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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your genuine concern for others could prompt you to promise more than you can deliver. It's best to modify your plans now before you wind up overcommitted later.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A situation that seems simple at first glance needs a more thorough assessment before you give it your OK. Dig deeper for information that might be hidden from view.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Careful: Right now, things might not be quite what they appear. Even the intuitive Crab could misread the signs. Get some solid facts before you act on your suspicions.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels are high, allowing you to complete those unfinished tasks before you decide to take on a new project. A social invitation could come from an unlikely source.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You might think you're helping, but unless you're asked for a critique, don't give it. If you are asked, watch what you say. Your words should be helpful, not hurtful.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your attempt at mediating disputes might meet some opposition at first. But once you're shown to be fair and impartial, resistance soon gives way to cooperation.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Go ahead. Reward yourself for helping settle a disturbing workplace situation. On another note: A personal relationship might be moving to a higher level.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A sudden change of heart by a colleague might create some momentary uncertainty. But stay with your original decision and, if necessary, defend it.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Rely on a combination of your sharp instincts along with some really intense information gathering to help you make a possibly life-changing decision.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Instead of worrying if that new person in your life will stay or leave, spend all that energy on strengthening your relationship so it becomes walkout-resistant.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A sudden financial dry spell could reduce your cash flow to a trickle. But by conserving more and spending less, you'll get through the crunch in good shape.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your ability to keep secrets makes you the perfect confidante for friends, family and co-workers.

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
 by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Issachar in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. What bread component did Jesus compare with the kingdom of heaven? Yeast, Crust, Gluten, Wheat

3. Which of the 12 tribes of Israel wasn't allotted any land? Simeon, Dan, Asher, Levi

4. Who removed a thorn from the lion's foot? Benjamin, Job, Naphtali, Androcles

5. How many books of the Bible (KJV) are credited to Moses? 3, 4, 5, 6

6. What was first to be released from Noah's Ark? Gull, Dove, Raven, Serpent

**ANSWERS:** 1) Neither, 2) Yeast, 3) Levi, 4) Androcles, 5) Five, 6) Raven

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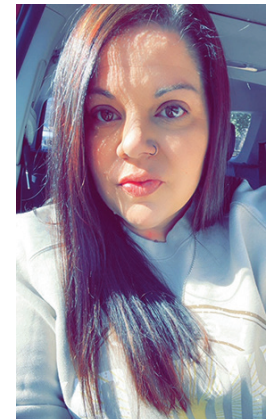
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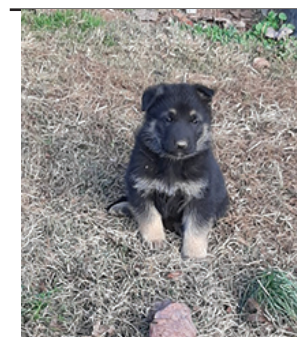
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On that first Saturday, Board President Joanie Schwarz gave me a tour of the shelter. We had just built 28 dog runs, but the first dog I saw was in the oldest area of the shelter. She was in the first run on the left. She was emaciated and was severely affected by mange. She wagged her tail at me, and Joanie told me that the dog did not know how horrible she looked. I was devastated and wondered if I would be able to volunteer. I was able to clean the cat cages, but the second I walked into my apartment, I burst into tears. That happened every time I volunteered.

Because of that experience, I can empathize with volunteers who have a hard time adjusting emotionally to the shelter. It takes finding a way to forget personal pain in order to serve the animals. It is hard to do and being a shelter volunteer is simply not for everyone.

At the end of Thanksgiving, we give our sincere gratitude to the volunteers who help at the shelter.

Some come to sit quietly in Camp Meow Meow or Kitty Corner, happy to have lots of kittens and cats climb all over them. The cats in cages in the larger cat room love to have a tender touch through the cage doors.

Other volunteers love to take dogs outside for walks, give puppies a bath, or just spend time with them.

The shelter employees stay so busy with the everyday, more mundane tasks associated with the daily care of the many animals, that volunteers provide the vital socialization and enrichment activities to help the animals.

Will volunteers see emaciated dogs? Yes. Will volunteers see animals that have been victims of neglect or cruelty? Yes. Will volunteers go home and cry? Maybe not every time, but probably some of the time.

Will a volunteer find purpose and joy by helping the animals? Absolutely.

Attendance at an orientation is required. These are held the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 at the animal shelter.

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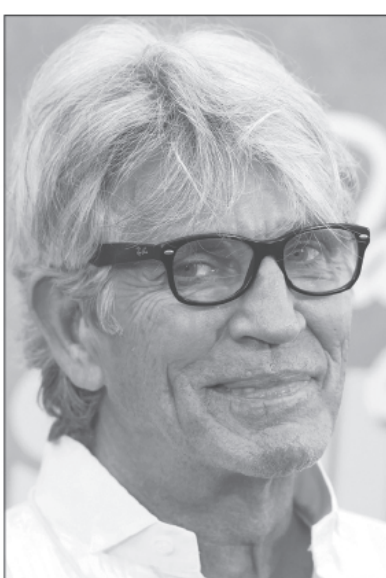
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by Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** — Eric Roberts, Julia Roberts' brother, was once an up-and-coming lead actor. He received Oscar and Golden Globe nominations in 1985 for "Runaway Train," as well as Golden Globe nominations for "King of the Gypsies" (1978) and "Star 80" (1983). But he became a working actor, having acted in more than 515 films. Last year alone, he did 33 films and has 60 projects in the works for next year. But now, at 66, he's landed a plum role playing Margot Robbie's father in Oscar-winning "La La Land" director Damien Chazelle's film, "Babylon," which also stars Brad Pitt, arriving Dec. 23. We'd call it a comeback, but after 515 films, Eric Roberts never went away!



Eric Roberts

**Warren Beatty** now has a lawsuit brought upon him by a woman claiming he coerced her to have sex when she was 14 and he was 35. The suit names "an actor nominated for an Academy Award in 1967 for playing Clyde in 'Bonnie And Clyde.'" The woman alleges they met on the set, and he gave her his phone number instructing her to call. She maintains that they had sex on multiple occasions. A 2019 California law opened a three-year window to file claims of child abuse otherwise barred by the statute of limitations. She's charging Beatty with sexual battery, sexual assault and sex with a minor.

On a happier note ... **Godzilla** turned 68 on Nov. 3, which Toho Studios proclaimed globally as "Godzilla Day." The first "Godzilla" was released in 1954, and to widen its appeal for American audiences, Toho added **Raymond Burr** to the sequel "Godzilla, King of the Monsters!" in 1956 as an on-camera reporter narrating the proceedings. A year later, Burr became Perry Mason for a decade.

Thirty-one more **Godzilla** films followed this sequel. Toho is now preparing a 33rd **Godzilla** film, and

**AppleTV+** is creating a **Godzilla** series.

Is **Steven Spielberg** changing his mind about making films for streaming platforms? He recently admitted, "The pandemic created an opportunity for streaming platforms to raise their subscription levels and also throw some of my filmmaker friends under the bus. ... They were paid off, and their films were suddenly relegated to, in this case, HBO Max. ... And then everything started to change." He claims that audiences who end up making the trek to theaters tend to feel the trip was worthwhile.

However, he used his film "The Post" (2017), which starred **Tom Hanks** and **Meryl Streep** and earned six Oscar nominations, as an example of a film that could have benefited from being a streaming-only release: "The film had something to say to millions of people, and we were never going to get those millions into enough theaters to make a difference."

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## Project Imagine honors latest graduates



Seven teenagers were honored on Tuesday for completing life skills training and goal-setting exercises through Project Imagine, a community violence intervention collaborative that steers gang-prone kids off the streets and into completing school and becoming employed.

Graduating from the program were Iunta Barksdale, Semaj' Jeffries, Stanford Lipscomb, Ta'Shon Nash, William Stamps, Jayden Whitaker, and Torian White.

Robert David, youth services and gang violence prevention coordinator for the City of Danville, commended the youths for deciding to move in another direction and pursue something greater in their life.

"I know you have heard enough negative stuff about yourself," David said, speaking to the graduating kids. "Whatever you have done, we don't care about that. We are worried about where you are going. You have made a decision to do greater things and pursue your dreams. This is the first step."

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Customers may also visit the website at <http://www.vaMoneySearch.org>.

The State Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division operates essentially as a centralized lost and found. It handles unclaimed money and property turned over by companies when they have lost track of the rightful owner.

Unclaimed property can include utility deposits, customer refunds, unpaid wages, money from insurance policies, securities and investments, bank accounts, safe deposit box contents, credit balances, refund or dividend checks, tangible property, and more.

## BBBS Signing Day



It was Signing Day on November 11 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Danville Area's new Big Gary Terry and Little Hamir. Gary is the CEO of Boys and Girls Club of the Danville Area. This is the beginning of a collaborative effort, United Way Operation Graduation, between Boys and Girls Club, Community, Church Based Tutorial, and BBBS of Danville Area.

## BBBS Dinner and Concert



Monday, November 7, we had 11 Littles and 4 Bigs who had dinner at iHop and attended the Motown Forever Concert. Tickets were donated by the Danville Concert Association. Pictured are: Larissa, Little Makyla, Vera, Little Diahmyn, Sheriff Mondul, the Ferrell twins, Ann Lovelace, and Ingram Littles.



Thank You to Dr. Sydney Harris and many others at Sovah Health, Danville for the excellent care I received from them this week.  
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## Keith Andrew Mimms, Jr.

June 10, 1997 ~ November 23, 2022 (age 25)



Keith Andrew Mimms, Jr., age 25, of Pelham, NC, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 in North Charleston, SC.

He was born on June 10, 1997, in Danville, VA,

to Keith Mimms, Sr. and Nancy Simpkins Mimms.

Keith worked in the construction field, as a machine operator and was of the Baptist faith. He loved anything dealing with fast cars and trucks, especially, StreetOut Laws, Big Chief.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brothers, Corey, Thomas, and Joseph Mimms; grandfathers, Edward Mimms and Mark Simpkins; step-grandmothers, Deanna Worley and Marie Gaytan-Simpkins; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Keith was predeceased by his grandmothers, Carol Mimms, Sylvia Mimms, and Rose Paxton.

A private celebration of Keith's life will be held at the residence of his grandfather, Edward Mimms.

Barker Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Mimms family.

## Teressa Mitchell Berg

Sept. 20, 1955 - Nov. 23, 2022



Teressa went home to her Savior Jesus Christ on November 23, 2022 after several years of declining health.

She was born September 20, 1955 to Percy and Ola Bailey in Providence, NC. In 1995 she married Larry Berg who survives. She was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son Danny Wayne Mitchell, Jr., granddaughter,

Jenna Mae Lusk, sisters, Linda Gammon, Patsy Jones, and Rhonda Bailey, and her niece, Debra Jones.

In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her brothers-in-law, Archie Gammon, and Wayne Jones.

Teressa will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Per her request, all arrangements will be private.

Norris Funeral Services, Inc. and Crematory, West End Chapel, 511 Church Ave. Danville is serving the Berg family. Online condolences may be made at [www.norrisfuneral.com](http://www.norrisfuneral.com).

## Rodger Landon Minter

January 5, 1948 - November 17, 2022



Rodger L. Minter, 74, of Danville, VA passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2022. Mr. Minter was born January 5, 1948, in Danville to the late Grover Minter and the late Mary Smith Minter.

Rodger proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Rodger retired from the Danville Register and Bee after 37 years of service. He enjoyed tennis, collecting clocks, and playing old timers' baseball.

He is survived by his wife, Kitty Demott Minter; daughters, Heather Minter and Kristy Wood (Nathaniel); sisters, Brenda Cobb (Jim), Debbie Bryant, and Rhonda Adkins; brothers, Terry Minter (Jan), Dennis Minter (Jackie), and Kevin Minter; and grandchildren, Paxton Hankins, Tristan Wood and Mae Wood.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 21, 2022 at Highland Burial Park with Bishop Ray Mullins and Mark Wiley officiating. The family would like to thank Mountain Valley Hospice for their excellent care of Rodger. Military honors will be provided by American Legion Post 1097, Danville, VA. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Kentuck Elementary School Library, 100 Kentuck Elementary Circle, Ringgold, VA 24586.

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## Sarah Moore

November 24, 2022



Sarah Leigh Moore of Danville, Virginia, 50, passed away on November 24, 2022 at Sovah Health due to respiratory complications.

She is survived by her husband, David G. Moore Jr.; son, Blake Moore; daughter, Elizabeth Moore; mother,

Peggy Thompson and brother, Richard Thompson.

She was preceded in death by her father Kenneth Lee Swaringen.

Rest in Heaven our Angel.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Moore family.

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- Which pop song was about the exploits of Manfred Albrecht Freiherr von Richthofen?
- What was "Lady D'Arbanville" about?
- Who wrote and released "Tell Her No"?
- Which artist wrote the song "Woodstock"?
- Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I've built walls, A fortress deep and mighty, That none may penetrate."

### Answers

- "Snoopy vs. the Red Baron," by the Royal Guardsmen in 1966. Baron von Richthofen was credited with 80 air victories in 1917 but was himself shot down and killed in 1918.
- Cat Stevens wrote the 1970 song when his girlfriend left on a modeling gig for a month. The song mentions a coffin; the girlfriend was justifiably upset and ended the relationship.
- The Zombies, in 1965.
- Joni Mitchell, in 1970. Mitchell herself did not actually attend the Woodstock festival after being told by her agent that it would be better for her career to appear on "The Dick Cavett Show" instead.
- "I Am A Rock," by Simon & Garfunkel, in 1965. The song had different versions, with acoustic guitar and then electric. Then a red vinyl demo was released for radio stations, with mono on one side and stereo on the other.

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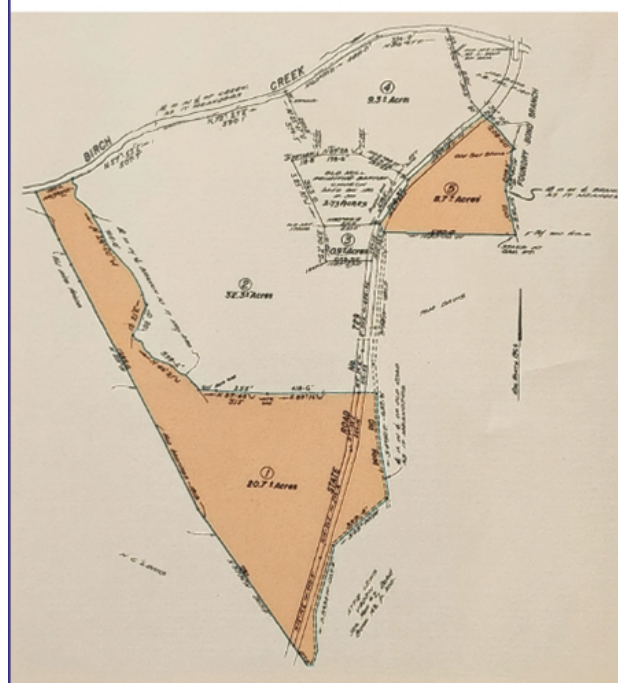
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## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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1. Turn red	__ L __ _ _	Hair accessory	__ R __ _ _
2. Respond	__ _ _ _ T	Extend	__ _ _ _ H
3. Pierre's country	F __ _ _ _	Cavort	P __ _ _ _
4. Clothes basket	__ _ _ _ P	Carpenter's tool	__ _ _ _ M
5. Barnyard baby	__ H __ _ _	Use a mouse	__ L __ _ _
6. Circular	R __ _ _ _	Espied	F __ _ _ _
7. Pasta piece	N __ _ _ _	Curly dog	P __ _ _ _
8. Invigorating	__ _ _ _ S	The very edge	__ _ _ _ N
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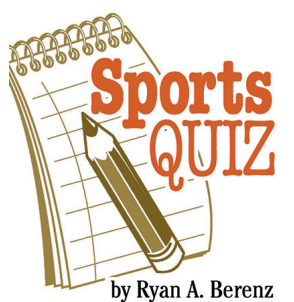
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by Ryan A. Berenz

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2. Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar played airline copilot Roger Murdock in what 1980 comedy film?

3. Defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban, a 1999 first-round NFL Draft pick for the Dallas Cowboys, was the first NFL player born in what country?

4. What company, founded by Jim Jannard in 1975, is a leading manufacturer of sports visors, sunglasses, and ski and snowboard goggles?

5. CAM the Ram is the official mascot of what Mountain West Conference school's athletic teams?

6. Who became the first female acting head coach in NBA history when San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich was ejected during a game in December 2020?

7. What driver was killed in a crash during the final practice session for the 2006 IndyCar Series season-opening race at Homestead-Miami Speedway?

Answers

1. Hungary and the Soviet Union.
2. "Airplane!"
3. Ghana.
4. Oakley.
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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

## Avoiding Holiday Shopping Scams

It's that time of year again when we do holiday shopping, much of it online. It's also the time when more scammers come out.

And what is it scammers want most? They want your personal information so they can turn it into cash and fraudulent purchases.

Here are a few ways to avoid getting scammed online this holiday season:

Beware sales emails that include links, even if the email is from a store you usually use. Thieves are very good at making their scam pages look genuine. Instead of clicking a link, open a web browser and go directly to the website itself. Sometimes the email will request that you update your account information. Instead, call the store and ask if they've sent out that request.

Beware the tracking emails you get with updates about packages that you're expecting. Remember that genuine FedEx and UPS emails won't ask for any personal information from you. Don't click links. Go directly to the website.

Be careful where you shop online. Check reviews to see what others have to say. Avoid those with few or low ratings.

Consider using Amazon for most of your online purchases and having a Prime membership. Amazon is good at protecting customers when it comes to you receiving damaged items or not receiving any items at all. A Prime membership now costs \$139 a year, but it includes free shipping, free movies and videos, and more.

If you are scammed, report it. Call your bank and the police, and then notify the Elder Fraud Hotline at 833-372-8311.

A goal for 2023: Go inside your bank to do your transaction now and then. Yes, it's easier to just use the drive-up window for deposits and cash withdrawals, but there is a lot to be said for letting them put a face to a name. Once they know you and your banking habits, they're more able to quickly identify anything that might be wrong.

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## Hot Cocoa Boards a Favorite Holiday Trend

You're familiar with charcuterie or cheese boards, right? Well, it's time for brie and crackers to step aside, because beautiful hot chocolate "charcuterie" boards are here.

What I love about the idea is it takes something simple — a cup of hot cocoa — and makes it an event.

These boards can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose. While it's easy to drop a serious chunk of change on upscale cookies and candies, these boards don't have to be expensive to be festive. You can pick up cocoa mix, a bag of marshmallows and a package of assorted cookies for under \$10. Then arrange a lovely board. You also can make a board with only marshmallows and whipped cream.

The dollar store is a treasure trove for goodies to make these boards. You'll find seasonal platters, mugs and plates — even cocoa, marshmallows and other fun holiday treats to brighten up your board.

To assemble your abundant board, start with the largest items first, spaced evenly around the board. Odd numbers tend to look best. Be sure you have something to add height and visual interest, like candy canes. Next, arrange the medium-size items, like cookies, looking for contrast in shape, color and texture. Avoid straight lines and go for curves instead. Lastly, fill

in any empty space with small items like candies, leaving no bare board.

To add interest, add elements like ribbons, ornaments and mini lights. But don't include anything that's not edible that might look edible to the kiddies (poisetias and holly berries!). That's a recipe for disaster.

What to put on your board? Here are some ideas to get you started: marshmallows, whipped cream, chocolate chips, peppermint sticks and candies, caramels, peanut butter cups, chocolate truffles, any kind of cookies, meringues, gingerbread, brownies, sprinkles, candied ginger, candied orange zest, flavored syrups, ground cinnamon or cinnamon sticks, instant coffee or espresso powder. Be sure to add something salty to balance all that sugar; mixed nuts are perfect.

For the adults, feel free to spice



Try this chocolate twist on a charcuterie board.

things up with Irish cream, coffee liquor, coconut rum and, of course, peppermint schnapps to mingle cheerfully with chocolate.

The easiest method to make hot chocolate is to purchase cocoa mix at the store. But since the ingredients list of most cocoa mixes includes hydrogenated oils, corn syrup solids and other unpronounceable ingredients, here's an easy and affordable alternative.



## Yard Sales

**3 Family Yard Sale.** Sat Dec 3rd, 8-12. 1571 Olde Hunting Trail Road. Girls/Boys Baby Clothes, Furniture, DVDs, Christmas/Items and Much More. Rain Cancels.

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See You Next Week!

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## EASY DIY HOT CHOCOLATE MIX

With such a small list of ingredients, quality matters. Purchase the best unsweetened cocoa powder you can comfortably afford.

Yield: Just shy of 3 cups of mix or approximately 24 servings of hot cocoa

What You'll Need:

- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 3/4 cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon table salt
- Whole milk to serve

Here's How:

Sift the cocoa powder (to remove any lumps), sugar and salt into a large bowl. Whisk all ingredients until fully combined. Store in an airtight container.

To serve: Warm 1 cup of your choice of milk (or non-dairy alternative), add 2 tablespoons hot cocoa mix and give it a good stir. To make 8 servings, add 1 cup mix to 8 cups hot milk.

To prepare a quantity of hot cocoa, use your crockpot to heat the milk and keep the finished cocoa warm for hours. A crockpot is less likely to scorch your hot chocolate than the stovetop

So, let's warm up winter with everything you need to customize your next-level cup of cocoa. Is there a better way to share a cup of cheer? I think not.

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* In the early 1990s, cyclists who doped at the Tour De France used so much erythropoietin that they had to exercise throughout the night to avoid having heart attacks in their sleep.

\* Pringles once tried to evade a hefty tax payment by claiming their product wasn't potato chips.

\* Do bears appreciate beauty like us humans? Some wildlife experts think so, as there have been many sightings of the animals sitting at scenic points and staring out at vistas of mountains, rivers, etc. They appear to have no other purpose there than enjoying the view!

\* Humans are more likely to die at around 11 a.m. than any other time of day.

\* Who needs Harry Potter? Not the city of Christchurch in New Zealand. Until 2021, the city paid Ian Brackenbury Channell \$16,000 a year to act as a state-appointed wizard. His duties? To perform "acts of wizardry and other wizard-like services" for two decades.

\* In the first few centuries of the Christian Era, controversy over whether or not Jesus was divine at birth created political and social unrest that frequently resulted in full-scale warfare.

\* Some DVD copies of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" include a subtitle track called "Subtitles for People Who Don't Like the Film," comprised of lines from Shakespeare's "Henry IV Part 2" that vaguely match what the actors are saying.

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Thought for the Day: "Few people know how to take a walk. The qualifications are endurance, plain clothes, old shoes, an eye for nature, good humor, vast curiosity, good speech, good silence and nothing too much." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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