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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to be a contender.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings shouldn't interfere with the more pragmatic matters that you need to take care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Best not to ignore doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. Meanwhile, a weekend surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No time for a catnap — yet. You still might have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling

workplace situation. Stay with it. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide some much-needed reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up! An unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult, but the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing is an important part of your preholiday scheduling. Try to give time to both your workday responsibilities and any personal matters you might have neglected.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With the vestiges of your anger about a painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including a certain personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to be hopeful!

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- 1. Is the book of Advent (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. What was the innkeeper's name who turned away the pregnant Mary as there was not room? Eliada, Jesimiel, Phlegon, Bible does not say
- 3. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the Wise Men saw the star in the ...? North, East, South, West
- 4. Jesus was born in Bethlehem of in the days of Herod the king. Nazarene, Jerusalem, Judaea, Capernaum
- 5. In what type of clothes did Mary wrap the newborn Jesus? Admonishing, Resurrecting, Swaddling, Castling
- 6. How many times is "swaddling clothes" mentioned in the Bible? 1, 2, 3, 4

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Bible does not say, 3) East, 4) Judaea, 5) Swaddling, 6) Two (Luke 2:7, 12)

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About Work

I want to share something with you: The three little sentences that will get you through life.

Number 1: Cover for me. Number 2: Oh, good idea, boss! Number 3: It was like that when I got here. - Homer Simpson

I will always choose a lazy person to do a hard job, because a lazy person will find an easy way to do it. - Bill Gates

I like work; it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours. - Jerome K. Jerome

The caterpillar does all the work, but the butterfly gets all the publicity. - George Carlin

No one's dream job involves a kiosk. - Damien Fahey

Doing nothing is very hard to do ... you never know when you're finished. - Leslie Nielsen

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Holidays

21st - Winter Begins 25th - Christmas

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Community Events

The Bible Reading Club will Continue to Meet on Wednesdays at 6pm in the CTK Fellowship Center, 1172 Franklin Turnpike. Bring your Personal Bible, All Welcome! Join Us!

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Recreation Schedule for Missionary Cherrystone Association of 5551Tom 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 Recreation Ministry Program Basketball; Oct. Dec., Jan., and April /Board

Volley Ball, Nov.& Games 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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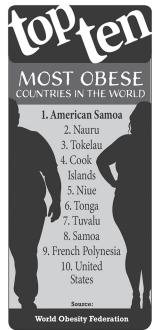
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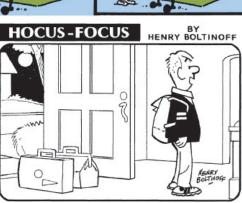
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Rodriguez 1. ANATOMY: Where is the glabella located in the human body?

the name of the Big Red Dog? 3. GEOGRAPHY: In which country would you find the 98-foot-tall Christ the Redeemer figure? 4. GAMES: What number is represented by the

2. LITERATURE: In children's books, what is

phrase "two little ducks" in bingo? 5. SCIENCE: What percentage of air is nitro-

6. MUSIC: When did Rock the Vote, an organization that encourages young people to vote, come into being? 7. TELEVISION: Which 1970s comedy show

features the theme song "Come On Get Happy"? 8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month of the year has the least number of letters? 9. U.S. STATES: Which state is first alphabet-

10. MOVIES: Which 1983 movie features a character named Tony Montana?

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Solution time: 23 mins.

7. "The Partridge Family"; 8. May; 9. Alabama; 10. "Scarface" Between the eyebrows; 2. Clifford; 3. Brazil; 4. 22; 5. 78 percent; 6. 1990;

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December 4, 2024 By Paulette Dean

On that first Christmas morning and for every Christmas until he died in 1978, Walter had wrapped presents under the tree. He knew exactly what he was to do with them and loved being a part of the family celebration.

As I remember Walter with great love, I also contrast the Christmases (and every other day) I now know some animals will have; it truly is heartbreaking. However, I also love to think of the kindnesses that people perform for the animals.

One day a few years ago, I was driving towards the shelter. On busy River Street, I saw a turtle crossing the road. I quickly tried to turn around to get it. Before I could, a saw a man stop his car, jump out, quickly run over the turtle, and then put it gently on the grassy area. The turtle was saved and I found out later that the man was none other than a police officer, Jim Godfrey, who also plays Santa for our pet photos. Jim Godfrey is not the only police officer who rescues animals. I have found





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the police officers to be very compassionate as we have gone to many neglect and cruelty calls with them. Let's concentrate on that turtle story, though.

That one act of kindness for the turtle did not solve world problems, nor did it stop a war. The little boy who put a handful of cat food in a sandwich bag to be given to a collection drive certainly did not stop the starvation of all animals. The person who comes to the shelter when they can to walk a dog or cuddle a cat may think their short time made no difference. But each little act of kindness combines to make the world a better place, even if that means helping one tiny animal.

During this Hanukkah and Christmas season, may we remember to do something kind for the animals? Honestly, the Walters and turtles of the world depend upon us to do just that.

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Antiques & Collecting

Della Robbia Pottery

Would you believe that one of the most prominent figures in American art pottery came from England? Frederick Hurten Rhead was born in England in 1880 and started his ceramics career by working with his father, Frederick Alfred Rhead. Talent for pottery apparently ran in the family; Frederick Hurten's uncles George Woolliscroft Rhead and Louis John Rhead, his sister Charlotte and his brother Harry also worked in ceram-

Frederick Hurten was the art director for Roseville Pottery in Ohio from 1904 to 1908. During his time as there, he created Roseville's most famous art pottery line, Della Robbia.

This vase, which sold at Morphy Auctions for \$5,632, is an excellent example of Roseville's Della Robbia and the attention it receives at auctions. This pottery line, named after a sculptor from the Italian Renaissance, features carved relief designs and multiple hand-applied glazes. Rhead created the designs, but other artists made the carvings and applied the glazes.

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Photo Caption: Rhead, Roseville and Della Robbia are three of the most important names in American art pottery. All of them apply to this vase.

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Pottery-Asian, vase, copper red glaze, shades to black, vertical ridges, small closed handles, short foot, earthenware, Japan, 12 inches, \$1,150.

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- Trivia Night e Ballad Brewing
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Friday, 6th and Saturday, 7th - True Grit Rodeo @ Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex

- Friday, 6th
- Pottery Wheel Try-It Sessions @ Impotters Clayworx - Live Music by OldSkool @ Cascade Community Center
- Live Music by Country Pride @ Ballou Recreation Center
- Luminaria Trail Walk @ Community Market - Christmas on the Plaza e Downton Plaza, Danville
- Wicked Karaoke @ 2 Witches Winery & Brewing Co.
- Live Muisc by Marty C Moore @ The Golden Leaf Bistro - Mama BriBri & The Stranger @ Mountain Valley Brewing
- Open Mic @ Factory Street Brewing

Saturday, 7th

- Wine Tasting @ Vintages by the Dan
- Total Body Workout Class @ Urban Fitness
- Victorian Garden & Flower Show @ The Langhorne House Museum, 117 Broad Street
- Children's Holiday House @ Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History
- Jazz Mingle & Jingle @ Ballou Recreation Center
- Danville Historical Society Holiday Tour @ 406 Cabell Street
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Three teens graduate from Project Imagine's 30th class, marking milestone in program's success



On Monday, three teenagers were honored for completing life skills training and goal-setting exercises through the City of Danville's Project Imagine program, which aims to steer youths away from gang activity and community violence.

This milestone marks the 30th graduating class for the program, which has seen 183 teens successfully complete its initiatives since its inception in 2018.

The graduates were Quayvion Hairston, Shakavion Keen, and Emarion Lea.

Congratulations to Noah Lundy, 9 Years Old on His 14 Pointer



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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Treasury staff to help citizens find missing money

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To-date since 2019, this event has helped citizens to find over \$1,072,411 in unclaimed funds.

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City celebrates Revive Nutrition ribbon cutting

The Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism, in partnership with the River District Association, celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony for Revive Nutrition, a local smoothie, energy drink, and juice bar, on Monday, December 2.

Located at 208 North Union Street, Suite 100, Danville, Revive Nutrition is a health-focused business committed to empowering individuals with the knowledge of proper nutrition and providing meal replacement shakes and loaded teas, crafted by parent company, Herbalife Nutrition.

"I am thrilled to celebrate the official ribbon cutting ceremony for Revive Nutrition in Danville's River District," said Christine Eanes, owner of Revive Nutrition. "At Revive Nutrition, we are dedicated to empowering community members to make healthier decisions. This storefront will only further our mission and help us to reach more residents and visitors."



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

Dr. John Charles Gentry

June 20, 1931 ~ November 25, 2024 (age 93)



Reverend Dr. John Charles Gentry, age 93, of Providence, NC, passed away on Monday, November 25, 2024.

Mr. Gentry was born on June 20, 1931, in West Jefferson, NC, a son of the late Lawrence and Bertie Hopkins Gentry.

He served his country in the US

Army and later married the love of his life, Mary Jo Blackburn Gentry in 1953. Mr. Gentry was a proud pastor who led numerous people to Christ during his decade's long service in the ministry. Before his ministry, he worked several years at Dan River Mills, then as an agent for Southland Life Insurance Company for many years. Mr. Gentry took over as pastor of Gatewood Baptist Church upon his father's retirement. Mr. Gentry led and grew the church until his retirement in 2012. Even though he retired as the pastor he never stopped in the ministry. His lifelong hobbies included buying and selling cars and trucks, trading guns and beagles and running rabbits with his dogs.

Mr. Gentry leaves behind his son, Randy Gentry; daughter, Kathy Crumpton; grandchildren, Hunter Lee Gentry, Morgan Gray Gentry, Chad Crumpton; great-grandchildren, Sabian Crumpton, Zildjian Crumpton. He also leaves behind many special extended family members, friends and his church family that he loved.

In addition to his parents and wife he was predeceased by a sister, Dean Gentry Carter.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, November 30, 2024 at 12 PM at Gatewood Baptist Church with Reverend Don Sessions officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Interment followed in Floral Hills Memory Gardens.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Gentry family.

Editors Note:

Our family would like to thank the church family of Gatewood Baptist Church for their kindness and support for many years, Nayer Hospice and Swicegood Funeral Home.

Thanks for the memories and wisdom dad. Love, Kathy & Randy

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Marjorie (Morris) Brooks

June 7, 1938 ~ November 24, 2024 (age 86)



Mrs. Marjorie Morris Brooks, age 86, of Danville, VA, passed away on November 24, 2024 at Roman Eagle Health and Rehabilitation surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on June 07, 1938, in Chapel Hill, NC, to the late Isaac Wade Morris and Goldie Shorter Morris

Before her retirement, Mrs. Brooks worked in

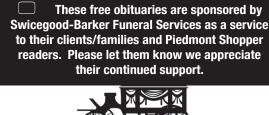
Dan River Mills and was a member of River Oak Church of God. She later moved her membership to Shiloh Baptist Church.

She is survived by son, Rickie Goodman and his wife Louise; granddaughters, Misty Goodman and Britney Prior; great-grandchildren, Cameron Prior, Sydney Prior, Kayden Osborne; stepchildren, Kimberly Hamlett (Larry), Steven Brooks (Amy), Benjamin Brooks (Kathy), and Kenneth Brooks (Lisa); step-grandchildren, Dustin (Casey) and Austin(Rikki) Hamlett, April Jacovitch, Ethan and Steven (Chelsey) Brooks, Brandi (Cory) Brown, Hannah and Emma Brooks; Amy Brooks, Benjamin (Kayla), and Jamie (Eva) Brooks; and step-great grandchildren; Jackson, Lilly-Ann, Leah Katherine and Sadie-Lynn Hamlett, Ayden Johnson, Tyler and Jadelynn Brooks, Asher and Ella Kate Roach, Oliver Chrisco, Luna Brooks, and Rylee and Abi Brooks.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Brooks was predeceased by her first husband, Thomas Goodman; late husband, Bennie Brooks; brother, Zeke Morris, and sister, Gayle Atkins.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 29, 2024 at Swicegood Funeral Home with Pastor Rusty Oliver and Reverend Mike Hedrick officiating. Interment followed in Danville Memorial Gardens. Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. At other times, the family will be at the residence of her granddaughter, Misty Goodman, 108 Brook Circle, Danville, VA 24541.

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Annie Wilkerson

March 19, 1934 ~ December 1, 2024 (age 90)



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Wilkerson,
age 90, of 712
Holland Rd.
Danville, VA,
went to be
with her Lord
and Savior on
Sunday,
December 1,
2024.

Annie was born on March 19, 1934 to the late Mary and Artie Ayers. She married

William "Bill" Wilkerson on March 31, 1954. He predeceased her on July 11, 2015. Annie lived and worked most of her life in Danville, VA. She attended Sheldon Baptist Church.

Annie leaves behind two daughters, Barbara Knick (Lee) of Goose Creek, SC and Alice Pollard of Ringgold, VA and one son, William "Billy" Wilkerson, Jr. of Danville, VA. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

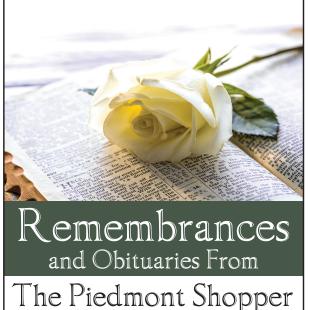
Annie was predeceased by her husband, one daughter, Pat Wilkerson Church, one grandchild and one great grandchild.

Visitation will be held from 12:30 until 1:30 on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at Swicegood Funeral Home with a graveside service following at Danville Memorial Gardens at 2:00 PM with Pastor Mike Kent officiating.

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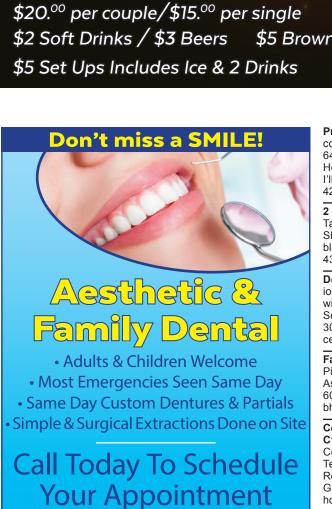
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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — In 2001, Oscar winner Renée Zellweger gave us "Bridget Jones's Diary," grossed \$334.2 million against a \$25-million cost. Four years later, "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" came and grossed \$265.1 million against a \$50-million cost. In 2016, she made "Bridget Jones's Baby," which grossed \$212 million against a \$35-million cost, and now we'll get "Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy," with Emma Thompson, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Isla Fisher, Gemma Jones and Jim Broadbent, just in time for Valentine's Day.

Social media's been buzzing about "Blue Bloods," with fans inferring that it'll be renewed for season 15. Official blurbs claim that Tom Selleck is certain CBS will come to their senses and renew it. But even as a producer and an Emmy winner for "Magnum, P.I.," he couldn't get the hit series past eight

seasons.

When "Blue Bloods" began in 2010, the actors' contracts had automatic salary bumps yearly. By season 13, actors had to take pay cuts to reduce the high cost of producing the show or face cancellation. Selleck, of course, was the highest-paid at \$200,000 an episode, while Donnie Wahlberg earned \$60,000 in the beginning but was bumped up to \$150,000. Will Estes earned \$100,000, and when you're in all 288 episodes as they were, it becomes a big payday! Add in the escalated costs of shooting in NYC, and CBS had to cancel the show!

Had it remained a top-10 show (it's currently placed 37), it might have swayed CBS Entertainment president **Amy Reisenbach**, who explained, "It is a function of having a really strong schedule that we have to refresh, and that means in order to refresh, shows have to eventually end."

There were even alleged quotes from Selleck saying that he needs "Blue Bloods" to be renewed in order to maintain his avocado farm, which had to be untrue since his net worth is estimated to be at \$45 million!



Renée Zellweger in
"Bridget Jones's Baby" (2016)

Are you ready for "Black Panther 3" starring Denzel Washington? Washington's currently doing Broadway in "Othello," which he plans to make into a film. He's also starring in "Gladiator II," which swashbuckled into theaters on Nov. 22, and he's just completed Spike Lee's Apple TV+ crime thriller "High and Low," with Jeffrey Wright. On Dec. 28, Washington turns 70, and in a recent interview, he confessed, "Especially at this point in my career, I am only interested in working with the best. ... I want to do things I haven't done."

Dwayne Johnson's riding high with "Red One," an exceptional action/thriller Christmas movie co-starring Chris Evans, J.K. Simmons and Lucy Liu. He also has the animated film "Moana 2" coming out on Nov. 27 and the live-action "Moana" due in July 2026. Back in 2002, he informed his agents that he wanted to be bigger than Will Smith or George Clooney. When they expressed skepticism, The Rock delivered a TKO punch and sacked them!

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1. What was "Band of Gold" about? 2. Name the group that released "Love Don't Live Here Anymore."

3. Who was Big Bad John in the song of that name?

4. "Born to Be Wild" was best known for being used in which film? 5. Name the song that contains this

lyric: "As we walk along and I hold her hand, I may never even speak, But my love is strong and she understands.

Answers

1. Freda Payne's 1970 hit (a song she didn't even want to record) was about a newly married couple who end up sleeping in separate rooms.

2. Rose Royce, in 1976. The song was one of the first to use a Pollard Syndrum, an electric drum with reverb. The song only reached 32 on the Hot 100 chart, but reached single digits in several countries such as New Zealand and Ireland.

3. He was a miner who saved others when a mine caved in.

4. The Steppenwolf hit was used in "Easy Rider" in 1969.

5. "Still Waters Run Deep," by Brook Benton, in 1962. The song appeared on Benton's "Golden Hits Volume 2" album, along with "Hotel Happiness" and "Lie to Me." Benton (born Benjamin Franklin Peay in Lugoff, South Carolina) died of pneumonia in 1988.

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By Lucie Winborne

* In cities like Seattle and Des Moines, the number of parking spaces per acre is about five to 20 times that of residential units.

* Spiked and studded dog collars derive from the days of the ancient Greeks, who would give their sheepdogs sharply spiked collars to protect their necks from wolves while they watched over a shepherd's flock at night.

* A theory suggests that the entire internet, based on the mass of moving electrons, weighs about as much as a strawberry.

* The "Ding" bowl, purchased for \$3 at a New York garage sale, turned out to be a 1,000-yearold Chinese bowl from the Northern Song Dynasty. It later sold at auction for \$2.2 million.

* Big League Chew bubblegum created its biggest-ever pouch for Shaquille O'Neal, at an impressive 24 inches by 18 inches, more than 15 times the size of a regular pouch.

* The square dance is the official state dance (or folk dance) of 24 states.

* Ancient Roman artisans created a glass chalice known as the Lycurgus Cup with nanoparticles of gold and silver so the type of liquid it contained would determine its appearance. On display, the cup appears jade-green when lit from the front, but blood-red when lit from behind.

* Nepal's Kusunda language has no words for yes or no, or for directions such as left or right.

* Modern Olympics founder Baron Coubertin tried to create an Olympic event combining a 14-km race with a written essay to demonstrate prowess in mind and body. It never made it to the starting block.

* Contrary to popular belief, the bottom figures on a totem pole usually hold the most significance, as their placement keeps them closer to viewers.

Thought for the Day: "The key is in not spending time, but in investing it." -- Stephen R.

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Whip Up Aunt Ina's Swedish Meatballs for the Holidays

My great-aunt Ina had no children of her own, so we always included her at holiday gatherings where we played endless rounds of Boggle and Scrabble and did lots of eating. She'd win the games, then happily drift into the kitchen to make her Swedish meatballs, a recipe passed on to her from her immigrant parents more than a century ago.

Now that she is no longer with us, we find ourselves reminiscing about her when we pull out her recipe for our Christmas Eve smorgasbord. As we do, I root around in the fridge for eggs, beef and pork, then Mom gathers spices from the cupboard. Without a word being spoken, we both have similar thoughts remembering Aunt Ina and others who gathered around the warm kitchen in Christmases past.

Heirloom recipes and special traditions make the holiday season bright for families everywhere. "And they help us slow down," says Blake, an energetic 4th-grade teacher and father of four active kids under 11.

"Traditions aren't fast-moving. They call us to put our super-busy lifestyles aside and come together to do something that matters. When we prepare Grandma Signa's Julgrod (a Norwegian rice pudding), it gives me a warm, fuzzy feeling. I'm passing along something from my heritage while connecting with the most important people in my life. It's real, and that's what counts," he explained.

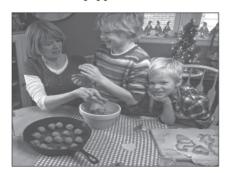
Find a pause during your family life to celebrate your unique traditions this month. And if you are in need of a new one, I am sharing great-aunt Ina's Swedish meatball recipe with you. We serve ours with lingonberry sauce on the side, but you might prefer topping them with your favorite gravy or even a spicy barbecue sauce! Let's get rolling ...

AUNT INA'S SWEDISH MEATBALLS

- Makes 48 meatballs - 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 egg, slightly beaten — 1/2 cup milk
- crumbs 1 large onion, grated

1 cup breadcrumbs or cracker

- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon parsley, finely chopped
- Î teaspoon ground allspice — 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- Pinch of pepper



Here's the fun: In a large bowl, let your child mix ingredients thoroughly for several minutes. Shape into firm 1-inch balls. Aunt Ina dipped her fingers in a bowl of cold water to make

Arrange on two rimmed cookie sheets. Bake at 350 F for about 30 minutes until lightly browned, rotating sheets halfway through. Alternate Method: Place in an

ovenproof frying pan with melted butter. An adult should fry them on medium heat, turning occasionally for 10 minutes until lightly browned. Then bake in a 350-F oven for 10 minutes.

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- * If you are serving hot rolls on a buffet, line the basket with aluminum foil before you line it with a towel. They lose heat less quickly that way.
- * "I've loved this little trick since I saw it used at a party years ago. I serve iced tea (or punch) at most of my get-togethers, and instead of ice cubes, I freeze several pounds of cleaned, destemmed white grapes. They are a hit at every party." -- M.A. in New York
- * Need almost-instant party snacks? Try a package of store-bought cheese tortellini. Cook according to package instructions (usually only a few minutes), toss with oil or salad dressing and stick each on a toothpick.
- * "A great way to make things comfortable for guests is to print out a copy of the channel lineup for your cable service provider. You also can print out common remote control buttons or any remote-control or TV instructions for streaming movies, etc. This helps us older folks enjoy a few hours of TV time while the younger kids are out at work or school." -- H.P. in Nebraska
- * At holiday parties, try this tip to avoid overeating: Keep a drink in your dominant hand. You'll be less likely to graze on high-fat chips and other snack foods. Need a little something? Hope for a veggie platter. But whether it's veggies or chips, grab a couple then WALK AWAY from the table before you can hit the dip.
- * Here's a great conversation piece: Get a big, shallow bowl or box, fill it with loose snapshots (preferably of holidays past) and set it on your coffee table. People can't resist photos.

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

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Mini Cheese Ball Truffles



INGREDIENTS

Cheddar, Bacon, and Ranch Cheese Truffles
8 ounces cream cheese softened
1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1/2 cup applewood bacon cooked and finely chopped

2 tablespoons chopped green onions 1 tablespoon dry ranch dressing mix Garnish

1/2 cup pecans chopped
1/2 cup cooked bacon chopped

Blue Cheese, Bacon, and Pistachio Cheese

Truffles

8 ounces cream cheese softened

1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese

1/2 cup applewood bacon cooked and finely chopped

2/3 cup pistachios chopped Garnish

1/2 cup pistachios chopped
1/2 cup cooked bacon chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

Cheddar, Bacon, and Ranch Cheese Truffles
In a medium bowl, add the cream cheese, cheddar cheese, bacon, ranch seasoning, and green onions. Mix with a hand mixer until well blended.
Form the mixture into 11/2-inch balls.

Roll each ball in the pecans or chopped bacon to coat. Refrigerator for one hour before serving.

Blue Cheese, Bacon, and Pistachio Cheese Truffles

In a medium bowl, add the cream cheese, blue cheese, bacon, and pistachios.

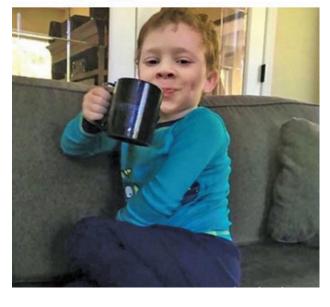
Mix with a hand mixer until well blended. Form the mixture into 11/2-inch balls.

Roll each ball in the pistachios or chopped bacon to coat. Refrigerator for one hour before serving.

Each recipe makes about 20 mini cheese balls. If you make both recipes, you should have about 40 mini cheese balls.



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- Flake, Flare
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- 1. Name the socially conscious international street soccer tournament that was first played in Graz, Austria, in 2003.
- 2. What nonprofit organization, dedicated to fostering an appreciation of American art and culture through the context of baseball history, inducts members into its Shrine of the Eternals?
- 3. In 1991, the New York Rangers traded Bernie Nicholls, Steven Rice and Louie De-Brusk to the Edmonton Oilers for what NHL player?
- 4. Scotty Cameron is famous in the golf industry for designing and crafting high-end pieces of what equipment?
- 5. Offensive lineman Justin Strzelczyk, who died in 2004 after crashing his car in a high-speed police chase, played for what NFL team from 1990-98?

- 6. Name the Basketball Hall of Famer who ranks No. 2 on the NBA's career list for blocks with 3,289.
- 7. What women's softball league has the Coastal Bend Tidal Wave, the Hub City Adelitas, the Texas Monarchs and the Texas Smoke among its teams?

Answers

- 1. The Homeless World Cup.
- 2. The Baseball Reliquary.
- 3. Mark Messier.
- 4. Putters.
- 5. The Pittsburgh Steelers.
- 6. Dikembe Mutombo.
- 7. Women's Professional Fastpitch (WPF).
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