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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to charge into something you don't fully understand. Being asked to act on trust might be all right, as long as you can trust the one who asks.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A chance for romance beckons from someone you thought was far out of reach. But Cupid can always come up with a shortcut. How you respond to the situation determines how the relationship develops.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A career move seems more likely now than when you first considered it. Some of your plans will need readjusting as new facts emerge. Be careful that you don't allow jealousy to create an unnecessary obstacle.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your love for beautiful things is part of what makes you the fine feline you are. But a little caution is advisable for a while. Resist the urge to splurge until your money signs look a little better.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A co-worker could be trying to undermine you. Resist the temptation to retaliate. Instead, keep careful records of what you do so that you'll be ready to present a strong position when the time comes.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Family problems have been simmering for a while and could soon boil over. Avoid taking sides. There are many facts you don't know yet. Meanwhile, a business decision proves to be more complicated than you expected.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Cupid's arrow can pierce hearts, but it can't open tight lips. Only you can do that. That special someone you've been silently pining for all this time would love to hear you express those feelings.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Well-meaning friends might try to persuade you to give up on that project that seems to have hit a dead end. Someone will take notice, and your persistence will pay off.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) It's one thing to make a difficult decision, but you also have to stick with it, despite any pressures to get you to change your mind. You need to reassure someone you care for that you can keep your commitments.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time for you to remember to be good to yourself. A trip to a place that was once very special in your life reawakens many precious memories, and soon leads to making new ones.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) An old health problem flares up and needs attention. Also, a chilly reaction from a once-warm friend needs to be confronted. Set the record straight before it's too late to save the friendship.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You enjoy helping others. You have a taste for life's luxuries and will take risks to get what you want. In matters of amour, you love deeply, and you expect your amorous intensity to be returned in kind.

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 4 John (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Romans 10, what body part does Paul call "beautiful" on those who bring the good news? Hands, Mouth, Heart, Feet
3. Who died after getting his long hair caught in a tree and being found by enemy soldiers? Absalom, Joash, Ahaz, Asa
4. From Matthew 22:14, "For many are called, but few are ..."? Worthy, Chosen, Winners, Liked
5. What caused the death of Job's children? Famine, Flood, Windstorm, Beheaded
6. Who was the mate of Abigail? Abraham, Adam, Nabal, Baasha

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Feet, 3) Absalom, 4) Chosen, 5) Windstorm, 6) Nabal

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			1 <small>Groundhog Day</small>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <small>Valentine's Day</small>	15	16	17	18
19	20 <small>Presidents' Day</small>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <small>Mardi Gras</small>				

### Community Events

**Last Stew of Season!!** Longview Community Church, 126 Longview Ave. off Westover Dr. Saturday February 25th. \$8 Qt. Pickup 11am-1pm. To Pre-order Text/Call 434-250-1718.

**Free Hot Dog Lunch** Sat. Feb. 25th 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. Trinity United Methodist Church. 409 Arnett Blvd., Danville, Va. All Welcome!

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**Cha Cha Dance Class.** Basic Class, Starts March 7, 2023 for 4 Weeks (\$20.00). Contact Pittsylvania County Parks and Recreation for Registration/Details. (434) 432-7736

**Community Baptist Church.** Mid Winter Bible School. Love God and One Another. Saturday February 18th. Registration Starts at 9:30am-2pm. 611 Iris Lane, Danville. Bring a Friend and a Bible! Bible Study, Crafts, Lunch, Cotton Candy, Popcorn and Games!

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9. Arkansas (\$430)
10. Oregon (\$431)

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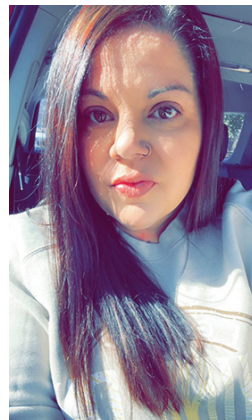
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by Dave T. Phipps

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THEY KEEP SAYING I'M LAME, STUBBORN AND USE "DAD HUMOR."  
I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE I'M JUST BE "PIG-HEADED?"  
...OK, I SEE IT NOW.

by BUD BLAKE

WHAT'S HE GOT?  
MY WALLET  
ANY MONEY IN IT?  
TWO DOLLARS

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

I CAN'T FIND THE CONTROLLER FOR THE TV.  
TRY LOOKING IN A "REMOTE" LOCATION.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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	4		1				7	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Backpack is missing; 2. Bush is smaller; 3. Scarf is shorter; 4. Strap is moved; 5. Earflap is smaller; 6. Zipper is missing

**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- Shade of blue
- Wanderer
- Physician, slangily
- Lessened
- Veep before Biden
- del Fuego
- Some fridges
- Egypt's Anwar
- Have a bug
- Sunrise direction
- Alamos
- Faction
- Cybercommerce
- Pungent relish
- Scratch
- Pub pint
- Passageway for Santa
- "Three Sisters" sister
- Godiva
- Dict. info
- "Star Trek II"
- "Hail, Caesar!"
- Carvey and Delany
- "— had it!"
- Winter, for one
- Lon of horror films
- Inventor's insurance

**DOWN**

- Prepare leftovers
- Black Sea port
- Feminine principle
- High cards
- Faithful
- Boris' cartoon partner
- Final notice
- West of Hollywood
- Subway line in an Ellington
- Mock Bobby —
- "Me and Bobby —"
- Longtime Chicago mayor
- Elmer, to Bugs
- "Lassie" lad
- Porterhouse, e.g.
- PC linking system
- Einstein's birthplace
- Stinging insects
- Purse fastener
- Attack
- Think up
- Hankering
- Polished
- Sanctuaries
- In the blink of —
- Confronted
- Word of warning
- Actress Elisabeth
- Gender
- Bio stat

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**Trivia Test Answers**

- "Mad Men"; 2. Transfiguration; 3. Memphis, Tennessee; 4. Harry Truman; 5. Antarctica; 6. Daniel Handler; 7. Black curtains; 8. Civil rights unrest in Little Rock, Arkansas, according to Paul McCartney; 9. Frances Ethel Gunn; 10. Dreys

**Trivia test**

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which cable TV series features a character named Don Draper?
- MOVIES: What subject does Professor Minerva McGonagall teach at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
- HISTORY: Where was civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a sign on his desk that read, "The Buck Stops Here"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the world's largest desert?
- LITERATURE: What is the real name of the author Lemony Snicket?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the fruit that gives the liqueur creme de cassis its flavor?
- MUSIC: What inspired the Beatles' song "Blackbird"?
- CELEBRITIES: What is singer/actress Judy Garland's birth name?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are squirrels' nests called?

Solution time: 21 mins.

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The problem of cruelty to animals is not just a problem for people who respect and care for animals. People learn how to abuse, torture, and then ultimately kill humans by practicing on animals.

We received a telephone call several years ago from a woman who had witnessed a man harshly beat two puppies. When we went to his house to speak with him about it, his response was an arrogant and chilling, "I don't beat my puppies any harder than I beat my children."

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In one case, we took two dogs from a man because he had just cut off their ears with box cutters. His girlfriend came to court and testified about how he was such a kind pet owner. Within a month, he had stabbed her to death.

In another case, a young man was accused of putting a small kitten in a mail drop box. His mother defended him and told us what a sweet, gentle person he was. Several months later, the son killed his mother.

Victims of domestic violence can be reluctant to leave an abusive situation because they do not want to put a pet at the mercy of the one who abused them.

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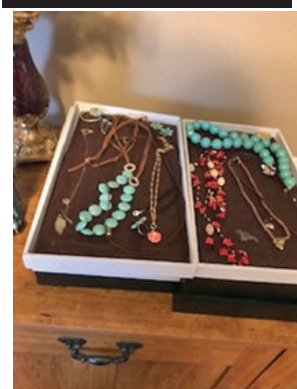
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## Danville Kiwanis Club Student of the Month & Speaker



Danville Kiwanis Club Student of the Month is LaiCie Mei Ruth Walker who is an 8th grade student at Westover Christian Academy. LaiCie plays volleyball and basketball and volunteers as an Assistant in the After School Care Program. LaiCie plans to attend Liberty University or the University of Virginia and pursue study in technology in the medical field.



At their February 16th meeting at Averett University, Danville Kiwanis Club members listened to Kirsten Aherran review not only the mission and vision of the River District Association (RDA), but also future programs including revitalization of the North Main corridor. Ms. Aherran discussed RDA funding from state, city and Danville Regional Foundation sources as well as RDA's four-point approach to revitalization efforts, including: (1) organization (i.e. policies); (2) promotion (i.e. social media); (3) design (i.e. logos) and (4) economic vitality (e.g. Bootcamp Program). Pictured to the left of Kirsten Aherran is Carolyn Smith, Chairperson of the Kiwanis Club Program Committee.

## BBBS of Danville Area at Storytelling Festival



On Saturday, February 11, Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History hosted the Storytelling Festival, an annual Black History event. Pictured in the first photo is Fred Motley, a presenter and sponsor. Pictured in the second photo are Big Sheila Williamson-Branch and her Little Caliyah. For more information, contact Pat Daniel at 434-773-8394.



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DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been diagnosed with vitamin D toxicity, according to the blood work from a month ago -- my result was 122 ng/mL. I was taking high doses of vitamin D3 in pill form (15,000 IU a day for three years) bought from a drugstore. I have stopped taking it, but I need to know how long it will take to have a normal amount in my body. (Weeks, months?) Can you shed any light on this question? I would like to take it again when my level comes down, but in a lower amount. Also, by any chance, would the high amount of D3 in my system have any correlation to a diagnosis of stenosis of the aortic valve? -- C.I.

ANSWER: Vitamin D toxicity is not common. I have seen one case in my career requiring hospitalization, due to a very high elevation of the blood calcium level. Vitamin D increases absorption of calcium from food through the intestines.

In addition, calcium can come out of bones in people with very high levels of vitamin D. With high vitamin D levels, calcium levels can also become dangerously high. Common symptoms of very high calcium levels include constipation, nausea and vomiting, muscle weakness, kidney stones, and neurological symptoms, including poor concentration and fatigue. These symptoms tend to happen at levels higher than yours, above 150 ng/mL. Years of high calcium levels can absolutely cause existing heart valve disease to worsen quickly.

In cases of acute intoxication from vitamin D, available treatments include steroids and pamidronate (an injectable medicine similar to alendronate and other drugs used to treat osteoporosis), which can quickly bring the calcium levels back down to normal.

Without this kind of intervention, a vitamin D level will still come down on its own, only more gradually. Vitamin D3 is removed slowly from the body, because it can go into fat tissue. It takes about two months for half the excess to be removed from the body, but because the active forms are removed more quickly, toxicity from excess vitamin D3 usually only lasts for weeks, not months. Still, you are likely not to need any vitamin D for many months, and if you do take it again, do not exceed the safe dose of 5,000 IU a day. I recommend you also get your blood levels tested. Recent studies have questioned the benefit of supplemental vitamin D for most people, although some people, such as those with osteoporosis and low vitamin D levels, probably still benefit.

I'm very glad you wrote. Many people still don't know that excess of some vitamins can occasionally be dangerous. Vitamin A is the other vitamin where high levels can be very dangerous.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 67-year-old female who has been unable to tolerate both liquid and pill forms of colonoscopy preparations. Therefore, my gastroenterologist has been unable to complete a colonoscopy on me. What are my other options? -- F.K.

ANSWER: I would consider an alternate form of colon cancer screening. Home stool tests look for blood and DNA for colon cancer, or both. The data on Cologuard (a commonly available brand) show that it isn't quite as good as a colonoscopy, but much better than not receiving a screening. However, if the result is positive, you will certainly need additional testing, which calls for preparation, possibly requiring you to get the preparation done under supervision.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).

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# 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

## Ruth (Adkins) Walker

October 13, 1935 ~ February 19, 2023 (age 87)



Ruth A. Walker, 87 years old, of Ruffin, NC, passed away on Sunday February 19, 2023, at Annie Penn Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Ossie J. Walker, Jr. for 66 years; daughter, Myra Burgess (Charles) of Eden; son, Rodney

Walker (Donna) of Ruffin; grandchildren, Brad Burgess (Tanya) of Eden, Michael Griggs (Paige) of Ruffin and Diane Willard of Danville; great grandchildren, Brook Forrest (Mikey) and Scottie Burgess all of Eden, Meagan and Andy Miller of Virginia, Aubrie Griggs of Ruffin and Sedarian Willard of Danville; great great grandchild, Naomi Forrest of Eden.

She was predeceased by her parents, Janie A. Mitchell and Robert B. Adkins; sister, Alice Worley; brother, Robert Adkins, Jr.; and daughter, Beth Layne.

Graveside services will be conducted Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery with Reverend Lee Eggers officiating.

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\* The medical term for ice cream headache is sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia. Now you know why we call it an ice cream headache or brain freeze.

\* In the NHL, if both the goalie and backup goalie are unable to play, the team can substitute any available goalie who isn't bound by a professional contract with another team. To date, such replacements have included an accountant, a facilities manager and an equipment manager.

\* A course called The Science of Batman was offered at the University of Victoria in Canada in 2016, with the design of examining "how the human body can be adapted and improved based on the metaphor of the caped crusader himself."

\* While still a teenager, Dasia Taylor used beet juice to develop surgical sutures that change color to indicate an infection.

\* The ant-eating assassin bug piles its victims onto its body to scare predators.

\* In 1829, some Victorians were gripped with pteridomania, or "fern fever," and began eagerly collecting the plants after botanist George Loddiges spread the (quite unsubstantiated) claim that they could not only improve mood, but increase both intelligence and virility.

\* Asia is bigger in surface area than the moon.

\* Ever heard that old claim that watching scary movies will help you burn calories because they get your heart racing? Sorry, but the "study" that produced this finding was meant more for publicity than to be taken seriously. You're more likely to burn the same amount just by lounging on your sofa ... and watching something like, say, "Bambi."

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Thought for the Day: "Action speaks louder than words but not nearly as often." -- Mark Twain

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## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Pebble	S _ _ _ _ _	Make up for	A _ _ _ _ _
2. Split	_ _ _ _ _ D _	Heavenly	_ _ _ _ _ N _
3. Bird cage	_ _ _ _ _ T _	Derrick	_ _ _ _ _ N _
4. Lift	H _ _ _ _ _	Damp	M _ _ _ _ _
5. Olympics souvenir	_ _ _ D _ _ _	Iron or cooper, e.g.	_ _ _ T _ _ _
6. Grocery employee	_ _ A _ _ _ _	Larger	_ _ I _ _ _ _
7. Like Bullwinkle	_ _ _ O _ _ _	Like Mickey	_ _ _ U _ _ _
8. Vineyard building	W _ _ _ _ _	Glad rags	F _ _ _ _ _
9. Dog lead	_ _ _ _ _ H _	Smallest amount	_ _ _ _ _ T _
10. "Pride and Prejudice" author	_ _ _ _ _ E _	Lone Star capital	_ _ _ _ _ I _

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by Freddy Groves

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During all those years she continued to send in fraudulent paperwork while impersonating her mother -- who died in 1973 -- and continued to collect the money. Her excuse, when finally caught, was that her abusive husband told her to keep cashing the checks. She divorced him and was then out from under his control, yet she continued to cash the checks.

Yes, when her mother died she had to take in and raise her younger siblings, so it's possibly understandable that she assumed she could take the money that had been meant for her mother. But eventually those children grew up and were no longer minors living at home.

In the middle of the decades-long theft, she filed for bankruptcy and claimed she had no income, even though she was receiving the Department of Veterans Affairs benefits checks all along.

She'll need to repay the \$416,000 that she stole (not likely to happen), but there's no jail sentence, only a year of home confinement, because the perp in this case is now 76 years old.

Why, inquiring minds want to know, does the VA not demand proof of life or some type of verification about where the money is going when benefits are paid year after year, decade after decade?

Surely someone could have done the math. If the mother was X years old when she started collecting the widow benefits, what were the odds she was still living 20 years, 30 years or 40 years later? Couldn't someone have asked for verification? Or gone to the door? Just receiving handwritten forms over the years doesn't seem like much of an effort to safeguard the funds that are sent out.

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1. Which artist released the album titled "All Things Must Pass"?
2. Who was the first to release "Blue Bayou"?
3. Which group released "Tears of a Clown"?
4. Who released "Venus in Blue Jeans"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "There goes my baby with someone new, She sure looks happy, I sure am blue."

**Answers**

1. George Harrison, in 1970, right after the Beatles broke up. It was a triple album: two records of songs and one of jams with other musicians. It went to No. 1 in most places around the globe. The 50th Anniversary box set (2021) did not do nearly as well.
2. The song's writer Roy Orbison, in 1961. Linda Ronstadt released her cover of the song in 1977, and it became her signature song.
3. Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, in 1970. Robinson had been about to leave the group until he saw how well the song charted. He stayed two additional years.
4. Jimmy Clanton, in 1962.
5. "Bye Bye Love," by The Everly Brothers in 1957. While The Everly Brothers' release is the best-known version, others gave it a try over the years, including George Harrison (who changed the lyrics after his wife left him).

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**SENIOR NEWS LINE**

by Matilda Charles

Is It Taxable?

After preparing my own taxes annually for over 40 years, I'm about to have someone else do them for me for the first time.

This is not without concerns, of course, but the people who volunteer to prepare taxes at the senior center are trained. They're part of the AARP income tax assistance program, which means they're IRS-certified and therefore will know about any recent changes to tax law ... which will be handy at this point.

As of this writing, the IRS is telling people to hold off sending in their tax returns for 2022. The reason: So many states handed out so many types of money during the pandemic that the IRS isn't sure yet what is and isn't taxable. For example, checks designated as "rebates" might or might not be taxable. A Covid disaster emergency relief check is not. However, in some cases, the issue is complicated by whether you do or do not itemize. People in at least 22 states are caught in this dilemma.

If you haven't done your taxes yet and want help, or if you want to make a note for next year, do an online search for "AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Locator." Once on the site, scroll down and enter your ZIP code or town in the search field to find the locations near you.

Be sure to ask about the forms you'll need to pick up and fill out before your appointment, and whether you'll be going inside or waiting in the parking lot.

The other good news is that this AARP service is free. For me it means I don't need to spend \$50 once again to buy the computer software and do it myself and hope I haven't made an error somewhere ... perhaps with guessing wrong about whether that state check I received is or isn't taxable.

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# Inspire Creativity with Fun Snack Hacks

**FAMILY FEATURES**

School days offer nearly endless opportunities for learning and exploration in the classroom, but education doesn't have to end with the final bell. Parents can ensure their students feel energetic, creative and confident by inspiring snack choices that are as smart as they are fun to make together. Whether you're whipping up a snack to send to school or your little learners need an energy boost before starting afternoon homework, creative snacking can help encourage inspiration. As a trusted ally with better-for-you and convenient whole-fruit lunchbox snacks kids can enjoy, Sun-Maid offers these easy tips and ways to embrace the fun side of snack time.

- **Keep It Simple:** Look for recipes with five ingredients or less so your children can show their artful nature without becoming overwhelmed. Plus, this often leads to a more budget-friendly at-home treat.
- **Shop Together:** Gathering ingredients and equipment is an important part of any recipe, and bringing your future chefs along helps them feel like it's their creation from start to finish. Additionally, some important life lessons can be learned along the way, like how to navigate the store and compare costs.
- **Provide Kid-Friendly Instructions:** There are many ways kids can lend a hand in making their own snacks, like mixing ingredients, washing produce or arranging a plate or platter. However, some steps are best left to the adults – make sure to do any cutting, slicing or dicing before letting children take the reins, for example, then just enjoy the creative fun.

With childhood favorites like crackers, marshmallows and vanilla yogurt covered raisins, Gimme S'mores Trail Mix offers a perfect way to get young minds thinking in the kitchen. A little guidance is all it takes to teach them each step of the recipe to make a crafty, delicious treat. Plus, with only a few simple ingredients that just need to be mixed together, it's a low-stress, low-mess way to cook up creativity.

For a healthier version of a snack time superstar, Apple Nachos combine sweet apples like Honeycrisp, peanut butter and versatile, whole-fruit Sun-Maid Raisins. Naturally made with nothing but grapes and California sunshine, these sweet raisins have been trusted as a better-for-you snack for kids and grown-up kids alike since 1912.

With zero grams of added sugars, they give parents the confidence they need to choose snacks that provide both great taste and nutrition for a happy and healthy family. As a household staple, they can be enjoyed as part of tasty recipes or as a standalone treat kids crave and parents approve.

Find more sweet ideas to inspire confidence and creativity at sunmaid.com.

**Apple Nachos**

Prep time: 10 minutes  
 Cook time: 1 minute  
 Servings: 4

- 5 sweet apples, such as Honeycrisp
- lemon juice (optional)
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- 1/2 cup Sun-Maid California Sun-Dried Raisins

Wash and slice apples. Arrange one layer of sliced apples on serving plate. To keep apples from browning quickly, squeeze lemon juice on top, if desired. In microwave, melt peanut butter about 30 seconds until smooth. Drizzle 1 tablespoon peanut butter over first layer of apples. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup raisins. Repeat with remaining apples, peanut butter and raisins.



Gimme S'mores Trail Mix



Apple Nachos

**Gimme S'mores Trail Mix**

Prep time: 5 minutes

Servings: 6

- 1/2 cup Sun-Maid Vanilla Yogurt Covered Raisins
- 3 cups graham crackers, assorted flavors
- 1 1/2 cups colored mini marshmallows
- 2 cups slivered almonds
- 1 cup chocolate chips

In large bowl, mix raisins, graham crackers, marshmallows, almonds and chocolate chips.

Serve immediately, or store in airtight container up to 1 week.

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**chunky Apple cake**



**Ingredients**

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 6 cups chopped peeled tart apples

**BUTTERSCOTCH SAUCE:**

- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
  - 1/4 cup butter, cubed
  - 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- Directions

1. In a large bowl, cream the butter, sugar and vanilla. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine the flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well (batter will be stiff). Stir in apples until well combined.
2. Spread into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until top is lightly browned and springs back when lightly touched. Cool for 30 minutes before serving.
3. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine brown sugar and butter. Cook over medium heat until butter is melted. Gradually add cream. Bring to a slow boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat. Serve with cake.

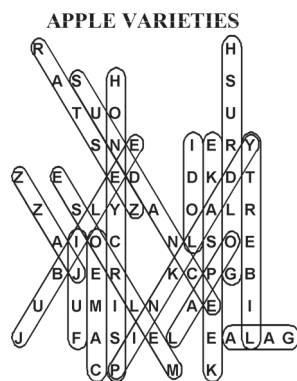


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2. Eric Piatkowski, a 1994 first-round NBA Draft pick for the Indiana Pacers, has his No. 52 jersey retired by what college team?
3. What figure skater from Japan became the first woman to land a triple axel in the Olympics when she accomplished the feat at the 1992 Albertville Winter Games?
4. Name the Kansas City Chiefs running back who died while attempting to save three children from drowning in a Louisiana pond in 1983.
5. What U.S. swimmer won four medals at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London and was a contestant on Season 25 of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars"?
6. Basketball Hall of Famer "Phog" Allen was head coach of what college team from 1919-56?
7. South Africa's senior national rugby team is commonly known by what name?

Answers

1. George Plimpton.
2. The Nebraska Cornhuskers.
3. Midori Ito.
4. Joe Delaney.
5. Victoria Arlen.
6. The Kansas Jayhawks.
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