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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A misunderstanding tests the temperament of the sometimes headstrong Aries. But instead of blowing your top, take time for a pleasant diversion while things cool down.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A workplace problem could make the divine Bovine see red. But talk it out before you consider walking out. Some surprising facts emerge that can change your earlier focus.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You face a choice between ignoring your uneasy feelings about your relationship with a special person and demanding explanations. A close friend offers wise counsel.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change you'd been hoping for carries an unexpected complication. Stay the course, and things will work themselves out. Be sure to make time for family and friends.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor spending time with loved ones. On the job, new ideas are generally welcomed, but some demands for change could cause problems. Be ready to defend your choices.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Good news: A workplace problem is close to being resolved with results that should please everyone. Take time off to indulge in your love of fun and games.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Most of the time, you are the most unflappable person around. But be ready to be thrown off-balance in the nicest way when Cupid takes aim in your direction.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's not often that someone tries to "sting" the sharp-witted Scorpion, but it can happen. Continue to be skeptical about anything that seems too good to be true.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your strong sense of self-esteem helps you serve as a role model for someone who needs personal reassurances. Meanwhile, your efforts pay off in an unexpected way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close considers revealing a painful secret. Withhold any judgment. Instead, open your generous heart, and offer dollops of your love and understanding.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your talents as a peacemaker are called upon once more as an old problem reemerges with new complications. Move cautiously in order to avoid falling into hidden traps.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The artistic side of yourself is enhanced with the reception given to your new project. Use this success as encouragement toward fulfilling your larger goals.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your natural sense of leadership is combined with a deep sense of responsibility. People trust you to give them both guidance and understanding.

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What The Teacher Really Means

What the teacher says. (And what the teacher really means.)

1. Your son has a remarkable ability in gathering needed information from his classmates. (He was caught cheating on a test.)

2. Karen is an endless fund of energy and viability. (The hyperactive monster can't stay seated for five minutes.)

3. Fantastic imagination! Unmatched in his capacity for blending fact with fiction. (He's definitely one of the biggest liars I have ever met.)

4. Margie exhibits a casual, relaxed attitude to school, indicating that high expectations don't intimidate her. (The lazy thing hasn't done one assignment all term.)

5. Her athletic ability is marvelous. Superior hand-eye coordination. (The little creep stung me with a rubber band from 15 feet away.)

6. Nick thrives on interaction with his peers. (Your son needs to stop socializing and start working.)

7. Your daughter's greatest asset is her demonstrative public discussions. (Classroom lawyer! Why is it that every time I explain an assignment she creates a class argument.)

8. John enjoys the thrill of engaging challenges with his peers. (He's a bully.)

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

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

2. In Luke 21, what shall they see the Son of man coming in "with power and great glory"? Chariot, Cloud, Whirlwind, Burning bush

3. Who distributed to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat and a cake of raisins? Solomon, Paul, Timothy, David

4. From Exodus 4, who did the Lord provide to Moses to be his mouthpiece? Abraham, Aaron, Noah, Mahalalel

5. To whom did the word of the Lord say, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city"? Jonah, Samuel, James, Peter

6. In Psalms 22:14, what did the psalmist say his heart was like? Water, Butter, Wax, Emptiness

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Cloud, 3) David, 4) Aaron, 5) Jonah, 6) Wax

Find expanded trivia online with Wilson Casey at www.patreon.com/triviaguy. FREE TRIAL!

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top ten

Leading Causes of Death in the U.S.

1. Heart disease
2. Cancer
3. Accidents (unintentional injuries)
4. Covid-19
5. Stroke
6. Chronic lower respiratory diseases
7. Alzheimer's disease
8. Diabetes
9. Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis
10. Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis

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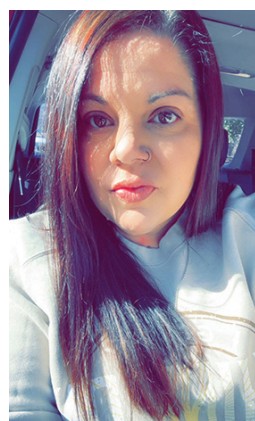
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4th - Independence Day

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Community Fun Day. Saturday August 3rd. 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM. 1000 N. MAIN ST. Includes school supplies, face painting, and more.

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Vacation Bible School! Join us a day for VBS Sandy Shores Baptist Church on August 24th 10am-2pm 200 Parsons St. Danville, VA

Dance Every Friday. Ballou Center (lower level), 760 West Main St. Danville, 7:00pm - 9:30pm. Facebook: BALLOU PARK FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE for Band Schedule. \$8.00.

VFW Post 647 Ribeye Steak Supper Fundraiser. 275 VFW Drive, 58 West, Danville, VA (434) 822-0042. July 26, 2024 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. LET'S SUPPORT THOSE THAT PROTECT US!!!

Join us a day for VBS Sandy Shores Baptist Church on August 24th 10am-2pm 200 Parsons St. Danville, VA. If you have any questions, please contact Clover Clark (434)483-8478. All kids of all ages are welcome!!! Lunch will be provided and dress to make a mess!

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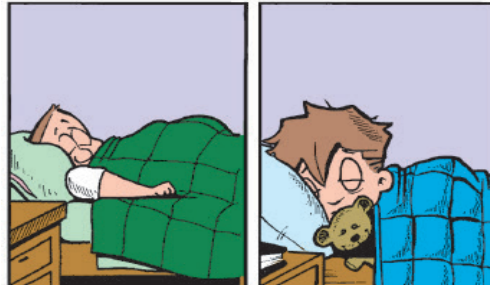
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Comic strip by Dave T. Phipps. Panel 1: 'OK, BOYS, BREAKFAST IS ON THE TABLE. YOU HAVE 10 MINUTES TO GET DOWN HERE.' Panel 2: 'NOT SURE WHAT MOTIVATES ME TO GET UP EARLY IN THE MORNING, HUNGER OR FEAR.'

Comic strip by Bud Blake. Panel 1: 'WANNA PLAY FOLLOW THE LEADER?' Panel 2: 'SURE' Panel 3: 'OKAY, FOLLOW ME DO EVERYTHING I DO' Panel 4: 'ARE YOU SURE YOU FOLLOW EVERYTHING I DID?'

Comic strip by Jeff Pickering. Panel 1: 'I DIDN'T KNOW THE TRUE MEANING OF HAPPINESS UNTIL I GOT MARRIED.' Panel 2: '...AND THEN IT WAS TOO LATE.'

The Spats. Comic strip by Jeff Pickering. Panel 1: 'I DIDN'T KNOW THE TRUE MEANING OF HAPPINESS UNTIL I GOT MARRIED.' Panel 2: '...AND THEN IT WAS TOO LATE.'

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

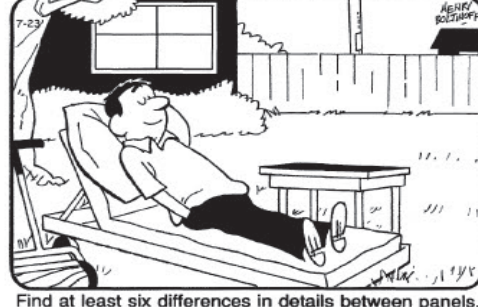
9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 9, 7, 8, 5, 1, 6, 7, 3, 5, 2, 4, 3, 7, 6, 4, 1, 5, 8, 6, 9, 1, 2, 7, 4, 1.

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 BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Table leg is moved. 2. Pillow is larger. 3. Telephone pole is moved. 4. Bush is smaller. 5. Fence boards are wider. 6. Man's legs are longer.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pequod captain
5 "Big Blue"
8 Driver with a handle
12 Sci-fi prefix
13 Rep.'s rival
14 Sea predator
15 Be overly sweet
16 The Stars and Stripes
18 A cause of pay inequity
20 Political meeting
21 - butter
23 SUV maker
24 Veterans
28 Snack
31 Museum-funding org.
32 TV, radio, etc.
34 Fib
35 Lummoxes
37 Celtic language
39 Bear hair
41 Architect
42 "Alfie" singer
45 Painter
49 It may be hard to break
51 Sushi fish
52 India's continent

11x11 crossword grid with numbers 1 through 57.

DOWN

- 1 Curved lines
2 Bagel feature
3 "Life is like - of chocolates"
4 Like Peter Pan
5 Mozart opera
6 - canto
7 Roman 2600
8 Newspaper piece
9 Veggie with florets
10 Beige
11 Sunbeams
17 Joke
19 Counterfeit
22 Confuse
24 Plastic - Band
25 Grazing land
26 Yellow flower
27 Avoid
29 Bro's sib
30 Sly chuckle
33 Suffix for billion
36 Baby's beachwear
38 Courses
40 Genetic letters
42 " - I say!"
43 "Casablanca" role
44 Online auction site
46 Carpets
47 Body sci.
48 Tiny amounts
50 Here, to Henri

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. TELEVISION: What is the longest-running talk show on television?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In terms of letter count, what is the longest month of the year?
3. MOVIES: Which famous action movie is set on Amity Island?
4. SCIENCE: What is heliocentrism?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of horses are featured in Budweiser beer ads?
6. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Land of 10,000 Lakes"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: How many goodies are in a baker's dozen?
8. INVENTIONS: Who invented the battery?
9. LANGUAGE: What does an ampersand symbol signify?
10. GEOGRAPHY: In which desert is Las Vegas, Nevada, located?

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1. "The Tonight Show" debuted in 1954. 2. September 3. "Jaws". 4. It is the idea that the Earth and other planets orbit the Sun. 5. Clydesdale. 6. Minnesota. 7. 13. 8. Alessandro Volta. 9. The conjunction "and". 10. Mojave Desert.

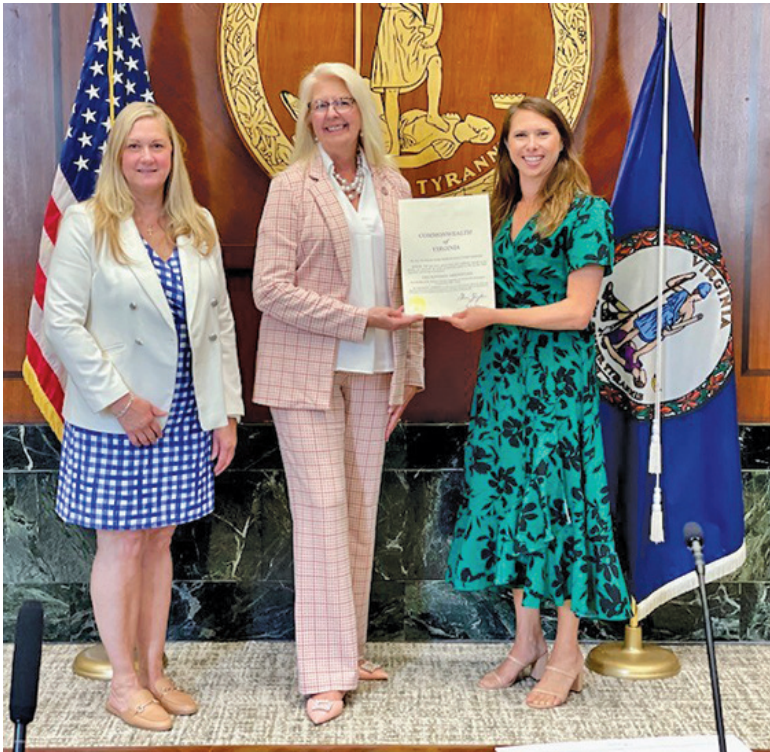
Answers King Crossword: Solution time: 22 mins.

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Danville Tourism Leader Appointed to a 6-Year Term on Prestigious Virginia Tourism Authority Board



On July 8, 2024, Lisa Meriwether, Tourism Manager of Danville and Pittsylvania County's regional tourism brand, Visit SoSi, was sworn in as a member of the Virginia Tourism Authority's Board of Directors at the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond, VA. This appointment from Governor Glenn Youngkin officially begins her six-year term.

The Virginia Tourism Authority, doing business as the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC), oversees the promotion of the Virginia tourism economy and manages the effective deployment of more than 70 professional staff members dedicated to expanding inbound domestic and international travel and film production across the Commonwealth. They work to increase visitor expenditures, tax revenues, and employment in Virginia. Virginia's tourism industry directly supports more than 200,000 jobs. Travelers spent approximately \$83 million per day in Virginia in 2022. These same visitors directly drove nearly \$2.2 billion in state and local tax revenues helping to fund important services and quality of life improvements for Virginians across the Commonwealth. 2023 figures will be released by VTC later this year.

"It's truly an honor to serve on this esteemed board with fellow tourism and economic development leaders from across the Commonwealth," Meriwether said. "I'm especially thankful to Governor Youngkin for the appointment, and to Delegate Danny Marshall for the original nomination. I am honored to have the opportunity to represent our region at this level and I know that this board is working hard to complement local efforts like ours from all across the state. So, it's very exciting to have our region recognized in this way."

Meriwether joined Danville's Office of Economic Development & Tourism as the Tourism Manager in November 2021, bringing more than 35 years of experience in Virginia hospitality, sales, and tourism to the city as it launched its new dedicated tourism program. Since then, Meriwether has managed the development of a community-led, data-backed tourism master plan for the region, launched a tourism brand and advertising strategy, developed a variety of new industry trainings and advocacy programs to help local stakeholders make the most of growing regional momentum, developed new workforce readiness programs, and helped secure tens of thousands of dollars in regional grants to extend the program's reach and impact. At an event to celebrate the first official year of Visit SoSi promotions earlier this year, Meriwether's team announced that over the last five years, the larger Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism has secured more than \$900M in new destination investment for the region.

"Lisa Meriwether has had a long track record of service to the Commonwealth, and we are very fortunate to have her skilled advocacy and promotional expertise supporting our region as we go through this exciting transformation," Delegate Danny Marshall said.

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Danville Launches a Tree Campaign with the Green Infrastructure Center to Promote a Greener Danville!

Danville, VA – The City of Danville will receive support from the Green Infrastructure Center (GIC) to support and expand tree cover in the city. Danville is one of the first cities selected to participate in the Virginia Department of Forestry's (VADOF) Community Forest Revitalization Program funded by the USDA through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). This project is provided to Danville at no cost to the city. The city will receive support for urban forest planning, management, and community tree planting. Virginia's urban and community forests are critical to both community health and resiliency. "One mature large canopy tree, such as an oak, can intercept thousands of gallons of runoff annually," according to GIC Director Karen Firehock. Staff on the project include GIC Urban Forester Kendall Topping. Topping noted that "Trees provide safe places for children to play in the shade and promote walking and other outdoor exercise." Jessica Huang, the GIC's Community Forest Planner, added that, "Studies have shown that businesses also benefit from the presence of mature trees, with higher spending recorded in well-treed commercial areas." Trees are also a vital line of defense from extreme heat. As the effects of climate change increase in severity, shade will become more important throughout Danville. By 2070, the number of days over 95 degrees will increase from an average of 8 days to an average of 50 days (Mid-Atlantic Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments). One of the program's goals is to increase shade in the hottest areas of the city.

The GIC will work with the City of Danville as part of a stepwise process to advance local urban and community forestry programs, which will include:

- Tree canopy mapping and assessment.
- Code and ordinance review.
- Ecosystem services modeling.
- Establishing tree canopy goals.
- Prioritization of strategies.
- Community engagement and education.
- Tree planting on public spaces.

"With city-wide development on the horizon, strategic planning for our Urban Forest is vital to sustain growth in our community. As part of the program, the City of Danville has created a Tree Canopy Advisory Committee (TCAC) composed of city personnel from multiple departments and community organization representatives. Everyone on the committee is excited to work together to ensure the success of the program and in return support a healthy Urban Forest to benefit our community."

Jessica Smith, City Horticulturist. The program will extend over approximately two years. The focus will be on underserved and disadvantaged neighborhoods, which will work with the GIC to choose how to regreen their communities through a series of community engagement activities and meetings.

Governor names Danville City Council member to commission

City Councilman Lee Vogler was among the board appointments announced today by Governor Glenn Youngkin. The governor named Vogler to the Small Business Commission for a full four-year term. Vogler has served on the commission since 2022, when the governor appointed him to finish out a vacated term.

The purpose of the commission is to study, report and make recommendations on issues of concern to small businesses in the Commonwealth.

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

Albert L. Fowler, III

April 23, 1964 ~ July 19, 2024 (age 60)



Albert (Bert) Lewis Fowler III, age 60, passed away on July 19, 2024, at UNC-Chapel Hill Hospital due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born on April 23, 1964, in Danville, VA, Bert was a beloved member of the community who will be deeply missed.

Bert was a 1982 graduate of George Washington High School. He dedicated much of his life to his hometown of Danville, VA, where he worked as a professional house painter. His meticulous attention to detail and dedication to his craft were evident in every project he completed.

A passionate sports fan, Bert loved football and was a devoted supporter of the Miami Dolphins. He also had a keen interest in NASCAR, with Jeff Gordon's number 24 holding special significance for him. Bert enjoyed spending his free time listening to classic rock music and was a dedicated caregiver to his dear aunt, Barbara Edwards. Known as the "grill master" at family gatherings, he always ensured everyone was well-fed and happy before attending to his own needs.

Bert is survived by his father, Albert Lewis Fowler, Jr.; his mother, Iva Harman Morgan (husband Gene); two daughters: Michelle Fowler (husband Peyton Newman) and Melanie Fowler Ousterman (husband Kyle); sister, Toni Fowler Morris (husband Jeff); half-brother, Patrick Fowler; step-brothers: Mark Hubbard (wife Tammy) and Brian Hubbard; aunt, Barbara Edwards; uncles: Wade Harman (wife Nancy) and Ricky Fowler (wife Lynn); numerous cousins, a niece, and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Hazel and Albert Lewis Fowler, Sr. (Teenie), and Charlie and Annie Harman; as well as uncles: Keith Fowler, Warner Edwards (Bugger), Ray Harman, and Hansel Harman.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 2:00 PM at Swicegood Funeral Home in Danville, VA. Pastor Austin Merricks and Reverend David Hatcher will officiate the service. Visitation will take place from 1-2 PM, one hour before the funeral at Swicegood Funeral Home, with interment to follow in Highland Burial Park.

The family will graciously receive friends at the home of his mother, Iva Morgan.

The family kindly requests that donations be made to the Blairs Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department at 7100 US-29, Blairs, VA 24527 and/or the Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Chapel Hill at 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Bert's kind heart, dedication to his family and community, and his love for sports and music will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.

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Jack Clyde Isom

January 14, 1929 ~ July 23, 2024 (age 95)



Jack Clyde Isom, age 95, of Danville, Virginia, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at Roman Eagle Healthcare.

Mr. Isom was born on January 14, 1929 in Danville, Virginia to the late Dewey E.

Isom and Willie Lee Honeycutt Isom.

Mr. Isom spent most of his life in Danville where he worked in maintenance for Dan River Mills and served in the Army during the Korean War.

Mr. Isom is survived by his children, Garry Isom (Shelia), Kathy Ellis (Ricky), Dennis Isom (Carla), Carolyn Burkett (Earl); 4 Grandchildren and 3 Great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Neal Isom; first wife, Ruth L. Isom; and second wife, Lois Isom.

Graveside services will be conducted on Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Danville Memorial Gardens with Reverend Roger Ewing officiating. The family will receive friends at Dennis and Carla Isom's residence on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 between 4-6 pm: 108 Vine Circle, Danville, VA.

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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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by Ryan A. Berenz

- As of the 2020 Tokyo Games, what country has won the most Olympic gold medals in men's field hockey?
- What country defeated the U.S. Men's Basketball Team 89-81 in the semifinals of the 2004 Athens Olympic tournament?
- At the 2012 London Games, Pavlos Kontides won the first Olympic medal, a silver, for the Mediterranean island nation of Cyprus. In what sport did Kontides compete?
- What country swept the medals in the women's 100-meter dash at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics?
- After being criticized for racing

against horses to make money, what Olympic athlete said, "I had four gold medals, but you can't eat four gold medals."

- America's Victor Montalvo and Lithuania's Dominika "Nicka" Banevic are elite athletes competing in what Olympic sport?
- During the 1960s, Tamara Press won two Olympic gold medals in the shot put and one gold medal in the discus throw competing for what country?

Answers

- India, with eight.
- Argentina.
- Sailing.
- Jamaica.
- Jesse Owens.
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- Name the artist who wrote and released "Rock Me on the Water."
- Jerry Eubanks, Toy Caldwell and George McCorkle were founding members of which band?
- Which artist released "Lipstick on Your Collar"?
- Who wrote and released the hit "No Myth"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Thanks for the times that you've given me, The memories are all in my mind."

Answers

- Jackson Browne, in 1972. Several other artists released covers of the song, including Linda Ronstadt, Johnny Rivers and Brewer & Shipley.
- The Marshall Tucker Band, created in the early 1970s. The band got its name from a keyring for the rehearsal space they'd rented. Marshall Tucker, a blind piano tuner, had been the previous tenant.
- Connie Francis, in 1959. The song was intended as the B-side to "Frankie," but was promoted as a double-sided single, and "Lipstick" climbed higher on the charts than "Frankie."
- Michael Penn, in 1989. Penn later won an MTV award for Best New Artist.
- "Three Times a Lady," by the Commodores in 1978. The song, written by Lionel Richie, was the group's first No. 1 hit, staying at the tops of the Hot 100, Soul and Adult Contemporary charts for weeks.

SENIOR NEWS LINE
 by Matilda Charles

Downgrading to a Simpler Phone

Tired of having a fancy cellphone with all the bells and whistles that are confusing to use? Want a phone that makes a call, takes a call, snaps a few pictures and sends text messages, but nothing else? Yes, me too.

I've discovered many, many features on my cellphone that I either do not use, cannot use or will not use. The "location finder" that will pinpoint where I am is a bit scary. The ability to surf the internet and read email via a phone is lost for me if I can't even read the screen. A phone with a "digital wallet" that keeps credit card info and allows purchases right from the phone is risky. And do I really want a "health" feature that stores my data?

I'm on the hunt, therefore, for a simple phone that is used for basic communication.

Does this mark me as "old," no longer wanting to deal with all the fancy features of a phone? No. Many in the younger generations are burned out on the fancy (expensive) smartphones and being on social media for too many hours every day. They're opting for what they call the cheaper "dumb" phones that only have basic features and use cheaper data plans.

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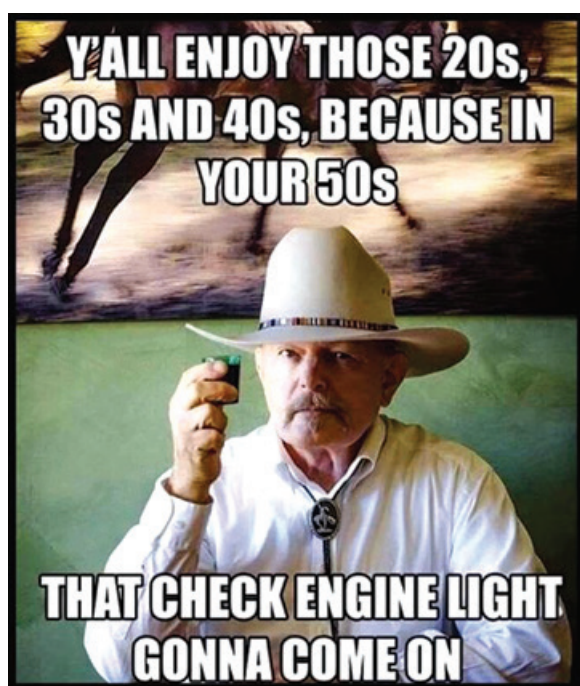


INGREDIENTS

- Topping:**
 ¾ cup granulated sugar
 ⅓ cup natural unsweetened cocoa powder
- Cake:**
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 cup sugar
 ½ cup natural unsweetened cocoa powder
 1 tablespoon baking powder
 ½ teaspoon table salt
 1 cup milk, preferably not skim
 ½ cup butter, melted
 2 large egg yolks
 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
 2 cups boiling water

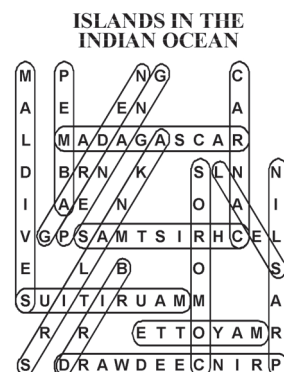
INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9X13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
 For the topping, whisk the sugar and cocoa powder together until well-combined. Set aside.
 For the cake, whisk the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl.
 To the dry ingredients, add the milk, butter, egg yolks, and vanilla and whisk together until just combined.
 Add the chocolate chips and stir to combine evenly; the batter will be fairly stiff.
 Spread the cake batter evenly in the prepared pan. Sprinkle sugar/cocoa topping evenly over the top of the cake batter.
 Carefully pour the boiling water over the top. Do not stir.
 Immediately bake the cake until the top is puffy and slightly cracked, sauce is bubbling and a toothpick inserted into cakey area comes out with moist crumbs attached, about 22-25 minutes. Over baking may result in a very thin or nonexistent pudding layer, so keep an eye on the baking time.
 Cool the cake for 10-15 minutes. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.



Even Exchange
 answers

1. Bushed, Bushel
2. Amber, Ember
3. Freed, Fried
4. Marlin, Merlin
5. Danger, Dagger
6. Heart, Heard
7. Vault, Fault
8. Squirm, Squirt
9. Flock, Frock
10. Baton, Bacon



Yard Sales

Moving Sale Fri Jul 26th, 2024 from 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM
 Sat Jul 27th, 2024 from 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM. 241 Lady Astor Place. (910) 465-3466 floridagator89@outlook.com

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Huge Multi Family Yard-Sale. Sat Jul 20th, 2024 from 08:00 AM - ? 1929 Kentuck Road Tons and Tons Different Items. Call for more information 4347099312 (434) 709-9312 lumpkindakota1986@icloud.com

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2 Family Yard Sale. Sat Aug 3rd, 2024 from 07:30 AM - ? Fishing Rods, Tackle, GENERATOR, lots of Holiday Decor, Pool Floats, Books, Dog Accessories, lots of Household Items. Plus my grandbaby will have her own lemonade and cookie sale! Everything priced to sell!

Yard Sale! Sat Jul 27th, 7-11am. 138 Mulberry Road. Houseplants, Furniture, Ladies/Clothing, Books, DVD's, Lawnmower and More!

Yard Sale. Sat July 20th, 8am-? 137 Stokesland Ave. DVD's, Printer, Watches, Clothes and More!

Yard Sale. Sat Jul 27th, 8-? 306 Bell Drive off Kemper Rd. Lots of Christmas and Lots of Bargains!



* Summer to schooltime can be quite a transition for some kids. Begin setting a regular routine well before the first day of school. At least a week before (two if you can), have your kids go to bed at a regular time and wake as if they were going to school. Challenge them to complete their morning routine in time to "catch the bus" to a playground breakfast date.

* "Packing the lunchboxes used to be a pain in our family. But we take time on the weekend to pre-bag snacks and sides, and decide what kinds of sandwiches we will have for the upcoming week. One person makes the sandwiches and the kids get to choose their sides and snacks from the prepped choices." -- E.A. in Virginia

* When purchasing school supplies, remember that paper, pencils, etc., typically aren't on sale midyear, so stocking up is a good idea. Just make sure the deal you are getting is a good one. Then put it away for distribution later!

* "I lay out my school clothes and even my hairbrush and stuff to get ready. I put my shoes and socks by the front door. I am always ready before my sister, and I get to watch TV while she is running around." -- R.G. in Florida

* "Pint-size water bottles are great for refilling with milk. The milk boxes at the grocery store are so expensive, and this way, I can control how chocolatey the chocolate milk is." -- C.C. in Oregon

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Strange BUT TRUE
 By Lucie Winborne

- * Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise.
- * Around 600 B.C., a Greek athlete by the name of Protesilaus threw a discus 152 feet from a standing position. His record remained unbroken for over 2,000 years, until Clarence Houser threw a discus 155 feet in 1928.
- * The nursery rhyme "Humpty Dumpty" doesn't state that Humpty Dumpty was an egg.
- * In the 1950s, Quaker Oats devised a clever marketing scheme in which the company bought 19.11 acres in the Yukon, divided them into 21 million parcels of just a square inch apiece, and included deeds to the tiny plots in boxes of Puffed Wheat and Puffed Rice.
- * A game of bridge contains 53,644,737,765,48 8,792,839,237,440,000 possible ways in which the cards can be dealt.
- * To encourage his fellow Norsemen to settle a large, snow-and-ice-covered island he discovered in the year 982, Eric the Red called it Greenland. The ploy worked.
- * Niagara Falls is slowly eroding by 1 to 2 feet per year. Since their formation some 12,000 years ago, the falls have already withdrawn 7 miles upstream, and if that rate continues, they should meet up with Lake Erie, about 20 miles from their present site, within the next 35,000 years.
- * In movies and television, scientists are more likely to suffer a violent death than members of any other profession.
- * The lead-acid battery, the type most commonly used in cars, was invented by Martha C. Weston, who patented it in 1859 when she was only 17 years old.
- * Lemons float, but limes sink.

Thought for the Day: "I believe ambition is not a dirty word. It's just believing in yourself and your abilities. Imagine this: What would happen if we were all brave enough to be a little bit more ambitious? I think the world would change." -- Reese Witherspoon

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