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UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Hour continues with another sandwich special in December on Mondays from 6 to 8 PM

Christmas party is Dec 10 (Saturday) **GOOD FOOD, GOOD ENTERTAINMENT** see Marianne Reese to help out

SICK LIST

Let us remember the following in our prayers:
Helen Carpenter, Connie Connor, Harold Potter, Marcel Nicholas, Irene Binieda, Pat Farrugia, Jan Magacz, Cecilia Krause, Rita Leo, Ed Surovick
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

From your officers



Medicare's drug coverage gap shrinks

Medicare's prescription coverage gap is getting noticeably smaller and easier to manage this year for millions of older and disabled people with high drug costs.

The "doughnut hole," an anxiety-inducing catch in an otherwise popular benefit, will shrink about 40 percent for those unlucky enough to land in it, according to new Medicare figures provided in response to a request from The Associated Press.

The average beneficiary who falls into the coverage gap would have spent \$1,504 this year on prescriptions. But thanks to discounts and other provisions in President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law, that cost fell to \$901, according to Medicare's Office of the Actuary, which handles economic estimates.

A 50 percent discount that the law secured from pharmaceutical companies on brand name drugs yielded an average savings of \$581. Medicare also picked up more of the cost of generic drugs, saving an additional \$22.

The estimates are averages, so some Medicare recipients may do worse and others better. Also, it's still unclear if the discounts will start to overcome seniors' deep unease about the law.

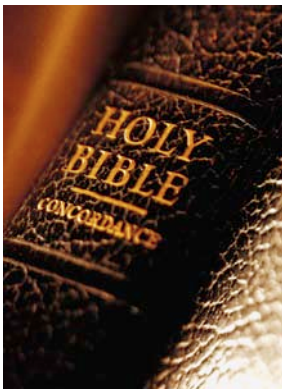
WHO Was This?

This Actress. Born on April 5, 1908, in Lowell, Massachusetts. For decades, she was one of Hollywood's greatest leading ladies. She started out on the stage, making her Broadway debut in 1929. The next year she made her way to Hollywood.

she appeared in *The Man who Played God* (1932), the first in a long line of strong performances by her. Her role in *Of Human Bondage* (1934) led to her first Academy Award nomination. Two of her other films, *Dangerous* (1935) and *Jezebel* (1938), from that decade won her acting highest honor—the Academy Award for Best Actress.

She was married four times. With third husband, William Grant Sherry, she had a daughter named Barbara. While married to Gary Merrill, she adopted two children, Margot and Michael.

With more than 100 films and 11 Academy Award nominations to her credit, she truly earned her nickname of "First Lady of the American Screen."



JOKE OF THE MONTH

A pastor concluded that his church was getting into very serious financial troubles. While checking the church storeroom, he discovered several cartons of new bibles that had never been opened and distributed.

So at his Sunday sermon, he asked for three volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to sell the bibles door-to-door for \$10 each to raise the desperately needed money for the church.

Jack, Paul and Louie all raised their hands to volunteer for the task.

The minister knew that Jack and Paul earned their living as salesmen and were likely capable of selling some bibles. But he

had serious doubts about Louie who was a local farmer, who had always kept to himself because he was embarrassed by his speech impediment. Poor Louie stuttered badly. But, NOT WANTING TO discourage Louie, the minister decided to let him try anyway.

Anxious to find out how successful they were, the minister immediately asked Jack, "Well, Jack, how did you make out selling our bibles last week?"

Proudly handing the reverend an envelope, Jack replied, "Using my sales prowess, I was able to sell 20 bibles, and here's the \$200 I collected on behalf of the church."

"Fine job, Jack!", the minister said, vigorously shaking his hand. "You are indeed a fine salesman and the Church is indebted to you." And Paul, how many bibles did you sell for the Church last week?"

Paul, smiling and sticking out his chest, confidently replied, "I am a professional salesman.. I sold 28 bibles on behalf of the church, and here's \$280 I collected." The minister responded, "That's absolutely splendid, Paul. You are truly a professional salesman and the church is indebted to you."

Apprehensively, the minister turned to Louie and said, "And Louie, did you manage to sell any bibles last week?" Louie silently offered the minister a large envelope. The minister opened it and counted the contents. "What is this?. Louie, there's \$3200 in here! Are you suggesting that you sold 320 bibles for the church, door to door, in just one week?"

Louie just nodded. That's impossible!" both Jack and Paul said in unison. "We are professional salesmen, yet you claim to have sold 10 times as many bibles as we could."

"Yes, this does seem unlikely," the minister! agreed. "I think you'd better explain how you managed to accomplish this, Louie."

Louie shrugged. "I-I-I re-re-really do-do-don't kn-kn-know f-f-f-for sh-sh-sh-sure," he stammered. Impatiently, Peter interrupted. "For crying out loud, Louie, just tell us what you said to them when they answered the door!"

"A-a-a-all I-I-I s-s-said wa-wa-was," Louis replied, "W-w-w-would y-y-y-you l-l-l-l-l-like t-t-to b-b-b-buy th-th-th-this b-b-b-b-bible f-f-for t-t-ten b-b-b-bucks ----- o-o-o-or----- wo-wo-would yo-you j-j-j-just l-like m-m-me t-t-to st-st-stand h-h-here and r-r-r-r-r-read it t-to y-y-you??"



BORN IN DECEMBER

- 1st. 1945 Bette Midler Aiea HI, singer
2nd. 1940 Willie Brown NFL defensive back
3rd. 1937 Bobby Allison auto racer
4th. 1949 Jeff Bridges Los Angeles CA, actor
5th. 1839 George Armstrong Custer Major General
6th. 1896 Ira Gershwin New York City. American lyricist
7th 1956 Larry Bird West Baden, Indiana Boston Celtics
8th. 1953 Kim Basinger Athens GA, actress
9th, 1941 Beau Bridges Los Angeles CA,
10th, 1914 Dorothy Lamour New Orleans LA, actress
11th, 1882 Fiorello H. LaGuardia was born in New York
New York Mayor
12th, 1943 Grover Washington Jr. Jazz artist, Buffalo, N.Y
13th . **Mario DiDonato**
1929 Christopher Plummer Toronto Ontario, actor
14th ,**Pat Combs**
1911 Spike Jones Long Beach CA, composer
15th. 1832 Alexandre Eiffel French engineer,
Dijon, France
16th, 1962 William "The Refrigerator" Perry
NFL defensive back, Aiken, South Carolina
17th, 1935 Cal Ripken Sr baseball manager
18th, 1916 Betty Grable St Louis MO,
great legs/actress
19th, 1933 Cicely Tyson Harlem NY, actress
20th, 1868 Harvey S. Firestone, industrialist
Columbiana County, Ohio
21st, 1937 Jane Fonda New York NY, actress
22nd, 1943 Billie Jean King Long Beach CA,
tennis pro
23rd, 1948 Jack Ham NFL linebacker
24th, 1918 Anwar El Sadat Egypt,
President of Egypt
25th, 1899 Humphrey Bogart New York NY, actor
26th, 1947 Carlton Fisk Vermont, catcher
27th, 1915 William Howell Masters sex author/physician
28th , **JOAN TAYLOR**
1931 Martin Milner Detroit MI, actor
29th, 1947 Ted Danson San Diego CA, actor
30th. 1939 Del Shannon Coopersville MI, rocker
31ST .**CHERYL PIETRASZEWSKI**
1937 [Philip] Anthony Hopkins Port Talbot West
Glamorgan Wales, actor



IT HAPPENED IN DECEMBER

- 1st, 1941 - The American Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a U.S. Air Force auxiliary, was founded
2nd, 1954 - The U.S. Senate condemned Senator Joseph McCarthy for misconduct following his ruthless investigations of thousands of alleged Communists
3rd, 1967 - The first successful heart transplant was performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in Cape Town, South African
4th, 1991 - The last American hostage held in Lebanon was released.
5th, 1492 - Haiti was discovered by Christopher Columbus.
6th, 1973 - Gerald Ford was sworn in as vice president under Richard Nixon
7th1787 - Delaware became the first state to adopt the new constitution of the United States of America
8th1980 - Former *Beatle* John Lennon was assassinated in New York City
9th, 1907 1st Christmas Seals sold at a DE post office
10th1799 Metric system established in France
11th1901 - The first transatlantic radio signal was transmitted from England, to St. John's, Newfoundland.
12th, 1998 - The House Judiciary Committee approved articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton
13th, 1903 Wright Brothers make 1st flight at Kittyhawk
14th1799 - George Washington died at Mount Vernon
15th,1890 -Sioux Chief Sitting Bull killed in South Dakota
16th, 1773 - The Boston Tea Party activists disguised as Indians boarded British ships anchored in Boston Harbor
17th, 1791 NYC traffic regulation creates 1st 1-way street
18th, 1956 - Japan was admitted to the United Nations..
19th, 1843 Charles Dickens publishes "A Christmas Carol" in England
20th, 1989 -U.S. invades Panama to capture Manuel Noriega.
21st, 1945 - General George Patton died in Germany following a car accident
22nd, 1775 Continental navy organized with 7 ships
23rd,1912 1st "Keystone Kops" film, "Hoffmeyer's Legacy"
24th, 1893 Henry Ford completes his 1st useful gas motor
25th, 1868 - President Andrew Johnson granted general amnesty to all those involved in the Civil War.
26th1862 1st US navy hospital ship enters service
27th, 1945 - The International Monetary Fund was established in Washington, D.C.
28th, 1895 World's 1st movie theater opens in Paris
29th, 1862 Bowling ball invented
30th, 1922 - The USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) was established through the confederation of Russia, Byelorussia, Ukraine and the Transcaucasian Federation..
31st. 1890 Ellis Island (New York NY) opens as a US immigration depot