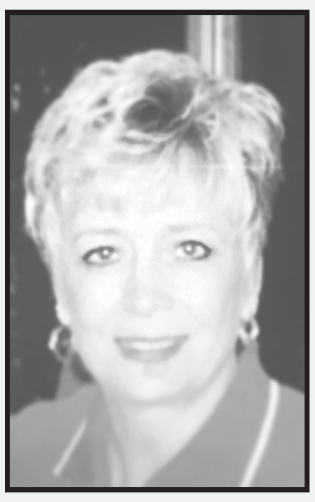
Brr! Cold Weather



Times Remembered

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I'm just flat out tired of this weather! We go back and forth with the temperatures and the ice and snow. Mostly, I can't take the cold temperatures anymore, it makes you achy and . . . grouchy. If you aren't grouchy; when you receive your electric bill it will make you grouchy. My electric bill tripled last month.

The past few weeks of winter weather reminds me of the 97-98 winter when we were building our house. We had to deal with several heavy snows and extremely cold weather that winter.

We started the house in May 1997. Spring rains delayed the digging of the foundation for several weeks, but by the 4th of July we were ready to move the logs to our building site and began setting and stacking the logs.

By late fall, all the logs were set and ready to be cleaned and sandblasted. They were covered in spider webs, cow manure, bird droppings and a thousand nails. The old house had been used as a barn and vultures had lived in it.

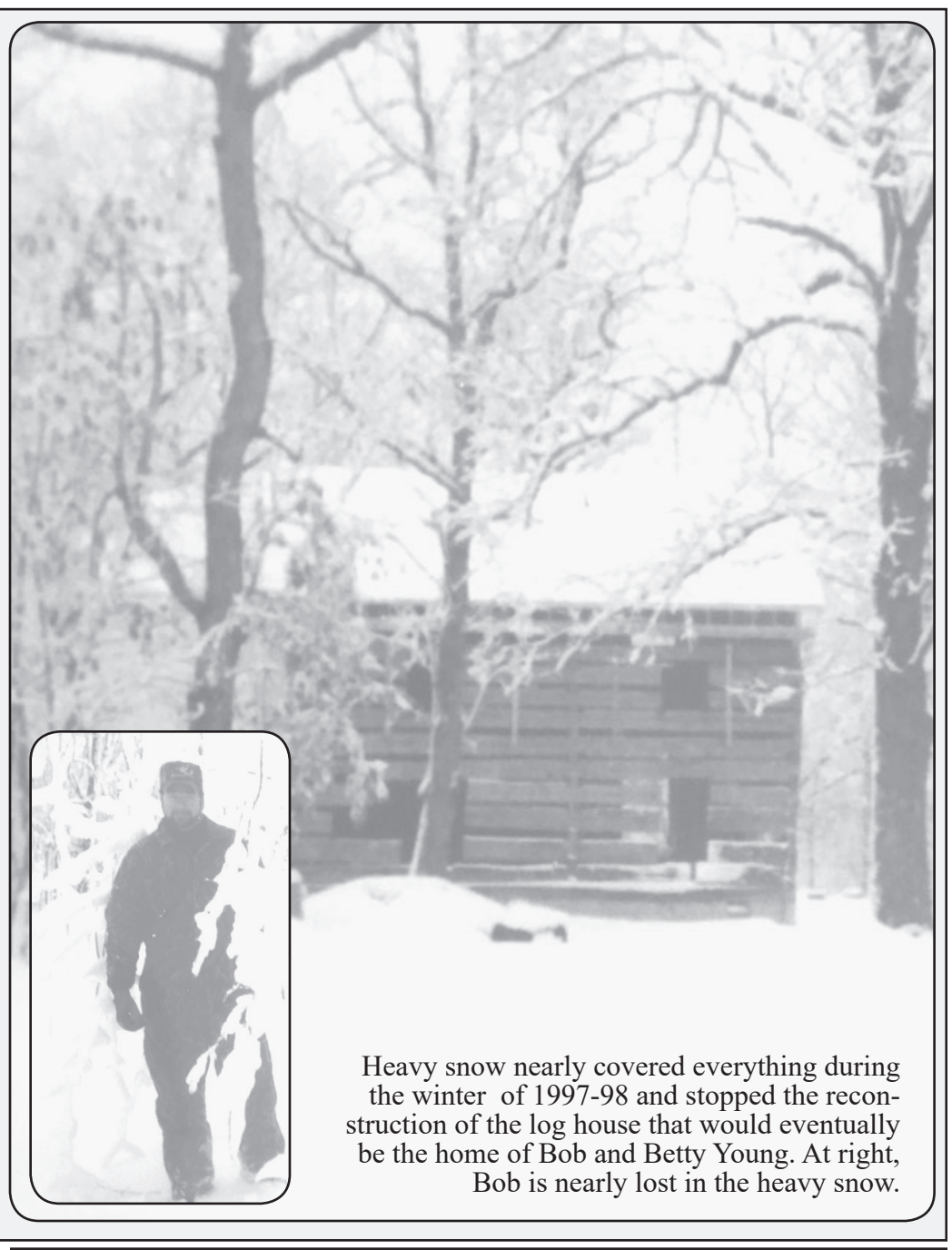
We rented a sandblaster from the By Pass Rent All in Richmond and Bob and some of his friends and family were planning to help. The week got started great for the first few days, but then bad weather set in. It snowed about 3 or 4 inches, temperatures dropped and it became very cold. Meanwhile, all we could do now was build a snowman; not a log house. We had the house under roof but no windows or heat to work inside. The snow was so deep you could barely see where the drive and the road were located.

Bob and the guys finally returned to sand blasting the next week. All the gunk came off the logs and the beautiful oak and chestnut logs were exposed.

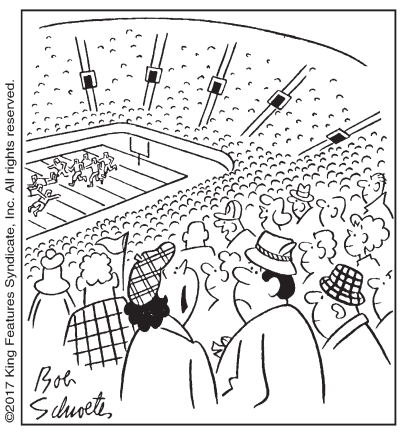
We worked nights, weekends and every spare minute when we weren't working at our jobs; we worked on the house. We sanded beams, the inside logs, and applied a clear coat of sealer on them. They looked beautiful; but they were a labor of love.

Like every other winter, we began to see signs of spring by the second week of March. Days were longer, and there was more daylight after work. Crocuses and daffodils began to peep through the ground and the forsythia bushes were budding and nearly blooming. Soon the grass became greener. We began to see more production on the house.

I'm sure the old Groundhog saw his shadow; we will have six more weeks of bad weather, but just like every other year; I tell myself, this weather too will pass; spring will be here soon. March 21st is the first day of spring and I'm looking forward to it!



Heavy snow nearly covered everything during the winter of 1997-98 and stopped the reconstruction of the log house that would eventually be the home of Bob and Betty Young. At right, Bob is nearly lost in the heavy snow.



"I'm not complaining about the seats — I just said we'd better duck when the _ _ _ _ _ goes by."

SCRAMBLERS

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

Expand
DRAPES ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Blend
MELIGN ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Traipse
MARBLE ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Stupid
NANIE ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

TODAY'S WORD
___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Without enough water, flowers dry up and husbands wilt

America's Heartland

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A fellow went to the flower shop and asked for geraniums.

"I'm sorry, but we have sold out of geraniums," the clerk said, "but we have our marigolds on sale if you'd like some of them."

"No thank you," the man said. "It was geraniums my wife asked me to water while she was gone."

We're all certain to forget things from time to time. That's why we need reminders. The Apostle Peter did that for us in a letter he wrote long years ago:

"I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of a reminder, that you should remember the words spoken by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles. Know this first of all, that in the last days scoffers will come, following after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation'" (2 Peter 3:1-4).

"But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:8-9).

Peter went on to remind us that the day will come when "when the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will burn and be dissolved, and the earth and the works on it will be dissolved."

Many people in this world don't want to be reminded about such things as this. Others scoff at what the Bible says on this topic.

Even so, Peter felt it crucial to remind us that God has an end planned for this world, and because that end is fast approaching, we need to get ready.

The man in the opening story went to the flower shop to find geraniums to prepare for his wife's return.

It's not flowers we need to prepare for Christ's return. For that, we need salvation. And, while a flower shop may sell out of geraniums, Christ never runs short of salvation.

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ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

Milk is included with every meal; plus assorted juices included with breakfast

MONDAY Feb. 12	TUESDAY Feb. 13	WEDNESDAY Feb. 14	THURSDAY Feb. 15	FRIDAY Feb. 16
SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER BREAKFASTS				
Breakfast Pizza Pineapple Tidbits Milk	Oatmeal & Toast Apples Milk	Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Peaches Milk	Scrambled Eggs Toast, Milk Mandarin Oranges	Yogurt Animal Crackers Juice, Milk
SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER LUNCHES				
Popcorn Chicken Roll Mashed Potatoes Mandarin Oranges Milk	Taco w/Wrap Salsa, Corn Lettuce, Tomatoes Grapes Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled cheese Carrot Sticks Applesauce	Ham Sandwich Potato Smiles Fruit Milk	Hot Dog on Bun Potato Rounds Apples Milk
ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFASTS				
Breakfast Pizza or Toast/Cocoa Puffs Pineapple Tidbits Juice, Milk	Mini Maple Pancakes/ Syrup or Cinn. Toast Crunch/ Graham Snacks Apple	Donuts or Pop Tart/ Trix Cereal Pears Asst. Juice Milk	Scrambled Eggs or Lucky Charms Toast, Applesauce Asst. Juice Milk	Asst. Muffins/ Trix Cereal Peaches Asst. Juice Milk
ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES				
Chicken Pattie/Bun Potato Smiles Baked Beans Pears Milk	Cheese Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Normandy Blend Fresh Broccoli Side Kicks, Raisins	Chicken Nuggets Roll, Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Apple Milk	Pizza Hut Pizza Corn Baby Carrots Peaches Ice Cream Sandwich	Hot Dog/Bun Potato Rounds Grape Tomatoes Pineapple Milk
WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS				
Breakfast Pizza or Cinn. Toast Crunch Pineapple Tidbits	Mini Pancakes or Lucky Charms Applesauce	Pears, Mini Cinni Rolls or Donuts or Cocoa Puffs/Scooby Snacks	Scrambled Eggs & Toast or Cin. Toast Crunch, Banana	Asst. Muffins or Cocoa Krispies Apple
WEST IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Nugget/Roll Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Applesauce Milk	Pizza Munch-able Marinara Sauce Carrots/Dip Raisins, Cookie Milk	Hamburger/Bun Potato Wedges Pork & Beans Lettuce Leaf, Tom. Dill Slices, Peaches	Corn Dog Potato Smiles Steamed Broccoli Pears Milk	Pizza Hut Pizza Grape Tomatoes Corn Apple Milk
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Dutch Waffle Apple Jacks Pot Tart, Apples Asst. Juice, Milk	Scrambled Eggs Toast, Cocoa Puffs Pop Tart, Pineapples Asst. Juice, Milk	Biscuit & Gravy Trix, Pop Tart Peaches Asst. Juice, Milk	Pancakes Choc. Bites or Mini Wheats, Pop Tart Banana	Choc. or Cinn. Muffins, Apple Cinn. Cheerios, Pop Tarts Mandarin Oranges
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH				
Popcorn Chicken Roll Mashed Potatoes CA Blend Apples Tropical Fruit	Chicken on Bun Fish on Bun Baby Bakers Let./Tom./Pickles Mandarin Oranges Applesauce	Pizza Hut Pizza Deli Turkey Sandwich, Corn Broccoli Bites Pineapples Tropical Fruit	Chili w/Crackers Grilled Cheese Cauliflower Bites Carrot Sticks Mandarin Oranges Side Kicks	Mini Corn Dogs Mr. Rib on Bun Baked Beans Slaw Peaches Pineapples
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Breakfast Honey Bun, Cereal, Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts Mini Choc. Donuts Oranges or Apples	Pancake Porky Pop Tarts Donut Holes Yogurt Parfait Oranges or Apples	Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Pop Tarts, Yogurt Parfait, Choc. Donuts, Fruit	Chicken Biscuit Pop Tarts Yogurt Parfait Donut Holes Oranges or Apples	Gravy & Biscuit Pop Tarts Cereal & Cereal Bars Mini Choc. Donuts Oranges or Apples
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH				Offered Daily: Pizza Line Sandwich Box, Salad Box
Bosco w/Marinara Sauce, Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes CA Blend Veggies Glazed Carrots Sidekicks Applesauce	Chicken Patty/Bun Pork Chop on Bun Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Let./Tom./Pickles Carrot Sticks Baby Bakers Grapes./Trop. Fruit	Cheeseburger or Hot Dog on Bun Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Let./Tom./Pickles Potato Wedges Baked Beans Pineapples, Peaches	Chicken Rings, Rolls Spicy Chicken/Bun Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Strawberry Cups Applesauce	Asian Chicken, Roll Mr. Rib on Bun Egg Roll/Rice Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Stir Fry Veggies Sweet Potatoes Oranges, Pears

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