

Yesterday & Today from Pg. 8

Michael Gibson has decided to take a hiatus from the Yesterday and Today feature. He has given permission to recycle previously published photos and captions for your enjoyment.



Cooper was the largest wagon maker west of Chicago and employed nearly 1,200 people on his 27 acre property in the 1880s. Cooper died in 1919 and relatives lived in the home for several years. But in 1956, the home and the carriage house were torn down and ironically a municipal parking lot for the automobile was constructed on the site. More recently a \$300,000 public restroom has also been built on the corner. Today the only remnant of the Greystone and carriage house is part of a low concrete wall with a rounded top that once marked the property lines. (Photo by Terry Grant).



DUBUQUE FIRE

Derek Paulson, Assistant Fire Marshal

Have you ever gone to the refrigerator and poured yourself a glass of milk and taken a drink only to realize that the milk was sour? You look at the expiration date on the carton and see that the milk went bad because it sat there too long. There are items all around us that we may or may not be aware will go bad at some point. However, one item many do not realize that can go bad are the smoke alarms in our homes.

Smoke alarms have a life expectancy of around 10 years. After this smoke alarms start to lose their effectiveness. Smoke alarms have sensors inside that over time collect dust, dirt and other particles in the air. These sensors become covered and the smoke alarm becomes less sensitive then when it was brand new.

Here is how you can check to see if your smoke alarm(s) are outdated or nearing replacement age. If you remove your smoke

alarm(s) from the ceiling or wall, turn the smoke alarm over to the back side. On the back, there should be a date stamped on it. That date is the date the smoke alarm was manufactured. A smoke alarm is good for 10 years from the date stamped on the back. If your smoke alarm(s) don't have a date stamped on it, then it is time for them to go to the Smithsonian Museum.

Smoke alarms should be installed in each bedroom or sleeping area of the home, in the hallway outside the bedrooms or sleeping area and one on each floor of the home.

The Dubuque Fire Department in conjunction with the Red Cross of Northeast Iowa offers a free smoke alarm program. If you would like more information on this program or to schedule an appointment please call the Dubuque Fire Department at 563-589-4195. I can also be reached at Dpaulson@cityofdubuque.org.

Bell Tower Theater from Pg. 4

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Memories Passed On (As told to my grandson Maury)

by Jerry Eberhardt (1924-2017)

The Best Of Jerry
originally published
April 2017



Jerry Eberhardt with grandson, Maury Cohn

Mental Associations

Maury, being the bright student you are, Grandpa believes you will catch on to this and benefit from the memory I'm about to tell you.

A short time ago, Fr. Whalen, a former professor at Loras College, passed away. This caused me to remember him giving a demonstration to our freshman class on how to use mental associations very effectively when trying to remember certain things. What he showed our class Grandpa never forgot and, out of habit, still uses what he taught us today. (My "home made" definition of a mental association is thinking of something which automatically helps you to think of something else you really want to remember.) Maury, this is what Fr. Whalen did:

First, he asked members of our class to randomly give him fifty different words which he wrote on the blackboard in numerical order (1 through 50). Then, he sat in a front desk, facing the blackboard and said: "Go on with your class and give me fifteen minutes." After time was up he stood up, turned his back to the blackboard and recited all the words in numerical order, then backwards. He then asked the class to say a number and he'd tell you the word after it, or when given a word he'd tell you

the corresponding number.

He then explained his mental technique, stating that he "made 10 sentences" (in numerical order - 5 words to a sentence) and placed them (mentally) on 10 different places VERY FAMILIAR to him on the Loras campus. The campus spots were easy because he already knew them. The "crazier" his sentences were made it all the easier to remember! Here's an example: Suppose the first five words (1 thru 5) were baby, elephant, football, baseball and cake. Using the first "familiar" campus spot (a statue of Bishop Loras) he mentally visualized a baby riding on an elephant holding a football and a baseball while eating a piece of cake on top of the statue! He'd do this until he placed all 10 sentences in the 10 familiar spots. Also, the 10 familiar spots followed a geographical order making it comparatively easy to recall what sentence and how it fit numerically. Most of the 15 minutes he concentrated

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What NASCAR driver, 1970 Grand National Series champion, quit in the middle of the 1973 Talladega 500 because he'd heard a voice telling him to get out of the car?
2. Before joining the Florida Gators in 1990 and leading them to a national championship in 1996, Steve Spurrier was head coach of what college football team from 1987-1989?
3. The 2003 Presidents Cup golf tournament was declared a 17-17 tie after three undecided playoff holes between what two golfers?
4. What Pennsylvania sportswear manufacturer was the official supplier of uniforms and apparel to Major League Baseball teams

5. Who created the Greater Oakland Professional Pigskin Prognosticators League in the early 1960s and became widely known as the father of modern fantasy sports?
6. What professional football league played only eight of the scheduled 10 weeks in its lone 2019 season and included teams like the Orlando Apollos, Arizona Hotshots, Salt Lake Stallions and San Diego Fleet?
7. A case of the yips for a baseball fielder is named after which Los Angeles Dodgers second baseman who struggled to complete routine throws to first and committed 30 errors in 1983?

Answers

1. Bobby Isaac.
2. The Duke Blue Devils.
3. Tiger Woods and Ernie Els.
4. Majestic Athletic.
5. Bill Winkenbach.
6. The Alliance of American Football (AAF).
7. Steve Sax ("Steve Sax Syndrome").

Plant Talk

by Ken Resch



The Earth Cringes at Our Foolishness

In April 1970, I was well into my first year of teaching in Illinois when the first Earth Day was announced for April 22nd. Then, Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, appalled by a huge oil spill in California, chose to do something that ultimately changed the course of history. Until now. Using the power of the anti-war protests blanketing the nation, Senator Nelson “recruited Denis Hayes, a young activist, to organize campus teach-ins and to scale the idea to a broader public, and they chose April 22, a weekday falling between Spring Break and Final Exams, to maximize the greatest student participation.” (<https://www.earthday.org/history>)

The first Earth Day saw 20 million people—then 10% of the U.S. population—protest against the impact of a century and a half of industrial development. We talked in my classroom about ways to help the earth and many of my students became caring activists for the earth. For decades, great strides were made in reducing fossil fuel dependence, creating renewable energy sources, recycling, removing toxic waste, reducing pollution, and banning dangerous pesticides.

Sadly, our current administration does not actively support environmental protections. In 2018, when Trump was asked about climate change and the horrifying impact it would have on the environment, he simply said, “I don’t believe it.” Evidence today causes me to conclude he still believes climate change is a hoax. In 2010, the BP Petroleum Deep Water Horizon oil rig collapsed and killed eleven workers and ultimately poured over 200 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Guess what? Our government

is poised to contract with BP Petroleum to build another oil rig to drill even deeper into the earth—and in the same location as the 2010 disaster!

As if this is not enough, the president also believes wind turbines and solar energy initiatives are pointless. His big tax bill effectively removed all the tax credit incentives for people who install solar panels on their homes. When he met earlier this year with oil executives, he said, “My goal is to not let any windmill be built. They’re losers.” Yet, Europe has wind turbines and solar arrays, and together they account for over 30% of Europe’s energy production.

The Trump administration, in less than two years, has decimated the Environmental Protection Agency and all its work over the past half-century. Proposals are in place to allow oil, gas, and mining projects on public lands. Coal mining is supported by Trump, who favors loosening oversight on mining. The current EPA has reduced environmental enforcement by over 75%. The Endangered Species Act is being weakened for wildlife, and proposals exist to open huge areas of our national forests to logging. Topping all of this off is Trump’s second removal of the United States from the Paris Agreement, stating he wants to make domestic economic growth a priority. To date, he has not effectively addressed the economy.

I told my students in 1970 that the future of our planet rested deeply with them and the actions they would take in the coming years. Those students, like me, have passed the baton of the future to their children and grandchildren. But I remain in the race with them, and I urge my readers to do the same. At the most personal level, practice good gardening and environmental practices. Avoid herbicides and pesticides that harm the environment, and favor natural biologics and simple, non-toxic materials to curb insect damage. Compost waste and turn it back into

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Herbals



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— Brenda Weaver

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At left: “Gladiolus bulbs with leaves and flowers” from *De Historia Plantarum* (1644).

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Radio
 from the 20th Century

by Bill Zwack

Penny Singleton was best known as *Blondie* on radio and in the movie series *Blondie*. After she left *Blondie*, she decided on another radio series.

The Penny Singleton Show was heard on NBC in the summer of 1950. Miss Singleton now played Penny Williamson, a widow who lived in Middleton and sold real estate to support her two daughters. The situation comedy was basically a soft and early blow for women's lib. Portraying Penny and her daughters as highly competent, self-sufficient females in a sea of male ineptitude. Chief bunglers and fierce competitors for her hand were Horace Wiggins, her partner in the realty firm, and crusty Judge Beshomer Gundell. A top cast of radio

professionals appeared in support: Jim Backus played Wiggins; Gale Gordon was Grundell, and Bea Benaderet was Margaret, Penny's nasal cook.

Her daughters in the show, Sue and Dorothy ("DJ" for short) were named for Penny's real-life daughters, and were played by Sheila James and MaryLee Robb (who was at one time Margery on *The Great Gildersleeve*). Max Hutto directed. One such story line was on the the 4th of July and Penny decided to have a safe 4th with little or no fireworks.

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on memorizing in geographical order the 10 "crazy" sentences he used.

One gets better at this, Maury, the more often it is attempted. Like anything else the more you exercise your brain the sharper it becomes! The reverse is also true the brain becomes dull if it remains stagnant all the time. Grandpa's trying his best to avoid stagnation!!

Much love, Grandpa

Americanisms



"Turns out, when you're on the right path, opportunities begin to unfold along the way."

— Hoda Kotb

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A bone to the dog is not charity.

Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog.

— Jack London

March 1953

Down Memory Lane

March 1954

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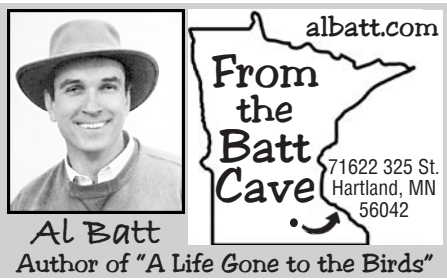
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My diet influencers are Miss Piggy and Orson Welles

It was March 4th. I followed the instructions and marched forth.

I do what my calendar tells me to do.

I dug to the back of the Greek yogurt shelf because I avoid the front items on grocery shelves.

Someone stopped to greet me. My brain had logged out due to inactivity. The friendly man's name had slipped my mind. I've reached the age where I'm incorrectly mistaken for an adult, but I couldn't ask his name. Instead, I cleverly asked him what his favorite yogurt was.

What is the hardest thing for you to say? 1. I love you. 2. I was wrong. 3. I'm sorry. 4. I need help. 5. Thank you. 6. Worcestershire sauce. 7. Who are you?

Miss Piggy and Orson Welles are my diet influencers. Miss Piggy said, "Never eat more than you can lift." And Welles said, "Stop having intimate dinners for four unless there are three other people."

As generally happens, the conversation moved from yogurt to basketball. Some young people I know play basketball, so I fired up the iPad to watch them. The action was brought to me by commercials. More than enough commercials. I learned from them that the secret to good health comes down to two things: prescription drugs and insurance companies. Each drug promoted a couple of things it might be good for and then offered a rapid-fire chant of possible scary side effects like the price and becoming a member of Congress. The insurance, after you shell out a considerable premium, covers the cost of the drugs after you pay the deductible, copay, coinsurance, out-of-network costs and tips. I realize that when I need any other kind of insurance, I should consult with my nearest emu.

My father's health plan was to do hard manual labor all day after eating Grape-Nuts for breakfast. Euell Gibbons starred in a series of Grape-Nuts TV commercials, asking questions like, "Did you ever eat a pine tree? Many parts are edible." I thought

a pine tree was more edible than that cereal, but Dad found the taste of Grape-Nuts to be top-shelf. Why is it called Grape-Nuts when it's made from wheat and barley? One story claims the cereal got its name from the resemblance of the nuggets to grape seeds, or grape "nuts."

The Rolling Stones sang, "I can't get no satisfaction." Before you reach the point where when you sit down in a beanbag chair, you're unable to wiggle out of it, and end up spending the weekend there, I can offer a few things that might help. Here are 10 pounds of healthy tips stuffed into a 5-pound bag.

Enter a meat locker and inhale as much as you want. It's calorie-free and doesn't require a wallet to be opened.

Walk into the store to get your donuts instead of using the drive-thru.

Always take the stairs once you're sure the elevator wouldn't be fixed soon.

Try resistance training by refusing to go to the gym.

Don't eat while you're sleeping.

Do more stretching exercises. Buy the products only on the highest shelves.

Squeezing an onion with your arthritic fingers will make your fingers smell like onions.

Check any excess weight at the airline ticket counter.

Be all you can be, not all you can eat. Turn your head to the right, then to the left. Repeat that exercise every time you're offered a second helping.

Tossing and turning at night is considered as exercise by the cheapest fitness tracker.

Never park close to a fitness center door.

Don't put off anything except procrastinating.

It's easy to replace a bad habit with a worse one.

If you need a reason to get out of bed in the morning, drink a gallon of water before going to bed.

On a serious note, walk when you're able instead of worrying. Worry is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere.

On a second serious note, write down three things that made you laugh or smile each day.

As I left a recent gathering, a friend said, "Well, if I don't see you again, this will be the last time I see you."

Stay healthy. You keep the Earth spinning.

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your growing space. Use rain barrels to collect rainwater and conserve water. Beyond these few and many other "environment savers," reach out and speak out to our elected leaders who are charged with working for us. Become activists for the earth and demand that

the current administration cease the destruction and havoc they've created. Climate change is not a hoax. The changes are real, and we, the people, are really responsible. I want the generations who follow us to have the opportunity to live in a world that is diligently working to preserve it.

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♥ A 9 7 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ K 10 8 6 3

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You could, for example, lead a club to the ace and try a spade finesse. If East had the king, you'd have 10 solid tricks, while even if the finesse lost, you'd still make the contract if West started with the ace of hearts.

Alternatively, you could lead a heart to the king at trick two

and still have several chances to succeed even if the king lost to the ace.

While it's true that either of these approaches would make you a strong favorite to get home safely, both contain an element of risk. In the actual deal, both lines of play would fail (assuming best defense), and you would go down one.

However, there is a line of play that's certain to succeed against any distribution, so naturally it should be preferred. The correct approach is to lead a club to the ace at trick two and a low heart from dummy at trick three!

This unusual play is sure to produce at least 10 tricks. If East follows low, you play the jack and cannot be stopped from either ruffing a heart in dummy or averting a trump loser. If East happens to have the queen and plays it, your jack later becomes a trick, and the most you can lose is a trump and two hearts.

It is surely uncommon to handle the combination of K-x in dummy opposite J-x-x in your hand by initially leading low toward the jack, but this in itself is not a good reason for failing to make the proper play.

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Skipping through winding trails, spotting leaping frogs along creek beds, and counting deer as they pass by the front porch are a few of the adventures in store for 6-year-old Georgia and her older sister, Eliza, when they visit their grandparents' home nestled deep in the Wisconsin woods. What a delight for city kids from St. Louis! Like a page out of Laura Ingalls Wilder's classic "Little House in the Big Woods" (set in Wisconsin), many of the girls' experiences mirror the lifestyle and pioneer spirit of the late 1800s.

For Georgia, walking on a dead-end road to the rhubarb patch to harvest giant leafy stalks, preparing rhubarb sauce to ladle over breakfast pancakes with grandmother Nancy, and baking rhubarb custard pie for an evening dessert is a delight.

"Georgia is the baker and loves to cook," says Nancy, a retired school administrator. "She washes and dices the stalks, cracks eggs and measures carefully. It's fun!" She adds, "Cooking together is a way to share a common interest."

Like the first robin, the greening grass, and the budding trees, add "first rhubarb pie" to your family's "signs of spring" list. Whether you harvest rhubarb from your garden or find stalks in your grocery's produce section, give Nancy's winning rhubarb custard pie recipe a try with your kids while rhubarb is fresh and in season



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next month through June.

FRESH RHUBARB CUSTARD PIE

Makes one 9-inch single-crust pie

Pastry for a 9-inch single-crust pie

1 1/3 cups sugar (add more according to taste)

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Dash of salt

3 eggs

4 cups fresh rhubarb, diced

2 tablespoons firm butter

Preheat oven to 400 F. Fit pastry into a 9-inch pie plate. Set aside. Let your child measure and stir together sugar, flour, nutmeg, and a dash of salt in a mixing bowl. Beat eggs until smooth.

Stir dry mixture into beaten eggs. Add diced rhubarb. Stir. Fill the crust evenly with the rhubarb mixture. Dot with firm butter. (Cover edge with a 2-to-3-inch strip of aluminum foil to prevent excessive browning, if you wish. Remove foil during the last 15 minutes of baking.)

Bake for 50 minutes. Cool and serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

Cook's Note: If you are new to fresh rhubarb, be aware that the large leaves are poisonous.

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Cremer's Cooking Tips

Cremer's Baked Ham with Maple Glaze

Ingredients
Dubuque Natural Juice Spiral Cut Ham
1/4 cup Big Timber pure maple syrup
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon dry mustard

Directions
1. Remove ham from refrigerator 45 minutes to 1 hour before roasting. Preheat the oven to

325 degrees F. Place ham in a roasting pan.
2. Roast for 30 minutes in the preheated oven. In a small bowl, mix together the maple syrup, red wine vinegar, Dijon mustard and mustard powder.
3. When the 30 minutes are up, brush 1/3 of the glaze over the ham. Bake 20 minutes, remove ham, brush with remaining glaze. Let ham stand for 10 to 15 minutes before carving.

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