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McDonough CEO - Polar Pop Up Event Sunday

The McDonough County CEO Entrepreneurship Program is hosting a Polar Pop-Up event as part of the program's class project. The Polar Pop-Up family event will be held this Sunday, January 15th at the Macomb Fieldhouse. The event will include lots of fun activities for children of all ages along with prizes, as well as a "pop-up" vendor show for the adults to enjoy shopping. Pop-Up vendors include 31 Bags, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, Oh My Darlin', The Little Things, Ginny Lee Designs, Linked by Leah, Colorstreet, Macie's Homemade Dog Toys/Treats, Avon and Tupperware. The hours for the Polar Pop-Up



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The Land of Lincoln Credit Union ("LLCU") of Decatur, and Colchester State Bank ("Colchester") of Colchester, jointly announced on Dec. 21, 2022, that they have entered into an agreement whereby LLCU will acquire Colchester State Bank in Colchester.

While the agreement is contingent upon obtaining regulatory and Colchester stockholder approvals, the proposed transaction has

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Amtrak Trains Return to Normal Schedule

Amtrak is pleased to announce that Amtrak trains #380 (morning eastbound train) and #381 (morning westbound train) will return to the regular schedule starting Monday, January 16. The train schedule was originally altered due to staffing shortages. This returns the level of service to four trains daily at Plano, Kewanee, Macomb and Quincy. Tickets sales are open and available for travelers via the Amtrak app, Amtrak.com, or 800-USA-RAIL.

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St. Paul's Music Trivia Night

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for the Trivia Night is highly recommended. Corporate tables of 8 include VIP seating, Mulligans and table signage for \$200 and individual pre-registration is \$20 or \$25 at the door.

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Macomb Police and McDonough County Sheriffs Department are searching for Eric Fisher. He is currently missing / endangered. He is NOT in legal trouble, we only wish to make sure he is ok and connect him with any services he may need. Eric Fischer is 5'11" 175-200lbs, shaggy light brown hair, long beard, he has a tattoo of an eagle on his neck, a tattoo sleeve on right arm including eagle, tiger, a girl, and lightning bolts. Anyone that has seen or heard from Mr. Fisher since 1/8/23 please call the Macomb Police at 309/833-4505 or Sheriffs Department at 309/833-2323.



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MACOMB CITY COUNCIL

Macomb Seeks State, Federal Funds

by Patrick Stout
Correspondent

The Macomb City Council voted last week to commit \$37,772 as matching money for \$1.5 million in Community Development Block Grant funding. The city would use the grant funding for water main replacement in its northeast section.

Aldermen also voted to approve an ordinance creating a special event liquor license for St. Paul School Trivia Night. The event is scheduled for February 4. Development Director Theresa Young told the city council that this is the 23rd year for

the fundraising event.

The council voted to spend \$251,140 to buy a new street sweeper from Key Equipment. Operations Manager Brad Whitford said Key has offered the city a \$112,000 buy-back guarantee after four years.

Mayor Mike Inman opened the city council session with a moment of silence for Gene John. He was a city alderman for 21 years and served as acting mayor from 1970-71.

Macomb Fire Department Weekly report

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Notice of Pesticide Spray at Macomb High School

To: Parents/Guardians of students, staff members and Residents of Macomb Community Unit School District #185:

Monday, January 16, 2023, the interior of Macomb Jr./Sr. High School will be sprayed for purposes of pest control.

Please contact Scott Schauble, Director of Operations at 309-833-4161 if you have any questions about this information.

TODAY'S JOKES

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Q: Why did the girl keep her trumpet out in the snow?
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Obituaries

Charles Fredrick Hess Jr.

94, of Bushnell

Wilma Ann (Uhlman) Hess

89, of Bushnell



Charles Fredrick Hess Jr. 94, of Bushnell, passed away on January 7, 2023 at The Lamoine in Macomb. He was born Dec. 16, 1928 in Peoria County, to Charles and Clara (Lipps) Hess Sr. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Betty Jensen.

Wilma Ann (Uhlman) Hess, 89, of Bushnell, passed away on January 8, 2023 at The Lamoine in Macomb. She was born March, 18, 1933 in Tazewell County, to Carl and Emma (Fritz) Uhlman. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Elsie Deppert and brother Carle Uhlman. Surviving are 2 siblings, Will (Ellie) Uhlman and Alice (Jack) Moser.

Also surviving are three children, Steve (Phyllis) Hess of Bushnell; Suanne (Kevin) Waymack of Hazelwood, MO; Scott (Sri) Hess of Carson, CA; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Charles was born and raised on the Hess family farm located in Peoria County. After graduating from Chillicothe High School, he enlisted into the United States Army serving two years during the Korean War. Wilma was born and raised on the Uhlman family farm in Tazewell County and graduated from Morton High School. Charles and Wilma met at the German picnic grounds in Chillicothe when Charles won a wood splitting contest which really impressed Wilma. They were married on July 19, 1953. As newlyweds they saw an ad in the newspaper for a dairy farm for rent and had to pull out a map to locate Bushnell. A couple of weeks later, they loaded up the truck with their small dairy herd and a few pieces of farm equipment and moved to Bushnell. Charles and Wilma loved farming

and were always good stewards of the land. Because of this dedication they left an agricultural legacy for their family.

Charles was a member of the T.J. Pickett Masonic Lodge #307 of Bushnell, Shriners International, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, Southern Illinois Dairy Association and was an Honorary FFA Chapter Farmer. He was a talented woodworker and furniture maker. Wilma was a member of the Jolly 20's, Home Extension,

Eastern Star, Esther Circle, Rainbow Mother Advisor, 4-H Leader, United Methodist Women. Both were active members of the Bushnell United Methodist Church.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Bushnell United Methodist Church, The Lamoine Assisted Living and Memory Care or T. J. Pickett Lodge. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martin-hollisfh.com Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Death Notices

Glen Arthur Stroops

92, of Bushnell

Glen Arthur Stroops, 92, of Bushnell, passed away at 3:07 PM Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 at The Elms Nursing Home.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, Jan. 13, 2023 at the Bushnell Township Cemetery with Pastor Jim Eddy officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to The Elms.

Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martin-hollisfh.com

SEE ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES ON PAGE 6

Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obit published, including picture, family, work history and hobbies and other information should request the Community News Brief to the funeral home that is handling the services OR submit it directly to communitybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

Rita Ann Pizanowski

65, of LaHarpe

Rita Ann (Savage) Pizanowski, 65, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 7, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

A private family graveside service will be held at LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Memorials and cards and may be sent to Rita Pizanowski Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 503, LaHarpe, Illinois 61450.

To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Rita's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Arden Lee Moon II

77, of Macomb

Arden Lee Moon II, 77, of Macomb, passed away at home surrounded by his family at 10:00 am Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Private burial of ashes will be held in the Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or to the McDonough County Humane Society.

Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Laura A. Fitch

76, of Macomb

Laura A. Fitch, 76, of Macomb, passed away at 8:13 AM Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 at Country View Care Center Macomb.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM Monday, Jan. 23, 2023 at the St. Mary's Cemetery in rural Plymouth, IL. Pastor Jim Eddy will officiate.

Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Patricia Ann Calvert

of Macomb, formerly of Rushville

Patricia Ann Calvert, of Macomb, formerly of Rushville passed away at 9:09 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb.

Funeral services was held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Reverend A. Lee Unger officiating. Burial was in Rosemont Cemetery in Plymouth.

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Macomb ACA Group

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MONDAY, JAN. 16

Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Celebration will be held at Macomb's Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ located at 1500 E. Pierce St. The Church will host Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. activities on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023 starting at 9am. These programs will commemorate the achievements and life work of the great civil rights leader. All events are free and open to the public. For more information contact: Dr. Sterling Saddler Chairperson, 702-499-1589 or Mount Calvary COGIC 309-833-4505.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

PAS 'Arts Smarts Trivia'

Join the WIU Performing Arts Society for an evening of testing your knowledge of the arts! Doors open at 6:30 PM, Trivia begins at 7:00 PM. Individual Registration \$20 per person -Tables of 8. Corporate Tables are \$180 per table of 8 and include signage/logo on table and premier seating. Generously supported by Spring Lake Management and Cory J. Clem -Edward Jones

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

St. Paul Music Trivia Night

at 7pm in the school gym. This event is open to the public. Registration link coming soon. Follow St. Paul School on Facebook for updates.

Friends of the Library Annex Book Sale

will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library

Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. This sale features Mysteries, Fiction, Science Fiction, Classics and Media. All proceeds are invest in the public library.

Bushnell VFW Breakfast Saturday, Feb. 4th

The Bushnell VFW will be serving the best breakfast in town to the public on Saturday, Feb. 4th. They will be serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and french toast from 7-10 a.m. at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. On-site, takeout, and curb service available. For takeout and curb service please call 309-333-9919. Mark your calendar!



CAFE

Duke and his band, The American Dream, will be rocking the Cafe on Friday January 20th.

Western Illinois University

BrassFest 2023 at Western Illinois University will be held on Sunday, January 22 from 12:00-5:30pm at COFAC Recital Hall on the WIU Campus with tickets starting at \$10.00. The annual Western Illinois University Brassfest is an event hosted by the WIU brass faculty and the BCA. The day features performances by the WIU Faculty Brass Quintet and special guest artists, the Seven Hills Brass.

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been unanimously approved by the boards of directors of both institutions. The transaction is expected to close by the end of the second quarter of 2023.

Robert Ares, President & CEO of Land of Lincoln stated "We are excited for the opportunity to partner with Colchester State Bank and to improve access to our service in McDonough County and other contiguous market areas. Colchester State Bank is a well-managed bank, and we look forward to welcoming their customers and employees into our family."

Mark Reynolds, Chairman, President & CEO of Colchester State Bank commented, "After carefully considering what is best for our employees, customers, shareholders, and the communities we serve, we believe our decision to become a part of Land of Lincoln Credit Union is the best path forward for our organization. We are excited to bring together two organizations focused on exceptional customer service and high value products, as well as a philosophy of strong community support."

McQueen Financial Advisors is serving as financial advisor and Luse Gorman, PC is serving as legal counsel to Land of Lincoln Credit Union. Liles Parker, LLC is serving as legal counsel to Colchester State Bank.

About Land of Lincoln Credit Union

Land of Lincoln Credit Union was founded in 1947. As a full-service financial institution, LLCU serves nearly 35,000 members. Membership in LLCU is open to anyone who lives or works in 27 Illinois counties and their immediate family members. Land of Lincoln Credit Union offers 13 convenient locations in 8 cities

to best serve the needs of its membership. As a part of the CO-OP shared branching network, members also have access to over 5,000 branches and 30,000 ATM locations nationwide. For more information, visit us online at llcu.org.

About Colchester State Bank

Colchester State Bank, a full-service commu-

nity bank, has approximately \$82 million in total assets, \$74 million in deposits and \$27 million in loans, and one branch office serving the West Central Illinois communities with exceptional customer service and high-quality products. More information about Colchester State Bank can be found at www.colchesterstatebank.com.

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Obituary

Lorna Nelle (Grossman) Vardaman

85, of Macomb



Lorna Nelle (Grossman) Vardaman, 85, of Macomb passed away on Friday, Jan. 6th, 2023 after a long struggle with Dementia and loss of mobility. She was not afraid to die, she said, and looked forward to being reunited with the beloved family, friends, and pets who preceded her in death, especially her husband, David Lee Vardaman, who died in 2009.

Lorna was born in Russellville, AR, on Nov. 26, 1937, to Leonard

and Pauline (Blake) Grossman. She is survived by two children and their families: Lance (Missy) Vardaman, Macomb, and daughter Lily; Wendy (Thomas Dubois) Vardaman, Madison, WI, and their children Conor, Greer, and Brendan; and many nieces and nephews. Lorna loved and talked about her children, their spouses, and her four grandchildren. She was very proud of each of them.

Preceding Lorna in death were her husband David and his two siblings, Leon (Naomi) Vardaman and Patricia Vardaman; three older half-sisters Norma (Grossman) Summers, Barbara (Grossman) Palmer, and Mary Alice (Grossman) Bilbro; a cousin whom Lorna grew up with and counted as her sister, June (Blake) Kuhn; many beloved friends,

including Bettie Sue (Stewart) Baldwin, Lorna's best friend for 70 years, and Pauline (Durbin) Mills, who shared Lorna's adventurous spirit and sense of humor for over 40 years.

Lorna graduated in 1955 from Guymon High School in Guymon, OK, where she rejoined her father after living with grandparents for many years. Lorna lost her mother at eight years old and was especially devoted to her grandparents who helped raise her. She returned to Arkansas on a scholarship to attend the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville and be close to them. Through high school and college Lorna won awards for debate and speech and wanted to be a lawyer. She also loved to act, direct, stage manage, make costumes and sets, and be part of plays. She and David, a theater major, met at college and were married in Clarksville in March of 1957. They had many adventures together, which included a Corvette that Lorna loved to drive on Arkansas's winding mountain roads, and moves to California, Texas, Iowa, Missouri, and Arkansas, before they settled in Quincy, in 1977. Their house was a source of pride for Lorna, who loved to decorate, celebrate Christmas, plant flowers, entertain, tell stories, laugh, and play bridge. When David passed away in 2009 after 52 years of marriage, Lorna remained in Quincy until 2016, when she moved to Macomb to be near her son and his family.

Lorna worked hard throughout her life, beginning with her first job at 13 in a Guymon dime store. Although she didn't achieve her dream of completing college, Lorna taught high school and elementary school for many years in Arkansas and Missouri, worked in various accounting departments, and began a long, successful career in retail management in Fort Smith Arkansas in 1972. Lorna was a store manager for Montgomery Ward catalog stores in both Fort Smith and Quincy, then a district manager. She loved

to drive between small towns and to keep up with the families who ran the stores. Lorna counted her years at Penn Daniels in Quincy as her most exciting, first as a buyer for the local Jack's Store and later as Senior Vice-President of Operations. She had a passion for traveling to new places, meeting people, and negotiating. She inspired vendors to create new products, won national awards from Wards, including two Caribbean cruises, participated actively in the International Mass Retail Association (IMRA), which recognized her accomplishments with its 1997 President's Award, and worked on national efforts to protect local businesses. Lorna cared deeply about her co-workers and because of the challenges she faced as a businesswoman, actively mentored colleagues and helped to remove barriers against women succeeding at work.

When Lorna retired from her last job with Swiss Colony in 2007, she threw herself into volunteer causes that included the Quincy Public Library, reading to elementary school students, working in a soup kitchen, being an officer for Quincy Women's City Club, and helping to sustain her bridge and sorority groups.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services locally. Lorna's ashes will be interred at Oakland Memorial Cemetery in Clarksville, Arkansas alongside David's.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials may be sent to Quincy Public Library or MDH Hospice in Macomb.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

Monday, January 16

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This year's schedule includes:

- **9 am** - Traditional Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Solidarity March - line-up begins at 9 am on the Macomb square and the march to Mt. Calvary begins at 9:15 am.
- **9:45 am** - Continental March reception at the church - hot beverages, assorted donuts, and muffins served.
- **11 am** - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Commemorative Celebration with Keynote speaker, **Honorable Pamela Davidson, chair of the Knox County Democrats and the 17th District State Central Committeewoman**

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Tri-State Sports Report BITES

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Photo by Andrea Ratermann

Suns, Titans open 102nd Hancock County Tourney with dominating victories

AUGUSTA, Ill. (Jan. 9, 2023) - For the 102nd time, Hancock County boys basketball teams are competing in the Hancock County Boys Basketball Invitational. Better known as the Hancock County Tournament.

This year's event is being held at Southeastern High School, Augusta, Ill., with four teams taking part.

Game number one saw the West Hancock Titans defeat the Unity Mustangs 72-50, in a game that was close early.

At one point tied 12-12, the Titans ran off 13 straight points to lead 25-12, and they never looked back.

West Hancock went on to control the remainder of the game, leading by as many as 25 at one point.

In the night's second game, the Southeastern Suns dominated the second half, en route to a convincing 55-37 win over the Illini West Chargers.

All season long the Suns have been looking for that second scorer to really open things up for their

team - Monday they found it.

With the game close throughout the first half, Danny Stephens was beginning to dominate in the third quarter for the Suns. Then, in stepped Griffin Tippey.

Tippey hit four three-pointers in the third quarter alone, and the Suns outscored the Chargers 20-5 in the quarter.

The scoreboard had the Suns leading 39-24 at the end of the quarter.

Illini West came to life a bit in the fourth quarter, but could not stop Stephens and the Suns.

Stephens finished with a game high 31 points, including an impressive 13-of-13 from the free-throw line.

Tippey had 14 points as the only other Suns player in double figures.

Nolan Detrich was the only Chargers player to finish in double figures. He had 13 points in the game, after finishing the first half with 10 points.

Illini West was 8-of-13 from the free-throw line as a team.

Southeastern senior, Danny Stephens, throws one down during the Macomb-Western Holiday Tournament. Stephens and the Suns are hosting the 102nd Annual Hancock County Tournament this week.

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Ryner hits century mark



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Max Ryner, senior Macomb Bombers wrestler, picked up his 100th victory, Thursday, January 5. He got the win against ROWVA/Williamsfield.

MACOMB, Ill. - Thursday's match, alone, wasn't anything out of the ordinary for Max Ryner. Just another first period pen for the senior who has had more than a few.

Still, this one was different - it was special!

The win was Ryner's 100th career victory as a Macomb High Bomber wrestler.

There were signs in the crowd, team photos afterward, and even interviews.

An accomplishment that most wrestlers never achieve, but made even more impressive by the fact that he did it in 2.5 years.

Read more in Friday's Community News Brief - Weekly Edition.



Photo by Andrea Ratermann

Max Ryner, stopped up after the TSSR Game Time Live broadcast of the Bombers tri-angular, Thursday. He spoke with Dewain Hulett about what has gotten him to this point in his wrestling career.

GAME TIME LIVE BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Wednesday

January 11,
Boys Basketball
Hancock County Tournament
West Hancock vs Illini West - 6 p.m.
Southeastern vs Unity - 7:30 p.m.
Boys Basketball
A-Town vs West Prairie

Thursday

January 12,
Wrestling
Bombers vs Mercer County & Tremont

Friday

January 13,
Boys Basketball
Hancock County Tournament
Illini West vs Unity 6 p.m.
Southeastern vs West Hancock 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

January 14
Girls Basketball
Macomb vs Monmouth-Roseville
Boys Basketball
A-Town vs Bushnell-Prairie City
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Monday

January 16
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Tuesday

January 17
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Boys Basketball
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By Terry and Kim Kovel

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This car with "Moxie" on the side is in mint to good condition. It is a rare blue version of an 8-inch-long tin toy car with a man on a horse in a Moxie jacket and cap driving a Moxiemobile. It sold for \$2,600 at a Morford's auction in Cazenovia, New York.

Moxie was a drink introduced in 1885, two years before Coca-Cola. It claimed to be a health drink and was flavored with bitter herbs. The taste was so strange that people said you had to be brave to drink it. So by 1930, the word "moxie" became a slang term for brave or daring, and "He had a lot of moxie" became a common saying. The company was purchased by Coca-Cola in 2018.

Q: I have a book, "The Life of George Washington-Maps and Subscriber's Names," published in 1807 by C.P. Wayne of Philadelphia. The book includes several map "plans" for different states, a list of subscribers, and a signature of the subscriber. The book is in fair condition given its age. Can you tell me the approximate value?

A: This book is part of a biography of George Washington written by John Marshall between 1804 and 1807. It was originally published in five volumes. Marshall, who later became justice of the Supreme Court, was a friend of Washington and served with him in the Revolutionary War. First editions of the books are rare and sell for high prices. Copies of the book of maps have sold for several hundred to more than one

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By Lucie Winborne

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* After the terrorist attacks that destroyed New York City's Twin Towers, thousands of radio stations across the country received memos from media companies with a list of songs they considered "lyrically questionable" for a grieving nation. The list included The Beatles' "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" and (perhaps unsurprisingly) "Jump," by Van Halen.

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* In 2017, 70 students drank so much alcohol at a fraternity house party in Maryland that the air inside the house registered .01 on a breathalyzer.

* Woodpeckers are the only animals to make sounds with something other than a part of their bodies. They will drum on a variety of objects to mark their territory, attract mates, locate food, or maybe just exercise or play.

* There's a town named Hospital, in County Limerick, Ireland, that has no hospital.

* Not that most of us will ever get a chance to consume polar bear liver, but in case someone does offer it, you're best off refusing. The meal might, and quite unpleasantly so, cost you your life. It contains too much vitamin A for humans to handle.

* During a 1976 strike by Los Angeles medical doctors, the death rate decreased by 18%.

Thought for the Day: "A bad attitude is like a flat tire; if you don't change it, you won't go anywhere." -- Joyce Meyer

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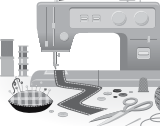
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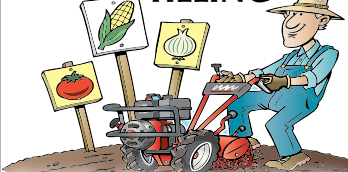
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