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Miracle League of Franklin County Penny War Results

*Contributed by Donna Wade,
miracleleaguefranklincounty@gmail.com*

Franklinton High School (FHS) held a Penny War over the past 5 weeks. The total collected was \$1,205.18! Over the past 4 years, FHS has contributed over \$12,500 to The Miracle League of Franklin County.

Ms. Averette's class raised over \$250 and will be receiving a pizza party with county music singer, Jason Michael Carroll December 16 at FHS.

Total raised: \$1,207. Four year Penny War total: \$12,000!

Ms. Tilley's class was first place and Ms. Averette's class was second. Ms. Dale's class was also invited because many of our FHS Miracle League players are in her class.

The Miracle League of Franklin County is a baseball league for children and adults with physical, cognitive, emotional and behavioral disabilities serving Franklin, Vance, Granville, Warren and Wake counties.

Buddies Matthew Keith and Tiffany Hicks spoke about how to become and buddy as well as the effects it has had on their own lives.

Wake Tech Seeking Garden Manager, Teacher

Wake Tech's Zebulon center is seeking a gardening expert to oversee the on-site garden and teach farm and garden classes starting in February.

The job includes preparing and maintaining the garden, and preparing and presenting classes — basic, intermediate and advanced. Candidates should be able to teach — explain clearly and concisely — gardening concepts. Position requirements include the ability to move 50 lbs (min), work with others, have two years garden teaching experience, and a high school diploma or higher.

The complete requirements and job description is available from Wake Tech Zebulon. For details or to be considered, contact the Dean, Pamela Little, at the Zebulon training center. Call 919.866.5800.

Rocky Mount Downtown Advocate will be Missed

In December, Rocky Mount lost a great downtown advocate, business owner, and beloved resident: Ron Vetere. It is with heavy hearts we pass along news of Ron's death on December 1, 2014.

We grieve for this kind and funny man. Ron and his wife Hilarie co-founded the Bel Air Artisan Center. As downtown advocates, they not only spoke up for downtown Rocky Mount, but also picked up hammers to rebuild it.

Ron served in the US Army. He was a Life Member of The Legendary Blackhorse Regiment 11th ACVVC. Hilarie plans for Ron to be taken to Arlington National Cemetery in the spring. Memorials may be directed to the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund at this address: The Blackhorse Association, Attn: Treasurer-Scholarship Fund, Daniel M. Caughey, CPA, P.O. Box 1712, Mill Valley CA 94942.

Shades of Grey

*Some situations are viewed in black and white; right and wrong. Yet, many people think situations also have a **grey area** where solutions are not so easily discerned. This is about the choices people make, and the thought process they go through to arrive at decisions.*

Consider: Submitted for Discussion

You're driving in the cold and ice. You end up having a slow-speed accident with some damage to your car and one other car.

The person who comes out of the car that hit you is pushing you to just exchange insurance information and leave without calling the police.

You're getting a very strange, threatening *vibe* from this person. You're pretty sure your insurance company will want a police report, but you are afraid if you call the police that this person may harm you.

What do you think you would do? Would you let the person leave, then call the police after? Knowing that person has your name and information, do you think you would be afraid?



Jason Michael Carroll with Ms. Averette, Ms. Tilley, and Ms. Dale,
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Share the Dream Talent Show Returns for Fifth Year

Bringing Unity to the Community

Via “Lady J” Jacquie Jeffers, NC Martin Luther King, Jr. Commissioner

Local performers auditioned in December. Planning has been done. Now, get ready for the *Share The Dream Talent Show*,

On January 17, from 6-8pm, People of all ages, and all talents, will entertain the crowd — and tickets only cost a few dollars! Adult and teen tickets are \$5, and under-12 tickets only \$2. Bring the whole family to see this variety show, and teach them about many different arts in one night.

This is a community activity that will give people an opportunity to showcase their diverse talents on stage. It is an opportunity to promote unity in the community and diversity. For five years, the shows have given all genres a place to unite and enjoy a variety of talents. Plus, 100% of the money raised goes back into the community!

Last year, the talent show included karate, gospel, spoken word, mime, ballet, county and western, and more. The audience expressed how much they enjoyed the show.

Says Ms. Jeffers, “My mother taught me to be involved in community service. Life’s most persistent and urgent questions is: *What are you doing for others?*” This quote by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reflects how she gives her time to serve the community through this event and related duties.

The Share the Dream Community Spirit Award is given to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to make this community a better place to live. The recipients are selected in various fields of education, music, volunteering, community service and good will. Awards will be given to people in the community who keep the dream alive by helping others. There will be a tribute to Gerald Hunter, who played

guitar for Elvis, and two gentlemen who played with the legendary James Brown: Sam Latham and Dick Knight.

Tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 5pm. The location is the Forest Hills Middle School auditorium (1210 Forest Hills Road) in Wilson.

Ministry Meeting Focuses on At-Risk Young Men

Contributed by Rontrell Lynch, Youth Leader

The faith-based organization, Showers of Blessing Christian Center, is holding a life-changing event.

Starting at 7pm, the January 30, 2015, event targets at-risk young men who have experienced issues in life due to lack of guidance or a father figure.

Fatherlessness contributes to so many behavior problems in our young men and Boys 2 Men Ministry was designed to target this.

The meeting is being held at the ministry’s main campus location at 1740 East Raleigh Boulevard, Rocky Mount.



Exhibit Grand Opening Encourages Family Outdoor Activities

Contributed by Sheila Long, Recreation Services Supervisor

Imperial Centre and the City of Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation invite the public to attend a special exhibit opening. The Imperil Centre exhibit, *Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl: Home Sweet Home*, offers whimsy with a twist of teaching.

Two beloved American icons come to life in *Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl: Home Sweet Home*. This interactive educational exhibit — created by the Betty Brinn Children’s Museum in collaboration with the United States Forest Service — encourages families to spend time together outdoors and inspires children to discover and care for the natural resources that sustain our world – our home sweet home.

The kick off includes special activities, games, food, and more from Smokey and Woodsy for the whole family.

The Grand Opening is January 31, 2015, starting at 10am and ending at 5pm. For this opening day, admission to the exhibit is Free to all. A \$6 admission fee applies *after* January 31st. The exhibit runs January 31 through May 17, 2015.

The Children’s Museum & Science Center is located at 270 Gay Street in Rocky Mount.



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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

01/16 Pickleball

01/23 (Fridays @ 11am-1pm)

Free fitness fun for grown-ups, teens, & seniors. Easy for beginners & a blast to play! A great workout too. At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Avenue, **Zebulon**.

01/17 2015 Knightdale Farmers Market Interest Meeting (January 17 @ 10am-12pm)

Interested in joining the 2015 Knightdale Farmers Market? Applications will be handed out & questions answered. Contact Chris Roland at 919.217.2234. At Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, **Knightdale**.

01/20 Elder Investment Fraud & Financial Exploitation Prevention (Jan 20 @ 10:30am)

Barbara Bennett, Investor Education Specialist/Military Liaison for the NC Dept of the Secretary of State Securities Division, is presenting. Come for this informative session. Call 252.641.4263. At the E.L. Roberson Center, 305 West Baker Street, **Tarboro**.

01/20 Overwintering Plants in Pots (Jan 20 @ 8:30-9:30pm)

Speaker is Dan Carpen, Berry Farms. This extension service workshop is free to the public. At Wilson Co. Agricultural Center, 1806 SW Goldsboro St. **Wilson**.

01/20 Gamers & Dart League

01/27 Night (Tuesdays @ 6-9pm)

Board games kick off at 6pm, darts at 7pm. At Common Grounds Coffee & Music House, 20 Cheves Road, **Bunn**.

01/22 Abstract Painting Round Robin (Jan 22 @ 6:30-8pm)

Canvas & acrylic paint provided. Bring brushes & beverage. Every artists will paint until time is called, then pass painting to next artist and it keeps going around. Everyone goes home with a painting. \$10 donation to FCAC is appreciated. Space limited to ten. Call 919.497.6910 to register. At FCAC headquarters, 22 S Main St., **Franklinton**.

01/22 How to Start a Successful Business (Jan 22 @ 6-9pm)

Free workshop. This 3-hour workshop gives an overall understanding of the steps needed to make the dream of owning a business a reality. Register: 252.451.8233 or via www.nashcc.edu/sbc. At Nash Community College Small Business Center, 522 N Old Carriage Rd, **Rocky Mount**.

01/22 Raleigh Small Business Expo for Women & Minorities. (Jan 22 @ 4-7pm)

Special expo. Held at City of Southeast Raleigh High School, 2600 Rock Quarry Road, **Raleigh**.

01/22 Small Bus. Labor & Wage Issues (Jan 22 @ 6-8pm)

Do you know the difference between hourly, salary, exempt, or non-exempt employees? Are you familiar with the minimum wage for this state and what postings are required? If you are thinking of starting a business or already own a small business, this seminar is for you. In Room G-240. Register by January 21. At Wilson Community College Small Business Center, 902 Herring Ave, **Wilson**.

01/22 Teen And Family Game Night (Jan 22 @ 5-7:30pm)

Put aside your troubles, and go to the library for a night of games with friends & families. Upstairs, in the Braswell Library Young Adult Area and in the computer lab. Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace St, **Rocky Mount**.

01/22 Brainstormer Trivia

01/29 (Thursdays @ 7:30-10pm)

Not too hard, not too easy - just right! Team registration begins at 7:30pm & game kicks off at 8pm. At Underground Pub, 101 E Church Street, **Tarboro**

01/24 K-5th School Age Super Special (Jan 24 @ 2-3pm)

Raleigh Little Theatre's Storytellers to Go! presents "Oh, Deer" by Judy M. Dove performed with a student cast. This is a lively retelling of the NC folk tale "Daniel Boone and the Deer." At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Square Court, **Knightdale**.

01/24 See Spot Read (Jan 24 @ 11am-12pm)

Practice reading to a therapy dog! At Zebulon Library, 1000 Dogwood Dr, **Zebulon**.

01/26 Kids Story Time (Mondays @ 10:30am)

Stories and songs for Kids ages 2-5. At The Nashville Library, 114 W Church St., **Nashville**.

01/27 Using Crowd Funding to Fuel Your Small Business Start-Up or Expansion (Jan 27 @ 6-9pm)

Free. Explore opportunities for non-traditional funding for business startup & expansion. Crowd funding campaigns to raise equity are becoming an important tool for businesses. Register by Jan. 26 via www.wilsoncc.edu/coned/sbc.cfm. In Room G-240, Wilson Community College, 902 Herring Ave, **Wilson**.

01/31 The Switch @ Ribeye's - Tarboro (January 31)

A new place for The Switch! Can't wait to see everyone! Come early, get some good grub, hang out for the best tunes on the East Coast with The Switch! At Ribeye's of Tarboro, 1404 Western Blvd, **Tarboro**.

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Night (Feb 5 @ 5-7:30pm)

A variety of games (board, card, video, etc.) will be available for play with friends or family. Refreshments will be provided. GAME ON! Contact Scott Houston @ 252-442-1951 ext. 257 for more info. In the YA Area at Braswell Memorial Library 727 N Grace St, Rocky Mount.

02/06 First Friday Coffee (Feb 6 @ 7:30am)

Not held in January 2015. At Nashville Exchange, West Washington Street, Nashville.

02/13 Free Movie & Popcorn (Feb 13 @ 7pm)

Second Friday of each month. For all ages. Parent or guardian must be present for all children. Call 919.823.0432 for movie title. At the Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Avenue, Zebulon.

02/14 NITE OWL at Heroes (Feb 14 @ 9pm-2am)

Nite Owl's rock & blues debut at Wilson's newest hot spot! At Heroes Sports Oyster Bar and Grill, 124 Barnes St, Wilson.

These “Things To Do...” listings are free, at publisher's discretion, and as space allows. Up to 5 lines of description may be included with an event. Priority is given to free, public events. Sponsor names may not be included. Event organizers may purchase regular advertising space to provide more details for events.

By Kay Whatley, Editor

Due to a grant awarded by The John Rex Endowment, Zebulon is opening a Farm Fresh Market each Saturday beginning May 2, 2015.

Under the management of Maurine Brown, the Zebulon Farm Fresh Market will be working to connect local farmers, growers, bakers, and crafters with Zebulon residents.

On January 13, 2015, an informational meeting-luncheon was held at the Community Center. Overseen by Maurine Brown, working with the Parks and Recreation Department, the meeting included dozens of local pastors, educators, organizers, and media. In addition to the lunch of regional dishes served by Victor Moore of Wendell, Stone Ridge Farm Market decked out each lunch table with live edibles.

The goal of the meeting was to describe the Farm Fresh Market goals, and encourage spreading the word. Not only is the market seeking additional vendors — a dozen are already signed up — but they need to encourage market shopping by local residents, including low income families on food assistance.

The market will accept Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) for payments, allowing recipients of NC Food and Nutrition Services to purchase fresh, local foods.

The Town of Zebulon has a higher poverty level than other Wake County towns: over 15%. Zebulon is also labeled a “food desert” by the US Dept of Agriculture. Basically, this is an area of low income that requires travelling more than a mile to access grocery stores.

The mission of The John Rex Endowment “supports an environment where children and families in greater Wake County live healthy lives.”

The three-year grant provides a foundation for starting and building a farm market. As voiced by speaker Chad Ray at the January 13th event, the hope is that the market will gain traction and continue forward on its own after the three-year grant is expended.

Speaker Michele McKinley from Advocates for Health in Action presented on the state of food insecurity

and importance of local farm markets. According to her presentation, shopping at a grocery store puts 10-20 cents into the community; while shopping at a farmers market puts 50-60 cents into the community... an economic plus.

Vendors pre-signed for the market include Baxter's Bees, Brantley's Nursery, The Fat Radish Farm, H.S. Howell Farm, J&H Farm, Liberty Poultry, Ray Family Farm, Sally Phipps Artist, Simple Soaps and Balms, Sprout's Gifts and Botanicals, Stone Ridge Farm Market, Thurman Johnson, and Wrenn's Farm. Additional spaces are available, and the planners are making final determinations on how many spaces may be confirmed.

Opening day for the Zebulon Farm Fresh Market is May 2, 2015. Special activities are being planned for the opening day, including collaborative events with the Parks and Rec team. Market hours are planned to be 9am until 1pm each Saturday at the Zebulon Community Center, located at 301 South Arendell Avenue in Zebulon.



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Dr. Nicholas' Corner: The Time We Shook Hands with the Elephants



*Contributed by By Nicholas
Pediaditakis, MD, DLFAPA*

Now, as I promised, I want to tell you about the safari I took together with two of my grandchildren in South Africa — a wondrous adventure that happened five years ago.

Luck had it that a gregarious, gifted and warm industrialist named Tim Driman with his lovely caring wife Yvonne living in South Africa — both now dear close friends — invited us to be their guests, myself, and grandchildren Igor and Zoe. It was for two weeks to go on a safari in his private jungle of nine hundred thousand acres named Zuka. So, we traveled from Raleigh NC, south-by-southeast for 12,000 miles, by plane for 22 hours! It felt like a lifetime.

Africa is actually the same size as the moon! Tim called his enormous reserve, “His Bush.” It was actually an immense expanse of Savannah made up of rolling meadows, thickets of acacia and other thorny bushes, and small creeks. The landscape had a strange beauty to it. In it there lived free and roaming, everybody who was somebody in the animal kingdom! Sharing, contributing and being contributed — there were no cows, ducks or sheep there! Enormous elephants walking slowly together with dignity in groups that followed their leader; an aging Matriarch dropping a tree down, here and there to munch for their snack as they went along. Laughing hyenas full of a readiness to fight, prides of lions lurking in the tall grass, troupes of cunning, curious and conniving baboons munching anything, a berry here and small deer further down. There were immense herds of forever watchful Elands — a kind of deer with enormous curved horns and ears shaped like horns that scanned the sounds on the alert to run. After all, they were the main staple for all predators. Thousands of zebras that looked like lovely striped ponies along with wildebeest — a kind of strange,

ugly animal with a body of a horse with high front legs and a head of a buffalo with rounded horns, thundering as they ran. Ourselves, we perched in a special vehicle right next to them taking all in, in wonder and awe, Igor and Zoe sat silently with astonishment on their faces. The tall giraffes towered over us as they used their long necks to eat from the top of the trees. The Rhinos ready to charge at anything and anybody. The Hippos opened their enormous mouths menacingly, while a lonely leopard sat secure on a tree branch waiting for the opportunity to bounce. There were warthogs — a nightmare pig aggressive and knowing with enormous curved husks. At night we eat “monkey” meat (actually lamb) around the fire listening to the sounds — endless dialogues of the animals talking to each other throughout the night while birds singing with out-of-the-world sounds were keeping the hours.

On our long return trip home — grateful to the Drimans and forever friends — we endlessly talked about what we had witnessed. I talked to my grandchildren about biodiversity and what the word meant. And this will be the subject of my next write up.

Oh! And another thing. Tim Driman is an award winning photographer as well. Google his blog. They are all there and then some: www.timdrimanphotography.co.za.

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Beach Bingo Fundraiser at The Cotton Company

Contributed by Liz Johnson,
NC Beach BINGO

Join the fun and help raise funds in Wake Forest's own The Cotton Company. February 6, 2015 at 6pm, the Grand Opening of NC Beach BINGO includes a fundraisers for a local arts organization.

Partial proceeds from these and future games, organized by NC Beach BINGO, will be donated to the Graham Johnson Cultural Arts Endowment (GJCAE) to help fund cultural and performing arts in our community.

GJCAE will give a free slice of pizza from Cannizzaro's Pizza to the first 50 customers, plus have fun with family and friends at the photo booth. Then end the night winning prizes for playing bingo! Our hall can only sit 150 people so come early to grab your seat.

This is not your Grandma's bingo. We will have fun for all ages in a safe and smoke free environment. Don't worry if you have never played before or are out of practice. We have an unbelievable staff to help you learn and win some cash and prizes!

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- 8:00pm-Break

- 8:30pm-Second two hour session of single card games.

- 10:30pm-Closing

The first two hours will be \$10 packs that include two special cards (12 games not including specials). The last two hours will be \$1 cards per game (12 games).

Regular hours will be Wed through Friday from 6pm-10:30pm and on Sundays from 1pm-5:30pm.

The Graham Johnson Cultural Arts Endowment was formed in loving memory of and to honor the life of Graham Patrick Johnson. His family, classmates, the administration of Franklin Academy and his community friends created this endowment to enrich the lives of the members of our community through the enjoyment of cultural and performing arts and community events such as the annual HerbFest. GJCAE was established in the belief that "Life is For The Living".

The Cotton Company, located in historic Wake Forest, was the W.W. Holding Cotton Exchange Warehouse, where local farmers would load cotton to be shipped on a train. It has been revitalized by Elizabeth and Bob Johnson into a vibrant marketplace and art gallery that is home to over 60 vendors selling gifts, jewelry & more, plus artist studios & galleries.



Crossing the Line?

Disclaimer: Crossing the Line? poses questions for readers to consider. Authors are not licensed medical or legal professionals. Consider the issues, and draw your own conclusions.

Would you eat lemon or orange peel every day if it was suggested by a doctor? Would you prefer for research and studies to confirm the benefits? Or would you prefer taking a patented drug with studies backing up its effectiveness and benefits?

There are multiple stories rolling around on the internet regarding studies that "prove" health and anti-cancer benefits to eating lemon/citrus peels. In truth, while basic research studies found potential curative benefits, in-depth human studies have not been conducted on citrus.

Limonoids and polymethoxyflavones from citrus or citrus peel are two of many natural plant chemicals — Phytochemicals — touted for their positive health effects and potential use as a medicine. However, rather than studying the natural chemicals, they were synthesized, then studied, and patented for medical use. So the synthetic medicines — property of those who created them — are the focus of studies since they may be more likely to produce a profit.

Note: A second example of a phytochemical for reference is Salicin, an extract of the willow tree, from which bark and leaves have been used for centuries as a form of natural medicine. You might recognize Salicin's synthesized form: Aspirin.

Instead of releasing information on how humans might eat citrus peel for health, pharmaceutical companies make synthesized versions of the peel's chemical compounds, which — due to the private production — may cost thousands of dollars as a medical treatment. The philosophy seems to be: when life gives you lemons, make a lemon substitute and sell it for more than you could get for cheap lemonade.

The way of the free enterprise system allows people or businesses to profit from their creations. When, though, does it cross the line where information could benefit all of humanity? The short answer is, there is no line and anything may be withheld in the name of profit.

Marketing is allowed. Claims cannot technically be false, but that doesn't mean claims have to be complete or straight-forward... Rhetoric is allowed.

Is it crossing the line to not publicize discoveries? Or, to mask something beneficial under the patent and trademark laws? Do private discoveries always belong to the discoverer, with no moral or social obligation to share breakthroughs? Or is there a point where a line is crossed? What about the common good?

For example, in some areas, utility companies are not allowed to be profitable since a utility is a required part of modern living. Well, what about health care and medicines?

Where do they cross the line? In a free society, is everything fair game to be coveted for profit? Where do you draw the line for your family?

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The Strange-ness: My Haunted Television

Contributed by Brenda Lambert, Member
www.paranormalchasers.com

You may not think of your TV as something that would be considered “haunted”, but here I’ll tell you of my personal experience, and you may just change your mind.

So, here I am on an average Saturday. My daughter is excited that she will be having a sleep over with six of her closest seven year old friends. We’ve purchased snack foods, the sleeping bags are all carried down from the attic, and we have plenty of pillows to go around. We’ve recently purchased a big screen TV (two days ago), and my daughter has chosen the movies the girls will be watching between giggling and playing silly games in her room.

The girls have all arrived and there has been just as much giggling as one mom can take for the evening, so I suggest we have the “campout” with the sleeping bags and movies in the living room. Seven sleeping bags are stretched out on the living room floor and there is barely room to maneuver between them. Popcorn and juice are served to all. The girls are watching their movies, and there is quiet. Blissful quiet, except for the occasional repeating of movie lines or question from one of the small campers. All is well.

We’re halfway into the 2nd movie, the girls are having a good time camping out...the TV cuts itself off. Noooooo! Its a brand new TV. What’s the problem?! Upon pressing the power

button on the remote, I get a blue screen and nothing else. I cannot change the channel. I cannot turn the TV back off. I cannot switch the source to cable so the girls can watch the Disney channel....nothing. Here I am with seven little girls in the house planning to watch movies into the wee hours and I have no TV.

Since the store from which I purchased the TV is still open, I call them and explain that I either need someone to bring a new TV or I need them to come fix the problem. Or, maybe the technical service department can assist me over the phone with changing whatever setting has caused the TV to become inoperable. The representative on the phone states that they can send a repairman, but it will be Monday before they can get someone out to the house. They suggest I bring the TV back in tonight. Well, I cannot leave seven 7 year olds to take the TV back, so I settle for a repairman scheduled for Monday and we abandon the campout.

Monday rolls around and the repairman comes to the door. He asks about the TV...what happened, how long had it been on before it cut off, how old was the TV, etc. I give him all of the details about which he inquires. At this point he tells me he’s going to check it out and see if he can find the problem.

He has a bag of tools with him that reminds me of something a doctor might have carried back in the day when doctors still made house calls - just a small satchel of a tool bag. The repairman unzips the tool bag and removes from it a small electronic box. He explains that this is a hand held diagnostic computer, and that he can connect it to the TV. It will scan the components inside to TV to let him know if something has burned out or is faulty. He now has the little diagnostic computer connected by a short cable to the TV. He’s turned it on and is watching the screen.

I’m watching as he does his thing, hoping he’ll tell me it’s going to be an easy fix and that I’ll have my new TV back in working order quickly. I’m watching him, he’s watching the little computer in his hand.... waiting, waiting, waiting.... Suddenly, the repairman’s face drains of color and he has a look on his face as if he’s just witnessed a horrific accident or a crime...or seen a ghost. He hastily disconnects his diagnostic computer from my TV and says (in a voice almost not loud enough for me to hear), “Your house is haunted. There is a ghost in this TV. A ghost is talking to me through your TV. Its talking through your TV to my computer. TV’s are not supposed to do that. They aren’t programmed

to do anything like that. You need to get someone else out here to fix this TV. I will NOT come back into this house.” He left the house immediately and would not tell me what the TV “said” to him. He was in such a hurry to leave that he left all of his tools behind, to include his hand held diagnostic computer, right there on the floor where he had been working.

I had to call the store back and tell them that their repairman left without fixing the TV, and that he’d left all of his tools. The repairman must have spoken to the manager after arriving back at the store, and I’m guessing he told the manager what the TV “said” to him. Three days later the store sent a great big hulk of a man over to deliver a new TV. This hulk also collected the tools that had been left behind. I asked him if he could tell me what was wrong with the repairman, or if he knew what had happened. Either this man was not on the “need to know” list, or he just plain refused to tell me what the TV had “said” to the repairman. I will probably never know what the TV “said”, but I did get a new working TV with which I never had any problems.



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An older couple noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down to help remember.

Later that evening at home, the wife asked her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. “You might want to write it down,” she said. The husband said, “No, I can remember that you want ice cream.”

She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. “Write it down,” she said, and again he replied, “No, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream.”

Then she said she wanted a cherry on top. “Write it down,” she told her husband and again he said, “No, I get it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top.”

So he goes to get the ice cream and spends a long time in the kitchen. Thirty minutes pass, and he comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, “Where’s my toast?”

Quote of the Issue

Mother Teresa: “We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

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Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:
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