulge. His indulgence led to sin, and his sin brought misery.

Solomon makes a series of insightful statements in Ecclesiastes 5:10-15. I'll follow each with my paraphrase:

- “Whoever loves money never has money enough” (v. 10). *The more you have, the more you want.*

- “Whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income” (v. 10). *The more you have, the less you're satisfied.*
- “As goods increase, so do those who consume them” (v. 11). *The more you have, the more people (including the government) will come after it.*
- “And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?” (v. 11). *The more you have, the more you realize it does you no good.*
- “The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep” (v. 12). *The more*

you have, the more you have to worry about.

- “I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner” (v. 13). *The more you have, the more you can hurt yourself by holding on to it.*



- “Or wealth lost through some misfortune” (v. 14). *The more you have, the more you have to lose.*

- “Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand” (v. 15). *The more you have, the more you'll leave behind.*

As the wealthiest man on earth, Solomon learned that affluence didn't satisfy. All it did was give him greater opportunity to chase more mirages. People tend to run out of money before mirages, so they cling to the myth

that things they can't afford will satisfy them. Solomon's money never ran out. He tried everything, saying, “I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure” (Ecclesiastes 2:10).

Solomon's conclusion? “When I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun” (v. 11).

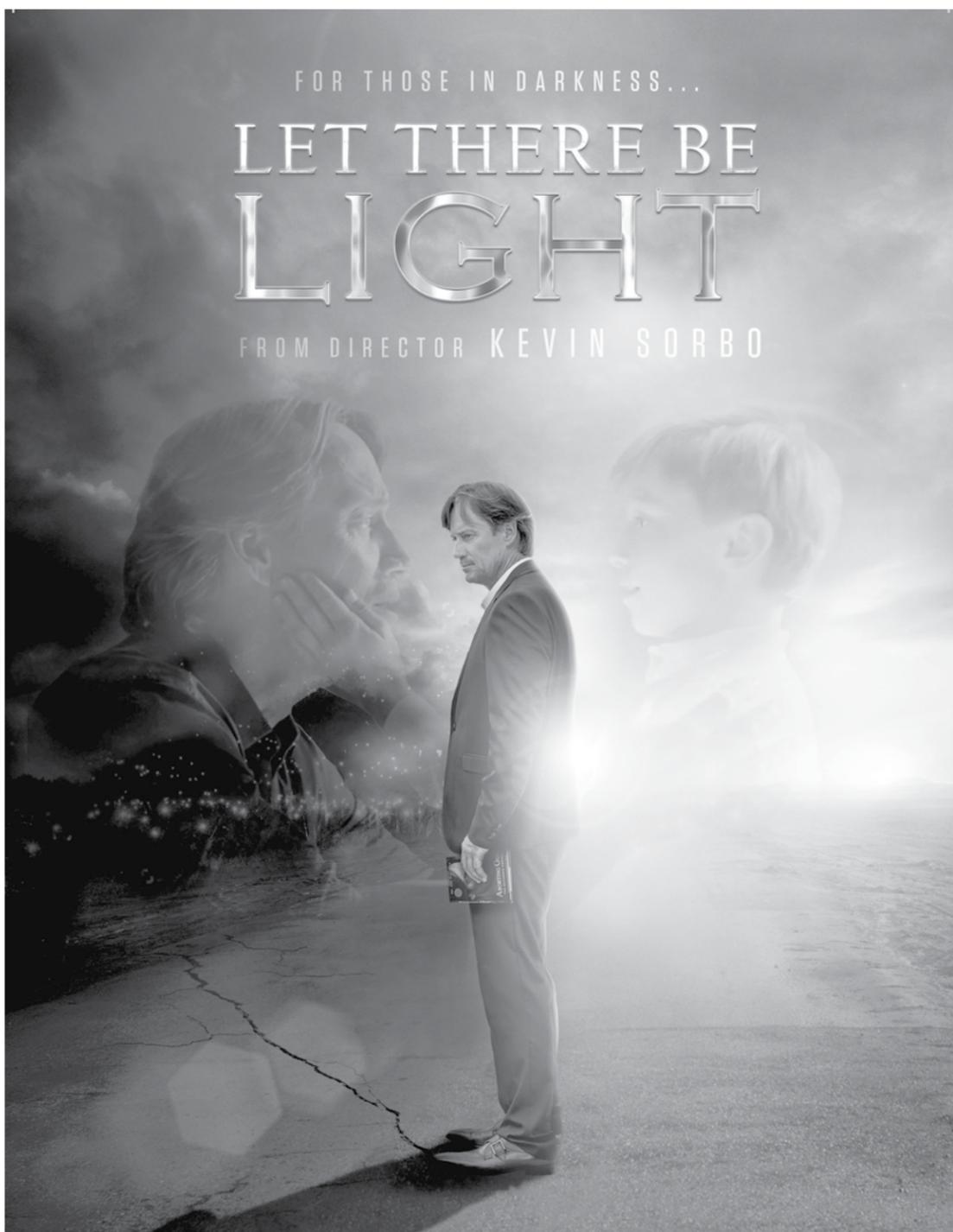
Consider this statement, “Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income” (Ecclesiastes 5:10). The repeated word never is emphatic—there are no exceptions. There's an unspoken corollary to this statement: To become satisfied, you must change your attitude toward wealth.

Money itself is never the answer. What we need is a radically different perspective on money and a genuine opportunity to do something with it that will make our lives meaningful instead of meaningless.



If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14



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their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Handling Irritations



By Pastor Bill Ehmann,
Wood Village Baptist Church

Individuals in all age groups have irritations in their lives. An infant, although they do not understand it, is irritated when a change or feeding does not happen when they feel the need for it. They know how to get our attention.

Schoolchildren get irritated when they think there is too much homework and not enough playtime. Teenagers find boundaries and curfews annoying because they feel they deserve more freedom. Young adults get irritated when job opportunities do not come at the time they desire or when finances limit

their goals and ambitions.

It is not unusual for older individuals to deal with a number of irritations: Limited ability to sleep well, lack of strength or motivation to accomplish simple tasks, and those lingering aches and pains. Someone said that the only parts of their body that did not hurt were the ones that did not work any longer. Annoying, right?

Irritations are often caused by unmet expectations. To the "on time" person, a late arrival is annoying. If we are in a hurry, we can be irritated by someone who takes too long to tell a story or finish a project. Young people are annoyed by older ones who do not appreciate their ideas, while older people may find those youthful ideas ridiculous. Lack of communication can result in irritation.

So how are we supposed to handle life without being upset and annoyed by other people—or even ourselves? Is



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The Greatest Man Of The Second Millennium



By Bryan Fischer

As a result, the history of the world was changed forever, and the impact of his courage and boldness will be felt until the end of time.

Great men have left their imprint on the world's politics, science, literature, art, commerce, and education. But over the last 500 years, all of them have stood on the shoulders of this great man.

While others brought civilization back to liberty or prosperity or peace, Luther brought civilization back to the word of God.

Martin Luther was the greatest man of the second millennium.

Many great and influential men moved about the world stage between 1000 AD and 2000 AD - George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Napoleon, Abraham Lincoln, Bismarck, and Winston Churchill to name just a few - but Luther towers above them all.



Martin Luther

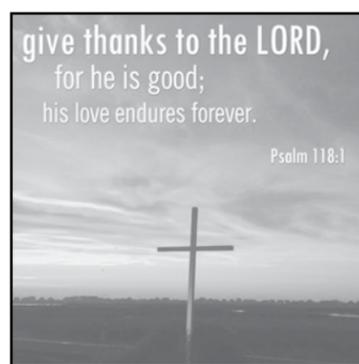
Luther had no intention of changing the world when he tacked the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church on October 31, 1517.

In fact, he said later that if he had known what he was getting into, he couldn't have been dragged into it "by a team of twenty horses."

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As a lowly monk, he stood alone against the mightiest political power of the day, the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, and against the mightiest religious power of the day, the pope of the Roman Catholic Church. This wasn't David against Goliath, this was David against an army of Goliaths. Luther took them on, and he won.



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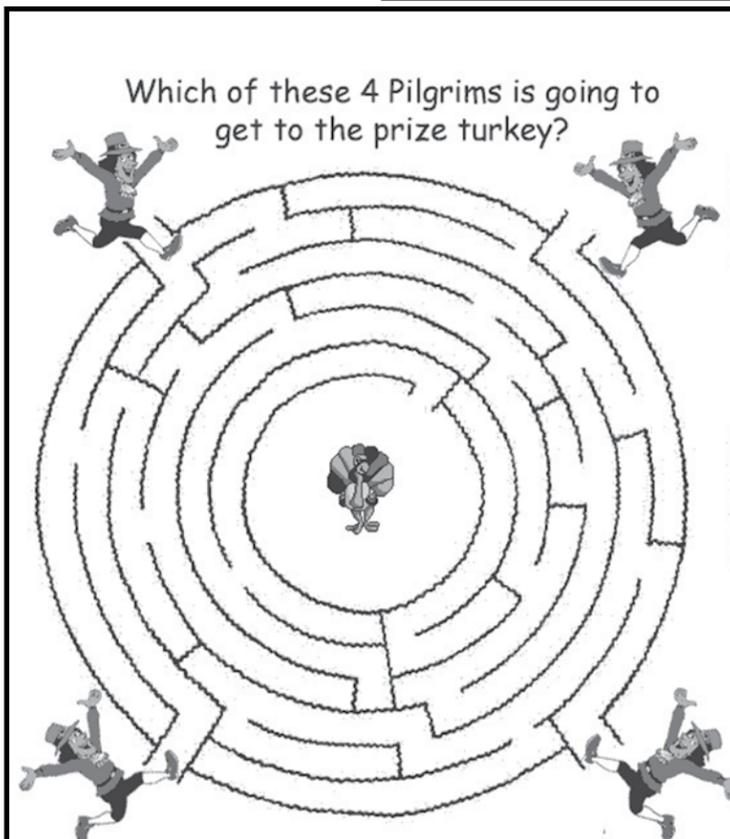
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there anything we can do to enjoy life more and be annoyed less? Is the responsibility totally on ourselves, or should we expect others to help solve the problem?

Undoubtedly, some of the process of handling irritations begins early in life when we decide what will unnerve us and what we can overlook. Children can learn to determine whether an irritation is worth the time it would take to change the situation. This pattern can be helpful as _____ we grow older.

There are enough potential _____ What is the best use of our time?

irritations in a typical day to take up considerable time if we try to resolve each one of them. At the end of the day, have we actually accomplished anything that will last? What is the best use of our time?

I have been pursuing an idea called "choosing to be annoyed – or not." An unkind word, a door left open, or a selfish attitude in someone has the potential of irritating me. So I evaluate the situation and usually decide that I could be annoyed by that, but I choose not to be—it would not be a good use of my time.

I am amazed at how many irritations I can let go when I choose to. The problem does not go away, but I do not allow it to become my issue. I make the decision to keep it from becoming an irritation.

There is another way to handle irritations called "The Oyster-Pearl Remedy." We know that the most valuable and beautiful pearls are the result of an irritation inside an oyster. Nature has designed the oyster to build a smooth buffer around an irritation, and eventually it becomes a lovely pearl.

It is possible to accept someone who annoys us and mentor them into a valued team player. We can choose to see their annoying comments and attitudes as a reminder to pray for them and lead them into a more positive life outlook. The most annoying person can become a valued friend—a result of the way we decided to respond to them.

Irritations are trials that wear on our patience. The New Testament writer James said we should find joy in trials, because they test our faith and produce endurance. If an oyster could talk, I think it would say "Amen" to James' counsel. That little creature has no will to choose to make a pearl out of an irritation—it just does what Creator God designed it to do. I have a choice, so I want to learn to use the time when I could be annoyed for something positive instead.

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But when he ran across John Tetzel corrupting the purity of the gospel beyond recognition by selling indulgences - sentence reductions in purgatory - for filthy lucre, had knew he had to do something.

He simply wanted to start a dialogue and a debate about the corruption and theological error that had crept into the church of his day. He had no desire to destroy the church; he only wanted to reform it. He wanted to restore the gospel in all its purity - that Scripture and not tradition is our ultimate authority, and that man is not saved by works but entirely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.

But he was resisted, intimidated, and threatened by the religious and political establishment of his day, and brought before the Diet of Worms to answer to the emperor and the pope.

Luther manfully refused to budge even though he knew his life was at stake. Said Luther at the climactic moment, "Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason...my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor

safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen."

An eyewitness reported that as he left the room after defying the most powerful men in the world, he raised his fist in the air and said, "I am finished!"

But he wasn't. With God protecting him, he worked to bring European civilization back to the original authority of the Bible and away from misguided human tradition. He wanted to restore men to the glorious truth that they are set right with God by faith, and not by obedience to a set of man-made rules.

Protestantism was the fruit of his labor, and as it swept through Europe it not only revitalized a continent's spiritual life, it radically reformed its political life as well. The biblical concept that every man is a priest in his own right led inevitably to the selection of political leaders by the vote of the people rather than by heredity.

Protestantism took root in England, but the hunger of the Puritans and Separatists for an even more purified church led them and hundreds of thousands of Protestants after them to the shores of America. (The population of America at the time of the Founding was 98.4% Protestant, 1.4% Catholic, and 0.2% Jewish).

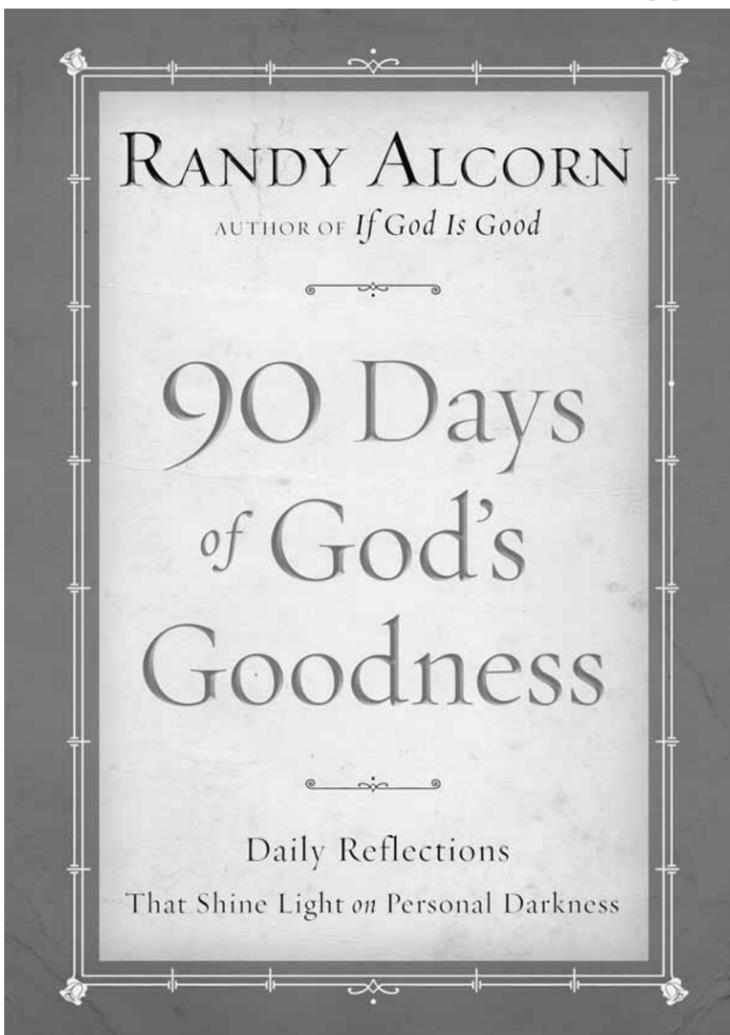
The Protestant heirs of Luther in America formed the colonies, drafted the Declaration of Independence, crafted the Constitution, and unleashed the Protestant work ethic which made America the most prosperous nation in the history of the world. Protestants founded America and built America.

America soon became the greatest force for good in the history of humanity, modeling what a republican form of government looks like, demonstrating the centrality of Christianity to a prosperous and stable society, and sending more missionaries to more darkened corners of the world than the rest of the world combined.

In 1851, the yacht "America" took on the sailing world and trounced the competition. Queen Victoria asked, "Who is first?" When she was told it was America, she asked, "Who is second?" "There is no second," came the reply.

And none of that would have been possible apart from the courage of one man who dared to stand on the truth of Scripture and change the course of human history.

The greatest man of his millennium? Hands down, Martin Luther. And there is no second.



Stop Norovirus!

Norovirus causes diarrhea and vomiting. It spreads easily from an infected person to others, especially in long-term care facilities. Elderly residents are more likely to become very sick or die from norovirus.

Protect yourself and elderly residents from norovirus.

<p>WASH YOUR HANDS</p>  <p>Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time and avoid touching your mouth.</p>	<p>CLEAN SURFACES</p>  <p>Use a bleach-based cleaner or other approved product* to disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched.</p>	<p>WASH LAUNDRY</p>  <p>Remove and wash soiled clothes and linens immediately, then tumble dry.</p>
<p>USE GOWN AND GLOVES</p>  <p>Use gown and gloves when touching or caring for patients to reduce exposure to vomit or fecal matter.</p>	<p>STAY HOME WHEN SICK</p>  <p>If you're sick, stay home and don't take care of or visit people in long-term care facilities for at least 2 days after your symptoms stop.</p>	

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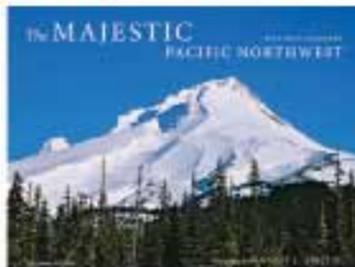


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