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Simple Tips to Stay Hydrated:

- Drinking 100% fruit or vegetable juices
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½ orange, ½ lemon, ½ grapefruit, 1 cup ice, cold water

Instructions:

- 1. Wash and slice fruit, add fruit to a two-quart pitcher
- 2. Gently press fruit with a spoon to release some of the juices 3. Add ice to the pitcher, then fill
- 4. Serve immediately or chill, covered in the refrigerator

with cold water

Safety Tip: If you are taking your infused water on the go, make sure to drink it or discard within four hours to prevent bacteria growth. Avoid refilling the same pitcher; always start with clean equipment for new batches.

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Eagle Symbolism

The Fourth of July is a time to display American symbols like stars and stripes; red, white and blue; Uncle Sam, Lady Liberty and, of course, the majestic eagle. The bald eagle became the national bird of the United States with the creation of the Great Seal in 1782. Eagle symbolism was already well established by then.

Eagles are sacred to many Native American nations. European colonists brought their own eagle symbolism to the Americas. Eagles were associated with the divine in mythological pantheons and appeared in heraldry. The eagle, "aquila" in Latin, was used as a standard by ancient Roman legions. "Aquila" is also the name of a prominent constellation in the summer skies of the Northern Hemisphere.

Eagles also appear in American folk art. This carved and painted wooden eagle, wings outstretched like the eagle on the Great Seal, sold for \$5,000 at Brunk Auctions. It is attributed to Wilhelm Schimmel, who emigrated from Germany to the United States in the late 19th century. Wandering around Pennsylvania, having run-ins with the law, doing odd jobs at farms and selling his wooden carvings, he was something of a folkloric figure himself.

I'd like some information about Wallace Nutting and his work. One of his pictures has been in my family for over 50 years. The words "The Swimming Pool" are written below the picture on one side and it's signed "Wallace Nutting" on the other side. There are some stains, water spots and discoloration. It's in the original frame.

Wallace Nutting (1861-1941) was known for his colored pictures of New England landscapes and Colonial interiors. He also made



Folk art is an important part of American history. American symbols, especially eagles, are favorite subjects, like this wooden sculpture attributed to artist Wilhelm Schimmel.

reproduction furniture and wrote several books. Nutting opened Wallace Nutting Art Prints in New York in 1904. He moved to Connecticut in 1905 and then to Framingham, Massachusetts, in 1912. Collectors call his pictures "prints," but they are handtinted photographs. Nutting took the photographs and his staff printed, colored, titled, signed and framed the pictures. Millions of copies were sold. There are over 10,000 different titles. Twelve of the pictures were reprinted by machine in the 1930s and early '40s. Some prints sell for \$10 to \$20, some for over \$100. If the picture is in poor condition, it will be hard to sell.

TIP: Don't frame a good print in a clip frame. There should be air space between the paper and the glass.

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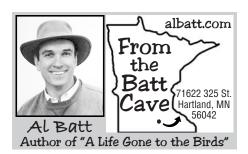
An Uplifting Moment from Pg. 7

through Pain and Suffering, "Suffering is unbearable if you aren't certain that God is for you and with you."

Let's reaffirm those ten words that changed Joni's view of suffering. "God permits what He hates to accomplish what He loves." A scripture Steve Estes shared with Joni Eareckson Tada: "Though he [God] brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone" (Lamentations 3:32-33).

Note: The article by Joni can be found at www.desiringgod.org. Search "ten words" to access the article.

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Air conditioning was something we had in the winter

The AC guy was out to make sure our air was conditioned.

It reminded me that I should write something about air conditioning. I do so every couple of years to remind myself of how terrible I had it while growing up and how wonderful I had it while growing up.

I didn't grow up in the Dark Ages, but it was close.

I grew up in the Dim Ages. Things weren't as bright as they are today. Now, it's difficult to outdistance lights. Something is always shining, beaming, blinking or flashing.

We didn't have all the towering wind turbines with blinking red lights in the Dim Ages. We got our wind from farm windmills.

The Dim Ages were nearly bereft of air conditioning. There was barely any hair conditioning. When we were hot, we lived with it. We liked it or lumped it.

We had minor solutions. We gathered in shady places. I jumped into a cow tank. A visiting relative who lived in town wouldn't do that because the water contained cow spit.

I'd go to the frozen foods section of a local grocery store and peruse the packages of Birds Eye green peas and pearl onions, or succotash with luscious lima beans. I've never found shopping to be cooler than it was then. I'd gawk until guilt beckoned me to move along. It was challenging to be the lone person milling about.

That was back when driving a car was cool because vehicles were equipped with 4-40 air conditioning. You rolled down all four windows and drove 40 mph. Cars had floor vents that brought in a whoosh of air and varied smells. There were small triangular windows that opened in the corners just ahead of the side windows in the front seat. They provided helpful whistling. That whistle took one's mind off the heat.

The house was a problem. None of the windows could be rolled down and it wasn't easy to get the house up to 40 mph.

My bedroom was upstairs above the kitchen. The cookstove provided additional heat. Hot air rises and all that other scientific stuff.

There were humid days when it was possible to wring water out of the air after mopping it. Yet it wasn't the heat or the humidity. It was the heat and the humidity.

Screen windows replaced storm windows on the old farmhouse in the spring. It was essential to leave enough cracks to allow entry for bloodthirsty mosquitoes. On hot, muggy, stuffy nights, sleep was hard to corral. I'd toss and turn. Then I'd turn and toss. I'd spin my pillow, searching for the cold side. When I couldn't find a cold side, I'd hang a wet dishtowel on a window screen, hoping a gentle breeze would bring a breath of cooling air to my room.

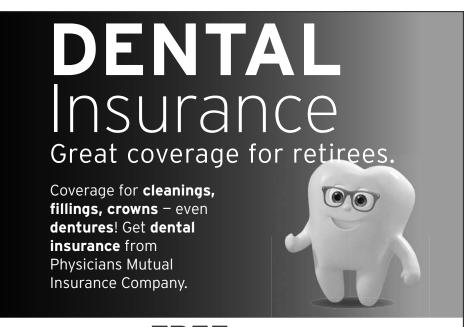
If it became even more insufferable, my mother carried in a dishpan full of ice made in a metal tray in the refrigerator featuring three climate zones: Antarctica, warming and room temperature. She placed the dishpan on a chair near my bed and fired up a metal fan slightly larger than my room. The fan, kept in a cage, would frequently go berserk and attempt to escape. The fan blew the cold air rising from the melting ice in my direction. If I imagined I was in the company of Ernest Shackleton on the ship Endurance during his attempt to reach the South Pole, I felt cooled.

If it got worse, and it did, my mother wet the sheets on my bed, even though I was perfectly capable of wetting my own sheets.

Today's cars are refrigerators on wheels, and nearly every house has air conditioning. We don't sit outside as much as we used to in the summer, telling stories and watching the world go by while pressing a cool glass of lemonade or iced tea against our sweaty foreheads.

Life isn't perfect. It's not supposed to be. As unfair as it may sound, my push lawn mower isn't equipped with air conditioning.

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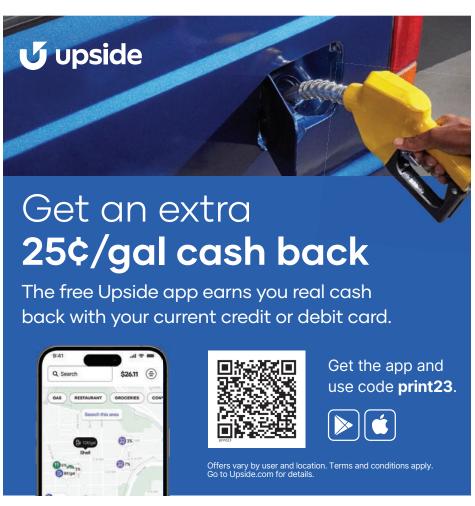


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Time will explain it all. He is a talker and needs no questioning before he speaks.

—Euripides





1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country's native name is Cymru?

2. HISTORY: Which country is the first to recognize samesex marriage?

3. MOVIES: Who voices the character of Frozone in the animated movie "The Incredibles"?

4. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient in baba ganoush?

5. LITERATURE: The movie "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" is based on a short story written by which American author?

6. MEASUREMENTS: How many grams are in a pound?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What cultural phenomenon is celebrated on May 4?

8. TELEVISION: Rhoda Morgenstern is a sidekick in which 1970s TV sitcom?

9. SCIENCE: What is the process called when iron is coated with zinc?

10. U.S. STATES: What is the only vowel that is NOT the first letter of a state?

Answers

1. Wales. 2. The Netherlands. 3. Samuel L. Jackson. 4. Eggplant. 5. F. Scott Fitzgerald. 6. 454 grams. 7. "Star Wars" movies. 8. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." 9. Galvanization. 10. E.

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Memories Passed On (As told to my grandson Maury)

by Jerry Eberhardt (1924-2017)

The Best Of Jerry

originally published July 2015

Lower Pitcher's Mound Makes a Great Difference!

Maury, Grandpa hasn't "talked baseball" with you for a long time. Recently, I was thinking how the game has changed and one of the big reasons why. Then, I thought of sharing these thoughts with my "favorite reader" — YOU!

If you're running a mile, Maury, five inches mean nothing. But a five inch lower pitcher's mound in baseball makes a great difference! Grandpa will discuss why by relating current baseball history and then explain how the height of the pitcher's mound drastically affects the game today.

In 1969 major league baseball, in order to "get more offense in the game," decided to lower the pitcher's mound from 15" to 10". Their reasoning was that the "average" fan wanted more hits, home runs and more runs scored as opposed to "pitchers' battles." In other words, Maury, because they concluded a pitcher's advantage was too great they decided to help batters. Anyway, the result was many more home runs, more hits, typical scores being 11 to 9 and .250 hitters batting close to .300, etc. Before 1969 an elite small number of batters hit over .300. After the mound was lowered, they became comparatively more common. Home runs increased (partly due to "fences being closer" in the new ball parks), but mainly due to the lower mound. (Grandpa has to quickly insert his definite feeling on this... this is NOT how the game was



Jerry Eberhardt with grandson, Maury Cohn

intended to be played!) Relying on the "long ball" detracts from the use of the bunt, hit and run attempts, base stealing, etc. and all the things that really make the game more exciting to any fan who truly understands and appreciates it.

Maury, to help you understand what it means to have every pitch coming towards a batter at a higher angle try hitting a ball dropped from a table right above you or imagine a baseball dropped vertically from sixty feet directly overhead and trying to hit it as it goes by you with a round bat! It would be a million to one shot! This is an exaggeration but the principle is very true.

No matter how fast or slow, how great a curve a pitcher has or hasn't, the same pitch coming towards a batter, coming down from an angle five inches higher, makes a tremendous difference as to the degree of difficulty in attempting to make contact!

Grandpa was far from a .300 hitter but if the mound would've been lower then, maybe my .222 batting average would've been somewhat higher!!!

Much love, Grandpa



1. For what college team did actor Tom Selleck play basketball from 1965-67?

2. What power-hitting member of the 1995 World Series champion Atlanta Braves was nicknamed "Crime Dog"?

3. Name the soccer great, nicknamed "The Hurricane," who scored in all six games (and twice in one game) en route to Brazil winning the 1970 FIFA World Cup.

4. What Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher threw a no-hitter on June 12, 1970, and later revealed

that he'd accomplished the feat while under the influence of LSD?

5. Who won more head-to-head matches in the epic tennis rivalry between Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert from 1973-88?

6. From 1997-2008, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Ronde Barber played against his twin brother, the New York Giants' Tiki Barber, a total of eight times. Who won more games in the series?

7. As of the 2022 Beijing Winter Games, who leads all U.S. women in Olympic medals won in alpine skiing with one gold (2006), two silver (2010), and one bronze (2014)?

Answers

1. The USC Trojans. 2. Fred McGriff. 3. Jairzinho. 4. Dock Ellis. 5. Navratilova, 43-37. 6. Tiki Barber's Giants, 5-3. 7. Julia Mancuso.

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Be Adventurous! Try Hügelkultur!

No, that's not a typo in the title! Hügelkultur (hoo-gullculture) is a fascinating German word that means "hill mound," it's a gardening practice that has its roots in the Middle Ages. As more gardeners embrace sustainable gardening, Hügelkultur emerges as a brilliant method of harnessing natural resources. If you have access to fallen trees, trimmed shrubbery, branches, and other organic matter, then Hügelkultur may be a concept worth exploring.

Getting started with a Hügelkultur raised bed is a simple and practical process. Imagine a large compost pile, and that's essentially a Hügelkultur garden. Select an open area about 4-6 feet wide and 8-12 feet long and begin by laying logs lengthwise within the chosen space. Opt for natural logs that are easy to handle, avoiding Black walnut due to its toxins. The logs can be freshly cut from a downed tree or, even better, already in a state of decomposition.

Pack the logs as tightly as possible to promote decomposition more effectively. Build the mound at least 2-3 feet high for a 4-foot-wide bed and even more for wider beds—also, layer branches in with the logs. When I built mine, I scoured my woodland for deadfall and gathered more than enough for a 4-by-8 bed.

As you build your base, add organic matter like leaves, grass clippings, spent soil, and manure so that open areas begin to fill. Keep layering with organic material as you diminish the size of the logs and branches. I "cheated" with my first Hügelkultur bed by containing it in a four by eight

raised metal container without a bottom. Still, traditional beds are narrowed as the pile gets higher. As you near the final height desired, add more soil, manure, and peat so you end up with a solid area for planting.

What makes a Hügelkultur bed better than traditional raised beds is that the decaying wood provides nutrients over a long period. A note of caution, though, because with a Hügelkultur bed, decomposition is slower, so nitrogen may be less available. Using grass clippings and manure solves the nitrogen problem. The only other significant downside is that Hügelkultur beds require more space.

The greatest advantage of Hügelkultur raised beds is the bountiful harvests they yield due to the nutrient-rich soil that is created over time. As the logs and branches decay, the addition of organic material continues to enrich the bed. Other benefits of using Hügelkultur include ease of construction, and the beds never require turning. Additionally, you can use readily available materials by simply picking up logs and branches, composting your organic waste in the bed, and reducing the need for watering as these beds retain moisture.

So, what do you plant in a Hügelkultur bed? Just about anything from vegetables to flowers to shrubs. There are a few constraints on what you might grow, including strawberries and fruiting shrubs like raspberries. Vining vegetables like cucumbers, zucchini, tomatoes, and pumpkins do well; you may choose not to trellis any of them.

If you're still uncertain about Hügelkultur, go to www. **vegega.com**, where you will see a Hügelkultur bed built inside a metal containment, as I did on my first try. Just type in Hügelkultur and then click on the "images" tab. You will see many pictures of what a Hügelkultur raised bed "in the raw" looks like. If you've got a lot of logs, branches, twigs, and organic matter, give Hügelkultur a try.



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Al Batt from Pg. 13

Overall, my wife and I have an air-conditioned life.

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But I still spin my pillow, hunting for the cold side.

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Mix a little foolishness with your prudence; it's good to be silly at the right moment. —Horace



1. Name the Beatles album that includes "I've Just Seen a Face," "You Won't See Me" and "Michelle."

2. Which duo released "The Closer I Get to You"?

3. Where did Thin Lizzy get their name?

the song?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I watched you die, I heard you cry every night in your sleep."

Answers

1. "Rubber Soul," in 1965. It was

the next year. Female Video at MTV's awards accompanying video won Best pain of her parents' divorce. The a teenager in response to the wrote the song when she was Clarkson in 2005. Clarkson 5. "Because of You," by Kelly

St. Louis. in 1895 during a card game in gambler who killed Billy Lyons 4. "Stag" Lee Shelton was a ropot maid.

a character called Tin Lizzie, a comic "The Dandy," which had 3. From a character in the 1937

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Hathaway in 1978. The song 2. Roberta Flack and Donny another album. an additional two taken from

U.K. and 10 in the U.S. with released with 14 songs in the

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phrase during the golden days through those times were very aware of. I suppose even if you didn't live at that time, *The Lone* Ranger is somewhat known to most people due to the movie that came out several years ago starring Johnny Depp.

The radio program started in 1933 over station WXYZ Detroit with an actor by the name of George Seaton who in future heard a story recently that years became a famous film director-producer. The role was then passed on to an actor by the name of Earle Graser who really brought the *Ranger* into popularity during the 30's. Unfortunately, in 1941 Graser was killed in a car accident. So what do the folks at WXYZ in Detroit do but choose an actor by the name of Brace Beemer.

Beemer began his radio career in Indianapolis in 1922 and then joined WXYZ in 1932. He played the masked rider until its last episode in September 1954.

In all, there were 2,958 half hour programs. The lead character's distinctive voice, however, proved to be a handicap. Beemer was unable to get back

"Hi Ho Silver" was a catch into radio because sponsors believed that his voice was of radio that everyone who lived indentified too closely with *The* Lone Ranger. An adventurous boy, Beemer somehow enlisted in the Army in World War 1, then suffered wounds while serving in France with the famed "Rainbow Division." He was barely 14.

> Earlier in his career he had been the narrator and Sergeant Preston on Challenge of the Yukon in 1941 and 1953-54. I when Beemer went on personal appearances, the actor who played Tonto, John Todd, was a small stout former stage actor who looked nothing like an Indian. So apparently, the producer hired Jay Silverheels who was an Indian, to appear with Beemer at these appearances. Who would have thought that Silverheels would eventually play Tonto on the TV series.

> AM 1370 KDTH's Big *Broadcast*, which is on Sunday nights from 6 to midnight, plays The Lone Ranger fairly regularly. So tune in and once again hear the thundering hoofbeats of the "Great Horse Silver" and hear "Hi Ho Silver" once again.



Pown Memory Lane

Exerpts From The Pages Of "The Avalon" A Newsletter Of The Dubuque Packing Company



SOFTBALL

Our Dubuque Packers — defending champions in the Industrial League — have made an impressive start in the local softball loop with three wins to their credit in as many contests this season. Manager "Duke" Defendi has most of his veterans back in the lineup and ace pitcher "Rich" Miller is again heading the pitching staff. The Packers are again competing in the Indy loop and play most of their games at the new Rafferty Stadium. They are one of the favorites for the 1953 crown in the fast Industrial league.



PACKERS (above) Front Row: (left to right) Jim Welu, Bill Meyer, Buzzy Rupp, Richie Miller, Manager "Duke" Defendi, Maurie Conwell, Jerry Meyer. Back Row: Chuck Zillig, Clete Meyer, Maurie Reed, Emil Hoffman, Danny Keyes. Midge Delaney was not present for the picture.



by Freddy Groves

Accessible mental health care

Veterans no longer have to pay the copays for the first three outpatient visits for mental health and substance use disorder care during each calendar year ... until the end of 2027. If any copays were paid going back to June 27, 2023, those costs will be reimbursed automatically.

There is a rule however: The outpatient appointment has to be with a mental health professional at the VA or someone in the VA's approved network of community providers.

For new patients at the VA, the waiting times for appointments have decreased over the past year with primary care falling 11% percent and mental health visit wait times coming down 7%. That's quite an accomplishment, since last year the VA provided over 116 million health care visits, which was 3

million more than the previous highest year. At the same time, over 400,000 veterans enrolled in health care in the past year. and the Crisis Line fielded over 1 million calls, up 15% over the previous year.

An important note: Any veteran in acute suicidal crisis can go to any health care facility for emergency care, whether it's a VA or non-VA facility. This rule has been in place since Jan. 17, 2023, but too many don't know about this option. The veteran is eligible for up to 30 days of inpatient care or up to 90 days of outpatient care. Being signed up in the VA health care system is not required, and there is no cost to the veteran, including for ambulance transportation.

There are a couple of rules to make sure the VA ends up paying for this care. The facility must be an emergency department at a full medical facility like a hospital. An urgent care facility doesn't count. The VA must be notified within 72 hours. Ideally, it's the facility that will call VA at 844-724-7842, but a friend or relative can call as well. See www.va.aov/COMMUNITYCARE/ providers/info-EmergencyCare.asp for more informattion.

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Thursday evening, July 27, Donna Ulisse, Rick Stanley and Jerry Smiley, three Grammy Award Winning singer/songwriters will hold a concert at Ember's Coffee Shop in Strawberry Point.

Backbone Bluegrass from Pg. 1

porch and two different party rooms. Wednesday evening featuring Donna Ulisse, Rick Stanley and Jerry Smiley, three Grammy Award Winning singer/ songwriters at J.A.K.E.'s in Strawberry Point. Thursday evening the same three singer/ songwriters will hold a concert at Ember's Coffee Shop in Strawberry Point. After the free concerts there are pick-up jam sessions at various locations in Strawberry Point and at the bluegrass grounds south of Strawberry Point.

We take pride in the fact that our festival is affordable, diverse, family-friendly and handicapped accessible event held in a picturesque Northeast Iowa on a twenty-acre timber site that has been developed to include camping sites, a

permeant stage, shower houses and kitchen.

Enjoy shows by Donna Ulisse, there is another free concert Rick Stanley, Jerry Salley, and Special Consensus. Each are Grammy Award Nominees and Winners, and The Rick Faris Band, IBMA New Entertainer of the year and a Millennial Generation favorite. The remaining line-up is made up of top regional and local bands. Other bands performing are The Kenaston Family; Bluegrass Express; The Punches; The Mark Hembree Band; The Great Bluegrass Herons.

Ticket prices range from \$15.00 to \$55.00 with children under 12 years of age being free.

For more information look for our ad or visit us at www.backbonebluegrass@ windstream.net or call Linzy Martin **563-608-1056** or Vickie Peasy 218-393-9085.





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Most of us know that water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit. Wood burns at 575 degrees and glass melts around 900 degrees Fahrenheit. According to the National Safety Council, sparklers can burn up to 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. We don't let our children and grandchildren put their hand inside a boiling pan of water yet every year around the 4th of July we hand them sparklers and let them run around the yard.

Thousands of people are taken to local emergency rooms due to fireworks-related injuries each year. In 2017, 8 people were killed due to fireworksrelated mishaps according to the National Safety Council. Although the Dubuque Fire Department does not condone the use of fireworks for personal use, we understand that people will continue to use them. Here are some safety tips to help ensure you and your loved ones are as safe as possible when around fireworks.

Never allow young children to use fireworks of any kind, including sparklers. Sparklers third degree burns. When older cityofdubuque.org.

children are using fireworks, make sure they are under close supervision from a responsible adult. Never let an adult handle fireworks' if they are impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.

Only buy and use legal fireworks from a reputable seller. When using fireworks, the people handling them should be wearing protective eyewear, long-sleeved shirts and tighter fitting clothes to help prevent clothes from catching on fire. Always use fireworks away from other people, flammable or combustible materials and houses or other structures. According to the National Fire Protection Association, there is an average of 18,500 reported fires each year due to fireworksrelated incidences.

Lastly, leave the fireworks to the professionals. Grab a chair, find a good spot to watch and just enjoy the show. This will guarantee that you and your loved ones will have a safe and enjovable holidav.

If you have any questions or would like further information, I can be reached at 563have been known to cause 589-4195 or at Dpaulson@





SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles Handling the rising cost of living

"There are only so many big box stores around here," said an acquaintance as we sat around chatting with our group. The topic was finances and how seniors are scrambling to stay afloat (and stay fed). Hence the interest in taking on a part-time job, possibly as a door greeter somewhere. "It's not like we're suitable for stocking shelves," she said. And we all nodded.

A recent AARP survey said that 70% of us are concerned about prices going up faster than our income. If there's one thing we're all getting good at, it's math. Calculation of dollars in and dollars out are second nature now, and figuring out how many sandwiches can be made from various loaves of bread is easy math.

One of the group shared the result of the most recent survey of consumer finances by the Federal Reserve Board: The average 70-year-old senior has \$60,000 tucked away in checking and savings accounts. We laughed, but in a sad way as we contemplated having that much cash to rely on.

But we weren't laughing when one of the group shared that her landlord is trying to increase her monthly rent by \$300.

I did a poll of our little group, with the question being: How do we survive this constant rise in prices of everything?

The answers were varied. If you have a job and are thinking of retiring, keep working. Pay off all debts while you still have income, especially credit cards and cars.

If you've already retired, sign up for every assistance program you can, including help with utilities and rent. Use the food bank or Meals on Wheels; call about community meals at churches or SNAP benefits. Look into drug discounts, perhaps at GoodRx.

But the biggest suggestion was this: Try not to take Social Security until your full retirement age, which depends on your year of birth.

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What's it WORTH on



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Too Many?

This is a story about "High Functioning Collector's" (HFC) aka "Hoarder". Many of us have developed a passion for collecting something. For me it has been "Rhino's" which if you find me at EZ Sell USA someday ask me and I will fill in the details. For other's collecting can run the gambit from Coins, Precious Moments, Collector Plates, Shoes, Purses, and the list could go on forever. The item I have chosen today to share with you falls into the purse/luggage category. I know more than one woman who falls into the HFC group when it comes to purses.

We recently sold a Patricia Nash hand tolled Italian leather carry on. Patricia Nash is a distinguished brand in the fashion industry, primarily recognized for its exceptional craftsmanship in leather accessories, particularly handbags. Established by

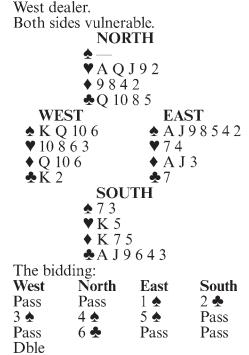


Patricia Nash, the brand epitomizes a blend of vintage aesthetics and contemporary fashion sensibilities, drawing inspiration from extensive travel experiences and the rich heritage of various cultures.

This bag was hand tooled with designs reminiscent of leather tooling from the late 1960's. The bag was lightly used and was in good overall condition. We posted this on eBay and found a buyer willing to pay \$180.49 answering the question "What's it worth on eBay?"

Contract Bridge

WARNING: DANGER AHEAD



Opening lead — king of spades.

There are no magic rules to guide one to the best opening lead, and occasionally the wrong choice will produce a

disastrous result.

Consider this deal where South wound up in six clubs doubled. Perhaps East should have opened three spades, which might have shut the opponents out of bidding. Instead, he started with one spade, allowing North-South to find their club fit.

West's spade lead was a dubious choice, as he should have realized that North's fourspade cuebid indicated a void in the suit and that a spade lead would therefore accomplish nothing. Whether West should have led a diamond or a heart is debatable — but his actual lead proved fatal.

Declarer ruffed the spade in dummy and led the queen of clubs, on which East followed low. South made a good guess by going up with the ace and leading five rounds of hearts, discarding all three of his diamonds in the process.

West ruffed the fifth heart, but by then the setting trick — East's ace of diamonds — had already flown the coop. As a result, declarer made the slam and scored 1,660 points instead of going down one, which would have been his lot had West led a diamond originally.

Had it occurred to West that a spade lead was wrong, he might of course have misguessed and led a heart, in which case declarer would still have made the contract. But then again, West might have led a diamond and beaten the slam.

The bottom line is that since a spade lead did not figure to gain anything for his side, West should have dismissed it as a possibility and considered an alternative.

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Serve up Mini Eggplant Pizzas the **Italian Way**

One of the joys of raising kids is making new friends with others who are also raising kids. When my three children were preschoolers, I regularly met up with neighborhood moms at the bus stop in the morning or for ball games at the park and story time at the library. As the kids grew, so did our friendships.

Six of us still make a point of getting together throughout the seasons to celebrate our birthdays. One recent gathering was particularly memorable. Instead of meeting at a restaurant, we donned aprons in one of our kitchens and huddled around the center island for a cooking lesson taught by my neighbor Cristina Garrasi Mazzei, an energetic mom from Italy.

"To an American eye, Italy might seem the same with pasta and pizza wherever you go," she began. "But for food lovers, it's a country waiting to be discovered! Each region has its unique flavors and cooking techniques. For example, the taste of a simple ricotta cheese can vary from place to place," she explained.

As she shared her passion for Italian food, she emphasized that using fresh, seasonal ingredients is the key to tasty meals. That's when she showed us how to transform eggplant into a light side dish called pizzette di melanzane, which is common in the Compania region where she is from.

Like a pizza minus the crust, these mini eggplant pizzas are tasty and versatile. Find Italy and the Compania region on a map in your home, and have



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fun preparing this easy and authentic Italian recipe with your kids:

Mini Eggplant Pizzas (Pizzette De Melanzane)

Makes 8-10 mini pizzas

1 large eggplant (about 1 pound) 3/4 cup tomato puree 4 cloves fresh garlic, chopped Salt to taste Dried oregano to taste 1 cup (or a 4-ounce bag) coarsely shredded mozzarella cheese Parmigiano Reggiano (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 F. An adult should cut the eggplant into 1/2-inch-thick rounds. Arrange them on a lightly oiled baking sheet.

Like constructing mini pizzas, let kids spoon the tomato puree over each round. Scatter the garlic and oregano, sprinkle salt to taste, and top with mozzarella. Add Parmigiano Reggiano if you wish.

Bake rounds in the oven for 25 minutes, or until mozzarella has melted completely and bubbles. Serve immediately as a light side dish with a summer pasta salad and other fresh vegetables.

As an alternative, Cristina suggests serving the mini pizzas cold in a sandwich.

Cook's Note: If your child is like her young daughter, omit the garlic until they develop a taste for it.

Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.

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SOMETHING

2 racks Cremer's St. Louis style ribs, thawed (approx. 7 lbs.) 1 bottle Big Rack Rub (dry rub available at Cremer's) Heavy duty aluminum foil 2 cups BBQ sauce (Cremer's BBQ sauce)

Cremer's **Cooking Tips**

Oven Baked St. Louis Ribs

Preheat oven to 300°F.

Remove membrane from the back of the ribs. Line a large baking sheet with aluminum foil. Season both sides of ribs generously with Big Rack dry rub. Turn the ribs meat side up on the foil. Fold the foil over, making sure to seal it tightly at the top. Place the baking sheet on the middle oven rack and bake for 3 hours. Remove the ribs



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Gordy and Debbie Saturday, August 17, 2024 • 7PM

Country Legends Show

Gordy & Debbie take you on a nostalgic musical journey in their Country Legends show as they bring the songs

and the faces of who made them famous to life! This meticulously designed show is enhanced with video footage in each song they perform and perfectly synced with the music to create the illusion of the original artist that performed the song, only with Gordy & Debbie providing their amazing vocals live! Some of the videos even provide a storyboard of each artist's life, complete with pictures of the past and present, as well as tidbits of interesting information about the artist or the song! This show is pure country music and storytelling at its finest and it's even laced with a little humor and some great audience participation. Some of the Country Legends you will hear Gordy & Debbie perform are Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Merle Haggard, Lynn Anderson, Conway Twitty, Loretta Lynn, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Johnny Cash, Tanya Tucker, Glenn Campbell, Anne Murray, Willie Nelson, Alan Jackson, Reba McEntire, plus many more! The show's grand finale culminates with a medley of three great country songs all meshed together with an all-star cast of country music's biggest stars from the past and present. This show will be an experience you won't soon forget! Tickets: \$25 (in advance) \$28 (at the door).

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pack (it will be steamy hot, so be careful). Discard foil. Place the ribs on a clean sheet of foil and return to roasting pan. Brush additional BBQ sauce.

from the oven, carefully open foil ribs with BBQ sauce, if desired. Turn oven to broil (low) and broil ribs 4-5 minutes. Remove from oven and cut ribs and serve with

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF **HOCUS-FOCUS** EXIT

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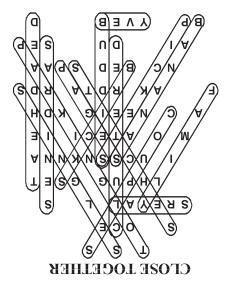
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