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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A project benefits from your organizational skills, which get it up and running. Your success leaves a favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters until the end of the month. Then begin shifting your focus to more artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self-critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects that you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting with old friends again.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You can expect to have a lot of work through the end of the month. Devote the rest of the week to checking your plans in case some need to be adjusted to accommodate changes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Try to avoid signing on the dotted line in the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. The first week of next month might be more favorable for decision-making.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday projects. Some flexibility might be called for to deal with problems before they get too far out of hand.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Relatives seek your advice on a matter that you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use your sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer" so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A shift in planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving that long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer some valuable support.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected demand for the settlement of an old loan could create some holiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to get into the social swim and enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to sense the needs of others makes you a wise counselor for those seeking help with their problems.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Revelation (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. What method of death was for a man who blasphemed the Lord's name with a curse? Hanging, Stoning, Starvation, Beaten

3. Who used handkerchiefs and aprons to heal the sick and drive out demons? Jesus, Paul, Mark, Jeremiah

4. From John 6, what substance did Jesus miraculously walk upon? Sea, Fire, Clouds, Broken bones

5. What did God call the firmament? Rapture, Armageddon, Passover, Heaven

6. From Romans 6, what are the wages of sin? Riches, Eternal life, Death, Freedom

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Stoning, 3) Paul, 4) Sea, 5) Heaven, 5) Death

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Because I couldn't unplug the toilet with a plunger, I had to dismantle the entire fixture, no small feat for a non-plumber. Jammed inside the drain was a purple rubber dinosaur, which belonged to my five-year-old son.

I painstakingly got all the toilet parts together again, the tank filled, and I flushed it. However, it didn't work much better than before!

As I pondered what to do next, my son walked into the bathroom. I pointed to the purple dinosaur I had just dislodged and told him that the toilet still wasn't working.

"Did you get the green one, too?" he asked.

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"What's this?" she asked.

"It's a garter belt," I said.

Seeing that meant nothing to her, I added, "It's for holding up stockings."

"Ah," she said, carefully placing it in the "save" pile, "we'll use it next Christmas Eve."

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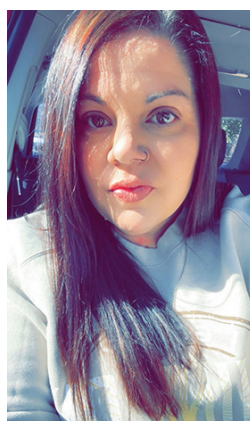
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Revival at Heaven Bound Ministries! November 27th - December 1st at 7pm Nightly. Different Pastors Speaking Nightly. All Welcome! More Info Call 434-688-8783.

Free Community Lunch!! EVERY Thursday from 11-2pm at Gospel Worship Center, 3480 West Main Street, Danville. All Welcome!



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BBQ & Chicken Benefit Dinner for Robert Phillips, December 2nd at Wilson's Automotive & Towing (4374 Shady Grove Rd. Providence, NC) from 4-6pm. Robert was involved in a life-altering accident on his Harley and has fought for his life. He has shown miraculous progress but will need time to recover fully after many broken bones and a Traumatic Brain Injury, due to the TBI he isn't able to return to work for the foreseeable future. \$15 BBQ Plates, \$12 Chicken Plates, homemade pies and a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets/Plates can be purchased without attendance by contacting Rodney Wilson 336-459-6970. Thank you for all your support!

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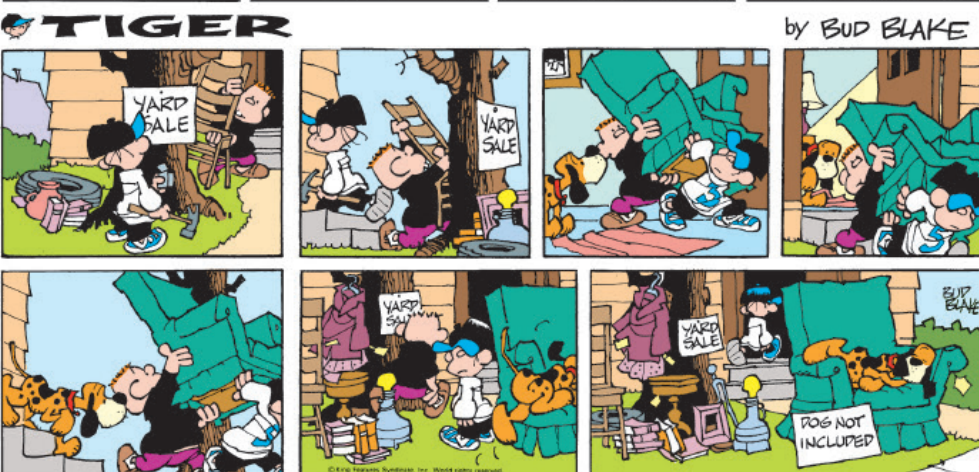
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My boss and I had an ugly sweater competition.



Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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King Crossword

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52 Like a good golf score

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31 Twinkler in the sky
33 Tropical fruits
35 Leb. neighbor
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40 Calms
43 "Straight Up" singer Abdul
45 TiVo, for example
46 Denny's rival
47 Inspiration
48 Nuisance
49 Break suddenly
53 Chips go-with
54 Santa — winds
55 Crater part

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Trivia Test Answers

1. Capt. Merrill Stubing;
2. Reese's Pieces;
3. Paprika;
4. Borden Dairy Company;
5. Fear of wealth;
6. 16, eight pawns for each player;
7. Pangaea;
8. Lake Erie;
9. A hashtag or pound sign;
10. Missouri.

King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the captain in "The Love Boat"?
2. MOVIES: What is E.T.'s favorite candy in "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial"?
3. FOOD & DRINK: What is Hungary's national spice?
4. ADVERTISING: Which company's mascot is Elsie the Cow?
5. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called plutoptobia?
6. GAMES: How many pawns are on a chessboard?
7. SCIENCE: What is the name of the giant land mass that is believed to have existed on Earth 200 million years ago?
8. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is southernmost?
9. LANGUAGE: What is an octothorpe?
10. LITERATURE: Where are the novels "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" set?

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There's finding a toy in your food packaging, and then there's making a toy from the packaging. Towle's Log Cabin brand provided a rolling platform to turn their iconic syrup tin into a pull toy.

TIP: Silver jewelry should be kept in an anti-tarnish bag, often the bag it came in, when you are not wearing it.

Q: I have too many antiques and vintage objects from the early 1900s and middle 1800s that have been left to me from family. My children (all married with children) have no desire for any of my antiques or vintage collection, which includes dishes, silverware, toys, books, blanket boxes (1800s) and multiple objects that are collectors' dreams. How do I find buyers who will want them?

A: Many people face this dilemma. My biggest piece of advice is, first and foremost, don't just donate everything or have a big garage sale! You could be letting valuable items (and money) slip through your fingers. Going through your collection will take time and effort, as well as help from some experts in furniture, toys and other collectibles. Your first step is looking over the Kovels guide to downsizing, located in the "How to Buy or Sell" section of Kovels.com. Good luck!

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HOLLYWOOD
by Tony Rizzo

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You also won't read about the night Elliot assaulted me while protecting his wife from being photographed at the premiere of **Steve McQueen's** film "Bullitt" (1968). Barbra was removed from my lawsuit because she hadn't physically assaulted me, but still, I won two battery judgments against Elliot. There was also the time she killed my Cosmopolitan magazine cover for spite because of my lawsuit. Elliot apologized eventually. Still, I have loved, and will always love, her golden voice.



Singer and actress **Barbra Streisand**

after Warner Bros. licensed some of their DC hits — "Man of Steel," "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," "Suicide Squad," "Wonder Woman" and "Justice League" — to Netflix, who allegedly have more money than all the other streaming services put together. How long will Disney hold out?

"Monk" fans rejoice! Peacock has announced that they have greenlit "Mr. Monk's Last Case: A Monk Movie." The story involves Monk looking for the killer of his stepdaughter's fiancé, who died in a bungee jumping accident.

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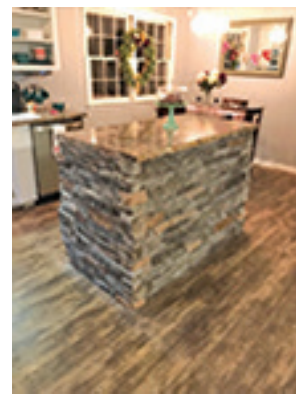
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Congrats to our libero/DS, Kaylee Atkinson, for officially signing with the University of Pikeville in Pikeville, KY to continue her career in volleyball.

Good luck Kaylee!

Christmas Blessing Baskets for the Elderly

Ginny Walker is Blessing our Community again by heading up her Blessing Basket drive again this year! How blessed are we as a community to have such an amazing woman who thinks of others daily.

I asked everyone I know to ask everyone they know to Bless an Elderly person this year with a Christmas Basket without details!!!

I want You to imagine making the best basket in honor of your loved one in Heaven!

Your Grandparents favorite things!!!!

A blanket, stuff for a shower, best smelling lotion men/ women. Socks, slippers, crossword, pen, devotional, snacks , tissues, delicious cookies, nail clippers, really think about your loved one in they were alone and you wanted them to feel loved and thought of, what would you send them? Sugar free is an option if your Papa had diabetes!! The options are endless! Marshall's has dollar bags at the check-out and a blanket and goodies fit in it well for a Christmas bag! You have no idea the Blessing you are about to give....

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The New Board Members will be great assets to Our Mission: To preserve and restore Langhorne House, historic birthplace of Lady Astor, to increase knowledge and awareness of the family's legacy, and to promote heritage tourism.

You are invited to celebrate Christmas with us. Come visit the exhibit is Averett University, "the real Gibson Girls, decorations are period to the Historical Home 1847". There will be Terrariums available to purchase at the Langhorne House Museum. They will be available for purchasing starting December 9, 2023.

For any questions, please call Wyona Witcher at (434) 822-3051.

Treasury staff to help citizens find missing money

The City of Danville's Treasurer's Office, along with the Virginia Department of the Treasury, is bringing another unclaimed property virtual call event on Thursday, Nov. 30, and Friday, Dec. 1, to help local citizens who might be owed funds they don't know about. To-date since 2019, this event has helped citizens to find over \$796,475 in unclaimed funds.

Customers can call 1-833-302-0704 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday to have staff check their name for missing money. Customers may also visit the website at 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.

Reserve A Ride service schedule will change on Jan. 2

Beginning Jan. 2, Danville Transit's Reserve A Ride service schedule will change due to a driver shortage. The last boarding time Monday through Saturday will be 9 p.m. Currently, the last boarding time is 12:30 a.m.

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Claudia Renee Somers

January 8, 1973 ~ November 24, 2023 (age 50)



Claudia Renee Somers, age 50, of Ringgold, VA, passed away on Friday, November 24, 2023, at Carillion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Ms. Somers was born on January 8, 1973, in Taipei, Taiwan, a daughter of John Epps and Brenda

Hayes Epps.

Ms. Somers lived most of her life in Danville and Ringgold and was employed as the manager of Western Sizzlin.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her son, William "Ryan" Ragsdale; brothers, Chris Somers and Fred Walker and a nephew, Landen Somers.

A memorial visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Swicegood Funeral Home.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Somers family.

James Cook

October 5, 1935 ~ November 22, 2023 (age 88)



Mr. James Cook, age 88, of Danville Virginia, went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at his residence.

Mr. Cook was born on October 5, 1935 in Danville, Virginia to the late James and Eunice Cook where he lived most of his life. He was a meat cutter and retired

from Midtown.

James served in the U.S. Army and was a faithful member of Riverview Baptist where he was a trustee as well as a Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Cook is survived by his wife, Shirley Cook; son, Brent Cook (Jodi); daughter, Gena Walker (Jamie); step-son, Marcus Vincent (Jayne); sisters, Jane McEwen and Terry Clasby; grandchildren, Jill (Sam), Rachel (Richard), Christopher (Katie), Luke (Kathryn), Joshua, Carrie (Ben), Jamie (Brian), Stevie (Matt), Shana (Craig), Dylan (Brittney), AJ; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his step-daughter Carolyn Hubbard (Steve).

Funeral services will be conducted Monday November 27, 2023 at 2:00pm at Riverview Baptist Church with Reverend Daniel Custer and Allen Morris officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral. Interment will follow at Mount View Cemetery.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Cook family.

Honor the memory of your cherished one by sharing the story of their life with friends, neighbors and associates here in the community.

Lois Sparks Hayes



Lois Sparks Hayes, 90 years old of Danville, VA passed away peacefully on November 21, 2023. She was born May 21, 1933 in Henry County to Vertie Tucker Sparks and Thomas Richard Sparks. She was

predeceased by her parents, two brothers (Bill and Charlie) and her sister (Margie).

She is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 68 years Ray Herbert Hayes. She is also survived by her three children, Lori Lape (husband Nick) of Richmond Va., Herby Hayes (wife Cindy) of Danville Va. and Marcie Slayton (husband Keith) of Appomattox Va.

Lois (Nana) leaves behind eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Lois graduated from Schoolfield High School in 1951 and was the proud graduate of the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1954. She was an extremely accomplished nurse, who had a spirit of love and compassion that greatly informed her delivery of nursing care. In her last nursing job, she served as a head nurse at Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute. While there, she was injured in the line of duty and suffered many health setbacks as a result.

Lois was a gifted homemaker, cook, entertainer of friends, painter, crafter, thrift store aficionado, square dancer, belly dancer and could make a penny squeal.

She was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church and served in many capacities there, including being a choir member.

She loved living at Myrtle Beach for several years and especially loved walking on the beach and collecting shells. "I was never in a hurry there", she would say.

She will be missed more than words can express.

A visitation and memorial service will be held at a later date. Further details will be forthcoming.

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3. What automobile endurance race was held from 1950-54 and was contested over six days and 2,100 miles through Mexico?
4. What Baseball Hall of Fame second baseman announced his retirement in June 1994, then returned to play for the Chicago Cubs for the 1996-97 seasons?
5. Name the 1969 LPGA Tour Rookie of the Year who made a record 299 consecutive cuts during her pro career.

6. How many times did Ingemar Johanson knock down Floyd Patterson in the third round of their 1959 world heavyweight championship boxing match before being declared the winner?

7. What member of the Toronto Maple Leafs scored an NHL single-game record 10 points (six goals and four assists) vs. the Boston Bruins in 1976?

- Answers
1. The Hickok Belt.
 2. The Minnesota Vikings.
 3. The Carrera Panamericana.
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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Books as Brain Food

Now here's a "novel" way to increase our brain function. It doesn't involve getting more exercise or eating certain foods. It doesn't include doing puzzles. We only need to grab a book and start flipping pages.

Emory University did a study that showed how there are "quantifiable changes" in brain activity when participants read a book. Granted, it was a bit more regimented than just grabbing your favorite author's latest bestseller.

In the study, participants were given a baseline brain scan each day for a few days. Then they were given the thriller "Pompeii" by Robert Harris with instructions to read 30 pages a night. Each morning they were given another brain scan. After the book was finished (about nine days), they were given more scans to see how the brain reacted. Researchers were able to track which portions of the book the participants were reading and correlate them to the brain scan images.

Here's what they learned: During reading, and for days afterward, there were significant activity increases in the parts of the brain associated with story comprehension, as well as processing language.

According to the study, the reading has to be fiction to get these brain connectivity changes, something with a narrative that describes events unfolding, and a story we can identify with.

Here's my thinking: While researchers don't know yet how long these brain changes last after reading a novel, it's at least five days. Perhaps we should spend some time in 2024 re-reading the novels that had an impact on us, as well as new narrative fiction and a few of the old classics. The reference librarian is sure to be a good source for book suggestions.

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Bits & Pieces

This old hog sold for a record-breaking price.

A used Harley-Davidson motorcycle sold for nearly a million dollars recently. No, inflation is not what caused the extravagant price tag, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. This bike of dreams sold at auction for a record-breaking \$935,000 because it was in excellent condition considering that it was 115 years old. Greg Arnold, who heads up the motorcycle division of the Mecum Auction house in Las Vegas, said this "hog" had "many of its original parts, which makes it that much more rare." Strap Tank Harleys like this one got the moniker due to the nickel-plated steel bands that suspend the fuel and oil tanks and are rare, indeed.

Love conquers all, as the saying goes!

Most of us can hold our breath underwater for a max of two minutes or so, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. However, Beth Neale and her fiancé, Miles Cloutier, managed to stay under for four-minutes and six-seconds, the time it took them to steal a prolonged kiss while immersed in a hotel pool in the romantic Maldives Islands. They did it because they are in love, obviously, and because they were intent on breaking the Guinness World Record for the longest underwater kiss.

What's in the time capsule?

They were taking down a building on the campus of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign recently when they found a 116-year-old time capsule in the building's cornerstone, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. It caused quite a stir as there was no record of the capsule. There's plenty of time to think about what might be in the capsule; it won't be opened until next fall when the university celebrates its 150th anniversary.

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1. How did Mitch Ryder get his stage name?
2. Where was the Beatles' last live show?
3. Name the first Beach Boys song to top the charts in the U.S.
4. What song was Bobby Hebb best known for?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Though I know you're the kind of boy who only wants to run around, I'll keep waiting and, someday darling, you'll come to me when you want to settle down."

Answers

1. He spotted the name in a New York City phone book. He added "The Detroit Wheels" for the name of his band, and they were off and running.
2. Candlestick Park in San Francisco, California, on Aug. 29, 1966. The crowd numbered only 25,000, with 7,000 tickets not sold, even at a reduced price. That could have been due to Lennon's comments one month earlier about the Beatles being more popular than Jesus.
3. "I Get Around," in 1964.
4. "Sunny," in 1966. Numerous others released covers of the song around the world.
5. "One Fine Day," by the Chiffons in 1963. The song has been used in many soundtracks, including "The Flamingo Kid" (1984) as well as an episode of "The Simpsons."

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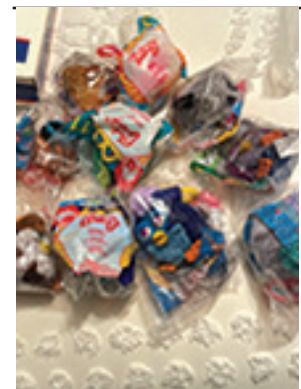
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Ingredients

- 4 ounces full fat block style cream cheese softened to room temperature
- 1 Tablespoon unsalted butter melted
- ½ teaspoon peppermint extract
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups powdered sugar plus additional as needed for rolling and fork imprints
- food coloring optional

Instructions

Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper, wax paper, or silicone baking mats. Set aside.

In a large bowl with a handheld mixer or the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the cream cheese, melted butter, peppermint extract, vanilla extract, and salt on medium speed until completely combined.

Reduce the mixer to low then slowly add the powdered sugar, stopping to scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed. The mixture will become stiff, but keep mixing. After all of the powdered sugar has been added, the consistency should be like PlayDoh and not sticky. If it is still lumpy, stir it with a large spatula to bring the mixture together. Cover the bowl then allow the cream cheese mint dough to rest for 10 minutes.

If coloring your mints: if you are using just one color for your cream cheese mints, you can use your mixer to beat the color into the dough. If you want to do more than one color, divide the dough into as many bowls as you need, cover the bowl when it's not in use, and stir desired color into each portion until fully blended. Using a ½ teaspoon measure or mini cookie scoop with a trigger, drop small balls of cream cheese mints onto prepared baking sheets. Use your hands to form each mound into a ball, rolling between your palms/fingers gently until smooth and uniform. Place back onto baking sheet. Use a bit of powdered sugar on your hands if the warmth of them is melting the balls or making them too sticky. Dip the tines of a fork in powdered sugar and gently but firmly press down on each mint with a rocking motion to imprint lines across each mint.

Allow mints to dry at room temperature for about 3 hours (or until dry to the touch) then chill in the refrigerator at least 2 hours before serving. Store mints in airtight containers in single layers with a sheet of wax or parchment paper between them to keep from sticking together for up to 2 weeks. Mints freeze well, up to 3 months. Thaw in the refrigerator.



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* On internet memes, they call them "life hacks," simple tricks to save you perhaps time, money or simply frustration. Here's mine: Place a bowl near your entryway. Place your keys in the bowl when you come home. They stay there until you leave. No more lost keys. Now more life hacks for your tip file. -- JoAnn

* Put a dryer fabric softener sheet on the back of a fan. It sticks and will distribute a fresh scent through your room. -- T.I. via email

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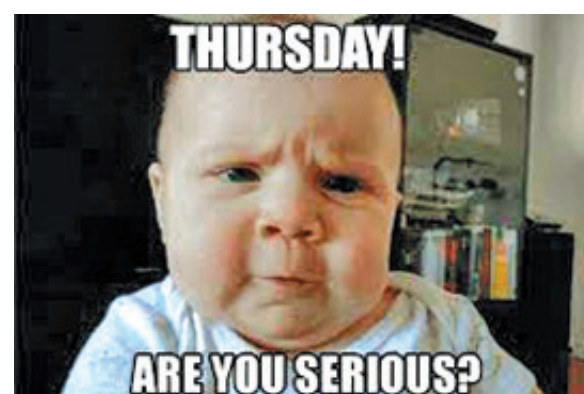
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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* When the D-Day forces landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944, Adolf Hitler was asleep. TITLE: None of his generals dared to send reinforcements without his permission, and no one even dared to wake him, since he'd issued strict orders not to be disturbed.

* On its one-year anniversary, NASA's Curiosity Rover sang the "Happy Birthday" song to itself on Mars.

* Atomic bomb tests were a major tourist attraction in Las Vegas during the 1950s.

* Microplastics aren't an issue only in the world's oceans and ice caps. Researchers have discovered the tiny particles in clouds over Japan's Mount Fuji and Mount Oyama.

* A study found that students who chewed gum earned better math test scores than those who didn't.

* Ever wonder why our friends across the pond wish each other a "Happy Christmas" as opposed to Americans' "Merry Christmas"? In the 19th century, the word "merry" also meant intoxicated, so they wanted to separate it from public insobriety

* When staying at hotels, guests are more likely to interact with female robots, especially if they have human-like features, than male robots.

* Next time you're feeling stressed, try reaching for a hunk of chocolate: The sweet's smell increases theta brain waves, which triggers relaxation.

* In 1987, Marvel Comics celebrated the wedding of Spider-Man, aka Peter Parker, and his red-haired, green-eyed, longtime girlfriend Mary Jane Watson with a grand, live-action ceremony at New York's Shea Stadium. Guests of the happy couple included actors costumed as the Fantastic Four, Captain America and even the Hulk.

* Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side, while left-handed folks are prone to chewing on their left.

Thought for the Day: "Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards." -- Vernon Sanders Law

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