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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Bethlehem (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi
3. With perhaps two different biblical answers, who was the father of Joseph? Jacob/Heli, Gideon/Ishmael, Solomon/Nahum, Samuel/Pilate
4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted Jesus would be born in Bethlehem? Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum
5. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Cart, Rode donkey, Small raft
6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Nazareth, 3) Jacob/Heli (Matthew 1:16, Luke 3:23), 4) Micah, 5) Bible not specific, 6) Silver

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) At this time, you might want to resist that otherwise admirable Aries penchant for getting to the heart of a matter quickly. Keep in mind that a delicate situation calls for patience.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive aspects are strong this week. Although you still might have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that's what counts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don't bring yourself into it unless you're invited, and don't stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you'll be there for them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As the truth about an ongoing situation emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment before you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel the most qualified could create resentment. It's best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it first.

LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season's growing commercialization.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday plans, and don't forget to include you-know-who in them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disagreeing with an opinion that you can't accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. It's better to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting involved in helping others during this increasingly hectic period makes the generous Aquarian feel good. You could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don't be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of persuading people to look at the positive possibilities that make up for any hard choices they might face.

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About Food

I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and I think, "Well, that's not going to happen." - Anonymous

The trouble with eating Italian food is that five or six days later, you're hungry again. - George Miller

Inside me there's a thin person struggling to get out, but I can usually sedate him with four or five cupcakes. - Bob Thaves

Ham and eggs -- a day's work for a chicken; a lifetime commitment for a pig. - Anonymous

In Mexico, we have a word for sushi: bait. - Jose Simmons

When the waitress asked if I wanted my pizza cut into four or eight slices, I said, 'Four. I don't think I can eat eight.' - Yogi Berra

You are what you eat eats. - Michael Pollan

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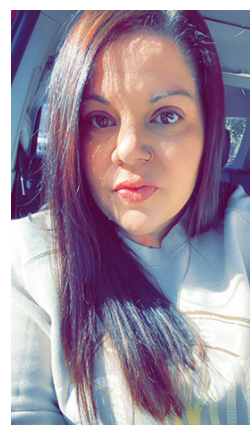
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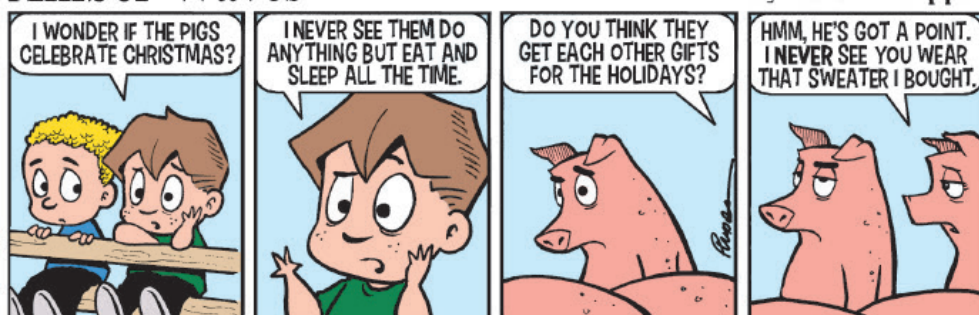
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



I WONDER IF THE PIGS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?
I NEVER SEE THEM DO ANYTHING BUT EAT AND SLEEP ALL THE TIME.
DO YOU THINK THEY GET EACH OTHER GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS?
HMM, HE'S GOT A POINT. I NEVER SEE YOU WEAR THAT SWEATER I BOUGHT.

TIGER by Bud Blake



The Spats by Jeff Pickering



GRANDPA, WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?
UH... THE OPPOSITE OF NATURAL STUPIDITY?

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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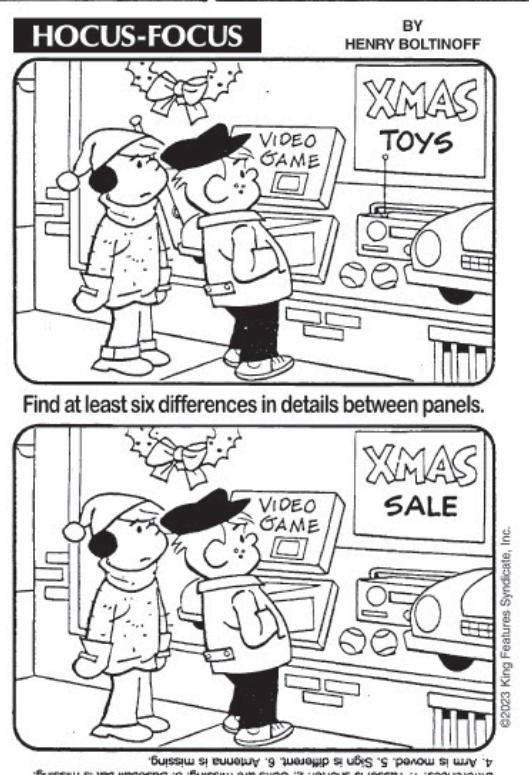
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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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King Crossword



ACROSS

- North —
- Green prefix
- Oodles
- Writer Kingsley
- As well
- Capri, e.g.
- Souvenir seller
- Move like a butterfly
- Tours season
- Snaky fish
- Ceases
- Solidify
- Twitch
- Shroud city
- He can hold his head high
- "Dream on!"
- Zero-star review
- Santa's runway
- Old English Sheepdog feature
- Skilled
- Tramcar contents
- "— the season ..."
- Poker play
- Fish propeller
- Spa sounds
- Protracted
- Decorative paper
- "There!"
- Santa's help-

DOWN

- Leaf
- Skip
- Biography
- Ballpark fig.
- Lucy's pal
- "Neat!"
- "Alley —"
- Prepaid stocking stuffers
- Capital on a fjord
- Radar image
- Collections
- Beheld
- Lancelot
- Eloquent person's talent
- Can metal
- Indent key
- GI entertainers
- Tease
- Cowboy's sweetie
- Nemeses
- Dandy guy
- Newt
- Bakery pur-
- chase
- Canine cry
- "— Misbehavin' "
- Squabbles
- Diner orders
- Cash advance
- Loosen
- Motion picture
- Folksinger Guthrie
- Saintly ring
- Bridge
- "My word!"
- Pallid

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Which famous highway that stretches across the United States is sometimes known as the Will Rogers Highway?
 - MUSIC:** Which country did the pop group ABBA come from?
 - TELEVISION:** What article made Frosty the Snowman come to life in the popular TV special?
 - FOOD & DRINK:** What is colcannon?
 - U.S. STATES:** Which state is home to the Volcanoes National Park?
 - MOVIES:** What is the name of the acapella group that Anna Kendrick joins on "Pitch Perfect"?
 - INVENTIONS:** Who invented the Barbie doll in 1959?
 - MATH:** How many tablespoons are in 1 cup?
 - LITERATURE:** What is the title of the sequel to "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which elected president is the only one to fail to gain his party's nomination for a second term?
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

King Crossword

- Trivia Test Answers:
- Route 66; 2. Sweden; 3. A magic hat; 4. Mashed potatoes and cabbage; 5. Hawaii; 6. The Barden Bellas; 7. Ruth Handler; 8. 16; 9. "Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator"; 10. Franklin Pierce.

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Piedmont Pets

December 14, 2023 By Paulette Dean

In the mid-1980s, I worked as a secretary for a wonderful locally-owned company. The office was in a converted house; there were usually only three employees in the office. The other woman and I enjoyed the constant parade of birds, drawn to the yard by the huge trees. I was a board member of the humane society at that time.

During freezing weather, my friend, Susan, and I talked about how sorry we felt for the wild birds. We wondered about how cold their legs and feet must be and even joked about how we wished we could knit little leggings for all of them.

Winter is a hard time for wild birds, as it is for most wild animals. Not all birds survive it. Other birds have found ways to adapt. Yes, that is called survival of the fittest; however, if you enjoy bird watching and have a bird feeder, there are things you can do to help.

Some species grow additional feathers when cold weather comes. Others fluff their feathers, creating air pockets that traps body heat. Some birds can amazingly lower their metabolic rate, which helps them burn fewer calories. Yet other birds stay warm at night by finding places to roost with other birds.

Like other animals, birds need to increase their caloric intake during winter just as the food is harder to find. If you have a bird feeder, adding black oil sunflower seeds provides the

extra calories. Be sure to check the feeders often; winter is not a good time to decide to stop feeding birds.

Water is also scarce during winter. Dehydration can be an even bigger threat to wild birds than starvation. The problem is, an ordinary birdbath can also cause problems with ice on feathers. We have also had reports of birds whose feet have frozen to telephone lines and branches. A heated element is a birdbath is a good option to help solve that problem.

There are many good on-line options to research ways to help wild bird friends during cold weather. If you see one that needs help, please call us for advice on what to do. We are not allowed to handle wild birds, but we can help you find someone who can!



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By Terry and Kim Kovel

Christmas Collectibles

Santa Claus is as popular a figure in antique Christmas collectibles as he is in today's decorations. Most are more festive than this papier-mache figure. Santa is usually portrayed holding a small Christmas tree, carrying his famous sack of toys, surrounded by reindeer or accompanied by a child.

Depending on the age and origin of the collectible, he might be dressed in an unexpected color like green or blue. Here, he can be recognized by his red coat and hood, trimmed with fur as white as his beard. This papier-mache figure looks plainer than many popular Christmas collectibles. There are no reindeer pulling the sleigh, and instead of a sack of toys, there is a stack of firewood on his back. But there's a surprise in store; the bundle of logs isn't what it seems. Lift the lid, and it has a hollow compartment meant to store candy.

Papier-mache candy containers were popular from the 19th to early 20th centuries. The most famous ones were made in Germany and often themed for holidays like Christmas or Easter. They are eagerly sought by collectors, often selling for high prices. This Santa sold for \$6,250 at a Hindman auction, where its high presale estimate was \$500!

Q: I have a Christmas ornament that needs help. Can mercury glass that is blue be restored?

A. Mercury glass, or silvered glass, was first made in England in the 1840s. It was made in the United States from the mid-1850s to the early 20th century. The silvery mirrored look was made by blowing clear glass into a double-walled shape and filling the small air space between the walls with a mercury solution. First, air was vacuumed out of the space, then the solution was poured in through a hole in the bottom of the piece, coating the inside of the glass, and then the hole was sealed. After the 1850s, "mercury" glass was made using a silver nitrate solution. If the seal is broken,



Leave it to Santa Claus to fill a bundle of firewood with candy! This papier-mache figure of Santa on a sled is a candy container.

exposure to the air will cause the color to deteriorate. You can try to reseat it but won't be able to restore the original color. Mercury is toxic. If you have a very old Christmas ornament that might contain mercury, you should call the poison control center near you to see how to handle it.

TIP: Dust Christmas ornaments after removing them from the tree. Do not store them dusty. Wrap each ornament individually in paper.

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Salt and pepper shakers, snowman shape, ceramic, white, black hat with gold band, red scarf, green earmuffs, holding candy cane, Josef Originals, made in Japan, 3 1/2 inches, \$35.

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Toy, Pan American Airport Set, five planes, rollup stairway, baggage car with two luggage carts, original box with airport graphics, Tootsietoy, No. 6500, 1955, \$310.

Pottery, pitcher, Comma, scattered black commas on white ground, slender tapered form, flared out at neck, dark red inside, LaGardo Tackett, 19 1/2 x 6 inches, \$860.

Sterling-silver horn, New Year's, marked "Tiffany & Co.," 20th century, 10 1/4 inches, \$950.

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Danville Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast



On Saturday, December 9, 2023, a group of dedicated Danville Kiwanis Club members held their annual pancake breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 871 Main Street. In an effort to raise funds to support youth programs and scholarships, ticket holders were served “all you can eat” yummy pancakes, sausage, hot coffee and orange juice. Front row (L-R): Mark Morris, Suzie Lea, John Mason, Ray Beale, Shannon Hair, David Kinder, Gordon Ballard and Jim Daniel. Back row (L-R): Randy Boswell, Bob Newnan, Joe Franks, Stetson Franklin, Lee Vogler, John Wilt, Dillon Barnett and Jim Starling.

Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year Awardee



Alex Vardavas is the 90th person to receive the prestigious Citizen of the Year Award from the Danville Kiwanis Club. The annual award was presented to Alex by Kiwanis Club President Vanessa Scarce at the Danville Golf Club on December 7, 2023. Citizen of the Year selection criteria include significant contributions to improve the lives of Danville’s citizens. In the words of Rick Barber who served with four other non-Kiwanian members pointed out that: “... the awardee was well known through the community in a profession where he has a ‘very distinctive voice’”. Alex Vardavas is program director at the WBTM and WAKG radio stations.

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Green Book plaques dedicated at two Danville historical markers

City officials joined community members at a ceremony on Tuesday to dedicate plaques that commemorate two sites featured in the Green Book, a 20th-century travel guide for African Americans during the Jim Crow era of segregation. The plaques have been attached to existing historical highway markers for the Holbrook-Ross Historic District and the Yancey House/Grasty Library.



The Green Book plaque for the Yancey House/Grasty Library marker at 320 Holbrook St. was unveiled during the ceremony. “This ceremony is more than an unveiling; it is an opportunity to reflect on the resilience of those who faced adversity head-on, and it is an opportunity to shed light on a time in our history that must never be forgotten,” said Councilman Barry Mayo, speaking on behalf of Mayor Alonzo Jones and the City Council. “May the stories of the Green Book inspire and enlighten generations to come.” The ceremony featured presentations from members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority’s Danville chapter (Alpha Phi Omega), including President Gayle H. Breakley, Interim President Bethann West James, and members Dorothy Diggs and Cynthia Polk. Karice Luck-Brimmer of Virginia Humanities provided an overview of Danville’s history as it pertains to the Holbrook-Ross Historic District, the Yancey House, and the Grasty Library. The Holbrook-Ross Historic District was the first neighborhood in Danville for African American professionals. The Yancey House, listed in the Green Book from the 1930s to the 1960s, served as a lodging place for African Americans during the segregation era. The house today is the headquarters of the Danville chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Grasty Library, a branch of the Danville public library system for Black patrons, operated next door to the Yancey House from 1950 to 1969.



“On behalf of the mayor, the City Council, the City staff, and the citizens of our city, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all those involved in ensuring that these historic sites are recognized,” Mayo said. “The Negro Motorist Green Book” was written by Victor Hugo Green and published in 1936. Many of these sites are no longer standing. In January, Del. Michael P. Mullin introduced a bill to designate or approve supplementary plaques for historical highway markers identifying locations and businesses in Virginia that were featured in the Green Book. The General Assembly passed the bill. In March, the legislation was signed into law by Gov. Glenn Youngkin.



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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Name the Army quarterback who scored the first touchdown ever shown on instant replay during the CBS broadcast of the Army vs. Navy game in December 1963.

2. What NHL team bought out the contract of goaltender Rick DiPietro in 2013 and agreed to pay him \$1.5 million annually for the next 16 years?

3. Name the Argentinian tennis player who won the 2009 U.S. Open men's singles title.

4. Broadcaster Paul Eells was the radio and TV voice of what college's athletic programs from 1978-2006?

5. What actor portrayed Indiana Hoosiers basketball coach Bob Knight in the 2002 made-for-TV movie "A Season on the Brink"?

6. What Notre Dame Fighting Irish quarterback was selected by the Carolina Panthers in the second round of the 2010 NFL Draft?

7. CBS Sports chairman Sean McManus is the son of what legendary sportscaster?

Answers

1. Carl "Rollie" Stichweh.
2. The New York Islanders.
3. Juan Martin del Potro.
4. The University of Arkansas Razorbacks.
5. Brian Dennehy.
6. Jimmy Clausen.
7. Jim McKay.

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by Matilda Charles

Getting Educated About Scams

There is a movement online among the children of seniors to instruct us about scams we might come across. All sorts of advice is being handed out to them about how to approach us with these scam facts, mostly falling in the "gentle" category to be sure we're not offended by being told we could become a victim of a scam.

I can see where this could go. Amongst the advice about possible financial scams there could be "suggestions" that we perhaps turn the management of our money over to others. Or perhaps it would mean someone else would balance our checkbook each month to verify just where our money is going.

I don't think so.

The way around this -- should these types of discussions come to your house via well-meaning others -- is to be one step ahead and be very well versed in the typical scams that are aimed at seniors.

In a banking scam, you know not to click any email links or give any information over the phone. You hang up and call the bank directly to ask if they called you.

In the charity scams, you'll be asked to give money over the phone. Don't do it. If you want to give, send a check directly to the charity.

In the grandparent scam, a fake grandchild will call and say he's in trouble and needs bail money. No, you'll simply hang up.

No, the IRS will never call and insist you make a payment with gift cards.

In the romance scam where a fake online love interest suddenly needs cash, you won't hand over a single dime. Period.

Go here to read about the various scams: www.aarp.org. Put "Fraud Resource Center" in the search box to get the details on the 70 scams listed. Know what you're talking about when others come to you to "educate" you about scams.

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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.

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Now here's a tip! by Jo Ann Derson

* My personal holiday rule is simple: When in doubt, leave it out. There is so much to do, and we want to cover it all, but my best memories of holidays involve the people who I spend time with, not the place setting or the exact perfect gift. Happy Holidays, JoAnn

* Commit to spending one or two unscheduled nights per week during holiday break, just hanging out with your kids. You can enjoy the toys they might have gotten for Christmas, read, play games or just relax in each other's company. They will return to school (and you to work) less stressed. -- E.G. in Massachusetts

* Try this chef's trick for a juicy bird: After seasoning, cover the bird with cheesecloth or muslin secured with string. Baste over the cloth every 15 minutes. In the last 20 minutes, remove the cloth so that the skin can crisp.

* P.S.G. from South Carolina writes: Delegate table tasks that are age-appropriate to your children for any holiday gatherings that you host. Place setting, condiment delivery, refilling water glasses at scheduled intervals, etc. Children like to have a job, and they are better behaved when they have a focus and make a contribution.

* Plan now for leftovers: Have small plastic containers and zip-top bags in case your guests or family would like to take some home. This is an especially smart thing to do if you are looking to eat healthier. Send Grandma home with a turkey plate and a big slice of chocolate cake! It's better to share.

* Wondering what wine to serve at your party? Order a case of mixed wines. You might get a hit on your hands! -- C.C. in Oregon

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * Sweden has a ski-through McDonald's.
- * The world's most expensive perfume, Clive Christian No. 1 Passant Guardant, will set you back a cool \$143,000 for a 30 ml bottle. Of course, it does come in a flask studded with 2,000 diamonds.
- * A 2018 psychology study found that millionaires who earned their wealth are moderately happier than those who inherited it.
- * George Washington moved his slaves in and out of Pennsylvania every six months to avoid their taking advantage of a law whereby slaves residing in the state for longer periods could claim their freedom.
- * One billion hours of video are watched on YouTube every day.
- * When Peter Benchley had trouble coming up with a title for his novel "Jaws," his dad suggested "What's That Noshin' on My Leg?"
- * Bored with your limited supply of cuss words? Try learning Latin, which contains about 800 obscenities to English's approximately 20 (depending on how we define the latter).
- * In 1924, half of the world's cars were made by Ford.
- * Folks who have difficulty recalling someone else's name shortly after they've met can blame it on the "next-in-line-effect," or having too much anxiety about themselves and what they'll say next to focus on the name of someone to whom they were just introduced.
- * A cyberchondriac is someone who scours the internet looking for details about their illnesses.
- * Actor Frankie Muniz, who starred as the titular character in the TV series "Malcolm in the Middle," doesn't recall his time on the show, due to multiple concussions and TIAs (transient ischemic attacks).
- * Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote "The Gambler" to pay off his gambling debts.

Thought for the Day: "Don't confuse your path with your destination. Just because it's stormy now doesn't mean you aren't headed for sunshine later. Don't lose faith." -- Trent Shelton

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Moments in time

- On Dec. 18, 1966, Dr. Seuss's popular book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was made into an animated TV special narrated by well-known horror movie star Boris Karloff, who also provided the voice of the titular character, and shown for the first time on CBS.
- On Dec. 19, 1942, American fighter pilot Eddie Rickenbacker was pulled out of the Pacific Ocean after being lost at sea for 22 days. He and six other men would have starved to death if they hadn't caught and eaten a seagull. Rickenbacker was on a special mission in the South Pacific when he went missing.
- On Dec. 20, 1990, the Population Crisis Committee declared Lagos, Nigeria the worst city in the world in which to live, with the top-ranked cities listed as Montreal, Melbourne and Seattle-Tacoma. Half of Lagos' homes lacked water and electricity, and only one person in 100 owned a telephone. The city also had a density of 5.8 persons per dwelling.
- On Dec. 21, 2007, Britain's former prime minister Tony Blair left the Anglican Church to become a Roman Catholic. The cardinal who led the service to welcome him said he was "very glad" to do so, but controversy remained on whether the conversion was in pursuit of the European Union presidency.
- On Dec. 22, 1945, broadcast journalist Diane Sawyer was born in Louisville, Kentucky. Before landing at CBS in 1978, she was a White House press aide during the Richard Nixon administration and later assisted Nixon with his memoirs. At one point she was the highest-paid woman in American TV news.
- On Dec. 23, 1954, Dr. Joseph E. Murray and several other surgeons performed the first truly successful human kidney transplant, between identical twin brothers, at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.
- On Dec. 24, 1828, eggnog riots began at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, in what was also known as the Grog Mutiny. The disturbances were sparked by cadets' copious consumption of eggnog made with smuggled whiskey and lasted until the next day.

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* My personal holiday rule is simple: When in doubt, leave it out. There is so much to do, and we want to cover it all, but my best memories of holidays involve the people who I spend time with, not the place setting or the exact perfect gift. Happy Holidays, JoAnn

* Commit to spending one or two unscheduled nights per week during holiday break, just hanging out with your kids. You can enjoy the toys they might have gotten for Christmas, read, play games or just relax in each other's company. They will return to school (and you to work) less stressed. -- E.G. in Massachusetts

* Try this chef's trick for a juicy bird: After seasoning, cover the bird with cheesecloth or muslin secured with string. Baste over the cloth every 15 minutes. In the last 20 minutes, remove the cloth so that the skin can crisp.

* P.S.G. from South Carolina writes: Delegate table tasks that are age-appropriate to your children for any holiday gatherings that you host. Place setting, condiment delivery, refilling water glasses at scheduled intervals, etc. Children like to have a job, and they are better behaved when they have a focus and make a contribution.

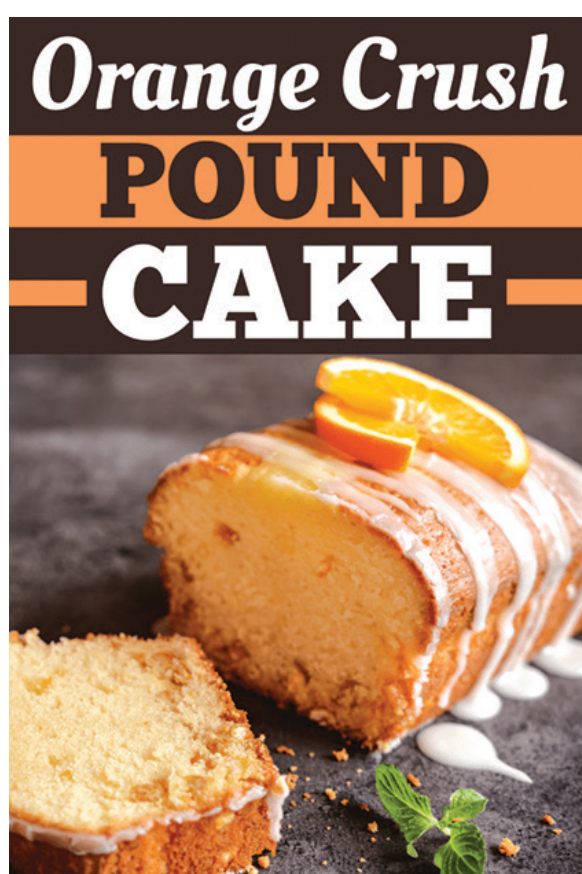
* Plan now for leftovers: Have small plastic containers and zip-top bags in case your guests or family would like to take some home. This is an especially smart thing to do if you are looking to eat healthier. Send Grandma home with a turkey plate and a big slice of chocolate cake! It's better to share.

* Wondering what wine to serve at your party? Order a case of mixed wines. You might get a hit on your hands! -- C.C. in Oregon

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INGREDIENTS
For The Cake
1 cup shortening
1/4 cup margarine, room temperature
2 3/4 cups granulated sugar
5 eggs, room temperature
3 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
1 cup Orange Crush orange soda
1 teaspoon orange flavoring
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

For The Orange Cream Cheese and Frosting
1/4 cup margarine, room temperature
1 (3-ounce) package cream cheese, room temperature
1 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon orange flavoring
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

INSTRUCTIONS
To make the cake, preheat the oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease the bottom of a 10-cup capacity tube pan and coat it with flour.
In a large mixing bowl, beat together shortening, margarine, and sugar at medium speed until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, until well combined.
Add in the soda alternately with the sifted flour. Beat until smooth and lump-free. Stir in the orange flavoring and vanilla extract. Pour the batter into the prepared tube pan. Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes, or until the top is golden, and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
Flip the pan over onto a wire rack. Let the cake cool inside the pan for about 10 to 15 minutes.
Meanwhile, prepare the frosting. In a large mixing bowl, beat together margarine and cream cheese at medium speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add powdered sugar, orange flavoring, and vanilla. Beat until the frosting is smooth and spreadable.
Loosen the sides of the cake with a knife and release it from the pan. Spread frosting over the warm cake.

Santa Claus Cake



INGREDIENTS
For the cake:
1 (16.25-ounce) package white cake mix
1 1/3 cups water
3 large eggs, room temperature
1/3 cup canola oil
1 tablespoon orange zest, grated
1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries, thawed and coarsely chopped
1 cup walnuts, finely chopped
For the cream cheese frosting:
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
1/2 teaspoon orange zest, grated
1/4 cup walnuts, finely chopped

DIRECTIONS
Step 1 -Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
Step 2 -Grease two 9-inch round baking pans and line the bottoms with parchment paper. Grease the paper.
Step 3 -In a large bowl, combine the white cake mix, the water, the eggs, the canola oil, and 1 tablespoon of the orange zest.
Step 4 -Using a hand mixer, beat the mixture together on low speed for 30 seconds, then on medium speed for 2 minutes.
Step 5 -Stir the cranberries and 1 cup of the walnuts into the batter.
Step 6 -Transfer the batter to the prepared pans.
Step 7 -Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 30-35 minutes.
Step 8 -Cool the cakes in the pan for 10 minutes then transfer the cakes to wire racks to cool completely, making sure to remove the parchment paper.
Step 9 -Allow the cakes to cool completely.
Step 10 -In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, the butter, and the vanilla until blended.
Step 11 -Gradually beat in the confectioners' sugar and the remaining orange zest until smooth.
Step 12 -Spread the frosting on the cakes, stacking them and frosting the tops and the sides of them.
Step 13 -Sprinkle the cake with the remaining walnuts.
Step 14 -Serve.



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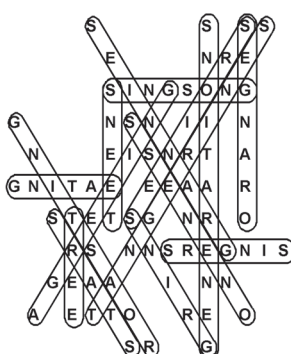
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- Marlin, Merlin
- Squash, Squish