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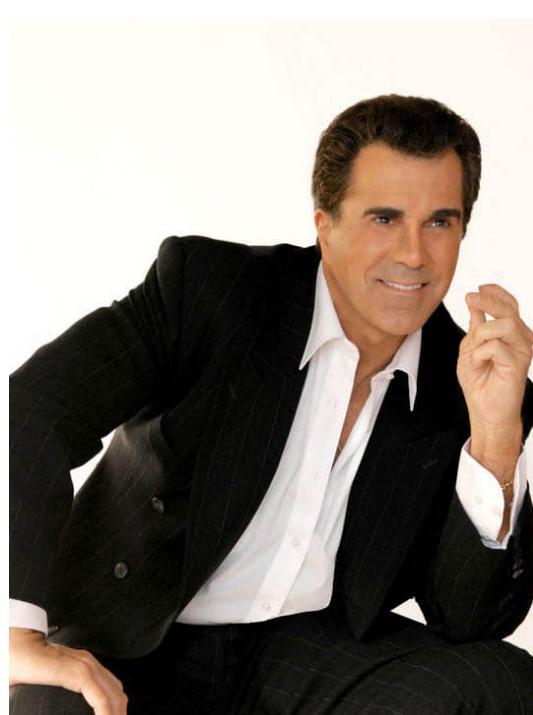
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## Christian Hall of Famer, Actor, Writer, Singer, Carman Dead at 65



Carman Dominic Licciardello died Feb 16, in Las Vegas after fighting a series of complications resulting from surgery to repair a hiatal hernia. The world-famous entertainer was 65 years old. He was a GMA Gospel Music Hall of Fame member and won many awards for his work as a Christian singer, songwriter, and actor including the House of Hope of Humanitarian Award for his positive influence in the lives of youth in America. Billboard named him "Contemporary Christian Artist of the Year" in 1992, 1993, and 1995. Carman was inducted into the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in 2018. SEE CARMAN Page 2

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## Biden celebrates the end of the era of "America First"

From the East Room at the White House Biden spoke at the Munich Security Conference in a virtual meeting with the French president, Emmanuel Macron, and Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany. The New York Times reported "all three leaders seemed to recognize, though, that their first virtual encounter was a moment to celebrate the end of the "America First" era."

Biden stressed the goals of renewing alliances and committing once again to defending Europe to the European leaders. Macron pushed his concept of "strategic autonomy" from the United States, noting that his country and all of Europe can no longer be overly

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## Biden Tells Gun Control Groups he Will Keep his Promises

## 21 states introduce nullification bills

Wasting no time in moving forward with gun control promises the Biden Harris Team reached out to gun control advocates in a virtual meeting promising to enact gun laws that have failed in the past. Using executive orders and working with Demarcates in Congress they laid out the

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**Biden's Deportation Freeze force US Marshals, ICE to 'Reevaluate' Operations on Sex Offenders.**

### Long term plan placed on hold

The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have been forced to reevaluate a nationwide operation targeting at-large sex offenders after Biden's executive order revoked President Donald Trump's executive order 13768, which in part ordered the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to prioritize the removal of illegal aliens who SEE ICE page 4

## Bank of America Hands Over Client Info to Feds

Bank of America, the second-largest bank in the U.S., allegedly handed over its customer's purchasing data to the FBI without a subpoena. The bank went through credit and debit card purchases in and around Washington DC that were made at "weapons-related merchants" and other businesses in January of this year and handed over the information on 211 of their customers to the feds, according to a Fox News report.

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## Biden Is Too Timid on School Reopening

By Rich Lowry

It's an old political trick to make an easily achievable goal sound vauntingly ambitious in order to brag about it when it's inevitably met. It takes another level of chutzpah, though, to set out as a target something that has already happened. The press has portrayed President Joe Biden's goal of reopening the majority of K-12 schools in his first 100 days as so far-reaching that the timeline might have to be extended. Enter White House press secretary Jen Psaki, who explained on Tuesday that the administration defines a school as open if it holds in-classroom instruction at least once a week. By this metric, the goal isn't really having more than half of schools open -- it's having more than half of schools still 80% closed. Not only is this a ridiculous standard, schools have already cleared the bar. According to Burbio, which runs a school-opening tracker, about two-thirds of K-12 students are attending in-person or hybrid schools. This goalpost moving exemplifies how the Biden team isn't pushing nearly hard enough on school reopening. The issue has gone from being something of a red vs. blue battle line last year to a cross-partisan area of consensus. In intellectual and moral terms, the debate over reopening schools has been won, but political progress has been slow, mainly because powerful teachers unions are standing in the way. If Biden wanted to add a touch of unity to his governing agenda, he'd call out the unions for being an obstacle to educational and economic progress at a challenging time for the country. The science is clear enough, if that matters. Experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention wrote in the Journal of the American Medical Association, "There has been little evidence that schools have contributed meaningfully to increased community transmission." This makes the costs of school closures and remote learning all the harder to bear. A McKinsey estimate from June concluded that students may have lost three months to

a year of learning, depending on the exact circumstances. Then, there are the social costs for children, among them higher rates of depression and anxiety. School closures have pulled women out of the labor force to bear the brunt of all the juggling that has to go on at home. Nonetheless, teacher unions have fought reopening and helped stymie reopening in cities and blue states. Most schools in California have been remote. Elementary schools reopened in New York, but not middle schools or high schools. School districts in the Washington, D.C., region are floating a parodic solution to reopening -- have kids return to the classroom so they can gather to watch remote teachers on computer screens. Somehow private schools have largely managed to stay open, in part, because if they don't, no one gets paid. In contrast, public school teachers are in a position to make demands even to consider coming back and doing their jobs. After intense lobbying by the unions, most states have put teachers near the front of the line for vaccines (even though Biden's CDC director has said teacher vaccination isn't necessary for reopening). As David Zweig points out in a piece at Wired, many union officials still insist that even vaccination won't guarantee a return to the classroom. This would be like surgeons demanding to be vaccinated, then not showing up for operations anyway. The Biden team contends that more spending is necessary for reopening. Biden is proposing another \$130 billion in education funding in his COVID-19 bill, but as Dan Lips of the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity notes, states still have tens of billions in unspent funds from last year's relief packages. No, this is a question of political will. Biden's goal should be to exert every ounce of influence that he has to get kids back in the classroom -- for their own good and that of the country's parents.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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## CARMAN from front page

Of his many films "Carman: The Champion", "Final: The Rapture", and "R.I.O.T.: The Movie", may have been his best known and loved projects. His TV shows and specials have always garnered many viewers. He had over a half-million social media followers.

Carman was born in Trenton, New Jersey on Jan. 19, 1956. By the age of 15, he was playing in a band with his mother. That eventually grew into an entertainment career. He was known for fill sports stadiums. At Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas he packed in 71,000 people. In Chattanooga, Tennessee 80,000 fans joined him in prayer and worship.

Carman set high goals and was happy that he was "winning millions of souls to Christ" and considered that as his greatest lifetime achievement.

"When Carman resumed touring again a few years ago, he was concerned that no one would care that he was back. He was wrong. Every night fans packed out venues and his ministry was as powerful as it ever was. This world has lost a light in the darkness but today Carman saw firsthand the fruit of his labors," Matt Felts, Licciardello's manager, said in a statement to The Christian Post.

GMA Dove Awards wrote on social media "Today we honor GMA Gospel Music Hall of Fame Inductee, Carman Licciardello who passed away yesterday at the age of 65. Carman was often described as part evangelist, part Vegas Showman ... If there was any original trademark to Carman's repertoire, it was his signature story songs. A combination of drama, rock, comedy, funk, satire, acting, singing, and preaching, all woven together ... Our hearts go out to his family."

A planned 60-city tour is canceled. He is survived by his wife Dana.



\* **On March 5, 1770**, a mob of American colonists gathers at the Customs House in Boston and begins taunting the British soldiers guarding the building. The protesters, who called themselves Patriots, were protesting the occupation of their city by British troops.

\* **On March 3, 1865**, President Abraham Lincoln signs a bill creating the Freedman's Bureau. The federal agency oversaw the transition of African Americans from slavery to freedom. The bureau was given power to dispense relief in the South, provide medical care and education, and redistribute "abandoned" lands to former slaves.

\* **On March 2, 1904**, Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of such beloved children's books as "The Cat in the Hat," is born in Springfield, Massachusetts. Geisel used his middle name (which was also his mother's maiden name) as his pen name.

\* **On March 4, 1918**, the first cases of the deadly Spanish flu pandemic are reported in soldiers at Fort Riley, Kansas. The virus soon traveled to Europe with U.S. soldiers heading to aid the Allies in France. The flu would eventually kill 20 million to 50 million people around the world.

\* **On March 7, 1923**, The New Republic publishes Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," which begins with the famous line "Whose woods these are, I think I know."

\* **On March 1, 1966**, Venera 3, an unmanned Soviet probe launched from Kazakhstan, collides with Venus, the second planet from the sun. It was the first spacecraft to reach the surface of another planet.

\* **On March 6, 2001**, Napster begins complying with a federal court order to block the transfer of copyrighted songs over its peer-to-peer network. Some 60 million users around the world had freely exchanged digital mp3 files using Napster, which folded three months later.

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

1 Peter 3:17-18

For it is **better**, if it is **God's will**, to **suffer** for **doing good** than for doing **evil**. For **Christ** also suffered **once** for **sins**, the **righteous** for the **unrighteous**, to **bring you** to God. He was **put** to **death** in the **body** but **made alive** in the **Spirit**.

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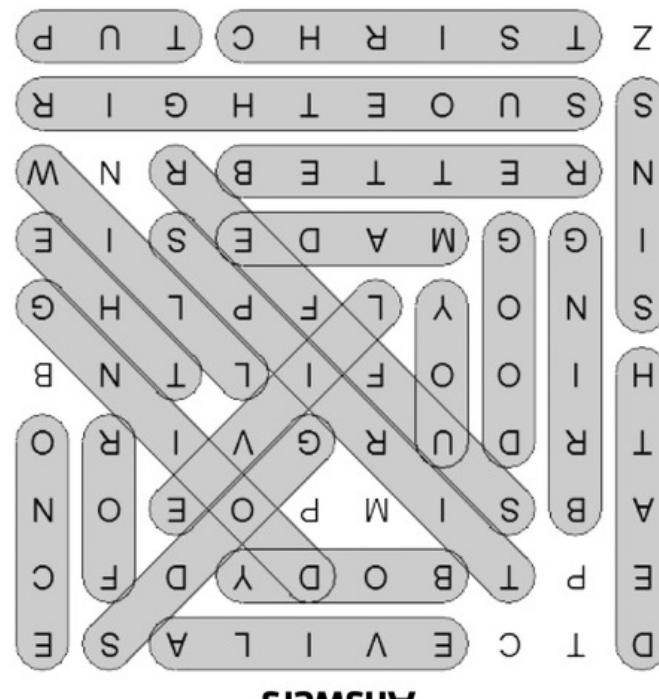
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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## Sarge's Attic Dormitory

I slid through the backdoor of the coffee shop and found Sarge discussing the lease with four new guys -- homeless veterans moving into the upstairs dormitory. "And now we come to the most serious clause of this lease agreement," he was saying. "Theft. I'm a real hard case about theft, and I have my own definition of it." He looked around the room and the guys were watching him warily. "If you take a magazine off another guy's dresser, read it and put it back, you've committed theft, in my eyes. Theft of trust. You do not touch another man's stuff, ever."

Half an hour later, we all piled out the back door to a rental truck full of furniture and hauled bed frames, mattresses, dressers, lamps, nightstands and large cartons up the narrow staircase. Sarge stood at the top of the stairs like a drill instructor interior decorator, ordering the furniture placed in exact spots he'd marked out on the floor with blue duct tape. I popped open the boxes and the men took sheets, blankets, pillows and towel sets. In short order, the room was ... beautiful.

Three of them flopped onto their beds, groaning with comfort. One guy refused: "I won't touch it until I have a shower." Sarge cocked his thumb at the bath at other end of the finished attic and the guy took off, cradling his armload of towels like they were gold.

Later, Sarge and I stood in the cold outside the back door, the first snowflakes of the next storm swirling around us. "I hope I selected right," he said. "I originally thought I'd bring in six guys, but I wasn't sure about two of them. These four seem like the best combination for success. I hope they get along." We heard thundering on the stairs as his formerly homeless renters came down to the kitchen to fix themselves some dinner. There was a lot of loud chattering -- and laughter. Sarge smiled.

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**BANK from front page**

The bank was asked by federal investigators for any information on their clients who made debit or credit card purchases in DC, within the timeframe surrounding the raid on the U.S. Capitol. The bank turned over information about airline reservations, reserved hotels, and Airbnbs in and around the capital, and any purchase made at what they deemed “weapons-related merchants”.

The National Rifle Association was quick to respond writing an email to supporters saying “Bank of America’s willing collaboration with federal law enforcement at the expense of its customers highlights the broad threat posed by those that would commandeer ostensibly private banks and payment processors to undermine Second Amendment rights. This gross abuse of trust reveals how financial service companies collaborating with federal law enforcement can erode gun owners’ rights and statutory protections preventing the federal government’s retention of gun owner data. Federal law explicitly prohibits the federal government from compiling certain data on gun owners. The Firearms Owners’ Protection Act of 1986 amended the Gun Control Act to protect gun owners from the threat of registration.”

Others went to social media platforms to voice their concerns over the bank’s decision to share private information. Many threatened to stop doing business with Bank of America.

The bank then released a statement about their decision, “We don’t comment on our communications with law enforcement. All banks have responsibilities under federal law to cooperate with law enforcement inquiries in full compliance with the law.”

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**ICE from front page**

“have been convicted of any criminal offense” or “charged with any criminal offense, where the charge has not been resolved.” The agency has canceled a national operation called “Operation Talon” that targets convicted sex offenders who are illegal aliens.

**“According to our Sex Offender**

Investigations Branch chief, the USMS is working with ICE to reevaluate upcoming enforcement operations to ensure compliance with recent Executive Orders issued by the POTUS,” the USMS told The Epoch Times in an emailed statement.

The Biden Harris administration also ordered a 100-day pause on deportations for certain illegal aliens who were ordered to leave, pending the completion of a review of immigration enforcement policies.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton didn’t agree with that policy change and filed a lawsuit against the Biden Harris administration. U.S. District Judge Drew Tipton ruled in favor of Texas and placed a temporary block on Biden’s order for 14 days.

Paxton wrote on social media “Texas is the FIRST state in the nation to bring a lawsuit against the Biden Admin. AND WE WON. Within 6 days of Biden’s inauguration, Texas has HALTED his illegal deportation freeze. This was a seditious left-wing insurrection, and my team and I stopped it.”

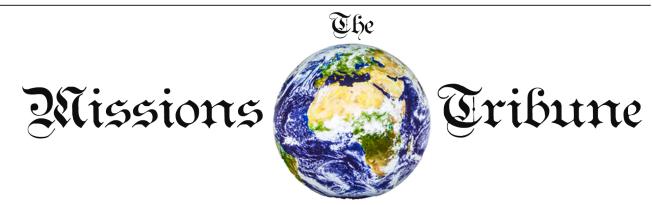
Biden has proposed a plan to legalize about 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. illegally. Biden wasted no time in issuing an order to stop all U.S.–Mexico border wall construction.

Paxton noted an agreement between Texas and DHS that states the agency must consult with Texas before making its immigration policy changes. DHS failed to do that. “Border states like Texas pay a particularly high price when the federal government fails to faithfully execute our country’s immigration laws, and that an “attempted halt on almost all deportations would increase the cost to Texas caused by illegal immigration,” Paxton said.

Paxton is not the only one concerned with Biden’s open border policies. Former U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Mark Morgan told Breitbart News, “With the stroke of a pen, President Biden made this country less safe. It’s pure politics over public safety.”

Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies of the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), wrote in an article that “ICE had been

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**Congress Urged to Stop Cameroon's Genocidal Violence**  
**Recognize Ambazonia**  
By HERBERT Y. BOH AND JEFF MCCOY

**WV names bridge after famous inventor**  
**Interchangeable rifle parts**

**HARPERS FERRY** John Hancock has bridged the gap between rifle parts, making them interchangeable and building a link between the 18th-century invention of rifles and modern-day assembly lines. West Virginia named a bridge in Harpers Ferry to get it accomplished, “Actually I introduced the bill in Congress in 2017,” said Delegate Jill Upson (R-Jefferson 65). The resolution did not pass. “In 2018 we came up with a different strategy,” Upson said. “Rep. Rucker (R-Jefferson 16) and I worked together. She introduced the bill in Congress, and I introduced it in the Senate.”

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** The Congress of the English-speaking part of Africa (USA) will hold a hearing in the House in November to recognize Ambazonia, calling the campaigners’ “secessionist” and “terrorist” violence that is unfolding in the troubled English-speaking regions of Cameroon.

“In 2018 we came up with a different strategy,” Upson said. “Rep. Rucker (R-Jefferson 16) and I worked together. She introduced the bill in Congress, and I introduced it in the Senate.”

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**Staff Photo by Jeff McCoy: A large delegation seeking change for Ambazonia met with several congressional staff members in Washington D.C.**

**Editors note: Reporter Herbert Y. Boh participated as a member of the Ambazonia Recognition Collaborative Council's delegation to Congress.**

**Congress Urged to Stop Cameroon's Genocidal Violence**  
**Recognize Ambazonia**  
By HERBERT Y. BOH AND JEFF MCCOY

**Parenting Act opens doors for children**

**More contact time proposed**

**Children suffer greatly when a parent is present but has limited contact, social stigma and a broken home has been a major issue for future problems for some children. The United States has more incarcerated children than any other country in the world. The U.S. has 2,121,600 inmates. China come in second at 1,648,804. Brazil is fourth (behind Brazil with 597,610 according to Prisoner.org at [http://www.prisonerstudies.org/prison-population/intlField\\_region\\_taxonomy.html#Af-Az](http://www.prisonerstudies.org/prison-population/intlField_region_taxonomy.html#Af-Az)). In the United States, 250,000 women are incarcerated. Many of these are serving time and have not been convicted. Women prisoners can be shackled and can be shackled. SEE Parenting, A7**

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What do you think of when you hear the word "table"? In your mind, do you see the large rectangular piece of furniture in your kitchen? Your fourth-grader might picture a multiplication chart, and your sixth-grader a list of contents at the beginning of a book. Each person's frame of reference develops from a perception of things based on the information we know and the things familiar to us. In a typical family, it's not unusual to find one person's frame of reference totally opposite from another's, which often leads to the familiar, "I don't understand where you're coming from!" Here is a fun word game to help the whole family appreciate differences in perception. Give each family member a piece of paper and a pencil, and five minutes to write down all of the pictures that pop in his or her mind when a particular word is heard. Then compare lists. For example, try the word "copy" and see what comes up. Did you write that it means to duplicate on a machine? Maybe Grandmother wrote copy means to draw, trace or write the same thing over. If Dad is a newspaper writer, copy is the words or manuscript he writes. If Mom is a police officer, to copy means to understand.

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

1 June honoree  
4 Say it's so  
8 Pretzel topper  
12 Past  
13 Travel permit  
14 Done with  
15 Brock of baseball  
16 Alaskan city  
18 Heron's kin  
20 Army address  
21 Dalai —  
24 Slow, in music  
28 Right to vote  
32 Cash advance  
33 201, in old Rome  
34 Heat to near boiling  
36 GOP org.  
37 Priestly vestments  
39 Cheap ride section  
41 "Yum!"  
43 Novelist Hunter  
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Telly watcher  
Cranny  
Batman's hood  
Early bird?  
PBS funder  
Cartoon frame  
Yucatan year  
Wildebeest

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# Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

## 'What's in a Word' Family Game



Or, think of the various meanings of the word "key." In addition to figuring out "key" meanings to this game, one person might be dreaming of the warm weather in the Florida Keys this time of year, while another who plays an instrument thinks of the musical key of a favorite song. A key to a road map helps understand its symbols, and a car key gets you on the road. Discuss factors that may have made your definitions different, such as the person's age, work or school environment. Continue with other words. As you become more aware, encourage your children to explore the difference in cultures of people in the community, whether they embrace a religion different from yours, speak a language other than English or come from another country.

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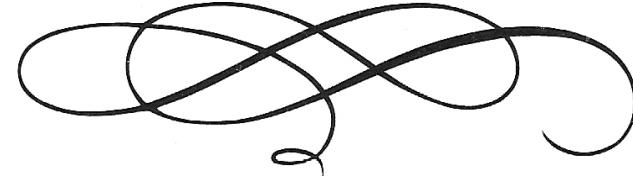
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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

## COVID Isolation Affects Our Mental Health, Too

COVID hits seniors hard. Many of us have underlying medical conditions that make a diagnosis of COVID very risky in terms of recovery. But the lockdown from the pandemic has another risky side: mental health disorders. Whether we're living at home, in a retirement center or a care facility, our isolation has been very stressful. A survey conducted in June concluded that seniors were less negatively affected than other age groups when it comes to mental health. They say we have better emotional regulation, which means we don't react as strongly to negative events. But the study was done when we were only a few months into this new way of living. (Even the study mentions that as a caveat.) Now eight more months have passed. Holidays without family. Missed doctor appointments. We've had to take a crash course in online chat to be able to see and talk to friends and family. Our regular meetings and social outings are canceled. The news has been a daily onslaught of the increasing numbers of positive cases and deaths. A more recent study from Portugal unearthed the truth, however. After reviewing 41 pieces of research from around the world, scientists concluded that "anxiety, depression, poor sleep quality and physical inactivity" have been prevalent among seniors during our lockdowns. If you're struggling, ask for help. In some communities, hotlines have opened up to deal with this kind of stress. Look online for "mental health hotline" and your state. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention set up a web page in December. Search online for "CDC Coping with Stress" and look at all the offerings on the page. There is a national helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). Or you can just pick up the phone and dial 211. It's a referral for community services. Stay safe.

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### AMBASZONIA RECOGNITION AND COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL

Six liberation movements campaigning for the recognition of Ambazonia, Africa's youngest nation



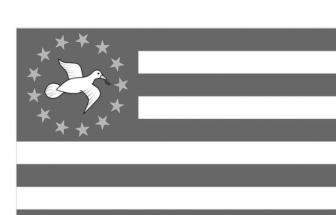
by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What World Golf Hall of Famer won 82 LPGA tournaments -- including 13 major championships -- from 1955-69?
2. Bryce Harper, Jeff Bagwell, Jimmie Foxx and Andre Thornton are tied for what Major League Baseball record?
3. What NHL team ended a 54-year championship drought with a 4-3 Stanley Cup Finals win over the Vancouver Canucks in 1994?
4. In what league did the London Monarchs, Frankfurt Galaxy and Barcelona Dragons compete in from 1991-92?
5. What acclaimed sports documentarian's film credits include "Jesse Owens Returns to Berlin" (1968), "Wilma" (1977) and "100 Years of Olympic Glory" (1996).
6. In 1942, right-handed pitcher Hiram Bithorn became Major League Baseball's first player to hail from what island?
7. A 1989 Pro Bowl wide receiver for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the 1990 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year for the Chicago Bears share what name?

### Answers

1. Mickey Wright.
2. Walks in a game (6).
3. The New York Rangers.
4. The World League of American Football.
5. Bud Greenspan.
6. Puerto Rico.
7. Mark Carrier.

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## Pray For Leah



### ITS BEEN THREE YEARS

February 19 marked three years as a hostage.

"There is still the moral burden on the government to get Leah Sharibu and the rest Chibok girls released from captivity," Supo Ayokunle, president of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), told CT. "We are praying for [our] president for a better future and a more secure nation."

This young girl was kidnapped by ISWAP from their school in Dapchi, Yobe state on 19 February 2018 and is still held because she will not denounce in faith in Jesus Christ.

Pray for Leah and for her safe release that she may be reunited with her family. Much effort has been made to locate her. We will continue to follow her story and keep you informed in each edition of our newspaper.

She stands as an example how all of us should be. Would you be willing to be held by terrorist or even lose your life for Christ?

Crossword page 5

## — King Crossword — Answers

**Solution time: 24 mins.**



**END of ERA from front page**

dependent on the United States and would continue to focus more on China.

One area of concern for Merkel was Biden's decision to cancel plans to withdraw 12,000 American service personnel from Germany.

Germany has also been slow to address issues with China, a major market for Germany's automobiles and other products. Another hot spot between Germany and the U.S. is the undersea pipeline, Nord Stream 2, which is designed to carry Russian natural gas to Germany beneath the Baltic Sea. The \$11 billion project is more than 90% completed with about 100 miles remaining. The Biden administration hasn't thus far imposed sanctions required by law.

Sens. Jeanne Shaheen, D., N.H., who was a principal author of the legislation to propose sanctions, and Jim Risch, R., Idaho, the top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, wrote a letter to the White House stating, "The arrival of Russian infrastructure into a NATO country puts all NATO members at risk." The U.S. relationship with Germany is a cornerstone of the transatlantic alliance. But allowing the completion of Nord Stream II is not a constructive path forward for this partnership." The Biden administration is considering waiving the application of sanctions under a national-interest clause, placating Germany, and handing Russia a political victory.

Biden told the allies "America is back". He also extolled the return to The Paris Climate agreement and his effort to restore the Iran nuclear agreement, both of which President Trump exited.

Macron pushed for a more independent European Union, with less dependency on the U.S. and China. His goal is to increase the E.U.'s technological capacities. Biden hopes for a new joint project for European and American technology companies that includes semiconductors.

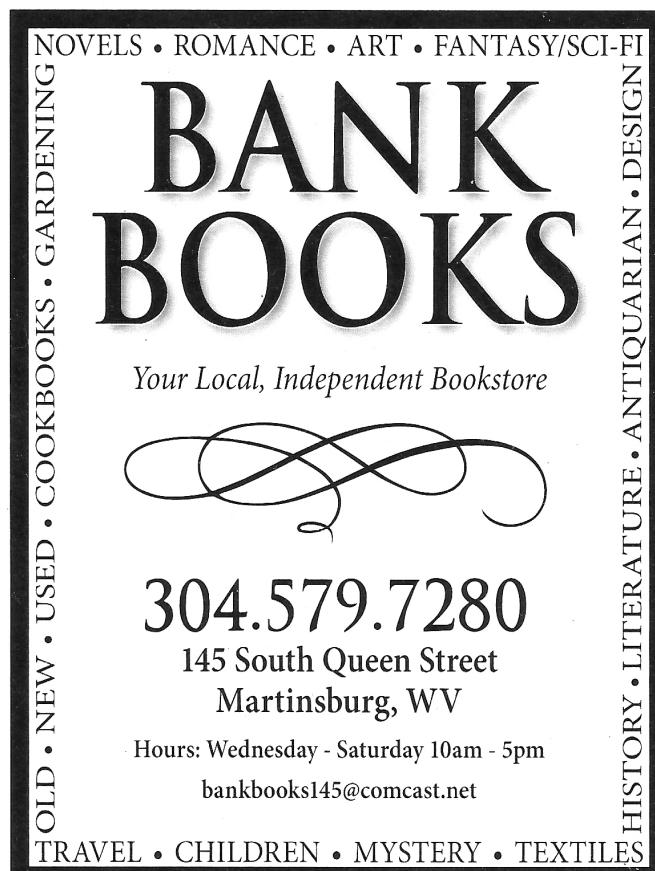
Merkel voiced her concerns about China's rise. "In recent years, China has gained global clout, and as trans-Atlantic partners and democracies, we must do something to counter this. Russia continually entangles European Union members in hybrid conflicts. Consequently, it is important that we come up with a trans-Atlantic agenda toward Russia that makes cooperative offers on the one hand, but on the other very clearly names the differences."

Biden proposed a plan for dealing with China's strength in "cyberspace, artificial intelligence, and biotechnology". He spoke about the recent Solar Winds Attack from

Russia which was aimed at federal and corporate computer networks. "Addressing Russian recklessness and hacking into computer networks in the United States and across Europe and the world has become critical to protect collective security," Biden said.

Depending on the status of the pandemic the next in-person summit meeting is still planned for Britain this summer.

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planning a nationwide operation in partnership with the U.S. Marshals targeting at-large sex offenders, but it was scuttled by the new directive."

Vaughan voiced the concern of ICE officials. "Another ICE officer told me that they had more than two dozen deportable sex offender targets at large in his area who now will be free to re-offend," Vaughan wrote.

She also wrote that "only a rare few of the criminal aliens arrested throughout the country will be removable, and even many aliens who do have convictions for crimes of violence would be protected if the convictions occurred more than 10 years ago".

She went on to note that an ICE source told her that most of the at-large illegal alien sex offenders that USMS and ICE are targeting "do not clearly meet the new standards, especially in California, where sex offenders routinely get to plead down to far lesser charges, especially if it helps them avoid deportation, and where certain sex crimes, such as sex with a minor, are not classified as felonies as they are in other states."

More than 50 House Republicans in a letter called on President Joe Biden to take action to secure the border and warned him about a "rising illegal immigration crisis" starting at the southern border, citing increases in the number of immigrants just a few weeks into the new presidency. \

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**GUN CONTROL from front page**

most aggressive plan for gun control in the history of the U.S.

Domestic Policy Advisor Susan Rice and White House Public Engagement Director and Senior Advisor Cedric Richmond told leaders of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, Gifford's Everytown for Gun Safety, and Moms Demand Action, during the meeting, that President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris are ready to act to reduce gun violence and enact "common sense" gun laws.

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters that the Biden Administration is moving forward with its "ambitious plan" of increasing gun control in the near future. "During the campaign, President Biden laid out an ambitious plan to make our community safer. And that's why in part, yesterday, senior members of his team ... hosted a virtual discussion with leaders of gun violence prevention groups to discuss our shared goals," Psaki said.

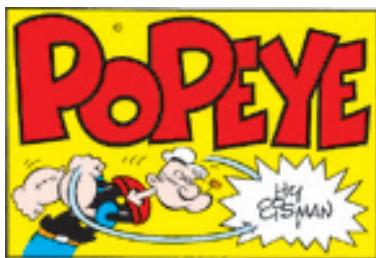
She also said, referring to Biden, "He's obviously taken on the NRA twice and won, and he is happy and eager to do that in the future."

Biden and Harris see gun control as a way to end killings such as the Parkland School shooting, which occurred in 2018. However, the reach of the new proposals has alarmed the NRA as complete overreach which comes into every lawful gun owner's home.

Biden issued a statement saying, "Today, I am calling on Congress to enact commonsense gun law reforms, including requiring background checks on all gun sales, banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and eliminating immunity for gun manufacturers who knowingly put weapons of war on our streets."

The NRA, in a blog post, stated that Biden wants to ban **SEE GUN CONTROL pg 12**

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"The employment figures have been seasonably adjusted to allow for the firing of football coaches."

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

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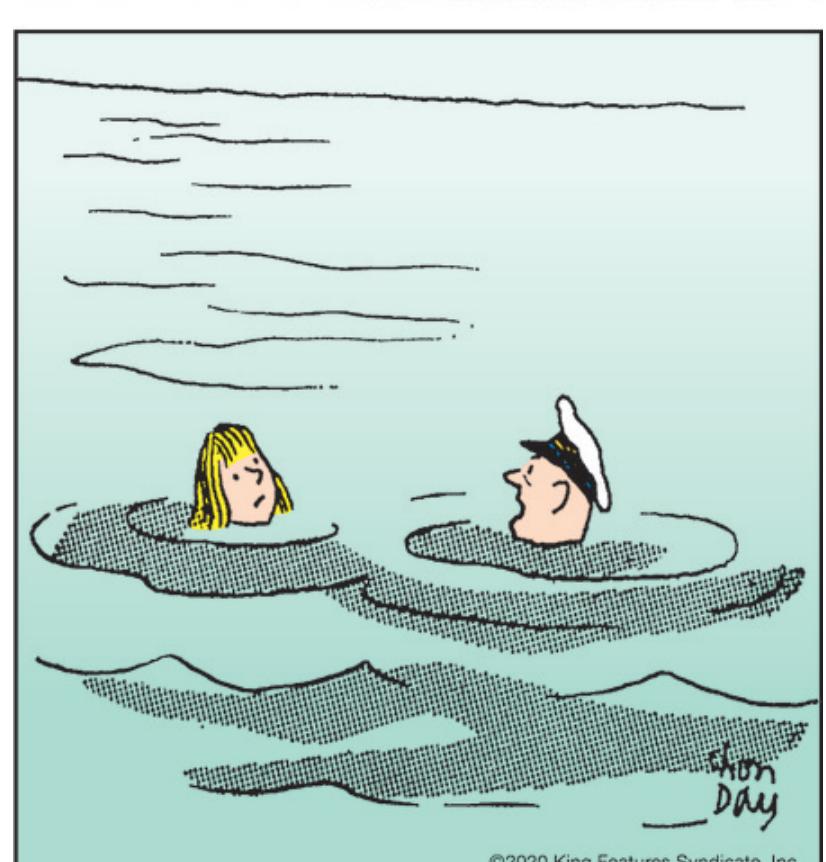
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"Now we know what that funny little plug was."

I was looking for a baking pan in the back of a cupboard and inadvertently discovered I have quite a collection of casserole dishes. I started thinking about all the casserole recipes I've collected over the years. When I was a newlywed and novice cook almost 46 years ago, preparing a casserole was my "go-to" dinner recipe. I decided to do some research on the origin of the casserole, and I discovered a photo of an ancient casserole dish in a museum in Athens, Greece. Casseroles, both the dish and various recipes, have had a long and interesting culinary history. There's some debate about the origin of the term "casserole" but most culinary historians think it's from the French word for "saucepans." Casseroles come in a variety of styles, but what they all have in common is that they are typically a large, deep dish used both in the oven and as a serving vessel. The word casserole also is used for the food cooked and served in the dish. The Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America provides detailed information about casseroles: "Casserole cookery has been around since prehistoric times, when it was discovered that cooking food slowly in a tightly covered clay vessel softened fibrous meats and blended succulent juices. With the addition or subtractions of leftovers or inexpensive cuts of meat, the casserole is flexible and economical in terms of both ingredients and effort. The classic casserole, a French dish, was originally made with a mound of cooked rice. Fannie Meritt Farmer's Boston Cooking School Cook Book (1896) had one casserole recipe, for Casserole of Rice and Meat, to be steamed for 45 minutes and served with tomato sauce. "In the 20th century, casseroles took on a distinctive American identity. During the depression of the 1890s, the economic casserole provided a welcome way to stretch meat, fish and poultry. Certain items also were scarce during World War I, and leftovers were turned into casserole meals. The same was true during the Great Depression of the 1930s." The casseroles we know today became popular in the 1930s during the Great Depression. Typically, casseroles are composed of a meat, starch, creamy sauce (after 1934, it was usually a creamed soup from a can) and a vegetable. Casseroles are an economical, one-pot meal, and can be prepared in advance for breakfast, lunch or dinner. During the 1950s-'70s, casseroles became an easy way for a busy cook, and a modern workforce composed of women, to prepare the family meal ahead of time. Today, casseroles have been updated to include a variety of ingredients from lobster and tofu to made-from-scratch sauces and locally grown vegetables. The shape, size and construction



## Casseroles Are One-Dish Wonders



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materials of casserole dishes have also changed over its centuries-old history. However, the purpose of the casserole is still the same, to bring a familiar container of comfort food to the ones we love. Bring a little comfort to your family and friends with this Sausage and Gumbo Casserole With Garlic Toast Topping, and enjoy a little history with each bite!

### SAUSAGE AND GUMBO CASSEROLE WITH GARLIC TOAST TOPPING

1 pound smoked sausage, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices  
 3 tablespoons vegetable oil  
 1 medium-size green bell pepper, chopped  
 1 small onion, chopped  
 1/4 cup instant roux mix, like Tony Chachere's Creole Instant Roux Mix  
 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes and green chiles, like Rotel's  
 1 (32-ounce) container chicken broth  
 1 (16-ounce) package frozen okra  
 1 cup quick-cooking rice, uncooked  
 1/2 teaspoon Cajun seasoning  
 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme  
 3 tablespoons butter, melted  
 2 garlic cloves, minced  
 1 (12-ounce) French baguette, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices  
 Fresh parsley, finely chopped for garnish

1. Heat the oil in a Dutch oven over high heat, 1-2 minutes. Add the sausage, green bell pepper and onion. Saute the sausage mixture for 8 minutes or until browned; stir in roux mix. Cook, stirring constantly, 2 minutes.
2. Stir in tomatoes, chicken broth, okra, rice, Cajun seasoning and thyme. Bring mixture to a boil. Remove from heat. Pour into a 13- by 9-inch baking dish.
3. Stir together butter and garlic; brush on one side of bread slices. Top sausage mixture evenly with bread slices, buttered side up.
4. Bake, covered, at 425 F for 10 minutes. Then, uncover casserole dish and bake 10 minutes.

Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with parsley, if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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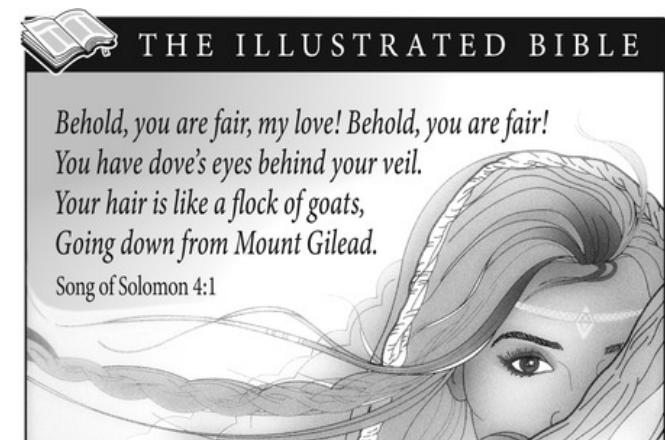
## Americanisms



*"Life gets very precious when there's less of it to waste."*

*— Bonnie Raitt*

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*Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair!  
 You have dove's eyes behind your veil.  
 Your hair is like a flock of goats,  
 Going down from Mount Gilead.  
 Song of Solomon 4:1*

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## CT Scan Unlikely to Miss Advanced Lung Cancer

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Is it possible for X-rays and a CT scan to miss advanced lung cancer? My brother worked two days before he died. He went to the hospital, was admitted to hospice and died the next day. I wonder if he knew at least a year ago, but didn't tell anyone. He said his scans showed pneumonia. His son was called to the hospital and spent the day with him until he died. During his last day, my brother told him that he had lung cancer and that it was not diagnosed earlier. -- N.W.

ANSWER: I am very sorry about your brother. Lung cancer, especially early lung cancer, is often missed on a regular chest X-ray. Pneumonia can accompany early lung cancer, and the pneumonia can hide the cancerous mass, but experienced radiologists should be able to see something. Also, experienced clinicians should check an X-ray weeks after a pneumonia to be sure there is no cancer in a person at risk, such as a current or former smoker. Advanced lung cancer is only very rarely missed on X-ray, and should essentially never be missed on a CT scan. While I can't say it's impossible, it's much more likely that a year ago he was told that he had lung cancer and did not say anything, perhaps to spare his family's feelings, or perhaps he didn't want the sympathy and attention that accompany a diagnosis such as advanced lung cancer.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** What does a person do when symptoms are vague and hard to explain? I am an 82-year-old woman. I started feeling discomfort in one breast about three weeks ago. It felt like irritation from a bra. I did all the things I thought I should, and three weeks later the symptoms are the same or slightly worse. Nothing looks or feels different when I touch it. Do I see my primary doctor (he's never seen me naked), or find a gynecologist? How do I present this issue? I feel like a fool. -- V.B.

**ANSWER:** Both clinicians should be able to appropriately evaluate this concern. You should go to whoever you are more comfortable seeing. What you should not do is ignore it. In your particular case, it's unlikely that your symptoms are because of something serious. Breast discomfort is common and only rarely due to breast cancer, which is what you must surely be concerned about. You should NEVER stop yourself from seeing your doctor for fear of not being taken seriously. Primary doctors like me and gynecologists are very familiar with women coming in with breast symptoms, and we take them seriously. Clinicians know how justifiably concerned women are about breast cancer. Most often, a woman can be reassured with a careful history and physical exam; other times, a mammogram or ultrasound may be ordered. You don't want to regret missing that visit to the doctor. It is often said that the only foolish question is the one that is not asked. This situation is analogous: It would be foolish for you not to go. While the overwhelming likelihood is that you will be reassured, in the unlikely event there is something wrong it's far better to know about it earlier than later.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to*

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## Most Peaceful Dogs

1. Japanese Chin
2. Bolognese
3. English Toy Spaniel
4. Shih Tzu
5. Pug
6. Sussex Spaniel
7. Clumber Spaniel
8. Basset Hound
9. English Bulldog
10. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Source: BrainSharper

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## Neighbor's Dog Is Giving Him the Eye

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My neighbor's dog, every day since I moved into this house in rural New York, has a habit of coming up to the property line when I go out to check on my garden. She will stand right at the edge, lift a paw, bark at me, then turn around and leave. What's up with that behavior? -- Jim G., via email

**DEAR JIM:** That sounds like a well-behaved, well-trained dog. Or, your next-door neighbor has, or had, a low-power wire along the property edge that delivers a shock to a dog when it crosses the line. Whatever it is, she was trained not to cross into the neighbor's yard. I like that you noted her body mannerisms. Raising a paw is a signal that she is alerted and checking you out. A nonaggressive bark is an attention signal. It's something like, "I see you, and I want you to know that I've got my eye on you." And her turning back after that bark is a good sign. She doesn't see you as a threat. She's said her piece, and now she's off on her way. Being aware of a dog's body language and barking is important even if you don't own a dog. A bark followed by a growl (or vice versa) is a warning signal meaning "back off." A raised paw and an intent stare at a specific object is typical of an alert and energetic but calm dog. A dog that charges and stops is being aggressive and there's a good chance that behavior can escalate into an attack. If you get the opportunity to meet your neighbors, compliment them on their dog's good behavior.

*Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.*

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### Saint John's Wort

Traditionally, sprigs of this plant were harvested in June to honor St. John the Baptist, then hung near a painting or statue of him in the home to protect it from evil spirits. As a garden plant, it performs best in fertile soils with ample moisture, but can tolerate drier conditions once established. Saint John's Wort has long been used in healing treatments for kidney ailments, insomnia, depression, lung ailments and in wound care. - Brenda Weaver

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# The Catholic Telegram

The Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternity in the world has elected a new Supreme Knight. The current Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson will retire on February 28, upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. Anderson has served the Knights with honor and distinction with more than 20 years of service. He has been a tireless advocate for the dignity and rights of unborn children for more than 50 years and the March for Life Education and Defense Fund honored him with its 2021 Pro-Life Legacy Award.

Patrick E. Kelly was elected by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors as the next Supreme Knight to continue the mission of charity, unity, and fraternity established by the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, almost 140 years ago.

The Knights are known for so many works of charity and their pro-life stand. They donate ultrasound machines to pro-life pregnancy centers to help mothers to choose life for their unborn child after meeting the baby through the ultrasound machine.

The Knights of Columbus works with the Special Olympics by helping disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world. The Knights have assisted with all aspects of the program from fundraising to feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train and compete in this special event.

Their Coats for Kids program provides warmth for children in need during cold winter months. The Knights have set a high goal of making sure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the cold winter season. Hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children free of charge since the program's inception.

The Knights of Columbus councils donate time and money to Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian organization, to build homes with families in need at substantially reduced costs.

Their Christian Refugee Relief Fund helps Christians by providing humanitarian assistance, primarily in Iraq, Syria, and the surrounding region. The Knights donate funds, educate their parishes, utilize Solidarity Crosses as a fundraiser, and institute prayer campaigns in their parishes.

## A New Leader for the Knights of Columbus



And many other charitable works are undertaken each month.

The Knights donate millions of dollars and work hours each year. In their last published statements, the Knights of Columbus reported that "2017 was a record-setting year for Knights of Columbus charitable work with an unprecedented \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide. The monetary value of K of C's service hours is valued at \$1.9 billion based on an estimate by Independent Sector, a network for nonprofit foundations that values a 2017 volunteer hour at \$24.69. The K of C's 2017 survey of charitable giving also showed that monetary donations increased \$8 million from 2016 (+4.5 percent) and service hours grew by 527,550 (+0.7 percent). Year-over-year annual growth in both categories has been consistent over the past two decades."

Anderson assured fellow Knights, Catholics, and those in need that Kelly was well qualified to fill the position he is retiring from. He issued a statement saying, "The Knights of Columbus board has elected an extraordinarily well-qualified new Supreme Knight in Patrick Kelly. Patrick has dedicated his life in service to the Church, his country, and the Knights of Columbus. He has served as Deputy Supreme Knight for four years and is a well-rounded public servant with diplomatic and military experience. He is ideally suited to carry on the work of the Knights of Columbus as we enter a new era, faithful to our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, and in close collaboration with the Holy See and the bishops throughout the world. As Deputy

Supreme Knight, Patrick has played a leading role in several major initiatives, including our international religious freedom efforts, our pro-life Ultrasound Initiative, and our new public initiation ceremony. He also served as Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, leading its transformation through the creation of its worship spaces and world-class exhibit on the life of St. John Paul II. Most recently, Patrick led the Knights' grassroots response to the COVID-19 pandemic titled "Leave No Neighbor Behind." Through this initiative, brother Knights around the world are serving those isolated and alone in quarantine, supporting food banks and blood centers in need of vital supplies, and providing other essential services. Patrick has the experience and strong faith necessary to lead the Knights into the future."

Patrick Kelly's tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight will commence March 1.

## Priest to Sell Baseball Collection for the Poor

Father John Ubel, rector of the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota is selling his baseball card collection that he has built since childhood, but he is not parting with his collection to add wealth into his checking account, he is doing for underprivileged children so they can go to a good school.

Father Ubel's collection is perhaps more valuable than most. He has cards of legends Jackie Robinson and Hank Aaron. The 1948 Jackie Robinson rookie card is worth more than \$15,000 and the 1954 Hank Aaron rookie card is estimated to be worth about \$6,000 and climbing since the Hall of Famer's death on Jan. 22.

He will be selling those and offering over 2000 other cards at an auction in March to raise money for the Aim Higher Foundation, an organization where he sits on the board of directors. Aim Higher Foundation is a nonprofit organization that gives scholarships to low-income students at Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

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From: Holden, WV  
Age Now: 17

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**GUN CONTROL from page 7**

“America’s most popular class of centerfire rifles, as well on the factory-spec magazines for most of the defensive pistols sold in the U.S. Just as when Joe Biden unsuccessfully pursued gun control as Barack Obama’s vice-president, your NRA is fully prepared to oppose whatever plans he may have to ‘defeat’ America’s largest and oldest civil rights organization and the fundamental liberties it protects.”

Law-abiding citizens fear they will become “felons by default” if they fail to comply with Biden’s gun control policies. That’s a lot of citizens too; over two million firearms were sold in the U.S. in January of this year alone according to The Washington Post’s analysis of federal gun background-check data. In 2020 over 23 million guns were sold in the nation.

Biden has said and posted on his website that he will “defeat” the National Rifle Association. His plan includes allowing people to sue gun makers for crimes that are committed with their product by repealing the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, banning so-called assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and the gun buy-back program where lawful gun owners will have to either give up certain guns and magazines or register them with the federal government. The plan also includes regulating possession of certain legal guns under the National Firearms Act, inventory control on gun parts, requiring background checks for all gun sales, ending the online sale of firearms and ammunition, and providing more funds to enforce these laws.

“In 2013, after gun safety stalled in the Senate, President Biden stood by former

Congresswoman Giffords and vowed to fight the gun lobby and that the time would come for change. That moment has arrived,” Peter Ambler, executive director of Giffords said. Giffords is a gun control group founded by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

But lawful gun owners are pushing their Washington representatives to defend the Second Amendment. Colorado’s Rally for Your Rights and NRA members are preparing to lobby for their rights. The NRA has urged members “to make their voices heard in opposition to any infringement upon their constitutional rights.”

The Biden Harris team has support in Congress. Rep. Bobby Rush’s (D-Ill.) introduced H.R. 30 which limits gun sales and H.R. 167, introduced by Rep. Al Green’s (D-Texas) which would prohibit the transfer of a firearm at a gun show unless the seller is a federally licensed firearms dealer. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) has been busy and has already filed four gun control bills. Her bill H.R. 127, perhaps the most far-reaching anti-gun bill introduced in Congress would require a license for firearm and ammunition possession and the registration of firearms and prohibit the possession of certain ammunition. H.R. 127 would also require expensive psychological evaluations for multiple family members before being able to purchase a gun.

“Biden wants to ban our semi-auto rifles, tax our guns/mags & more. He knows the only thing standing in his way to DISMANTLE THE 2ND AMENDMENT is NRA. Gun owners must stay vigilant & be engaged in elections and the legislative process,” the NRA told its members. Many people who once believed that they

could count on the police if they needed them have now seen police officers tied up with Black Lives Matter riots and other protests. Steven Dulan teaches firearms law at Western Michigan University’s Thomas M. Cooley Law School and is on the board of the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners. He said “The folks that said they would never become a gun owner were trusting the police to protect them, and that delusion has been dispelled,” he said.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton posted on social media “The Parkland shooting 3 years ago was an act of unspeakable evil, But Democrats cannot be allowed to use this tragedy as an opportunity to cram down unhelpful and unconstitutional gun laws. Biden won’t undo the #2A in TX on my watch,” referring to the Second Amendment.

Tennessee State Representative Scotty Campbell (R-Mountain City) is also standing against the Second Amendment being attacked by Biden Harris. He has a plan to protect the lawful citizens in his state from Washington’s overreach. “I had a number of people reach out to me wanting Tennessee to be a second amendment sanctuary state, some other states across the country have done this, and we’re going to try to get it done here in Tennessee. With an overreaching federal government that we’ve been living with for, well, all of our lives, frankly, the possibility of executive orders or federal law that attempts to violate the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America by limiting access to ammunition, or making it more difficult for you to purchase a firearm or to even take it away, that’s not what many of us want to see happen. And this is one step

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## Hello Kids Corner!

How are you? I'm pretty sure most people have gone back to school. I have, and I go again tomorrow! I'm excited. It's definitely different. Anyway, mental health check-in! How are you feeling right now? Have you talked to God about it? If you didn't get anything to eat or drink go get something! If you are feeling upset I want you to know that God loves you and he is always with you. You can always talk to him. Jesus loves you and you are never alone. So don't give up!! You got this! You are loved, and you are doing an amazing job!

Moving on, today I want to talk to you guys about how we should act as Christians. This is sort of a continuation of a few articles in the past. So, everyone knows that you should be nice and kind, that really goes without saying. But there is a lot more to it than that. We also shouldn't curse. And we shouldn't judge. Instead, we should be loving and worship God.

I wanted to give some verses of what the bible says. What does the Bible say about cursing? Well in Epeshians 4:29 it says "Let

## Kids Corner

Lyla King



### You Are Loved

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no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." That's basically saying you should only say pleasant things.

And the Bible also says not to judge others. Mathew 7:3 says "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?" Why do you mention other people's faults but not your own? I think that this is a really good piece of advice because it can be easy to talk about people. And not even notice how we aren't perfect.

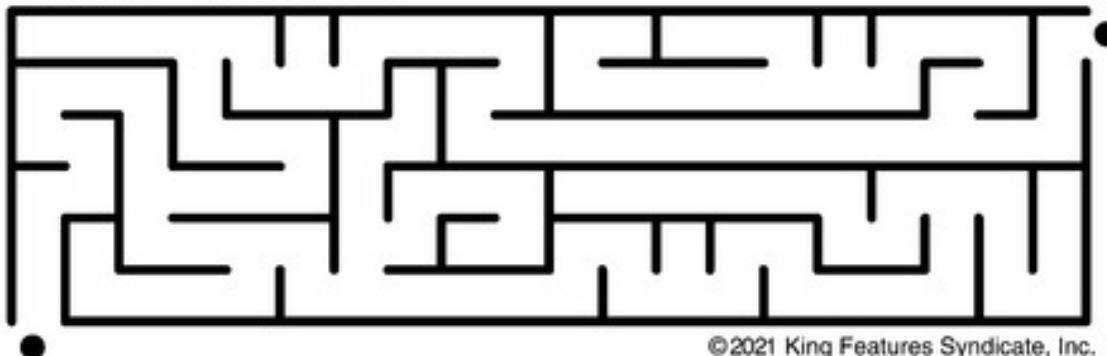
God created us and he gave us free will. He also sent his son to die on the cross for our sins. We should worship him. He wants what's best for us.

Thank you guys so much for reading! I hope you guys are having an amazing day and I'm praying for you! I love you so much and God loves you so much! Have a great week and don't forget to pray with God!

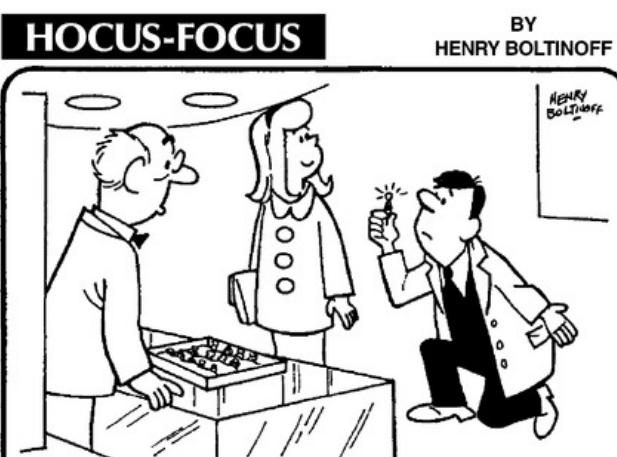
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*Philippians 4:13*

*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

**Puzzles4Kids** by Helene Hovanec

#### CRISSCROSS - 20 U.S. CITIES

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

##### 3 Letters

ADA

RYE

##### 4 Letters

KENT

LYNN

MESA

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##### 5 Letters

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##### 6 Letters

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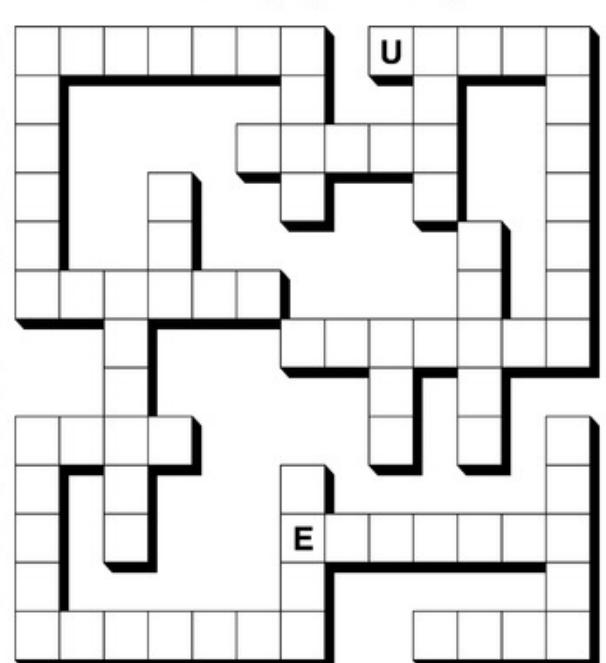
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James Bond Stockdale was born to Mabel Edith (nee Bond) and Vernon Beard Stockdale on December 23, 1923, in Abingdon, Illinois. He was an intelligent young man and loved his country.

He entered Monmouth College but soon left after being appointed to the United States Naval Academy in June 1943. In June 1946 he graduated and was assigned aboard the destroyer minesweeper USS Carmick. In 1946, he was assigned to the USS Thompson. In 1947 he was aboard the USS Charles H. Roan until 1948 when he was assigned to USS Deming until 1949.

Stockdale decided to go into naval aviation. In 1949 he was accepted for flight training at the Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida. In 1950 he was designated a Naval Aviator at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi in Texas. In January 1954, he found himself at the United States Naval Test Pilot School with John Glenn. By July he graduated. He served as a test pilot until 1957. In 1962 he earned a Master's Degree in International Relations from Stanford University.

By 1964 he was in the Vietnam War. On August 2, 1964, the destroyer USS Maddox engaged three North Vietnamese Navy torpedo boats while on patrol in the Tonkin Gulf. It was a long battle. The USS Maddox fired over 280 5-inch shells. The Vietnamese torpedo boats fired all of the torpedoes but they missed every shot. They also fired off hundreds of rounds of 14.5mm machinegun fire. The Vietnamese torpedo boats then attempted to retreat to the coastline as four F-8 Crusader fighter aircraft from the USS Ticonderoga arrived and attacked them. Stockdale was flying one of them.

Stockdale was commander of Fighter Squadron 51 and along with Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Richard Hastings, Commander R. F. Mohrhardt and Lieutenant Commander attacked the torpedo boats. They reported no hits from their Zuni rockets but did score hits with their 20mm cannon.

On September 9, 1965, while returning from a mission, he came under anti-aircraft fire and his A-4 Skyhawk was shot down. Stockdale ejected and broke a bone in his back and dislocated his knee. He landed in a village and was captured. He spent the next seven years in the infamous Hoa Lo Prison, also known as the "Hanoi Hilton".

He was a tough prisoner for the Vietnamese. He disrupted their routine and encouraged the men under him to resist the enemy. He devised communication systems and developed a standard set of rules for the P.O.W.'s. That kept in solitary confinement for four years, in leg irons for two years, physically tortured more than 15 times. He was denied medical care and malnourished.

## Patriot Profile



### Navy Vice Admiral and Aviator James Stockdale

The guards could not break his spirit but did break his legs twice. He was beaten often. The guards decided to parade him in public so he cut his scalp. They put a hat on his head to cover the cut and he hit himself with a stool over and over so he couldn't be used for propaganda.

Stockdale became one of the "Alcatraz Gang". The gang included men that had been resistance leaders so they were separated from other captives and placed in solitary confinement in "Alcatraz", a special facility in a courtyard behind the North Vietnamese Ministry of National Defense, located about one mile away from Hoa Lò Prison.

The "Alcatraz Gang" consisted of eleven U.S. military prisoners and included Stockdale's former Naval Academy classmate Jeremiah Denton, other members were George Thomas Coker, USN; George G. McKnight, USAF; Harry Jenkins, USN; Sam Johnson, USAF; James Mulligan, USN; Howard Rutledge, USN; Robert Shumaker, USN who was the originator of the name "Hanoi Hilton"; Ronald Storz, USAF who died in captivity in 1970; and Nels Tanner, USN.

Each of the prisoners was kept in an individual windowless and concrete cell measuring 3 by 9 feet with a light bulb kept on around the clock. They were locked in leg irons each night.

Once, when asked which prisoners didn't make it out of Vietnam, Stockdale said, "Oh, that's easy, the optimists. Oh, they were the ones who said, 'We're going to be out by Christmas.' And Christmas would

come, and Christmas would go. Then they'd say, 'We're going to be out by Easter.' And Easter would come, and Easter would go. And then Thanksgiving, and then it would be Christmas again. And they died of a broken heart. This is a very important lesson. You must never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end—which you can never afford to lose—with the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be." This has become known as the Stockdale Paradox.

Stockdale was finally released along with several other POWs in February 1973. In March 1976, he received the Medal of Honor at a ceremony at the White House. He was a highly decorated officer. He earned two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Distinguished Service Medals, four Silver Stars, and two Purple Hearts.

In 1980, the Vice Admiral James Stockdale Award was created for inspirational leadership. It's still given out today.

He wasn't able to fly anymore due to his injuries as a P.O.W. but that didn't keep him from serving the country that he fought so hard for. From October 1977 until 1979 he served as President of the Naval War College. As Vice-Admiral he was the President of The Citadel and he went on to be a candidate for Vice-President of the United States in the 1992 presidential election on Ross Perot's ticket.

Stockdale is spoken of often at the Naval War College during ethics discussions. His story of strength helped form the backbone of the ethics class known as Foundations of Moral Obligation, still one of the most popular electives among students there.

The guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale, commissioned in 2009, was named in his honor. He authored two books of essays about his service. He and his wife, who campaigned hard to bring attention to the plight of P.O.W.'s during the war, wrote a book called "In Love and War". That book was turned into a movie in 1987. The couple had four sons.

Vice Adm. Stockdale died at his home in Coronado, California, on July 5, 2005, after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was buried at the Naval Academy.

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**GUN CONTROL from page 12**

that federal power, we have states rights, we need to exercise our power of the 10th amendment of our state's rights and telling the United States government, no," Campbell said.

His proposal, House Bill 928, reads in part; "This section is known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Second Amendment Sanctuary Act." Pursuant to the sovereign authority of this state:1. A law, treaty, executive order, rule, or regulation of the United States government that violates the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution is null void, and unenforceable in this state. 2. This state and all political subdivisions of this state are prohibited from using any public funds, personnel, or property to enforce, administer, or cooperate with the enforcement or administration of any law, treaty, executive order, rule, or regulation of the United States government that violates the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution."

Missouri State Sen. Brian Nieves is also fighting back. "I think the president and the majority of Congress, both in the House and Senate, are just completely out of touch with how people feel about Second Amendment rights," Nieves said.

Montana has also resisted the Biden Harris team. "(The federal government) is diving off into areas unchecked that they're not supposed to be involved in. Not only is it our right in state legislatures to do this, it's our obligation to do it. Somebody's got to put a 'whoa' on it," Montana state Rep. Krayton Kerns said. Kerns introduced a bill in 2013 to limit the ability of local police to help enforce federal laws.

Since 2005, 21 states, Vermont, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Alaska have

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Answer



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introduced nullification bills, eight states have passed laws voiding federal firearms regulations.

Like many other state representatives across the nation, Tennessee State Representative Campbell wants to see the Second Amendment protected. "I'm a firm believer that the right to keep in bear arms shall not be infringed I would say to people here in Johnson, Carter, Sullivan, and beyond. I want you to be able to keep your firearms to protect yourself and your family – bottom line," Campbell said.

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**BASEBALL CARDS from page 11**

or going to public school. The scholarship pays \$1,000 every year they are enrolled in a Catholic school up to and including the eighth grade.

An online auction is scheduled for March 12-14, Laetare Sunday. Father Ubel was impressed with how Catholic schools have stayed open despite the global COVID-19 pandemic, which has kept many public schools' doors closed across the nation for almost a year.

Students and teachers at the Catholic schools believed that they could do more in person than through remote learning. Father Ubel was impressed and decided to find a way to support them. "I thought to myself, (Catholic) schools are hitting it out of the park. And, I thought, it's time to give something back," he said in an interview with The Catholic Spirit.

Father Ubel was just 10-years old when he watched Hank Aaron break Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs. "I watched that game. I remember it very well. I'm glad that he hit it in the fourth inning because I

probably would have had to get to bed if it was much later than that. And, to think that he had death threats and people leaving (hateful) messages," Father Ubel said.

He started his card collection when he was in first grade. He eventually stored them in an attic and came close to throwing them away at one point when he was transferred to another assignment. "Every time you move assignments, it's a great opportunity to divest yourself a bit. I literally had them out at the trash, and changed my mind and brought them back in," he said.

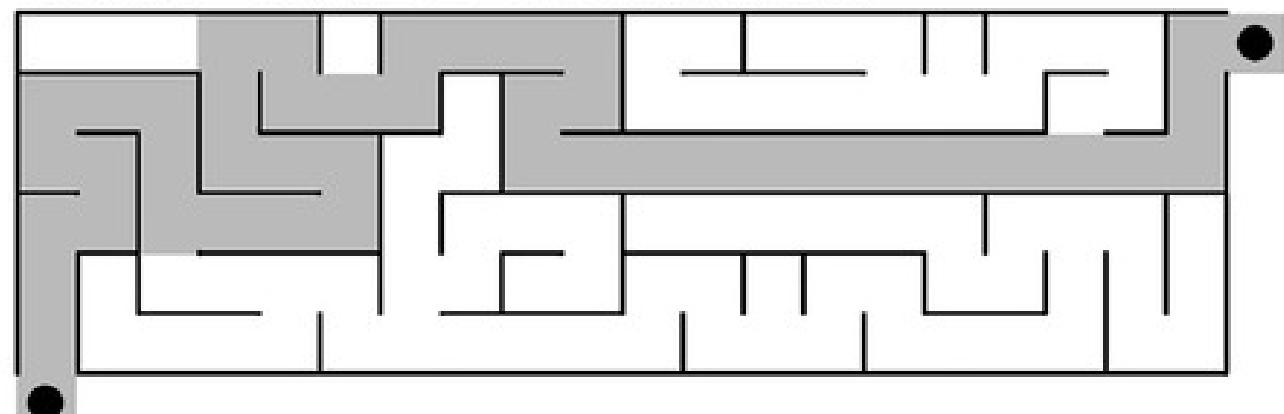
He added to them by purchasing more and acquiring his brother's football card collection, which includes the Terry Bradshaw (Pittsburgh Steelers) and Joe Namath (New York Jets) cards, both of which will be sold at the auction.

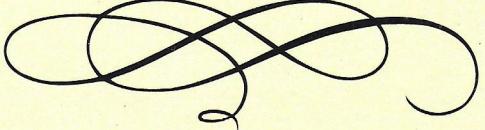
Father Ubel has a special place in his heart for baseball. "It's the only sport I ever really played. I like to joke that my claim to fame is we won the city championship at Nativity in '77. I sat on the bench, but I coached first base and nobody got picked off whenever I was coaching first base. This is nostalgia, and it brings you right back. I can look at this Nolan Ryan (Hall of Fame pitcher) card and remember watching (him play). He's the first one I remember (throwing a) 100-mile-an-hour fastball. ... And, I've got his card. So, there's something about nostalgia and memory. And, I think memory is very powerful, and memory is very compelling. It brings us back to a simpler time," he said.

"On a human level, I don't want to part with these, but I also think there are other needs right now that in my life are more important. And, the benefit I received from a Catholic education is really immeasurable to me — my whole life, from kindergarten all the way through seminary and beyond. And, to me, it's time. I just felt the Lord speaking to me. You know, Matthew 19: 'Go, sell what you have.' It's time. It's time to do something and to give back," Father Ubel said.

For more information on the auction, visit [aimhigherfoundation.org](http://aimhigherfoundation.org).

## Kids' Maze Solution

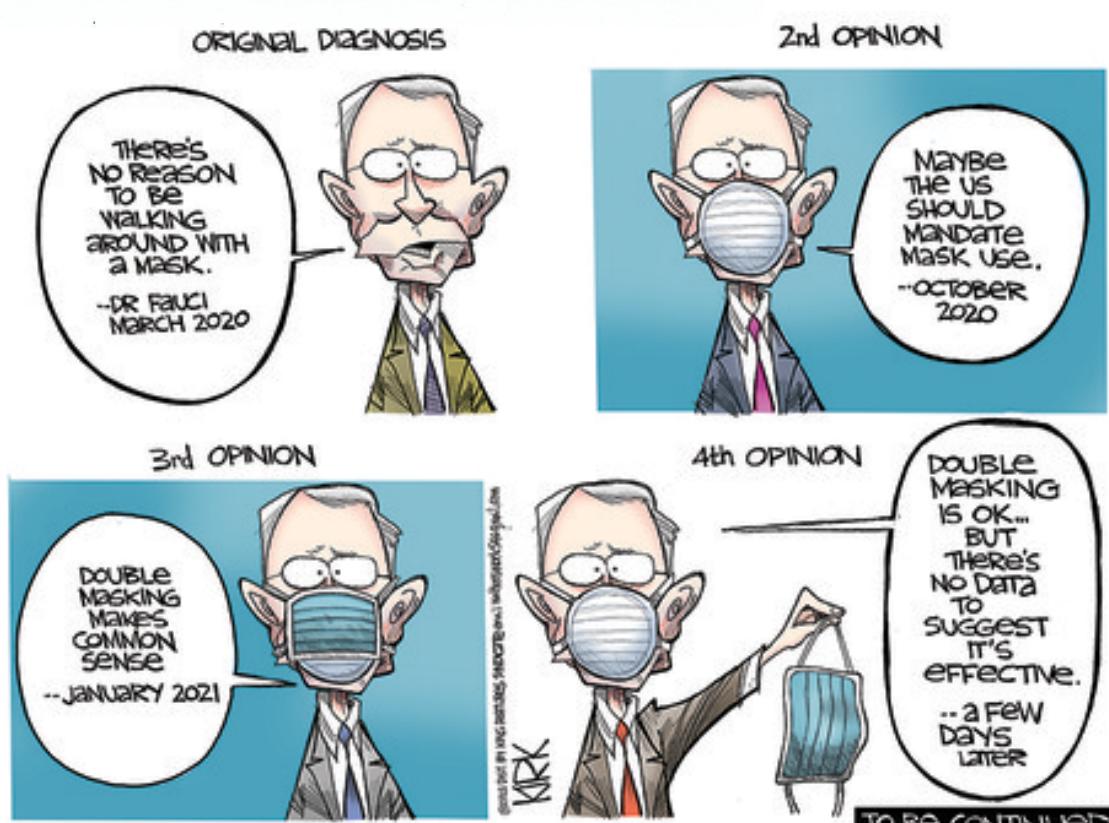


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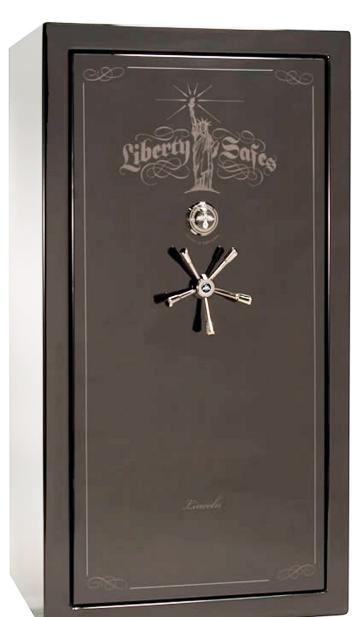


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