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Somehow, some way, may this be a Christmas worth remembering

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We had difficulties when we were growing up in Martin county, Kentucky but overall, we thought we were doing okay. President Lyndon Johnson came to Inez, Kentucky in 1964 to let us know we weren't doing very well. He began his campaign in our community and we became the poster child for American poverty. We hadn't really thought of ourselves as poor until we started hearing about ourselves in the news.

I had numerous friends who didn't get much for Christmas. Often it was one or two small gifts or nothing at all.

Several classmates at my elementary school in Tomahawk, Kentucky were fortunate if they had a coat to wear in the winter. Ragged looking shoes on a kid's feet during the winter was a common sight.

Several classmates came to school to wash their faces and hands in the boys' bathroom. The school lunch was the only decent meal some of the kids ate during the week.

It was a while before President Johnson's 1964 promises started helping our area. Even with the roll out of government assistance many families subsisted until the coal boom of the seventies which has almost died. Today our county is reinventing itself with agriculture, a service center to aid bitcoin mining, tourism and small businesses.

I don't remember every Christmas, but I remember one. My dad broke his back falling off a barn when I was a child. He was out of work for several months and in those days, we didn't have government safety nets to see us through tough financial times. Christmas came as usual and we did put up a tree. Our family gathered on Christmas Eve and we had food, fellowship and laughter. We always raised a garden and my parents stored food so it came in handy during tough times.

I expected nothing for Christmas that year because the heaviness of family financial pressure was obvious even as a child. Surprisingly, my mother handed me a small wrapped box that Christmas Eve and said Merry Christmas. I was shocked because I expected nothing that year. Opening the box, I found a watch that had numbers that glowed in the dark. It may have cost \$5 but it was priceless to me. I was thrilled and wore it every night to just look at the glowing numbers.

Dad was recuperating that Christmas. His temporary disability and our financial stress made life gloomy for us that year. Yet, here I am remembering that Christmas as one of the best of all. It was during that Christmas that I remember the presence of family. Mom and dad were alive. We had food to eat. We had a roof over our heads and our family had each other.

This may not be your best Christmas, but maybe, just maybe you can still have Christmas.

The empty chair is painful. Depression is real. Financial or other personal difficulties may have disabled you. Millions have died from Covid-19. Thousands are suffering from horrific tornadoes and loss of life. Hurricanes have pounded us in the East and fires have incinerated our West. In the midst of all this inflation eats away at America's paychecks like an unchecked malignancy.

The message of Christmas is the story of peasant parents, enduring difficult travel, taxes to be paid and no place to sleep but a barn and a cow's trough for their newborn baby. Somehow, they found strength in each other and in God who brought them and their baby through a very difficult time. We never forget their story and their plight, it's truly a Christmas worth remembering.

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Immanuel in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. Isaiah, who prophesied about the birth of Christ, lived about how many years prior? 50, 150, 400, 700
3. Where does the Bible tell us that Jesus was born on Dec. 25? Does not, Matthew 3:4, Mark 1:1, Luke 7:7
4. From Luke 2:2, who was governor of Syria at the time of Jesus' birth? Augustus, Barabbas, Cyrenius, Dalphon
5. What priest was told he would not die until he saw the Savior? Joazar, Matthias, Simeon, Elionus
6. Who informed Joseph that the baby's name was to be Jesus? Herod, Pilate, Mary, An angel

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 700; 3) Does not; 4) Cyrenius; 5) Simeon; 6) An angel

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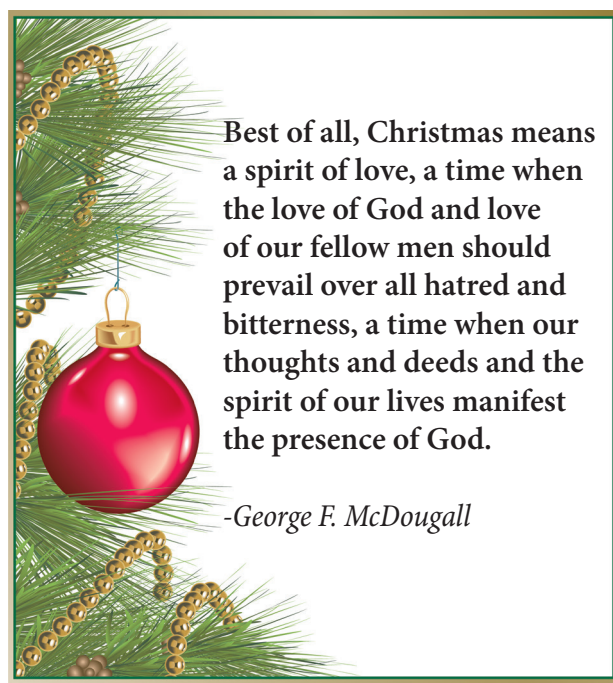
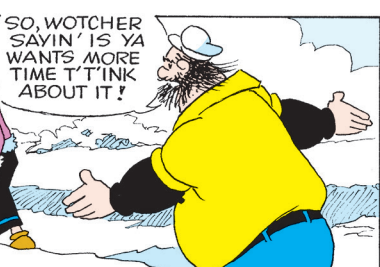
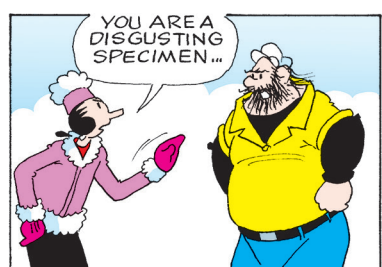
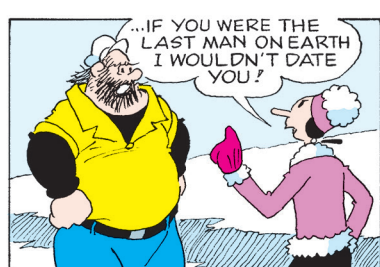
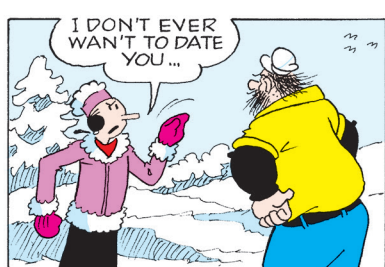
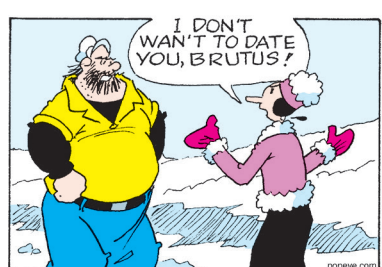
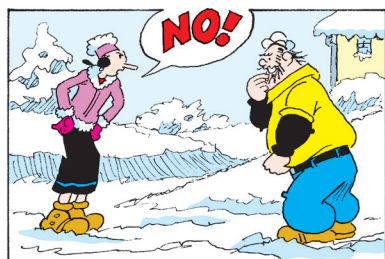
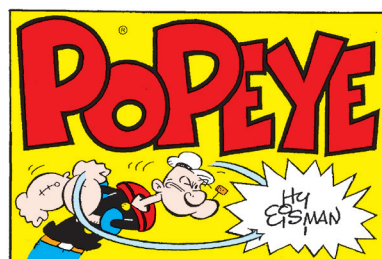
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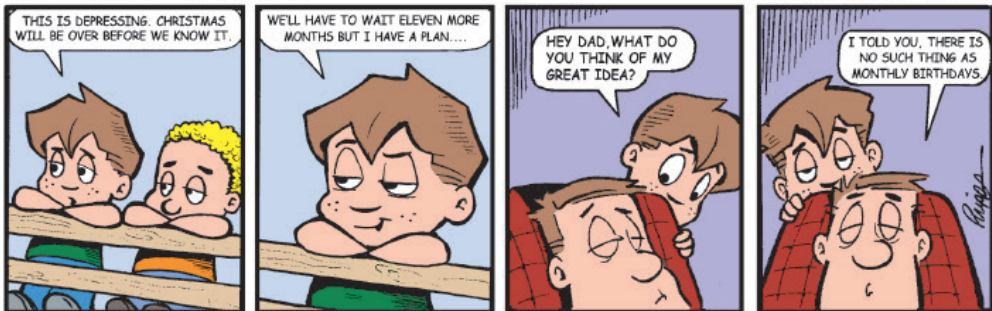


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-George F. McDougall

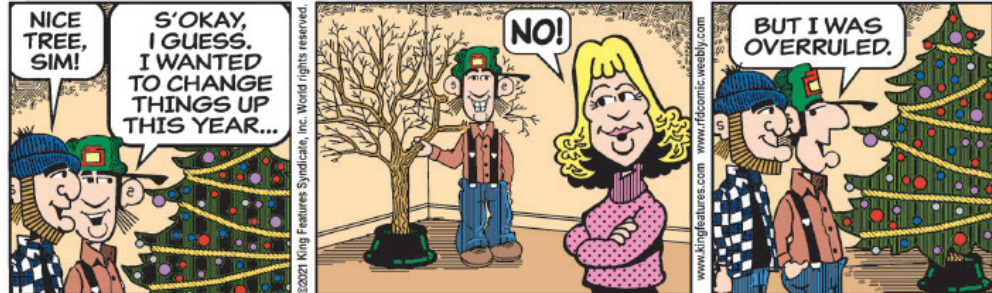
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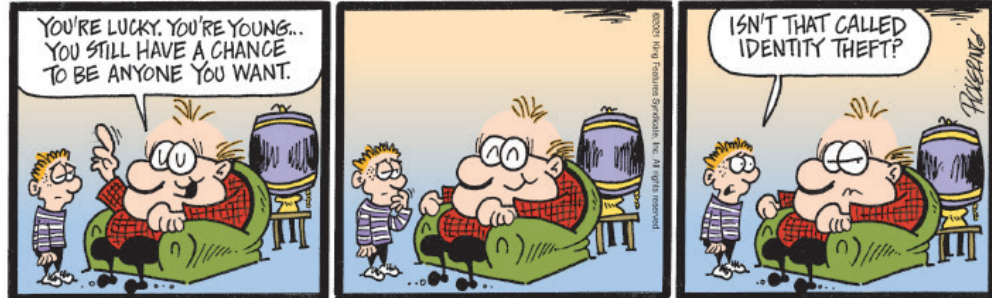
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fork is shorter. 2. Boots are different. 3. Hat is different. 4. Arm is showing. 5. Oven mitt is different. 6. Grill leg is removed.

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King Crossword

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ACROSS

- Earring site
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- Blog entry
- Regrettably
- Fuss
- "May It Be" singer
- Dealer's foe
- Moving-day rental
- Aviation prefix
- Energetic person
- Galley supply
- Strikers' queue
- Manhandled
- Chemical suffix
- Hobbyist's abbr.
- Rue the run
- German conjunction
- Lavish party
- Paulo
- Fuel stat
- Devil's domain
- Playgoer's souvenir
- Writer
- Quindlen
- Short jacket
- Gambling game
- Jay follower
- San —, Italy
- Help a crook
- Hosp. sections
- Author
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- Striped fish
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- Deco artist
- Greek mountain
- Ad nauseam
- Oyster's prize
- Biased
- Aleppo's land (Abbr.)
- Eastern "way"
- Central
- Consumed
- Monarchs
- Evening, in an ad
- Peepers
- Bygone days
- Exotic berry
- "So what?"
- Chimney pipes
- Maker of ornate eggs
- Gents
- Coloration
- Shoelace
- woes
- Secret rendezvous
- Dread
- Send forth
- Portrayal
- "Terrif!"
- Lawyers' gp.
- Altar constellation

DOWN

- Crow's-nest
- Skin care brand
- Hoedown site
- Jailbreak participant
- Mayhem
- Crow's-nest cry
- Evening, in an ad
- Peepers
- Bygone days
- Exotic berry
- "So what?"

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Trivia Test Answerst

- Macy's
- Who benefts?
- Rudolph has a shiny red nose
- Chuck E. Cheese
- A cooler, darker area on the surface of the sun
- Richard Nixon, who also could play four other instruments
- "Hamilton"
- "Little Women," by Louisa May Alcott
- Caribbean Sea
- "Little Women," by Louisa May Alcott

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is the name of the department store where Kris Kringle works in the 1947 "Miracle on 34th Street"?
- LANGUAGE: What is the English equivalent of the Latin phrase, "Cui bono"?
- TELEVISION: Why do the other reindeer tease Rudolph in the Christmas TV movie?
- AD SLOGANS: Which family restaurant advertises itself as a place "where a kid can be a kid"?
- ASTRONOMY: What is a sunspot?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was a classically trained pianist?
- THEATER: What musical features a group of women called The Schuyler Sisters?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a smorgasbord?
- GEOGRAPHY: In what body of water does the island of Barbados lie?
- LITERATURE: Which famous 19th-century novel begins with the line, "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents."

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Merry Christmas In Heaven
 Mike, Ronny, Bonnie, Steve, Melvin, and Cole Duncan. You are Loved and Not Forgotten During This Christmas Time.

Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday
 Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday to Sunny Gibbs. Candle Will Be Lit in Memory of You. Love and Miss You, Judy.



Piedmont Pets
 December 23, 2021 By Paulette Dean

How is it even possible that it is almost 2022? It is hard to believe that the world has dealt with a pandemic for almost two years. So much has changed, and yet there are still many things that have not. All around us for the past two years we have seen evidence of the constant kindness of some people. There are so many people who recognize the richness that animals can bring into our lives.

In 1966, we left Germany where we had lived for three years and moved to California for our Army father to serve as a National Guard adviser for two years. It was then that our parents thought it would be a good time to add a dog to the family and our beloved Walter came to live with us.

On that first Christmas morning and for every Christmas until he died in 1978, Walter had wrapped presents under the tree. He knew exactly what he was to do with them and loved being a part of the family celebration.

As I remember Walter with great love, I also contrast the Christmases (and every other day) I now know some animals will have; it truly is heartbreaking. However, I also love to think of the kindnesses that people perform for the animals.

One day a few years ago, I was driving towards the shelter. On busy River Street, I saw a turtle crossing the road. I quickly tried to turn around to get it. Before I could, a saw a man stop his car, jump out, quickly run over the turtle, and then put it gently on the grassy area. The turtle was saved and I found out later that the man was none other than a police officer, Jim Godfrey, who also plays Santa for our pet photos.



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Jim Godfrey is not the only police officer who rescues animals. I have found the police officers to be very compassionate as we have gone to many neglect and cruelty calls with them. Let's concentrate on that turtle story, though.

That one act of kindness for the turtle did not solve world problems, nor did it stop a war. The little boy who put a handful of cat food in a sandwich bag to be given to a collection drive certainly did not stop the starvation of all animals. The person who comes to the shelter when they can to walk a dog or cuddle a cat may think their short time made no difference. But each little act of kindness combines to make the world a better place, even if that means helping one tiny animal.

During this Hanukkah and Christmas season, may we remember to do something kind for the animals? Honestly, the Walters and turtles of the world depend upon us to do just that.

KOVELS Antiques & Collecting
 By Terry and Kim Kovel

Splatterware Pitcher

It is easy to guess what this is — a rainbow splatterware water pitcher. But how old is it? Spatterware was first made in the late 1700s in England, but most found today dates from about 1800 to 1850 in Staffordshire, England, made to sell in the United States.

Unfortunately, the word “spatterware” now has several meanings, probably because novice collectors didn't realize there is a difference between spatter and spongeware. Another hazard is that there are fairly good copies of spatterware made today to be used in the kitchen. Experts can tell the old from the new by the shape, weight and the white glaze color. They also know the difference in the look of a spattered paint mark and the mark left by a paint-dipped sponge.

Old rainbow spatter like this pitcher is expensive, and the double G-scroll handle is an added value feature. This piece sold with the buyers' premium for \$5,227.



This 11-inch-high antique rainbow splatterware water pitcher with bands in five different colors sold for more than \$5,000 at a Conestoga auction last year.

\$250 to about \$500. Coca-Cola versions are worth the most. Restored examples sell into the thousands. Without product advertising, they are worth less, about \$100 to \$300.

Q. When I bought my beauty shop in 1972, it had a Coke machine. It was made by the Vendo Company of Kansas City. Cokes cost 15 cents. But it isn't the typical red-and-white Coke machine — the front looks like wood and has eight panels with black trim. The machine still works, and I have it in my home. Could you tell me its value?

A. The Vendo company was started in the late 1930s in Kansas City, Missouri. The Vendo Model 56 vending machine was designed about 1956 and made until the mid-1960s. The machine held 56 bottles, sizes 8 ounces to 12 ounces, in up to seven varieties. It was offered in red and white, red and white with woodgrain, and with woodgrain “decorator doors” that made it look like a cabinet rather than a brightly colored soda machine. Styles included Danish, Provincial, Colonial, Traditional and Mediterranean, like yours.

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TIP: Store plates vertically in a rack or stack them with a felt plate protector between each plate.

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IALR'S NEW 'WREATHS FOR A CAUSE' PROGRAM RAISES OVER \$16,000 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

65 holiday wreaths were auctioned at open house event to support over 50 nonprofits

(DANVILLE, Va.) – The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) raised more than \$16,000 for local charities through a new “Wreaths for a Cause” holiday program. More than 100 guests attended the Dec. 14 open house to celebrate the holidays, enjoy door prizes and participate in a live and silent auction of wreaths – all to benefit area nonprofit organizations.

Similar to IALR's former “Decorating the Trees for a Cause” program, this year area businesses and organizations created and displayed 65 wreaths in IALR's atrium in honor of their selected charities to raise funds in the form of votes, or donations. The public visited IALR's atrium Nov. 29-Dec. 14 to vote for wreaths with a donation. Each of the more than 50 charities represented retained those funds, and the wreath that collected the most money (donated by Goodyear Tire and Rubber to support United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County) received a bonus of \$500 at the open house. Two random drawings of all wreaths awarded additional \$500 bonus awards to participating charities Danville Pittsylvania County Cancer Association, supported by Computer Bookkeeping & Tax Service, and Caswell Pet Lifeline Rescue, supported by Linden Rose Boutique. All wreaths were then auctioned off, raising more funds for the supported charities.

“Not only was the open house event a festive and fun holiday gathering, but it was truly rewarding to see the generosity of the guests in attendance as they gave toward the many worthwhile causes represented,” said Ellen Bass of IALR. “It was the first year we introduced decorated wreaths as a fresh take on our previous holiday tree program, and it was fulfilling to see it so well received. We thank all of the businesses, organizations and open house attendees who gave their time and resources to help the nonprofits in our communities.”

At the open house, Austin Scher of the Danville Otterbots (and chair of the United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County campaign) served as master of ceremonies, and Rita Smith of River City Auction served as wreath auctioneer. All guests had an opportunity to win door prizes donated from local businesses. The nearly \$1,300 in proceeds from the event ticket sales went to the United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County.

“Wreaths for a Cause” sponsors included URW Community Federal Credit Union, an anonymous donor, Commonwealth Home Health Care, Piedmont Infusion Services and Links Coffee House Café. Since IALR began a holiday fundraising program for nonprofits in 2010, more than \$135,000 has been raised for charitable causes.

The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research serves Virginia as a regional catalyst for economic transformation with applied research, advanced learning, advanced manufacturing, conference center services and economic development efforts. IALR's major footprint focuses within Southern Virginia, including the counties of Patrick, Henry, Franklin, Pittsylvania, Halifax and Mecklenburg along with the cities of Martinsville and Danville. For more information, visit www.ialr.org.

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Governor Announces Funds that will Significantly Benefit Berry Hill Megasite

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced on Thursday that \$150 million will be allocated to expand the Virginia Business Ready Site Program, and \$100 million of that will be used specifically for mega sites across the Commonwealth. While making the announcement at Danville's Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, Northam acknowledged that these funds will help enhance the Southern Virginia Megasite at Berry Hill, the largest Megasite in the southeast United States.

Holiday schedule for city offices, services

The Municipal Building and all other City of Danville government offices will close for the Christmas holiday beginning Thursday, Dec. 23, and will remain closed until Monday, Dec. 27.

The Ruby B. Archie Public Library and the James F. Ingram Justice Center (courthouse) also will close beginning on Thursday and will remain closed until Monday.

However, household trash and yard waste will be collected on Thursday and Friday as regularly scheduled.

Danville Transit buses will run on regular service hours on Thursday, but they will not operate on Friday and Saturday.

In observance of the New Year's Day holiday, the Municipal Building and all other City of Danville government offices, and the library will be closed on Friday, Dec. 31, and will remain closed until Monday, Jan. 3.

The courthouse will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 30, and on Friday, Dec. 31.

Household trash and yard waste will be collected on Friday, Dec. 31, as regularly scheduled.

Danville Transit buses will run on regular service hours on Friday, Dec. 31, but they will not operate on New Year's Day.

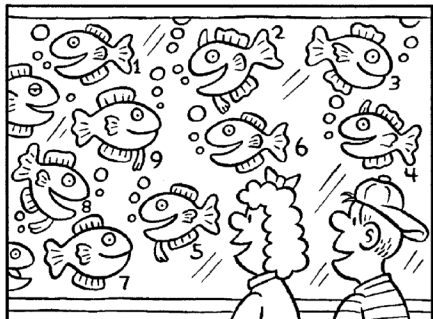
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SCHOOL'S OUT! Two of the fish in the above tank are exactly alike. See if you can find them before the bigger fish does. Answer: Numbers 1 and 6.



MANY WORDS! What six-letter word contains an additional six words within itself, without moving any of the letters around? Herein -- he, her, here, ere, re, rein, in.

THE "C" PYRAMID! Pictured at right is a word pyramid. Each word, as you go down the pyramid, contains the same letters as the word above it plus a new letter. We give you all of the C's. Here are some hints from the top down.

- 1) Musical tone (given).
- 2) Master of ceremonies.
- 3) Eccentric wheel.
- 4) Fraudulent scheme.
- 5) Medieval war clubs.
- 6) Ships of the desert.
- 7) To make still.
- 8) Way to cook eggs.

The words are c, mc, cam, scam, maces, camels, becalms, scramble.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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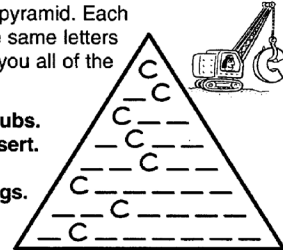
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Can you fill in our puzzle grid? In each case we give you an "ape" and a hint to guide you through our jungle of incomplete words. Also, if you get them all correct, the middle letters, read across, will name a jungle animal.

1. Highest points.
2. North American Indian infant.
3. Give one's OK.
4. Measuring instrument.
5. Small knife.
6. Put into practice.
7. Low protective wall.

Insert the answers in the grid top to bottom.

animal is "gorilla."
Applied: 7. Parapel. The jungle.
Approved: 4. Caliper. 5. Scalpel. 6. 1. Apogees. 2. Papoose. 3.



Illustrated by David Coulson

OBITUARIES

"For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8

Allen Wayne Stowe

May 14, 1962 ~ December 13, 2021 (age 59)



Mr. Allen Wayne Stowe, age 59, of Danville, Virginia, passed away on Monday, December 13, 2021, at SOVAH Health in Danville.

Mr. Stowe was born on May 14, 1962, in Danville to Vernon Lee Stowe and Joyce A. Eanes. He lived his life in Danville where he worked at the

Hatcher Center for many years.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Stowe is survived by his stepbrother, Timmy Eanes; Sister, Katherine Diane Stowe; stepmother, Betty Stowe; and nephew, Edward Pugh.

Mr. Stowe was predeceased by his stepfather, Freddy Eanes.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 17, 2021, at 2 PM at Swicegood Funeral Home with Reverend Mike Taylor officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Schoolfield Cemetery. At other times, the family will receive friends at the residence of Tim Eanes. (1645 Piney Forest Road, Danville, VA 24540).

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Stowe family.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What team selected 17-year-old Jermaine O'Neal in the first round of the 1996 NBA Draft?
2. Name the ESPN game show that had contestants taking on statistician Howie Schwab in a showdown of sports trivia knowledge.
3. During the 2012 and '13 seasons, what Cincinnati Reds pitcher threw the 279th and 280th no-hitters in Major League Baseball history?
4. What legendary Dutch striker played for Manchester United (2001-06) and Real Madrid (2006-10), and scored 35 goals for the Netherlands national team from 1998-2011?
5. Name the Tennessee Titans wide receiver who scored the winning touchdown versus the Buffalo Bills in the "Music City Miracle" AFC wild-card playoff game in January 2000.
6. What World Golf Hall of Famer was the first Mexican golfer -- either male or female -- to achieve the world No. 1 rank?
7. What short-lived Marvel Comics series, first published in 1991, centered on an ex-NFL player who derived special crime-fighting powers from spilled chemicals and a nearly indestructible football uniform?

Answers

1. The Portland Trail Blazers.
2. "Stump the Schwab."
3. Homer Bailey.
4. Ruud van Nistelrooy.
5. Kevin Dyson.
6. Lorena Ochoa.
7. "NFL SuperPro."

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By Lucie Winborne

* The Greek playwright Aeschylus was killed in 455 B.C. when an eagle, mistaking his bald head for a rock, dropped a tortoise on it. According to Pliny, Aeschylus was spending a lot of time in the open to avoid a prophecy that he would be killed by a falling object!

* Rats cannot vomit. Neither can horses.

* Soviet tenor Victor Ivanovich Nikitin had such an appealing voice that when he sang to his Soviet comrades during World War II, German troops on the Eastern Front ceased fire to listen.

* The human heart can squirt blood up to a distance of 30 feet.

* The American football huddle was invented in 1892 by Paul Hubbard, a quarterback from then all-deaf Gallaudet University, to stop the opposing team from reading their signs.

* A woman who was blinded in an accident developed multiple personalities -- some of which could see.

* An average raindrop falls at a speed of roughly 7 mph.

* When it comes to educating future billionaires, Harvard University holds the lead with an astonishing 29 billionaire alumni as of 2021.

* A town named Hell in Norway freezes over quite regularly.

* Do your lips get annoyingly dry in the winter? Better read the ingredients in that lip balm, as quite a few of them contain salicylic acid, which can exacerbate the problem and cause your lips to peel -- necessitating even more lip balm.

* The first plant to flower and produce seeds in space was Arabidopsis thaliana, grown in 1982 by the crew of the Soviet Salyut 7 on the International Space Station.

* It is illegal to step on money in Thailand because you would be insulting the king by treading on his picture.

Thought for the Day: "The only path wide enough for us all is love." -- Kamand Kojouri

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1. Name the first group that had a No. 1 R&B hit with "Get Ready."
2. How many instruments did Prince play on his debut album in 1978?
3. How did Duane Eddy initially get that twang sound out of his guitar?
4. What was the first song played on "American Bandstand"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "When you're all alone in your lonely room, And there's nothing but the smell of her perfume."

Answers

1. The Temptations, in 1966. Rare Earth released a cover in 1970, and although their version went gold, it didn't top the charts.
2. All of them. On "For You," Prince played over two dozen different instruments. He was 19 years old.
3. Eddy used a gigantic empty water storage tank when the recording studio didn't have an echo chamber. His song "Rebel-'Rouser" was featured in the 1994 film "Forrest Gump" in the scene where Forrest runs from bullies and cuts across the football field.
4. "Whole Lotta Shakin Goin' On," by Jerry Lee Lewis, on Aug. 5, 1957.
5. "Cry to Me," by Solomon Burke in 1962. Burke's version was used in the 1987 film "Dirty Dancing" with Patrick Swayze. Take a listen to the version by unknown Anthony Alvarez on YouTube. In fact, check out his whole channel.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Boot-Camp for Veteran-Owned Businesses

 Last summer, the Department of Veterans Affairs brought together 80 women veteran business owners for a six-month boot camp hosted by PenFed and the VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU). The goal: teach them how to grow their businesses.

The education they received was like a fast-tracked MBA with hands-on classes in product/market analysis, business development and more. At the end of the six months there was a pitch competition to win a grant for their business.

The Veteran Entrepreneur Investment Program (VEIP), in collaboration with PenFed, has much to offer veterans who already have a business up and running.

To learn more about PenFed, go to veip.penfed-foundation.org. Read about its various programs, especially the Master's Program start-up fundraising accelerator. Application deadline for the Spring 2022 program is Jan. 30. The eight-week program is part of an intensive one-year Master's Program. Classes are open to veterans and their spouses who own businesses, and include fundraising coaching, mentor matching and investor deal day.

If you don't qualify for the Master's Program because you don't have the required number of years running your business or because you haven't even started your business, there is other help for you.

The Small Business Administration offers support, grants, low-interest loans and more to veteran owners of small businesses under the "Patriot Express" program. Search the VA website (va.gov) for small business. Look carefully at the eligibility requirements, such as that the business needs to be more than 51% veteran-owned. Look for information at the OSDBU website.

If your location to open a business is flexible, check the VEIP website (veip.penfedfoundation.org) for its list of top cities for veteran entrepreneurs. Find out which locations top the list in categories such as growing economy, support for veterans and ability to start a business. Don't miss the list of emerging cities to get ahead of the curve.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With the new year's opportunities almost within reach, the Arian's courageous aspects are raring to go. And don't be surprised if a lot of people follow the zodiac's most trusted leader.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Change lies ahead for the brave Bovine who is ready to shuck off the tried and true to try something new. But appearances can be deceptive. Check it all out before you charge into anything.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This week promises a peek into what the new year holds for the Gemini Twins, both in love and careers. Family matters continue to be a factor in decisions you're going to be facing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) As you move into the new year, your travel aspects grow stronger, and you might find yourself making decisions about a destination and a traveling companion sooner than you'd expected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The new year holds both glitter and gold. This means Leos and Leonas should begin getting the facts they'll need to separate the real thing from the sham in order to make important decisions next year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A good way to start the new year might be to arrange for a visit to someone you haven't seen in a long time. You also might want to pick up that project you put off a while back.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) As you contemplate the new year's potential, you might want to talk things over with people who are or have been where you want to go. Their experience and advice can be helpful.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone close to you might feel like you have no more room for him or her in your life. This calls for immediate reassurance of your love so you can start the new year on a high note.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The coming year will bring more people into your life. Some situations might not work out as well as others. But overall, everyone earns something, and that's always a good thing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new year could find you indulging in one or more of the hobbies you've always wanted to take up. And don't be surprised if they ultimately direct you toward a new career.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The artistic Aquarian should find more opportunities in the new year. You might even make some potentially helpful contacts as you gather to ring in the year 2022.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The new year offers challenges for Pisceans who want to make better use of the skills they now have and learn new ones. Personal relationships show stronger positive aspects.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although at times you tend to be a bit judgmental, you are generous and caring and very much beloved.

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- 1 (12 oz) can evaporated milk can use 1 1/2 cups "regular" milk if you like
- 1 teaspoon salt or more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 (28 oz) bag Frozen Potatoes O'Brien w/ Onions & Peppers keep frozen
- 2 cups chopped ham
- 1 (8 oz) bag shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 (8 oz) bag shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- Optional toppings
- Cilantro
- Green onions

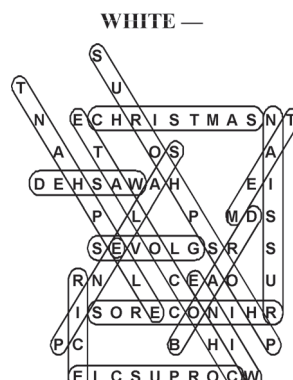
INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13 pan with cooking spray.
- In a large bowl whisk together eggs, milk, salt, and pepper. Set aside.
- In another VERY large bowl, mix together frozen potatoes (break up any clumps), ham, and the three cheeses.
- Pour egg mixture over potato mixture and stir to combine.
- Pour mixture into prepared pan.
- Bake, uncovered, for about 1 hour - 1 hour 15 minutes, or until bubbling and the eggs have set and the potatoes are tender.
- Remove from oven and let rest for about 5-10 minutes.
- Top with cilantro and green onions, if desired, serve and enjoy!



Yard Sales
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See You Next Week!



Even Exchange answers

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Charm, Chart | 6. Tackle, Tickle |
| 2. Listen, Liston | 7. Moose, Mouse |
| 3. Fable, Table | 8. Patch, Parch |
| 4. Davis, David | 9. Frost, Front |
| 5. Hamper, Hammer | 10. Braise, Bruise |

City Preacher

Having grown up just outside New York City, I barely knew a cow from an ear of corn. Until, that is, I married a small-town Ohio girl. While I was in seminary school, I had a temporary assignment at a church in a rural community. The day of my first sermon, I tried very hard to fit in. Maybe too hard.

With my wife sitting in the first pew, I began my discourse: "I never saw a cow until I met my wife."

OK! YES! I WENT TO MY OLD GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE LAST NIGHT! IT'S MY JOB!



Pulled Over

"Hey you! Pull over!" shouted the traffic cop.

The lady complied, and the judge next day fined her twenty-five dollars.

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* To prevent candle wax from sticking to a candleholder, swipe the inside with a little olive oil. It'll do the trick!

* Make your own gift wrap from everyday items like newspaper (think color comics) and children's drawings, which can be glued together along the edges. For a really unique wrapping, try inexpensive fabric.

* Cookies are so fun to make (and to eat). To save some of your favorites for the new year, simply place dough balls on a cookie sheet and freeze. Pop into a freezer-safe bag, and you can have freshly baked cookies pretty much anytime! -- JoAnn

* "I have two carafes that I use for my breakfast bar. I keep coffee in one, and the other holds milk or cream. On holiday nights, I prep the cream carafe and put it in the fridge. In the morning, while the first pot of coffee is brewing, I fill the coffee carafe with hot water and let it sit until the coffee is ready. It keeps the coffee hot longer. Then guests can serve themselves some coffee while the next pot is brewing." -- D.A. in Ohio

* "Wine: Nobody I know is wasting it. But if you're done before the bottle is, pour the leftover wine into ice-cube trays to save it. You can use it later in recipes or (my favorite) to chill a glass of wine!" -- E. in Florida

* A can opener's crevices can be cleaned by "opening" a length of waxed paper. Kitchen scissors can be sharpened by folding a piece of aluminum foil and cutting through it with the scissors.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Daughter: Dad, I have a flat tire!

Dad: Can't you call your husband?

Daughter: I tried, he didn't answer .

Dad: Do you have a spare ?

Daughter: He didn't answer either.

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