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 John 14:6 (NLT)

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* A microwaved baseball will fly much farther than a frozen one, as warmer balls weigh less and move faster due to less air resistance.

* Each strand of a human hair can contain traces of 14 elements, including gold.

* During a period in his artistic career, Pablo Picasso primarily used shades of blue in his paintings, reflecting his melancholic state at the time.

* It's not just humans who use "baby talk" with their offspring: Mother bottlenose dolphins have been observed altering their whistle pitch and range when communicating with their calves.

* Hawaii had no mosquitoes until the 19th century, when they were accidentally introduced by trading ships.

* A law student at Spain's University of Malaga once etched tiny notes into the sides of blue Bic pens before taking an exam. While points could perhaps be awarded for the learner's creativity, it also resulted in a repeat of their entire academic year.

* The world record for nonstop video gaming – 138 hours and 34 seconds – was set by Carrie Swidecki in 2015, when she beat her own previous world record.

* Hamburger University, established by McDonald's to train restaurant managers and owner-operators, has a lower acceptance rate than Harvard University and awards its graduates a Hamburgerology degree.

* Cheetos were invented by USDA military scientists during World War II as a result of their being tasked with finding a way to utilize surplus cornmeal.

Thought for the Day:
 “The only way to have a life is to commit to it like crazy.”
 – Angelina Jolie

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Members of Perry Meridian High School's first 1973 football team gather together for a commemorative photo in the endzone Friday at the Franklin Central-Perry Meridian home game at Falcon Stadium. The players and guests were able to tour Perry Meridian High School, enjoy the school's pre-game hospitality, and attended the opening game of the 2023 season. The 1973 Falcons won their first game against Brebeuf Jesuit, 13-10 at Cardinal Stadium.

Original Falcons' brothers in football enjoy 50-year reunion of PMHS' first-ever team

By Al Stille
 Editor

Fifty years ago, a group of Perry Meridian High School student-athletes were brothers in football on the Falcons' first-ever gridiron team.

On Sept. 1, 1973, the dressed-in-blue Falcons defeated Brebeuf Jesuit 13-10 in IHSAA's first game played under new IHSAA overtime rules at the Southport football field.

Members of the 1973 Falcons team were honored Friday night in front of current players and an appreciative fan base of students and adults at Falcon Stadium. Twenty-eight

players were able to reminisce about the Falcons' earliest football days and gather with teammates not seen together for nearly 50 years.

“We loved it,” said first-year Falcon football player Mike Tomey, who is part of the sideline chain crew at Colts' home games. “Southport was so big that they had two freshmen and two JV teams; it was hard to get noticed. So, the new high school meant more opportunities for a lot more players. Our first game was without any seniors. We had nine out of 22 positions that had never played a varsity game.”

The team consisted of students who hadn't played that much football together after coming from bantam, CYO, or neighborhood football team backgrounds.

The returning Falcons enjoyed their own hospitality tent Friday night with food and drinks and later gathered at Bubbas and again Saturday for an outing at Meridian Woods. Many of the returning players praised PMHS athletic director Emily Steinmetz for the hospitality and for arrangements for their night of football to be remembered in front of a capacity crowd.

“Incredible, fantastic, unbelievable,” former player Steve Neu said, “It just seemed like five years since we played. Some of these guys I had not seen for 40 or 50 years. Everyone had open arms for everyone; we're brothers in football.”

In 1973 when Perry Township divided into two high schools, students were assigned to either Southport or Perry Meridian depending upon where they lived. All those who were seniors at Southport stayed for their final year, leaving the new PMHS with incoming juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. The Falcons' first graduating class was in 1975.

“It was really something to go back and walk through the building to see where some of our classrooms were and the many changes at the school,” commented Dale Wright. “And then Friday night, the reactions of all the fans in the stands who were standing and applauding as we were introduced at halftime.”

“It was really heart-touching that this was something we started 50 years ago and is so appreciated now,” Wright concluded.

Mike Tomey also tried to gather up his many memories.

“I do not believe you could find two better coaches than Kelly Clore (head coach) and Phil Strader for a first-year team,” Tomey stated. “Both men were great teachers; they were able to mold a raw, inexperienced group of guys into a very good team, especially without seniors. Neither man let our lack of experience as an excuse not to win.”

The Falcons-Braves football game was played on a Saturday night that was hot and humid, conditions that made the Falcon blue jersey numbers stained with sweat and sometimes unreadable. Only three Falcons – Dave Feeney, Rhett “The Threat” Campbell, and Mike Pflum – had any varsity experience.

“For me in my first varsity game, the entire night was a blur,” Tomey recalled. “I remember Kelly



Perry Meridian captains Jacob McClure (37), Zachary Huckaby (13) and Allen Zupan (10) are with 1973 Falcons coach Phil Strader and players Pat Cedars and Ron Bastin. Strader was honored by tossing the ceremonial coin at midfield before the game.

Johnson bulldozing me over as the left guard for the first touchdown in school history. On defense, I remember Kevin Rostenkowski as our free safety, screaming to the line of scrimmage and blasting me in the back on any tackle I was in on. I couldn't move the next day and most of it was from friendly fire from two teammates.

Tomey continued, “In the overtime touchdown, I cut block my opponent who fell on top of me. I did not see Rhett catch the ball, but I heard the roar of that first crowd. I'm sure I never heard a better roar since then.”

Fifty years ago, the two teams played to a scoreless first half. Johnson and the Falcons scored first in the third quarter, but Brebeuf countered with a 9-yard touchdown pass. The fourth quarter ended with Wright deflecting a 19-yard field goal try by the Braves.

At the game Friday, Wright had met a Falcons' fan who was nine years old and was at that PM-Brebeuf game.

Former assistant coach Strader was honored by making the ceremonial coin toss at midfield as Perry Meridian faced visiting Franklin Central in a clash of two improved teams.

“It was exciting to have the number of players from the first team show support for our kids, and especially what it meant for the first team to play in that first game 50 years ago,” current Perry Meridian coach Brett Cooper said.

Franklin Central prevailed, 29-12 but had to overcome a Falcons threat in the second half. Perry Meridian trailed at the half, 21-0 but cut the lead to 21-12 on touchdown runs by Zachary Huckaby and Tristan Ling. A costly third quarter fumble that was recovered by the Flashes stopped a Falcons' drive on the 12 that threatened to turn the game into a one-score lead.

Franklin Central “iced” this Southside rivalry in the fourth quarter as quarterback Nevan Tutterow connected with Jayon Quarterby for a 38-yard touchdown, their second scoring hookup of the game.

“They (FC) overwhelmed us with their speed in the first half, but we calmed down and we played well,” coach Cooper said. “I liked our resiliency. The way our kids battled back was super positive.”

In the first half, Tutterow and Harvey teamed for a 39-yard TD. Running back Braylen Gillard scored on short runs of 3 and 2 yards. Trey Hamilton paced the ground attack with 15 carries for 58 yards.

Harvey caught seven passes for 171 yards. Tutterow completed 15 of 27 throws for 236 yards. Overall, the Flashes compiled 380 yards total offense. Elijah Shankle, Andrew Lawrence, and Bryce Kreich were FC's defensive leaders as the Flashes limited PM to 165 yards total offense.

Quarterback Allen Zupan completed 10 of 23 passes to three different receivers for 78 yards. Falcons running backs had 24 carries for 87 yards.

PM's Andy Warren was credited with 16 tackles, Isaac Williams 11, and Jacob McClure 10.

STEVE JEFFRIS



Popular entertainer to celebrate 50-year career Monday with commemorative performance at Mikie's Pub

By Al Stille
 Editor

The best advice solo entertainer Steve Jeffris ever heard came from fabled country singer Red Slovine.

With dreams of making it in Nashville, Jeffris journeyed from the Southside to Music City USA with a guitar and high hopes around three decades ago. He had played with several bands in Indy and elsewhere and was seeking a career as a country music artist.

In Nashville, he met and joined many artists on stage in and around Music Row and historic Broadway Avenue. Slovine had several hits during the CB trucker song and movie craze of the 1970s.

As Jeffris remembers, Slovine told him, factually, “if you can't make it first in your hometown, you're not going to make it in Nashville or anywhere.”

Jeffris, who was given a guitar for Christmas before he was four years old, recalled, “When you're young, you can't hardly wait to get to Nashville. I went from band to band down there, but he (Slovine) encouraged me to work on building a following and a career. So, that's how I approached it and realized that to make a living at this, I had to be a single act, not have a band, and build a reputation and a following.”

In the midst of music memorabilia at his home in Franklin Township, Jeffris then said, “If you can make a living at this, then you have won the game.”

His smooth baritone voice, guitar playing talent, and variety of songs from all genres has won over thousands upon thousands of fans and has enabled him to approach a

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Military veterans are honored at each Steve Jeffris performance at Mikie's Pub. World War II veteran Bob Pedigo waves American flag with fellow veterans Bill Ciriello and Bob Stansbury.

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GREENWOOD AIRPORT DAY

Indy South Greenwood Airport is the host of its annual airport day open house Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., located off County Line Road and South Emerson Avenue at 897 Airport Parkway. The fun-filled day for kids and adults features helicopter rides, Ray Skillman Classic Car display, Civil Air Patrol information, flight simulators, 3D printing and STEM displays and details about aviation careers plus World War II reenactments and displays. Plenty of food vendors, including Chick-fil-A, King Gyro, EAA with hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream, plus Kona Ice. Free aircraft rides for kids 8 to 17 years old, pre-registration recommended. EAA Young Eagles flight requires parent / guardian to be present at time of the flight and registration. Info: greenwood.in.gov.

MACALLISTER APHITHEATER CONCERTS

The Indianapolis Symphonic Band performs tonight (Wednesday) with the Directors' Jazz Orchestra and Thursday with Beauty and the Bandits in the summer concert series at the MacAllister Amphitheater in Garfield Park at 7 p.m. Patrons are urged to arrive early because parking is limited. Seating is available but patrons can bring lawn chairs and blankets. Upcoming concerts feature the Crossroads Brass Band, Wednesday, Aug. 30 and Mina and the Wonderous Flying Machine, Thursday, Aug. 31. Info: Friends of Garfield Park at: garfieldparkind.org (click on News and Events).

FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK

Indy Annies perform in the free summer park series Thursday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m. at Sarah T. Bolton Park in Beech Grove. Patrons may bring lawn chairs and blankets. The concert takes place at the Franciscan Trailhead. Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

CITY HALL PAPER SHREDDING

Southsiders may take advantage of free paper shredding behind Beech Grove City Hall, 806 Main St., Saturday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m. to noon. Appliances and eyeglasses can be dropped off along with medicine and syringe disposal. Event sponsored by the City of Beech Grove, WM waste management, and Hanna's Wrecker Service. Info: beechgrove.com

BAND CONCERTS AT THE AMPHITHEATER

Concerts in the park with eight consecutive band concerts takes place Saturday, Aug 26, noon to 8 p.m., at the Greenwood Amphitheater the heart of downtown Greenwood. Admission to this gala community band festival is free and hosted by the Greater Greenwood Community Band. The schedule: noon, Indianapolis Symphonic Band; 1 p.m., Hamilton County Community Band; 2 p.m., Crossroads Brass Band; 3 p.m., Starlighters Big Band; 4 p.m., Indianapolis Brass Choir; 5 p.m., Bloomington Community Band; 6 p.m., Zionsville Concert Band; 7 p.m., Greater Greenwood Community Band. Patrons may bring lawn chairs, blankets, refreshments, and friends to enjoy one, several, or all the concerts. Info: greenwoodband.org.

FORAGING WALK AT WEST PERRY

John Greg Monzel of Persimmon Herb School has a walking class for adults Saturday, Aug. 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., at the West Perry branch library, 6650 S. Harding Street. Monzel will cover foraging in urban areas and discover what is edible. Info: indypl.org.

PT DEMOCRATIC CLUB PICNIC

The Perry Township Democratic Club's summer community-wide picnic with food and music is Saturday, Aug. 26, noon to 3 p.m. at 7213 Sundance Drive. The public is invited and features local Democratic Party candidates. Info: info@dominiquedavie.com.

SOUTHPORT LIBRARY BLOOD DRIVE

The Versiti Bloodmobile will be at the Southport branch library Tuesday, Sept. 5, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The library is at 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. Info: indypl.org.

SOUTHPORT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNIONS

Two former graduating classes of Southport High School are having reunions. The Class of 1963 is having their reunion Friday, Sept. 15 with a golf outing and Saturday, Sept. 16 with a noon luncheon at the Perry Township Academic Center, 2115 Southport Road. Info: call Sue Good at 317-910-5965. The Class of 1973 is having its 50th reunion banquet, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Atrium Banquet Hall, 3143 E. Thompson Road. Info and to register: https://shs73-reunion.cheddarup.com.

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milestone in his 50-year career. Jeffris, who has performed throughout Central Indiana and the USA, will present his 50th anniversary show Monday, Aug. 28, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mikie's Pub, 5135 S. Emerson Ave. He was 15 years old when he was paid for his first local gig in summer 1973.



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Steve Jeffris relaxes with his guitar on the grounds of his Franklin Township home, appropriately called Jeffris Junction. The property includes a restored 1908 B&O caboose, in background, an 1800's jail, and a replica train depot. Jeffris Junction served as the site of the Steve Jeffris Fan Club's Caboose Festival from 1990 through 2015.

Throughout his three-hour performance, Jeffris also takes time to learn about his audience that enjoys this legendary Southside entertainer, vocalist, guitarist, and songwriter. He and his wife Sharon also bring fresh vegetables from their garden for their fans.

Through the late 1980's, Jeffris had worked as a pipe tubing manufacturer's sales representative who knew sales and how to talk to people. His solo career grew as his shows connected with fans.

His hometown path was cemented in the early 1990's ironically when an agent in Nashville offered him a golden opportunity to be the opening summer touring act for an up-and-coming new country singer for \$1,000 per concert for 40 dates.

"I had offers to open for several Nashville singers," Jeffris recalled. "I was already doing well here (locally) and once you reach a certain level, you have to expand and cast aside those who helped you. So I told him that opening would be ideal for a younger entertainer with no family. I didn't do it. I don't say that was a mistake at all – it was the right thing to do."

The singer who was to embark on his first tour was young Garth Brooks.

Earlier this month, Jeffris reminisced about his successful career at the family's rural home, called Jeffris Junction; there's a connection with trains and country music. The acreage also displays his interest in trains with a restored 1908 B&O caboose and an 1800's jail, replica of a train depot, the cab portion of a 1949 diesel locomotive, an 1800's pioneer cabin that is a replica of his wife's grandmother's cabin in Hazard, Ky. Two limestones from the original cabin are part of the fireplace.

After his experiences in Nashville, he returned to the Southside and sought to record independently with no agent and no long cross-country tours.

"When you do that, you're not going to be in the big picture, but you can still make a living at it," said Jeffris whose first two albums that were recorded locally featured big vehicles and big letters for collectors. He has recorded 29 albums during his 50-year career. Bill Ciriello's famed Cadillac convertible, familiar to Beech Grove Promoters Club parade goers, was on an album cover. Historically, the albums run from vinyl, 8-track, cassettes, and compact discs.

Jeffris estimates that he has performed over 25,000 shows and traveled 2.5 million miles as a solo entertainer.

He has performed at fairs, festivals, and special events throughout the Midwest, including the Indiana State Fair and Wanamaker Old Settlers Day. Throughout the years, he has had regular shows at Harry C's, Gallagher's, Clarion Hotel Plaza at the waterfront, American Legion Post 34, Plump's Last Shot, Fort Ben Pub.

Each winter from January through March, he performs a heavy schedule of concert dates in Florida.

"We love the wintertime shows in Florida," Jeffris said. "The 'snowbird circuit' isn't clam shacks on the beach; it's at the larger clubhouses and outdoor stages at the large parks and RV campgrounds. We've had NASCAR drivers at our shows at the Daytona Drive-In theater on the beach."

From 1990 through 2015, Jeffris and his wife Sharon were the gracious hosts of the Caboose Festival gathering of 1,000 fan club members and their guests each year at Jeffris Junction with many Nashville singers performing during a day of free food and entertainment. Stonewall Jackson and Tommy Cash (Johnny Cash's brother) were among guest performers at the Caboose Festival.

The fan club featured a newsletter, Christmas party, all sorts of memorabilia, and a fan club button for members in the U.S. and Canada. The newsletter is edited by Southsider and fan club president Vicky Niccum. Each 25-year member received a commemorative railroad spike. The fan club still gathers annually for their Christmas Party.

The caboose itself is one of two facilities with music memorabilia. It has served as an office, a recording studio, guesthouse, playhouse but basically serves as a railroad and country music museum with autographed photos of George Jones, George Strait, David Frizzell, NASCAR legend Richard Petty and more stars. A wall plaque also has the names of Caboose Festival honorees who served as entertainers, sponsors, and volunteers. His mother's fan club vest with yearly membership patches hangs on a wall in the caboose.

He and wife Sharon (Griffis) have been married for 40 years. They have two grown children, 13 grandchildren and one great grandson. Sharon retired in January 2022 after a 29-year career as a patient advocate at Franciscan Hospital on the Southside.

"This business is not easy; it's ongoing," Jeffries said honestly. "You have to have a crowd when you perform; if not, it's not going to work as a career. We have been very lucky, very blessed. We have become friends with many country stars, and they have expressed how fortunate I am; some would like to trade places."

"The music, the entire package, has created so many friendships with fans, like we're all family – just because we have worked this in our hometown area."



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLEY)

Steve Jeffris acknowledges our military veterans with special recognition at his performances. Recently at Mikie's Pub on the Southside, Jeffris performs the military medley as veterans are honored by those in attendance.

Personal Recollections By Fred Shonk



BGMS Visual Arts Teacher Jonee Sutton

Back in 2001, I came out of my short retirement and began driving a school bus for Beech Grove City Schools. I quickly learned just how most everyone on staff enjoyed their positions. Every day they are assisting in making Beech Grove City Schools a special school system for students, parents and the entire staff.

I am still connected with several of the teachers, administration staff, bus drivers, former students and parents. We get together for breakfast and lunch. We sometimes visit each other over the phone and lots of us are friends on Facebook.

A few days ago, I found out that a middle school teacher was a top 10 finalist for the Indiana Teacher of the Year. Jonee Adamson-Sutton is the visual arts teacher at the middle school.

I believe that I met Jonee during the 2004 school year. She was teaching at one of the schools that I drove students to and from each day. She was always very helpful to the students as they arrived at school and in the afternoons as they were headed home on a school bus.

I did some quick research and found out that there are over 1,750 schools in Indiana. There are also about 63,000 licensed teachers in our state. Jonee is one of them and is being recognized and honored.

I pulled up Jonee's Facebook page and discovered that she is planning a nine-day trip to Japan. This trip is open to all 7th grade to senior students and parents (at time of travel). The travel dates will be during spring break of 2025. She is holding the first parent meeting on Thursday, Aug. 31 at Beech Grove Middle School.

Jonee has a good bit more information about the Japan trip on her Facebook page. She also has pictures and information about class projects and some of her other projects. There are several.

I believe that Jonee and our now departed dog, Stuart, were pretty good friends. Stuart was friends with many teachers and students at Beech Grove Schools. As I was looking at Jonee's Facebook account, I saw that she has a pet painting business. I told my wife, Lyn about that and she is gathering photographs.

Jonee's husband is also a teacher. They even work in the same school system and building. There is a Facebook video of Jonee and a student singing Happy Birthday to Mr. Sutton.

Can you imagine being ranked in the Top 10 of a group numbering more than 60,000? I feel very honored to be friends with so many of the staff and students from Beech Grove City Schools.

Congratulations, Jonee!

Shonk is a 1960 graduate of Southport High School, a '63 grad of Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) and a retired bus driver from Beech Grove Schools. He can be reached through email at fdshonk@aol.com.

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SHIRLEY ANN COLLINS LEE, 77, passed away Tuesday, August 8, 2023. She was born July 24, 1946 in Indianapolis to the late Cecil Collins and Dona Choate Cates. She was employed in the retail industry where she served in customer service. Her hobbies included going to yard sales, watching wrestling and crocheting. She loved life, particularly her animals and her family.

Shirley is survived by her beloved son, Mark A. Collins; siblings: Patsy Ann Cummings, Lawrence Junior Collins and Johnny Leon Cole; grandchildren, Logan Anthony Collins and Victoria Paige Harrell Collins; great grandchild, Anthony Michael Harrell; ex-daughter-in-law, Crystal Collins; and many other loving family members and dear friends.

Arrangements were entrusted to Newcomer Funeral Home, 925 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227. You may reach her family via call or text at 317-778-7979.

PAID OBITUARY



CHRISTOPHER ALLEN, 39, wife, Amber Bailey; parents, Glenda Allen, Robert (Janice) Allen; siblings, Annette Underwood, Patrick and Kurtis Allen.

He enjoyed cooking, fishing, camping, video gaming with the guys, watching Green Bay Packers, spending time with family and friends, hanging with his best friend, Bob (family cat).

G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home handled arrangements.

MARK EDWIN BUNNY, 69, wife, Karen Bunny; daughters, Caroline and Laura Bunny; siblings, Camille Svihlik (Charles), Phillip (Stephanie) and Stephen Bunny (Heather).

Mark was an avid sports fan and loved golfing and football. He enjoyed listening to his brothers play music, both of which were in several bands.

Mark was loved by many and will be missed by all, but he is finally at peace and healthy with his best companion, Jack greeting him at Heaven's gates.

Arrangements entrusted to Little & Sons Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

MYRTLE LOIS (LYLES) MEADOR, 91, was born March 12, 1932, in Westmoreland, Sumner County, Tennessee, to the late Gerald Winchester Lyles and Hattie Mae (Cliburn) Lyles.

She passed away Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at Franciscan Health Hospital. She joins in death with her siblings TJ (Mary) Lyles, Raymond Wesley (Patti) Lyles, Chester Ray Lyles, Willie Joe (Betty) Lyles, Danny Lee Lyle, and Joyce Dean Meador. She is survived by sister Annie Mae Lyles of Bradenton, Florida and sisters-in-law Era Mae Lyles and Virginia Ann Lyles, of Westmoreland, Tennessee.

Myrtle married the late James Everett Meador on October 20, 1956, and they made their home in Indianapolis, Indiana where they raised their children. Roy Dean (Deb) Carver of New Whiteland, Indiana, Linda Gail (Conan) Gill of Nashville, Indiana, Timmie Ray Meador of Indianapolis, Indiana, Edward Randall Meador, deceased and Margaret Meador, deceased.

Together they loved and shared 10 Grandchildren, Roy (Julia) Carver, Jr., Brian Carver, Stacie (Humberto) Rosero, Jason (Elizabeth) Meador, Jeff Hoskins, Trina Likens (deceased), Melonie Charlotte, Lisa Robinson, Crystal Burge, Michelle (Matthew) Halcomb. 19 Great-Grandchildren and 17 Great Grandchildren.

A celebration of Life was held on Aug. 16, followed by burial at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood, Indiana.

PAID OBITUARY



SHIRLEY ANNE O'HAIR CHERRY, 85, husband, Travice Cherry; children, Michael, Daniel, David Cherry (Amy), Brenda McGovern (Gary); nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church in Beech Grove. Shirley was a Nurse Practitioner and worked at St. Francis Hospital for 40 years.

Little & Sons Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Carolyn Jo Williams, 81, of Indianapolis, passed away on August 12, 2023. She was born on May 1, 1942 in Beech Grove, Indiana to the late Joseph Edward and Ella Leota Taylor.

She wore so many hats: mom, granny, aunty C, friend and many more. And, just know, all those hats were flashy. She loved fun and travel, music and dancing. She loved her euchre club friends, who have been playing together since 1963, with four original members still getting together. She was our star hostess at holidays and poolside each summer. Known for her perfect manicure, impeccable style and doing more for others than seemed possible to fit into a single lifetime, there is no sentiment large enough to honor Carolyn Jo. Many knew her from her years working at Tucker State Pharmacy.

She is survived by her children, Tracee (Tony) Matraccia, Todd Humes and Suzanne (Kim) Michaels; grandchildren, Jesse (Mike) Angel, Jackie Matraccia, Gus Matraccia, Brittany Humes, Bethany Smith and Alyse (Greg) Burks; 8 great grandchildren; brother, Charles E. Taylor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry B. Williams; and granddaughter, Lily Burl.

Services were held on Aug. 21 at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home. She was laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Perry Township Schools, for student services, school supplies, or student lunches, At: Beth Meyers, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227. www.ptef.org

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ANTHONY WILLIAM JUDKINS, 60, parents, William and Carol Judkins; sons, Michael, Mitchell, and Matthew Luzar; brothers, Tim and Terry Judkins; four grandchildren.

Anthony enjoyed being outdoors, canoeing, biking, and roller skating. He loved spending time with his family.

Indiana Funeral Care handled arrangements.

CAREY ANNE MICK KENDALL, 44, husband, Anthony "Andy" Kendall; father, Michael Mick; mother, Leanne (John) Smith; children, Drew (Elyscia) and Owen Kendall; siblings, Emily, Amy, Lisa, Michael Mick II, Erica (Jared) Nuetzman; three grandchildren.

She was the payroll and billing manager for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Carey liked to work out and take spin classes. She was known for raising money for cancer with her friends from Studio 317 Fitness by getting people to sponsor her as she rode for cancer. Her legacy will always be her family.

Lauck & Veldhof Funeral Services were entrusted with arrangements.

MARY ELLEN SCHANTZ, 82, widow of George Schantz; children, George (Michelle) Schantz, Suzanne (Brian) Engleman; five grandchildren.

Mary Ellen was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Some of her favorite memories were made with her children and grandchildren. Family vacations, birthday celebrations, and sporting events were some of her favorite times.

Arrangements entrusted to G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

THOMAS E. SHINE, 69, wife, Merlin Shine; children, Dan (Stacey) Church Jr. and Brittany (Ryan) Clark; two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; siblings, Daniel (Karen), Mike, Donnie (Ginnie), and Bill (Maureen) Shine, Debbie (Duane) Huffines.

Tom graduated from Southport High School. He worked as a Video Coordinator for Fed-Ex for over 30 years.

Tom enjoyed helping others and was a self-made handyman. He could fix anything around the house. His work ethic was unmatched. He enjoyed riding his Gold Wing motorcycle. He enjoyed playing piano and drums.

Tom's life was celebrated at O'Riley Branson Funeral Service.

DAVID THOMPSON, 65, wife, Zillah Thompson; children, Maria Williams (Kelly), Heidi Ridner (Pig); five grandchildren; siblings, Mickey Thompson, Billy Patton, Cathy Byrne (David), Annette Dalton (Tom); nine great-grandchildren.

He was a member of United Steel Workers Union. He enjoyed motorcycle rides and watching football.

G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home handled arrangements.

JOYCE CAROLINE WASSON, 81, widow of Michael Wasson; children, Robin Catellier (Dave), Tony and Michael Schofield; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Joyce was a graduate of Beech Grove High School and worked as a selector for Western Electric/Lucent for 15 years.

She was an avid Colts fan and collected owls. Joyce loved to travel and shop and listen to music along the way. She had a heart of gold. She volunteered at the Special Olympics and was a dog lover.

Shirley Brothers Chapel handled arrangements.

SONDRA ELLEN WILSON WOODCOCK, 79, husband, Robert "Bob" Woodcock; sons, Douglas, Bryan, Kevan (Sha); six grandchildren; sister, Jeannette (Joe) Kriech; dog, Sofee.

She was a 1962 graduate of Harry Wood High School. She retired from St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove.

She enjoyed spending her retirement with her husband traveling, crafting, gardening and loved to take walks. Her passion was spending time with her boys.

G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr
A retrospective glance at the Southside From *The Spotlight* and *The Southsider Voice* archives

60 Years Ago This Week — 1963
Classes at most grade and high schools would not resume for about two weeks; students at Indiana Central College still had nearly three weeks of summer vacation left.

J.C. Brill Appliances in Southern Plaza took out a two-page ad to promote its huge sale. Owner Mr. Brill said he needed to sell a lot of merchandise so it wouldn't be in the way when remodeling his store.

An open house was held at the new Edgewood Preschool, 1829 E. Epler Ave., where Mary Ann Berry and Nancy Barnett taught the tiny tots.

Don Lehman was named the new pastor of Faith United Church of Christ.

Customers who bought a sandwich at Frisch's Big Boy, 1142 Shelby St., got a second one for 1 cent.

50 Years Ago This Week — 1973
The teaching staff at St. Roch Grade School featured Marjorie Cox, Mary Ann Agresta, Pat Meyer, Kathleen O'Banion, Dorothy Frye, Maura Watson, Greg Harveth, Dick Gallamore and Trudy Armbruster.

The following quip was published on the front page: A dad holding his son's report card said, "Son, it's too bad they don't give a grade for courage. You would get an A for just bringing this card home."

Mike Duval assumed his duties as manager and head pro at Keystone-South Racquet Club, 3510 S. Keystone Ave.

Dr. Larry Roberts opened a dental office at 8241 Bluff Road.

Ten-year-old Becky Bohman attended Camp Ladyglen, which was operated by nuns in Ohio.

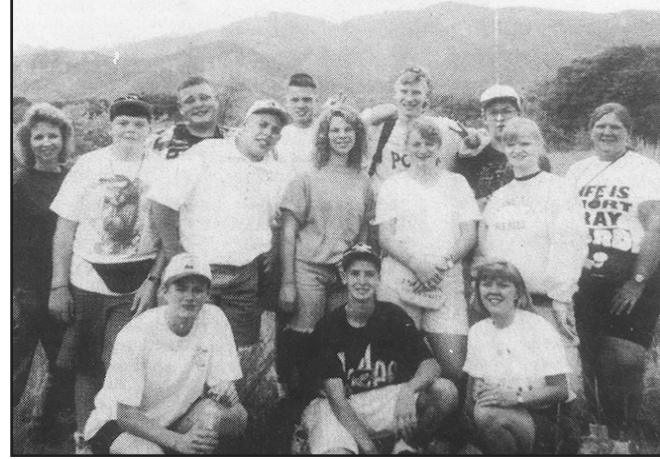
40 Years Ago This Week — 1983
A hearing to discuss widening Meridian Street to four lanes from Edgewood Avenue to Smith Valley Road was discussed.

Fresh New England lobster or 20-ounce T-bone steak dinners were served for \$8.95 at Hagan's Bar & Grill, 1121 E. Troy Ave. (I worked there at the time and remember having lobster races across the parking lot after we closed.)

Heath's Hair Styling gave paperback romance books to its customers.

The Beach Boys, Wayne Newton and Willie Nelson performed at the Indiana State Fair.

30 Years Ago This Week — 1993
Southport Little League's 11- and 12-year-old girls softball team finished fourth in the World Series in Kalamazoo, Mich.



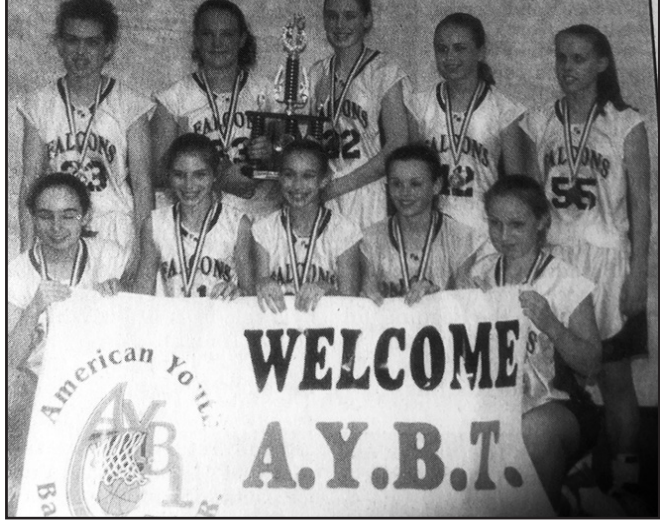
St. Mark Church parishioners (front, from left) Michael Hill, Jay Allen, Clara Starks; (back) Celeste Allen, Will Hendricks, Brian Bates, Joe Cole, Eric Allen, Erin Fitzpatrick, Matt Schwartz, Erin Speth, Joe Berkemeier, Kelly Hoffman and Chris Werner attended World Youth Day in Denver, where Pope John Paul II spoke.

Jerry Dunn, a marathon runner and a graduate of Manual High School, was nominated for the National Caring Award.

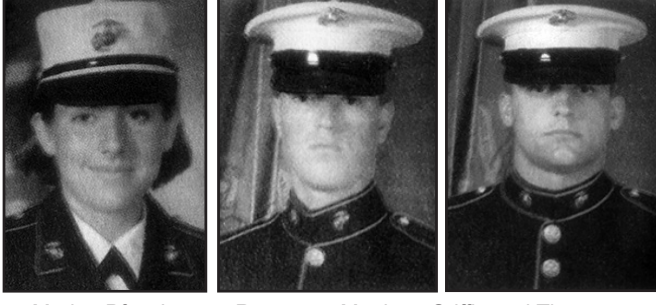
Meridian Middle School teacher Chuck Bonnet chaperoned a group of eighth-graders on a trip to Washington, D.C.

The top video rental was "A Few Good Men."

20 Years Ago This Week — 2003



The Perry Lady Falcons sixth-grade basketball team finished its season with a 19-3 record and was runner-up in the National American tournament at Indiana University. Squad members were (front) Casey Newhouse, Kaylee Joetcheus, Jessi Darmelio, Kate-land Walker, Bridget Kress; (back) Sarah Keene, Samantha Hawk, Sarah Quebec, Julie Engle and Kristine Booth.



Marine Pfc. Lynsey Receveur, Matthew Griffin and Thomas Kraft completed recruit training in San Diego.

Ben Felix, a graduate of Perry Meridian and a sophomore at Manchester College, was honored for winning many reserve and grand champion awards while competing in Perry Township 4-H and Marion County fairs over the past 10 years. He was the son of Dave and Becky Felix.

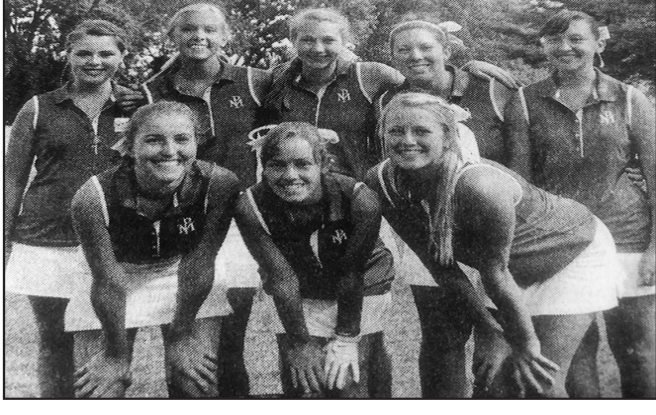
Children in the Richmond Hills neighborhood, near Sherman Drive and Stop 11 Road, participated in a bicycle parade as part of National Night Out, a program where the community and police united in an effort to thwart crime.

Terri Sylvester was named Clinton Young Elementary School's Teacher of the Year for 2002-03. She was active in developing a program to help special needs students meet academic requirements.

"The Bookman" columnist Don Fogleman offered some financial advice to his readers: Invest big in General Motors because it has a line of hydrogen-powered cars, and it's going to be huge (didn't GM file for bankruptcy in 2003).

10 Years Ago This Week — 2013
The Hubler Automotive Group expanded the scope of its 10 dealerships by opening Brad's Car Wash at 8135 Shelby St.

Perry Stadium boasted a \$900,000 artificial turf field, thanks to the generosity of the Ray Skillman Auto Group.



Perry Meridian High School's golf team defeated Greenfield Central 186-193. The squad featured (front) Kathryn McCaffrey, Katie Vaud, Taylor Matthews; (back) Ashlan Helterbrand, Hanna Davis, Erika Shellenberger, Kristin Travis and Hanna Fidler.

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ADDISON MICHELLE VARNIS, only 11-years young being born on June 5, 2012, traded her sword for her angel wings on August 11, 2023, after battling DIPG brain cancer valiantly for 53 months. She attended Maple Grove Elementary in Bargersville, IN where she adored everyone there and they did the same. To know her was to love her and she never met a stranger. She was simply a ray of sunshine and this world is a little less bright without "Addison's Sunshine" being present.



*In a world of innocence, a radiant ray,
An 11-year-old sunshine girl, brightening each day,
Fighting DIPG, a battle so tough,
With courage unwavering, she showed more than enough.
For four long years, she faced the storm,
With a spirit so joyful, her heart so warm,
Through hospital stays and endless trials,
Her strength and her laughter spanned countless miles.
Her name was a melody, a song of delight,
A lantern of hope, a comforting light,
Addison called them the 4-pack, a family so strong,
In love's embrace, they all did belong.
She spread her sunshine, to friends and to all,
Her smile infectious, like a comforting shawl,
In school halls and playgrounds, her presence would gleam,
A reminder of courage, a vibrant dream.
Though DIPG was a challenge, she showed no fear,
In the face of adversity, she held her cheer,
Now she rests in heaven, her journey complete,
Leaving behind memories, oh so sweet.
A brave little warrior, now free from the pain,
In hearts she'll forever remain,
A sunshine girl, her legacy true,
In the love that surrounds, and the skies so blue.*

-Tish DeHaven

She left this world but not without giving us one last gift. She so bravely donated her brain and spine for further research to help be part of finding the cure for this deadly disease. Please help us continue Addison's fight by donating in her honor to:
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She is survived by her parents Anthony and Heidi (Priola) Varnis along with her best friend and older sister, Aubrey Varnis; Grandparents, Bradley and Karen (Turk) Beers, Kevin and Lynda (Roller) Capps, Bryan Varnis. She was also surrounded and loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins, family, friends and the best community that one could ever dream of.

Public viewing followed by a Celebration of Life was held Aug. 18 at Stones Crossing Church, 7000 W Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood, IN.

PAID OBITUARY

Seven Southside teams claim opening wins

By Al Stilley
Editor

Seven of 12 Southside high school teams captured their opening games of the 2023 football season, including three rivalry matchups.

Roncalli handled guest Southport, Class A No. 1 two-peat state champion Lutheran dominated Beech Grove, and Franklin Central defeated Perry Meridian on a night that the Falcons honored members of their very first 1973 football team.

The Royals jumped to a 37-8 halftime lead at Southport. The Cardinals scored two TDs in the second half for the final 23-point margin.

Roncalli running back Henry Adams had 15 carries for 105 yards. The Royals gained 222 yards on the ground and 102 yards passing while holding Southport to 71 yards rushing and 149 yards passing.

Benjamin Brandenburg scored two TDs and had five tackles for Roncalli. Casey Horton led the defense with six tackles.

Southport's Bryce Calvert threw TDs to Nilyn Compton and Kady Asher and completed 8 of 18 pass attempts. Fabian Tapscott had seven tackles and Trenton Baker six tackles for the Cardinals.

Lutheran and Beech Grove fought to a scoreless first quarter before the Saints rolled with three TDs by Brayon Hall and Jackson Willis threw three TD passes. Willis was 13 for 19 for 284 yards passing. Lutheran limited Beech Grove to 59 yards net offense.

TD PASSING RECORD

First-year Greenwood coach Justin Boser rolled out a new look for the Woodmen Friday as quarterback Brock Riddle threw a record six touchdown passes in a thrilling 51-49 road win at Seymour. Riddle's scoring throws were for 78, 38, 65, 4, 2, and 36 yards.

Amare Middleton caught three scoring passes and Tyler Crouch two as Riddle racked up 434 yards in the air on 20 of 26 completions. Riddle also ran for an 18-yard TD. Greenwood running back Alan Burnett had 28 carries for 141 yards and a TD.

Class 5A state runner-up Whiteland traveled to Jeffersonville where the Warriors enjoyed a 30-0 early lead before the host Red Devils scored a touchdown shortly before halftime. Whiteland relied on its solid running game that totaled 279 yards. Slate Valentine had 17 carries for 156 yards and Maalik Perkins had 10 carries for 101 yards.

Three-time reigning 6A state champion Center Grove collided with Ohio champion St. Edward on the Tom Benson Hall of Fame Field in Canton, Ohio. The Trojans toured the Pro Football Hall of Fame building Friday. Then Saturday, in a battle between northern Ohio and Indiana, the Trojans fell, 27-10.

The Trojans trimmed the lead to 14-3 on a field goal by Kade Mathews in the second quarter. St. Edward expanded the lead to 20-3 before CG's Rylan Cook scored on a 23-yard TD.

CG quarterback Dylan Cherry connected on 17 of 23 passes for 144 yards with Noah Coy catching eight passes for 86 yards.



Roncalli senior running back Benjamin Brandenburg (35) finds running room against Southport during opening night of the 2023 high school football season. Brandenburg scored two touchdowns and helped the Royals defense with five tackles.



On a summer evening fit for the beach, the Roncalli High School student cheer section tossed beach balls while supporting their Royals football team. Roncalli won its home opener against rival Southport, 43-20 at Bob Tully Field, their fourth consecutive season opening triumph.

WEEK 1 RESULTS

Christel House Manual 28, Noblesville Home School 8
 Decatur Central 18, Columbus North 14
 Franklin Central 29, Perry Meridian 12
 Greenwood 51, Seymour 49
 Lutheran 50, Beech Grove 0
 Park Tudor 65, Greenwood Christian 6
 Roncalli 43, Southport 20
 St. Edward (Ohio) 27, Center Grove 10
 Whiteland 52, Jeffersonville 20

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Southport's Jayson Johnson tries to hold Roncalli junior running back Henry Adams from reaching the paydirt for a Royals touchdown Friday. Adams had 15 carries for 105 yards against the improved Cardinals.



Southport's Austin Van Velsa (23) carries for a yard gain before being stopped by Roncalli's Robert Houser (20) Friday in Southside rivalry game at Roncalli. The Cardinals rushed for two touchdowns on the ground against the Royals.

WEEK 2 GAMES FRIDAY
 (7 p.m., unless indicated)

Cascade at Beech Grove
 Christel House Manual at Purdue Polytechnic
 Greenwood at Indian Creek
 Greenwood Christian at Covenant Christian
 Kokomo at Whiteland
 Lutheran vs. Ritter at Marian U.
 New Palestine at Decatur Central
 Perry Meridian at Southport
 Oakland (Tenn.) at Center Grove
 Roncalli at Franklin Central

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(PHOTOS BY DOUG.CLEMENTS@PROMOTIONPHOTOS.COM) Whiteland's Senior Gunnar Hicks stiff arms a Red Devils defender to gain more yardage in Friday's game in Jeffersonville.



Slate Valentine making big gains on a run for the Warriors



Jordan Palmer stops Red Devils' Brandon Harris for a short gain.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY DEIDRE BENNETT) Lutheran quarterback Jackson Willis (10) rolls out to pass against Beech Grove during the Saints season opener Friday.



Beech Grove quarterback Jaymar Davis (8) looks downfield while being chased by Lutheran's Gavin Mimms (67).



Lutheran running back Braydon Hall churns up yardage against Beech Grove.

**GO CARDS,
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FRIDAY, AUG. 25, 7 PM @ SOUTHPORT

Cross-country teams split Battles of Perry Township

Southport and Perry Meridian cross country teams split their boys and girls Battles of Perry Township runs.

Southport's girls, led by first-place Evelyn Garcia, won, 17-46. The Cardinals covered five of the top six finishers with Lucy Hiller, Izzy Meece, Izzy Cox, and Halley Kenyon. In the boys' run, Perry Meridian had the top four finishers and won, 16-45. Six Southport runners posted career personal best times.

The Cardinals' girls' team was second in the seven-team Pike Hokum Karem, relays with pairs each running three one-mile loops. Southport was three points away from the championship. Evelyn Garcia and Lucy Hiller led the Cards by placing fourth overall. Halley Kenyon and Ashley Martinez placed seventh while Izzy Meece and Isabella Cox were ninth.

VOLLEYBALL

The Cards started the girls' volleyball season with an impressive 5-0 start, capped by an opening home win against Decatur Central, 25-18, 25-14, 25-16. Paige Mayer had nine kills, four digs, and three aces. Meagin Hurst also had six aces.

Earlier this month, the Cards downed Crothersville, 25-11, 25-15 for a hard-fought southern Indiana tourney title. Tori Ruzi had nine kills. Southport advanced to the title match by coming from behind to defeat Mitchell 23-25, 26-24, 15-9 with Ryleigh Hamilton getting 11 kills and Ari Neese 15 digs. Southport defeated Salem 25-13, 25-14, and Scottsburg 24-26, 25-23, 15-7 in earlier rounds. Their winning streak ended against North Central and Pike.

GOLF

Southport's girls' golf team opened the new season Aug. 10 with a 193-221 win against Ben Davis at South Grove Golf Course. Sophomore Claire Davis was medalist with a 9-hole 40. Other scores included junior Lilly Hess 51, freshman Norah Hufnagel 50, and sophomore Lillie Youmans 52.

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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals N

XG QAM XFJRZBRS H NXPP
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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A relaxed mood early in the week could give way to high-temperature disputes. The Aries Lamb should resist being pulled into heated quarrels that could really singe your wool.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Satisfy that practical obligation first, then feel free to indulge in your creative endeavors. Also, check for hidden or overlooked areas where repairs might be long overdue.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home is still the Twins' major focus this week, but outside matters begin to take on added importance, especially those involving possible career moves. Stay alert for signs of change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A travel plan might need to undergo some considerable adjustments because of unexpected changes. Keep an open mind and let the facts guide you on how you want to handle this.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Playing cat and mouse with a matter you've been avoiding wastes time, energy and, most importantly, an opportunity. Ask someone with experience to help you get started.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A shift in policy might not please you, but before you put up a "no go" wall of resistance, examine the circumstances. You might be pleasantly surprised at what you find.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Yesterday's critiques about your methods might have already evolved

into today's praise for your achievements. Good for you. Now go on and continue to build on your credibility.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An occasional temperamental flare-up might occur, as you continue to help get things back to normal. Stay with it. You should soon get some idea of where to take things next.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A negative reaction to what you believe was a well-deserved request might mean that you

need to reconsider your position and make changes accordingly.

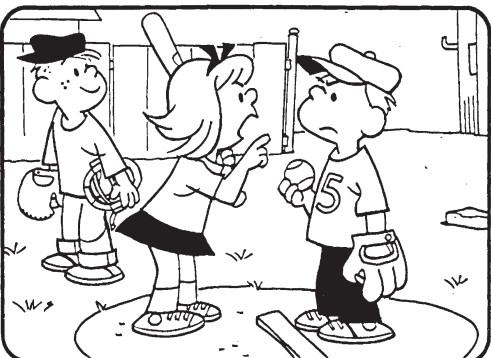
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) There's always room for someone new at the Sea Goat's table. The someone new for this week could bring a message you've been waiting a long time to hear.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A pile-on of personal matters this week might seem too overwhelming to deal with, but handling them on a one-by-one basis could have you out from under it by the weekend.

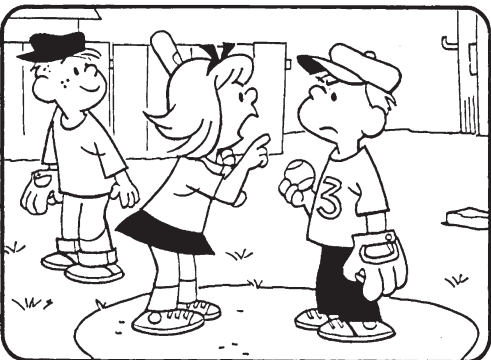
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need your good advice re-

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Glove is different. 2. Mark is missing. 3. Ball is shorter. 4. Post is missing. 5. Number is different. 6. Pitching slab is missing.

garding a matter. Be supportive, but unless you can be absolutely sure you have all the facts, be careful about any suggestions you're asked to offer.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for bringing out the best in people, no doubt due to your inspiring work ethic and sensitive nature.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10 King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Rescue
- 5 Ozone, for one
- 8 Protracted
- 12 Carolina college
- 13 Roswell sighting
- 14 Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 15 "Game on!"
- 17 Snitch
- 18 Service charge
- 19 Rowing need
- 20 Road curves
- 21 Schlep
- 22 Deity
- 23 Everglades wader
- 26 Cure-all
- 30 Bump into
- 31 "Terriff!"
- 32 Astronaut
- 33 Tennis tactic
- 35 Tea biscuit
- 36 Present location?
- 37 Expected
- 38 Thesaurus

DOWN

- 1 Narcissist's love
- 2 Sheltered
- 3 Cast a ballot
- 4 Em halves
- 5 Soviet labor camp
- 6 Miles away
- 7 Tofu source
- 8 #1 hit by David Bowie
- 9 Rhyming tributes
- 10 Egyptian river
- 11 Hair goops

- 16 Sulk
- 20 A billion years
- 21 Words at the start of a lesson
- 22 Talk on and on
- 23 Ambulance VIP
- 24 Earth (Pref.)
- 25 Gym unit
- 26 Skillet
- 27 Biz bigwig
- 28 Aachen article
- 29 Pub pint
- 31 Repair
- 34 Cauldron
- 35 Totals
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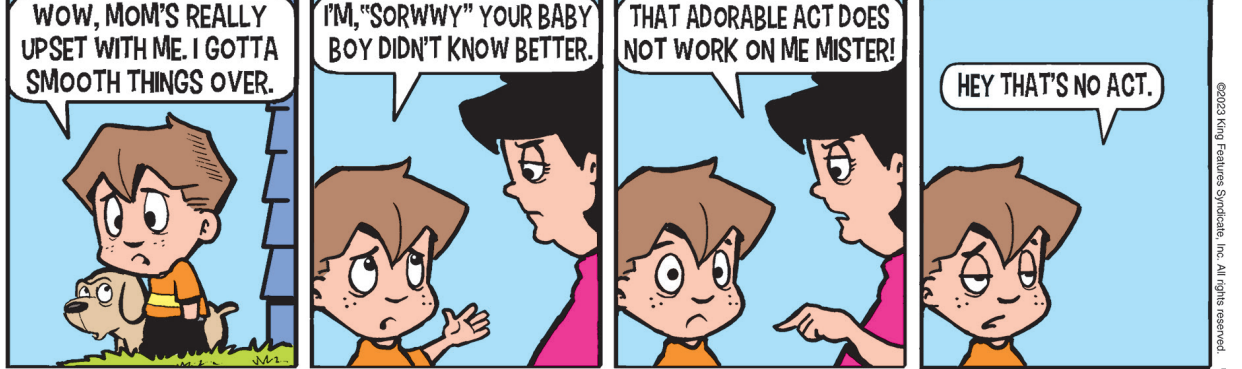
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