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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jude in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Acts 9, to what city was Saul traveling when suddenly there shined around about him a light from heaven? Jerusalem, Damascus, Anab, Ekron
3. How many days did it take Nehemiah to get the wall around Jerusalem completed? 6, 52, 100, 1,000
4. From Acts 17, at what church was Paul accused of turning the world upside down? Antioch, Smyrna, Thessalonica, Galatia
5. In Genesis 3:15, the snake is supposed to strike at (bruise) what part of man? Throat, Hand, Heel, Eyes
6. From Revelation 12, what angel fights against Satan? Gabriel, Angel of the Lord, Cherubim, Michael

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Damascus; 3) 52; 4) Thessalonica; 5) Heel; 6) Michael

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# Community Calendar

# March

March 2021

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### Holidays

- 14th - Daylight Saving Begins
- 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- 20th - Spring Begins
- 27th - Passover Begins in the evening

### Community Events

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# HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

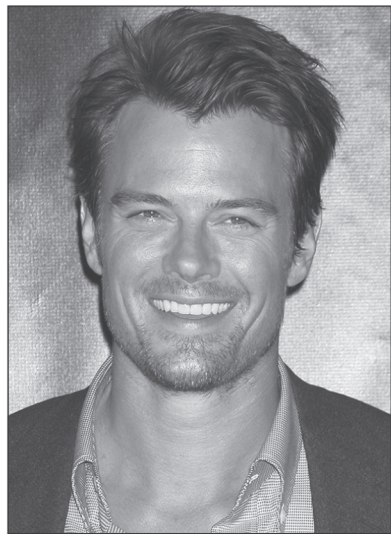
HOLLYWOOD — Welcome to the first big scandal of 2021. **Armie Hammer**, of the hit film "Call Me by Your Name," is in hot water because messages have surfaced on social media, allegedly written by him, in which he, supposedly, gives graphic details about sexual fantasies, some referencing cannibalism. He's denied the accusations and calls them "bulls\*t." His estranged wife, **Elizabeth Chambers**, has publicly said she is "shocked, heartbroken and devastated."

Lionsgate, producers of the upcoming **Jennifer Lopez** film "Shotgun Wedding," which was to have co-starred Hammer, moved swiftly to remedy the situation, replacing Hammer with **Josh Duhamel**. How Hammer's other films, already completed and awaiting release, will be affected is anyone's guess. "Crisis," with **Gary Oldman**, **Evangeline Lilly**, **Greg Kinnear**, **Michelle Rodriguez** and **Luke Evans**, was due Feb. 26, followed by "Death on the Nile," due Sept. 17. The sports comedy "Next Goal Wins," with **Michael Fassbender** and **Elisabeth Moss**, is in post-production, awaiting a release date.

Lopez, meanwhile, has completed "Marry Me," with **Owen Wilson** (due May 14), and is prepping to play drug lord **Griselda Blanco** in "The Godmother."

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Two of Josh Duhamel's recent successes were "Transformers: The Last Knight" (2017) and "Love Simon" (2018). Due to COVID, his next projects, "The Lost Husband," with **Leslie Bibb** (Christine Everhart in "Iron Man" 1 and 2) and "Think Like a Dog," with **Megan Fox**, went to Video On Demand, while "Buddy Games," which he wrote/produced/directed and starred in, with **Dax Shepard**, **Kevin Dillon** and **Olivia Munn**, has been caught in the COVID distribution mess as well. He's also got the Netflix streaming series "Jupiter's Legacy," with **Ben Daniels**, **Leslie Bibb** and **Matt Lanter**, with the first episode due May 7.



Depositphotos

Josh Duhamel

Duhamel still has legions of loyal fans from "All My Children," and, oh yes, he was married to the "Black Eyed Peas" **Fergie** for 10 years, and they had a son. He's a far better match for Jennifer Lopez than Armie Hammer.

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We suspect the **Shirley MacLaine/Peter Dinklage** film "American Dreamer," which begins shooting March 15 in Vancouver, will undergo a name change since the film "American Dreamer," starring stand-up comic **Jim Gaffigan**, was released in 2019. MacLaine, one of the last four living studio-created movie stars of The Golden Age of Hollywood (the others being **Jane Fonda**, **Sophia Loren** and **Robert Redford**), will give Dinklage a run for his money. He plays a Harvard economics professor and she, a lonely, childless near-death widow, offers him her sprawling estate for next to nothing. Dinklage will next play a man pretending to be a leprechaun in "O Lucky Day." It must be quite a part because he swore he'd never play a leprechaun ... proving never say never!

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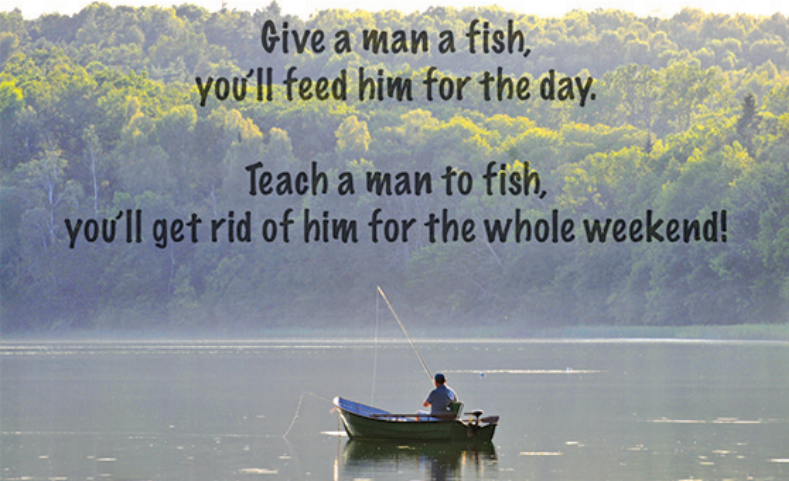
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might feel more encouraged about changes in your personal and/or professional life. However, it might be best not to rush things but rather work with them as they evolve.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's business sense is especially keen this week. But remember that it's always best to investigate before investing. Make sure there are no hidden factors that can rise up later on.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Working on a family project could create tension between and among those concerned. Your good sense and your patience can help reduce bad attitudes and raise positive feelings.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You should be seeing more progress in the development of your plans and more supporters joining in. News from the past could help change someone's long-held position.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) With personal aspects strong this week, Leos and Leonas might want to spend more time with family and others who are especially close to them. Also expect news of a possible career change.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Taking a strong stand can be helpful this week. But be careful you don't cross the line into obstinacy. Best to take a position on facts as they are, not as you want them to be.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You have a strong sense of the needs of others. This week, turn some of that sensitivity into an honest self-appraisal, and let it find places where you can help yourself.



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**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Creating an emotional comfort zone to handle a personal problem helps at first. But by midweek, you'll realize you need to deal with it directly or it could linger for too long.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Turning the page on a mistake to start fresh might not be the thing to do. Better to go over each step that led up to the decision you made and see which one misled you.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Goats enjoy a varied diet, but eating crow isn't on the menu -- at least not this week. An embarrassing situation might have gone wrong before you got into it. Check it out.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your sense of honesty might impel you to speak up about a situation you disapprove of. That's fine. But do so without sounding accusatory. You might not know all the facts behind it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Being asked to create a reassuring attitude in the middle of chaos isn't easy, but you can do it. Support for your efforts comes slowly, but it does come. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

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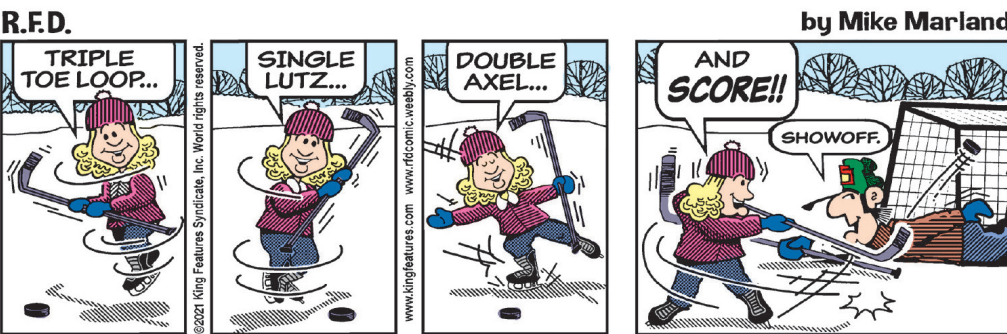
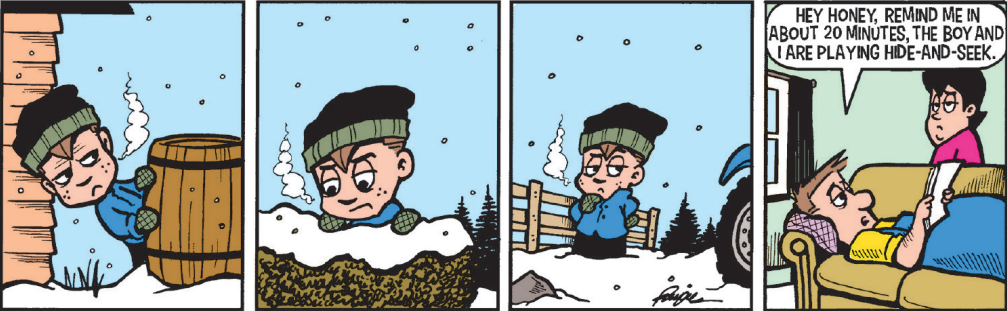
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 by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦  
 ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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  - 4 Touse
  - 8 Labyrinth
  - 12 Altar constellation
  - 13 Isaac's eldest
  - 14 Modern taxi alternative
  - 15 World of organized crime
  - 17 Dross
  - 18 Earth (Pref.)
  - 19 Poetic feet
  - 21 Ohio city
  - 24 Actress Long
  - 25 Mentalist
  - 26 Candied veggie
  - 28 Knight wear
  - 32 Stagger
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  - 36 Flintstones' pet
  - 37 Seoul setting
  - 39 Fawn's mom
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  - 42 Bearded beast
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  - 4 Tune
  - 5 "Born in the --"
  - 6 Grit
  - 7 Egypt's neighbor
  - 8 Hot dog condiment
  - 9 With skill
  - 10 Gusto
  - 11 Work units
  - 16 "Gosh!"
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  - 21 Ankara resident
  - 22 Crunchy cookie
  - 23 Klutz
  - 27 Wet dirt
  - 29 State made of two peninsulas
  - 30 Aware of
  - 31 Colonial seamstress
  - 33 Lentils, for example
  - 35 Dijon denial
  - 38 Reply (Abbr.)
  - 40 Aerie newborn
  - 43 Leading man?
  - 45 Greek X
  - 46 Transaction
  - 47 Big fair, for short
  - 48 Striped fish
  - 49 Vacillate
  - 53 Spanish gold
  - 54 Hubbub
  - 55 Just out
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1. "Roseanne"; 2. All; 3. Roy Orbison; 4. Red; 5. Mammoth Cave, Kentucky; 6. Involuntary muscle twitch; 7. Andrew Johnson; 8. Bery; 9. Delaware; 10. milliliter or ml

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-'90s sitcom featured the Conner family?
  2. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "pan" mean in English?
  3. MOVIES: Which artist sang the song that inspired the movie title "Pretty Woman"?
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There is a cycle of violence that involves both humans and animals.

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We received a telephone call several years ago from a woman who had witnessed a man harshly beat two puppies. When we went to his house to speak with him about it, his response was an arrogant and chilling, "I don't beat my puppies any harder than I beat my children."

Research and data support what is actually a matter of common sense; that is, if someone hurts an animal, they will also hurt a human.

In one case, we took two dogs from a man because he had just cut off their ears with box cutters. His girlfriend came to court and testified about how he



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was such a kind pet owner. Within a month, he had stabbed her to death.

In another case, a young man was accused of putting a small kitten in a mail drop box. His mother defended him and told us what a sweet, gentle person he was. Several months later, the son killed his mother.

Victims of domestic violence can be reluctant to leave an abusive situation because they do not want to put a pet at the mercy of the one who abused them. Because of my experience on that plane so many years ago, the City animal shelter is pleased to offer a safe haven for pets at risk when the owners leave home to enter a protection program. It is entirely confidential and free.

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**You Otter be in the River District!**

**March 6, 2021  
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## Danville's River District App: Distrx, to launch March 6th with a downtown scavenger hunt, walking tours

DANVILLE VA –River District Association (RDA) is pleased to announce the launch of the River District Downtown App, Distrx, with a with a scavenger hunt “apptivity” for the community, “You Otter be in the River District.” The scavenger hunt will be live on March 6th, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. There are 11 shy otters hiding around the River District. Solve clues and explore downtown to figure out where the otters are hiding!

To participate, download the Distrx app, choose The River District as your district, and then click on the “contest” section to start the hunt! This is a great COVID-19-friendly family activity that can be done outside.

Everyone who participates in the scavenger hunt can stop by the River District Association office at 208 N. Union Street to get some popcorn and a gift bag. All participants will also be entered to win fun Danville themed prizes:

- Grand prize: One gift basket of Danville themed items and gift certificates (total value \$150).
- Second Prize: Three gift bags with a HOME T-shirt, baseball cap, cup, mask, and a copy of the Dan River Twins Book
- Third Prize: Six prizes of a copy of the Dan River Twins book

For those who would rather take a narrated walking tour downtown, the Distrx app will have two walking tours live on March 6th.

Visitors and residents can learn about Danville's Civil Rights history by taking the Civil Rights/Union Bottom tour. This tour, narrated by local historian Karice Luck-Brimmer of Our History Matters, celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit and contributions to the Civile Rights Movement of Danville's historical African American business district.

Additionally, the River District Revitalization tour, put together by the City of Danville's Office of Economic Development, and narrated by Diana Schwartz, Executive Director of River District Association, celebrates the work and progress behind the now lively and re-imagined River District.

Distrx is a mobile app that is part of a nationwide network of Main Street districts and will provide both visitors and residents of the Danville area with a directory of downtown businesses, parking information, walking tours, a calendar of downtown events, and updated COVID protocols. The Distrx app is available to download on Apple and Android devices on the Apple Store, and Google Play App Store. There is no cost to download the app.

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## DANVILLE TRANSIT EXPANDS SAME-DAY SERVICE HOURS

Danville Transit bus

Effective Monday, March 1, the Danville Transit System will offer expanded same day service hours for all reservation-based operations via online reservations.

Reservation-based operations include the Reserve A Ride service, Handivan operation, and Senior Transportation program.

Passengers can visit [www.danvilletransit.com](http://www.danvilletransit.com) to complete an online reservation form and obtain additional information to receive service the same day a trip is requested at certain times. Same day service will be provided from 8 a.m. until 12:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Kathleen Matherly Payne

May 18, 1923 ~ February 23, 2021 (age 97)



Mrs. Kathleen Matherly Payne, age 97, of Danville, VA, passed away on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at SOVAH Health Danville. She spent the last four and a half years at Brookdale Danville Piedmont.

She was born on May 18, 1923 in Pittsylvania Co., VA to the late Benjamin Matherly and Minnie Steele Matherly. On Dec. 24, 1941, Mrs. Payne married Coleman R. Payne. They were happily married, until his death on March 17, 1997.

Mrs. Payne was a homemaker, and she attended Temple Baptist Church, as long as her health allowed her to do so.

She is survived by her children, Richard L. Payne and his wife, Jane; Cathy P. McKinney and her husband, Mark, all of Danville, VA; grandchildren: Matthew McKinney and wife, Kim, of Charlotte, NC; Dr. Beth McKinney, of Lubbock, Tx; great-granddaughter, Riley McKinney, of Charlotte, NC; brother, Jimmy T. Matherly, of Martinsville, VA; and sister-in-law, Christine Matherly; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Payne was predeceased by seven sisters and five brothers.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021 at Highland Burial Park with Rev. Susan Hannah officiating.

Due to the Covid-19 guidelines, attendees are asked to practice social distancing and wear a mask.

Barker Funeral Home is respectfully serving the Payne family.

## Raymond Lester Gammon

October 24, 1936 ~ February 24, 2021 (age 84)



Mr. Raymond Lester Gammon, age 84, of Danville, Virginia, passed on February 24, 2021 at SOVAH Health of Danville.

Mr. Gammon was born on October 24, 1936, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, to the late Seward Lester "Buck" Gammon and Pearl Beggarly Gammon.

Mr. Gammon was a hardworking farmer and was of the Christian faith.

Mr. Gammon is survived by his stepchildren, Carol Walker (Gary), Joseph Martin (Paula), and Robert Martin (Anita); he is also survived by five step grandchildren, one niece, and four nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Gammon was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy Maiden Gammon; brothers, Edmond Gammon and William Gammon; and sisters, Lorine Wentz, Ruby G. Moss, and Elizabeth G. Custer.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 2 PM at the Gammon Family Cemetery with Doctor Charles Scearce officiating.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Gammon family.

## Calvin Jones Crews, Sr.

February 2, 1950 ~ February 27, 2021 (age 71)



Mr. Calvin Jones Crews, Sr., age 71, of Dry Fork, Virginia, passed on February 27, 2021 at SOVAH Health of Danville. He was the last survivor of his generation.

He was born on February 8, 1950, in Richmond, Virginia, to the late Jeff Jones Crews and Agnes Marie (Garrett) Crews.

Mr. Crews worked as a truckdriver for many years and served his country in the United States Army.

He is survived by his loving wife, Hestell (Wilson) Crews ("Tissie"); and his children, James Crews, Ginny Marie Crews, Mindy Louise Travis, and Calvin Crews, Jr. ("CJ"); and stepchildren, Patti, Rosie Faye, and Maryann.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Crews was predeceased by his siblings, Tammy Crews, Patricia Bean, and David Lee Crews.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 2 PM in Swicegood chapel with Doctor Charles Scearce, David Terrell, and Reverend Gilmore Hundley officiating. Visitation will be held in the chapel Wednesday, March 3 from 6 to 8 PM. Interment will follow in the Wilson & Brays Family Cemetery, located on West Fork Road in Cascade, Virginia.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Crews family.

## Kathy Blaha Coston



Kathy Blaha Coston went home with her Mother and Father, on February 19, 2021, after Many Years of Declining Health. She is Survived by her Husband Larry, Daughter Heather Coston Rosenqvist, her husband Robert of San Antonio, TX, and her Son Seth Matthew Coston, his Wife Jessica, and Grandchildren Seth Jr. and Finley, of Guilford CT.

Interment will be with her Mother, in Guilford, CT.

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## Carl William Guthrie



Carl William Guthrie, 82, of Danville, VA passed away on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Sovah Health in Danville, VA after a short illness. He was born on June 20, 1938 in Halifax County to the late Evelyn Dickerson Guthrie and Grover William Guthrie.

Carl was a Veteran of the United States Navy. He worked as a pipefitter and welder for over forty years before retiring.

He loved to fish and hunt and enjoyed the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife of forty-three years, Iris Bates Guthrie of the home; daughter, Lisa G. Jones (David) of Danville, VA; son, Sam Henderson (Syndi) of Waynesboro, VA. Also surviving are his four granddaughters, two grandsons, two great-grandson and his sisters, Arlene Worley (Carrol) of Danville, VA and Betty Haley (Benny) of Greensboro, NC.

Carl was preceded by his first wife, Rachel Hawker Guthrie; son, Barry Guthrie; daughter, Kimberly G. Thomas; and brother, Jim Guthrie.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Hillcrest Burial Park with Pastor Robert Hicks officiating and other times at the home.

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**Danny Wayne Cockram**



Danny Wayne Cockram, age 64, passed away on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at UNC Rex, Raleigh, NC from Covid. Danny was born February 21, 1957 to the late Luke Cockram and Gracie Cockram.

He was predeceased in death by his sisters, Carlene Shelor, Vivian Bowman, Betty Lewis, and brother, J. L. Cockram.

Danny worked at Commonwealth Home Health Care and also had been a painter for many years with Bob Newnam Builders and privately. Danny was a man of many talents including song writer, singer, artist, and inventor. Danny was a member of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, where he was very active, but especially enjoyed the choir and the summer mission trips with the youth.

Danny is survived by his wife, Melanie S. Cockram, daughter, Kelsey Shelton (Mark); son, Dustin Cockram (Cheryl); grandchildren, Luke Shelton, Harper Cockram, and Hutson Shelton; sister, Sandra (David) Haden, and brothers, Gene Keith (Ruby), Bill Keith (Judy), and Garland Keith; sister-in-law, Carolyn S. Hawker; numerous nieces and nephews, friends, and church family.

A celebration of his life will be held Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with Pastor Jimmy Calhoun and Pastor Timothy Barth officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park.

The family respectfully suggests that memorial donations be made to the Mount Olivet Building Fund or the charity of your choice.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Cockram family.

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**Pattie Bibee Owen**



Pattie Bibee Owen, 58, of 1668 Silver Creek Road, Danville, VA went home suddenly on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 to be with her Lord and Savior.

Pattie was born in Danville, VA on March 2, 1962, a daughter to Roy Lee Bibee, Sr. and the late Sylvia Ann Harris Bibee.

She had lived all of her life in Pittsylvania County where she was a graduate of Dan River High School, Class of 1980. Pattie was co-owner & operator for Owen Farm Tours. She was known for her love of God, people and animals. Pattie was a life time member of the Non- Denominational Christian Tabernacle where she taught Sunday School, served as choir leader and was an avid member of the church ladies group along with being very active in all other church activities. Pattie was loved in the community by so many people where she was often known as (MeMaw). She was a volunteer and supporter of God's Pit Crew.

On July 4, 1981, Pattie married her loving husband David Wayne Owen, who survives of the residence.

Pattie, is also survived by two sons, Joshua David Owen (Stephanie), of Cascade, VA, Lucas Wayne Owen, of Danville, VA, one daughter, Katelyn Owen Kitzmiller (Blake) of Ringgold, VA, her Father, Roy L. Bibee, Sr., one brother, Roy L. Bibee, Jr. both of Ringgold, VA, one sister, Kathy B. Crane, of Danville, VA, seven grandchildren, Brooklyn Paige Owen, Eben Joshua Owen, Sadie Lynn Owen, Jayln Mckinzie Webb, Grace Lucas Owen, Owen Lee Kitzmiller, Ryder Blake Kitzmiller and a number of nieces and nephews.

A funeral service celebrating Pattie's life was conducted on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Non-Denominational Christian Tabernacle in Mountain Hill by Pastor Ben Forrest, Terri Johnson and Rev. Jody Pollard. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers that memorial donations be made to the Non-Denominational Christian Tabernacle, P.O. Box 1134, Chatham, VA 24531.

The staff of Piedmont Shopper would like to extend our condolences to the Owen family. We had the privilege of working with Pattie over the past twenty years and will forever be indebted to her support of our paper, her dedication to our community and her love and care of our children who spent summers on the farm with their "Ms. Pattie" and loved her so very much. There is no doubt in our minds that the first words Pattie heard from the Lord were "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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MONTHLY SENIOR SECTION



**'A LIFE WELL-SPENT' - SENIOR LEGAL PLANNING**  
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## NOT A MYTH: Medicaid Can Recoup Benefits Paid Out From An Estate When Someone Passes!

Fewer things will send someone into a total panic faster than receiving a Medicaid Estate Recovery letter in the mail. Imagine a family still grieving from the passing of a loved one getting a letter informing them that the government funds used for nursing home care for the deceased are owed and must now be paid back! In some cases, we are talking in upwards of hundreds of thousands of dollars here.

This very real concern arises from a long-standing but little-known aspect of Medicaid, the state-federal program that provides health coverage to millions of low-income and elderly Americans. **In certain cases, a state has the right to recoup its medical costs by putting a claim on a deceased person's assets. Make no mistake, this includes the state of Virginia.**

Under Medicaid law effective for all states, following the death of the Medicaid recipient a state can attempt to recover from his or her estate whatever long-term care benefits it paid out for that recipient's care. States also have the option of recovering all Medicaid benefits from individuals over age 55, including costs for any medical care, not just long-term care benefits. However, no recovery can take place until the death of the recipient's spouse, or as long as there is a child of the deceased who is under age 21 or who is blind or disabled.

While states must attempt to recover funds from the Medicaid recipient's probate estate, meaning property that is held in the beneficiary's name only, they have the option of seeking recovery against property in which the recipient had an interest but which passes outside of probate (this is called "expanded" estate recovery). This includes jointly held assets, assets in a living trust, or life estates. Given the rules for Medicaid eligibility, the only probate property of substantial value that a Medicaid recipient is likely to own at death is his or her home. However, states that have not opted to broaden their estate recovery to include non-probate assets may not make a claim against the Medicaid recipient's home if it is not in his or her probate estate.

In addition to the right to recover from the estate of the Medicaid beneficiary, state Medicaid agencies must place a lien on real estate owned by a Medicaid beneficiary during his or her life unless certain dependent relatives are living in the property. The state cannot impose a lien if a spouse, a disabled or blind child, a child under age 21, or a sibling with an equity interest in the house is living there.

Once a lien is placed on the property, if the property is sold while the Medicaid beneficiary is living, not only will the beneficiary cease to be eligible for Medicaid due to the cash from the sale, but the beneficiary would have to satisfy the lien by paying back the state for its coverage of care to date. In some states, the lien may be removed upon the beneficiary's death. In other states, the state can collect on the lien after the Medicaid recipient dies. Consult with a Certified Elder Law Attorney® who specializes in Asset Protection in your state to see how your local agency handles this.

There are some circumstances under which the value of a house can be protected from Medicaid recovery. The state cannot recover if the Medicaid recipient and his or her spouse owned the home as tenants by the entireties or if the house is in the spouse's name and the Medicaid recipient relinquished his or her interest. If the house is in an irrevocable trust, the state cannot recover from it.

In addition, some children or relatives may be able to protect a nursing home resident's house if they qualify for an undue hardship waiver. For example, if a Medicaid recipient's daughter took care of him before he entered the nursing home and she has no other permanent residence, she may be able to avoid a claim against his house after he dies.

In certain situations, some options recommended in good conscience from attorneys who do not specialize, nor are actually certified in Elder Law to protect assets are in reality, short-term solutions that can be grossly inadequate to address larger long-term problems down the line. Consideration, care and the right approach for the specific situation are absolutely needed. Now more than ever, Asset Protection is key. As government health insurance coverage expands, the need for proper Asset Protection becomes even more important!

The rules and regulations of Medicaid are quite complex, and no one should try to navigate the process without the right information and representation in their corner. If you or someone in your family have not started your planning already and are concerned about eventual nursing home care, it is crucial to consult with a Certified Elder Law Attorney® to figure out the best way to plan for the future. For more information on **Medicaid Planning** or **Asset Protection**, please contact us to schedule an appointment.

Elder Law Attorney to discuss the options available for your family.

As always, if you have a question or issue that you think might be a good topic for this column, let me know! Email me at [rhaley@vaelderlaw.com](mailto:rhaley@vaelderlaw.com) or send to me via snail-mail to this address:

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## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Plato's city	_____ S	Goddess of wisdom	_____ A
2. Sing like Bing	_____ N	No-good thief	_____ K
3. Conceit	_____ D	Cost	_____ C
4. Backbone	__ P _____	Gleam	__ H _____
5. Feature	_____ L	Keep back	_____ N
6. Patriotic flag maker	_____ S	Barney Rubble's wife	_____ T
7. One or the _____	_____ H	Weasel's river kin	_____ T
8. "Tonight Show" host	F _____	Four quarts	G _____
9. Quick-witted	_____ P	"Jaws" villain	_____ K
10. Customer	_____ N	Squad	_____ L

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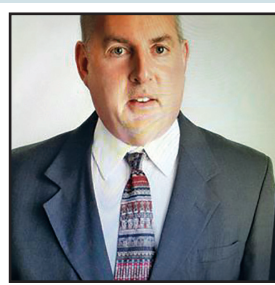
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# Birdhouse NEWS

**WONDER DOG**  
Skipper, a newborn border collie in Oklahoma City, may go down in history, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The puppy was one of a litter of nine pups but, unlike her brothers and sisters, she was born with six legs. The dog's veterinarian Dr. Tina Neel says that a week after her birth she was going strong, noting that Skipper may be the first pup with her condition to be born alive. "She has one head and chest cavity but two pelvic regions, two lower urinary tracts, two reproductive regions, two tails and six legs, among other things." Neel says Skipper is a "strong" girl who "loves to nurse and is able to scoot around just like a regular puppy. We think that she may have some things to overcome, but she is determined right now and thriving."

**A CRYPTIC PREGNANCY**  
An Indonesian woman claimed recently that she got pregnant when a "gust of wind" entered her body, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. She says that within 15 minutes she went into labor and was rushed to a local clinic where an hour later she gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Neighbors in the religious West Java community where this happened were quick to assume that she concocted the story to cover up an extra-marital affair. But it is more than likely that she simply didn't know she was pregnant. Such so-called cryptic pregnancies occur more often than you might think. The online site WebMD reports that one in 2,500 pregnant women show no signs that they are with child until they go into labor.

**SLEEPY TIME GAL [OR BOY]**  
The Sleep Standards Website claims to provide visitors with all there is to know about getting a good night's rest and now it's offering one lucky visitor a "dreamy" way to earn a bit of cash-- \$2,000, to be precise, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The job is pretty easy; all you need to do is snooze away for five nights in a row. Each night you'll find yourself in the sack in a different location, including one night in a 5-star hotel room. The aim is to identify ways of improving "sleep quality," so when you awake each morning you will simply jot down a description of how well you slept and rate the experience on a scale of one to ten.

**LONG LOST TWINS**  
The state of Indiana unsealed adoption records a few years ago, allowing 51-year-old Karen Warner to identify her birth mother. She also made the surprising discovery that she had a twin brother, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. With very little information at her disposal, she embarked on a hunt for her sibling. It was a long and tedious undertaking, but Karen never gave up and finally found her twin by checking voting records for birthdays. Not only did they share a birthday, but it turned out that she and her twin, Mike Jackman, knew each other way back when they were high school classmates. Since they found each other Karen and Mike apparently can't get enough of each other; they get together several times a week. As Mike put it: "It's filled a void in my life I didn't know was there."

**A TIGHT FIT**  
A 1,034 square foot townhouse that's up for sale in the Shepherds Bush section of London with an asking price of 950,000 pounds [\$1.3 million]. But this is no sprawling five-story pied-à-terre; in fact, it's just six-feet wide, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The real estate agency that's listing the property says it is "quite probably the thinnest house in London." It does have three bedrooms, including a third-floor master bedroom that is six feet, two inches wide and almost 21 feet long. Two additional bedrooms are located on the first floor; one is a not so spacious eight feet by six feet and the other is about 16 and a half feet by five feet, ten inches. The lone bathroom takes up the entire second floor.

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Viagra Daddy

Dear Viagra,

It's true. If you're age 62 or older and are still raising young children, there's a Social Security benefit strategy that can put some extra money in your family coffers.

Here's how it works. When you file for Social Security retirement benefits, your minor children can get money on your work record equaling half of what you would receive at full retirement age, now gradually rising from 66 to 67. Even if you were to take a smaller benefit by claiming earlier, your kids will still get half of your full-retirement age amount.

To qualify, your daughter – whether she's biological, adopted or a stepdaughter – must be unmarried and under age 18. Kids that are over 18 but still in high school, can collect too until they graduate or turn 19, whichever comes first. (Other rules apply to kids that are disabled.)

But that's not all.

Because one of your children is only 14, your wife (if you're married) can collect Social Security benefits on your work record too, and it doesn't matter if she's just 40 years old. The minimum age requirements to collect retirement benefits (62) or survivor benefits (60) does not apply when it comes to collecting benefits as the caregiver of a young child. The spouse's benefit, which is also worth up to half of your benefit, will stop when your daughter turns 16.

But note that there are limits to the amount of money that can be paid to a family. The Social Security "family maximum payment" is determined by a complex formula and can range from 150 to 180 percent of your

full retirement benefit amount. If the total exceeds that, each person's benefit, except yours, is cut proportionately until it equals the maximum.

Here's an example of how that's figured. Let's say, for example, that your full retirement age benefit is \$2,400 per month. That would make your family maximum benefit (according to the Social Security formula at [SSA.gov/oact/cola/familymax.html](http://SSA.gov/oact/cola/familymax.html)) roughly \$4,200 per month.

Subtract your \$2,400 benefit from the \$4,200 family maximum benefit, which leaves \$1,800. That's the monthly amount that can be split between your two children – \$900 each. If your wife wants in on it too, the individual checks are smaller, at \$600 a piece, but the family amount is the same.

You should also know that minor children can collect up to half of a disabled parent's Social Security disability benefit. And if the parent dies, they will get a survivor's benefit, which is up to 75 percent of the deceased parent's basic Social Security benefit.

To learn more, see the SSA publication (No. 05-10085) "Benefits for Children" at [SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf](http://SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf).

One Caveat

Social Security benefits for your kids may not be available before full retirement age if you are still working. In 2021, you will lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 earned over \$18,960, except in the year you reach full retirement age. In that case, the earnings limit is \$50,520, with \$1 in benefits withheld for every \$3 earned over the limit.

If you lose your benefits, your dependents also lose theirs. You can recoup those payments later, but your kids can't.

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- 1943, Casablanca.
  - 1947, Honolulu.
  - 1946, Paris.

2. What method did women adapt to look as if they were wearing stockings when none was available due to rationing during W.W.II?
- Suntan.
  - Leg painting.
  - Wearing slacks.

3. Which Paris designer gained fame in the 1940s for his “New Look?”
- Lewis Comfort Tiffany.
  - Christian Dior.
  - Yves St. Laurent.

4. How did famous '40s bandleader, Glenn Miller, die?
- Pneumonia caught when his trombone's spit valve backfired.
  - Heart attack when hearing that June Allyson was to play his wife in a movie.
  - Plane crash over the English Channel.

5. What was the nickname given to the women who worked in the USA's war production plants during W.W.II?
- Contentious Clara, the commander.
  - Bodacious Betty, the blue-collar bomb.
  - Rosie the Riveter.

6. Who was Bill Haley and what was the name of his group?
- World War II General, wounded leader of the Italian Campaign.
  - Democratic candidate for Congress in 1958.
  - 1950s Rock and Roll singer and guitarist, leader of “Bill Haley and the Comets.”

7. What was a DA?
- Hairstyle featuring hair combed into a “duck ass” in the back.
  - District Attorney.
  - The name of a '50s rock group.

8. What does LSMFT stand for?
- Lets Share More Fun Times
  - Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco
  - Leisure Strides Make Feet Tingle

9. During the Korean War, name the date of the US Marine assault on the port of Inchon?
- July 4, 1949
  - September 6, 1951
  - October 1, 1950

10. Name the two stars of “The African Queen,” and the year the movie debuted.
- Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, 1950
  - Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, 1956.
  - Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart, 1951.

11. What phenomena made popular in the 1950s allowed everyone to become an artist?
- Paint-by-Number sets.
  - Paint Rollers.
  - Feathery brushes.

# SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Another COVID Scam

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You know it's getting bad when local police chiefs go on the nightly news to warn against scams. That's what is happening in my area, and possibly in yours. Scammers are going all out to steal your information, money and identity, and they're using the COVID vaccine as their tool. A few weeks ago, the scammers' tactic was to claim we were eligible for a special COVID Medicare card. The card doesn't exist. So many of us might have said that in response to the frequent phone calls that the scammers changed tactics. Now they claim to have an appointment for you to get the COVID vaccine. Here's how it works: A scammer will claim to be calling from your doctor's office, without actually naming the doctor. All they need from you, they say, is your Medicare card number and possibly your bank account or Social Security number “for identification.” Your best bet is to just hang up. But if you ask for the name of the doctor, they won't know it. It's the same with hospitals and clinics.

If you're not sure whether the call is fake, hang up and call your doctor, the hospital or clinic, and ask if they've tried to contact you. Scammers also are using different tactics: telling you they can fit you into a quick appointment, saying they're from Medicare or your insurance provider, sending you an email that indicates you can get a fast appointment reservation by calling their special phone number, or offering you the vaccine at a “reduced cost” (the vaccines are free). Some of them actually offer to mail the vaccine to you. Don't fall for any of these scams. If you need help signing up online for an appointment, call your doctor's office or the senior center. Don't give scammers any information, not even your name.

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\* If your pooch doesn't like to poop in the snow, here's a great trick to secure a patch of grass (even if frozen). Lay a square of plywood down on the ground, with a rope secured as a handle. After a snow, pull up the wood to reveal the ground underneath.

\* Use mismatched socks to protect glass items when transporting them from place to place, or even in storage.

\* Refillable spray bottles work best for cleaners. Refills can be economical, they put less waste in the system, and here's one more reason: less propellants used, which can be a serious irritant to lungs. Purchase an attractive bottle, and then look up some recipes for eco-friendly cleaners. You might be surprised how well they work and how great they smell!

\* “Add some nuts to your morning cereal or smoothie for a nutritious boost. It's not just for oatmeal or granola. I like to crush a handful of walnuts and sprinkle them across my waffles.” -- J.E. in Maine

\* Get rid of the smell of burned popcorn in your microwave by setting a bowl of coffee grounds in it overnight. Somehow, when you remove it in the morning, it smells of neither popcorn nor coffee!

\* Before removing a splinter, ice the area. There's less fussing and a wooden splinter might absorb some liquid, causing it to swell enough to pop out a bit more.

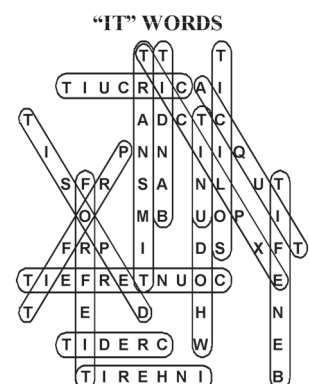
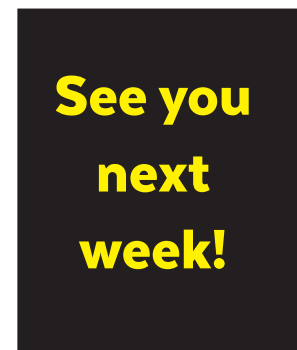
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**Even Exchange**  
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| 1. Athens, Athena | 6. Betsy, Betty    |
| 2. Croon, Crook   | 7. Other, Otter    |
| 3. Pride, Price   | 8. Fallon, Gallon  |
| 4. Spine, Shine   | 9. Sharp, Shark    |
| 5. Detail, Detain | 10. Patron, Patrol |

**“OLDER THAN DIRT” TRIVIA ANSWERS:**

- c) 1946, Paris. The bikini got its name from the South Pacific atoll where the atomic bomb was tested.
  - b) Leg painting, including black lines on the back of the leg to resemble seamed stockings. A whole industry developed around leg painting as it was thought the height of fashion to look as if you were wearing the impossible-to-get nylon stockings.
  - b) Christian Dior. After the war years with their masculine fashions, Christian Dior designed a line of clothing featuring nipped waists and long “Flower Petal” skirts topped with head-hugging hats. Mamie Eisenhower adopted this style and, along with her bangs, became the world's most avid fan of the “New Look.”
  - c) Plane crash. It has never been established whether his plane was shot down or crashed due to weather or mechanical failure.
  - c) Rosie, the riveter. These wives, mothers, and girlfriends of the men fighting overseas become the deciding factor in the production of war material and share in America's final victory.
  - c) “Haley and the Comets,” early rock-
- ers. They debuted on American Bandstand and helped usher in the Rock and Roll age, much to the consternation of parents and clergy world-wide.
7. a) High school boys' hairstyle popular in the 1950s. Hair was worn long, greased up, and combed into a V formation at the back of the head. Elvis wore his DA well.
8. b) Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco, an advertising slogan used after the cigarette's wartime, “Lucky Strike Green has gone to War.” Because Luckies and Camels were given to GI's during the war, they were the most popular brands for many years after.
9. c) October 1, 1950. This audacious invasion behind enemy lines closed the port and helped push the North Koreans north of the 38th Parallel.
10. c) Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart. One of Hollywood's most tender love stories, Bogart's Mr. Olnot remains one of the screen's most enduring and endearing characters.
11. a) Paint-by-Number sets. Complete with brushes and pots of oil paints, and a picture, with numbers corresponding to the colors, these masterpieces were destined to hang in living rooms all over the country, until, like all fads, it thankfully died out.

