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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) After much traveling this year, you're due for some relaxed time with family and friends. Use this period to check out situations that will soon require a lot of serious decision-making.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep that keen Bovine mind focused on your financial situation as it begins to undergo some changes. Consider your money moves carefully. Avoid impulsive investments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll need to adjust some of your financial plans now that things are changing more quickly than you expected. All the facts you need haven't yet emerged, so move cautiously.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal and professional relationships dominate this period. Try to keep things uncomplicated in order to avoid misunderstandings that can cause problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That elusive goal you'd been hoping to claim is still just out of reach. But something else has come along that could prove to be just as desirable, if only you would take the time to check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to get away for some much-needed rest and relaxation. You'll return refreshed and ready to take on a workplace challenge that awaits you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Confidence grows as you work your way through some knotty situations. Watch out for distractions from well-meaning supporters who could slow things down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Consider spending more time contemplating the possibilities of an offer before opting to accept or reject it. But once you make a decision, act on it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're in a very strong position this week to tie up loose ends in as many areas as possible. Someone close to you has advice you might want to heed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations! This is the week you've been waiting for. After a period of sudden stops and fitful starts, your plans can now move ahead without significant disruptions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're in an exceptionally strong position this week to make decisions on many still-unresolved matters, especially those involving close personal relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The week starts off with some positive movement in several areas. A special person becomes a partner in at least one of the major plans you'll be working on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You work hard and get things done. You also inspire others to do their best. You would do well heading up a major corporation.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

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

2. What just and devout man held the baby Jesus when Mary and Joseph presented Him at the temple? Cyrenius, Ham, Simeon, Zara

3. Which of these books comes before the other three in the Old Testament? Nahum, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Daniel

4. What sign sealed God's promise not to destroy the earth ever again by a flood? Solar eclipse, Rainbow, Full moon, Ocean wave

5. From Proverbs 29, what does the fear of man bring? A snare, Redemption, Love of life, Death

6. Whose daughter found the infant Moses in the river? David, Pharaoh, Solomon, Timothy

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Simeon, 3) Ecclesiastes, 4) Rainbow, 5) A snare, 6) Pharaoh

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What Hall of Fame running back drunkenly told Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to "Loosen up, Sandy baby" at a 1985 Washington Press Club event?

2. Providence Friars basketball star Otis Thorpe was selected by what team in the first round of the 1984 NBA Draft? (Hint: The team relocated in 1985.)

3. What racehorse won consecutive Eclipse Awards for American Horse of the Year, Champion Older Male and Champion Male Turf Horse from 2012-13?

4. What NASCAR driver was shot twice after firing an employee from his trucking company in 1969 but returned to race the following season?

5. Jack Kemp, the Republican nominee for vice president in the 1996 election, was named 1965 American Football League MVP as quarterback for what team?

6. What golf course, located in East Lothian, Scotland, has been in rotation as host of The Open Championship since 1892?

7. Yusuf Dikec, famous for his casual shooting style that won him a silver medal in the air pistol team event at the 2024 Paris Olympics, competed for what country?

Answers

1. John Riggins.

2. The Kansas City Kings.

3. Wise Dan.

4. Charlie Glotzbach.

5. The Buffalo Bills.

6. Muirfield.

7. Turkey.

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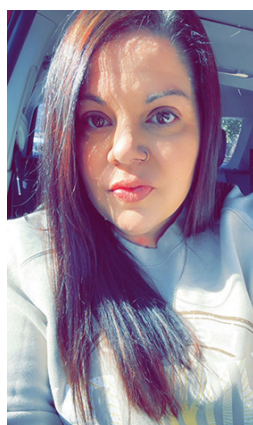
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- 2nd - Labor Day
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Recreation Schedule for Cherrystone Missionary Association of 5551 Tom Fork Road, Ringgold Va. Recreation Schedule: 1. The Danville Church & Community Based Tutorial Program 4:30 - 6:30 Every Monday 2. Sit and get Fit Classes, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Tuesdays of each Month, all ages. 3. Bingo, every 4th Tuesday, all ages 4:30- 5:30 4. Every 1st and 3rd. Thursday Circuit Walk, Indoor walk/ Out door Track, 5:30 - 6:30. 5. Every 1st Sat. Open Gym Outside Activities, 2:00 - 4:00 Recreation Ministry Program Basketball; Oct., Dec., Jan., and April /Board Games Volley Ball, Nov. & Feb, Flag Football, Dec., Tee Ball, March. 6. Family Night every 4th Friday - 5:00- 7:00. 7. Recreation Meetings The third Thursday during the months of Sept., Oct., at 6:00. The remainder months will be on the second Thursday at 6:00. 8. Fun Day Nov. 23, (all ages) 2:00- 4:00. 9. Unity Tea, Dec. 7. 4:00 - 6:00. All age groups are welcome to attend. Contact Kathy B. Ramsey at 434-251-0379 for additional information.



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Stew, Yard Sale, Bake Sale October 5th at Oakland Community Church 180 Snakepath Rd, Blairs. Stew \$8 per quart. Pick up between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Pre-order by calling 434-432-0257. Please leave your name, phone number, and number of quarts. Messages are checked on Thursday mornings. Yard and bake sales will begin at 7:00 AM. (434) 432-0257 oakland-cc180@gmail.com

Free Community Hotdog Lunch! Saturday September 21st, 12-3pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1172 Franklin Tpke. Bonus-Large Selection of Free Books Available at Little Free Library Container on driveway. All Welcome!!

The Redemption Center Church will be hosting its biweekly Community Food giveaway on 09-24-2024, at 625 Shelton Street, Danville, VA. All are welcome. The time is 12:00pm - 2:00pm. You can come and choose whatever you like. For questions, please call Pastor Willis J. Ferrell at 434-710-6126. www.redemptioncenterchurch.com



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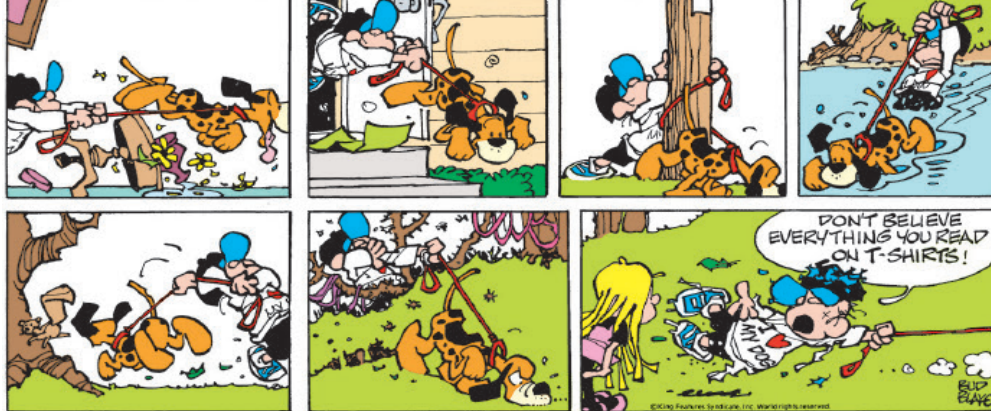


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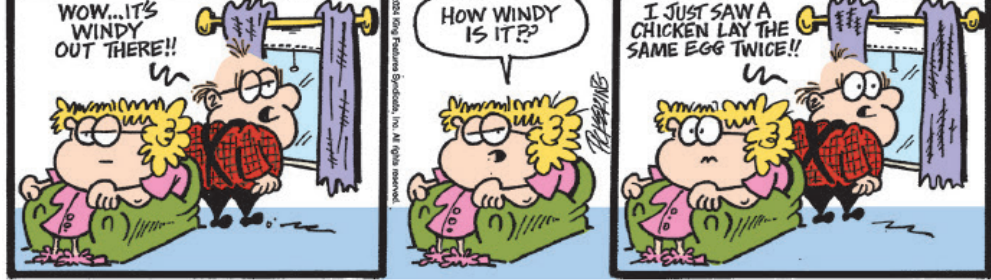
by Dave T. Phipps
OK, DAD, JUST FOLLOW ME AND WATCH MY BACK.
UH, THAT'S OK, YOU STILL HAVE A COUPLE MORE LIVES BEFORE YOU'RE OUT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?? YOU'RE RUNNING ALL OVER AND AIMING AT THE SKY.
I THINK FOR YOUR SAKE MAYBE YOU'D BE BETTER OFF JUST SURRENDERING.

TIGER



by BUD BLAKE
DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ ON T-SHIRTS!

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering
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HOW WINDY IS IT??
I JUST SAW A CHICKEN LAY THE SAME EGG TWICE!!

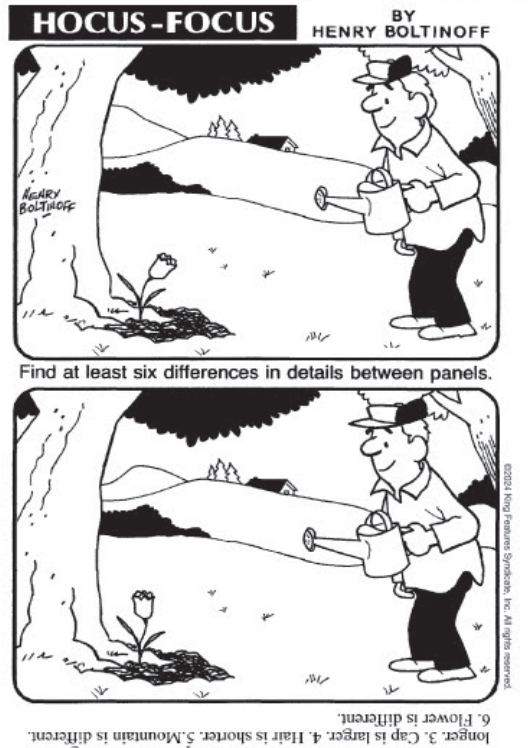
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by Linda Thistle

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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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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tree trunk is different. 2. Spot on watering can is longer. 3. Cap is larger. 4. Hair is shorter. 5. Mountain is different. 6. Flower is different.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Bit of butter
- "Dream on!"
- Half (Pref.)
- "Kinda" suffix
- Mandolin's kin
- Redact
- LAX info
- Embraces among team members, say
- Midwest peninsula
- "Gee, ya think?"
- Nevada city
- Pansy part
- Floor coverings
- Luau dance
- Paul Newman film
- Refine metal
- Male turkey
- "M*A*S*H" star
- Pub vessels
- Sand castle site
- Clear the decks?
- Gearwheel tooth
- Mary Poppins, e.g.
- Hydrants
- Tic-tac-toe win
- Totals
- Mine, to Marcel
- Sneaky laugh
- Sch. URL ender
- "Top Gun" target
- TGIF part
- Young seal
- Coach
- Parseghian
- Feeling no pain
- Curved moldings
- Ballet wear
- Sleep like —
- Felonious flights
- Melville captain
- Hold sway
- Icelandic epic
- Whole lot
- Trains, buses, etc.
- Entry
- CEO's deg.
- Jump
- Glitz partner
- Alaskan seaport
- Linguist
- Chomsky
- Present-day "carpe diem"
- "Terrif!"
- Wyo. neighbor
- Vitamin stat
- Hollywood's Thurman
- Acquired

DOWN

- Slapstick arsenal
- Italian wine region
- Compared to
- North African capital
- California's Big —
- "Am — blame?"
- Family fight

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern Italian city?
- MYTHOLOGY:** What kind of creature is half bird and half woman with an alluring song?
- SCIENCE:** What is a common name for iron oxide?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of pastry is used to make baklava?
- MOVIES:** What is the name of Elle's chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
- MEDICAL:** What is a common name for bruxism?
- LITERATURE:** Prospero is a character in which of Shakespeare's plays?
- ASTRONOMY:** How many stars make up the Big Dipper?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state's nickname is The Sunflower State?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** Which is the only continent without bees?

King Crossword
Answers
Solution time: 24 mins.

1. Naples; 2. Siren; 3. Rust; 4. Phyllo or filo; 5. Brits; 6. Teeth grinding; 7. "The Tempest"; 8. Seven; 9. Kansas; 10. Antarctica

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Virginia's 2023 Economic Impact Numbers Are In: Visit SoSi Tourism is Up 50%

Working together, Danville and Pittsylvania County set new records and brought \$215.4M in tourism spending into the local economy last year

According to the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC), which released the 2023 regional economic impact reports last week, Danville and Pittsylvania County, VA increased the economic impact of short-term visitation in the region by 49.39% year-over-year.

The two localities added \$215.4M to the local economy and directly supported 2,028 local jobs which contributed \$60.7M in direct local labor income during 2023.

The economic impact of tourism was also up across the Commonwealth. Statewide, tourism generated a record \$33.3B in visitor spending, an increase of 10% year-over-year. This marked an important milestone for the state as Virginia officially exceeded pre-pandemic visitation levels for the first time marking a 14.7% increase in visitor spending over 2019 reports. This is positive news statewide, but local momentum is especially significant. By comparison, the City of Danville's economic impact increased 73.1% over local 2019 pre-pandemic numbers.

In May of 2023, the Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism officially launched the new regional tourism program and introduced regional tourism brand, Visit SoSi. That same month, Caesars Virginia opened their temporary gaming facility. 2023 also brought the introduction of the region's first-ever tourism master plan, kicked-off the new Danville Visitor Center reorganization, and saw the launch of new regional tourism website, visitsosi.com.

During this same time span, the region's new destination marketing organization, Visit SoSi, also invested in local front-line hospitality and customer service training, and introduced several new promotional resources designed to encourage local business owners and front-line service providers to proactively engage with visitors and help them find their way around the region and into the area's many diverse businesses and attractions.

"We couldn't be more excited about what is happening in our region," Visit SoSi Tourism Manager, Lisa Meriwether said. "Tourism is proving to be big business in Danville and Pittsylvania County and the economic lift it is providing to local citizens seems to grow every single day. We are continuing to see increased interest, investment, and opportunity across the local tourism economy. I know that the same wonderful assets and attractions that are drawing visitors to the region are the very same attributes that make this region such a great place to live, work, and play. Word is getting out. We are a destination now, and it's thrilling to see all this momentum continuing to build."

VTC receives its annual economic impact data from Tourism Economics. The information is based on per-person domestic trips and visitor spending. Visitors were defined as those traveled more than 50 miles to the destination or who stayed overnight during their travels.

Detailed economic impact source data and research methodology statements are available at vatc.org/research.

About the Office of Economic Development & Tourism
The Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism is responsible for leading the City of Danville's tourism efforts by branding and promoting the city and Pittsylvania County to differentiate it from other regional competitors through advertising, promotions, trade events, and visitor experience initiatives to stimulate economic growth for the region. Discover all there is to see and do in Danville and Pittsylvania County here: <https://www.visitsosi.com/>.

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When it comes to life, there are no guarantees. A few people will live to be 100 and beyond. The majority of people will die much younger. We don't know for sure. Your health can be great and still anything can happen. Your health might be bad. A friend who lived to be about 77 said, "If I knew I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself." He meant it to be humorous.

Seventy-seven doesn't seem very old if you are 80. You may feel if you are 70 that you've just really started to live. It has a lot to do with who you are, how you feel, and the overall condition of your life. Sadly, there are a lot of miserable people who are still very young but can't figure out their lives.

Age is truly just a number especially if you feel good, can take care of yourself, and have something to live for. This could be anything from a grandchild, to a job, a hobby, your career, or just spending your money. It's important to have an interest. You need to have something to do. Everyone needs to be pursuing something they enjoy. You need a reason to get up in the morning. It will keep you going.

You may be here 30 years from now or maybe you won't. It won't hurt you to plan for the long haul. This means eating as healthy as possible, exercising some every day, managing your weight, and visiting your doctor routinely. This may help you to live a little longer and enjoy the remaining years you have. It's not a guarantee, but it's worth a shot. Keep trying to save a few dollars every month. Regardless of your age, there is always something that's going to come up. You will need a new roof, furnace, or car. The list is endless.

Yet, today might be our last. We never know. Be kind every chance you have. Say thank you often. Do the small things that may help family and friends. Build others up. Give them a boost by saying something good to them. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Forgive people. Forgive yourself. Put the past behind you because you can't change the past. Try to do something every day you enjoy. That may be walking, reading, playing music, talking to people, cooking, or it could be anything. Regardless of how long we live, life is short.

Recently, a friend lay dying. I asked him what I could do for him. He said, "All I would like to have is one more day." Today, may be our one more day. Whatever we do on this one day will hopefully be a blessing not only to us but in some way will be a blessing to someone today or years from now.

The seed we plant will bring a harvest, of some kind.

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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

Beatrice Taylor

February 8, 1946 ~ September 11, 2024 (age 78)



Beatrice Taylor, age 78 of Pelham, NC passed away on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at her residence.

Mrs. Taylor was born on February 8, 1946, in Danville, VA, a daughter of the late, Alonzo Harris and Lucille Cook Harris.

She lived most of her life in Pelham where she was a homemaker. She was married to Jimmy Taylor Sr. who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by her children, Deborah T Chilton, Diane T McCann, Jimmy A Taylor Jr, and John D Taylor; 14 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren and one on the way.

Mrs. Taylor enjoyed going to bingo, seeing her friends, watching Spongebob, loved her some Wendy's and doing word search puzzles.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Taylor family.

Donald Bentley Jackson Jr.

September 21, 1978 ~ September 16, 2024 (age 45)

Donald Bentley Jackson Jr., age 45, of Danville, Virginia, passed away on Monday, September 16, 2024 at his residence.

Mr. Jackson was born on September 21, 1978 in Durham, North Carolina to Jackie Mae Owen Jackson and Donald Jackson Sr who survives.

Mr. Jackson spent most of his life in Danville where he worked in the lumber supply department at Builders Discount Center.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his son, Barry Bentley Jackson.

Graveside services will be conducted on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Wilkerson Family Cemetery (Corning Drive) with Reverend Louis Emerson and Reverend Joshua Yeatts officiating.

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Leonard Charles "Chip" Phelps



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- Who sang the theme song for the TV series "Secret Agent Man" in the 1960s?
- What is the Hully Gully?
- Who released "Blue Suede Shoes" before Elvis Presley did?
- Name Patti LaBelle's first No. 1 single.
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Late at night I'm still listening, Don't waste my time chasing sleep."

Answers

- Johnny Rivers. The show was the American version of the British "Danger Man" series.
- A dance that started in Florida in 1959. It was a line dance with the steps being called out. The dance has been seen several times, including in "The Blues Brothers" film and a "Roseanne" episode.
- Carl Perkins, who both wrote and released the song in 1956. His version went to No. 1 on the charts. Presley's did not even hit the Top 10.
- "If Only You Knew," in 1983, on the R&B charts. It only hit No. 46 on the Hot 100 chart.
- "Pilot of the Airwaves," by Charlie Dore in 1979. This was the final song played in 1990 by Radio Caroline, an unlicensed, illegal radio station that broadcast from the open seas. It was named for Caroline Kennedy, daughter of President John F. Kennedy.

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. Mare or colt | ___ R ___ | Rambler or split-level | ___ U ___ |
| 2. Not in class | ___ B ___ | Concurrence | ___ S ___ |
| 3. Downpour | ___ G ___ | Hoodwink | ___ D ___ |
| 4. Robust | ___ R ___ | Conveniently located | ___ N ___ |
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| 6. No longer little | ___ W ___ | Grumbler's sound | ___ A ___ |
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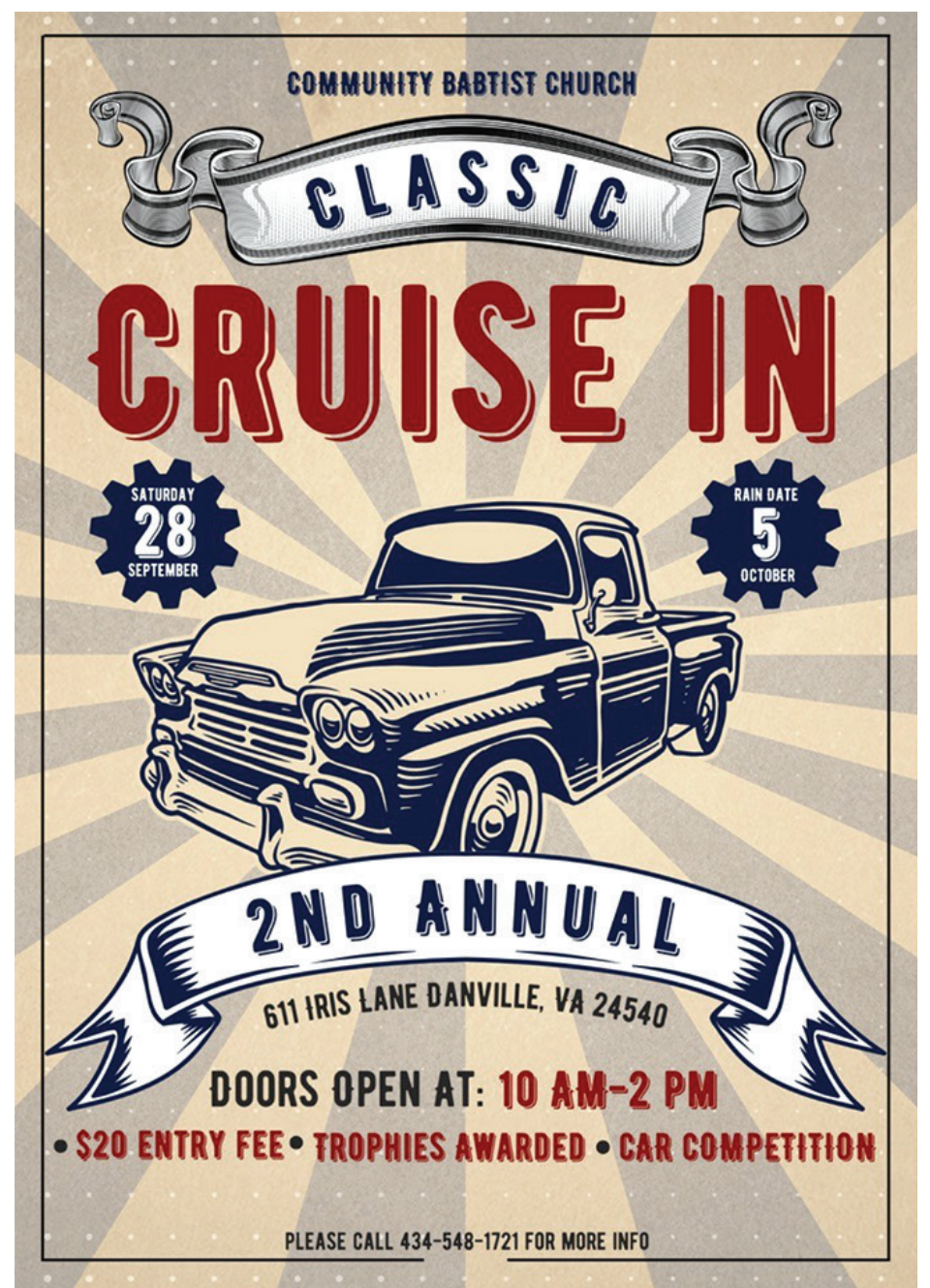
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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Beethoven went out of his way to ensure his morning coffee was made with exactly 60 beans per cup.

* In the hit film "Back to the Future," the time machine was originally an old fridge. According to HuffPost, "Ultimately, it was determined that it probably was not a good idea to use a refrigerator in such a manner as kids might want to reenact the scene."

* Up until the beginning of the 19th century, models were not used to showcase clothes. Fashion companies would use dolls instead.

* Pentheraphobia is the intense and disproportionate fear of your mother-in-law.

* To ensure Queen Elizabeth II received her food on time, clocks in the royal kitchen at Windsor Castle were set five minutes ahead.

* While they might look the same, Jenga blocks have subtle differences in dimensions to make their construction less stable. Each brick is a different size and weight, so no two games are alike.

* As a souvenir from his trip to the Middle East, French author Gustave Flaubert brought home a mummy's foot and kept it on his working desk.

* Herrings communicate through farts.

* In 1916, Adeline and Augusta Van Buren became the first women to travel across the country on two solo motorcycles. They made it despite frequently being arrested for the "crime" of wearing pants.

* Galileo's middle finger is on display at the Museo Galileo in Florence, Italy.

* In 2009, a team of scientists searched Scotland's Loch Ness for evidence of Nessie. While the fabled monster remained elusive, they at least recovered more than 100,000 golf balls.

Thought for the Day: "Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul." -- Samuel Ullman

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2025 ANNUAL PLAN

September 19, 2024

The Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (DRHA) in Danville, Virginia is announcing a public comment period for the DRHA's 2025 Annual Plan. The DRHA will receive written comments regarding the proposed changes during a 45-day public comment period to begin September 19, 2024 and end November 2, 2024. All written comments are to be mailed to the following address or emailed to dparedex@drhava.com.

Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Attn: Donald Paredex
P.O. Box 1476
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The deadline for written comments is 5 p.m. November 2, 2024. Public hearings on the draft will be held on the following dates:

October 8, 2024 - noon - 651 Cardinal Place (Cardinal Village)
October 21, 2024 - 3 p.m. - 127 Cedar Place (Cedar Terrace)

A copy of the Annual Plan is available on the DRHA's website at www.drhava.com.

The DRHA's Board of Commissioners will vote on the adoption of this policy on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5 p.m. at the Authority's main office at 135 Jones Crossing, Danville, Virginia 24541. The date, time, and location of the meeting are subject to change. See the DRHA's website (www.drhava.com) for updates.



Having Surgery for a Hernia Could Be Riskier Than Living With It

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm an 85-year-old man. I'm in good health, and I exercise and swim at the gym for 3 hours every other day. I am not overweight, and the only prescription I have is a nose spray. I do have mild idiopathic neuropathy, but I'm still quite agile and mobile. I have a hernia in my lower abdomen. I had one just

like it on the right side that was repaired 35 years ago.

My family doctor seems to think that having surgery at my age could be riskier than living with the hernia. The pain isn't terrible, but it is frequently uncomfortable. Should I consider surgery? -- C.E.K.

ANSWER: You should consider it to the point where you consult a surgeon. The operative risk is relatively small, and despite your age, it sounds like you are in good shape. However, after consulting with a surgeon, you may decide against surgery. The most important factor is how much the pain from the hernia bothers you. In general, we recommend surgical repair for symptomatic hernias, as the pain tends to gradually increase over years.

No surgery comes without a risk, and your family doctor is right that it is riskier to have the surgery than it would be to live with the pain. But the risk is not enormous, so if the pain is to the point where the hernia is bothering you a lot, it is certainly worth discussing the risks and benefits of surgery with an expert surgeon.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I saw a post somewhere saying that we should throw away all vitamins or supplements with magnesium stearate, titanium dioxide or microcrystalline cellulose. This means I would need to discard vitamins, antacids, and even my glucose tabs that I occasionally need for reactive hypoglycemia. Do you have any guidance on this? -- L.D.

ANSWER: In 1538, a Swiss physician with the pseudonym "Paracelsus" articulated the basic premise of toxicology: The dose makes the poison. This remains critical today.

Magnesium stearate is commonly used in food, cosmetics and medicines. It is generally regarded as safe at doses below 175 grams for an average-sized adult. A typical supplement might contain as much as 20 mg. It would take well over 8,000 doses at once for a person to reach a dangerous level.

Titanium dioxide is used as a food coloring, in sunscreen, and in medications like styptic pencils. It has long been considered safe in the United States and Canada. But its status in Europe has recently been changed, so it is no longer recommended as a food additive. The tiny doses of it in medications and dietary supplements are very unlikely to cause harm, but many manufacturers in the U.S. are beginning to stop using it, more due to perception than proven harm (which there is no evidence for).

Microcrystalline cellulose is simply an indigestible fiber source made from wood pulp. It is not absorbed. It is used in many foods and as a filler in tablets and capsules. You can also buy it as a supplement or use it as a thickener in cooking.

I don't have any concerns with magnesium stearate or microcrystalline cellulose at the kinds of doses used in pharmaceuticals and supplements. I also don't have any concern with food-grade titanium dioxide as a coloring agent in food or supplements.

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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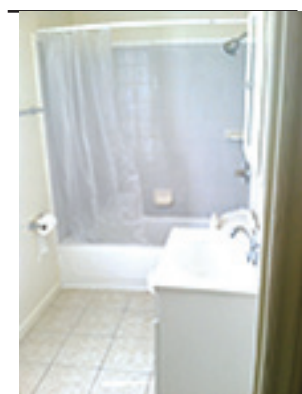
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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Recalls of dangerous foods and products

The recent listeria outbreak in a certain brand of deli meat was most disturbing because it now makes us hesitant to purchase any brands.

Listeria can, and has, caused illnesses so severe that people have died. At this writing, the number continues to grow.

Where the mistrust comes in is at the deli counter itself. If the slicing machines were previously used on the listeria-contaminated meats, and if those slicers weren't sanitized of every tiny listeria molecule, those germs can be transmitted to another type of meat being sliced.

Scary.

And when it comes to trust, who would suspect cinnamon of being a problem? But apparently it is, with several recalls due to excess lead in the product.

Then there was the real heartbreaker to read about: Beloved frozen chicken nuggets were found to have foreign matter in them, specifically little particles of metal.

Foods aren't the only items making the recall lists. Lithium batteries have been making headlines, especially when they cause fires. A portable power station, for charging electronic devices and other gadgets, has caused four fires. Another brand of power station has caused over 170 cases of the batteries swelling and overheating. Even a camera brand had problems with the lithium batteries overheating.

And candles aren't left off the recall list. One lovely tangerine scented candle was recalled because of a fire hazard. A single-serve coffee maker can shoot hot water out of the top of the machine, burning anyone nearby. A lawnmower was recalled because if water gets into the handle, the mower will fail to shut off. Or how about the bicycle that loses its steering?

Check online before you buy, especially consumer products. See www.recalls.gov for a wide selection of product types, and foodsafety.gov for recalled foods -- or sign up for alerts.

And be especially wary of that cute retro-look Italian-made refrigerator that's dangerous because the door can fall off.

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* "To clean the TV remote in my home, I dip a cotton swab into rubbing alcohol, shake off any excess and use it to gently clean the surface. I do this weekly during cold and flu season." -- M. in Minnesota

* To keep track of rolls of tape or other rolled items in your shop, hang a length of chain from two "S" hooks on your pegboard. They will be readily accessible, and you can tear off what you need.

* "If you use those little plastic key-ring cards for store rewards accounts and discount programs, you can keep them easily organized in a small photo brag book. These books can be found at drugstores and big box retailers, and are meant for a small collection of wallet-size pictures. However, if you put your cards in one, it's easy to flip through to find the correct card to scan." -- R.I. in Arkansas

* Fill an easy-to-use hand soap dispenser with body wash or shampoo for kids to use in the bath or shower.

* "Here's a fun idea for place cards at Thanksgiving (coming up in Canada): Scan in and print out a photo of each guest as a child. Laminate it and attach it to a pretty piece of ribbon with a glue gun. Use the ribbon to tie up a napkin and/or utensils. Guests will have a good time trying to guess who's who and reminiscing about days gone by." -- P.D. in Ontario, Canada

* When working with juicy items (lemons, watermelon, etc.) on a cutting board, try placing the board on a kitchen towel. When the juices run over the edge, they will be caught by the towel. Cleanup will be easy!

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

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WE ♥ OUR READERS

Caramel Apple cake... It's amazing!



INGREDIENTS

- * 2 cups all purpose flour
- * 1 ¼ cups brown sugar
- * 2 teaspoons baking powder
- * ½ teaspoon baking soda
- * ⅔ teaspoon salt
- * 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
- * 2 large eggs
- * ½ cup vegetable oil
- * 1 cup sour cream
- * 1 teaspoon vanilla
- * 1 ¾ cups apple,, peeled, cored, and diced (I shred mine)

INSTRUCTIONS

- * Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
- * Spray bundt pan with baking spray. Set aside. (I used 13x9)
- * In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and apple pie spice. Set aside.
- * In a medium bowl, combine eggs, vegetable oil, sour cream, and vanilla.
- * Mix well.
- * Add to dry ingredients.
- * Stir together until combined.
- * Fold in apples.
- * Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for 45 minutes, or until cake tests done.
- * Let cake cool in pan for 15-20 minutes. Turn out and cool.

Expert Tips:

- * Make sure you don't over mix the cake!
- * Check the expiration dates on the baking powder and baking soda!
- * Depending on how your oven cooks, you may need to cover the cake with foil to keep from over-browning.
- * Be sure to keep this cake in the refrigerator!

Legend says the husband was waiting in the car for his wife to get ready



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- ½ cup buttermilk
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- ¼ tsp parsley



Yard Sales

Danville Farmers' Market Yard Sale. Sat Sep 14th, 2024 from 07:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Over 30 Indoor Vendors. 629 Craghead Street. (434) 797-8961 whittehd@danvilleva.gov

723 Norfolk Pl, Danville. Sat Sep 14th, 2024 from 08:00 AM - 02:00 AM. 723 Norfolk Place. Household Goods; Men's, Women's, & Kids Clothes; Shoes; & Many Baby Items. No early sales, please.

Yard Sale. Sat Sep 21st, 8am-4pm. 16 Milton Avenue. Old Oil Lamps, Rocking/Chair, Sewing Machine, Dishes, China Cabinet and Lots More!

Yard Sale! Sat Sep 21st, 8-3pm. 1066 Halifax Rd. Baby Furniture, Shoes, Clothing, Mens, Boys, Women, Odds/Ends, China, Church Dresses and Clothes, Kids Toys.

Multi-Family Yard Sale. Sat Sep 14th, 2024 from 07:00 AM - 01:00 PM Sat Sep 21st, 2024 from 07:00 AM - 01:00 PM 126 Mulberry Road.

Huge Moving Sale. Sat Sep 21st, 2024 from 09:00 AM - 02:00 PM Sun Sep 22nd, 2024 from 09:00 AM - 02:00 PM Huge Moving Sale - Furniture, Tools, Camping Equipment, Household Items, Lamps, Artist Supplies, Picture Frames, Lawn and Garden and More. Everything Must Go! dlmcfarland@gmail.com

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Garage Sale Fri & Sat. Sept 20th-21st, 8am-4pm. 840 Corn Tassel Road. Ladies Clothing, Pocketbooks, Shoes, Mens/Items, Dishes, Pictures, Coolers, Gas Cans and Much More!

Yard Sale September 21st. Sat 7:30-? 307 Westover Drive. Harley Davidson Collectibles, Clothing, Antiques and Much More!

Parking Lot Sale Fri-Sun. Sept 20-22. 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM Daily. 2363 S. Boston Hwy. Furniture, \$10, Lots of \$1 Items.

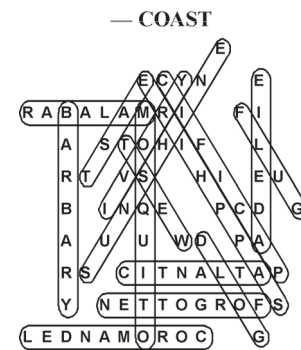
Yard Sale. Sat Sep 21st, 9am-? 824 Kemper Road. Name Brand Purses, Designer Kids/Women's Clothing, Household Items and More.

Kathryn's Christmas Tag/Garage Sale!! Fri Sep 20th, 12-5pm & Sat Sep 21st, 8-? 1176 Golf Club Road. DODSON HOUSE. Pictures, Wreaths, Couch/Loveseat, Furniture, 2 Dining Tables, Chairs, Barstools, 4-White French Dining Chairs, Paintings, Quilts, Linens, Arrangements, Trees, Plants, Antiques, Home/Decor, Lamps/Table/Floor, Small Appliances, Dishes, Glassware, Clothing, Bedroom Chair, Hummingbird/Feeder, Boat Paddles, Tools, Chains, TV's, Pet Supplies, Jewelry, Ceiling Fans, Large Christmas Tree, Christmas and Halloween Galore, New Gifts and Much More!! New Items put out Daily.

Yard Sale. Sat Sep 21st, 2024 from 09:00 AM - ? 226 April Lane. Lots of Items! Rain or Shine!

Multi-Family Yard Sale. Sat Oct 5th, 7-2pm. 1653 Piney Forest Rd. Clothes, Kids, Adult, Household Items, and Much More!

3 Family Yard Sale. Sat Sep 28th, 2024 from 08:00 AM - 02:00 PM 421 Wyatt Drive Danville VA, 24540 - off Hwy 41 No shopping before 8am Mens/Womens clothes, housewares, decorative items, 2 military lockers, horse tack



Even Exchange answers

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| 1. Horse, House | 6. Grown, Groan |
| 2. Absent, Assent | 7. Wiggle, Giggle |
| 3. Deluge, Delude | 8. Minor, Miner |
| 4. Hardy, Handy | 9. Lessen, Lesson |
| 5. Sprint, Spring | 10. Stern, Stein |



Yesterday afternoon I was walking and holding hands with my wife. I suddenly dropped her hand and grabbed my cell phone to take this picture. She hit me in my chest and wouldn't talk to me the rest of the day. Last night, she asked me "How could you?" I said "How could I not? It's not every day you see a dog driving a car."