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March 2024

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Holidays

- 10th - Daylight Saving Begins
- 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- 19th - Spring Begins
- 31st - Easter

Community Events

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

FREE HOT DOG LUNCH!
March 23rd, 11:30am - 1:00pm. Trinity United Church, 409 Arnett Blvd. Danville, Va.

Please Come and Enjoy the Ballou Park "Building" Friday Night Dance. 7PM. Dance Alone for Exercise or with Friends to a Live-Band. More-Info Call 434-709-4212.

Church of the Second Coming, 4172 Ringgold Church Road, Ringgold, VA Anointed Gospel Singing "The Grind-staffs" on Sunday, March 24, 2024 11:00 A.M. Additional Information, contact Pastor Mike Suggs (336) 337-3246.

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The Redemption Center Church will The Redemption Center Church 625 Shelton St., Danville VA 24541 Dr. Willis J. Ferrell, Founder and Pastor 5th Year Church Anniversary Celebration Sunday 3/24/2024 at 2:00 pm Guest Speaker: Apostle Willie Marable Founder and Pastor of House of Prayer and Faith Ministers Danville, VA Celebrate its 5th Church Anniversary. Please accept this as the Redemption Center Church invitation to Worship with us on this monumental occasion. Dinner and fellowship immediately following the Worship Service. All are welcome. Contact : Dr. Willis J. Ferrell, Founder and Pastor 434 710 6126



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When she says "Oops hit a curb" but you heard a human scream



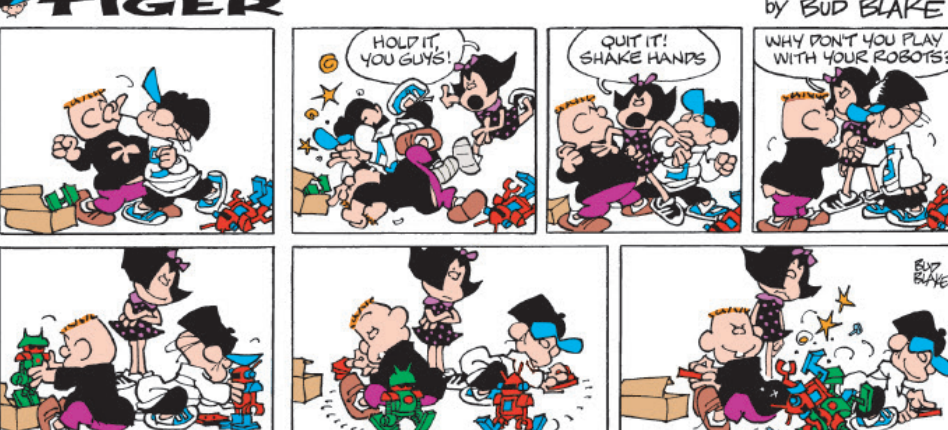
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



DAD SAYS I SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID OF THAT BULLY WHO'S BUGGING US AT SCHOOL.
MY MOM THINKS I DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID OF THE DARK.
TODAY'S THE DAY WE SHOW THEM ALL HOW BRAVE WE ARE AND BECOME FEARLESS.
HEY, HOW HIGH UP DO YOU THINK WE ARE?

by BUD BLAKE



HOLD IT, YOU GUYS!
QUIT IT! SHAKE HANDS
WHY DON'T YOU PLAY WITH YOUR ROBOTS?

by Jeff Pickering



I DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD FEAR.
BIG DEAL. YOU DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF MOST WORDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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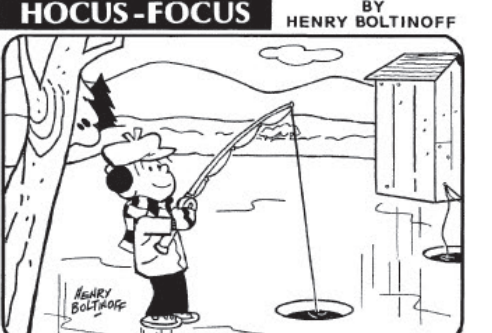
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fishing line is different. 2. Branch is higher. 3. Hat is different. 4. Mountain is added. 5. Cloud is larger. 6. Cap is different.

King Crossword

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ACROSS

- Gold-loving king
- Soviet space station
- Actress Dennings
- "That - I ask"
- Longoria of TV
- Writer LeShan
- "What - mean?"
- Journal Singer Timberlake
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- Shaft of light
- IRA relative
- Worship
- Greedy sort
- Plant science
- Hot rum drink
- Skirt edge
- Roman 1051
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- Doubter
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- Nails the test
- Rice field
- Arcade pioneer
- Senior member
- 14 pounds
- Aesopian also-ran
- Apple product
- Young dog
- LBJ's successor
- Prof's aides

DOWN

- Central
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- Nine-to-five
- Matty of baseball
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: What is the name of the kingdom in "The Princess Bride"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In British royalty, what is King Charles' family name?
- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
- U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is home to the Atlatl Ruins, a national historic landmark?
- HISTORY: According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
- ANATOMY: Which part of the brain controls hunger?
- LANGUAGE: The Latin word "caput" refers to what part of the human anatomy?
- SCIENCE: Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 26 mins.

1. Florin; 2. Mountain-Windsor; 3. "The Big Bang Theory"; 4. Arizona; 5. Loose lips; 6. Andorra; 7. Hypothalamus; 8. The head; 9. Red; 10. Tegula.



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Piedmont Pets

March 21, 2024 By Paulette Dean



Last week, I was in a doctor's waiting room. A man stood in front of me and showed me pictures of a dog that they had had for eleven years. The pictures were both heartwarming and heartbreaking; they were taken during the last few moments of the dog's life as his family was saying good-bye to their beloved member.

As he walked away, I thought that his dog had enjoyed the kind of life we wish all dogs (and cats, birds, ferrets, rabbits, on and on) could enjoy. Sadly, that is not the case.

While some people provide perfect homes, others provide adequate homes, and others provide less-than-adequate homes. The law in Virginia is quite specific about the responsibilities of the owners to their animals.

There are two basic responsibilities not mentioned in the Code; however, my guess is that every shelter employee would agree with them. Of course, we wish that a law could be passed that required the spaying and neutering of each dog and cat!

First, it would be nice if the owner of every dog vaccinated the dog against parovirus. This is a deadly disease that is easily preventable. Shelters would have a much easier time if mother dogs had been vaccinated. The immunity is passed through her milk. Puppies are always more at risk than adult dogs and if they had not been nursed by a vaccinated mother, the risk is always greater.

Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious disease that is spread from dog to dog by contact (whether direct or indirect) through feces. Mortality in untreated cases is approximately 90%. The symptoms include lethargy, loss of weight and appetite, vomiting, and then diarrhea (usually bloody). The virus can live in the ground for about six months.

Treatment is expensive and not guaranteed to have a positive outcome. When puppies or dogs come into a shelter, they may not have any symptoms and can lead to an outbreak of parvovirus.



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The feline version is panleukopenia and it is just as deadly for cats.

An outbreak of either canine or feline parvovirus is every shelter's nightmare.

Second, if would be nice if the owner of every dog and cat microchipped them and then keeps the registration current.

The best way to reunite a stray dog or cat that you find is to take them to the public shelter in that locality. Relying solely on social media is not a good idea. Shelters scan for microchips and then call the company to get the owner's name and contact information. We just absolutely love it when a microchip is found, the registration is current, and the animal goes home! An added bonus is that shelters can make sure that a rabies vaccination is also current.

As a service to the community and through the generosity of the John and Elizabeth Hall Animal Rescue Fund, we are once again offering a free microchip event at the shelter on Saturday, March 23rd, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for residents of Danville and Pittsylvania County. There will be a limit of two per household and people will be asked to sign a statement that the animal is theirs and will remain theirs.

Please visit our website (dahsinc.com) or Facebook (Danville Area Humane Society Virginia) to find out more details about the March 23rd event.



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By Terry and Kim Kovel

Advertising Icons

The Bonhams Skinner auction where this chair sold listed it as a Harvard University Windsor chair, bringing together two icons of colonial America. Harvard University, originally called the New College, was founded in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1636, making it the oldest college in the United States. This means that Harvard predates the Windsor chair in America.

The first Windsor chairs were made in England in the seventeenth century, and they were being made in Philadelphia by the 1730s. There were many variations on the Windsor chair, especially in America.

American designers were the first to add rockers and writing arms to Windsor chairs. The chair can be made in many shapes, and they can be easily distinguished by the shape of the chair's back.

No matter the style, a Windsor chair can be recognized by its spindle back, turned legs and stretcher base. They are made with stick-and-socket construction, meaning the chairs are built by inserting the legs and the back spindles into holes in the seat. Windsor chairs and similar styles are also called "stick furniture."

Q: I have a fairly rare, autographed baseball from the 1940s, signed by one of the most famous baseball players of all time. The authenticity of the item, signature, etc. is all documented. Do you have a good source where I can get a fair estimate of value?

A: Value depends on the fame of the player, significance of the event, rarity and condition. The highest price paid for an autographed ball was \$3 million for Mark McGuire's 70th home run ball, the record for home runs in a single season, in 1998. You didn't say who autographed your ball. Babe Ruth is often considered the greatest baseball player of all time. His autographed ball, the first home run hit in an All Star game (1933), sold for \$805,000 in 2006. Babe Ruth autographed balls often come up for



This midcentury Windsor style chair features the crest and colors of Harvard University. It sold for \$438, more than twice its estimate, at a Bonhams Skinner auction.

auction and prices vary. A ball in near mint to mint condition sold last year for \$7,620. Contact an auction house that specializes in sports memorabilia. You can find some listed in Kovels.com's Business Directory.

TIP: Examine a piece of furniture and look for unexplained holes, stains and fade marks. They may indicate a fake or repair.

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Toy, pedal car, Studebaker Golden Jet Hawk, pressed steel, original horn, Midwest Industries, c. 1957, 37 inches, \$875.

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Q. When does Lisa Vanderpump's new show premiere? Will any of the cast of "Vanderpump Rules" be in it? —K.J.

A. "Vanderpump Villa" will debut on Hulu beginning April 1. It features an all-new cast selected to work at an exclusive French estate by "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" alum (and restaurateur) Lisa Vanderpump.

According to Hulu, each episode follows her elite staff working and living together 24/7 while they try to provide a curated experience for their guests. Meanwhile, Vanderpump is also deciding whether she wants to make this French pop-up experience — and its staff — a full-time business for her growing empire.

Q. What happened to the show "Elsbeth"? They aired one episode, and now it's gone. Has it been canceled already? —C.I.

A. You're not the only one to ask. The new detective show — and spin-off of "The Good Wife" and "The Good Fight" — generated fantastic ratings when it premiered in late February, attracting 4.5 million viewers to CBS. The show stars Carrie Preston as a quirky but whip-smart, "Columbo"-type lawyer from Chicago who ends up in the Big Apple. Don't worry, though; it's coming back.

The show begins by revealing who the murderer is each week to the audience, similar to another hit show, Peacock's "Poker Face." But don't let this deter you! The fun is watching Elsbeth outwit the NYPD and trick the suspect into confessing. Her purpose is to observe the police force for any corruption, but she somehow always ends up solving their cases.

In addition to Preston, "Elsbeth" has a solid cast that includes Wendell Pierce, Carra Patterson and Gloria Reuben. Guest stars include a who's who from past hit sitcoms, including Jesse Tyler Ferguson ("Modern Family"), Jane Krakowski ("30 Rock"), Retta ("Parks and Recreation") and Linda Lavin ("Alice").

Unfortunately, "Elsbeth" had to go on a four-week hiatus because of President Biden's State of the Union Address and



Lisa Vanderpump ("Vanderpump Villa")

the NCAA March Madness tournament. CBS plans to re-air the pilot before "Elsbeth" returns with its second episode on April 4.

Q. Is it true that Eddie Van Halen's son played guitar on the "Barbie" soundtrack? I thought I saw the name "Van Halen" in the credits. —N.N.

A. Yes, Wolfgang Van Halen, son of the late "Van Halen" guitarist Eddie Van Halen, ended up on the "Barbie" soundtrack by chance, but also because of his talent. He met the movie's music producer Mark Ronson while performing at the Taylor Hawkins' tribute concert in 2022. The two became friends, and Ronson asked him if he'd collaborate on the fabulous composition titled "I'm Just Ken." He even performed the song on stage alongside Ryan Gosling's Ken at the Academy Awards this month, along with another great electric guitarist — Slash from Guns N' Roses.

"I'm Just Ken" was not only nominated for an Oscar, but made it into the Top 5 of Billboard's Hot Rock & Alternative Songs chart.

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City manager submits proposed budget

City Manager Ken Larking tonight submitted to the City Council a proposed budget that continues the efforts in recent years to enhance job opportunities, reduce crime, and improve education, as well as revitalize neighborhoods and create additional housing options.

As a result of these strategic efforts, Larking said the city, for the first time in many years, is experiencing growth.

“Because we are an isolated city, we cannot rely on the expansion of a major metro area into Danville to bring growth and opportunity,” Larking stated in his budget message to the City Council. “We need to build it for ourselves with the help of key partnerships, creativity, tough decisions, and hard work.”

He added, “If we are to continue and accelerate the positive momentum, we need to continue to provide quality services, invest in our neighborhoods, support the school system, attract business development, build a skilled workforce, and keep our community safe.”

Though the city is experiencing growth, Larking said there are still residents who have not fully participated in the economic opportunities that have been brought to the city.

“We need to be intentional about encouraging more economic opportunities and providing pathways for people to have the skills and abilities to take advantage of these opportunities,” he said.

Also, in his presentation of the proposed budget to the City Council, Larking said the city needs to continue to take steps to create an environment that will encourage young people to stay in Danville or return one day.

“The theme of this year’s budget is in keeping with our brand that ‘Danville is home’ and ‘home is here,’” Larking said. “The investments that we have been making and will continue to make are helping to make it possible for our young people to have a good job, a home they can afford, and a quality of life that they seek. We are in a global competition for talent, and if do not provide these things, then we are going to lose them. The best thing that we can do for our young people is make Danville a place they want to call home.”

Key budget numbers

The proposed budget provides for a 10-cent decrease in the personal property tax rate. Also, the recommended budget includes added elderly tax relief on real estate and mobile homes by increasing the threshold from \$35,000 to \$40,000.

The real estate tax rate would remain at 84 cents per \$100 value, which is the third-lowest rate among cities in Virginia.

No increase in utility rates and utility fees is proposed.

The budget includes the establishment of a short-term rental fee and increases in fees for Planning Commission and zoning, inspections, solid waste, and cemetery services.

The total recommended budget for the next fiscal year is \$347.8 million for operations, capital and debt service. This total is 7 percent or \$22.7 million more than the current fiscal year’s budget of \$325.1 million.

The proposed budget is a working draft for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. The City Council will hold public hearings in May and June prior to adopting a budget. Final adoption is scheduled for June 18, but must take place no later than June 30.

Revenue forecasts

Larking told the City Council that the proposed budget includes \$25 million in gaming tax revenue from the casino. That figure is a \$12 million increase from the current budget year. Caesars has been operating a temporary casino since May. The permanent Caesars Virginia casino resort project is expected to be completed in late 2024.

Other revenue forecasts also are favorable as compared to last year, Larking said. Those increases include:

- \$3.2 million – real estate taxes
- \$1.8 million – personal property taxes
- \$1.2 million – interest earnings
- \$842,000 – business licenses
- \$701,000 – delinquent real estate and personal property tax revenue
- \$700,000 – sales tax

Expenditure highlights

Of the \$25 million expected gaming tax revenue from Caesars, \$16.3 million is state-collected gaming tax revenue and \$8.7 million is the local supplement that Caesars Virginia agreed to pay as part of the development agreement with the City. This agreement includes a minimum payment to the City equal to \$5 million per year. Most of this guaranteed payment will go toward the cost of an average of 5 percent pay for performance increase for City employees, the local portion of pay increases for Danville Public School employees, and increased health insurance costs for both City and school system employees. This budget recommends using the remaining \$20 million of gaming tax revenues to pay for activities recommended in the 2024 Investing

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- \$7.8 million for capital and special projects.
- \$5.2 million for economic development initiatives.
- \$2 million to put in reserve for a future balloon payment on an Industrial Development Authority loan, which was used to finance economic development projects in FY2022 and FY2023 in anticipation of future casino revenues.
- \$1.5 million for lease and debt payments associated with the new police headquarters.
- \$1.25 million to Danville Public Schools for school bus aids, elementary school security, and early tuition costs.
- \$788,800 for the tourism marketing program.
- \$700,000 for removal of blight.
- \$526,630 to pay for gang prevention efforts previously funded mostly with grant funds.
- \$91,350 to pay for a grant administrator.
- \$97,916 to pay for new parks maintenance positions necessary to help maintain the Riverfront Park and three new splash pads.
- \$40,000 for the summer internship program.

The recommended budget provides funding for school operations in the amount of \$27.84 million – an increase of \$2.48 million.

The proposed budget provides funds for the pay-for-performance system for employee raises, rising health care costs, and an increase in retirement contributions. As proposed, 11 new positions will be created, and seven existing positions will be reclassified. In addition, the budget funds a career development plan for the Juvenile Detention Center that will help with employee retention.

Odds & Ends

Remain calm

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission issued a video report recently showing a rather large bear crawling out of a cabin’s rather small vent hole. The critter had apparently spent the winter indoors. The Commission did not identify the location of the home; instead it warned residents living in wildlife locations to beware of bears. They said that if you come across signs that there’s a den near your home, “remain calm, leave the area quickly and quietly, and do not disturb the den for the rest of the winter season.”

He’s a record holder

Most Guinness World Record holders are proud of their achievements but David Rush, who has broken more than 250 Guinness World Records to date, is aiming to win more records than anyone else in the world. He’s currently the number two record-holder, having recently won a title for using his head to bounce a soccer ball into a trash can 52 feet and 5.9 inches away. Rush says he’s aiming to win a new record each and every week.

Here’s one for cinephiles

Die-hard movie buffs are celebrating a flick that was just released—for a second time. It made its first debut just about a hundred years ago featuring that femme fatale of the day, Miss Clara Bow. The film, *The Pill Pounder*, made its debut in 1923 and then was lost. Gary Huggins of Kansas City found it recently at an antique film fest in Omaha, NE when he purchased a stack of oldies for twenty bucks. He told reporters that “a distributor that had been in Omaha for decades had gone out of business a while ago and this auction house had some of their films. It was the best 20 dollars I’ve ever invested, for sure.”

OBITUARIES

"For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8

Samuel M. Hodnett

December 18, 1941 ~ March 18, 2024 (age 82)



Samuel M. Hodnett, age 82, of Cascade, VA, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2024, at his residence.

Mr. Hodnett was born on December 18, 1941, in Danville, VA, a son of the late Edward Morrison Hodnett and Dorothy Bane Hodnett.

Mr. Hodnett lived most of his life in Ringgold and Cascade and was the owner and operator of S M Hodnett Construction until his retirement. He was married to JoAnne Soyars Hodnett who survives of the residence. He was a devout Christian and a member of Shady Oak Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, Samuel M. Hodnett, Jr and Steve M. Hodnett; daughter, Synthia M. Hodnett; step daughters, Sheila Echols, Tammy Wilson and Kimberly Hudson; brother, Jack Hodnett; sister, Lanna Kent and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Linda Cullop Hodnett; sister, Nancy Eanes and step-son, Ricky Allen Soyars.

Graveside services will be conducted Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 2:00 PM in Danville Memorial Gardens with Reverend Kenneth Hammock officiating. The family will receive friends at the residence.

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What always stands out, at least to me, are the low penalties for the criminals who steal from veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The number of scams seems to grow, and one wonders if it's because thieves don't perceive there to be much punishment if they should be caught.

An example: A veteran threatened to blow up a VA medical facility. He verbally told the crisis line and even identified the person he specifically wanted to kill and when. He was found and arrested for making threats and even made additional threats after the arrest. Now, he hasn't gone to court yet, but the evidence is pretty strong. Why, one wonders, would he only be in line for five short years in the slammer? Yes, there could be a hefty fine, but it's the time behind bars that would keep society safe.

Another example: There was the VA employee who stole prescription drugs that were mailed to VA patients. He knew where they were going, of course, since the drugs were shipped from the VA pharmacy and he therefore had the addresses. He and his pals would break into the mailboxes to steal the drugs, which he would then sell for big profits. I think about cancer patients when I learn of something like this, cancer patients who need their drugs on time, not to mention the likely pain medications. The main thief in this scam only received a sentence of 42 months in prison; his scammer pals got sentences of 12 and 35 months. Not long enough, not nearly long enough.

Then there was the guy who convinced everyone that he was blind and therefore 100% disabled and needed some benefits. Turned out he had both a drivers license and a gun carry permit and could see well enough for those activities. Not so blind after all, but his punishment was a few years of probation and some cash restitution.

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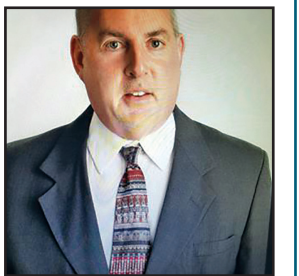
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| 6. Dash | _ _ _ _ _ T | Planting season | _ _ _ _ _ G |
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* And speaking of chewing, snails have thousands of tiny teeth on their radula, the tongue-like organ they use for grinding up food, making them one of the earth's toothiest creatures.

* Mary, Queen of Scots, was history's youngest monarch, ascending to the throne at a mere 6 days old. Coming in at second place was Emperor Shang of China's Han Dynasty, who in 105 A.D. assumed his royal position at 100 days old.

* If stored correctly and not contaminated, honey can last for thousands of years without spoiling.

* A piano's frame is made of iron.

* Though T-shirts have existed since the late 1800s, the plain white version gained popularity as a wear-alone garment thanks to Marlon Brando's portrayal of Stanley Kowalski in the movie "A Streetcar Named Desire."

* One out of every seven American jobs is related to transportation.

* Some architectural structures, known as whispering galleries, have unique acoustics allowing a whisper at one end of the gallery to be heard clearly at the other end, due to sound waves following the curved surfaces.

* The "United States Postal Service Anthem," a unique song composed by (appropriately) Jack Stamp, is an official musical salute to the USPS, its employees, and its role in American life.

* In some WWII POW camps, the Nazis would allow Allied soldiers to play board games like Monopoly, even providing the games. The British exploited this opportunity by using compasses, banknotes, and real-world maps in place of standard boards and pieces, as a means of helping prisoners to escape.

Thought for the Day: "If no one ever took risks, Michelangelo would have painted the Sistine floor." -- Neil Simon

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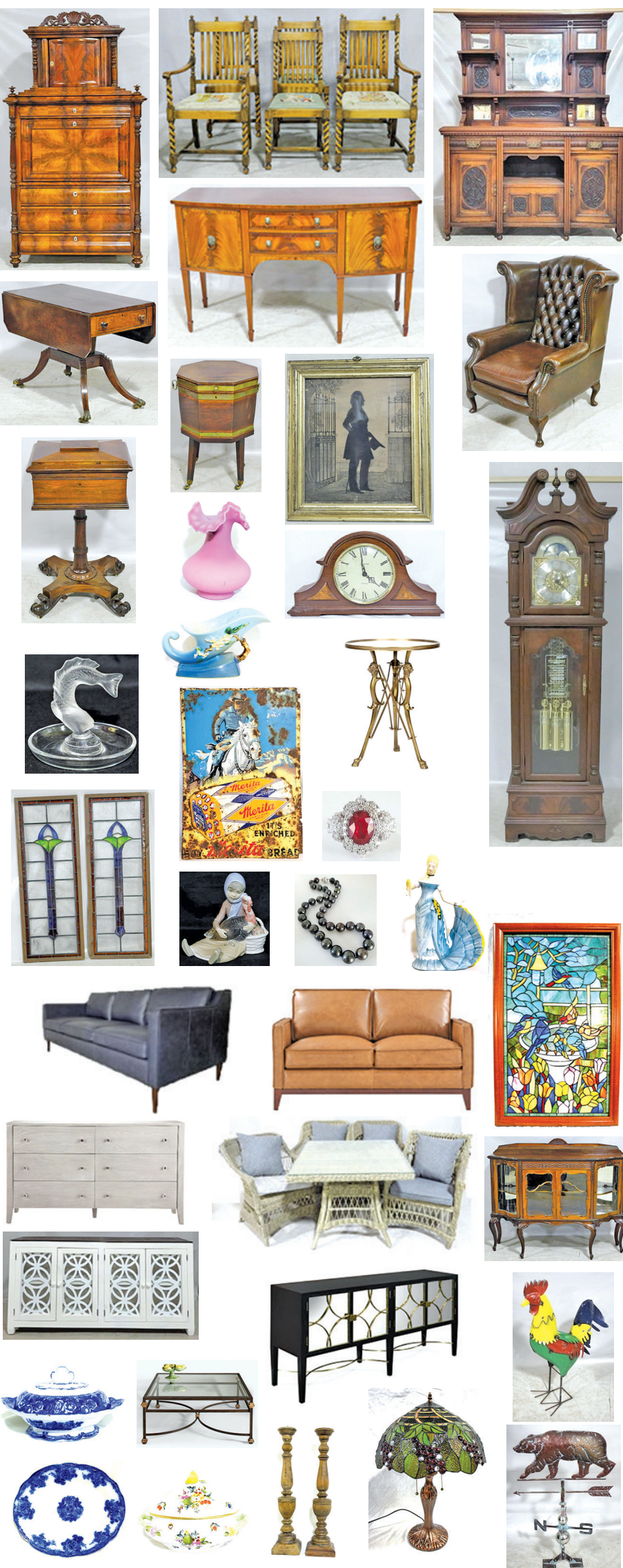
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* “Lighten blemish spots on your skin with lemon juice. Just dab on several times per day.” -- O.M. in Georgia

* “Collect small bits of soap into a cup or jar. When you have several, add a tablespoon or two of water to the cup to soften the soap pieces. When they are moderately soft, pour out the contents on a washcloth, fold it over and press into a bar shape with your hands. Peel away the cloth to reveal what should be a reasonably solid new bar of soap.” -- C.T. in Pennsylvania

* Save power with this tip: Use cold water to wash towels and jeans. Then hang them to dry -- preferably outside, but on an inside line is OK, too. When they are mostly dry, pop them in the dryer on air dry to fluff up. Towels and jeans take the longest to dry in the clothes dryer, and use a lot of electricity.

* Take soap scum right off your shower curtain -- spray with vinegar and water mixture, then throw it in the washer. Hang it right back up, and those mildew stains are gone!

* “When canning or doing another job, always do the thing you hate first, then the rest will be easier.” -- L.D.W. in Illinois

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1. Name the actor/singer who was born Arthur Andrew Kelm.
2. Which group topped the charts with “Nashville Cats”?
3. Name the album with all four Beatles holding umbrellas.
4. Randy & the Rainbows were best known for which song?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Aruba, Jamaica, ooh I wanna take ya, Bermuda, Bahama, come on, pretty mama, Key Largo, Montego, baby why don't we go, Jamaica.”

Answers

1. Tab Hunter. He released a half dozen songs but only one topped the chart: “Young Love,” in 1957. He found greater success when he appeared in dozens of films and television shows over his long career.
2. The Lovin’ Spoonful, in 1966. The group’s name came from Mississippi John Hurt’s “Coffee Blues.”
3. “Beatles ’65,” released in 1964. Over the years there have been posters and T-shirts using that image. Originals can be worth quite a bit.
4. “Denise,” in 1963.
5. “Kokomo,” by the Beach Boys, in 1988. Even though the song topped the charts in the U.S. and other countries, it can't seem to get rid of the negative reviews coming from music critics. The only ones to like it have been the fans.

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Best Carrot Cake For Easter



Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. table salt
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 3 large eggs
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups grated carrot
- 1 (8-oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 3 1/2 oz. flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Buttermilk Glaze

Cream Cheese Frosting

Directions

Line pans:
Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 3 (9-inch) round cake pans with parchment paper; lightly grease and flour parchment paper. Set pans aside.

Combine dry ingredients:
Stir together first 4 ingredients—flour, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon.

Make batter:
Beat eggs and next 4 ingredients at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Add flour mixture, beating at low speed until blended. Fold in carrot and next 3 ingredients.

Pour batter into prepared cake pans.

Bake, glaze, and frost:
Bake at 350°F for 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Drizzle Buttermilk Glaze evenly over layers; cool in pans on wire racks 15 minutes.

Remove from pans, and cool completely on wire racks.

Spread Cream Cheese Frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake.

Buttermilk Glaze

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

Bring first 5 ingredients to a boil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Boil, stirring often, 4 minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in vanilla.

Cream Cheese Icing

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 11 ounces cream cheese, softened (about a block and a half)
- 1 (16-ounce) package powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Directions

Beat butter and cream cheese at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy.

Add powdered sugar and vanilla extract; beat at high speed 10 seconds or until smooth.

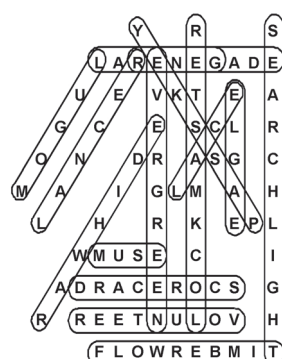


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| 1. Fable, Table | 6. Sprint, Spring |
| 2. Martin, Marvin | 7. Pantry, Pastry |
| 3. North, Worth | 8. Gomez, Gomer |
| 4. Butter, Better | 9. Aerie, Eerie |
| 5. Moose, Mouse | 10. Hanger, Hunger |

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Making Big Decisions

Sometimes we need to make tough decisions. We don't want to. We want to wake up and find the problem is resolved. But we can't do that, and we know it.

Sometimes we're faced with a serious life-changing situation such as acknowledging that we need to move a spouse or parent to a care facility because we just can't manage anymore.

Or perhaps one of our children needs our long-term help. The question becomes: Do we sell our current home? Do we rent it out in the hope we'll eventually move back?

Other times the situation isn't quite as grim but still requires a serious decision: We clearly need a new vehicle. But where will the money come from?

While my current situation isn't earthshaking (except maybe to me), it does require a very serious decision to be made. It is: Will I once again register to vote this year? While it might appear to be a no-brainer to many, it really isn't. During the last presidential election cycle, my life was consumed with harassing phone calls and people at my door all day, every day, day and night. This went on for a year.

The only peace (and uninterrupted sleep) I got was by unplugging the phone. If I answered the door, I was faced with pushy people insisting I make cash donations to their party and fill out requests for absentee ballots that they would (supposedly) deliver to the polls on voting day.

Worst, I think, were the get-out-the-vote workers who tried to insist on coming into my house to discuss the issues.

I hung in there until Election Day, stood in line to vote and then went directly to the town office and had them delete me from the voter rolls. I remain, for the first time in my adult life, not registered to vote.

It feels very wrong.

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