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Santa and Mrs. Claus with children (photo courtesy of Ken Stewart)

Get into the holiday spirit at this year's holiday lights spectacular at the Lillian Recreational Park. Christmas in the Park opens on December 3. Come see how the Park has been transformed into a one-of-a-kind Christmas wonderland, with thousands of twinkling lights, a 20' Wonderland Tree, and festive exhibits all around the Park.

The month-long tree and light show will officially kick off at 3 p.m. on the 3rd. However, earlier in the day, Santa's elves will be hosting an Elf Run for kids 12 and under. The Elf Run is free and begins at 9 a.m.. There will be two runs, one for children under the age of 6, one for children ages 7 to 12. Preregistration is not necessary. Just be at the park no later than 8:45 to sign up and participate. The run will be staged around the park soccer field.

Santa and Mrs. Claus have indicated they will arrive at the park around 4:15 and that they are bringing a few of their favorite elves with them to help hand out goodie bags to the children. Unfortunately, Rudolph is unable to attend since he's resting for his big night later in the month.

A variety of children's activities will begin at 3 p.m. Make an ornament, have a snowball fight, play games like "Pin the Nose on Rudolph," or write a letter to Santa. These are just some of the activities that will be offered that afternoon. There will also be hot chocolate and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus. (See PARK page 8)

Parks, Rec - The Heart of the Community: Drum roll, please!

The Lillian Recreational Park has been awarded the Impact 100 Baldwin County 2022 Grant for Arts, Culture and Recreation! The \$109,000 grant will be used to address several park priority projects, including upgrades to the kitchen/concession area, dog run improvements, building dedicated Pickleball courts, and adding a shade structure, improved signage, and landscaping. The grant will also allow the park to purchase several needed pieces of equipment. The park has until December 2024 to complete the grant projects. It is our hope that these park improvements will help lead to more community involvement, more sustainability, and more play. We invite you to help make these exciting projects become a reality. We are a volunteer-based and donation-driven organization. We rely on sponsors and grants that allow us to host a multitude of activities. We will continue to fundraise and work toward making our community park more accessible, more inviting, and inclusive. We welcome your suggestions and appreciate volunteers who would be able to help with various tasks. For updates, log on to our website www.lillianrecreationalpark.org and like us on our Facebook page. Email: leonard.m02@outlook.com. Pictured, right, are Erin Attaway, Monica Leonard, Lucy Smith receiving \$109,000.00 Impact 100 Grant for park improvements and activities



EVERY FULL MOON RISES CLOSE TO SUNSET. FOR DECEMBER 6-8, LOOK 61 DEGREES NE

Baldwin County SWAT Call Ends Safely; No Shots Fired

Neighbors who live near Pine Ridge Drive watched a spectacle they never dreamed they'd see play out in their community when a SWAT team occupied streets around the Spanish Cove tennis courts.

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office arrested Raymond Teal after the 24-year-old held his elderly parents hostage for hours Nov. 18. The stand-off ensued when law enforcement agents attempted to apprehend Teal on felony drug charges.

Teal, who was armed, locked himself inside the home with his parents on Pine Ridge Drive around noon. He released his parents after BCSO SWAT team and hostage mediators negotiated with him for about an hour and a half.

Neighbors huddled in their homes and watched the spectacle of swarming vehicles, tactical equipment and television news vehicles from their windows.

"I had never seen a SWAT team

before," said one woman who lives near the tennis court. "It was like something out of a movie."

No shots were fired, a BCSO spokesperson said. But that didn't reassure residents at the time, who mistook nail guns from nearby home construction for gun fire.

"Evidently what we thought was gunfire, was not. They're saying what we heard was from the new construction - nail guns - but it sure sounded like it was coming from the other direction," the neighbor said.

Teal surrendered around 3 p.m. after police discharged two rounds of tear gas into the home.

"He was starting to become a bit more aggressive," Baldwin County Sheriff Hoss Mack told media on the scene.

"We deployed the first round of tear gas into the house. After a period of time we saw some movement in the house and we deployed a second round of tear gas. At which time he



SWAT Team, left, arrives. Above, Suspect Raymond Teal.

came out of the residence and surrendered to the deputies."

They weren't really frightened when they saw the home was surrounded and the situation was contained, the neighbor said.

But it would have been nice if they'd have been notified when the ordeal had ended.

"They could have eased our concerns but simply putting out a Town Crier," she said.

Teal is charged with two counts of false imprisonment and one count of resisting arrest.

According to Baldwin County Sheriff's office, he is being held without bond in the Baldwin County Jail.

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You Don't Have to Wait Until Christmas to Lend Assistance

I could hardly believe Thanksgiving was here. Now Christmas is just a few weeks away. Do you know how I knew this? I was in Foley the other day to pick up "necessities," as I was out of cookies. Wow! I could hardly find a parking spot.

And then I walked to the entrance and there was one of my favorite people, Santa's helper, a representative from Salvation Army with his pot and bell. Yes, Christmas is almost here. I promised I'd make a donation on the way out. I had to, because that's Christmas tradition and the Salvation Army has done so much wonderful work for almost 150 years in the United States.

But they aren't the only ones who step up to the sleigh at Christmas. Toys for Tots, Catholic Social Services, Ecumenical Ministries, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, area churches and many others bring food, toys and joy to our community.

Now, I know that many of us cannot contribute to everyone who asks, but I think we all can

pick one, especially at this time when so many are struggling to feed their families. So many were out of work due to Covid and have not been able to catch up.

Of course, you know that you don't have to wait for Christmas to give to help others. Local churches are always there for service to the needy. The Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church both have monthly food pantries. I'm sure they can always use a donation to purchase needed items.

There is a Blessings Box behind St. Joseph Church on Santa Piedro Street. Check it out occasionally and drop off some needed items, food, diapers, water, personal items like soap and toothpaste. It's amazing how much healthy stuff you can get at the dollar stores.

Catholic Social Services in Robertsdale serves Baldwin County. Local Catholic churches collect items from their parishioners and bring them to CSS. St. Joseph's months are December and June.



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

Episcopal Church of the Advent, Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast, Catholic Social Services and Ecumenical Ministries have thrift shops where you can either donate items or buy all kinds of great "stuff." I know someone who purchased a like-new upholstered rocking chair for next to nothing.

The Optimist Club raises funds with their "Streets of Red, White and Blue" Program and the Annual Mullet Festival on Labor Day. This year they will be giving thousands of dollars to various community organizations and scholarships to local high school graduates, as well as school programs and fun programs like Breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg Hunts and Fishing Rodeo. They also honor teachers and law enforcement members.

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Bayside Baptist Slates Choral Presentation for December 18

On Sunday evening, December 18 at 6 p.m the Bayside Baptist Church, 33677 US Hwy 98, Lillian, will offer a Christmas Choral Presentation with scripture readings with choral selections, congregational music, as well as solos, "Mary Did You Know" and "O Holy Night." The event is presented to celebrate the Advent and birth of Jesus Christ. All are welcome. Pictured (right) are members of the choral during a previous performance.



Lighthouse Receives Donation From Optimists of Perdido Bay

Esther Milne, a representative from The Lighthouse recently received a check from Dodd Bouchillon, President of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. The donation is a sponsorship of the group's 22nd Annual Sunset Supper held Nov. 10. The mission of The Lighthouse is the elimination of family violence and sexual assault through education, intervention services and collaboration with the community. Lighthouse is a non-profit agency that provides domestic violence services and sexual assault services to Baldwin County residents.



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Drexel Gilbert with Dodd Bouchillon

Drexel Gilbert, WKRG news reporter, was the guest speaker at a recent Optimist Club of Perdido Bay meeting. She is currently the "Drexel on the Road" reporter for the station.

Gilbert gave points for people to follow to live an optimistic life. These include getting rid of negative thoughts and replacing them with positive ones, stop complaining, don't listen to gossip, make sure your friends are a positive influence on your life. Also, when feeling anger, take a deep breath, learn a new language using positive words, spread positive attitudes to others, smile, decide what is your dream and go for it.

The Optimist Club is looking forward to an exciting December that will feature the Lillian Christmas Parade on Dec. 10 and Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 17.



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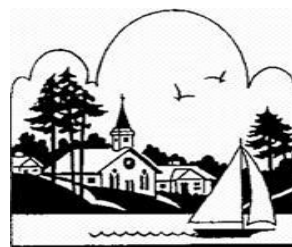
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'Tis' the Season to Look at Life and Legends of St. Nicholas

Yes, it is December. So for this month, I will go with the obvious saint for this article, Saint Nicholas. The absence of the "hard facts" of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of some saints, as the devotion to Saint Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Virgin Mary, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra in the present day country of Turkey.

St. Nicholas was born during the third century in the village of Lycia which is in the country of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of the area of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals-murderers, thieves and robbers.

After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6.

After his death, legends came of miracles he performed for the poor and the



Moving Forward

By Rev.
Tina Lockett

sick. As a result of this reputation, devotion to Nicholas extended to all parts of Europe. He became the patron saint of multiple countries, of charitable guilds, and of children, sailors, merchants, and even pawnbrokers.

He was a popular saint in Europe until the time of the Reformation in the 1500s. In this time of religious change that led to Protestant Reform, these new churches turned away from the practice of honoring saints. Saint Nicholas, however, remained an important figure in the country of Holland and they continued to celebrate the feast day of Saint Nicholas, on December 6th. It was a common practice for children to place their shoes near the fireplace the night before.

In the morning, they would discover the gifts that Saint Nicholas had left in the shoes for them. Dutch immigrants brought the legend of Saint Nicholas, to America in the 1700s.

Through the years, Saint Nicholas went through many transformations in America: his name became Santa Claus, and instead of giving gifts on December 6th, he became a part of Nativity /Christmas Story and brought gifts on the evening of December 24. In the 1820 poem, "An Account of a Visit from Saint Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore, he is described as a jolly, heavy man who drives a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer and comes down the chimney to leave presents for deserving children. In 1881, the cartoonist, Thomas Nast, added to the Saint Nicholas legend with a drawing of Santa wearing a red suit with white fur trim and a story that has him coming from the North Pole. Once a kind, charitable bishop, Saint Nicholas had become the Santa Claus we know today.

As we enter this Christmas season, I hope we all learn by taking a deeper look at the life and legends surrounding Saint Nicholas.

Perhaps we can remember the lesson taught by his legendary charity, perhaps to look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season, and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need. Where can we be a blessing to others this Christmas season?



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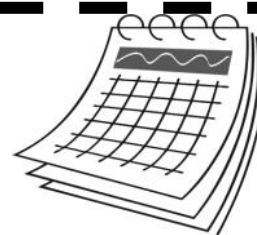
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Dec. 10 - Annual Lillian Christmas Parade, 1:00 PM, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay

Dec. 11 - Community Christmas Singspiration, 4:00 PM, Lillian United Methodist Church. Join us as we sing and learn about the traditional Christmas carols. Fellowship supper following.

Dec. 17 - Breakfast with Santa, 9:00 AM, Lillian Community Club, sponsored by Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. Every child birth - 12 years will receive a gift from Santa.

Dec. 18 - Christmas Musical at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM, Lillian United Methodist Church

Dec. 24 - Community Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 5:00 PM, Lillian United Methodist Church. All are welcomed!

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TRUNK OR TREAT



PARK continued from page 1

The official "Launching of the Lights" will be at 5:30.

This year's holiday extravaganza will also feature a new, 10-car "Christmas train" built for the Park by welding students at the South Baldwin Center for Technology.

Organizers are excited about this year's new offerings. "Christmas in the Park has become a family favorite. Last year, over 10,000 people visited our month-long lights display, with many people stopping by multiple times just to sit and enjoy the lights.



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Despite Rain Delay, Judges Name Annual Car Show Award Recipients

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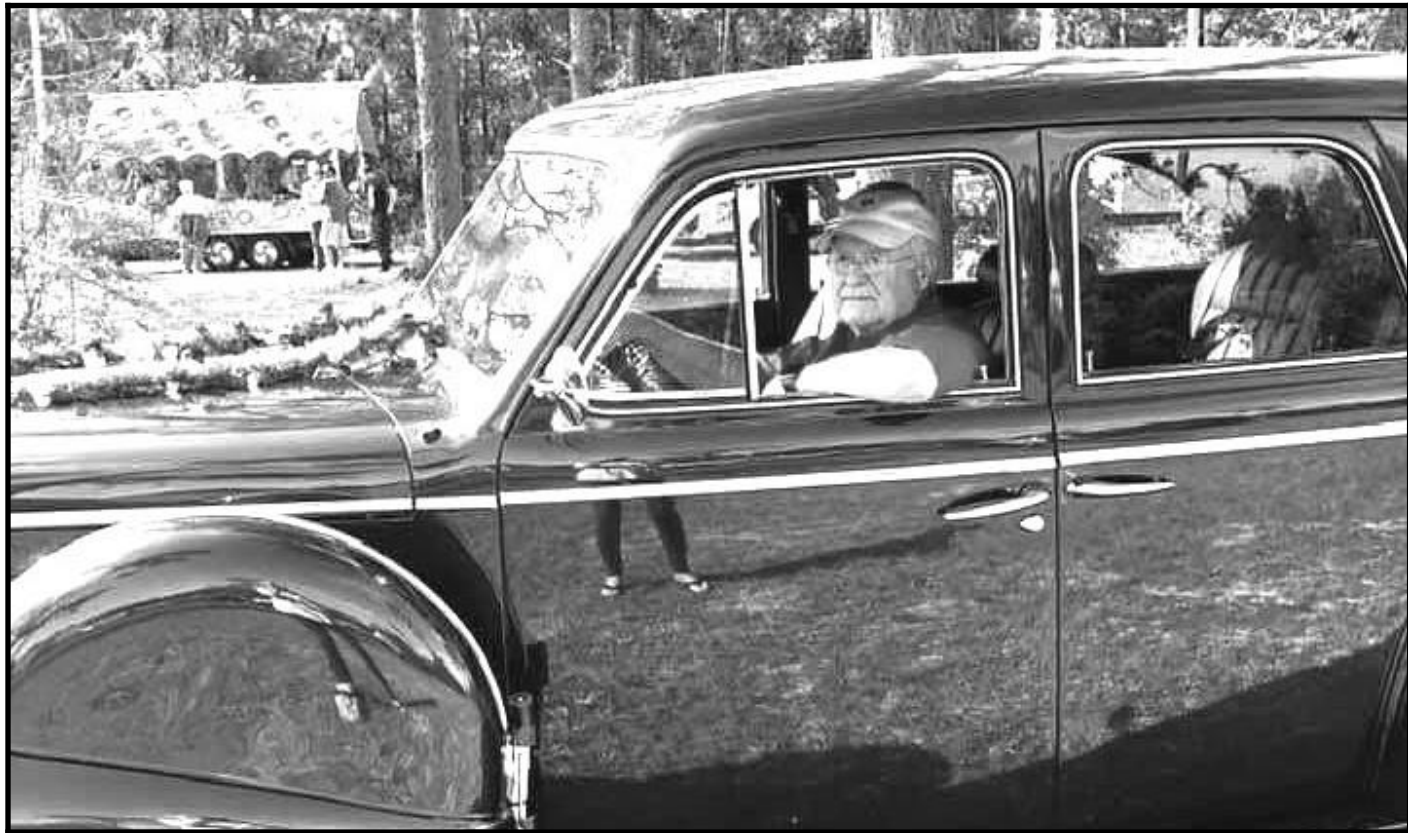
Best of Show award was presented to Cleo Conn for his 1939 Cadillac Sedan. UMC Pastor Daniel Randall awarded the Pastor's Choice award to Ronnie Fowler's 1948 Ford Super Deluxe Convertible.

First, Second and Third Place winners are Pre-1939 Models-Dean Wyant 1932 Ford Coupe, Rick Wilson 1937 Ford sedan, Doug Hodo 1931 Chevy five-window coupe; 1940-1959-Ruth Stokes 1955 GMC pickup truck, John Adkison 49 Chevy Styleline coupe, Mike Vargas 56 Ford pickup; 1960-1973-Thomas O'Neil 1965 Shelby Cobra, Marty Meridth 1970 Ford Bronco, Christine Sternjacob-1966 GTO. Also, 1974-1989-John Walker 1985 Pontiac Fiero GT, Charles Thayer 1972 Chevy Nova, Cody Youngblood 1989 Chevy Corvette; 1990-2004-Lenny Leigh 1994 Chevy Camaro 228, Tom Mc Cabe-2000 Chevy Corvette (no 3rd); 2005-2022-Maxine Parker 2008 Saturn Sky Line, Tommy Olsen 2008 Chevy Corvette, Kelly Lane-2018 Dodge Challenger Hellcat.

Top imports were a 1990 Mazda Miata presented by David Tibbits and Brett Sandford's 2001 Toyota Tacoma.

Other awards included Best Paint-Rex Beach 1968 Chevy Camaro; Best Engine-Tim Steele 2010 Chevy Camaro; Best Mopar-Ken Vargas 1969 Dodge Charger; Best Interior-Jim Reidy 1964 Chevy Pickup.

And, Best G.M.-Ricky and Becky Wiggins 1967 Pontiac GTO; Best Ford-Mike Caluda 1934 Ford 2 Door Sedan; Best Truck-Michael Miles 1962 Chevy c-10; Most Unusual-1991 Honda Truck.



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This time of the year it's easy to find mistletoe for all your holiday decorating. Legends tell of the Druids climbing into the heights of the trees to retrieve it. It was dangerous for Druids because the mistletoe was very high, the tree branches very thin, and the breeze very strong. These days, we don't have to work that hard, we can buy the fake stuff anywhere. Or if you want the real deal, it grows wild in the trees at Sam's Club in Daphne.

Mistletoe is common around here. With evergreen leaves, yellow flowers, and white berries, large clumps of mistletoe are usually observed growing high in the canopies of fruit trees, maples, and sometimes oaks. Some fossil pollen grains even indicate that the plant has been here for millions of years!

There are over 1,500 species of mistletoe around the world. *Phoradendron serotinum*, also known as American mistletoe, is commercially harvested and sold around the world. This mistletoe can be found from New Jersey to Florida and west through Texas. This species typically grows on oak trees across North America and is native to Mexico. Mistletoe was the floral emblem of Oklahoma until 2004. (Alabama's is the Camellia!) Globally, more than 20 mistletoe species are endangered.

It is not an ordinary plant. Mistletoe is a type of "hemi-parasite," which means it gets its energy from both photosynthesis and from its host plant. The only reason they need a host is to provide it with water and support - they use the host as a root system. It's a leech, stealing the energy to grow from the plant it is

growing on! That's the thing that all mistletoes have in common: all grow as hemi-parasites on the branches of trees and shrubs. In fact, the American mistletoe's scientific name, *Phoradendron*, means "thief of the tree" in Greek.

The plant sends its tiny roots into the bark's cambium layer, where it siphons off water and nutrients, slowly weakening the tree. They are attached to their host by a structure called the "*haustorium*", through which they extract water and nutrients from the host plant. A mature tree can withstand a small amount of mistletoe with no problem, but if it spreads the tree will eventually die, one limb at a time, as the life is literally sucked out of it.

Mistletoe doesn't take out whole forests like some diseases—just a tree here and there. Some ecologists view mistletoe as an important part of a healthy ecosystem. The berries are a major food source for birds, who also find the dense foliage useful for nesting—and the dead trees become perches for raptors. Mistletoe is toxic to people, but the berries and leaves of mistletoe provide high-protein fodder for many mammals, especially in autumn and winter when other foods are scarce. Why doesn't mistletoe grow on dogwood trees?

It's afraid of the bark!

May this holiday season find all of us happy, healthy, and kind.

CHIT CHAT

Chit Chat is a column for you. Take this opportunity to brag a little, share a little, and have fun with birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren and family visits.

Happy birthday wishes in December go out to: Shannon Price, Juanita Hubacker, Stan Everett, Lois Price, Dan Randall, Laurel Hixson, Sue Eldred, Gary Birchard, Ernest Hasselback, Charles Farrow, Dennis Roach, John Morton, David Brown, Lois Russell, Dorothy Jones, Marcy Carmichael, Joanne Kish, Eleanor Stewart, Ken Miller, Carole Hayden, Don Joffrion, Stephen Stork, Bill Krueger, Cheryl Hoffman, Bob Johnson, Lois Lindt, Jackie Reid, Priscilla Westgate, Bob Donnenwirth, and Richard Libby.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in December are Catherine and Homer McNeill II (2003), Bruce and Nelda Clements, Al and Stella Hart (1975), Billy and Pat Bonner (1992), Richard and Carolyn Libby (2018), Catherine and Homer McNeill II (2003).

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, please email lillianedi-tor@yahoo.com, mail it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549.

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Lillian Fall Festival Was a Blast; Here's the Folks Who Made It Possible

The Lillian Recreational Park Fall Festival was a success by all measures. Over 1,000 people attended the day-long event on October 22. Proceeds from the event will help pave the park's parking lot, as well as support future park activities and improvements.

The Fall Fest featured a lineup of great area musicians organized by Robert Kirby. Musicians Jason Crump, Wayne Johnson, Robert Kirby, Edmund Manning, Southern Rip Tide and Mike Wilcox had people dancing throughout the afternoon.

The meat provided by Costello's and smoked for hours was a big hit, as were the activities offered throughout the day. Many thanks to Darren Costello, Fourd Attaway, and pitmaster Jose Cortez for providing the spectacular BBQ.

The Mechanical Bull, sponsored by GIS, was another huge hit, as was the Kids Zone, which featured a bouncy house provided by Outdoor Fun Inflatables, scarecrow making, games and activities, balloon art and face painting. The Pumpkin Patch and Arts Festival were very popular, as well.

The South Baldwin Antique Tractor Club's tractor display attracted lots of attention and festival goers enjoyed riding the Club's people mover wagon.

The Fall Fest would not have been possible without the support of event sponsors the Antique Tractor Club, Cassebaum Farms, Chubby's Pizzeria, Costello's, Dr. C's Vision Care, GIS, Greers, Mason Holloway, KOA, Outdoor Fun Inflatables, Reileigh's Daybreak Café, Riviera Utility, Slay's Nursery, and Twice the Ice and Gina's.

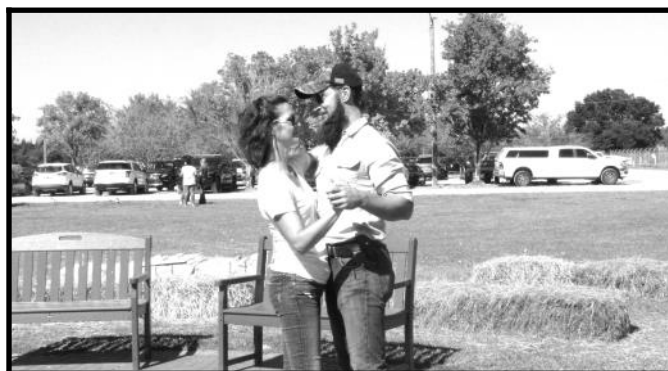
It also wouldn't have been possible without the Park's amazing Fall Fest volunteer team. From smoking the meats, to organizing the event, to volunteering the day of, they did a great job organizing the event. Everyone is looking forward to next year's festival, tentatively scheduled for October 21.



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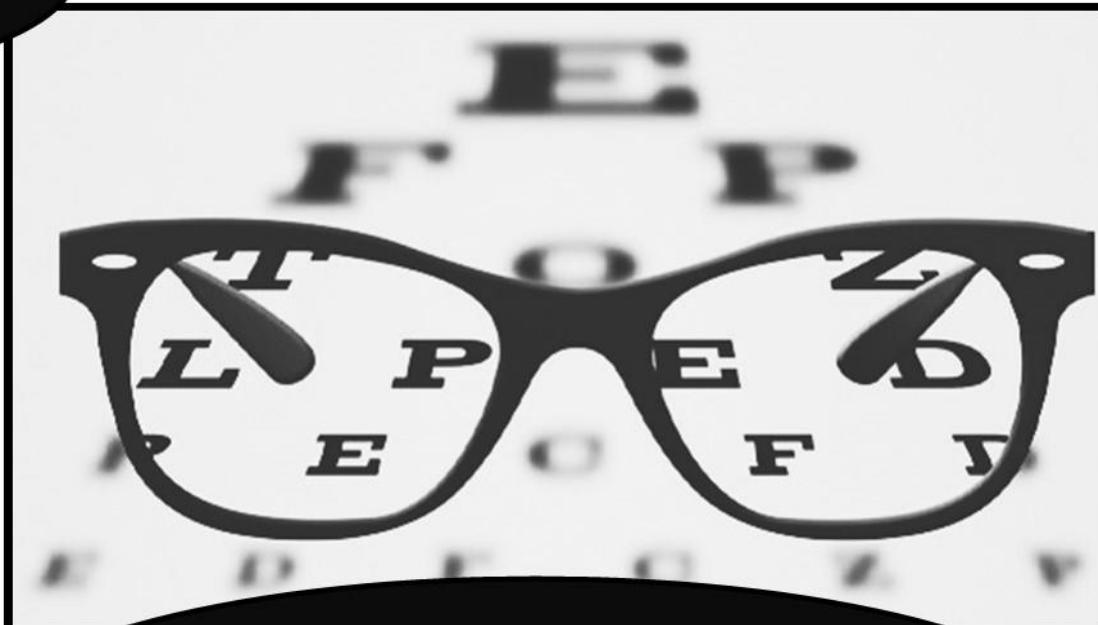


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The library has a computer lab with six computers and two printers for public use, for a small donation. There is also a printer that can copy, scan and fax.

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Last month, as I was washing dishes, I glanced out the window and saw a man drive by in his pick-up truck talking into his watch. My first thought was 007 James Bond and I started to laugh. Talk about reality imitating science fiction. I told a friend about what I saw and she said she could do me one better...Dick Tracy.

A few days later, as I'm blabbing my story to others, the name Maxwell Smart from the old TV comedy detective show, Get Smart came into the conversation.

All in all, older folks find today's technology fascinating and funny in some instances because some of us can remember when there weren't jet planes, television, cell phones, computers, internet and definitely not a wrist watch that tells you your heart beat, how many steps you take and phone service. All of the things that today's kids think they can't live without and maybe the twenty some-things-too.

If you ask people what's their take on the Christmas season, you will get several different answers. It's become too commercialized. People have forgotten the true meaning of the holiday. We need to put Christ back in Christmas. Kids only want more and more presents. There are probably more opinions that you can think of and I would say that everyone is right.

Here is where I put a *but...* You can make the holiday season whatever you think it should be. Put back whatever you think is missing. Take out what you think may be excessive. What you make of it, is really up to you. Even though all of the negatives above may be true, there is one thing

positive and that is we all, for a short time during the year think about oth-

**Bits and
Pieces**

By Jackie Reid

ers instead of ourselves. What they may like, what can we do special for a loved one. Ah, yes, have dinner and get-togethers with family and friends, some of whom we may not have taken the time to call or see for weeks or months.

Or at least we should set aside some of our selfishness for just a while anyway. Sing the carols, feel the warmth and love that Christmas-time brings if we open ourselves to the spirit of the season. This year, I've noticed decorations popping up everywhere. It's beautiful to see. Some are a bit gauche but I still enjoy the enthusiasm.

There are always humbuggers. These same individuals probably never see good in anything—ever. That's because they have closed their hearts. "More's the pity," as they say in historical novels.

I for one, wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Now it is up to you.

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A little girl was being put to bed by her mother during a loud thunderstorm. As the mother tried to leave, the little girl insisted that she stay to comfort her during the storm. The mother tried to calm the

little girl by saying, "God will take care of you. There's no need to be afraid." The little girl cried out, "I know Mommy, but I want somebody with skin on!" After all the theological arguments and philosophical

debates, what Christmas boils down to is God with skin on, a God who wants to be loved and not feared, a God who becomes human in order to teach us and invite us to become divine. That which is common becomes holy and we need never be lonely again, we need never be scared again, and we certainly will never be the same again.

When the angels startled the shepherds in those fields outside Bethlehem the angels proclaimed: "This shall be the sign for you. You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." The shepherds left immediately to find this sign and they were so excited about God breaking into their very human existence. They found a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. In Hebrew whenever this word swaddling appears, it refers to a child who is beloved, who is special, and who is safe amidst the terror of real life. And



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

so, it is with Jesus whose Hebrew name means salvation. This beloved child, safe amidst the terror of a Herod-filled world, is swaddled salvation, tightly wrapped wholeness. This child is God's promise tangible and visible. It is God with skin on. Can you see the baby? Reach out and touch Him. When you do you are touching God and being touched by

God. For you too are safe, precious, special, beloved.

Through your baptism you have become one with Christ and you have become a bit of God with skin on to others. There are swaddling cloths of grace wrapped tightly around you. Can you feel them? They are there to keep you safe, to keep you warm, and to tell you just how beloved you are. But then, please look in the manger one more time. What you see is not just God it is all the people for whom salvation has come. You see those for whom God sent Jesus for, because God so loved the world. Brothers and sisters, we can get through all the dark nights of the soul, because God is here, swaddling us with grace that holds us tight and keeps us safe, so that we can become the presence of God for others. Our God is a God with skin on and He is here with us. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His Name Is Called Emmanuel; God with Us, Revealed In Us; His Name Is Called Emmanuel.

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LVFD is happy to announce we recruited two new members to the department in November. Even with a reduced number of volunteers from previous years, we are still able to respond to calls and participate in community activities. During October, members of the department attended the BBQ and Blues, the Trunk or Treat event and Halloween in the Cove. If you are interested in joining the department please call us at 251-962-2696 leave a message and telephone number and an officer will call you back.

We would also like to give you the time table for upcoming events for the Christmas Holidays: December 3 "Christmas at the Park" where we will

be delivering Santa to the park; December 10, is the Lillian Christmas Parade; and December 17, the LVFD Santa Run. We are looking forward to seeing all our friends and neighbors during these activities where the community can come together to celebrate Christmas.

The LVFD solicitation letters were sent out October 30th so most of the community should have received their letter. Unfortunately, the printers left out "or current resident" on the envelopes, so people who have moved recently may have the wrong name on the envelope. The mailing addresses were provided by the Baldwin County 911 office. Unfortunately, we were unable to get a copy of addresses from the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioners Office in time for mail-

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By Goretti Lysek

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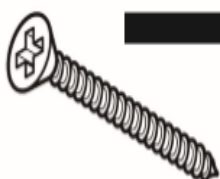
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Top right, participants enjoy ARC's annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Members of the Willie Nell Evans Family, center right, include Carolyn Mack, Liz Whitehurst, Superintendent of Baldwin County Schools Eddie Tyler, Bertha Scott, Virginia Casey, Patricia Washington, Rose Adams, and Peggy Pope.

Optimist Club of Perdido Bay participants, lower right, are President Dodd Bouchillon, Elberta Middle School Assistant Principal Thomas Duffy, Elberta Elementary School Principal Jenny Breazeale, Elberta High School Principal Branton Bailey, and Lillian United Methodist Church Pastor and Optimist Daniel Randall.



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Teen Starts Foundation Helping Those With Drug Addictions

By Jacqueline Reid

There is an epidemic across our Nation and I'm not talking about Covid. I'm talking about drug overdoses. About 300 Americans lose their lives everyday because of drugs. Drugs don't discriminate. It doesn't matter how rich, poor, what race, religion, nationality or age. You would be kidding yourself if you think it won't happen to you, you're too smart. Just wipe those ridiculous thoughts right out of your mind now.

Today's drugs, any kind you want to experiment with, this includes marijuana, are more lethal than ever because most are laced with fentanyl. If you want to try it anyway, be ready to die because that's exactly what will probably happen. How many times do you think you'll be lucky?

It is known that the fentanyl comes from China via Mexico to the Cartel, passed to the Mules (smugglers) who bring it across our southern border where it is passed to illegals who are being transported by van or airplane around the U.S. by our government. These immigrants give it to the drug dealers who sell it to our kids. It is as simple as that.

On September 11, 2022, Benjamin Thomas Werner, at the age of 35 died of a heroin (laced with fentanyl) overdose. To parents anywhere, losing a child is the worst possible tragedy that can happen. It literally brought Janice and Tom Werner to their knees with grief.

Out of tragedy comes some good. Jacy Werner, 19-year-old sister of Benjamin, has become an advocate to make our communities aware of the dangers that our children are or may be confronted with as the illicit drugs saturate this country.

Partnering with such organizations as Mindful Living and Adult and Teen Challenge, Jacy has started The Benjamin Thomas Werner Foundation (BTWF). A non-profit organization dedicated to raising addiction awareness. Jacy visits middle and high schools in and around the area. She talks about her brother and the dangers of the drugs. Hoping that because of her age that the students might be more apt to listen and heed what she has to say.

Unfortunately, she feels that Baldwin County is sweeping the reported overdoses under the rug, probably because of our tourist industry. And there are others who feel that the whole news media is ignoring the problem.

BTWF has a lot to offer. Their mission statement is *to make access to recovery more accessible for everyone*. And there is a network of professional help available.

For more information about the foundations story, programs and how you may help, visit their website at btwfoundation.com or you can also like them on Facebook.



Jacy Werner



Advice Can Help When Making Charitable Gifts

Now that it's the holiday season, gifts are probably on your mind – and you might intend for some of those gifts to go to charities. Although your intentions are good, you could be shortchanging both your recipients and yourself with your method of giving. But with some guidance, you can make choices that work well for you and those charitable groups you support.

Of course, you could simply give money to these groups. However, by donating other types of assets, can you increase the value of your gift and gain greater tax benefits, too?

It's certainly possible, but your ability to gain any tax advantages depends somewhat on whether or not you can itemize deductions on your tax return. Due to legislation passed a few years ago that significantly increased the standard deduction, many people may no longer be itemizing. But if you still itemize, you can generally deduct up to 60% of your adjusted gross income for cash donations to IRS-qualified charities.

Another contribution strategy involves donating other assets, such as stocks. You could donate stocks directly to a charitable group, but you might gain more benefits by making an irrevocable contribution to a donor-advised fund (DAF).

Again, assuming you can itemize, you can deduct the full fair-market value of the asset, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income, and your contributions can be invested in mutual funds or similar vehicles. The contributions have the opportunity for growth, and distributions to the charity are tax-free. You can then decide, on your own timetable, which IRS-qualified charitable groups you would like to receive the money. Furthermore, if you donate stocks that have risen in value, you won't incur potential capital gains taxes that you would have when you eventually sold the stocks. These taxes can be considera-

ble, especially if you've held the stocks for a long time. (You'll want to consult with your tax advisor on how charitable gifts can affect your taxes, especially if you're thinking of using a donor-advised fund.)

These charitable donation methods are not secrets, and they are available to many people – you don't have to be wealthy to employ them. Yet, here's an interesting statistic:

Those who work with a financial advisor on charitable strategies are more than three times as likely to donate non-cash assets such as stocks than those who contribute to charities but don't work with an advisor, according to an August 2022 survey from financial services firm Edward Jones and Morning Consult, a global data intelligence company. These findings suggest that many more people could be taking advantage of tax-smart charitable giving moves – if only they had some help or guidance.

Also, by getting some professional financial assistance, you may find it easier to implement your charitable giving decisions within your overall financial strategy, which is designed to help you meet all your important long-term goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement.

Your instinct to help support charitable groups is a worthy one – and by getting some help, you can turn this impulse into actions that may work to everyone's benefit. For questions, please contact Jason Kozon of Edward Jones located at 22394 Mifflin Road in Foley, AL at 251-943-3399.

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Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon of Edward Jones

Services at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church

Please join us December 7, and 14 at 9 a.m. for Advent Services, Bible Study at 10 a.m. followed by a light lunch. Christmas Eve Service Saturday, December 24 at 5 p.m. This will be our traditional candlelight service, and fellowship after service. Invite your family and friends. Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 at 9 a.m.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

December 1 and 5 public hearings take place on proposed subdivision regulation amendments. Comment now at BaldwinOurVision.com on Draft Future Land Use Plan.

Check <https://www.baldwinourvision.com/> for times.

GO TO BALDWINCOUNTYAL.GOV, click on PUBLIC NOTICES every week to stay informed about upcoming AGENDA items. Email your support or opposition to: planning@baldwincountyal.gov and copy to: RuralCharacterLillian@gmail.com. Attend meetings whenever possible

Christmas in the Park

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Saturday, December 3
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Most Recent Developments On the Tax Horizon: The Inflation Reduction Act

As we begin another tax season, I thought it might be interesting to highlight some recent developments. As you may know, Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act (H.R. 5376) on August 7, 2022, the House passed the Budget Reconciliation legislation 220-207 on August 12th and were signed into law by President Biden on August 16, 2022.

While most of the provisions affect 2023 and beyond, one major one became effective immediately. I am referring to Section 10301 – Enhancement of the Internal Revenue Service Resources. This “enhancement” is a bit of a two-edged sword. The IRS will have money to hire more people and train them to competency, but they will also have more resources for effective tax audits.

Probably, most of you have heard of the “Tax Gap”. This is the difference between estimated “true” tax liability for a given period and the amount of tax that is paid on time. Note that the tax gap estimates cannot fully represent noncompliance in some components of the tax system including offshore activities, issues involving digital assets and cryptocurrency as well as corporate income tax, income from flow-through entities and illegal activities because data are lacking. So it is likely that the gap estimates are understated.

In Notice IR-2022-192, the IRS released a new set of tax gap estimates on tax years 2014 through 2016 estimating that the gross tax gap increased to \$496 billion, a rise of over

\$58 billion from prior estimates. After late payments and IRS efforts collected an additional \$68 billion, the IRS estimated the net tax gap was \$428 billion.

The gross tax gap comprises three components:

- Non-filing (tax not paid on time by those who do not file on time, \$39 billion),

- Underreporting (tax understated on timely filed returns, \$398 billion), and

- Underpayment (tax that was reported on time, but not paid on time, \$59 billion).

A particular challenge for tax gap estimation is the time it takes to collect compliance data, especially data on underreporting that come from completed examinations (audits). To address this issue, the current release includes estimated tax gap projections for Tax Years 2017-2019.

Based on the projections for 2017-2019, the estimated average gross tax gap is projected to be \$540 billion per year. The associated voluntary compliance rate is projected to be 85.1 percent. The projection of enforced and other late payments is \$70 billion, which yields a net tax gap projection of \$470 billion.

The gross tax gap non-filing, underreporting, and underpayment component projections for Tax Years 2017-2019 timeframe are \$41 billion, \$433 billion, and \$66 billion, respectively. Additional funds will be available to the IRS through September 30, 2031, across four areas of the agency.

Taxpayer services. The IRS will receive \$3.2 billion to improve taxpayer services, such as prefilling assistance and education, filing and account services, and taxpayer assistance services. The IRS has already hired more than 4,000 staff and are expecting to hire an additional 700 staff for the 270 Taxpayer Assistance Centers around the country.

Enforcement. These funds, at \$45.6 billion, make up more than half of the total appropriations. The goal is to reduce the tax gap by enhancing the IRS' means of capturing revenue from taxes that may otherwise *not* have been collected. Further, the funds would cover litigation and criminal investigation expenses.

Operations support. To support taxpayer services and enforcement programs, including rent payments, facilities services, postage, security, research, telecommunications, maintenance, and information technology development, the IRS will receive \$25.4 billion.

Business systems modernization. For the necessary expenses of the IRS's business systems modernization program, including development of callback technology and other technology to provide a more personalized customer service (but not including the operation and maintenance of legacy systems), the IRS will receive of \$4.8 billion.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), the IRS' watchdog agency, will receive \$403 million to carry out its normal opera-



Let's Talk Taxes

By Carol Kovacs
CPA, EA

tions. Additional funding will also be provided to the Office of Tax Policy, the United States Tax Court, and certain Treasury departmental offices.

IRS has also been directed to submit a report to Congress on the cost for creating and operating a free *Direct Efile* tax return system within nine months of enactment.

It does not appear that the Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) has received additional funding through this legislation. The TAS is an independent organization within the IRS that helps taxpayers and protects their rights.

So what does all this mean to you and me, the ordinary folks? Hopefully, better customer service and availability of the IRS representatives when we need them to answer our questions or help us with those pesky IRS letters.

I hope you found this information interesting and helpful. If you have any specific questions or areas of interest you would like addressed in future columns (leave out your personal information), my email is carolkovacs@aol.com.

Use “Let's Talk Taxes” as the subject.

MULLET FEST FUNDS

Optimist Participants Effort Secures
\$34,000 To Benefit Local Youngsters

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay raised more than \$34,000 to fund their many programs and projects to benefit the youth of the area. The chairpersons of the various events at the Mullet Festival, where the money was raised, were recognized for their efforts. Pictured right (from left) are Jacob Atkinson, Vickie Loper, Lee Hoffman, Daniel Randall, President Dodd Bouchillon, Jeff Keener, Jane Foster, Kathy Keener and Doug and Nancy Scott. Not pictured are Jennifer Kennedy and Betty Erwin.



Newell Takes Reins of Christmas Parade

This year's Lillian Christmas Parade is set for December 10 and if you see this face, you know that you can now recognize the Lillian Christmas Parade Chairman, Robin Newell. Her husband Dennis, not pictured, is happy to serve as a trusted Lieutenant, but prefers to support projects from a less visible position.

Leadership of the Parade has officially transitioned from Judy Wargo to Robin Newell, but Judy's support for this year's Parade will be invaluable as she guided the Parade for more than a decade. Judy also had the support of her husband, Paul, in this endeavor. Judy is still a member of the local Optimist Club, but has elected to slow down a little and allow herself to enjoy other projects the OCPB offers.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will clearly benefit from Robin's leadership as she brings extensive experience in building community to the Lillian area. The former librarian also has been involved in building a local parade and says that she looks forward to the challenge of growing the Lillian Christmas Parade.

Newell and her husband Dennis moved to Lillian full-time in June of 2022 after buying their home in 2020. Newell said, "I want the parade to be Lillian's Christmas Parade and for everyone who wants to be involved, to ensure that they have this opportunity. I also want folks to enjoy themselves."

Newell has a history of service to her community. In addition to working with the Optimist Club, she is a volunteer with Mary's Shelter and their recently-opened gift shop in Elberta. In addition to her career as a Librarian, she has also been active with a number of civic organizations, including serving as a board member and president.

Her husband Dennis, also has a lifetime of serving to the community. He has volunteered extensively with Catholic Charities and with the Knights of Columbus. The couple has five children and six grandchildren. They loves to garden and have applied for the distinction of Master Gardener. They share a philosophy of "Building Community through Community Service" and this is why they are so well suited for service with the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. See "Parade" story next page.



We All Love Breakfast With Santa



Everyone is happy when the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay hosts the annual Breakfast with Santa. With Santa and Mrs. Clause last year's breakfast, from left, are Bonnie, Zane, Stella and Blaine Bonifay. This year Santa will visit on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Lillian Community Club. Breakfast is free and begins at 9 a.m. See more information on page 20.

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Food will be served in the Hall
5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Music by: False Identity
7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

New Year's Eve

Tickets on sale at the Bar \$25.00 Per Person
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Gary Story & Bad Habit
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Lillian Christmas Parade Slated December 10; 1 p.m. Kickoff!

This year's Grand Marshall in the Lillian Christmas Parade on Dec. 10 is long-time resident Bob Donnenwirth. After serving 22 years in the military as a combat helicopter pilot, flight instructor and master aviator, Bob moved to Lillian where he has also served in a variety of ways.



He was a co-founder of Lillian United Methodist Church and is a past Post Commander of American Legion Post 48, a charter member of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, and Past Master of the Lillian Masonic Lodge 925.

He also served as a member of the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Board and served many years as President of Perdido Bay Environmental Association.

Candy, trinkets, beads and toys will be flying when the annual Lillian Christmas Parade kicks off at 1 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club. The event is sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. Paraders will travel east on US Highway 98 to 6th Street, north to Barclay Avenue, west to Santa Piedro Street and then south back to the LCC.

Immediately following the parade an awards ceremony will be held in the club where winners will receive \$50 gift certificates for Best Overall, Most Creative, Most Enthusiastic and Represents the Spirit of Lillian. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Individuals and organizations who wish to participate should call or text Robin Newell, 402-677-3944 or email her at robinnewell3@gmail.com. See related story on page 23.



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