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

2. Who did Zachariah not believe on telling him his wife would conceive? Jesus, Luke, Gabriel, Mark

3. From Numbers 27, who became Moses' successor as leader of Israel? Aaron, Abraham, Elisha, Joshua

4. How many times is the phrase "holy ground" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? 2, 24, 37, 64

5. From Mark 11, who did Jesus cast out of the Temple? Armies of Satan, Harlots, Money changers, Lepers

6. What king saw the "handwriting on the wall"? Darius, Belshazzar, Daniel, Solomon

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Gabriel, 3) Joshua, 4) 2 (Ex 3:5, Acts 7:3), 5) Money changers, 6) Belshazzar

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's better to get an explanation of a colleague's behavior first, rather than trying to guess at the motive. Speculation can never replace facts. What you learn could lead you to reconsider some of your plans.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The practical Bovine wants to see some substantive changes in a situation that just doesn't feel right. You might want to help move things along by offering up some suggestions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might be of two minds about a situation that seems to fit your needs, but might make more demands than you're ready for. Use both your head and heart to reach a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't blame yourself if you can't figure out that puzzling workplace situation. You might not have enough facts to work with yet. Do more research and ask more questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week to catch up on matters that couldn't be completed during the hectic holiday season. It's also a good week to reach out to any new friends you made over the holidays.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A negative reaction to a request could be misunderstood. Make sure that your reasons for saying "no" are clear. Also, be open to changing your mind if more facts come through.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The "security" of doing things the usual way should be balanced against the possible benefits of moving into a new direction. Also, work quickly to avoid a possible family misunderstanding.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A personal matter requires attention and might lead to a surprising revelation. Meanwhile, the new year could bring some long-anticipated changes to the workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new friendship seems to hold less promise than you previously thought. But make no assumptions one way or another without having an open and frank talk first.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your creative input could lead to changes in the workplace. Even if some colleagues disapprove of your efforts, stay the course. You're heading in the right direction.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While this week is mostly positive, a few negative factors might arise. It's best to deal with them before they create problems that can jeopardize some of your later efforts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel like you have all the facts and support that you need to deal with a long-deferred situation. Good for you! Once the matter is finally settled, you can move on.

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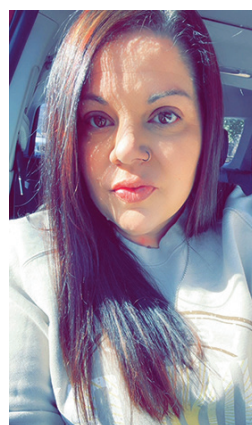
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- 1st - New Year's Day
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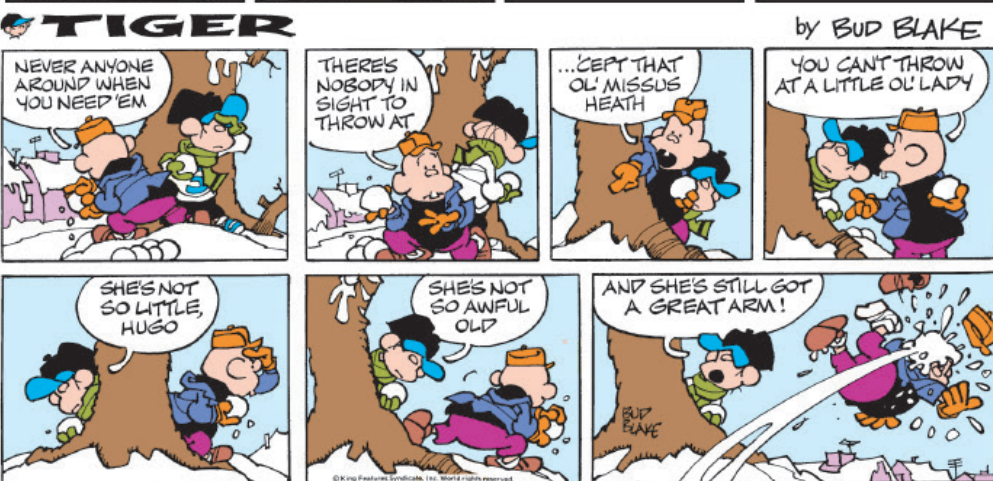
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Panel 1: "KIDS UNDER 12 EAT FREE!"
Panel 2: "KIDS UNDER 12 EAT FREE!"

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Light is moved. 2. Nose is smaller. 3. Buttons are added. 4. Bricks are lower. 5. Headlight is missing. 6. Shirt is different.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Muscat's land
- Droid
- Romeo
- Squid dish
- Crowd noise
- Earring shape, often
- Rock's Moetley —
- Little louse
- Great —
- Spiral
- Cannon of film
- Sofa brand
- Cake mixes
- Links org.
- Los —, California
- Satisfied sigh
- "Say something!"
- "Alfred" composer
- Flower part
- Run-down
- Sudden bursts
- Aachen article
- Dog's bowlful
- Fly at a low altitude
- Grate
- Points of view
- Pro votes
- Bit of butter

DOWN

- Calendar abbr.
- Actress West
- Pie — mode
- Land created by C.S. Lewis
- Lisa's brother
- Spanish gold
- Apex
- Esoteric
- Chicago's Mayor
- Lightfoot
- Mythic man-goat
- War god
- 1509, to Cato
- Back muscles, for short
- Trendy
- Heart charts
- Bound
- Fact
- Pastry store
- Scarce fill
- Portal
- "Psst!"
- Prevents, legally
- Virgil epic
- Billboard
- Poet Teasdale
- Theater production
- Church section
- Work on proofs
- Clean air org.
- polloi
- Single
- Calif. clock setting

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Trivia Test Answers

- Panama and Colombia; 2. Epiplany; 3. Gru; 4. Khalid Hosseini; 5. Fonzle; 6. Saxophone; 7. Five; 8. Freddie Mercury; 9. Columbia; 10. Kentucky.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** The Darien Gap separates which two countries?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is Three Kings Day also known as?
- MOVIES:** What's the name of the supervillain character in the animated film "Despicable Me"?
- LITERATURE:** Who is the author of "The Kite Runner"?
- TELEVISION:** What is the name of the motorcycle-riding greaser in the sitcom "Happy Days"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which musical instrument does former President Bill Clinton play?
- GAMES:** In the game Battleship, how many ships does each player have at the beginning?
- MUSIC:** Which famous rock singer was born with the name Farokh Bulsara?
- HISTORY:** What was the name of the first U.S. Space Shuttle?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state is home to the Mammoth cave system, believed to be the longest in the world?

Solution time: 22 mins.

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January 11, 2024 By Paulette Dean



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For years, I have not made New Year's resolutions; instead I choose a theme for the year. It is usually a verse of scripture or a quote from a trusted church leader. The first year I gave up setting resolutions, I used a quote from Charles Dickens, "Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts."

The theme must reflect something I want to work on or learn. The mission statement of the Danville Area Humane Society is the theme of our work, and it has been in place since the 1980s. Our goals for each year may vary in scope, but they always support our mission statement:

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World War I is generally considered the end of the art nouveau period and the beginning of art deco. People were moving into smaller homes and wanted inexpensive furniture where form followed function. The new machinery, manufacturing techniques and materials of the time lent themselves to the sleek geometric shapes that define the era.

This cabinet, made in Italy in 1934, shows characteristics of art deco style. It is constructed from smooth, simple shapes in veneers, acrylic and lacquered wood. Decorations are contained within the cabinet's shape. Instead of ornate carvings, the cabinet has burl veneer, bands and squared spirals of dark wood. The cabinet sold for \$2,322 at a Cowan's auction.

Q: My son was in a book club in the late 1950s-early 1960s. They had the first editions of Dr. Seuss books. The books are in good condition. Are they worth anything?

A: Theodor Seuss Geisel wrote more than 60 children's books under the name Dr. Seuss. Some of his most famous books were written in the 1950s and '60s and continue to be the most popular children's books in the world. Identifying Seuss's first edition books is a challenge. The publishers did not explicitly print "First Edition" but printed a copyright date. There are experts who can help identify books that may be valuable first editions. Recent high-priced books are "And to Think I Saw it on Mulberry Street," Horton Hears a Who," and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." They have



The art deco period began about 100 years ago and has not lost its appeal. This geometric cabinet with wood veneers is an example of the style.

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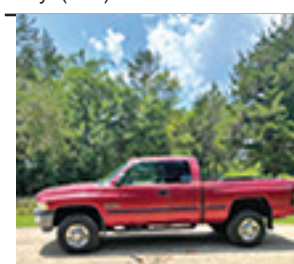
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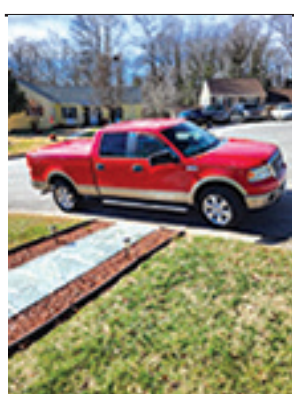
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celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q: How is Jeremy Renner doing since his terrible leg injury? Is he going to continue acting soon? — D.N.

A: Fortunately, two-time Oscar-nominated actor Jeremy Renner will be able to work again after nearly losing his life this past year after being run over by a snowplow on his property. He suffered injuries to his chest and limbs, but has since made a substantial recovery. He recently appeared on CNN's "New Year's Eve Live" show and told hosts Andy Cohen and Anderson Cooper that he's due back on the set of his Paramount+ series "Mayor of Kingstown."

He said that he had a lot of loved ones to live for, including his 10-year-old daughter and the nephew he saved from being hit by the snowplow in his driveway. In addition to acting, Renner is releasing a song called "Wait" that is dedicated to his daughter. It's the first single from his upcoming EP, "Love and Titanium," which will be released on Jan. 19.

Q: When is the "Game of Thrones" spinoff about Jon Snow coming out? I read a while back that Kit Harington will once again be playing the character. Is this still happening? — A.P.

A: According to Casey Bloys, CEO and chairman of HBO, there are several "GoT" spinoff series in development, but none is "close to a green light or anything ... but we are always working on different scripts and ideas." That doesn't sound too promising, but an article on TVLine assures us that a series based on Jon Snow starring Kit Harington is one of those projects "in the works."

Meanwhile, "House of the Dragon," a "GoT" prequel series, will be back on HBO for its second season this summer. One of the characters from that show is being given his own series — Corlys Velaryon, played by Steve Toussaint. Titled "Nine Voyages," the series was originally going to be live-action, but will now be animated due to the "budgetary constraints" involved in filming a show that takes place at sea with "different ports each week."



Courtesy of Paramount+
Jeremy Renner in "Mayor of Kingstown"

"GoT" author and "House of the Dragon" creator George R.R. Martin says that there are actually three additional animated series in the works. He added: "There's a whole world out there. And we have a lot better chance of showing it all with animation."

Q: Why did "Jeopardy" get rid of Mayim Bialik as one of the hosts? She was my favorite. — Y.T.

A: Mayim Bialik was dealt a double blow this past year. Her latest sitcom, "Call Me Kat," was canceled by Fox after three seasons, and she also lost her job as co-host of the popular syndicated game show "Jeopardy." According to TV Insider, Sony claimed that the decision to fire her was to "maintain continuity" for viewers by only having one host — Ken Jennings. However, rumor has it that Sony wasn't happy with her when she refused to host the show during the writers' and actors' strikes.

Hopefully, she'll be returning to our screens soon. She's reportedly been working on a reboot of "Blossom," the sitcom that launched her career in the '90s.

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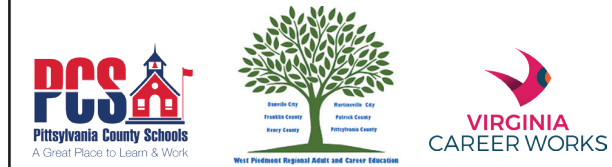


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Schwartz will utilize this certification in her work at the River District Association along with previously earned credentials, such as Main Street America Revitalization Professional (MSARP) and the Duke University Nonprofit Management and Leadership certifications.

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Goodyear Blvd. Litter Project



On December 30, 2023, members of the Alpha Upsilon Lambda (AU) Professional Chapter collected 8 bags of litter on Goodyear Blvd. and Jenny Lane. Pictured (Back Row, L-R) are: Jasmine Lipscomb, Andrew Van Der Hyde, Vice President, Chris Talley; (Front Row, L-R): John Wilt, Chapter Advisor and Elizabeth Talley, Volunteer. The next activity for Alpha Upsilon Lambda is the annual Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale with sales starting February 1st and ending February 28th followed by the 23rd Annual "Run for Justice" scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Angler's Park. For information about activities and/or membership, call Chapter Advisor Wilt at (434) 770-8822 or email jbwilt@aumail.averett.edu

City announces tourism website

The Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism announced the launch of its newly designed website for the regional tourism brand, Visit SoSi: <https://www.visitsosi.com/>

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Cynthia (Hardy) Caswell

February 25, 1956 ~ December 30, 2023 (age 67)



Cynthia Hardy Caswell, age 67, of Pelham, NC, passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at Annie Penn Hospital.

Mrs. Caswell was born on February 25, 1956, in

Danville, VA, a daughter of the late Calvin Thomas Hardy and Annie Elizabeth Cook Hardy. She lived her life in Danville and Pelham where she worked for Dan River Mills for many years and later worked in the assembly line for Unique. Mrs. Caswell was a member of Piney Forest Seventh Day Adventist Church and was married to Calvin Edward Caswell who survives.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Chad Caswell, and Crystal Pruitt (Jerald); grandchildren, Colby, Selena, Daniel Jr., Amber and Jared; great grandchildren, Ariella, Mckenlynn, Nevaeh, Oaklee, Bayleigh, and Kaitlynn; brother, C.T. Hardy; nieces, Sandy Carver (Mark) and Jessica Whitlock (Wes); nephew, Eric Myers; great nephews, Dallas and Jayce; great niece, Savannah; and her loving companion, Bane.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Geraldine Poole.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday January 5, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Swicegood Funeral Home with Pastor Griselda Jobe officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow after the graveside at Piney Forest Seventh Day Adventist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial donations be made to the Pelham Fire Department P.O.Box 97, Pelham, NC,27311 and/or Animal Park NC, P.O. Box 882, Mebane, NC, 27302 or <https://animalparknc.org/>

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Elois (Brumfield) Hooker

June 22, 1937 ~ December 27, 2023 (age 86)



Elois Hooker, age 86, of Ringgold, Va, passed away at home on Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

Mrs. Hooker was born on June 22, 1937, in Lynchburg, Va, a daughter of the late Roy Bennett Brumfield and Irene Samuel Purdy.

Mrs. Hooker was a wife, mother and a homemaker. She lived most of her life in Ringgold. She was a faithful member of The Tabernacle. She was married to the late Bobby Gene Hooker.

Mrs. Hooker is survived by daughters, Wanda Kaye Yeatts (Gary Yeatts), Sharon Faye Gee (Timothy Gee); son, Bobby Gene Hooker II (Kristina Hooker). She is also survived by her granddaughters, Amber and Elizabeth; grandsons, Joshua, Keith and Patrick. Mrs. Hooker also has two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Hooker's funeral service will be conducted at Swicegood Funeral Home at 2pm on Sunday December 31, 2023 with Reverend Joey Bray officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service and at other times the family will be at the residence. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park.

Swicegood Funeral service is respectfully serving the Hooker family.

Donald Moss Taylor

February 6, 1947 ~ December 26, 2023 (age 76)



Donald Moss Taylor, age 76, of Danville, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at Sovah Health.

Mr. Taylor was born on February 6, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Doris Moss Taylor and

William Roy Taylor.

Mr. Taylor spent most of his life in Danville where he was a pipe welder as well as serving our country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War (1966-1969).

Mr. Taylor is survived by his children, Teresa Taylor Christian (Michael) and Andrea Taylor Saunders (Christopher); grandchildren, Karson Taylor, Drew McCarter, Hannah Christian, Taylor McCarter, Michael Christian III, Grant Saunders, Emerson Saunders, Emma Christian and Maisie Christian; sister, Ann Marie Taylor; sisters-in-law, Frances Taylor and Rachel Taylor; brothers-in-law, Johnny Jones and Ricky Jones.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Taylor is predeceased by his wife, Sandra Jones Taylor, and his brothers Ronald Taylor and Charles Taylor.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday January 2, 2024 at 11:00 am at Swicegood Funeral Home with military honors conducted by the U.S. Army. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Taylor family. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Tammy Guill Gipson

August 22, 1962 ~ December 13, 2023 (age 61)



Ms. Tammy Guill Gipson, age 61, of Penhook, Virginia, passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at her residence.

Ms. Gipson was born on August 22, 1962 in Savannah, Georgia to the late Sylvia Ayers Guill (Farley) and Thomas Lee Guill. She lived most of her life in Pittsylvania

and Franklin counties where she worked as an Insurance agent.

Ms. Gipson is survived by her; cousins, Denise Hall, Pamela Hedrick and Rick Hall; aunt, Shirlene Hall and brother, Mitch Guill.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Hunter Harrison.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Here We Go Again

I'm not the only one who has opted, once again, to stay home. Both the rec center and the senior center are cutting back on classes and hours because of the lack of participation, again, but mostly because of the sudden increase in cases of Covid, again. Of course this could include the flu and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), but no one is specifying. It's just clear that more and more people here are getting sick.

At the rec center, the number of exercise classes has been halved, and so has the number of people who can sign up for them. They're going back to spaces outlined in blue painter's tape on the floor, giving a spot to each person to work out. No more walking with pals in a group around the indoor track. Instead, they're going back to single walkers staying a minimum of 10 feet apart.

The senior center has been hit the hardest, I think, because so many of their classes involved sitting around a large table learning a new language, doing painting or fiber art or sharing a meal. The local weekly sightseeing events are stopped because they no longer want to fit 20 seniors into the bus. For some seniors, those social events were the highlight of their week. Now it looks like they'll be back to Zoom meetings.

The good news is that the food bank is still up and running with no sign (yet) of slowing down what they do. Participants will pull up and stay in their vehicles, while volunteers bring out the bags and boxes.

And bless their hearts, the drivers are still out there, picking up seniors to take them to appointments. Rumor says they vowed, as a group, not to stop what they're doing.

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* If you lose a contact lens, you can try turning off the lights and using a flashlight held perpendicular to the floor. They sort of reflect the light, and as you move the beam of light across the floor, it will flash. This has helped me many times. I am a little clumsy when I put my contacts in. Thanks! -- R.E. in South Carolina

* Great diet control tip: When serving dinner, portion out the meal, then pack up the leftovers right away. You won't be as tempted to go back and have seconds, nor stuff a few more mouthfuls in when cleaning up later.

* I have a medicine that I take with every meal. Surprisingly, it's difficult to remember whether I took it already when I'm eating on the go or out with friends. I keep small containers in my purse labeled "lunch" and "dinner," each with one pill inside. Before I eat, I look in the container. If a pill is there, it means I forgot to take it. Then I refill the container when I get home and it's ready for next time.

* Last year, I had a large wall calendar at the office. It was a wet-erase calendar with the year on one side and a "planning space" on the back. When the year was over, I needed a new calendar, but the blank side was still usable. I took it home and cut it to fit inside my kitchen cabinets. I have a handy space to jot notes and such. -- R.W. in Colorado

* This is a fun game for kids to play with cookies: Stamp the alphabet letters into the top of mini cookies, or use a kebab skewer to write words. Then let the kids spell out their name or make sentences or silly phrases. -- B.D. in Mississippi

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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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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|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Sand castle locale | ___ A ___ | Judge's seat | ___ N ___ |
| 2. Ordinary | ___ L ___ | Bates from "Psycho" | ___ N |
| 3. Groucho's sibling | ___ O ___ | Nags relentlessly | ___ S |
| 4. Goody to the touch | ___ I ___ | Hefty | ___ O ___ |
| 5. Adobe piece | ___ C ___ | Cool, like the air | ___ S ___ |
| 6. Stopwatch | ___ M ___ | Sher Khan, e.g. | ___ G ___ |
| 7. Self-pride | V ___ | Mental health | S ___ |
| 8. Wisconsin mammal | ___ D ___ | Grocery store worker | ___ G ___ |
| 9. Hand warmer | ___ V ___ | Circular map | ___ B ___ |
| 10. Spaceship | R ___ | Photo pendant | L ___ |

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1. Cincinnati Reds relief pitchers Norm Charlton, Rob Dibble and Randy Myers were known collectively by what nickname during their 1990 World Series season?

2. For what team did Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Bart Starr play college football?

3. What ESPN poker analyst penned a weekly syndicated sports humor column called "The Couch Slouch"?

4. What American tennis player was married to British tennis player John Lloyd (1979-87), American skier Andy Mill (1988-2006) and Australian golfer Greg Norman (2008-09)?

5. Athletes who perform a clean, a jerk and a snatch are participating in what sport?

6. What member of the Orlando Magic was NBA scoring champion in consecutive seasons from 2003-04?

7. What team made eight laterals to score on a controversial game-winning kickoff return touchdown vs. the Duke Blue Devils on Halloween 2015?

Answers

1. "The Nasty Boys."
2. The Alabama Crimson Tide.
3. Norman Chad.
4. Chris Evert.
5. Weightlifting.
6. Tracy McGrady.
7. The Miami Hurricanes.

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Hot Flashes Persist Well Past Menopause and Thyroidectomy

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 81 and had a thyroidectomy in 2017. My whole thyroid gland was removed. I also had a little bit of cancer.

I have started to get hot flashes again. I had originally been on thyroid medicine before and after surgery. Then I was put on levothyroxine and decided to try NP Thyroid. I was doing better on NP Thyroid, then started getting the hot flashes again. At this point, for several reasons, I would rather stay on NP Thyroid for the time being.

I was wondering if there is anything I can take for hot flashes? Years ago, in my 50s, I took estrogen, which helped, but this is a different time. I have spoken with other people who are also having hot flashes again. -- Anon.

ANSWER: Hot flashes are common -- about 75% of women in North America will experience them around the time of menopause. It's not uncommon for hot flashes to go away, then return, but I personally haven't seen them recur after 30 or so years. I'd be concerned that there may be another cause for them, which brings me to your thyroid.

Elevated levels of thyroid hormone can cause sensations very similar to hot flashes. One reason that I, along with most endocrinologists, recommend against products like NP Thyroid is because most of those products come from pigs. There are two thyroid hormones: thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3). Humans have a different ratio of T3 and T4 than pigs do, with T4 getting converted into the active form, T3. T3 is then quickly broken down, so if it's used, it needs to be dosed twice daily.

As a result, if a person takes NP Thyroid, their thyroid levels are too high during one part of the day and too low during another. This isn't good for anyone; the "high times" not only cause hot flashes, but also predispose people to atrial fibrillation. But it's particularly a problem in a person with a history of thyroid cancer, where we want the thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH, the hormone in the pituitary gland that regulates the activity of the thyroid gland) to be on the lower side.

If the thyroid blood levels get low in the afternoon/evening when the T3 in NP Thyroid is gone, that can theoretically increase the risk of cancer recurrence as the TSH rises in response. So, in my opinion, you should be on levothyroxine, not NP Thyroid. (I do have a handful of patients who take levothyroxine and also take T3 twice daily. Some people are unable to convert T4 to T3 efficiently.)

Estrogen is the most effective treatment for hot flashes, but it increases the risk of heart disease when used by women more than 10 years away from menopause. I don't normally prescribe it to a woman in her 80s. However, there is a new medication called fezolinetant (Veoza), which is highly effective and reduced hot flashes by 93% in a trial. My only patient on it so far has reported 100% cessation of her hot flashes.

There are other rare causes of hot flashes, including tumors that secrete substances, such as carcinoid tumors, and tumors that secrete adrenalin-like hormones (pheochromocytomas).

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.

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1. Name Shep & the Limelites' best known song.
2. Which one-hit group released "The Book of Love"?
3. What was the name of Rocky Raccoon's girlfriend?
4. Who covered "Tragedy" in 1961?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "It must have been cold there in my shadow, to never have sunlight on your face."

Answers

1. "Daddy's Home," in 1961. The song would have reached No. 1 on the chart but was kept from the top spot by Ricky Nelson's "Travelin' Man."
2. The Monotones, in 1958. They were mentioned in "American Pie," by Don McLean, but never had another major hit. The 1991 film "Book of Love" used the song in its soundtrack, done by Bo Diddley and Ben E. King.
3. Her name was Magil, and she called herself Lil, but everyone knew her as Nancy.
4. The Fleetwoods. Ronnie Dove and Brian Hyland also covered the song in later years.
5. "Wind Beneath My Wings," by Bette Midler in 1988. Although released by several others, Midler's version was the one that took one Grammy for Song of the Year and another for Record of the Year and was used in the film "Beaches."

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By Lucie Winborne

* Fireflies are the most efficient producers of light in the world.

* Tong Aonan solved 840 Rubik's cubes, then used them to create a portrait of his crush and declare his love for her. Sadly, she rejected him

* A runaway tortoise in Putnam County, Florida, covered a span of five miles in three and a half years before ending up at Florida's Wildest Animal Rescue, where a staff member was able to determine its identity and reunite it with its owners.

* Snake Venom, the world's strongest beer, has an alcohol level of 67.5%.

* Breton, a great white shark, created a self-portrait of sorts with its GPS tracker on its travels through the Atlantic Ocean. What made the mapped outline remarkable was its resemblance to a great white shark!

* Anuptaphobia is the fear of being single forever.

* Sixteen-year-old Titanic survivor Katherine Gilnagh didn't understand the ship's dire situation until she made it safely to New York, but thought that being put into lifeboats and picked up by the Carpathia was part of the voyage.

* Asian hair grows 30% faster than Caucasian hair.

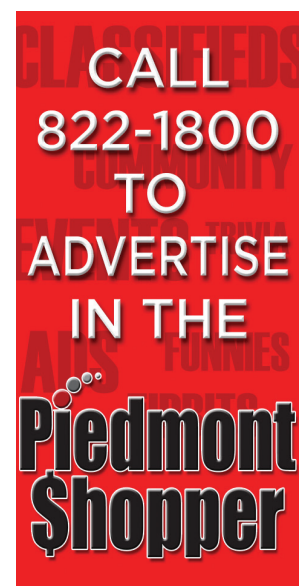
* The soft drink Mountain Dew was created in Tennessee in the 1940s as a mixer for whiskey, hence its name (a slang term for moonshine).

* If, like many Americans, you have trouble getting to sleep, you might try the advice of researchers and go low-tech camping for at least a week. The lack of electronics helps reset the body clock and synchronize melatonin hormones with sunrise and sunset.

* A bookstore in Australia wraps its volumes in paper with short descriptions attached so potential buyers won't "judge a book by its cover."

Thought for the Day: "How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." -- Anne Frank

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Brain Teasers

Study the five brain teasers. Then, see if you can answer without looking at the answers. Very interesting! Don't look at answers!

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?

2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?

4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

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Ingredients

- 1 pound strawberries, quartered
- 1 pint blueberries
- 1 pint raspberries
- 2 peaches, sliced
- 2 cups grapes
- 2 tablespoons vanilla instant pudding mix powder

Directions

- Step 1 -
In a large bowl, add the strawberries, the blueberries, the raspberries, the peaches, the grapes, and the pudding mix and toss to combine.
- Step 2 -
Serve.



5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

Answers below...



- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 egg whites, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup raisins

First, prepare the slow cooker. Spray the cooking spray on the bottom and sides of a 3-quart (or larger) slow cooker, or lightly coat with oil.

Combine the oats, brown sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, salt and nuts in the slow cooker. Stir together the oil, vanilla and egg whites in a small bowl. Add to dry ingredients and toss well until fully coated.

Turn the slow cooker up to high. Set a wooden spoon under one side of the lid to hold the lid open, slightly ajar. Cook for 1 1/2 to 2 hours until toasted, stirring the mixture well every 30 minutes.



Stir in raisins and spread the mixture on a baking sheet to cool. Store in jars or in an airtight container.

Note: Substitute brown sugar with 1/2 cup maple syrup, honey or agave syrup and combine with liquid ingredients before tossing with dry ingredients.

In addition to (or instead of) raisins, use your favorite dried fruit, chopped.

Gift-Giving Tip: Let kids draw a label to glue onto a mason jar. It might say: "The Johnsons' World Famous Granola."

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1. The third. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.

2. The woman is a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.

3. Charcoal. This one is tricky. Only old-timers can remember using coal for heating...

4. Sure you can: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!

5. The letter "e" - the most common letter in the English language - is missing from the entire paragraph! This one was hard. If you got this one - give yourself a pat on a back!



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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Kittens Versus Senior Cats

One of my easy-to-accomplish resolutions for 2024 was to adopt a kitten, maybe 2-3 months in age. After consulting the local humane society's website and seeing dozens of tiny cats listed, I paid a visit to the shelter's group kitten room.

Of course they were cute, swinging from the chandeliers, racing, climbing and tumbling. And of course they were completely uninterested in the humans in the room who were smiling and enjoying the chaos.

Giving the kittens time to wind down for naps, I made my way to one of the adult cat group rooms ... wherein I was approached by not one, but two beautiful adult cats. I sat on the floor petting them as they milled around me, bumping me with their foreheads, purring, one of them reaching out with a soft paw to get my attention ... and did I mention the purring? The intention of both was clear: You will get me out of this place and you will take me home.

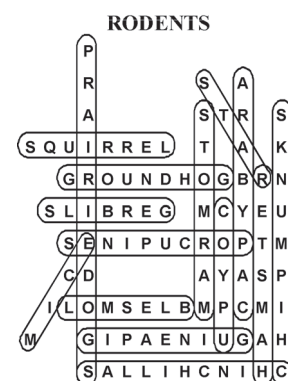
I consulted the list of cat information posted on the wall. One was a boy, one was a girl. Both had been found on the streets, both unclaimed. And they were both 12 years old.

That was not at all what I had in mind.

I came home catless, and a week later I'm still undecided. Can I handle the potential expensive vet care for two older cats? And the possible need for pricey specialty cat food as they age even more? While living on Social Security when our annual increase for 2024 is a mere 3.2% and vet care has increased nearly 15%?

Owning a pet brings down our blood pressure, reduces stress and keeps us active. It would seem that a senior human owning a senior pet would be a perfect match -- except when it isn't because of the cost.

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Even Exchange answers

- 1. Beach, Bench
- 2. Normal, Norman
- 3. Harpo, Harps
- 4. Sticky, Stocky
- 5. Brick, Brisk
- 6. Timer, Tiger
- 7. Vanity, Sanity
- 8. Badger, Bagger
- 9. Glove, Globe
- 10. Rocket, Locket