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ALTRURIA ELEMENTARY REMEMBERS 9/11

Staff Reports

Each year, the Altruria Elementary School community gathers to honor and remember those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. This year's remembrance brought together Altruria staff and students, Mayor Parsons, Dr. Stephens, the Bartlett Police Department and the Bartlett Fire Department to mark the solemn occasion and reflect on the importance of remembering those lost.

Source: Bartlett City Schools



Bartlett Police Department and Bartlett, TN Fire Department first responders were honored Sept. 11 during Ave Maria Home's annual First Responders Parade. Each year on 9/11, residents gather to show their appreciation and cheer on the community's first responders.

City of Bartlett

PANTHERS ROLL PAST OVERTON 49-14 ON HOMECOMING NIGHT



Staff Reports

Bartlett High School celebrated Homecoming under the Friday night lights as the Panthers defeated Overton High School 49-14 at Panther Stadium, improving their season record to 3-1.

Rain moved out in plenty of time for the 7 p.m. kickoff, allowing students, families and fans to gather for a night filled with Homecoming tradition and Panther pride.

Before the game, the Bartlett

community paused to mark the 25th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. The Bartlett Police Department Honor Guard conducted the Presentation of Colors, while a member of the Bartlett High School Choir performed the National Anthem.

It was a special evening for the Bartlett community, bringing together Panther pride and Homecoming tradition while also honoring the courage, sacrifice and unity that define the nation.

Source: Bartlett City Schools



Bartlett Panthers fans gathered at Panther Stadium Friday for Homecoming as Bartlett faced Overton High School. Mayor David Parsons did the official coin toss to kick off the game.

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Living
with Purpose

By David Peel

Before Disaster Strikes:
Protect Your Memories
and Your Home

A close friend recently lost everything in a house fire — not just furniture and walls, but decades of photographs, keepsakes, and the small things that told their family’s story. Everyone made it out safely, and that’s what matters most. But it got me thinking about how much heartache a little preparation now could spare any of us later, whether the threat is fire, flood, tornado, earthquake, or theft.

Here are a few simple steps worth taking this week:

- Save your memories
- Lay old photo albums in good, glare-free light and photograph each page with your phone. Back everything up to the cloud (iCloud, Google Photos, etc.).
- If you find old black-and-white photos of people who aren’t labeled, write down who they are now. An unlabeled photo of a stranger rarely survives the next generation’s cleanout — but a name turns it into family history worth keeping.
- Document your home for insurance
- Walk slowly through ev-



ery room with your phone recording, showing each wall and piece of furniture.

- In closets, run your hand across the hanging clothes so every sleeve appears on camera. You may not remember the history of every shirt — but with video, you won’t need to.
- Don’t skip the attic, garage, shop, and sheds.

Here’s why this matters: if disaster does strike, you may find yourself filling out an insurance claim from a hotel room. Being able to pause that video, point to an item, and screenshot it can make the difference between a full and a partial settlement.

- A few more worth doing today
- Double-check that your

homeowners policy’s contents coverage still matches what you actually own.

- Back up your photos and videos to the cloud — and consider mailing a hard drive to a relative in another part of the country, safely out of reach of your local risks.

None of this takes long. All of it could matter enormously.

Mr. Peel seeks justice for those injured in tractor-trailer and car accidents, medical malpractice, and disability. He often addresses churches, clubs, and groups without charge. Mr. Peel may be reached through PeelLawFirm.com wherein other articles may be accessed.

Upcoming Events ...

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

-URBAN BUSH WOMEN'S "DANCE FOR EVERY BODY" WORKSHOP

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EARLY SEASON RANKINGS

Ad Veritas

Daniel Richardson

Does anyone really understand the college football ranking system?

As a Tennessee fan, I am perennially frustrated by the preseason rankings. Of course, I also believe Tennessee is better than whatever number happens to be beside its name, so take my objectivity for what it’s worth.

But preseason rankings really are educated guesses.

The Associated Press poll is compiled from ballots submitted by sportswriters and broadcasters around the country. Before anybody has played a game, those voters are ranking teams based on returning players, recruiting, transfers, coaching and—whether anyone wants to admit it or not—a healthy dose of reputation.

Then the games start and reality begins interfering

with the predictions.

Oregon opened this season ranked No. 2 in the country. In its first game, the Ducks barely escaped Boise State, 34-27. Voters appropriately dropped them to No. 6.

Then Saturday, unranked Oklahoma State beat Oregon 39-31.

Oregon plummeted to No. 21. Oklahoma State? Still not ranked, although they are now receiving votes.

Ohio State entered the weekend No. 1 and led Texas by 20 points entering the fourth quarter before losing 24-23. The Buckeyes fell to No. 6, while Texas jumped from No. 4 all the way to No. 1.

Michigan is another good example. The Wolverines started No. 16, needed a controversial extra second and a Hail Mary to beat Western Michigan in Week 1, and were promptly thrown out of the Top 25. Then they beat No. 11 Oklahoma and suddenly Michigan is back at No. 19.

Maybe the voters know something. Maybe they

don’t.

Meanwhile, Tennessee started the year at No. 20. After taking care of Furman, the Vols moved to No. 18. Saturday night they went on the road and beat Georgia Tech convincingly, 45-24, rushing for 299 yards in the process.

Their reward was a move to No. 15.

I’ll take it, I suppose.

The truth is that rankings become more meaningful as the season progresses. In September, we are still trying to figure out who is actually good and who simply looked good on paper in August.

And that is part of what makes college football so much fun.

Eventually, you have to stop debating résumés and recruiting classes and line up across from somebody.

Then we find out.

As for Tennessee, I’ll admit my bias.

I think the Vols are better than No. 15.

Give them a few more Saturdays to prove me right—or wrong.



THE DONALD MANN HOUSE - 1 of 8 homes on last weekend's tour. Built in 1911, 1785 Harbert Ave. is the city's finest example of Colonial Revival architecture.



CENTRAL GARDENS HOME TOUR- Beverly Hall on Central Ave. will be a featured home this Sunday, Sept. 13, from 1-6 p.m. will celebrate 50 years of home and garden tours in Memphis..

CENTRAL GARDENS HOME TOURS, MEMPHIS

Memphis, TN – One of Memphis’ longest-running neighborhood traditions celebrated a major milestone this year as visitors braved the 100 degree heat to see inside private homes showing off stunning architecture, craftsmanship, and stories of the past. These homes are rarely, if ever, open to the public.

The Central Gardens Home & Garden Tour marked its 50th anniversary last weekend, September 13, giving visitors rare access inside some of the

city’s most beautiful and historically significant private homes.

What began in 1975 as a neighborhood preservation effort has grown into one of Memphis’ signature annual events, drawing thousands of visitors to explore historic district. The home tours began in 1976.

Grand historic residences along Central Avenue, including one of the city’s most recognizable mansions plus the Belvedere Boulevard subdivision that was planned and laid out in

1906.

Beyond the homes, the tour showcases the neighborhood itself, with tree-lined streets, gardens, local musicians and the community spirit that has helped make Central Gardens one of Memphis’ most treasured historic districts.

The 50 year celebration also featured two churches: the Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 1720 Peabody Ave. that was built in 1912 and Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 1695 Central Ave.

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Is God Dead? ... by Ty B. Kerley, DMin.

One People

Over the past few articles, we have considered the evidence supporting the concept that at one time in the ancient past, all of humanity was gathered together as one people of one race and culture, speaking one language. Christians hold that there were only eight survivors after the Great Flood: Noah and his family. Over the next few generations, everyone on Earth was still gathered as one group at a single palace, at Babel, on The Plains of Shinar. God had commanded the people to multiply and fill the Earth, but they refused. God’s solution was to confuse their universal language, forcing each family to migrate in different directions away from Babel and away from one another.

There are compelling reasons suggesting that most of the 270 known “Great Flood” stories from around the world originated from a single source. The similarities between most of the 270 stories are striking: there is a focus on one wise and righteous man destined to survive the flood, the building of an ark which is described in detail; animals brought on board to preserve the species; the hero of the story sends out birds to see if they can find dry land; after the floodwater subsides sacrifices are made by the hero to mend mankind’s relationship with the divine; and finally, the survivors repopulate the Earth.

It seems that the best explanation of the facts is that there was one Flood story, the original Flood story, and that story was subsequently conveyed orally over the generations and across cultures, giving rise to almost all of these 270 ancient Flood stories. Last week, we presented evidence from linguists that suggests all of the 6,000 languages that are spoken today originate from one of what is likely only 78 proto-language families that were given to mankind by God at the scattering of the people at Babel.

Both ancient Flood stories and studies from linguistics point to a bottleneck—to a time in

history when there was only one very large family on Earth, and all people were gathered together. Even so, there is still another source of evidence to support this claim. It provides a very strong argument that there truly was a world Flood and that a few generations later, the survivors were given new languages and scattered across the land. That source of evidence comes from genetics.

Simple mathematics dictate that each generation only possesses one-half of the DNA from the previous generation. Genetically speaking, each person is one-half of each parent, one-fourth of each grandparent, one-eighth of each great-grandparent, and so on. This is called DNA signal dilution. This analogy makes it easy to see that our ancestor’s DNA is only detectable going back a few generations. And yet, if that is the case, how do geneticists trace DNA lines, called haplogroups, back thousands of years? The answer to that question is absolutely fascinating.

It turns out that there is a source of DNA that is not halved each generation but rather is handed down in its entirety to each generation found on the Y-chromosome in males. In other words, Y-chromosomal DNA is handed down from father to son unchanged. The Y-chromosome is an interesting molecule with some 60 million base amino acids in linear length, experiencing some minor gene mixing with the X-chromosome at the ends of the strand. While this mixing impacts about ten percent of the whole chromosome molecule, the remaining 90 percent of the sequence is unaltered except for occasional mutations. It turns out that these occasional mutations lend themselves to developing dating models that scientists call molecular clocks. In fact, the Y-chromosomal mutation rate is observed to be three mutations per generation. Using this information, molecular clocks are then used to backtrack and count how many generations a person’s Y-chromosomal DNA has been handed

down. Y-chromosomal DNA sequencing also determines what particular haplogroup and subgroup a person belongs to and from what geographical region the haplogroup originated. Using these generic sequencing tools researchers have made some incredible discoveries.

Geneticist Nathaniel Jeanson observes, “At a minimum, Genesis 10 implies that the paternal genealogical tree of the world would have three branches — one each for Shem, Japheth, and Ham. Since all [three] boys inherited their Y chromosomes from the same father, Noah, these three branches would also collapse into a single ancestor. This is what the Y chromosome tree reveals.” Jeanson, using genetic testing data from currently living men, can trace their lineages back to their origin, and that origin, it would seem, is Babel. Remarkably, Jeanson’s data tells us that any two random people on Earth will have a common ancestor, no matter how geographically distant they are from each other. Everything points to this conclusion, and everything points back to Babel.

Whether it is ancient Flood stories from around the world, the world’s 6,000 languages tracing their origin back to a small group of proto-languages, or Y chromosomal DNA studies indicating a common ancestor, all things do merge into one. And it seems quite convincingly that one place is Babel. In the end, it is no small thing—the biblical account seems to be incredibly accurate. Join us next week as we continue to pursue an answer to the age-old question: *is God dead?*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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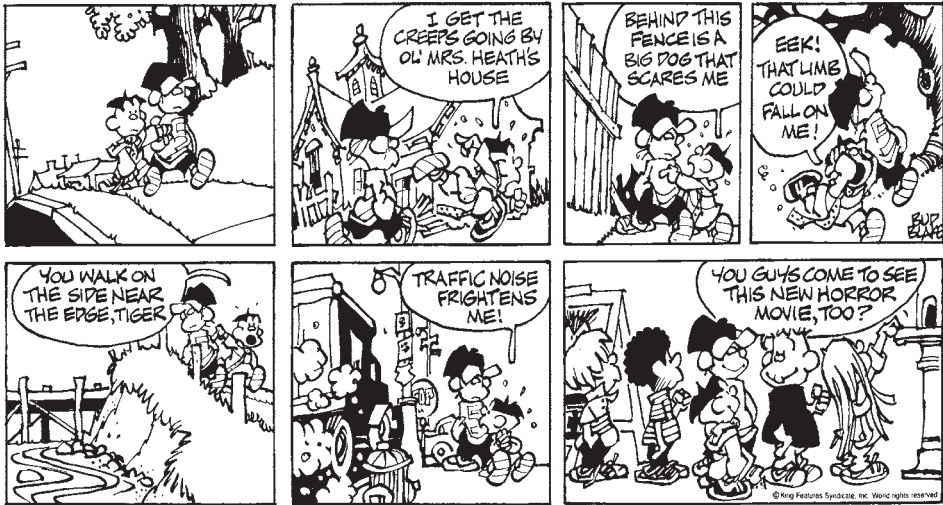


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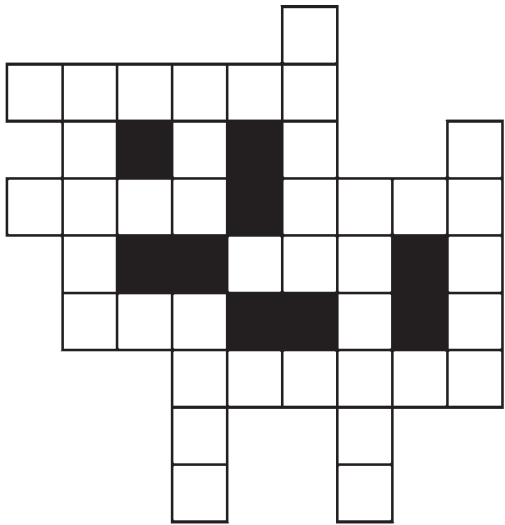


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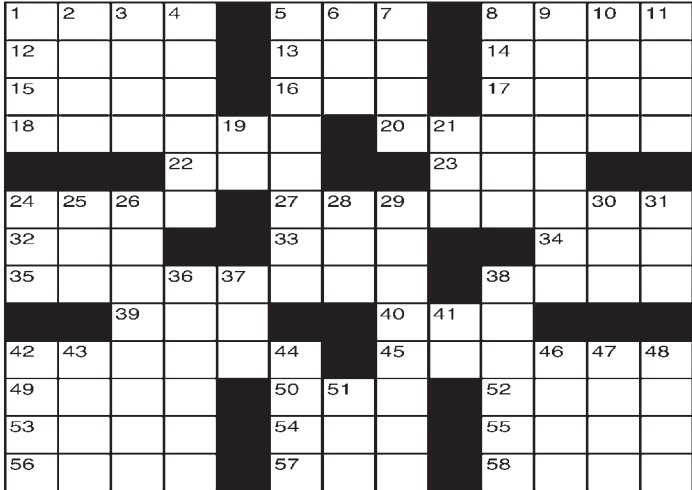


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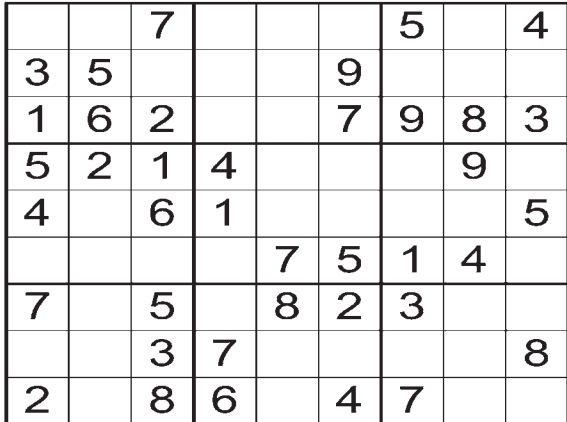
by Donna Pettman

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

1. Almost — — — — L — At hand — — — — B —
2. Stubble — E — — — Get on a ship — — O — — —
3. Schedule R — — — — Wanted ad P — — — —
4. Desert mammal — — — — L Minor acting part — — — — O
5. Thrill — — A — — Select few — — I — —
6. Detection device — — — S — Junior's dad — — — I — —
7. Gander and gosling G — — — — Actress Witherspoon R — — — —
8. Royal abode — — — — C — Roof of the mouth — — — T —
9. Bread ingredient — — — — U — Rug location — — — O —
10. Company strategy — — — — Y Law enforcement — — — — E

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Weekly SUDOKU



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

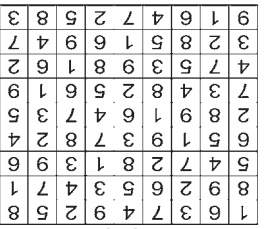
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: P equals S

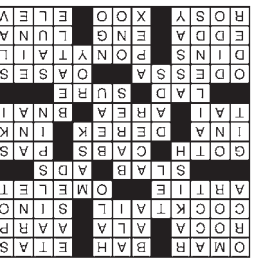
PWAZGQH PTAAL WELQLEAP LXQL,
TXAB ZEBPKCAV, ZQKPA SEHMP
LE PWAQM CEFA SFQBMHJ:
ZQBGVJ JQCP.

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See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition



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King Crossword

Answers

1. Flush Blush
2. Single Mingle
3. Charm, Chan
4. Export, Expert
5. Giant Grant
6. Taylor, Tailor
7. Limbo, Limbo
8. Lyndon, London
9. Globe, Glove
10. Stone, Alone

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Answers



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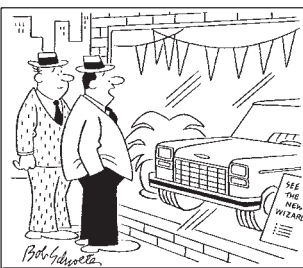
by Terry Stickels

Here's a "trickledown" puzzle. The rules are simple; you merely change one letter on each line to make a new word and continue until you reach the final word.

EXAMPLE: COAT

VASE

TRACK



"Now there's a car everyone can afford — providing the entire pays for it!"

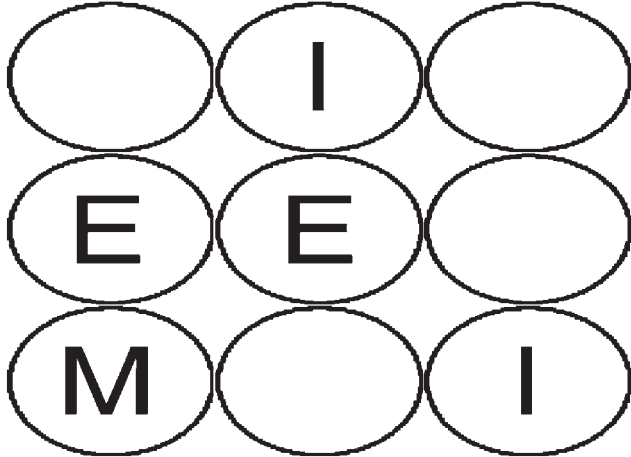
SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Restore
MYSONNY
Short
FIBER
Fiend
LOUGH
Injury
ASPRIN

TODAY'S WORD

WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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The petition was presented with the strongest protectors at the top. It's in dissension order

CryptoQuip

answer

UMPIRES

Today's Word

3. Grudge; 4. Leash

1. Repair; 2. Menth

Solution

SCRAMBLERS

Answer

TAILIGHT

Answer

Word Spiral

contradictory meaning

Each of these words can have an opposite or

These words are called "contronyms."

Stickellers Answer

BARTLETT HIGH CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS SERVE UP REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Staff Reports

Bartlett High School's Culinary Arts program recently put its students' skills to the test, preparing and serving meals for visiting Human Resource professionals and Bartlett City Schools' Central Office staff.

Last Wednesday, Culinary Arts teacher Denesha Wilborn and her students prepared and served a meal for Human Resource professionals from several municipal school districts who were visiting Bartlett City Schools.

The students then took on another challenge, preparing lunch for the entire Central Office staff.

The experience gave students an opportunity to apply their culinary training in a real-world setting while serving a large number of guests. Through the planning, preparation and service involved in both meals, students demonstrated their culinary skills as well as creativity, teamwork and attention to detail.

Bartlett City Schools expressed its appreciation to Wilborn and the Culinary Arts students for the time, preparation, creativity and pride they brought to the meals and for representing Bartlett High School.

The meals also highlighted the role of Career & Technical Education in providing students with hands-on learning experiences. Programs such as Culinary Arts



allow students to develop practical, career-focused skills while gaining experience that can prepare them for opportunities be-



yond the classroom. Based on their performance in the kitchen, Bartlett High's Culinary Arts students may have al-

Source: Bartlett High School

ALTRURIA ELEMENTARY REMEMBERS 9/11



Each year, the Altruria Elementary School community gathers to honor and remember those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. This year's remembrance brought together Altruria staff and students, Mayor Parsons, Dr. Stephens, the Bartlett Police Department and the Bartlett Fire Department to mark the solemn occasion and reflect on the importance of remembering those lost.

Photos: City of Bartlett



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