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# At the Houdini Museum, In Scranton, Pa., Indulge In a Different Kind of Escape

By George Gonzalez

Special To The Washington Post

**D**orothy Dietrich, the First Lady of Magic, stood alone on a compact stage, her blond hair stark against the backdrop of heavy red curtains. She raised a flat hand to her eyebrows, almost in mock salute, looking for a volunteer. She scanned the cross-legged children seated before her and the crowd of teenagers, parents and other adults behind them. She held her gaze for a moment toward the back of the crowd and straightened her finger, "You there, sir," summoning me to the stage.

I was at the Houdini Museum in downtown Scranton, Pennsylvania. In 1988, Dietrich, who co-owns and operates the museum with her partner, fellow magician Dick Brookz, famously became

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Dorothy Dietrich with her partner, fellow magician Dick Brookz at their Houdini Museum in Scranton, Pa. (Photo by Jim Graham — For The Washington Post)

## Don't Get Fooled Again By Bogus Links, Bots and Pure Bunk: Here's How

By Margaret Sullivan

The Washington Post

**R**oger Daltrey of the Who sang it with a full-throated scream in 1971: "We won't get fooled again!"

And yet, we still do. Oh, do we ever.

Remember this one from the presidential campaign? The "news story" that spread the lie that Pope Francis had endorsed Donald Trump for president? It was shared more than a million times. Or recall the faked report that the leader of the Islamic State was urging American Muslims to vote for Hillary Clinton.

With the proliferation of hoaxes, conspiracy theories, doctored photos and lies that look like news, it's inevitable: We're all chumps sometimes.

For those who are tired of it, along comes the first Interna-



Alexios Mantzarlis, director of the International Fact-Checking Network, at a conference last year. (Photo by Diego Epstein)

tional Fact-Checking Day — which arrived, appropriately, on Sunday, just after April Fools' Day.

Think of it as a global counterpunch on behalf of truth.

"It's not about being killjoys, shaking a finger at everyone, so we're trying to do it with

a sense of fun," said Alexios Mantzarlis, the 28-year-old director of the International Fact-Checking Network, based at Poynter Institute in Florida.

"We really wanted to get the

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## One Florida Agency Put Out a Want Ad for Python Killers

By Darryl Fears

The Washington Post

**W**hen a Florida water agency announced a plan to hire 25 people to catch Burmese pythons early last month, I immediately thought of two of the wildest guys I've ever met.

Ruben Ramirez and George Brana basically applied for this job during Florida's first great snake hunt, the Python Challenge, four years ago but didn't get it. They thrashed through the swamp outside Everglades National Park to prove to the state wildlife agency that sponsored the hunt that their skills were worth paying for.

I ventured out with them on the final day of the hunt. By that time, they had already caught 18 pythons and bragged



Brian Smith, a U.S. Geological Survey biologist, and Kristen Hart, a research ecologist, carry one of the largest pythons ever captured out of the Everglades. (Photo by U.S. Geological Survey)

about it. "You're looking at the winners right here. We're kicking butt," Brana said. They told me things that made my head spin. Other hunters carried machetes and guns, but Ramirez and Brana insisted on catching pythons by hand. The rules called on hunters to behead the giants, but Ramirez,

a snake lover, said, "We don't like to kill them," as Brana nodded in agreement.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission handed the duo a prize for most snakes caught, but it didn't hire them. A lack of

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EAGLE NEWS

## Regional

# Highlights of the Annual Trout Derby in Naples

Below are scenes from the 56th Annual Rainbow Trout Derby sponsored by the Naples Rotary Club, held every April 1st. The overall leader was Jake Perkins, whose catch came in at 6.38 lbs/26.25", according to the Derbys' FB page. All photos are by Barb Rathbun, exclusive to the New York Eagle News, unless otherwise noted in the caption. See more photos at [facebook.com/TheNewYorkEagleNews](https://facebook.com/TheNewYorkEagleNews).



**Above**, a fish caught by Mel Snyder of Bath is weighed and measured at the Fire Hall. **Below**, Mark Miller of Ontario, NY. **Right**, is a wide angle shot of Gary Pakf from Middleport, NY.



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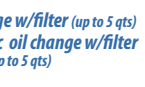
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**Above**, Carol Ewart, wife of Billy Ewart (shown in the photo below, on the left)



**Above**, Mel Snyder of Bath at the Fire Hall to have his fish weighed and measured (it is shown at top left of this page). **Left**, Billy Ewert (left) from Avon and Paul Jurek from Alden, NY have a pretty amazing story: they've been running into each other at this same fishing hole on Eelpot Creek for 15 yrs. They always chat then go out to breakfast at the VFW after. They've never known each other's names until last Saturday, when photographer Barb Rathbun asked them their names while taking this picture — they had no clue! **Below**, Gary Pakf from Middleport.



Billy Zastawny of San Diego, originally from Kendall, who came back to fish with his Dad with his catch-and-release fish. (Photo courtesy of Billy Grove, taken by Howie Fleischman.)



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# Steuben County News

## Information Provided

### Steuben Land Bank Receives State Funds

A plan to redevelop vacant, abandoned and tax-delinquent properties in Steuben County got a boost March 24th, with the announcement the county will receive \$500,000 for use in its land bank.

State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman announced a total of \$20.9 million in new grants will be distributed to 19 land banks in the state set up to protect homeowners and neighborhoods across the state by acquiring abandoned properties and returning them to productive use. The grants include \$500,000 for Steuben's land bank, which was created in July 2016.

"We are grateful our application has resulted in state funding for an important element in our economic and community development," said county Deputy Manager Mitch Alger. "The Steuben County Land Bank will provide the county and partner municipalities with another tool to combat rundown properties that are foreclosed or tax-delinquent, while improving neighborhoods and getting these homes back on the tax rolls."

The county Legislature set up the nonprofit Steuben County Land Bank Corporation in July and expects to partner with a local non-profit agency to oversee operations.

Steuben expects to rehabilitate or demolish up to 10 properties over the course of the two-year grant.

In addition, the award will support start-up costs associated with getting the land bank up-and-running. Once properties become marketable, they will be sold and the proceeds returned to the land bank for future rehabilitation of other properties, Alger said.

"Communities throughout New York are still suffering the fallout from the housing crisis, and my office will continue to support innovative efforts to help them recover," Schneiderman said, in a prepared release.

The Attorney General established the initiative in 2013 with funding secured through settlements with the nation's largest banks over misconduct that contributed to the housing crisis.

Since then, the program has reclaimed more than 1,995 abandoned properties; returned more than 700 properties to market; demolished 409 unstable structures, and reserved \$19 million in property value for surrounding homes, according to Schneiderman's office.

### Steuben Legislature Approve \$8.9 Million Capital Construction Project

Steuben County legislators approved March 27th bids for a capital construction project which includes

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# Coming Soon! Pipeline Training for First Responders

## Article Submitted

**Quality first responder training is essential in establishing the communication network needed to effectively manage an emergency situation.**

- Paradigm is offering a NEW, interactive Coordinated Response Exercise (CoRE) pipe-line training
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CoRE is a discussion based pro-

gram charged with energy. During the CoRE program participants work through a table-top exercise with local pipeline operators and gas distribution companies to pre-plan an emergency response.

CoRE Interactive Program for First Responders:

- Work a simulated product release with your local pipeline operators
- Learn and understand each other's responsibilities so everyone is prepared to work a coordinated response in the event of an emergency
- Identify the product release and necessary response
- Who we notify in the event of a leak or release
- The location of valves, and what to do with them
- Obtain operator contact information for the area
- Discuss local pipeline sizes, locations, products, and operating pres-

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# Choose Health Yates

## Article Submitted

**The Choose Health Yates Coalition supports Yates County residents in healthy eating and active living through support, advocacy and education. You may have seen the Coalition's signs or table tents in local restaurants to show support of their efforts.**

To continue their efforts around creating environments that support healthy eating, the Coalition would like to announce that they will be discontinuing their table tent initiative in local restaurants, and will be shifting their focus to local food pantries. Choose Health Yates will be working with local food pantries to increase healthy options, increase the use of local produce, and offer opportuni-

ties for education and promotion of healthy eating and active living.

Choose Health Yates would like to thank all of the restaurants that have participated in their table tent initiative. All participating restaurants have been very receptive of their efforts and want to positively impact the health of Yates County residents.

If you are interested in learning more about the initiatives of Choose Health Yates or would like to request a visit from one of their committee members, please call Yates County Public Health at (315) 536-5160.

The Choose Health Yates Coalition will be present at various events throughout the year, so keep your eyes open for the Choose Health Yates logo and always remember to eat well, be active, and have fun! ■

# DEC Proposes Additional Free Fishing Days

The New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

**Based on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's signed legislation in 2014 authorizing additional statewide free fishing days, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is proposing four free sport fishing days be added to complement the state's existing free sport fishing days. DEC is seeking public comments on the proposed changes.**

First established in 1991, free sport fishing days allow New York residents and non-residents to fish for free without a fishing license at any of the state's 7,500 lakes and ponds or 70,000 miles of rivers and streams.

The free events give people who might not fish a chance to try the rewarding sport at no cost, introduce people to a new hobby, and encourage people to support the sport by purchasing a New York State fishing license.

The proposed additions are:

- Presidents Day Weekend (the weekend immediately preceding Presidents Day in the month of February) - These two days generally coincide with winter recess for schools, making it ideal for families to try ice fishing.
- National Hunting and Fishing Day (one day) - Takes place annually on the 4th Saturday in September and links to events taking place nationwide. Fishing at this time of year is generally good for many species, including fall salmon fishing in the Great Lakes tributaries.

• Veteran's Day (one day) - Fishing is considered one of the most therapeutic outdoor activities, making it an excellent tribute to veterans and those currently serving. Governor Cuomo specified Veteran's Day as a free fishing day in 2015, and this proposal would make it a permanent free fishing day.

In addition, to avoid confusion concerning the existing free fishing days in June, DEC is proposing the regulation be changed from "the weekend which includes the last Saturday in June," to the "last full weekend in June."

Defining specific free fishing days allows DEC to more effectively promote these days well in advance of their occurrence, ultimately increasing public participation. Furthermore, having a designated set of free fishing days allows those planning vacations around these dates to do so without issue.

Public comments will be accepted

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through May 6, 2017. Comments may be sent to the address below or emailed to [fwwish@dec.ny.gov](mailto:fwwish@dec.ny.gov). Enter "Free Sport Fishing Days" in the subject line.

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# Obituaries

## BATH, NY

### Charlotte E. (Blakeman) Clayson

**Bath, NY - Charlotte Evelyn Clayson, 97**, passed away March 27, 2017 at home. Charlotte was born on February 15, 1920, to Harry and Leafia Jane Houghtalen Blakeman in Sayre, PA. Her father died when she was 20 months old, so she was raised by her grandmother, Henrietta Houghtalen, until the age of seven when her mother married Arthur Campbell. Around the age of two, Charlotte suffered a severe case of polio leaving her with a crippled arm. Though this might have been seen as a disability by many, Charlotte never let it hold her back. Charlotte spent much of her childhood in Sayre, PA, and graduated from Almond High School in 1939. (Hers was the last class to graduate from the school.)

On November 21, 1941, Charlotte married Ward Clayson in Springwater, NY. Ward and Charlotte had three children, and celebrated 63 years of marriage before Ward passed away October 24, 2005. They began their marriage in Honeoye Falls, NY, but spent most of their married life in Bath.

Charlotte was a homemaker who loved to cook. She was pleased to work at the W.T. Grant & Company. When she left Grant's she turned her energy to volunteering. In addition to being president of the Builder's Club and a member of the Women's Society at the Centenary United Methodist Church, Charlotte volunteered at the Bath Information Booth for 10 years, for the Red Cross, and at the old Ira Davenport Hospital when it was located in downtown Bath. She was very proud of being a lifetime mem-

ber of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Unit 173. Charlotte held several offices in this organization, including serving as county president for 3 years. For over 34 years, Charlotte has donated nearly 4,000 hours to our veterans.

In addition to spending time with her family, Charlotte loved to travel, and had especially fond memories of her trips to Mardi Gras and Hawaii. As a 30+ year member of the Republican Club, Charlotte always looked forward to working as an election inspector. In later years, when she was forced to stay closer to home, she found great comfort in reading, doing puzzles, watching her fish, enjoying her cat, Ginger, and playing bingo.

Charlotte is survived by her children, Evelyn (Merrill) Kaufmann, Timothy (Sharlot) Clayson and Fred Clayson; 4 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ward; her parents; her sister, Martha; and her half-brother, Lawrence.

Funeral services were held April 3rd at Fagan's Funeral Home, with Pastor Eleanor Collinsworth officiating. Burial was set for Bath National Cemetery. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Music Program at the Centenary United Methodist Church, 3 W. Washington Street, Bath, NY 14810. Online condolences may be left at [www.fagansfuneralhome.com](http://www.fagansfuneralhome.com).

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### Ronald E. King

**Bath, NY - Ronald E. King, 85**, passed March 25, 2017. Ron was born May 4, 1931 to Warren and Inez King. Ron served in the Korean Conflict and was very dedicated to his country, family and friends. Always put everyone before himself and would go

without so someone else didn't have to. A true American and neighbor. Anyone who has had the honor of meeting Ron King knows what hole the community now has.

He is survived his children, David C. King, Brenda (Mark) White, Rhonda (Mark) Tobias, Neal (Hilda) King, 18 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and close friends. Ron was predeceased by his loving wife of 59 years, Elizabeth A. King; son Mark King; brother Daniel (Ruth) King; and sister Agnes (Derv) Rowland.

Funeral services were held March 30th at Fagan's Funeral Home, Bath, with Father Brad Benson officiating. Burial with military honors was set for Nondaga Cemetery, Bath. Online condolences may be left at [www.fagansfuneralhome.com](http://www.fagansfuneralhome.com).

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## CANANDAIGUA, NY

### Evelyn (Rose) Adams

**Canandaigua, NY - M. Evelyn Adams, 92**, passed away on March 25, 2017. Evelyn was born in Corning and was the daughter of Edward and Florence Rose. She earned an art degree from RIT. Much of her art career was as an illustrator, in retail advertising, for Rochester department stores. She was a member of the Pittsford Art Group and the Naples Art Network, for several years. Evelyn was a founding member, of the former Gallery on Main Street, in Canandaigua. Her drawings and paintings can be found in many local homes.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Bernard Adams; children Leslie (James) Charlier and Kendall Adams; and grandchildren Corey, Joseph and Margaux.

Her Memorial Mass was held March 29th at St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua. Interment was set for Woodlawn Cemetery, Canandaigua. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cobblestone Arts Center, 1622 Rte. 332, Farmington, NY 14425, or go to [cobblestoneartscenter.com](http://cobblestoneartscenter.com). Arrangements were with Johnson-Kennedy Funeral Home, Inc., Canandaigua. Condolences may be offered at [www.johnsonkennedy.com](http://www.johnsonkennedy.com).

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### Linda Ann (Van Deusen) Smith

**Canandaigua, NY - Linda Ann Smith, 89**, passed away peacefully March 25, 2017 at M.M. Ewing Continuing Care Center. Linda was born in Rochester and was the daughter of Harold and Kathleen (O'Malley) Van Deusen. She attended Canandaigua schools and was a graduate of Canandaigua Academy class of 1946. Linda worked at the VA Medical Center for several years. She was a member of St. Mary's Church. Linda was an artist, working with all mediums. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, quilting

and was an avid tennis fan.

She is survived by her children, Kathleen (Alex) Burt, Marcia (Bill) McMahon, and Stephen and Laura Smith; grandchildren Rick (Kristen), Larry, and Christopher (Mary-Ann) Burt, Megan (Andrew) LeMay, Melissa Kestler and Aimee (Bruce) Hawkins; great-grandchildren McKenzie and Sophie Kestler, Foxie, Millie, Bennie and Ollie Hawkins and Kylyn Newman; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard J. Smith, Sr.; son Richard J. Smith Jr.; sisters Jean Brell and Connie Wetmore; and brother John "Jack" Van Deusen.

Her Memorial Mass was held April 4th at St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua. Interment was set for Evergreen Cemetery, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Benedict Parish for St. Mary's Church, 95 N. Main St., Canandaigua, NY 14424; or F.F. Thompson Foundation for M.M. Ewing Continuing Care Center, 350 Parrish St., Canandaigua, NY 14424. Arrangements were through Johnson-Kennedy Funeral Home, Inc., Canandaigua. Condolences may be offered at [www.johnsonkennedy.com](http://www.johnsonkennedy.com).

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### Marion I. Waugh

**Canandaigua, NY - Marion I. Waugh, 92**, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2017. Mrs. Waugh was formerly of Buffalo and Rochester.

She is survived by her children, Suzanne Martin, James (Patricia), John (Kathryn), and Joseph (Renee) Waugh, Judith Mitchell, and Christine (Douglas) Lynn; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald Waugh; and daughter Candace Ostrom.

Her funeral mass was held March 31st at St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua. Interment was set for St. John's Cemetery, Cheektowaga. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Benedict Parish, for St. Mary's Church, 95 N. Main St., Canandaigua, NY 14424. Arrangements were through Johnson-Kennedy Funeral Home, Inc., Canandaigua. Condolences may be offered at [www.johnsonkennedy.com](http://www.johnsonkennedy.com).

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## DANSVILLE, NY

### James J. Heiman

**Dansville, NY - James J. Heiman, 83**, passed away peacefully March 24, 2017 at the Vincent House in Wayland, surrounded by his family. Jim was born July 17, 1933 in Groveland, a son of Henry and Magdalen (Bricks) Heiman. Jim was a longtime employee of Foster Wheeler, retiring after 35 years. He was a lifelong communicant of Holy Family Catholic Community at St. Mary's and Sacred Heart, and

was a dedicated member of Jackson Hose Fire Company in Dansville.

Jim was an adoring fan of baseball, having played, also watching his children and grandchildren play and watching the game on television and in the stands. He also loved to watch softball, and liked to bowl. He was a great enthusiast of the NY Giants and the LA Dodgers (even back when they were the Brooklyn Dodgers!). A devotee of the lottery, Jim frequently played in hopes of winning big. All who were close to him knew that if he won, all the money would have gone straight to his family. Jim will be remembered as a wonderful family man who lived life to the fullest, always cherishing every moment spent with loved ones.

Jim is survived by his wife, Lois; sisters Norma Cotton and Rita Templeton; his brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Roseanne Heiman; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Jeanette and Dewey Davis; his children, Henry (Molly), Michael (Anne), Richard (Diane) and Kenneth (Janet) Heiman, Janice (Timothy) Dunham and Anne (Donald) Shaffer; 20 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brothers, Robert and William Heiman; his sister and brother-in-law, Marian and William Hursh; and a great-granddaughter, Brooke Price.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 27th at Sacred Heart Church, Perkinsville. Burial was set for Holy Cross Cemetery, Dansville. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 11119 Chapel St. Perkinsville, NY 14529; and the Vincent House, PO Box 566, Wayland, NY 14572. Arrangements were with Chamberlin - Baird Funeral Home, Inc., Dansville. Those who would like



to write words of consolation to the family may do so at [www.bairdfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhomes.com).

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### Charles William Wolf

**Dansville, NY - Charles W. Wolf, 81**, passed away peacefully March 30,



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# Japan Considering Development Of Hack-Proof Satellite System

The Japan News/Yomiuri

**Japan's Internal Affairs and Communications Ministry is considering a plan to develop a communications system to prevent cyber-attacks that target satellites.**

The system will feature dynamic encryption of data transfers between satellites and their terrestrial stations, making it more difficult to decode such data even when it is intercepted by unauthorized parties.

With the proposed plan, the government aims to establish a secure communications network that is unique to Japan, for domestic security purposes and to spur investment in the private-sector aerospace industry.

The system will be designed to transmit codes using lasers and code

generators installed on satellites.

Led by the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology under the jurisdiction of the ministry, the project — combining government, industry and academic institutions — aims to commercialize the system in five to 10 years.

The ministry will include the project in the government's space-related proposals to be decided this spring. Related expenses are expected to be included in the budget plan for fiscal 2018.

Other than for military satellites and others with big budgets, countermeasures against cyber-attacks on satellites have been progressing slowly.

The United States found that some of its satellites had been hacked, resulting in data theft, while in other

cases control of its Earth observation satellites was disrupted.

In 2014, a U.S. weather monitoring network was disrupted and rendered unusable for a period of time.

Satellites send data to terrestrial base stations using radio waves. The data is vulnerable to unauthorized interception by third parties due to the wide transmission area inherent in satellite broadcasting.

Vulnerability remains even for encrypted data as the encryption algorithms are set before the satellite is launched.

Hackers who are able to decode the encrypted data can stage cyber-attacks on satellites and may even be able to manipulate its control or intercept data. Furthermore, many satellites have no form of data encryption.

To address this problem, the min-

istry will install a code generator on satellites so the device can dynamically encrypt data.

The dynamic codes will be sent to the ground base station using light beams. As the encryption is dynamic, it is more difficult for hackers to decode data even if they are able to intercept transmissions.

The code generator is a cube, approximately 10 centimeters on each side — small enough to be installed on a microsatellite being developed by a start-up firm, which is approximately 30-40 centimeters on each side.

In 2015, the aerospace industry's global market was valued at about 22 trillion yen, nearly double the figure of 10 years earlier. It is highly likely that more satellite-related businesses will be launched.

The communications ministry aims to have an advantage in the industry by developing a secure communications system that companies will be able to use at a low cost.

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## Home From Bible Study

Richard, my friend's little grandson came home from Sunday School and I asked him what they had studied.

His reply was, "Nothing." So I asked him, "Didn't you study Jesus?"

Richard's reply was, "No, he wasn't even there." ■

### STEBEN NEWS FROM PAGE 3

an office/conference center on East Morris Street, and a records building on Mount Washington.

The county Legislature also approved a proposal to build a third-story shell at the downtown center, provided total costs remain under the projects' total budget of \$8.9 million.

Planning for a third story now means additional support for the structure at a lower cost than anticipated for future construction expenses.

The projects' costs will be paid through a bond and county reserves, and will not mean an increase in property taxes.

Steuben officials have been concerned for years about the lack of space at the county building and the inconvenience for residents looking for services. State-mandated programs, notably in public defense, also are likely to require additional space in the near future.

In addition, the county leases space at the Old Health Care Facility on Mount Washington in order to house electronic voting machines and state-required records. Plans call for:

1) Offices for the county Board of Elections and electronic voting machines.



Student leaders engage in group activities at the Steuben County Youth Summit, one of many programs provided by the county, being recognized locally as a part of National County Government Month. (Photo provided)

2) Offices and an instructional kitchen for Steuben's Cornell Cooperative Extension.

3) A 150-seat conference room which could be divided into smaller meeting rooms as needed.

4) A 4,300 square-foot metal storage facility on Mount Washington to include an office and state required "inactive" records.

County officials and a special legislative committee have considered expansion options for more than two years, including the use of vacant properties on Liberty Street. However, owning unoccupied space in Bath's business district would take the properties off the village's tax rolls, create new expenses in meeting office requirements and lead to inefficiencies,

since services would be spread out.

"We believe that this project will allow the county to address the immediate shortage of space, while also planning for future needs," said County Manager Jack Wheeler. "It's a fiscally responsible plan that will create efficiencies in county services."

### Steuben Notes National County Month

The rough wilderness and footpaths that greeted settlers in Steuben County after the Revolutionary War were transformed by the newly formed county government into law-abiding, caring communities connected by primitive roads and waterways.

"So much has changed in county government since then," said county Legislature Chairman Joe Hauryski, R-Campbell. "It requires an all-out effort by everyone in county government to give our residents the services they deserve."

The efforts by Steuben County employees in serving 99,000 people in 52 municipalities across 1,404 square miles are being recognized locally as a part of National County Government Month in April.

According to a recent report by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), counties now provide residents with hundreds of services,

from public health to public safety, from supporting local industries to delivering state programs.

The report indicated counties tackle issues such as drugs and environmental hazards, and pass resolutions, ordinances, and local laws tailored to local needs. They provide support for families, youth, and senior citizens, run parks and recreation programs, promote local tourism, and help communities meet the needs of their residents, according to NYSAC.

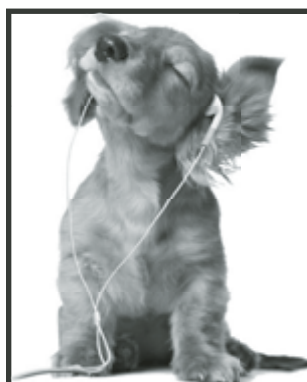
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# Health & Science

## Doctors Called Me a Too-Busy Mom — Wrong

By Melissa Banigan

Special to The Washington Post

**T**wenty years ago, I started experiencing what turned into a long list of seemingly unrelated health issues. Headaches, depression, insomnia, peripheral neuropathy, fatigue, joint pain, chest pain, shortness of breath, a lesion on my spine and a variety of uncomfortable gastrointestinal ailments.

Over the past five years, things went from bad to worse as I also became lactose-intolerant, developed mild vitiligo (a condition that leads to loss of skin pigmentation) and major vertigo, experienced a series of low-grade fevers and started to have some memory loss that I referred to as brain fogs.

Doctors told me that as an overworked single mother of 40, I might

just need to figure out ways to get more sleep and relax. Some of what was happening, they said, might be attributed to the normal processes of aging.

What was happening, however, didn't feel normal. Always a voracious reader and a writer by profession, I could no longer focus on work, read even a page of a book or grip a pen long enough to write a grocery list. I often felt too exhausted to keep plans with friends. When I did pull myself off my couch to see them, I couldn't concentrate on conversations, so I sequestered myself in my apartment and let my friendships fade. I had been a runner, a swimmer and a hiker, but just walking up a flight of stairs made me lose my breath so completely that I succumbed to inactivity.

I did everything the doctors asked me to do. I changed my diet and sleep schedule, went to a physical therapist and saw specialists in neurology and

rheumatology and even a mental-health therapist. I then also turned to massage therapists, herbalists and an acupuncturist.

Despite all of this, my symptoms worsened. The pins-and-needles sensations of the peripheral neuropathy in my arms and legs became so uncomfortable that it was difficult to sleep, and feelings of dread and severe joint pain roused me with a jolt most mornings at 3 or 4 o'clock. I tried to maintain a normal work schedule, but it was cut short when I went into an intensive care unit after a common cold turned into pneumonia and I developed sepsis. My brain fogs, which previously had amounted to forgetting a few words or leaving my keys in odd places, worsened. I forgot my Social Security number, important deadlines and, once, even the date of my daughter's birth.

One afternoon, I stood in a room and had no idea where I was. Confused and panicked, my world feeling black, I finally realized that I was in the kitchen of my apartment in Brooklyn. The myriad of symptoms I had been dealing with for 20 years was no longer manageable. Feeling sound in neither mind nor body, I was terrified.

The next day, I went to a neurologist (the third over the past many years), mostly concerned with my memory loss. Early-onset Alzheimer's felt like the elephant in the room, but I was assured that I was too young. After giving me a short memory test — during which I couldn't remember even the name of the mayor of New York — he scheduled a second appointment to conduct a longer cognition battery. As usual, one of his nurses drew blood during the first appointment. I thought nothing of it until I received a phone call the next morning: "You have a B12 deficiency," I was told.

A vitamin found naturally only in animal-sourced foods such as red meat and dairy products, B12 has

a key role in the functioning of the brain and nervous system and is necessary for making healthy red blood cells. I had been taking the vitamin daily for more than a year as an oral supplement while I explored a vegan diet, so I was more than a little surprised to find out that I had a deficiency.

"It's treatable," my doctor continued, easing some of my concern. The only catch? My deficiency might be caused by an autoimmune disease called pernicious anemia.

A chronic disease, pernicious anemia occurs when the immune system attacks the parietal cells in the gastric glands and the lining of the stomach. These cells secrete a protein called intrinsic factor, which bonds with B12 before being absorbed through the gut. Without intrinsic factor, the body absorbs very little B12, which in my case had led to a deficiency despite the oral supplements I had been taking.

Symptoms of the disease vary, but I had many of them, and it was worrisome to learn that without treatment, final stages can lead to congestive

heart failure, degeneration of the spinal column, neurological complications such as dementia and — until a medical therapy was discovered in 1926 — a long, slow death.

In the early 1920s, biological researcher and physician George Whipple found through experiments with dogs that raw liver offset the effects of anemia. A few years later, George Richards Minot and William Parry Murphy discovered that their human patients' anemic symptoms were alleviated after eating a half-pound of raw or lightly cooked calf liver per day. Whipple, Minot and Murphy received a Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1934 for their groundbreaking discoveries.

Because pernicious anemia appears most often in people of Scandinavian or northern European descent, it may be a hereditary disease. I already knew of my family's strong Irish roots, and a simple DNA test revealed a genetic connection to long-forgotten Scandinavian ancestors. The final piece of my familial puzzle fit into place after

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### SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### Reversing Aging With Exercise

We've known for a long time that exercise is good for seniors. Now scientists have been able to isolate just why that is — right down to the cell level — and determine what type of exercise is best.

High-intensity interval training (called HIIT), such as walking and cycling, won out over resistance training and a program that combined both, according to the Mayo Clinic.

At the heart of the study is mitochondrial cell function, which seniors lose as we age. High-intensity interval training makes new protein in the muscles — and reverses some signs of aging. Yes, they said, it's necessary to do a few days of resistance training to actually make muscles stronger, but that wouldn't happen without the high-intensity aerobic exercise.

Two age groups were recruited for the study, 18-30 and 65-80, with each broken into three groups. One group concentrated on HIIT cycling. Another worked with leg weights. The third did a combination program. After 12 weeks, lean muscle mass was checked and compared to control subjects who did no exercise. In the HIIT group, the seniors had an increase of 69 percent in mitochondria activity, compared with the younger group at 49 percent.

How do we take advantage of this new information? First, check with your doctor that a HIIT program would be appropriate for you. It might work something like this: sitting on a stationary cycle and pedaling moderately for a period of time, with 30-second bursts of fast pedaling in the middle. Or, a moderate walking pace might be broken up with high-intensity moving for a half minute. For maximum benefit, try what the research group did: three days of high-intensity training, with two days of weight training.

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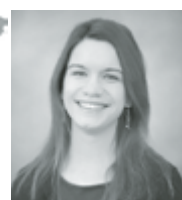
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# First Official National Vietnam War Veterans Day

By Gary Hicks  
VA

On March 29, 1973, the last American combat troops left Vietnam and returned home. Unlike troops of more recent wars, the vast majority of those brave service members did not receive a warm welcome. In fact many were spat upon, called names and treated with disdain.

Vietnam Veterans bore the horrors of battle in Vietnam only to come home to shoulder the burden of an unpopular war that was no fault of their own. The way they were treated has often been called a national disgrace and rightly so. They did their duty because their country asked them to. That's what patriots do, they serve when their nation calls.

On March 29, 2017, 44 years later, they are getting some of the recognition they earned so long ago.



Photo provided by VA.

On March 28th the president signed the "Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017" into law, designating March 29th as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

The law amends title 4 of the U.S. Code "to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Vietnam War Veterans Day" – the simple language creates both the day and encourages the flag to be flown in their honor each year.

Finally.

The bipartisan legislation, co-authored by Indiana Sen. Joe Donnelly and Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey, is the first federal statute to both recognize Vietnam Veterans and create an annual recognition. The legislation passed in the House March 21st and in the Senate February 3rd.

On March 29th, the VA recognized the day with wreath-laying ceremonies at national cemeteries and other facilities across the country.

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## National Healthcare Decisions Day Coming Up

Article Submitted

UR Medicine's Thompson Health is urging local residents to join Americans across the country in making future healthcare decisions known to family, friends and healthcare providers by taking part in National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD).

For 2017, NHDD is a weeklong event, from April 16th to 22nd. It is an initiative of The Conversation Project and its goal is to encourage people to share their wishes as well as complete advance directives such as a living will. The initiative involves the widespread availability and dissemination of simple, free, and uniform tools to guide the process.

Thompson Health's Ethics Committee

will be sharing materials related to NHDD on Thursday, April 13th, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a table outside the hospital cafeteria, and members of the public are welcome to stop by. The hospital is located at 350 Parrish St. in Canandaigua.

For more information about NHDD as well as advance directive resources, visit [www.nhdd.org](http://www.nhdd.org).

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I described my symptoms to relatives.

"When I was a child," my aunt told me, "your Nana took what she called 'liver shots.'" B12 had been synthesized as cyanocobalamin in 1948, meaning that by the time my tiny Irish American grandmother was my age, she was able to forgo what I imagine were unsavory daily doses of undercooked liver and instead take injections prescribed by a doctor for pernicious anemia.

My first "liver shot" eased my symptoms to such a degree that I felt like a new person: For the first time in my adult life, the pain I had been living with washed away, and my brain fog lifted overnight. I wonder whether my grandmother had a similar experience.

Despite how easy it is to treat B12 deficiencies, millions of people remain affected. In poorer countries, this is because they lack the vitamin in their diets. In the United States, close to 40 percent of people may have deficiencies, although only 0.1

percent of the general population and 1.9 percent of people older than 60 have pernicious anemia.

It took about 20 years for me to receive the pernicious anemia diagnosis that led to my first B12 injection. Research shows that the disease can take 20 years or more to progress, with symptoms worsening slowly over time.

I still am lactose-intolerant and have symptoms such as vitiligo and the pins and needles of peripheral neuropathy. The injections stave off the worst of my brain fogs, vertigo and other symptoms. My symptoms return slowly about two weeks after an injection and quickly by the third week. My insurance covers only one injection of B12 a month, however, which means my health and mental state fluctuate greatly depending on the week.

If I had diabetes, my insurer probably wouldn't restrict my access to insulin. My condition shouldn't be treated differently. I hope that over time, as more people learn about pernicious anemia, there will be fewer

limits on treatment.

Except for a handful of online support groups, there aren't many resources in the United States for people living with pernicious anemia. On the other side of the Atlantic, in Wales, Martyn Hooper founded the Pernicious Anaemia Society in 2005 to raise awareness of the disease.

When he was diagnosed in 2002, Hooper said, "there was no 'plain English' explanation of the disease available. I resorted to looking up the word 'pernicious' in the dictionary and discovered it meant 'ruinous, destructive and fatal.' It was obvious that nothing was available to newly diagnosed patients."

The Pernicious Anaemia Society has more than 6,000 members, and I wish that there were such a group in the United States to raise awareness. I often feel frustrated with my insurer for not reimbursing me for all of the injections I need, and when I'm feeling my worst, I sometimes lament the loss of ruined romantic relationships or income from jobs I couldn't complete because of my disease. I

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**VETERANS POST**  
by Freddy Groves

## The Appeal Backlog Is Growing

The Government Accountability Office recently issued a report to Congress about the Department of Veterans Affairs disability-claims appeal backlog.

The stats are grim. In 2015, more than 427,000 veterans had appeals pending and had waited for over three years. Of those, 81,000 veterans had waited five years. By 2026 veterans might have to wait an average of 8.5 years to have their appeals resolved.

During the audit, the VA noted three problem areas:

1) The VA said staff resources could not keep pace with the number of appeals, and it needs more people. The board approved a hiring surge in 2017. The GAO, however, discovered that the VA has not addressed training or space problems surrounding that hiring. VA then said that the

2017 hiring won't be enough and they want more people in 2018.

2) The VA blamed the process itself — a veteran can send in new evidence at any point, delaying the whole appeal. Also when the VA sends out denials of initial claims, it's not clear how to file an appeal or what paperwork is required. Veterans appeal without the correct documentation, adding to the backlog.

3) The VA says it needs new computers, but didn't indicate how and when they'd begin using a new system, which, the GAO says, means they have no idea how and when the new computers would work with a new appeals process.

Do you see the pattern here?

If you need to file an appeal, get help from an appeal representative. Go online and search for information about how to file an appeal, and read everything you can. Remember that the VA has a statutory duty to help you find your records, but you have to be specific about doctors, dates and places of treatment.

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hopeful that regular B12 injections will continue to make me feel better.

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EAGLE NEWS

# Economy & Business

## Advertisers Find It Hard to Avoid Site Spewing Hate

By Elizabeth Dwoskin,  
Craig Timberg

Special To The Washington Post

**A**s the owner of a small business in liberal Massachusetts, John Ellis was a natural sympathizer of the nationwide call for advertisers to boycott Breitbart News, with its hard-edge conservative politics and close ties to President Donald Trump. But it made Ellis wonder about other, more extreme right-wing sites: Who is placing ads on them?

A few clicks around the Internet revealed a troubling answer: He was.

On a website owned by white nationalist leader Richard Spencer, Ellis saw an ad for his engineering company, Optics for Hire, pop up on the screen — even though he had never knowingly bought the ad.

What Ellis had stumbled on was a little-known facet of the booming world of Internet advertising. Businesses using the latest in online advertising technology offered by Google, Yahoo and major competitors are also increasingly finding their ads placed alongside politically extreme and derogatory content.

That's because the ad networks offered by Google, Yahoo and others can display ads on vast numbers of third-party websites based on people's search and browsing histories.



John Ellis, president of Optics for Hire, was dismayed to discover that ads for his firm were appearing on a white nationalist's site. (Photo by Josh Reynolds for The Washington Post)

Although the strategy gives advertisers an unprecedented ability to reach customers who fit a narrow profile, it dramatically curtails their ability to control where their advertisements appear.

"No one has any idea where their ads are going," Ellis said. In some cases, he added, ad networks "are monetizing hate."

In a sign of growing frustration, AT&T, Verizon and other leading companies late last month pulled their business from Google's AdSense network in response to news reports that ads had appeared with propaganda from the Islamic State and violent groups.

But the issue is broader. A Washington Post examination of dozens of sites with politically extreme and

derogatory content found that many were customers of leading ad networks, which share a portion of revenue gleaned from advertisers with the site's operators.

The Post's examination found that the networks had displayed ads for Allstate, IBM, DirectTV and dozens of other household brand names on websites with content containing racial and ethnic slurs, Holocaust denial and disparaging comments about African Americans, Jews, women and gay people.

Some of these sites, the Post found, featured hateful and derogatory content throughout. In others, it was confined to comment sections, where users went far beyond the language used by the sites' writers, whose expressed views fell closer to the political mainstream.

Google's AdSense, for example, in February ran ads for several firms alongside comments using a slur for African-Americans, saying "hang them all." Other Google-displayed ads, for Macy's and the genetics company 23andMe, appeared on the website My Posting Career, which describes itself as a "white privilege zone," next to a notice saying the site would offer a referral bonus for each member related to Adolf Hitler.

"No business wants to be associated with sites like that," said Andy Kill, spokesman for genetic testing com-

pany 23andMe. "If you're trusting an ad algorithm to do this, this is what can happen," he said. "It's frustrating."

My Posting Career did not reply to an email seeking comment.

The problem has emerged as Web advertising strategies have evolved. Advertisers sometimes choose to place their ads on particular sites — or avoid sites they dislike — but a growing share of advertising budgets go to what the industry calls "programmatic" buys. These ads are aimed at people whose demographic or consumer profile is receptive to a marketing message, no matter where they browse on the Internet. Algorithms decide where to place ads, based on people's prior Web usage, across vastly different types of sites.

The technology companies behind ad networks have slowly begun to address the issue but warn that it won't be easy to solve. They say their algorithms struggle to distinguish between content that is truly offensive and language that is not offensive in context. For example, it can be hard for computers to determine the difference between the use of a racial slur on a white-supremacy site and a website about history.

The tech companies have also long been reluctant to put themselves in the position of an arbiter of speech — given the subjectivity involved and the legal risk of making decisions

about what content deserves to be read or not. It's a situation that tech giants are increasingly encountering in related spheres, too, with the proliferation of false and highly politicized news sites spreading misinformation on social networks.

On March 20th, following inquiries from The Post and requests from advertisers who also had been contacted by The Post, Google apologized to advertisers. It announced it would be conducting an "extensive review" of ad policies with the goal of taking a tougher stance on "hateful, offensive, and derogatory content."

Google said such comments violate its hate-speech policies but would not say whether it had taken action against the sites. The company said it reviews thousands of sites each day for violations and booted more than 100,000 publishers — including many single-author publishers — from its AdSense network in 2016.

Yahoo, which blocked one site that was the subject of a query by The Post, said it condemns racist or other hateful speech, adding, "Of the billions of ads served on a daily basis, there are rare instances when automated ad platforms serve ads in places they shouldn't."

(The Washington Post sometimes uses such networks to place ads touting its offerings, such as subscriptions, and also generates revenue featuring ads sold through advertising networks.)

Many of the companies contacted for this story — including IBM, bareMinerals, Macy's, Everquote and Allstate — expressed surprise and dismay that their ads appeared near derogatory content.

Several said they had requested that networks blacklist those pages, which is easy to do for individual sites but not for entire categories of sites. Automated filters typically miss certain kinds of derogatory speech, and tech companies traditionally have not hired the massive number of people necessary to carefully monitor content on billions of Web pages.

Some advertisers also expressed frustration that ad networks had failed to keep marketing messages from appearing alongside reader comments that might upset customers — even on sites that themselves do not promote extremist content.

Google's AdSense, for example, displayed an ad for cosmetics company bareMinerals in the comments section of Weaselzippers.us, an aggregator of conservative news. A user comment on the site used a derogatory word for gay men and said they should be "lying in a pool of blood."

When The Post emailed an image of the Web page to bareMinerals spokeswoman Joanne Chiu Sulit, she said, "I was shocked that we were on that site."

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An email to Weaselzipper.us operators was not returned.

The issue of ad placements has become charged in an era of rising political polarization. The number of right-wing hate sites, as well as sites that traffic in sensationalist news and hoaxes, has doubled over the past year, according to ad auditing firm DoubleVerify.

With so many new sites, it's difficult for advertisers to avoid having their ads appear in unwelcome places. "It's whack-a-mole," said Wayne Gattinella, chief executive of DoubleVerify. "You can flag keywords. You can use algorithmic decision-making to minimize it, but there is no way to filter the word choice in real time."

Advertisers generally have little choice but to depend on ad networks. The major ones have policies prohibiting advertising on sites featuring discriminatory or hateful speech, but The Post found dozens of apparent violations. Many of the sites where The Post found violations are considered hate sites by the Southern Poverty Law Center, an advocacy group that tracks hate speech.

"[Ad networks] have rules in place, but they don't enforce them," said Jillian York, an advocate with the Electronic Freedom Foundation, which runs Online Censorship, a program pushing technology companies to clarify why they remove content.

In February, an ad for insurance company Allstate appeared on Alternative-Right.BlogSpot.com, whose comments section praised "Hitler and his National Socialists as a visionary."

Allstate said it has tried to avoid such sites through filters. "Allstate does not knowingly advertise on media that provokes hate or includes threatening, discriminatory or offensive language," spokeswoman Laura Strykowski said.

Everquote and DirectTV ads appeared on Spencer's site, Radix-Journal.com, alongside comments decrying the Catholic Church for advocating racial mixing and deluging white, Christian countries with "savages of the worst kind."

DirectTV declined to comment. Everquote said that although it uses ad networks, "We specifically require that these advertising networks refrain from placing our ads on any sites containing and/or relating to, among other things, violence, sex, racism, sexism, pornography, illegal or potentially illegal subject matter, negative publicity or any other highly explosive subject matter."

Ads for Macy's, Amazon.com, and even Planned Parenthood, appeared on the racially inflammatory website My Posting Career. Ads to shop on Amazon.com appeared on a site with an article headlined "Yes, I am a Nazi," and a comments section peppered with profanity and racial slurs.

Amazon, which also runs an ad network, declined to comment. (Amazon chief executive Jeffrey P. Bezos owns The Post.)

Silicon Valley companies long have resisted calls to more aggressively police content on their platforms, saying a free and open Internet is the underpinning of the Web itself. With the exception of child pornography, Congress largely has agreed with the Silicon Valley viewpoint, leaving tech companies substantial legal leeway to monitor — or not — the content that appears on the sites and platforms that they operate.

But advertisers are demanding changes.

"[Tech companies] are struggling to adjust to a reality where the same tools that enabled them to connect the world are now being used to drive it apart," entrepreneur and venture capitalist Noah Lichtenstein said. "This is the crisis of our time: How do you balance the desire to have the Web be open and connected with a rising tide of institutionalized hate and the protection of those who are being attacked?"

It's not clear how effective the push to deprive such sites of advertising will be. Spencer said targeting Radix Journal and similar sites is unfair to advertisers because they have so little control over where their ads appear. And if the goal is to deprive extreme sites of money, he predicted the effort would have little effect because the revenue from Web ads is so small, totaling at most a few thousand dollars a year.

"If I were kicked off of all of these things, it would have no effect on my life whatsoever," Spencer said.

Emails to contact information listed for Alternative-Right.blogspot.com received no reply. Breitbart News also did not return emails seeking com-

ment about the advertising boycott directed against the site.

Disqus, a Silicon Valley start-up that manages comments sections for 4 million sites, including those for Breitbart News, Radix Journal and Occidental Dissent, sells advertising alongside the comments. It has been trying to work through the issues raised by inflammatory content, said chief executive Daniel Ha, adding that the company has been flooded with complaints about hate speech from users, advertisers and employees.

"User-generated content has always been extremely chaotic, and that's part of what makes the Internet so amazing — you can share very unpopular ideas," Ha said. "I think, however, that we've seen in the last year that there's a bigger responsibility for how that affects society."

The company's terms and conditions prohibit instances of "extreme discrimination" on its comment boards, and a team of 10 reviewers makes the judgment calls. He said the line between "targeted harassment that feels violent" vs. someone making an off-color joke isn't always clear.

In a blog post in February, the company announced a new tool that allows users to flag offensive comments. But the software is still largely untested.

Ha said he had blocked three of the extremist sites after being contacted by The Post. One of them, the neo-Confederate site Occidental Dissent, used the development to make a public call for more donations, earning what site founder Brad Griffin said was about \$1,000 — several times more than the advertisements had produced in recent months.

## FOOLED FROM COVER

public involved in doing the type of fact-checking that journalists do," said Jane Elizabeth, senior manager at Virginia-based American Press Institute, a partner in the effort.

Among the offerings is a trivia quiz designed for pub-goers.

And there's a fact-checking lesson plan that, at last count, would expose more than 20,000 students worldwide to the notion of debunking a fake story. It's available in English and 10 languages, including Russian, French and Spanish, with more to come.

"There is a generation of digital natives who nevertheless are quite digitally naïve," Mantzaris notes.

Maybe most useful of all: Six "how-to" guides from fact-checking pros around the world.

Combine those with The Washington Post's guide, published last fall, and you'll be much better-armed for the endless fight ahead.

Here's a sampling of the experts' advice:

• **Read beyond the headline before sharing.** It sounds almost too basic, but huge numbers of people never get past the headline before sending it to others. If they did, they might find out just how dubious its claims are, or at least have cause to wonder. The

Post's Glenn Kessler cites research saying that 59 percent of links shared on social media have never actually been clicked.

• **Research the name of the supposed news site.** As Claire Wardle of First Draft, a nonprofit organization devoted to trust and credibility issues, writes in her "How to Spot a Fake News Site in 10 Steps": Such sites "often have names that sound realistic, but have already been flagged by other watchdogs as fictitious. By searching for the name, you might find that someone has already discovered that that page is not worth your time." (A notorious example is the other ABC News, which is decidedly not the major broadcast network.)

• **Read the story comments.** Jack Werner, a Swedish journalist and founder of a fact-checking organization, writes: "Often, some unbearable know-it-all (like myself) will have questioned the story before you and done some research. This tends to show up in the comments, so dig around."

• **On Twitter, look at the number of the source's previous posts.** Aimee Rinehart, also of First Draft, observes: "A social media handle with fewer than 100 posts may be a lurker — someone who only reads posts and does not engage with others — or it

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 • **Horseheads:** (5/03/17) 5:30 p.m.; Wings of Eagles Discovery Center, 339 Daniel Zenker Dr. ■

Of course, most news consumers who aren't journalists themselves may not have the time or inclination for most of these measures.

In that case, something even simpler may suffice: Read widely, and with skepticism, and share a whole lot less. Every day of the year.

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# PYTHONS FROM COVER

money was at the top of its list of reasons.

In the four years since, Florida's python problem has gotten worse. The giant snakes have turned up in Key Largo and on an island in Biscayne Bay, which means they're swimming significant distances in salty water. Native animals continue to disappear at an alarming rate and pythons are still dueling alligators for supremacy atop the Everglades food chain.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District said that unlike the fish and wildlife commission, it's willing to pay hunters because enough is enough. "Anyone who has seen the now-famous python vs. alligator video can attest that the fight for survival of the Everglades is real," said Dan O'Keefe, chairman of the district's board. "This board is taking appropriate action to push back the infestation of these invaders. Floridians should have no sympathies for this notorious strangler, and this latest initiative should pave the way for further exotic elimination efforts."

In other words, O'Keefe wants to light a match under Florida authorities to kill as many pythons as humanly possible. Killing pythons in a nation filled with hunters might seem like a cinch, but as hundreds of stalk-

ers who participated in the state's two hunts can attest, it's not. Over two months, the hunts bagged a grand total of fewer than 215 snakes.

I don't need a hunter to tell me how tough it is. A year before Ramirez and Brana participated in the challenge, I saw it for myself. I followed a team of



Ruben Ramirez and George Brana celebrate the capture of their 19th python on the final day of a Florida python hunt in 2013. (Washington Post photo by Darryl Fears.)

U.S. Geological Survey scientists as they tracked a big snake in Everglades National Park.

Kristen Hart and her team had already caught and released the same snake. A tracking device had been surgically implanted in the beast. A beeping instrument had guided them through scrub brush, dried palm, mosquitoes and crumbling limestone to its location. And still they failed to spot it.

Six people crouched under the sun, hands shading their eyes and squinting. "Do you see her?" Hart asked.

The snake, it turned out, was coiled in grass under bushes and palms right in front of her. Pythons are excellent at camouflage. It didn't matter that this snake, spiraled like a fire hose, was more than 16 1/2 feet long, twice as

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long as former pro basketball player Shaquille O'Neal is tall. Without the tracking device, she would not have been found.

Female pythons grow larger than males, and at that size they can produce nearly 100 eggs. Usually they lay about 50. The Florida population is estimated at up to 100,000 snakes, and officials are doing the math. In 2012, a University of Florida biologist, Frank Mazzotti, who studies the animal said evicting it is all but impossible.

Although the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission wasn't willing to pay Ramirez and Brana, and isn't willing to hire hunters like the Southwest Florida Water Management District says it will do, it did recently take an unusual step. It shelled out nearly \$70,000 to bring a pair of snake hunters and translators from India to catch pythons for two months (see the story on the cover of the Feb. 2, 2017 issue of The New York Eagle News, which can be seen on our website at [http://nyeaglenews.com/archive\\_eaglenews/2017-02-02-EagleNews.pdf](http://nyeaglenews.com/archive_eaglenews/2017-02-02-EagleNews.pdf)).

According to a Miami Herald report, they caught 14 snakes in only

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two weeks, just five fewer than Ramirez and Brana bagged in a month. Masi Sadaiyan and Vadivel Gopal, members of the Irula tribe of snake hunters, have spent nearly every day in the Everglades since their arrival in early January.

"Armed only with tire irons to punch through the dense Burma reed and sharp limestone rock," the Miami Herald reported, "the pair are on the lookout for the sparkle of snakeskin in the brush. They're also searching for what the snakes left behind: a ripple in the sand, a tunnel through grass or scat."

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## OBITUARIES FROM PAGE 4

2017 at Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville. He was born in Dansville on April 11, 1935, a son of the late Charles W. and Alice (Smith) Wolf Sr. He was a graduate of Dansville Central School Class of 1953, Charlie then joined the U.S. Army for two years. On January 29, 1960, he married Sharon Perry who survives.

Charlies worked as a union carpenter in Rochester, at Wilmore, retiring as a supervisor. He was a longtime member of the Dansville United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Union Hose Company of the Dansville Volunteer Fire Department, the Dansville Rod and Gun Club, and he really enjoyed his time at Brae Burn Golf Course. In addition to golfing, he loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

In addition to his loving wife of 57 years Sharon, he is survived by his daughters, Tamara (Kenneth) Hoag, Pamela Wolf, and Amy (Michael) Hartman; brothers Dave "Wishbone" and Ronald (Peggy) Wolf; sisters Helen (Thomas) Philon and Linda (Ron) Johnson; 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by his brother, John Wolf.

Memorial services were held April 1st at the Dansville United Methodist Church. Interment with full military honors to take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made to the Dansville United Methodist Church, 5 Chestnut Ave., Dansville NY 14437; or the Ann and Carl Myers Cancer Center, 111 Clara Barton St., Dansville, NY 14437. Arrangements were with Hindle Funeral Home, Dansville. Online remembrances may be left at Hindle-FuneralHome.com.

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## GENESEO, NY

## Helen E. (Weaver) France



**Geneseo, NY - Helen E. France, 91**, passed peacefully at the Conesus Lake Nursing Home on March 24, 2017. Helen lived her entire life in the Avon, Geneseo, and Lakeville areas. She was a devoted and loving mother of 9 children. Most of her time was spent in service to others at a restaurant in Lima that she owned with her husband George. When she was not busy at the restaurant, Helen enjoyed playing bingo, cards and board games, traveling, and sharing a laugh or a story with family and friends. She always looked for the good in others, and had a positive outlook on life, no

matter what life may have brought her way. She was an inspiration for others to share those same qualities.

She is survived by her children, Robert, Thomas, and Donald Ace, Beverly (Ronald) Pollock and Michael France; grandchildren Jeffrey, Lori, Christopher (Lisa), Michelle, Tammy, Yvonne (Leon), Dale, Adam, Carrie, David, Donald; siblings Katherine Arilotta and Emil Weaver; and several great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was predeceased by her husband, George E. France; sons David, William and Daniel Ace; daughter Barbara Fischer; siblings James and Charles Weaver, and Gert Burger.

A graveside service will be held in the future at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Geneseo, NY at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made in Helen's memory to Hearthside Cats, PO Box 282, Geneseo, NY 14454. Arrangements are with Kevin W. Dougherty Funeral Home Inc. To send a condolence or for further information please visit: [www.doughertyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.doughertyfuneralhomes.com).

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## HORNELL, NY

## Betty J. (Vosburg) Butler

**Hornell, NY - Betty J. Butler, 88**, died March 23, 2017 at Elderwood at Hornell where she had resided for the past two years. A native and life resident of Hornell, she was born March 7, 1929, and was the daughter of James and Catherine (Campbell) Vosburg. Betty was a graduate of Hornell High School class of 1946. She had been employed for a time at the former Keiser Glove Factory and Merrill Hosiery. For about 25 years, Betty was employed as a seamstress at the former Marion Rohr Corporation in Hornell.

She was married on February 14, 1948 to Newell "Nate" Butler who died July 3, 2008.

She is survived by her daughters, Beverly (Jerry) Bertram and Barbara (Pete) McMichael; sons Andrew (Pat) and Richard (Diane) Butler; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her son, James Butler; grandsons Shane Andrew Butler and Mark Andrew Butler; along with her 9 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held March 28th at Dagon Funeral Home, Hornell, with Deacon Robert McCormick officiating. Burial was set for Rural Cemetery. Betty's family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name be made to Alzheimer's Association, 435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14620. To send a remembrance to the family or to light a candle please visit <http://www.dagonfuneralhome.com>.

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## Jeanette E. (McCollum) Butler

**Hornell, NY - Jeanette E. Butler, 77**,

passed away March 27, 2017 at the Hornell Gardens. Born in Hornell on March 31, 1939, the daughter of Donald and Winifred Martin McCollum, she had resided in all her life. She had been employed for several years as a housekeeper for the Sunshine Motel in Hornell prior to her retirement. For several years, she assisted her husband in the operation of their dairy farm in Cameron. She especially enjoyed playing bingo, painting, and trying her luck at scratch off tickets.

She is survived by her daughters, Diana (Lester) Johnson, Ann (John) Mullen, Deborah (Tracy) Caparulo and Sheila (Bruce) Hosmer; sons Duane F. Butler Jr., David (Deborah) Butler Sr., and Timothy (Raymond) and Donald (Romona) Butler; sister Nancy Dugo; brother Charles ("Chuck") McCollum; brother-in-law Larry Hurd; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Duane F. Butler Sr.; brother Donald (Mel) McCollum; and her sister, Sandra Hurd.

The family will observe a private Celebration of Life Service at their convenience. Friends may make memorial contributions to The Hornell Area Humane Society, 7649 Industrial Park Road, Hornell, NY 14843 in memory of Jeanette. Arrangements are with Bender-Brown and Powers Funeral Home, Hornell. To send a remembrance to the family or to light a candle please visit [www.brownand-powersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownand-powersfuneralhomes.com).

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## Anna (Jancetic) Dankoff

**Hornell, NY - Anna Dankoff, 91**, died March 25, 2017 at Hornell Gardens where she had resided for the past year. Born in Lockport, NY on May 6, 1925, she was the daughter of George and Barbra (Gregorich) Jancetic. Anna grew up in Lockport where she attended school. Throughout the years, she resided in several locations including Akron, OH; Tucson, AZ; California; South Carolina; Reno, NV; and Hornell.

She was married to Elza Bess who died in 1982; and later was married to Walter Dankoff who died in 2008.

She is survived by her sons, Kenneth (Juanita) and Dennis Bess; daughter Marilyn (George) Foster; sister Caroline (Dick) Dye; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Besides her husbands, she was predeceased by her son, Richard Bess; and several brothers & sisters.

At Anna's request there will be no calling hours. Final interment will be in Sunset Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Sacramento, CA. Funeral arrangements are in care of the Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St., Hornell, NY. To send a remembrance to the family or to light a candle please visit <http://www.dagonfuneralhome.com>.

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## Carole L. (Habern) Pawlica

**Hornell, NY - Carole L. Pawlica**,

73, passed away March 24, 2017 at Highland Hospital in Rochester. Born in Pittsburgh, PA on October 16, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Helen (Pritchard) Habern. A former resident of Thacherville, Carole was a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School and has resided in Hornell for most of her life. She was employed at the former Marion Rohr Co. in Hornell and enjoyed spending time crocheting.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Donna Pawlica Linker; grandchildren Cristina (Jordan) Eason, and Kaitlin and Nicholas Pawlica; brothers Dennis (Renate) and James (Marilyn) Habern; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides her parents, she was also predeceased by her son, John Pawlica III.

To honor her wishes there will be no calling hours or funeral service. Interment will be in Rural Cemetery at the convenience of her family. Arrangements are through the Bishop and Johnson Funeral Home, Inc., Hornell. Online condolences or remembrances are welcomed at [www.bishopandjohnsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.bishopandjohnsonfuneralhome.com).

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## LAKEVILLE, NY

## Barry B. Quackenbush

**Lakeville, NY - Barry B. Quackenbush, 60**, passed away on March 29, 2017.

He is survived by his brothers, Dale and Brent (Shelley) Quackenbush; stepfather Herbert Miller; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Gilbert and Rose; and brother Craig Quackenbush.

Funeral services were held April 1st at the Kevin W. Dougherty Funeral Home, Inc., Livonia. Private burial will be held in Oakridge Cemetery, Lima. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lakeville Fire Dept., PO Box 334, Lakeville, NY 14480. To send a condolence please visit: [www.doughertyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.doughertyfuneralhomes.com).

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## MIDDLESEX, NY

## Christy S. (Maniske) Powers

**Middlesex, NY - Christy S. Powers, 49**, passed away at Keuka Comfort Care Home on March 28, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. She was born in Rochester, NY on December 25, 1967 to the late Bonnie L. (Bills) Maniske and Charles S. Maniske. She was an avid Betty Boop collector who loved the outdoors, picnics, gardening, camping, fishing and fireworks.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Powers; paternal grandmother Mildred Maniske; father Charles Maniske; sister Barb Maniske; daughters Dustie Huff and Charlee Knowles; son Philip Maniske-Huff; stepdaughter Sarah Powers; stepson CJ Powers; 6 grandchildren; nieces Mary Mourer and Tina (Derek) Frederick; nephew Larry Mourer; and many aunts, un-

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cles and cousins. She was predeceased by her mother, Bonnie L. Maniske; and her grandson, Ian Maniske-Huff.

Funeral services were held April 4th at Fuller Funeral Home, Inc., Canandaigua. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Keuka Comfort Care Home 35 Rt. 54 East Lake Road Penn Yan, NY. To express condolences or the share a memory please visit [www.fullerfh.com](http://www.fullerfh.com).

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## NAPLES, NY

## Betty E. (Shaw) Braun

**Naples, NY - Betty E. Braun, 91**, passed away on March 27, 2017. Betty was born on February 4, 1926 in Omaha, NE the daughter of Earl and Belle Shaw.

She is survived by her daughters, Barb Hawks and Debbie (Steve) Draxl; grandchildren Thomas (Caitlin) Hawks III, Chelsea Hawks, Phil (Michelle) Draxl, Dr. Heather Draxl (Dr. Mark Walker) and Stephen (Desiree) Murphy; great-grandchildren Alexandra, Jackson and Harper Hawks; nephews Rob (Pat) and Butch Shaw; and special friend Bill Trude. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Doug; and brother



# Making Preparations for That First Day And Night in Your New Home

By Michele Lerner

Special to The Washington Post

**M**oving from an apartment into your first home can be stressful. But proper planning can make the transition much smoother.

"When moving from a smaller property like a one-bedroom apartment to a larger home, worry about the necessities first and all other items last," says Elysia Casaday, part of the Casaday Allison Group of Wylder Brothers Real Estate in Chevy Chase, Maryland. "Focus on the areas you'll be living in the most. Once you're in your new home, you'll be able to analyze what's needed, where and in what size."

Some items you may need right away are extra lamps for dark rooms, says Mary Roberge, a real estate agent with McEneaney Associates in Leesburg, Virginia.

"Don't forget shower curtains for each bath, with rings and rods, and the all-important bathmat so no one

slips and falls," says Roberge. "The additional toiletry essentials like shampoos and towels for each bath are often overlooked but are very comforting to have early on."

People tend to forget some of the basic things, says Katharine Delo Gregg, a real estate agent with McEneaney Associates in Washington, D.C.

"Some things don't cross your mind until you wake up in the morning after your first night's sleep in your new home, like coffee and milk!" she says. "I recommend scheduling a small Peapod order with just the basics, delivered at the end of your move-in day."

Another basic that first-time buyers often forget they will need is something to cover their windows.

"Window treatments can be a surprise cost for many buyers, especially since custom blinds can be pricey," says Steven Centrella, a real estate agent with Redfin. "But there are many different options available at a variety of price points, once you have time to research the issue. If you can't get blinds up before you move in,

some stick-up blinds from the hardware store can be helpful to make sure your neighbors don't get to know you too well!"

While many sellers will clean a property before settlement, regulations in many areas including D.C. require only that the home transfer "broom-clean," says Centrella. "You may want it a little cleaner before you start moving everything in, which takes time that some buyers don't budget for," he says.

Even if the previous owners left the home clean or you're the first person to live in a new place, Gregg suggests that you have a broom easily accessible on moving day. "Your floors are going to be filthy after a day of movers hauling furniture in and out of your front door," she says.

Brittany Allison, also part of the Casaday Allison Group, says a few of the absolute necessities to make you feel at home on your first day include toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, towels and linens.

"You'll need furniture for your master bedroom and other bedrooms, depending on the size of your family, plus some living room furniture, maybe even just a couch before you start putting the room together," says Allison. "You need a place to eat, so even just bar stools for your island or breakfast bar are fine to start. Don't forget to set up your cable and Internet so you're connected on the first day."

If you're moving into a brand-new unit, there are some extra steps you can take before your move that will have long-lasting impact.

"Upgrade to devices that add efficiency to your home and save you money in the long term," says Timur Loynab, a vice president of McWilliams Ballard in D.C. "Consider programmable thermostats, like Nest, and look into renewable sources of

energy for power, such as solar panels and solar battery packs."

Charilyn Wells Cowan, an associate broker with McEneaney Associates in McLean, Virginia, suggests that people think about which features are "infrastructure" and which are decorative and can be easily changed over time.

"For both new and resale homes, the furniture is the easiest to sacrifice in the beginning, and some rooms can stay empty until there's a need for them," she says.

Cowan recommends that home buyers spend money before they move in on things like woodwork, cabinets, and wiring for sound and security because those items are harder to add or change later.

Loynab suggests waiting on some decisions until you've settled into your new home and see how you use the space.

"Do test paint swatches on your walls first and sit with the color for a day or two before committing to a color for all of your home's walls," he says.

Centrella suggests spacing out your purchases and letting yourself acclimate to the space before buying furniture for the whole place. "Don't buy new furniture until you've gotten in and made sure your measurements are correct," says Centrella. "You never want to order that expensive new living or dining room set and then

not have it fit in the space."

While paper towels and cleaning supplies are necessities for a move, Roberge suggests some other items to have ready on moving day.

"Not always an essential, but a wonderful feel-good item to have at the move-in, are cheese and crackers or other snacks, along with the owner's preferred beverages, for not only a possible special first night in the new home but also for any visitors and friends who may stop by to graciously help unpack or just congratulate you," she says.

Centrella suggests having disposable plates, cups and napkins for a takeout meal on your first night so you don't have to worry about finding the box with the dishes and silverware.

"If you've got kids, make sure you have something to keep them busy and out of the way if they're too young to help with the move," says Centrella.

Roberge says that if you don't have your TV or Internet connected, it's a nice idea to download a movie or two onto a laptop so you, your kids or your teens can have a little downtime when you're exhausted and adjusting to your new setting.

From the basics to a few extras, the more you prepare for your moving day, the better your memories will be of the first day in your new place.

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## Sunday School

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Bobby stayed home from church with a baby-sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Bobby asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Bobby fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up." ■

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# From Tiny Pots to Large Plots, There's Joy to Be Found In Every Space

By Barbara Damrosch

Special To The Washington Post.

**T**here are windowsills all over the world filled with small edible plants, usually a few pots of fresh herbs. A city cook with a longer, wider sill might even sow a few flats of micro-greens as well.

But let's say there's a sunny patch of yard, as little as 10 feet by 10 feet, where several soil-filled planters could surround a sitting area. Fill them with a few tomato plants, annual herbs such as basil,

rows of cut-and-come-again lettuce, and you'll have a summer of modest salads.

Take away the chairs and plant the whole thing with food, and there's room for a more productive salad

plants for summer, along with staked or trellised cherry tomatoes, cucumbers and pole beans. Sow spinach and arugula for cool fall days. Make a border of parsley, scallions and alpine strawberries.

once a part of every American home- stead. But you might be surprised to find that today's family food gardens, though fewer and smaller, outpace the old ones in yield. That's because traditional planting schemes followed the farm model, in which the space between rows allowed for horse-drawn equipment to till, sow and hoe. Modern gardeners tend to grow more intensively, in beds rather than rows, with less space between plants. They pay more attention to succes-

sion planting, in which one crop is followed by another in the same spot, as the seasons change.

Crops that will eventually grow large, such as Brussels sprouts, can be interplanted with small early ones such as radishes or head lettuce. Cut-and-come-again greens bear a lot longer than those where the whole head is cut. Trellised crops give you a big harvest on a small footprint. Season-

GARDENS BACK COVER



Writer Costas Christ waters his 30-by-60-foot family garden. (Photo by Barbara Damrosch)

operation. Peppers are good compact

If you want a wider range and have the space, expand the garden to, say, 20 by 20 feet. I've had gardens that size and found room for a zucchini plant or two, despite their tendency to sprawl. I followed early crops with later ones such as broccoli, carrots, onions and beets.

Even a small garden adds pleasure to your life, but for many families that's not enough. They'd like to grow most of the produce they eat, a goal that requires space and time.

A perfect example would be the garden my friend Costas Christ planted in his yard on the coast of Maine. It measures 30 by 60 feet and sustains all the vegetables mentioned above and more, including leeks, eggplants, kale, trellised peas for early summer and even a stand of sweet corn. There's a small plastic hoop house in the garden, built by a handy young neighbor, that allows tomatoes to ripen early and protects hardy greens in wintertime.

Such a large garden becomes part of your life. You might spend one day a week weeding, watering, training crops on supports and planting new crops. But you can reduce weeding time by using mulches or by frequently cultivating with a hoe.

That work can also be a pleasurable activity. Christ, a writer for National Geographic Traveler and a founder of the ecotourism movement, spends a lot of time on the road and takes great joy in the garden when he's at home, as do his wife, Sally, and their two grown sons, Nikos and Costas Jr. All of them are great cooks, and a meal at their house involves a splendid array of veggies — in salads, roasted and served on platters, stuffed, skewered in kebabs, or grilled with fish. Perennial herbs such as sage and oregano plants provide seasoning.

A garden the size of the Christs' was

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# Arts & Entertainment

## People in Wheelchairs Couldn't See Yayoi Kusama's 'Infinity Mirrors,' So Museum Found an Innovative Fix

By Steven Overly  
The Washington Post

The magic of the "Infinity Mirrors" exhibit begins as soon as the door is closed behind you. Surrounded by mirrors on all sides, visitors find themselves at the center of a seemingly endless plain filled with brightly colored lights and geometric sculptures.

But curators at the Smithsonian Institution's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, where the exhibit is on display until May 14, faced an early challenge — how to re-create that magic for visitors in wheelchairs.

"We had to work out how we could make this experience accessible for people with mobility disabilities," said Beth Ziebarth, director of the Smithsonian's Accessibility Program.

Drew Doucette, who oversees multimedia and technology initiatives at the Hirshhorn, thought immediately of virtual reality.

"It's really popular right now" among video gamers and tech geeks, Doucette said. "Rather than it being something that you play with, there's an actual use for it if it's around making things accessible to people as best as you can."

Virtual reality has found many uses beyond just entertainment. News outlets, nongovernmental organizations and charities have turned to



Volunteers experience the installation "Infinity Mirrored Room — All the Eternal Love I Have for the Pumpkins" as the Hirshhorn museum trains staff and volunteers on crowd issues and other matters in advance of "Yayoi Kusama: Infinite Mirrors," on Feb. 16 in Washington, D.C. (Washington Post photo by Bill O'Leary)

the technology to raise awareness for causes and tell more-engaging stories. Applications have also been explored in the education, health care and defense industries, to name a few.

The Renwick Gallery, National Museum of Natural History and other Smithsonian sites have created virtual experiences in the past, often with the goal of extending the exhibit to students and others who might not be able to visit in person. The "Infinity Mirrors" exhibit marks the first time any have used virtual reality to make an exhibit accessible to those with disabilities, Ziebarth said.

The wildly popular art exhibit is spread across six portable rooms, each filled with objects created by Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. There's the room with canary-yellow pumpkins, the one with hot-pink spheres and the room with simple pendant lights. Mirrored walls replicate these items over and over again to create a sense of infinite space.

The installation is designed to be immersive — and, as social media proves, makes for prime selfies.

But in three of the rooms, visitors must walk through 30-inch doorways and onto platforms less than four feet wide to achieve the full experience. The Americans With Disabilities Act dictates that people who use wheelchairs be able to make a 180-degree turn inside the room, a requirement the Hirshhorn could not meet without altering each room and the artist's intention behind it.

It took roughly four months to plan and design the "Infinity Mirrors" virtual reality experience on Unity, a program typically used to build video games, Doucette said. At first, an engineer tried to replicate each room literally. But designing a three-dimensional space covered in mirrors proved more difficult in the virtual

world than the real one.

"We essentially had to take a step back from trying to re-create the rooms and get into the head of Kusama and say, 'What was she trying to do? How did she end up using mirrors?'" Doucette said.

Without the limitations of a physical space, Doucette said, mirrors weren't necessary at all. Instead, the engineer merely created a digital copy of the room as it appears to the viewer, including black lines where the seams of the mirrors would appear. Early screen

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# Fiat Has This Compass on the Right Heading

By Warren Brown

Special to The Washington Post

**P**lease, pay attention when buying this one. There are two versions made for the 2017 model year. The first is a 2017 Jeep Compass carried over from 2016, essentially made as a marketing exercise by the now-defunct Chrysler Corp. You probably can get it at a lower price, seemingly at a bargain. But do not be fooled. You are not getting the second version of the 2017 Jeep Compass, which has four trim levels, manufactured under the complete tutelage of Italy's Fiat Chrysler Automotive, which now is responsible for all things Jeep.

Make no mistake. The FCA Jeep Compass, as designated by this column, is substantially better, providing both moderate, discernible off-road competence (snow, mud, grass, gravel) and on-road comfort and handling ease.

It also has decent utility — 27 cubic feet of rear storage space with the rear seats up and nearly 60 cubic feet with the rear seats lowered.

Most important, it is a Jeep, much more Jeep than the original Compass conceived by Chrysler Corp. in 2002,



The revised and much improved 2017 FCA Jeep Compass, which is sold in four trim levels — Sport, Latitude, Limited and Trail Hawk (shown). (Jeep handout photo)

manufactured in 2006, and introduced for sale in 2007.

What happened?

The original Compass was born under the marketing genius of the great Lee A. Iacocca. He correctly understood that many Jeep buyers in America did not really want a rugged Jeep. They wanted something softer, more carlike. He pointed them in that direction with the Compass, which initially sold well.

Chrysler Corp. went bankrupt in 2008, in part because Chrysler was lousy at global sales. Fiat, which was better at global sales oddly in all places except the United States, took over. Chrysler Corp. became Fiat Chrysler Automotive. FCA's global customers,

including those in the United States, wanted Jeep to be Jeep.

Thus we have the completely revised and much improved 2017 FCA Jeep Compass, which is sold in four trim levels — Sport, Latitude, Limited and Trail Hawk.

If you are offered a trim designated as Altitude or High Altitude, know that you are being shown a leftover 2016 Compass being sold as a 2017 model. Buy it if you want it. But bargain. Buy it at a lower price.

I recommend, instead, that you look at this column's subject model — the 2017 Jeep Compass Trail Hawk 4x4, completely revised by FCA. You will spend more money. You will be happier. It is a much better vehicle than the carried-over Compass.

It is so good that, at first, I didn't think it was a Compass. My God, I thought, this is a Jeep, an honest-to-goodness Jeep!

It had an off-road suspension, at least one competent enough to move through mud and wet grass. I never would have tried that in an original Compass. I did not worry about snow or rain. It came with every available advanced electronic safety item, in-

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## Nuts & Bolts: 2017 Jeep Compass

• **Bottom line:** Be careful and insistent. You want the completely revised 2017 Jeep Compass fully authored by FCA. Sorry, Lee Iacocca. Yours was a good idea for sales. But I represent the buyers. They want a Jeep, not a marketing exercise.

**Ride, acceleration, and handling:** All good.

**Head-turning quotient:** It is the best-looking Compass ever, probably the best-looking Jeep.

**Body style, layout:** The FCA Compass is a front-engine, four-wheel-drive vehicle, but far more crossover (carlike on the highway) than sport-utility vehicle.

**Capacities:** Seating is for five people. Cargo capacity is 27 cubic feet with rear seats up and 60 cubic feet with rear seats down. The fuel tank holds 13.5 gallons of gasoline. Regular grade is okay.

**Mileage:** I averaged 28 miles per gallon in highway driving.

**Safety:** Standard equipment includes select-terrain system; electronic stability and traction control; four-wheel anti-lock brake protection; emergency brake protection; side, rear and head air bags.

**Note:** A full suite of advanced electronic safety items is available.

**Pricing:** The 2017 FCA Jeep Compass Trail Hawk 4x4 starts at \$28,595. The price as tested is \$33,560, including \$3,870 in options and a \$1,095 factory-to-dealer shipment charge. FCA dealers have announced they are willing to bargain. Just make sure that you are getting the very latest 2017 model, not a carry-over. ■

cluding blind-side monitoring and lane-departure warning for on-road and expressway driving.

Fit and finish were excellent. FCA's Compass Trail Hawk comes with a turbocharged (forced air) inline four-cylinder gasoline engine (180 horsepower, 175 pound-feet of torque). Some people consider that not enough power for a Jeep. I dis-

agree. It works well, especially with its engine-stop-at-idle feature. And there is only so fast you can go off-road, or on regulated highways anyway.

I like this one and congratulate FCA for taking a good idea and making it much, much better.

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# Popular Auto from China? A Buick.

By Danielle Paquette

The Washington Post

**T**he Buick Envision comes with a peculiar label for a foreign-made car: Designed in the United States. The midsize luxury SUV, a product of General Motors, is the top-selling vehicle imported from China in the United States.

This alarms union leaders, who call for American companies to build cars in America, and could make General Motors a target for President Donald Trump's tirades on trade.

The Envision, which debuted last year, was the first Chinese import from any of the U.S.'s Big Three automakers. "The Invasion," United Auto Workers president Dennis Williams called it.

Now, as President Trump gears up for a fight with China over auto imports, the model could become a symbol of the administration's efforts to discourage American companies from moving more business out there.

The Envision accounts for about 44,000 of an estimated 55,000 imports from China this year, according to IHS Automotive, a global analytics firm. That's a fraction of the number of cars imported from Mexico last

year, which accounted for 1.8 million vehicles, mostly small cars.

But White House officials have signaled Trump will try to renegotiate how China treats U.S. automakers when he meets this month with Chinese President Xi Jinping, according to an Axios report. They don't think American companies should pay 25 percent import taxes to reach Chinese consumers, while foreign automakers pay just 2.5 percent to access the U.S. market.

GM sells most of its Envision models in China, but U.S. sales have been steadily climbing — from 89 in May 2016 to 3,139 this February.

The automaker says consumer appetite in the United States isn't large enough to sustain a local factory for the SUV, which has a suggested retail price of \$34,000. "This is a product that is primarily for the Chinese market," said General Motors spokesman Patrick Morrissey.

The imports were intended to meet an uptick in demand, he said. The Envision, he added, was designed and engineered in Michigan, and that effort created 500 jobs.

Kristen Dzikczek, director of labor and economics at the Center for Automotive Research, said the Envision probably ended up in China because

the desire for the SUV was greater in Beijing than, say, Detroit.

"As a brand, Buick would not have survived were it not for demand in China," she said. "If they can make a few more and sell them here and fill out their lineup in Buick dealerships, then that's all the better."

But auto imports have become a target for Trump who has warned American companies against outsourcing work — and been especially tough on trade with China.

"Any business that leaves our country for another country, fires its employees, builds a new factory or plant in the other country, and then thinks it will sell its products back into the U.S. without retribution or consequences, is WRONG!" he wrote in a December tweet. "There will be a tax on our soon to be strong border of 35% for these companies wanting to sell their product, cars, A.C. units, etc., back across the border."

The sale of Chinese-made GM models in the United States has also angered unions. "There's another example how employers will go to low-paying nations and manipulate the process and start importing into the greatest market in the world, the United States of America," Williams said of the Envision at a recent round-

table. "That's unfair to the American taxpayer, and that's unfair to the American people."

UAW Vice President Cindy Estrada, director of the union's General Motor department, compared the imports to "a slap in the face to U.S. taxpayers."

"General Motors continues to use the slogan, 'build it where you sell it,' " she said in a statement after General Motors unveiled the model. "The company should adhere to their own words and should reconsider this decision and place this product into one of their facilities in the United States."

China requires foreign entities to partner with a Chinese firm before putting down roots and selling cars in the country. The country's steep fees have encouraged automakers worldwide to set up shop within its borders — including Ford, Chrysler Fiat and General Motors.

Most of the vehicles produced by multinational firms in China are sold to Chinese consumers, who pay top dollar for foreign name brands.

China is General Motors' largest market. The automaker, which also sells Cadillacs in the country, posted 321,264 vehicle sales there in January. GM's February number in the United States was 237,388 units.

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## Ford, Chrysler Sales Disappoint as Cars Plunge Despite Discounts

By Jamie Butters, David Welch

Bloomberg

**U**.S. auto sales trailed estimates, with Ford and Fiat Chrysler reporting the biggest declines, as heavy incentive spending failed to keep struggling sedan and compact models from plunging. Carmakers' shares fell.

Total deliveries slumped 7.2 percent at Ford and 4.6 percent at Fiat Chrysler last month. General Motors sales climbed 1.6 percent, a smaller gain than analysts projected, while Honda reported a surprise drop.

The results cast doubt on expectations that industrywide U.S. auto sales would bounce back following declines in the first two months of the year. Carmakers are using heavy discounts to try to trim inventory that's swelled to the highest level in more than a decade. GM has dialed back output of cars like the Chevrolet Cruze, while Fiat Chrysler is eliminating models including the Dodge Dart compact.

"Sales are under forecast, and there were a lot of incentives during the month," Michelle Krebs, an analyst with Autotrader.com, said by phone. "Before long, we will see more production cuts."

GM sees the industry's annualized sales pace, adjusted for seasonal trends, at 16.7 million vehicles for the month, according to Jim Cain, a company spokesman. The automaker cut its projection from 17 million, which it had given in a statement earlier Monday. Analysts estimated a pace of about 17.2 million.

Deliveries of GM's Chevrolet Malibu and Ford's Fusion family cars each plunged by more than 35 percent last month. GM shares fell as much as 4.4 percent in New York. Ford, now worth less than Tesla Inc. by market capitalization, was down as much as 3 percent, while Fiat Chrysler dropped as much as 6 percent.

"Many automakers are looking for signs of market stability as consumers continue to head towards trucks and SUVs," Jeff Conrad, senior vice president of Honda's U.S. sales unit, said in a statement.

Nissan sales rose 3.2 percent, beating analysts' estimates for a 2.8 percent gain. Rogue crossover deliveries surged 43 percent in March, as the model continues to outsell the longtime leader within the segment, Honda's CR-V.

"Some of our competitors got really crazy in March," Judy Wheeler, vice president of U.S. sales for Nissan, said in an interview. Incentive spending across the industry rose 13 percent from a year earlier, a jump of

about \$415 per vehicle, according to researcher ALG.

Combined sales of Volkswagen's namesake brand and Audi premium brand rose less than projected as Audi reported a 1.7 percent increase, its smallest gain of the year.

Ford has adjusted its production to respond to changes in consumer demands, Mark LaNeve, Ford's vice

president of U.S. sales and marketing, said on a conference call with analysts. In January, the automaker canceled plans to build a \$1.6 billion small-car factory in Mexico.

"Mid-size cars, they continue to bear the brunt of strong sales growth in small SUVs," said Erich Merkle, Ford's U.S. sales analyst, said on the call.

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captures of the project earned Kusama's approval, and a representative from her studio signed off on the final version, Doucette said.

The Hirshhorn offers six Samsung virtual-reality headsets that visitors with disabilities can request from volunteers on-site. They are only available to patrons who are not physically capable of entering the rooms, though, so don't look to VR to help you skip the exhibit's notoriously long lines.

Users wearing the goggles can pivot their head side to side or move forward as they would in the actual

room. It doesn't quite capture the immersive experience of standing in the actual mirrored rooms, but in a way, the view actually appears even more infinite than the original.

"I think that VR has a home in museums now, especially museums that are bringing in physical spaces and physical environments that you are supposed to walk into and experience, not just see something on the wall," Doucette said. "When you are told you have to go into the space to experience this, and you're not able to do that, this is the perfect solution for it."

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- A. Bugs Bunny. ■



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# Sports

## What Does the Raiders' Move to Las Vegas Say About the NFL's Relationship with Sports Gambling?

By Mark Maske

The Washington Post

The Washington Post's Mark Maske provides in-depth NFL analysis with "First and 10," a dissection of the league's most important developments.

### First: NFL gambling line?

By the time the NFL owners voted, 31-1, last week at a Phoenix resort to approve the Raiders' move from Oakland to Las Vegas for the 2019 or 2020 season, any wariness about placing a franchise in the nation's gambling capital had long since dissipated.

The one dissenting vote cast by Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross was registered not because of gambling concerns but because, as Ross said later, he was unsure that the league had exhausted all the possibilities for keeping the team in Oakland.

Earlier in the process, those owners who did have some concerns about the move seemed wary mostly because of the size of the Las Vegas market, not because of gambling.

It once would have been unthinkable that the NFL — long opposed to the legalization of sports gambling in other states, citing the potential threat to public confidence in the sport's integrity — would put a team in Las Vegas. By the time it actually happened, there was almost no debate on the issue.

"Las Vegas has evolved into arguably a family destination," Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said last week in Phoenix. "It has. That's not

your father's Las Vegas. They are a great community that has tremendous prospects for the future. We are very comfortable because of really our precedent relative to being in other cities that have gambling nearby. The sensitivity toward the perceived integrity of our game is very much there. But Las Vegas did not in any way compromise that. . . . I know that the NFL is very comfortable that we haven't compromised anything as to our stance on gambling or gaming by going to Las Vegas."

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the league has not and will not change its opposition to the spread of legalized sports gambling.

"We did not change any of our gambling policies in the context of the Raiders' relocation," Goodell said in Phoenix. "It wasn't necessary. The Raiders didn't ask us to do that. We don't see that changing our current policies. Your broader question about continuing our efforts on gambling, that is a major risk for us. And I think we have to make sure that we continue to stay focused on making sure that everyone has full confidence that what you see on the field is not influenced by any outside factors. That's our number one concern. That goes to what I consider the integrity of the game. And we will not relent on that."

The owners' approval of the Raiders' move was a function, according to Jones, of the league's view of Las Vegas as a growing market and a unique tourist destination. The gambling issue, Jones said, was a non-factor to the owners.

"I would have to say that the Raiders

going to Las Vegas was just a reflection of how much the NFL thinks of the future, with all the pluses that are involved for the NFL," Jones said. "It certainly was not a deterrent for that decision, that part of it. But there are so many other things to consider there. And it has caveats regarding that in the agreement. I would just look at it positively, that it just reflects Las Vegas and that gaming was not a deterrent at all, as witnessed by the vote."

### ... AND TEN

**1. Overtime overhaul?** The owners last week tabled a proposal by the rulemaking competition committee that would reduce overtime from 15 to 10 minutes in the preseason and regular season.

That measure is to be reconsidered by the owners at their May meeting in Chicago, and there are indications that it is likely to be ratified then. The proposal was made as a player-safety measure. It is to reduce wear and tear on players and eliminate the possibility of a team playing what amounts to a five-quarter game on a Sunday and then having to play again four days later on a Thursday night.

But Cowboys executive Stephen Jones, a member of the competition committee, said last week in Phoenix that regardless of what happens with the proposal to shorten overtime, committee members should feel an obligation to take a more comprehensive look at whether the NFL's overtime system is in need of an overhaul.

"We obviously heard it loud and clear as a committee that we've got work to do," Jones said. "I just think

it's probably deeper than just saying well, they were against 10 minutes. Is there a better way to do overtime? I think we've got to go back and sharpen our pencils and see if there's a better way to do it."

That point was underscored to some, Jones said, when the New England Patriots won the Super Bowl with a touchdown on the opening drive of overtime.

"I think even after the Super Bowl there's a lot of people feeling there's got to be a better way that both teams get the opportunity," Jones said.

Under the league's current overtime format, the team that gets the ball first in overtime can win with a touchdown. If that team gets a field goal, its opponent gets a possession and can tie and extend the game with a field goal or win it with a touchdown.

"Obviously player health and safety is always at the top of our list, which was what brought this to attention," Jones said. "It's a player health and safety rule. But at the same time, is there a better way to do it in terms of . . . do both teams get the opportunity, a fair shot at it? I'm sure after the Super Bowl there's people that feel like it would've been interesting to see what Atlanta would have done had they had their chance. Not taking anything away from New England. What an amazing game and an amazing outcome. It's just we've got to continue to look at it."

Jones said he does not know how much support there would be on the competition committee or among the owners for a college-style overtime format in which teams would alter-

nate possessions from a specified yard line until there was a winner.

"We've got to really probably do a deeper dive on that," Jones said. "I think it'd be premature for me to speculate on who might be open-minded to something like that."

**2. 10-minute OT:** A 10-minute overtime, if enacted, would create the risk that a team could have a long possession ending with a field goal, and its opponent would not have enough time remaining on the clock for a fair shot at drive to tie or win the game.

"That was discussed," said New York Giants co-owner John Mara, a competition committee member. "That's a risk. But you have a couple timeouts. You shouldn't let a drive like that happen . . . You shouldn't let the team hold the ball."

Mara said he is not concerned about the possibility that approval of the 10-minute overtime could lead to more tie games.

"It was something the players, when we met with them in Indianapolis, supported," Mara said. "The opposition to that is it might create more ties. My response to that is: So what? I'd rather have that used as a tiebreaker at the end of the year than something like point differential."

**3. 'Color rush' lives:** The Washington Redskins withdrew their proposal to allow teams to opt out of wearing "color rush" jerseys for Thursday night games.

That led Mara to say jokingly of Redskins President Bruce Allen: "The one that I wanted to support vigor-

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by Chris Richcreek

1. Pitcher Wandy Rodriguez set a Texas Rangers record in 2015 for consecutive batters retired (34). Who had held the team mark?
2. How many times did Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan lead a league in shutouts?
3. When was the last time the University of Indiana football team won a bowl game?
4. In the 2014-15 NBA season, John Wall became the second Washington Wizards player to average 10 assists in a season. Who was the first?
5. When was the last time before the 2016-17 NHL season that the Philadelphia Flyers won 10

consecutive games?

6. When was the last time before 2016 that Mexico's men's soccer team won a World Cup qualifying match in the U.S.?

7. Boxer Vinny Paz won titles in three weight classes during a 60-fight pro career (1983-2004). Name the weight classes.

### Answers:

1. Ken Hill retired 31 consecutive batters in 1996.
2. Three times: 1972 (nine), 1976 (seven) and 1979 (five).
3. It was 1991.
4. Rod Strickland averaged 10.5 assists per game during the 1997-98 season.
5. It was the 1985-86 season, when Philadelphia won 13 in a row.
6. It was 1972.
7. Lightweight, junior middleweight and super middleweight.

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ously but I understand it was withdrawn was the Washington proposal being able to opt out of those godawful 'color rush' uniforms. I told Bruce he finally made one proposal in 20 years that I was willing to support and he had to withdraw it."

**4. McKay on comebacks:** Another good line came from Falcons President Rich McKay, the chairman of the competition committee, as he reeled off statistics that he said showed the health of the sport from a competitive standpoint.

"Those are good stats," McKay said. "I have a stat about fourth-quarter comebacks, the fact that we had 72 of them. But I really don't like to talk about comebacks."

The Falcons, of course, squandered a 28-3, third-quarter lead to lose the Super Bowl to the Patriots, 34-28, in overtime.

**5. Lame-duck Raiders:** The Raiders have one-year lease options in Oakland for the 2017 and 2018 seasons and owner Mark Davis said he intends to keep the franchise there during that time.

The \$1.9 billion stadium that's planned for the Raiders and the UNLV football team in Vegas is to be completed for the 2020 season.

That leaves the Raiders' home for the 2019 season unknown. And, really, no one should be surprised if things get ugly enough in Oakland before then for the league and the Raiders to consider putting them elsewhere.

Yes, the Raiders have what should be a contending team. Yes, they could lure Oakland native Marshawn Lynch out of retirement, if they can work out his contractual status with the Seattle Seahawks. And yes, Davis has urged fans in Oakland to direct their ire at him rather than at Coach Jack Del Rio and players. Davis said last week he thinks the team will be "well supported" during its remaining time in Oakland.

But it is an unbelievably awkward,

potentially untenable situation. The Raiders are asking for support from fans in a city that they have been approved to leave.

Davis said he would consider working out a third one-year lease for the Raiders to play in Oakland in 2019. That seems unlikely. Other possibilities that have been mentioned for 2019 include the Raiders playing in Las Vegas at UNLV or in another market. They could share Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., with the San Francisco 49ers. Could San Antonio, which once attempted to lure the franchise, be a possibility? And if Santa Clara or San Antonio would be a possibility for 2019, how about 2018?

A city councilman, Larry Reid, already has expressed a desire to get the Raiders out of Oakland sooner.

Asked about that last week, Davis said: "I can understand that. That's emotion speaking. I like Larry. He does a good job for the Bay Area. I'll talk to him as well and we'll see where we can go as well. But emotions are high right now."

**6. Relocations, relocations, relocations:** The Raiders' move is the third franchise relocation ratified since January 2016. The Rams left St. Louis for Los Angeles last year. The Chargers have exited San Diego and will begin play in L.A. this coming season.

"None of us like to see anyone move, the three situations, and it's horrible for the fan base," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said. "Look, I went through it myself and came close to even moving in the New England region but I decided not to do it, walked away from a great financial deal because that was right for me . . . In the end, we're in a very competitive league. And you can't compete at the highest level if you don't have a first-rate stadium. I think that is what really this is all about."

Jerry Jones thought back to late Raiders owner Al Davis, Mark Davis's father.

"Al was a very close friend of mine and I know how much he thought of Oakland and where his heart was,"

Jones said. "So that's unfortunate that they're leaving Oakland. However, for years even when Al was here, I know how hard they tried to get a new facility. It just didn't work. It didn't work and it wasn't working. They were approved to go to L.A. And so that's just unfortunate. They've got great fans. They've got great fans in Oakland. The Raiders are a national-followed team. They've got over the country. I wish Mark well in Las Vegas. Las Vegas is a great city, a treasure in the country, really. The Raiders, they fit like a glove. So I wish them the best."

Goodell likened this period to a time in the 1990s when relocations became frequent.

"We had a number of relocations in the '90s," Goodell said. "I believe it was four in a very short period of time, maybe even a year. So that's an unfortunate circumstance. But it comes after a great deal of work to try to resolve the issues. We've been successful in keeping our franchises where they are. Unfortunately we weren't in this case. We want to continue to find ways to be creative and finding those solutions in those markets. But we also have stability for those teams now. Those teams, that wasn't something that just started in the last year or two. They've been struggling with stadiums for at least a decade in almost every one of those cases."

**7. Hiring Super Bowl assistants:** Another proposal tabled in Phoenix was one by the competition committee that would allow an assistant coach on a team still in the playoffs to reach an agreement with another franchise to be its head coach.

That's currently forbidden, which is why the 49ers had to wait until after the Super Bowl to hire Falcons offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan. Of course, it was clear to everyone by then that Shanahan would get the job, so the official hiring was a mere formality.

"There may be some opposition but I don't think it really changes what's going on right now," Mara said last

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week, before the measure was tabled. "It just prevents you from announcing it. I think the theory behind that is if that coach that's in the Super Bowl is the offensive coordinator in a news conference and he's asked about the quarterback situation with the new club, he can simply say, 'Hey, I'm not allowed to talk about that now. Nothing's been announced.' To me, it makes sense as the way to do it."

**8. Quinn on Sarkisian** . . . Falcons Coach Dan Quinn hired Steve Sarkisian to replace Shanahan as Atlanta's offensive coordinator.

In the aftermath of the Redskins' firing of Scot McCloughan as their general manager, reportedly because of McCloughan's allegedly ongoing issues with alcohol, Quinn was asked last week about the Falcons' support system for Sarkisian and his previous

alcohol-related issues while at USC.

"When we had the opportunity to hire Steve, that was one of the real questions that we wanted to talk about: his recovery and how we can do the very best job of supporting him," Quinn said. "That was a big topic that he and I discussed prior to coming on board. I wanted to make sure he was healthy and doing great. And he was. I wanted to find out the exact steps that are necessary for him and how I can best support him, which I do 100 percent."

"I'll leave that between he and I. But the steps are in place to help with his recovery. Fortunately with him, part of his openness to talk about it helps a lot, too. His way to help someone else by having it be transparent is impor-

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gethsemane in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What's the only book of the Bible (KJV) that mentions Christ's tomb being sealed?
3. Who rolled away the stone from the mouth of Jesus' tomb? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
4. Jesus ate fish and what else first after the resurrection? Figs, Berries, Honeycomb, Manna
5. Which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
6. From Acts 1, how long did Jesus remain before He ascended into heaven?

**ANSWERS:** 1) Neither; 2) Matthew; 3) An angel; 4) Honeycomb; 5) Thomas; 6) 40 days

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## Easter Q & A

- Q: Why couldn't the rabbit fly home for Easter?  
A: He didn't have the hare fare.
- Q: What is the difference between a crazy bunny and a counterfeit banknote?  
A: One is bad money and the other is a mad bunny!
- Q: Why is a bunny the luckiest animal in the world?  
A: It has 4 rabbits' feet. ■

Fluffy the bunny.

So Cedric slithered all over Fluffy and said, "Well, you're covered with soft fur, you have really long ears, your nose twitches and you have a soft cottony tail. I'd say that you must be a bunny rabbit."

"Oh, thank you, thank you," cried Fluffy with tremendous pleasure. Then Fluffy the bunny suggested to the snake, "Perhaps I could be allowed to feel you all over with my paw and help you the same way that you've helped me."

So Fluffy the bunny felt Cedric the snake all over and summarized, "Well, you're smooth and slippery, you have a forked tongue and no backbone. I'd say you must be either a politician or possibly someone in senior management." ■

a long-anticipated reunion gets closer to becoming a happy reality.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might be demanding more from others than they can give. Best advice: Have a long and frank talk to determine what the facts are. Tensions should abate as the week winds down.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Aspects are favorable throughout this week for making contacts that could be important to your career plans. Meanwhile, an old friend offers the advice you're seeking.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** It's time to stop

## Fluffy and Cedric

Fluffy, the orphan bunny and Cedric the orphan snake lived in the forest in Australia; they were, by an amazing coincidence, both blind from birth.

One morning, bright and early Fluffy was hopping through the forest when he tripped over the body of Cedric who was basking in the sunlit undergrowth. Fluffy landed quite hard on the prostrate body of Cedric.

"Crikey," exclaimed Fluffy the bunny, "I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to squash you. I've been blind since birth, so, I can't see where I'm going. In fact, since I'm also an orphan, I don't even know what creature I am."

"That's OK, mate," commented Cedric the snake. "Actually my story is much the same as yours. I, too, have been blind since birth and also never knew my mother. Tell you what, maybe I could slither all over you and work out what you are, so at least you'll be able to find that out."

"What a marvelous idea," replied

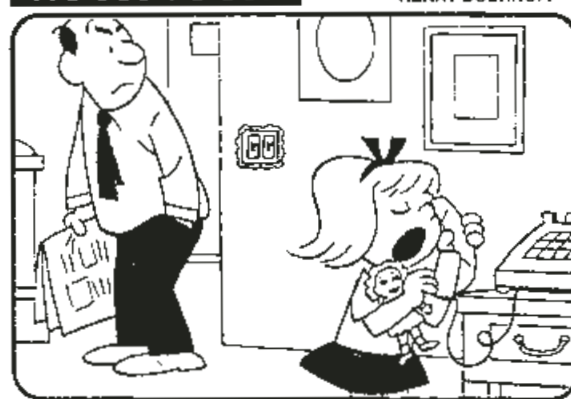


**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Be careful about doing someone a favor when you don't know the full story behind the request. Don't rely on someone's unsubstantiated assurances. Insist on all the facts before you act.

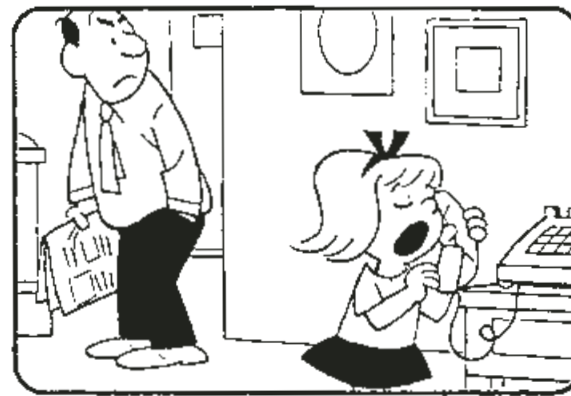
**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** That workplace problem still needs your attention before you finally can close the book on it. Meanwhile,

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. The tie is different. 2. Newspaper is smaller. 3. Switch is missing. 4. Picture is smaller. 5. Doll is missing. 6. Drawer handle is missing.

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Five times a number is four more than twice the number.  
What is the number?

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Sticklers Answer

The answer is 4/3.  
Five times some number is equal to twice that number plus 4:  
 $5x = 2x + 4$   
 $3x = 4$   
 $x = 4/3$

licking your wounds from past mistakes. Get up and get going toward your future. Loyal friends will be there to help the Lion get back into rip-roaring shape.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Take time out to go over what's expected of you before you begin your new project. Otherwise, you run the risk of pushing yourself harder than you need to.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** An unusual request could put you in an awkward position. Best advice: Deal with it immediately. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to get out of it.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** You should feel recharged and ready for whatever your workaday world holds for you. The same positive energy spills over into your personal relationships.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A prospect might be less than it appears to be. Like the Archer in your sign, you

always aim for the truth. And this is no time to settle for less than full disclosure.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Start doing some serious thinking about a career move that could entail more than just changing job sites. Some lifestyle changes also might be involved.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** With tensions easing at the workplace, a more positive environment once again encourages the free flow of ideas so typical of the always-innovative Aquarian.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Show some of that usually hidden steel-strong Piscean backbone, and stand up for yourself if you hope to make a case for that promotion you know you deserve.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You enjoy doing new things and staying ahead of the crowd. You would make a fine sports coach or military leader.

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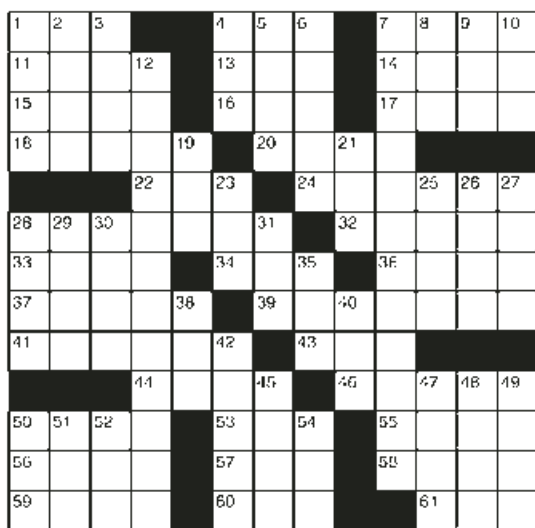
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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- 4 Astronaut  
Grissom
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- 11 Egg
- 13 Fire residue
- 14 Predicate part
- 15 Thin tie with a  
clasp
- 16 Shelter, at  
sea
- 17 Corp. bigwig
- 18 Honey  
bunch?
- 20 Rhett's shoc-  
king word
- 22 Fresh
- 24 Shortcoming
- 28 Custodian
- 32 Broadcasting
- 33 PC picture
- 34 Set of tools  
and parts
- 36 Singer  
Campbell
- 37 Naval prisons
- 39 Own
- 41 Rachmaninov  
or Prokofiev
- 43 — -jongg
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such
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- 56 Serve tea
- 57 Pi follower



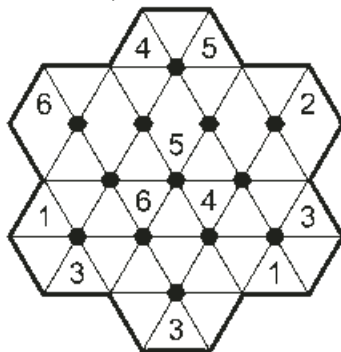
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- 60 Evergreen
- 61 Plaything
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- 2 Acknowledge
- 3 Hawaiian  
dance
- 4 Guy's partner
- 5 Secondhand
- 6 Bundle of  
wheat
- 7 1990s Burt  
Reynolds sit-
- 19 Encountered
- 21 Cow's call
- 23 Stir-fry pan
- 25 Hay bundle
- 26 Falsehoods
- 27 Sea eagles
- 28 Triangular  
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- 29 Land mea-  
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child
- 48 Vagrant
- 49 Salver
- 50 Gorilla
- 51 Chic, in the  
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- 52 Coffee holder
- 54 AAA job

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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Snowflakes solution can be found on page 27

## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter and space for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Solution is accompanied by trial and error.

Clue: N equals B

ZFX IOJAA HCHC SQCKX MJWUP  
AJHXZDHXA IFCAZDAX FXQ AKJDUXP  
NCNO NO AFJWZDES "AZJK OJWQ  
MDEDES!"

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answer  
CryptoQuip  
The cross mama grape would  
sometimes chastise her spoiled  
baby by shouting "Stop your  
"mamaing!"

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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 L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Forest opening     | ___ _ _ D _ _ | Dirty look           | ___ _ _ R _ _ |
| 2. Oleo's competition | ___ U _ _ _ _ | Pancake mix          | ___ A _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Make known         | ___ _ V _ _ _ | Revoke a law         | ___ _ P _ _ _ |
| 4. Dried plum         | ___ _ _ N _ _ | Goody-goody          | ___ _ _ D _ _ |
| 5. Mental health      | S _ _ _ _ _   | Conceit              | V _ _ _ _ _   |
| 6. Have faith in      | ___ _ U _ _ _ | Romantic rendezvous  | ___ _ Y _ _ _ |
| 7. Sheen or Dean      | ___ _ T _ _ _ | Hemingway's big fish | ___ _ L _ _ _ |
| 8. Poker bet          | ___ _ G _ _ _ | Thirst quencher      | ___ _ T _ _ _ |
| 9. Seaside find       | ___ H _ _ _ _ | Bulge                | ___ W _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Push forward      | ___ _ _ _ _ L | Prim                 | ___ _ _ _ _ R |

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword

Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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| 1. Glade, Glare   | 6. Trust, Tryst    |
| 2. Butter, Batter | 7. Martin, Marlin  |
| 3. Reveal, Repeal | 8. Wager, Water    |
| 4. Prune, Prude   | 9. Shell, Swell    |
| 5. Sanity, Vanity | 10. Propel, Proper |

Answers  
**Even Exchange**



# Religion

## Prayerful Thoughts

By Linda Childs

Exclusive to The New York Eagle News

Dear Father in Heaven,

I saw a story on the news the other night about a new medical procedure they have developed called CAR-T, which empowers the patient's own white cells to go after and destroy any cancer cells they find in the body. It seems quite a breakthrough, and I can see that this type of thing is likely the future of battling cancer and other diseases. I can also envision a day, in my lifetime, where cancer won't be that big a deal, just as many other once deadly diseases were converted to nonstarters or made much less devastating thanks to the advances of medicine. Polio has been all but eradicated worldwide and HIV and Ebola are now treatable where they once were not.

In listening to this new breakthrough, I found myself wishing that this had come about 6 years ago, so that it could have saved the life of my beloved husband. My thoughts went to how much I miss him and would dearly love to still have him in my life. But then I thought about the 11 years in which he fought that battle, aided multiple times along the way with breakthrough medicines that became available during those years. We may not have had the lifetime together that this latest therapy might have offered us, but we did have 11 more years than multitudes of patients who went before him didn't get, as they had cancer before those then-breakthrough medicines were available.

Then I realized that these thoughts about the newest breakthroughs are a form of jealousy. Of course I don't begrudge any of the current cancer patients who are benefitting from the latest cutting-edge treatments. But You were right to put it on my heart that I was envying them their good fortune. And I realized that jealousy is really pointless, as in any situation there are always people who have it better than us, but there also always people who have it worse. If we stop to think about that, it means that we have blessings to be thankful for even in the worst situations. It may be tragic, for instance, to have lost a dear one prematurely, but we are blessed to have had them in our lives at all. It's all relative.

It's so easy to feel jealous when someone gets something that we want. This scenario happens a lot, that someone else is blessed in a way we long for or think we deserve, and it seems our minds automatically jump to thoughts of envy. She got a new car—how can she afford that? I wish I had a new car, I really need one. Insert any number of things in this sentence to replace the car—outfit, motorcycle, vacation trip, house, etc.—and one can see how this scenario can often occur in our lives. Add in other blessings people get that don't involve money, such as having a baby, finding one's soulmate, being attractive, and the temptations to be jealous grow exponentially.

The point is, we don't have to accept these thoughts of jealousy, envy and covetousness as our own, we don't have to take ownership of them. We can choose instead to remember all that we have to be thankful for, all that You have done for us. We can also remember that You take care of all our needs, and if we don't have something we want and have prayed about and asked You for with full expectation and gratitude, perhaps it is because it is not in Your plan for us, or at least not yet. Indeed, often we see later on why it wasn't in our best interest to grant us our wishes in a particular area or how the timing wouldn't have been right just then.

Thus, being jealous is not only against Your dictates for us, it is pointless, serves no good purpose, and just makes us unhappy. I believe that is why You tell us not to covet what someone else has. Indeed I think that most, if not all of Your commandments were given for our own good, just as the rules we make for our children are for their own good. You know how many times most of us heard that very phrase from our parents as we were growing up!

We are all blessed in many ways, but most of us find these blessings easy to forget or take for granted, especially if we are focused on what someone else has. We need to focus more on how much You have blessed us, and try to be cognizant of all that we have to be thankful for. I endeavor daily to give thanks to You, out loud, for whatever blessings I can think of, and I try every evening to do this for the blessings of that day. I have often found that, even if it seemed like a very difficult or unpleasant day, when I take the time to go over it in my mind, I am surprised at how much I find to be thankful for, including all that *didn't* go wrong and all that didn't turn out to be worse than it was. You have also helped me to know that whenever I find myself focusing on areas of lack in my life, to stop and replace those thoughts by giving You thanks for what I do have. This actually does make me feel better and

## A Hate Crime Made a Muslim Family Consider Leaving the U.S. - Until Neighbors Responded

By Julie Zauzmer

The Washington Post

**When Mahrukh and Shoaib Ahmad got a call from their apartment manager, saying that their home in Fairfax County, Virginia had been burglarized while they were visiting relatives in New York for the weekend, they rushed home to find out what had been stolen.**

They weren't prepared for what they discovered when they got there.

The burglar or burglars had spotted the illustrations of Koranic verses on the Ahmads' walls and had broken the frames, the couple said. Someone had taken their Koran from the shelf and torn out its pages. On the wall, they had written in tall, wobbly black letters: "F-- Muslims."

"It was a complete mess. It was like a tornado came into our apartment. Basically everything that was over \$100, it was gone," Mahrukh said. The valuable jewelry she received for her wedding was gone, she said, as was the jewelry given as gifts to her daughter when she was born. But what hurt the most was looking at the pages of her holy book, lying on the floor, Mahrukh said.

"We couldn't believe our eyes, that this could actually happen and it happened to us," she said. "It felt like they were rubbing it in our faces, just because we're Muslims. Especially about the Koran, it was very, very hurtful. It truly brought tears to our eyes."

Fairfax County police, who are investigating the case, have not identified a suspect. They said they are investigating it as a bias-related inci-

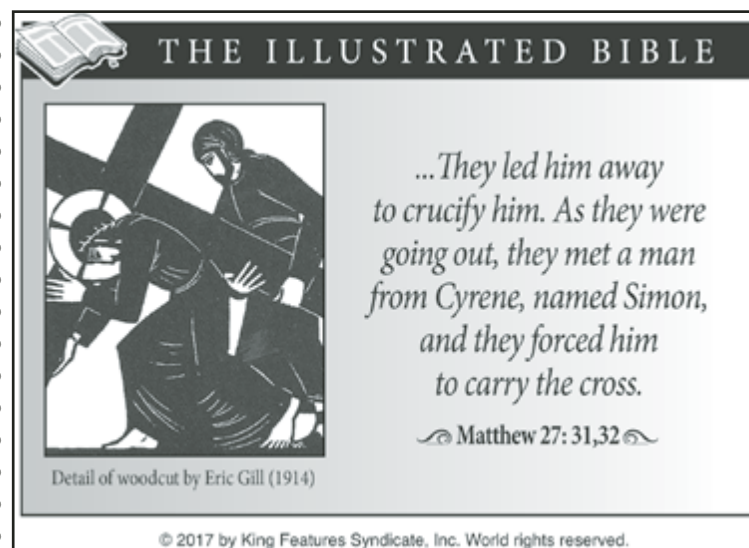
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Privately, after the police finished fingerprinting and a relative took their 1- and 4-year-old children so they wouldn't have to see the hateful words on the wall, Mahrukh and Shoaib said they asked each other: Should they leave the country?

Shoaib grew up in Dubai and Mahrukh in Pakistan. The couple said that Shoaib obtained a green card years ago because his work brought him frequently to the United States, and after Mahrukh obtained her green card too, they decided to move to the U.S. last year. They had relatives here, and from watching their experiences, they decided that it would be a better place to raise their young children.

Before the burglary and vandalism the Monday before last, Mahrukh said she hadn't reconsidered moving

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helps me to refocus my thoughts on You, where they belong and can bear good fruit.

Thank You dear Lord for all the ways in which You help us learn, if we are paying attention, better methods and techniques in which to conduct our daily lives, that we may live each moment bathed in Your precious Love, Peace and Joy, allowing nothing to deprive us of these.

Amen

**Proverbs 14:30** A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

**1 Corinthians 13:4** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

**Philippians 2:3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

**1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**Romans 12:21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**James 4:2-3** You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

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**Q:** TSA and the rest of the Federal government have spent the last 16 years saying to keep your electronics in a carry-on bag because it isn't safe to check them for damage reasons plus they may be stolen by baggage carriers etc. Now they are banning the transport of those same electronics in carry-on luggage. Is the solution just to not bring them if you have to fly through an affected airport? What will their responsibility be if someone follows the rules and ends up with stolen luggage?

**A:** Many airlines exclude electronics from the list of items for which they'll accept liability, although the policies vary between domestic and international flights. If you're transiting through one of the airports affected by the electronics ban, you may want to leave the devices at home.

— Christopher Elliott

**Q:** I am considering traveling to Argentina with my boyfriend in October. I have never been to South America and would probably travel only eight or nine days. Is that enough time to see some of the country's highlights?

Also, do you have any experience with LATAM, Copa or Avianca? I like to fly the flag carrier if possible, but I'm not sure how good South American airlines are. Also, how safe is Ar-

gentina?

**A:** I have flown LATAM and love the airline. No joke, the pilots could land on the wing of a hummingbird if necessary. I have heard good things about Avianca. Some passengers complain about Copa's service, but you need to take such complaints with a grain of salt.

The new president has been working hard to make the country more attractive to tourists. Argentina recently waived its VAT on hotels and eliminated the visa fee. Safety is still an issue, but the crimes are typical of this region of the world. Street smarts will keep you safe. Stay alert on public transportation, for example, and keep your phone or other valuables out of sight. Express kidnappings have happened, so don't travel with your debit card. And alert your credit card companies about your upcoming trip, so they can flag any suspicious transactions. Read the State Department's background on the country, as well as Canada's.

— Andrea Sachs

**Q:** I recently booked roundtrip American Airlines flights from DCA to my Northeastern hometown. I noticed that when I went to choose my seats that the only ones "available" were ones that require an extra fee. This has happened the past couple of times I've flown and I find it a pain since I already paid \$200 for the ticket. Why do they do that? Is it to keep the flight from getting oversold?

**A:** They want to sell you those seats,

so they mark them as available. Truth is, you will have a seat even if you don't pay for an assignment, but they won't necessarily be up front about that. Very tricky.

— Christopher Elliott

**Q:** I am booking my first international flight in almost a decade, and the landscape has obviously changed much since then. How much time would you recommend between my return flights connecting at Chicago Midway, given the need to go through customs? Also, does TSA Precheck work on the first leg of my departing flight, which would be a domestic layover?

**A:** Airlines calculate minimum connect times and factor them into your itinerary. When you return to the country and go through customs, you'll have to get screened by the TSA again for your next flight.

— Christopher Elliott

**Q:** I am joining a river cruise in Amsterdam in late July, but will arrive two days early to see some of the city's sights on my own. What besides the Anne Frank House, Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum should I not miss during my stay?

**A:** I recently did a river cruise that offered a full day and overnight in Amsterdam. Favorites included wandering around Vondelpark, a visit to Stedelijk Museum (if you like contemporary art) and a canal boat cruise.

— Carol Sottili

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**By Carol Sottili, Andrea Sachs**

The Washington Post

**T**his week's best travel bargains around the globe.

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to the United States, even as she heard about one anti-Muslim bias incident after another during the 2016 election campaign and since President Donald Trump's inauguration.

Reported hate crimes against Muslims surged in 2015 by nearly 67 percent at 257 incidents, according to FBI statistics released in November.

"We've never had any bad experiences here," the Ahmads told each other when they heard about those other incidents. "We've never felt like we're outsiders or we shouldn't be here. There are good people and bad people everywhere. We cannot hide from them."

The hateful words inked on the wall in their own house changed that.

"Initially we felt very lonely — this is not the right place for us. We should just move back to Dubai," Mahrugh said.

But since that Monday, her feelings have changed entirely, thanks to the response of her neighbors to the burglary. After she posted about it in a Facebook group for mothers, neighbors offered to help the Ahmads clean up their house, to babysit their chil-

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# Recipes

## Asparagus and Gruyere Omelet

**Summary:**  
Fresh asparagus and nutty Gruyere cheese come together in this elegant omelet.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil
  - 8 ounces asparagus, trimmed and cut diagonally into 1-inch pieces
  - 2 tablespoons water

- 4 ounces Gruyere cheese
- 8 large eggs
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoon margarine or butter
- Toasted country-style bread (optional)

**Steps:**  
1. In 2-quart saucepan, heat olive oil on medium. Add asparagus and 2 tablespoons water. Cook 5 minutes or until tender-crisp; remove from heat. Shred Gruyere cheese.

2. Heat oven to 200 F. Place 4 dinner plates in oven to warm. In medium bowl, place eggs, water, salt and black pepper. With fork, beat 25 to 30 quick strokes to blend mixture without making it fluffy. (Overbeating toughens the proteins in the whites.)
3. In 8-inch nonstick skillet, melt 1 1/2 teaspoons margarine on medium. When margarine stops sizzling, pour or ladle 1/2 cup egg mixture into skillet.
4. After egg mixture begins to set around edges, about 25 to 30 seconds, with heat-safe spatula, carefully push cooked egg from side of skillet toward center, so uncooked egg can reach

bottom of hot skillet. Repeat 8 to 10 times around skillet, tilting as necessary, 1 to 1 1/2 minutes.

5. Cook until omelet is almost set but still creamy and moist on top. Place skillet handle facing you, and sprinkle one-fourth of asparagus and Gruyere on half of omelet.

6. With spatula, fold unfilled half over filling.
7. Shake pan gently to loosen any egg or filling from edge, then slide omelet to edge of skillet. Holding skillet above warm plate, tip skillet so omelet slides onto plate. Keep warm in oven. Repeat with remaining margarine, egg mixture, asparagus and cheese to make 4 omelets in all. Serve with toast and tomato wedges if you like.

**Nutrition:**  
Each serving: About 340 calories, 27g total fat (10g saturated), 22g protein, 2g carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 456mg cholesterol, 590mg sodium.

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## Penne with Chicken, Asparagus and Lemon Alfredo Sauce

- Ingredients:**
- 1 pound penne rigate (penne with ridges) pasta
  - 1 pound thin asparagus
  - 12 ounces chicken tenders
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 cup flour
  - 1 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1 jar Alfredo sauce
  - 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
  - 3 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
  - 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
  - 1 large tomato
  - 1/4 cup snipped fresh chives
  - Freshly ground black pepper, to

taste  
• Garnish: finely shredded lemon peel

**Steps:**  
1. Cook pasta in a large pot of lightly salted boiling water as package directs, adding asparagus 3 minutes before pasta is done.  
2. Meanwhile sprinkle chicken with salt, then toss with flour to lightly coat.  
3. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over high heat. Add chicken; saute 3 minutes until golden and just barely cooked through. Add Alfredo sauce, peel, juice and cheese. Bring to a simmer and cook 1 to 2 minutes until chicken is done  
4. Drain pasta and asparagus; return to pot. Immediately add sauce, tomato, chives and pepper. Toss to mix and coat. Serves 6.

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## Crispy Potato Chips Made in Microwave

By Donna Erickson

- Summary:**  
I'm not inclined to regularly make my own, but it is super-fun to show children how crispy potato chips can come out of your own kitchen in just minutes to accompany a sandwich at lunchtime.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 medium russet or red potato, peeled or unpeeled
  - Olive oil
  - Salt
  - Garlic powder, dried herbs and spices (optional)

**Steps:**  
1. Use a mandoline slicer or hand slicing tool to cut the potato widthwise into 1/8 to 1/16-inch slices. If you opt to slice them with a knife, make sure the thickness is equal. Place in a bowl of cold water for about 5 minutes.  
2. Ask your child to set the slices on

- a paper towel or clean kitchen towel. Pat well to dry.  
3. Drizzle a dinner-size plate with olive oil. (I prefer a clear glass plate) Your child will enjoy using a basting brush to spread a thin layer of the oil over the plate. Arrange some of the slices in a single layer, making sure they don't touch. Lightly brush them with oil.  
4. Place in microwave on high for 3 minutes. An adult should open microwave and turn potato slices over with a spatula (plate will be very hot). Microwave another 2 minutes or more until brown to ensure that they are crisp. (You may need to do an additional minute.) Transfer to a serving plate and sprinkle with salt and additional seasoning, if you wish.  
5. Drizzle a bit more olive oil on microwave-safe plate and repeat with remaining slices. Serve the same day. Makes about 35 chips.

**NOTE:** Times will vary according to your microwave, plate and thickness of slices.

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- FIRST & 10 FROM PAGE 19**
- tant to him."
  - **9. League meeting odds and ends . . .**
  - A few leftovers from Phoenix:
  - • Several NFL head coaches, including Baltimore's John Harbaugh, said
  - at the league meeting they would like
  - to see the limitations on offseason
  - workouts and how much time players
  - can spend at teams' facilities during
  - the offseason relaxed in the next col-
  - lective bargaining agreement.
  - Ummm, how to put this delicately:
  - Coaches, the league and the NFL
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## MUSEUM FROM COVER

the first woman to successfully perform the bullet-catching trick, which has killed, purportedly, a dozen magicians. (In a video on YouTube, Dietrich stands behind a plate of glass as a man fires a bolt-action rifle aimed at her face.)

On stage, Dietrich asked me, "Are you afraid of swords or being confined?" Normally, it would depend on the situation, I thought, but I said no, and she picked up a thick square collar of wood, with a rounded-out center and a hinge on one side. "Great, put this around your neck." The audience howled, and I looked at the brothers sitting in front of me: a prepubescent boy wearing a T-shirt with the faces of Donald Trump and Dirty Harry, Clint Eastwood's symbol of Nixonian vigilante law and order; and the boy's slightly older, rail-thin brother, sporting a red trucker hat with an off-color message supporting Trump.

I clamped the square collar around my neck as Dietrich held up a piece of newspaper.

"You see this," she said, as she sliced the newspaper with a sword.

"You feel this?" she asked, as she slid the sword through the wooden collar, poking my neck with a cool metal point.

"I'm going to run this sharp sword straight through your neck. Sound good?"

I nodded.

"Great," she said. "Now turn around."



A bust of the magician Harry Houdini at the Houdini Museum in downtown Scranton. (Photo by Jim Graham — For The Washington Post)

I turned and looked directly under the lights at the crowd in front of me. The kids' smiles and energy, the older magic enthusiasts' knowing grins, the confusion and frozen half-smile on my wife's face. I could see everything so clearly.

After a few false starts to build tension, Dietrich pushed the sword into the collar and out the other end: a toothpick spearing a cocktail olive. I felt a slight pressure on my neck, which may have been my body remembering to draw in breath.

I was here because Harry Houdini lives in the background of my memories, blurry and unreal, and visiting the museum gave me the chance

to reconnect with one of my first heroes of art and theater. When I was in grade school, I stumbled on a paperback biography of the magician, where I learned about his lifelong commitment to debunking spiritualists, communicators to the dead and psychics. His acts were rooted in endurance, skill and pain tolerance, obscured by seemingly unexplainable magic. Houdini spent a lifetime escaping shackles, ropes and steel bondage.

He traveled the world picking locks while handcuffed, held upside down, submerged in water, straitjacketed or sealed in darkened containers, cramped, with quickly diminishing levels of breathable air. He performed

for massive crowds and ticket-paying audiences, including in the booming coal town of Scranton. Although the Houdini Museum, which opened in 1988, has no direct association with the 20th century's premier escape artist — Houdini never performed or lived on site — his legacy is championed by Dietrich and Brookz, and their commitment extends well beyond the museum's walls.

On display is one of Dietrich and Brookz's prized pieces: the mold used to re-create the funerary bust that sat atop Houdini's grave, which was destroyed by vandals in the 1970s. Houdini is buried in what was then a languishing cemetery in Queens.

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Dietrich and Brookz helped raise the funds, about \$10,000, to re-create and install a new bust as negotiations between the cemetery and the magician's estate stalled.

The bust mold lives in a side room among event posters, chains and heavy padlocks, which museumgoers can see during the 30-minute tour that precedes the marathon 2 1/2-hour magic show. The museum looks like an organized antiques store, with old magazines and advertising pamphlets resting on wardrobes and curio cabinets thick with dust and Houdini-related tchotchkes.

Once the show, which featured the magic duo trading sets, came to a close, Dietrich and Brookz made themselves available for questions while operating the museum's gift shop.

A man in his 50s waited for the audience to disperse, eager to ask Dietrich about her infamous bullet-catch trick. As he approached, his face was eager and shining, in awe of the magician.

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"You really caught a fired bullet with your teeth?" he asked breathlessly.

"Well, I don't recommend it," she replied.

• The Houdini Museum has different hours depending on the season. Call 570-342-5555 for information.

- Gonzalez is a writer living in New York.

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Players Association don't care what you think.

This is a collective bargaining issue between the league and the union. The NFLPA pushed hard for these restrictions in the last CBA as a matter of player health and safety, and is proud to have secured them. The union is not about to reverse field in the next set of labor negotiations, and NFLPA leaders have made it very clear they are paying no attention to the coaches' concerns.

On the league side, never forget that owners own and coaches coach. When the owners during previous league meetings have wanted to decide something to which coaches might object, they simply have waited until coaches were out the room — at a golf outing, perhaps — to do what they wanted to do.

Move on to something else, coaches. You're not going to win on this.

• Goodell said he has seen no evidence that free agent quarterback Colin Kaepernick is being blackballed.

"I haven't heard that from our clubs in any way that that's an issue," Goodell said. "My experience in 35 years is that our clubs make independent evaluations of players. They work hard to try to improve their teams. If they think a player can help them improve their team, they're gonna do that."

• The newly approved centralized instant replay system, with rulings

being made by members of the NFL's officiating department stationed in New York, creates the possibility of a hectic time in the league office when many games are being played at once early Sunday afternoons. Dean Blandino, the NFL's senior vice president of officiating, and his staff potentially could be in charge of multiple replay reviews taking place simultaneously.

That shouldn't be a problem, Blandino said in Phoenix.

"We've been doing this for three years now since 2014," he said. "We've been involved in the replay decision-making process. There are three people in the room — myself, our senior director of officiating and one of our officiating supervisors — that can make decisions. We have one person that's assigned to each game and they're responsible for calling things to our attention."

"We had a real good year last year with the three people in the room feeling out that early window on Sunday. So if there are up to three challenges going on at once, we can manage that. It would be a very rare instance where they would all be initiated at the same moment and have a fourth where you really couldn't get to it. The way it flows, you can get to the replay station. And we feel comfortable with that early window of games."

• The NFL still has not given the go-ahead for coaches and players to watch video on the tablets they're allowed to have on the sidelines during games. The use of the tablets remains

limited to viewing still photos.

"Video on the tablets on the sidelines was discussed," Blandino said in Phoenix. "I think that's something that we'll continue. We've heard from our coaches and from our clubs, where they stand on it. And I think that's something, as the technology continues to improve, it will continue to be part of the discussion."

• According to a person familiar with the league's inner workings, owners decided nothing definitively in Phoenix about a contract extension for Goodell. His current deal reportedly expires in March 2019 and his pay is a matter handled by an owners' compensation committee headed by the Falcons' Arthur Blank. Pro-footballtalk reported that Goodell's contract was among the subjects addressed during an owners-only session in Phoenix.

**10. Pats stuff** . . . It's always interesting with the Patriots, isn't it? It was an eventful Sunday:

• Rob Gronkowski is a game-changing player when he's healthy, and his off-field antics are generally fun and basically harmless. But is it really the best idea for a player coming off back surgery, and a season in which he was placed on the injured reserve list and missed the playoffs and Super Bowl, to spend part of his offseason ramming into a pro wrestler?

• Adrian Peterson was scheduled to visit the Patriots on Monday, as first reported by ESPN. Peterson remains unsigned in free agency and

isn't headed back to the Vikings, who signed Latavius Murray to replace him at running back. New England always has made sense as a potential landing spot for him. If Peterson isn't going to get a mega-contract, he at

least should choose a team that gives him a chance to be productive again as a runner and possibly reach a Super Bowl.

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## OBITUARIES FROM PAGE 11

Donald Shaw.

Funeral services were held April 1st at the Baird-Moore Funeral Home, Naples. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ontario/Yates Hospice, 756 Preemption Rd. Geneva, NY 14456; Naples Hospice House, Box 343; Naples Fire Co. Box 671; or Naples Ambulance Box 306, Naples, NY 14512. Those who would like to write words of consolation to the family may do so at [www.bairdfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhomes.com).

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## NASHPORT, OH

## James A. Huey

**Nashport, OH - James "Jim" A. Huey, 89**, passed away at March 21, 2017 at Willow Haven Nursing Home. He was born March 31, 1927 in Zanesville, OH, the son of the late Robert and Altha Forker Huey. Jim served his country as member of the Navy serving in WWII and the Air Force serving in the Korean War and Viet Nam. He retired as a technician from Newark Air Force Base. Jim enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, watching sports and his canine companions.

Jim was married in 1960 to Jean Bennett Huey of Wayland, NY.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jean; sons Pete and Paul (Joan) Huey; grandchildren Craig, Alex, Cameron and Kelleigh Huey and Taylor Huey Erhard; sister Patricia Huey; brother Thomas (Carol) Huey; and several nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, and five brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held March 24th at Bryan & Hardwick Funeral Home in Zanesville, with Rev. Tim Patton officiating. Interment with full military honors followed at Zanes-

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ville Memorial Park. Memorial contributions in memory of Jim may be made to the James Cancer Center or St. Jude's. The Bryan & Hardwick Funeral Home, Zanesville was in charge of the arrangements. To share memories and condolences with Jim's family please visit [www.BryanHardwickFuneralHome.com](http://www.BryanHardwickFuneralHome.com)

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## PRATTSBURGH, NY

## Michelina Yawman

**Prattsburgh, NY - Michelina Yawman, 84**, died March 24, 2017 at FF Thompson Medical Center in Canandaigua after a short illness. Lina was born in Rochester on September 14, 1932 to Charles and Teresa Riccota Palermo. She was married to Ronald Yawman. He died March 17, 1996.

She is survived by a daughter, Cathleen (William) Bergstresser; grandchildren Nicole and Brianna Campbell and Ashley (Michael) Bailey; great-grandchildren, Blake, Mackenzi, Laci and Talon; and her brother, Angelo (Carol). She is predeceased by her husband; son John; and sister Rose Brimcomb.

Services will be private. Burial will take place with her husband at Bath National Cemetery. Arrangements are in care of Bottoni-Wood Funeral Home. To light a candle please visit <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com>.

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## SPRINGWATER, NY



Albert R. Simonds

**Springwater, NY - Albert R. Simonds, 84**, passed away peacefully March 29, 2017 at Rochester General Hospital. Albert was born February 6, 1933 in Rochester, a son of Willis and

Margaret (Wood) Simonds. He married Elaine A. Stahl on December 21, 1952 who survives. He was a veteran of the US Army from January 1953 to December 1954, serving some of his tour of duty in Trieste, Italy. He was a Maintenance Mechanic for the Monroe County Water Authority, retiring in 1996.

Albert attended the Springwater Church of the Nazarene. He enjoyed gardening vegetables, flowers and growing trees, he also liked to read, and write in his journal daily, he liked to watch western movies, especially John Wayne, but most of all he loved spending time with his family.

Albert is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elaine; sons Bradford, Dwight and Patrick Simonds; daughters Margo (Terry) Wilcox and Michelle Simonds; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchild; and his brother, Everett Simonds. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by a brother, Robert Simonds.

A graveside military service was held April 1st at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lima. A memorial service will be held in the near future at the Springwater Church of the Nazarene. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice in memory of Albert. Arrangements are with Chamberlin - Baird Funeral Home, Inc., Dansville. Those who would like to write words of consolation to the family may do so at [www.bairdfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhomes.com).

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## WAYLAND, NY

## Donald A. Cansdale Jr.



**Wayland, NY - Donald A. Cansdale Jr., 60**, passed away peacefully March 27, 2017 at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. Don was born June 29, 1956 in Wayland, a son of Donald A. and Harriet (Wolfanger) Cansdale Sr. He was an auto mechanic at Dave's Auto in Naples. He also was formerly the owner/operator of Mr. C's Restaurant in Springwater and worked spraying potatoes for Upstate Applications.

Don enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling, working on automobiles, building bird houses with his grandchildren, and especially fishing; ice fishing, stream fishing, pond fishing, all types of fishing, but most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren and family.

Don is survived by his wife, Sandie; daughters Brandi (Jeff) Lilley and Mindi Fisher; stepchildren Brian (Michelle) and Jason (Amanda) Nadeau

and Sheena (Eric) Schafer; grandchildren Erica, Marissa, Isabella and Emma; stepgrandchildren Hayleigh, Erika Jade, Riley, Christian, Lynsey and Shania; siblings Shelia (Dale) George, Linda Nowak, Lori (Chuck) McCurry, Sheri (Kevin) Frail, Ronald (Sandy), Richard (Ceil), Doug (Nikki) and Duane (Bonnie) Cansdale; aunts and uncles Gene and Madeline Wolfanger, Al and Jan Cansdale and Katie Menz; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his nephews, Chris and Richie Cansdale.

Funeral services were held March 29th at the Walter E. Baird & Sons Funeral Home, Wayland. Burial with prayers was set for the Village Cemetery, Wayland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services PO Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202; American Heart Assoc., 25 Circle St #102, Rochester, NY 14607; or to a charity of the donor's choice. Those who would like to write words of consolation to the family may do so at [www.bairdfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhomes.com).

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## Jon M. Cowley



**Wayland, NY - Jon M. Cowley, 54**, passed away unexpectedly March 25, 2017 in NYC where he has made his home for many years. Jon spent his early years in Springwater, and was a member of Wayland Central School Class of 1980.

Jon is survived by his parents, Lucy and Lee Cowley; brother Steve (Donna) Cowley; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and dear friends in New York who stood vigil during his final hours. He was predeceased by a sister-in-law, Margaret Cowley.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are with Chamberlin - Baird Funeral Home, Inc., Dansville. Those who would like to write words of consolation to the family may do so at [www.bairdfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhomes.com).

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## Taylor Blair Kirin

**Wayland, NY - Taylor B. Kirin, 19**, passed away peacefully March 26, 2017 at her home in Wayland. Taylor was born in Rochester June 25, 1997 the daughter of Stephen Kirin and Sandra (McCormick) Quinlan. She has been a resident of the Wayland area her entire life. Taylor was a graduate of Wayland-Cohocton High School and she also attended classes at Finger Lakes Community College.

Taylor had a zest for life. Regardless of the challenges Taylor encountered,

she always looked at the bright side of every situation. She refused to be defined by the challenges of EB. Taylor's independence, courage, tenacity, and love for life defined her as the young woman she became. Her mantra was "You were given this life because you are the only one strong enough to live it."

Taylor had a wide range of passions. She was an accomplished painter whose works inspired others to see the beauty in life. Taylor had an affinity for cooking and the palate of a master chef. She also spent countless hours gardening. She enjoyed horseback riding in her earlier years. One of her many talents was her beautiful voice and she loved to sing. Christmas was one of her favorite holidays as she enjoyed selecting the "perfect" gifts for her family and friends, but her giving spirit was always ready and eager to help those in need.

She is survived by her mother, Sandi (John) Quinlan; her father, Steve (Wendy) Kirin; sisters Sarah and Paige; grandparents Jeanne Breen, Clarence McCormick and Sandra Kirin; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and very special longtime caregivers, Karrie Prinzi and Lori Becker along with many other caregivers that have helped Taylor throughout the years. Taylor was predeceased by her paternal grandfather, James Kirin.

A Memorial Mass in her honor was held March 31st at St. Joseph's Church, Wayland. In honor of Taylor's giving and helpful spirit, those who wish may contribute to Taylor's Touch, c/o Five-Star Bank, South Main St., Wayland, NY 14572, a foundation set up to help members of the local community who are in need. Arrangements were with St. George-Stanton Funeral Home, Wayland. Condolences may be offered at <http://www.stgeorgefuneralhome.com>.

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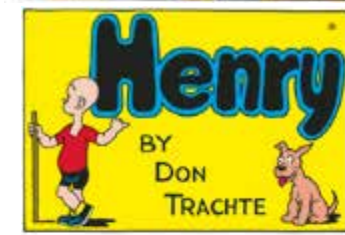
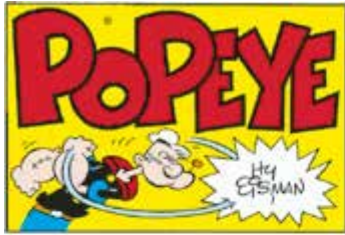
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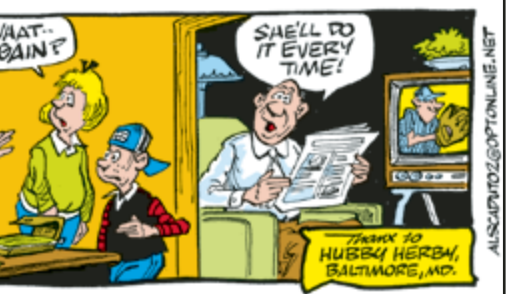
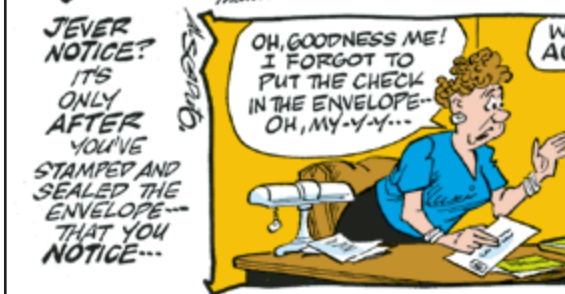
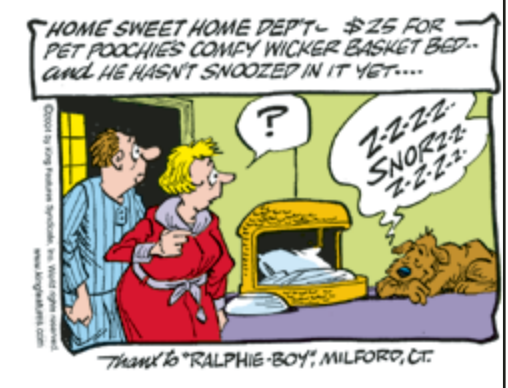
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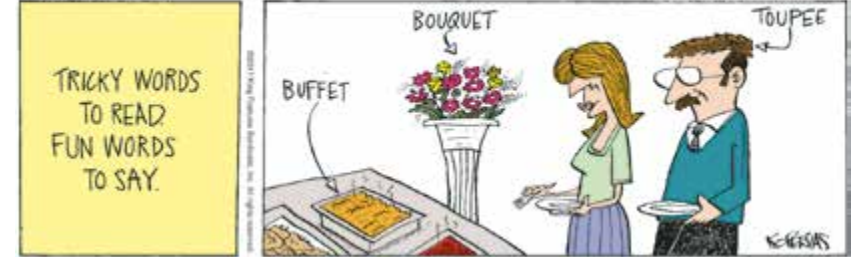
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dren and to bring them food.

Rebecca Link, another Fairfax County mom in the group, has never met the Ahmads. But she felt compelled to help out.

"I'm a native to Fairfax, born and raised. So I was like, oh my gosh. You hear about all the hate and everything that's going on in the country," Link said. "In the area, I was like, I can help. I can try to find some way to help."

Link created a GoFundMe page with the stated goal of collecting

\$1,000 to help the Ahmads recoup their losses. As of last Thursday, 265 people had contributed a total of more than \$10,000.

"We were shocked," Mahrukh said. "Complete strangers, they're doing that for us. We don't feel alone anymore."

Link said she has been moved by the messages of solidarity with the Ahmads that have been pouring in along with the donations.

"I just feel like we're kind of in a state of social turmoil right now, and that people are feeling more divided

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than unified... It wouldn't have mattered what was written on that wall, whether it was Mexicans or Koreans or anybody. The hate is horrible," Link said. The messages of support, instead of hate, gave her hope. "It's nice to see good outweigh evil sometimes."

The Ahmads still have a lot of cleaning up and reorganizing to do. They estimate the cost of what was stolen at well over \$25,000. They'll be nervous until they can replace their identification documents — their passports and green cards were stolen.

But they are comforted. "It's been amazing. So many strangers — people from every single religion — they're coming forward and donating and offering to help," Mahrukh said. "We feel so loved."

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## GARDENS FROM PAGE 13

extension techniques such as using cold frames, quick hoops and small greenhouses also increase yields. Taken all together, these tricks can, in effect, double a garden's size without covering any more ground.

Very large gardens are out of the question for most people, but it's important to know what is possible. You could grow a year's supply of root crops such as potatoes, carrots and kohlrabi for long-term harvest and/or storage. Winter squash, sweet potatoes and beans for drying all keep well without a cellar. You might even

experiment with grains that are easy to thresh, such as wheat, millet, corn for polenta and hullless oats. That's a great project to do with kids.

Ambitious gardens are especially popular in hard times. But a garden of any size, at any time, can give you a sense of self-reliance, hope, pleasure and delicious food for the table.

- Damrosch is the author of "The Four Season Farm Gardener's Cookbook"; her website is [www.fourseasonfarm.com](http://www.fourseasonfarm.com).

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