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Community Calendar DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Community Events

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

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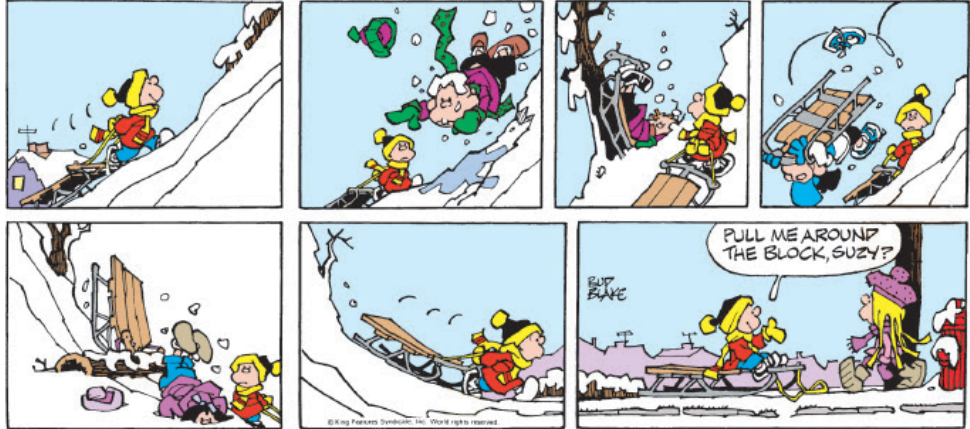
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ear flap is moved. 2. Collar is smaller. 3. Tree is smaller. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Mouth is missing. 6. Snowfall of snow is smaller.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- TiVo precursor
- Wide
- America's uncle
- Consume
- Heart line
- La-la lead-in
- Gym machine
- And so on (Abbr.)
- Nabokov novel
- Bowling lanes
- Packs tightly
- Go yachting
- Yale grad
- Author Umberto
- Aegean island
- Building wings
- Farm female
- Steakhouse order
- Rice recipe
- PC key
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- Heavy burden
- Memo letters
- Deadly virus

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- Schlep
- Bohemian
- Getty of "The Golden Girls"
- Apple computers
- Fireplace flickerers
- Small batteries
- Tale teller
- Army transport
- "That's — need to know"
- 1,000-year spans
- Have debts
- Bassoon's kin
- Taxpayer IDs
- Pretzel topper
- Salad type singer
- Suspect's excuse
- Crunchy sandwich
- Peeve
- "May It Be" singer
- Bagel topper
- Slangy suffix
- Sister
- Silly Putty container

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What is ciabatta?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the 1980s cop drama series starring actor William Shatner?
- HISTORY: In which year did the Gulf oil spill occur?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the classic holiday novella "The Cricket on the Hearth"?
- INVENTIONS: Who invented penicillin?
- GEOGRAPHY: Monaco is bordered on three sides by which European country?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Land of Enchantment"?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the police chief in the movie "Jaws"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the J.D. stand for in a law degree?
- MUSIC: Which singer had a breakout hit with "I Kissed a Girl"?

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Answer
Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.
Answers

King Crossword

- An Italian bread.
- "T.J. Hooker"
- 2010.
- Charles Dickens.
- Alexander Fleming.
- France.
- New Mexico.
- Martin Brody.
- Jurts Doctor.
- Kay Perry.

Trivia Test Answers



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Merry Christmas to Our Son and Brother, Michael Searce who went to be with Jesus 8 years ago. We Love and Miss You, Mama, Daddy and Heather.

Merry Christmas in Heaven to Robert and Inez. We Love You and We Miss You. Love, Doug, Joyce, Debbie, Randy and Family.



Piedmont Pets

December 21, 2023 By Paulette Dean

When my sister and I were children, we would write letters to Santa. In fact, our mother kept a section of the Manhattan, Kansas newspaper that printed lots of letters from our classes in Northview Elementary School. We laugh now because my letters and even my whispers to Santa as I sat on his lap reflected what my sister told me I wanted for Christmas.

This year, if I were to write a letter, I would ask for the fulfillment of a thought expressed by Charles Dickens, "Have a heart that never hardens, a touch that never hurts, and a temper that never tires." Each time that thought comes to my mind, the thought is accompanied by remembrances of animals I have seen.

At the shelter this year, we have seen the best and worst of human hearts, touches, and tempers.

Most of the time, we see the best of the human hearts when people come to the shelter to volunteer. They sincerely want to make a difference in the lives of the shelter animals. Thankfully, there are volunteers who find joy in forgetting their own pain while serving the animals.

Hundreds of animals that are brought to us each bear evidence of neglect and even cruelty, both physical and emotional. Most of them immediately begin eating the food and drinking water and then curl up on the resting beds and fall asleep.

Each of the thousands of animals we receive each year comes

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Most of the animals we receive have been touched by the worst and by the best. Sometimes, the worst is a person who has abandoned, or abused, or neglected the animal. Sometimes, the best is a police officer, animal control officer, or member of the public who sees a need in the animal.

Finally, at this holiday season, we are grateful for the good people who have helped us help the animals that have been hurt by the bad ones. Our childish letters to Santa have been replaced by grown-up prayers: "Please help everyone to have hearts that never harden, gentle touches that never hurt, and tempers that never tire."



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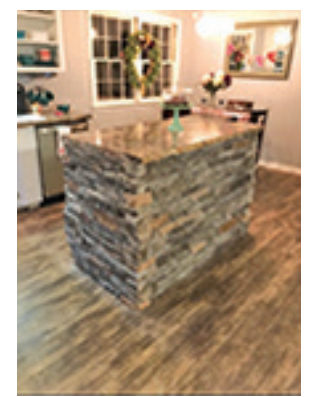
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celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I was sorry to hear about the death of Ryan O'Neal. "Paper Moon" is one of my all-time favorite movies. How is his daughter Tatum doing? — *H.G.*

A. Tatum O'Neal wrote in her 2004 autobiography, "A Paper Life," that she and her father did not speak for two decades. According to Entertainment Weekly, they started to repair their relationship in the months before his longtime love, Farrah Fawcett, died after her cancer battle in 2009. The father and daughter duo, who starred in the classic film "Paper Moon," reunited on-screen in 2011 for their own reality show, "Ryan & Tatum: The O'Neals."

Their bond continued to grow until his passing on Dec. 8 at the age of 82. In a statement to People magazine, Tatum stated that her dad "meant the world to me. ... I'll miss him forever, and I feel very lucky that we ended on such good terms."

Q. I know most of the new shows are starting later this season, but when is my favorite, "Station 19," returning? — *K.L.*

A. "Station 19" is a spin-off of "Grey's Anatomy," one of the longest-lasting drama series ever, but unfortunately "Station's" time is coming to an end, as ABC recently announced that the upcoming seventh season will be its last. The show boasts six cast members who have been there since the beginning — Jaina Lee Ortiz (Andy), Jason George (Ben), Grey Damon (Jack), Barrett Doss (Vic), Jay Hayden (Travis) and Danielle Savre (Maya). Due to the writers' and actors' strikes in Hollywood, which have fortunately ended, the fall TV season was pushed to 2024 and will air much fewer episodes. "Station 19" will premiere its final season on March 14 at 10 p.m. ET., the first of just 10 episodes.

Q. What happened to the show "Big Sky"? A friend told me it was canceled. This surprises me. I thought it was great and was looking forward to more. — *B.F.*



Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Ryan and Tatum O'Neal in "Paper Moon" (1973)

A. "Big Sky" was a very promising series created by David E. Kelley. If that name sounds familiar, it's because Kelley has created and/or produced many highly successful shows like "L.A. Law," "Ally McBeal," "The Practice," "Big Little Lies" and "The Lincoln Lawyer." In between these notable hits have been some misses ("Big Shot" for one). "Big Sky," however, probably sits somewhere in the middle. It lasted only three seasons, but with its beautiful scenery (set in Montana) and compelling storyline, it seemed to have the makings of a hit.

It starred Kathryn Winnick ("Vikings"), Kylie Bunbury ("Pitch") and Dedee Pfeiffer ("Cybill"). Pfeiffer is actually the sister of Kelley's wife, actress Michelle Pfeiffer. When the show wasn't generating its desired ratings, the name of it was changed to "Big Sky: Deadly Trails," and two stars were added to the cast — Reba McEntire ("The Voice") and Jensen Ackles ("Supernatural"). Alas, it wasn't enough, and the series was canceled back in May.

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1. Mad Dogs & Englishmen were the backup band for which artist on their 1970 American tour?

2. Which was bigger: Woodstock or Summer Jam at Watkins Glen?

3. Who wrote and released "I Feel Like I'm Fixin' to Die Rag"?

4. To whom did the Beatles write "Dear Prudence"?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Now, your daddy don't mind, And your mommy don't mind if we have another dance."

Answers

1. Joe Cocker. Upward of 20 musicians were in the group. They were named after the Noel Coward song of the same name.

2. Summer Jam, in 1973, saw 600,000 people come through the gates at the Watkins Glen Raceway.

3. Country Joe and the Fish, in 1965. The song was a counterculture protest against the Vietnam War and appeared on their album of the same name.

4. They wrote it to Prudence, the sister of Mia Farrow, who was studying meditation with them in India in 1968, as a way of getting her to stop hiding in her hut.

5. "Stay," by Maurice Williams & the Zodiacs, in 1960. Songwriter Williams wrote the first version of the song as a teen when he tried to convince a date not to go home yet.

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Danville Kiwanis Club



Averett University's Chaplain Sean Timmons was the guest speaker at the December 14, 2023 Danville Kiwanis Club meeting. Chaplain Timmons implored his audience to consider the following: that the beautiful message of Christmas is that God made the ordinary extraordinary at the nativity birth and continues to do so for us today. Through Christ, God is with us and guiding us at all times, even and especially in the small, holy moments that appear in our daily lives. Chaplain Timmons was thanked for a timely Christmas message. To the right of Chaplain Timmons is Lawrence Meder who serves as Program Committee Chairperson for the Danville Kiwanis Club.



City manager names chief of police

City Manager Ken Larking announced today the promotion of Christopher (Chris) K. Wiles from interim chief of police to the position of chief of police. Wiles served as interim police chief for nearly two months and, prior to that, as deputy police chief since last December.



A person in a police uniform Description automatically generated He is a 30-year veteran of the Danville Police Department, having joined the department on Sept. 1, 1993.

"The hiring process was extremely competitive, as we had several well-qualified applicants," Larking said. "However, it was apparent that Chris was the best fit for our community."

Larking added, "I am pleased that we have strong leadership from the police department, so we had the luxury of promoting from within for this very important position. The department has made great strides, and Chris' experience and knowledge of the system will allow us to continue the great progress."

Wiles was chosen from a field of 48 candidates through a national recruitment. Developmental Associates LLC in Chapel Hill, N.C., was hired to coordinate the search. A 13-member assessment panel vetted finalists in skill-assessment exercises, including a presentation, a written exercise, a simulated community meeting and a coaching role-play. The panel included police chiefs from three states.

Holiday schedule for city offices, services

The Municipal Building and all other City of Danville government offices and the public library will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas Day holiday. In addition, with Christmas Eve falling on Sunday, the offices will remain closed on Tuesday, Dec. 26, in observance of the holiday.

The James F. Ingram Justice Center (courthouse) will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 22, and it will be closed on both Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The Municipal Building and all other City of Danville government offices, the library and the courthouse will reopen on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Danville Transit will not operate on Monday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holidays. In addition, Senior Transportation Services will not be provided on Sunday, Dec. 24.

In observance of the New Year's Day holiday, the Municipal Building and all other City of Danville government offices, and the library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1.

The courthouse will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, and Tuesday, Jan. 2.

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Alton P Turman

January 10, 1956 ~ December 8, 2023 (age 67)



Alton P. Turman, age 67, of Danville, VA, passed away on Friday, December 8, 2023, at his residence.

Mr. Turman was born on January 10, 1956, in Danville, VA, a son of the late Alvin Turman and Shirley

Jones Turman. Mr. Turman lived most of his life in Danville where he worked as a pipe fitter.

He was married to Teresa Meeks Turman who preceded him in death. He had a personality that could make anyone smile. He loved everything about the outdoors and enjoyed riding his motorcycle and working on cars.

Mr. Turman is survived by his son, Hunter Turman. Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Turman family.

Glenn Morris Keesee

November 6, 1949 - December 13, 2023



Glenn Morris Keesee, age 74 of Chatham went to be with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

Born November 6, 1949 in Pittsylvania County, he was a son of the late Morris Earl

Keesee, and Luella Frances Mayhew Keesee. Mr. Keesee was a member of Samuel Harris Memorial Baptist Church, and he was a mechanic with Meadows Service Center. He enjoyed fishing, cooking, and hot rods.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Younger Keesee of the residence; one daughter, Amy Montgomery and husband, Ben of Rocky Mount; one son, Daniel Keesee and wife, Hollye of Chatham; one sister, Mary Ellen Scruggs and significant other, Billy Tucker of Gretna; and four grandchildren, Sarah Montgomery, Hannah Montgomery, Elijah Keesee, and Everly Keesee.

Funeral services will be conducted 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Marion Baptist Church by Pastor Mark Redd and Pastor Hank Meadows. Burial to follow in the Keesee Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2023 at Colbert-Moran Funeral Home and other times will be at the residence.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Children's Bible Camp, P.O. Box 17, Chatham, VA 24531.

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Christmas is God's Extraordinary Opportunity

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Christmas was bleak when I was fourteen years old. My father had fallen off the roof our barn while trying to make a repair. He was severely injured. His hospital and home recovery took months. As a coal mining family, we lived financially tight in the best of times. Although farming and gardening often got us over the hump. With no paycheck coming into our household for several months, I have no clue how my mother and father kept the lights burning.

My mother worked only briefly outside of the home and it wasn't during this critical time.

Christmas came and my father was recuperating but was still on crutches. We had a Christmas tree but there weren't any packages. I understood. I didn't even think about Christmas gifts or packages or a Santa coming around. I knew it was not the best of times.

We did have food and the furnace was on and the fact that my dad was getting well gave us all a sense of optimism that things would eventually return to normal.

On Christmas Eve my mother surprised me by handing me a tiny package. "Thank you," came from my lips, but I know I barely mumbled in disbelief. Ripping off the paper I beheld a watch. It was my one and only Christmas gift. It was a simple gift but it was thrilling to me at that time. I knew it came with sacrifice and love. I remember the blessing I felt.

A year later I would celebrate Christmas as a new Christian. I would even share in my church family's Christmas program. Two other teenagers and I sang, "We three kings of orient are bearing gifts we've traveled so far." We walked down the aisle of our church in bathrobes and weird looking crowns as we approached Mary, Joseph and the Christ child in the manger. It was all so simple but filled the greatest need of my heart. I remember that simple Christmas program. I remember the fellowship and love of the church. I remember the delight I felt in my Christian infancy. I remember that my dad was physically healed and doing well. I thought about how great life really was. I remember the blessings.

Today, I continue to count the blessings. The greatest blessing of all is God's gift to us, his Son.

We celebrate his birthday once again. Hopefully, we won't lose sight of what Christmas is about. We never really know just how God may work in our lives during this season. So often it's in unexpected ways and in unexpected places and sometimes through unexpected people.

May we all be at peace this season of the year and try to look up higher than ourselves to God who has given us Christmas. Christmas is God's extraordinary opportunity to do something special in our lives.

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|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Canoe oar | __ A __ _ _ _ | Small pool of water | __ U __ _ _ _ |
| 2. Runner's pathway | __ _ _ _ K | Vanish without a | __ _ _ _ E |
| 3. Judge's workplace | __ _ _ R _ | Dracula's title | __ _ _ N _ |
| 4. L.A. ballplayer | D _ _ _ _ _ | Hotel guest | L _ _ _ _ _ |
| 5. Make amends | __ T _ _ _ _ | By oneself | __ L _ _ _ _ |
| 6. On the __ hand | __ H _ _ _ | Playful mammal | __ T _ _ _ |
| 7. Fast trot | __ _ _ _ P | 4 quarts | __ _ _ _ N |
| 8. Burst of light | __ _ _ _ H | Small canteen | __ _ _ K |
| 9. Fry lightly | __ _ _ T _ | Gravy | __ _ C _ |
| 10. Reykjavik's country | __ C _ _ _ _ | Land of shamrocks | __ R _ _ _ _ |

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* If you frequently face snow in your area, invest in a pair of running shoes that are designed for trail running. They have deeper cleats for better traction. Some are even waterproof. This will encourage you to run when it's been snowing!

* "To help your sneakers dry faster, remove the laces and sock liner and hang separately. Stuff them with newspaper to draw out moisture. Hang them to dry on a sturdy hook or line, but not too close to a heater, as it's possible to break down the support materials that way." -- E.D. in Minnesota

* "If you are outdoors on freezing days, you know to dress in layers. When you exercise outside, you do that too, but be prepared to strip off a layer if you get overheated. I have a carabiner clip on my waistband, and I can clip my outer light jacket to it, or even my fleece, through a button hole." -- P.S. in Virginia

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Christmas Morning Casserole



Ingredients

- 7 Eggs
- 1/4 cup Milk
- 1 16 ounce package Refrigerated Flaky Biscuit Dough, Cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 1/2 cups Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Shredded
- 4 Green Onions, Chopped
- 6-8 slices Bacon, Cooked, drained on paper towels, and cut into 1 inch pieces

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F and lightly grease a 9 X 13 casserole dish.

In a large bowl beat together the eggs and milk. Add in the biscuit pieces, cheese, onions, and bacon and gently turn everything over in the bowl to evenly coat. Pour everything into the prepared baking dish and bake for 25 - 30 minutes. You want the eggs to be firmly set and the biscuits to be puffy and golden.

Casserole Variations

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- swapping the bacon for sausage or cubed ham
- adding bell peppers and onions

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| 4. Dodger, Lodger | 9. Saute, Sauce |
| 5. Atone, Alone | 10. Iceland, Ireland |

HOLIDAY WORD SEARCH SOLUTION



RIDDLE ANSWER: They held a snow ball.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* We should all be so lucky as to have vision like that of the mantis shrimp: Not only do its eyes possess four times as many color receptors as a human's, it can see UV, visible and polarized light as well.

* The rise in global temperatures has led to flowers emitting less scent.

* Lightning hasn't brought down an airplane since 1963, thanks to engineering that allows a bolt's electric charge to run through and out of the aircraft.

* Spinraza, a drug prescribed for spinal muscular dystrophy, has a list price of \$750,000.

* By 2018, more than 100 people living in the U.S. owed at least \$1 million in federal student loans.

* A one-euro breakfast featured at an IKEA store in the Netherlands proved so popular that it had to be canceled after it attracted too many customers and even led to highway traffic jams.

* Kellogg's All-Bran cereal is actually 87% bran.

* Heading for the gym in the new year? Be sure to take some hand sanitizer! A report found that a typical gym's free weights boast 362 times as much bacteria as a toilet seat.

* During the Cold War, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to put aside their political differences if Earth was ever invaded by aliens from outer space.



SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Staying Healthy, Staying Home

I've been lax lately in terms of my health. I admit it. While I haven't been at music concerts among thousands of people or riding packed subway cars, I have been going to stores during the daytime when the aisles are full. This was especially true during the holiday shopping season. It's time to stop that -- again -- and start staying home, again.

Respiratory syncytial virus (also known as RSV) is on the rise where I live, and likely elsewhere.

It was only a few months ago that the CDC was advising pediatricians to keep the standard RSV shot they usually give children and save it for the babies that were most vulnerable because supplies were limited. That does not bode well for getting a handle on the spread of RSV. And it's certainly not an illness seniors want.

And then we have Covid ... still with us and never really went away, despite the number of people in stores who were not wearing masks. Seniors don't want that one either.

And then there's the regular, garden variety seasonal flu. The version of the flu shot for seniors this year is a high-dose quadrivalent, which covers two A types as well as two B versions. So we should be protected if we have that shot, they say.

While we were locked down because of the Covid pandemic, flu nearly disappeared. This is because we were staying home, we were washing our hands, we were wearing masks if we had to go out and we were social distancing -- all things to protect against Covid, but it also worked to protect against flu.

I for one am going back to my safety protocols. With three viruses out there right now, I'm better off going back to Zoom calls with friends and the delivery of groceries.

Why take a chance?

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Take a look back to a time when life was simpler.

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