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

2. In Matthew 16:23, to whom did Jesus say, "Get thee behind me, Satan"? Andrew, Ritzpah, Elijah, Peter

3. Who was stoned to death for preaching that Jesus was the Savior? Stephen, Joel, Asa, Malachi

4. How many men did Nebuchadnezzar see walking in the fiery furnace? 2, 4, 20, 40

5. According to Luke 2:4, what village was known as "The City of David"? Nimrod, Antioch, Bethlehem, Babylon

6. From the Bible, who could be called "Mr. Patience"? Naaman, Jairus, Philippi, Job

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Peter, 3) Stephen, 4) Four, 5) Bethlehem, 6) Job

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull's eyes can usually discern what's fact from what's faux, an upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions; some of them might even work for you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up an old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to any lingering questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be causing a vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave a project, ask for a meeting where you can get things out in the open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Instead, take time for relaxation with someone very special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices during the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All your hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you'd hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems, but avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until the end of the month, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle some pesky personal problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times. You're a very reliable person.

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Physics For Pre-med

One day our physics professor was discussing a particularly complicated concept. A pre-med student rudely interrupted to ask, "Why do we have to study this stuff?"

"To save lives," the professor responded and continued with the lecture.


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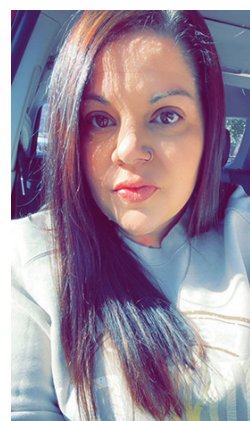
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Holidays

- 1st - New Year's Day
- 20th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Community Events

Resource Fair. April 10, 10am-1pm. 760 W. Main St. Resources for Older Adults. FREE. (434) 799-5216 clinebl@danvilleva.gov

Tales of South Africa. Feb. 6, 1:30-3pm. 760 W. Main St. Black History Month event. Registration Required. FREE. (434) 799-5216 clinebl@danvilleva.gov

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434-251-0379 for additional information.

The Cherrystone Missionary Baptist Association Clergy Ministry invites you to the; DR. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration, Monday January 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Cherrystone Center at 5551 Tom Fork Rd., Ringgold Va. Guest Preacher, Pastor Paul Walton of the Hopel Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Please come out and join us in this celebration.

Free Community Hotdog Lunch! Saturday Jan. 18th 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!!

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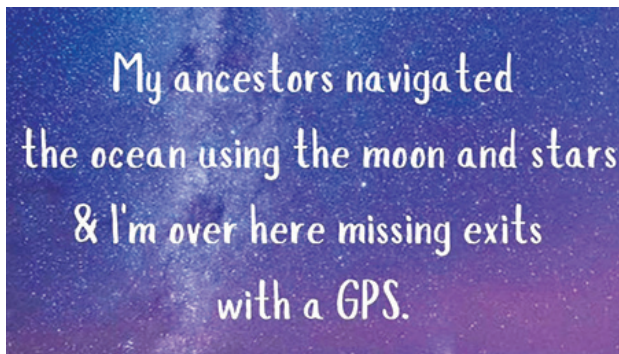
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DOWN THIS ALLEY!
TURN LEFT ON MAIN STREET
FORTY STEPS DOWN MAIN... AND HERE WE ARE
BETTER GET YOUR QUARTER BACK

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Obituary of Becky Alcorn Harris Rebecca (Becky) Alcorn Harris departed this life on January 8th, 2025 after a decline in health for several years to join her beloved husband of 58 years, Carl A. Harris. Becky was born August 15, 1943 to the late William (Billy) F. Alcorn and Mildred Alverson Alcorn. Becky was a graduate of Brosville High School and retired from Kroger after 40 years, well known as a checker and working in the floral department. She also worked for several years at Danville Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute before ending her working days. Becky was a devoted wife, and daughter-in-law, caring for her mother-in-law until her passing. Becky was a member of Fairview Methodist Church and was a people person, always friendly and full of life. She loved telling jokes, riding the motorcycle with Carl, and she loved all animals, especially their boxer Rocky. She was a big Elvis Presley fan and had many collectables. Becky was loved by many, and will be missed very much. Survivors include one sister, Brenda DeVall of Danville, one brother William (Franky) F. Alcorn Jr (Luona) of Belews Creek, NC, multiple brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial Services will be held January 25th, at 2 PM, at Fairview Methodist Church Westover Drive. Danville VA. Reception immediately following the service. Family and friends at other times will be received at the home of her Sister Brenda DeVall. The family requests that in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to one of Becky's favorite charities, St Jude's Children's Hospital (StJudes.org), or Halifax County Virginia Paws and Claws SPCA. from where her beloved dog Rocky was adopted. (PO Box 14, South Boston VA 24592) (703) 731-7966 jamie@jamienicholas.com

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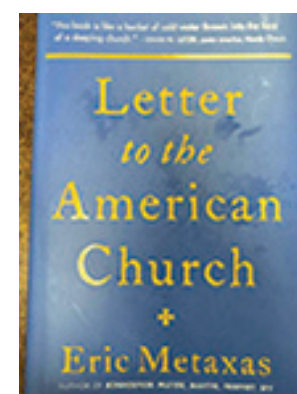
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Snails have a lot of negative associations. Their slow movement makes them a symbol of laziness and inefficiency. They are garden pests, eating plants and oozing slime. And yet they often appear in decorative arts, like this miniature brass figure that sold for \$51 at an auction by The Benefit Shop Foundations. Its shell is decorated with colorful glass "jewels," a popular adornment on brass in the Victorian era. The beauty and geometry of snail shells has captured artists' minds for thousands of years. The image of the "lazy" snail is often reinterpreted to have themes of patience and perseverance. Remember, slow and steady wins the race.

Q: I have a couple of old scores and cannot find any info on them. Just wondering if they might have any value over the typical \$5 to \$10. They are: a music score/transcript titled "The Miners Dream of Home" sung by Leo Dryden and dated 1892 and "Cavalleria Rusticana — Potpourri for Pianoforte" by Pietro Mascagni. The only date I can see on it is 1846 but that could be an "originating" date, as opposed to a printing date.

A. One of the major reasons for collecting sheet music, and therefore one of the most important factors in its value, is the cover art. Generally, the smaller the picture on the title page, the older the sheet music. Full pictures were used by the 1870s. Color pictures were introduced in the 1840s, but most 19th-century sheet music had black-and-white cover art. Cover art can also add to the sheet music's crossover appeal, which increases the value. For example, sheet music with a picture of a car on the cover will also appeal to automobilia collectors. A picture of a political figure or event will appeal to political collectors, and so on. To help date your sheet music, check the size. Before 1917, most sheet music was printed on 13 1/2 x 10 1/2-inch pages. After 1920, 12 x 9 inches became the standard size. Be careful, though: some

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Q. Who is the handsome young actor in the new Nicole Kidman movie "Babygirl"? I've never seen him before. — S.W.



Courtesy of Columbia Pictures
Harris Dickinson in "Where the Crawdads Sing" (2022)

A. Harris Dickinson is a 28-year-old British actor who made his feature film debut in the 2017 film "Beach Rats." But 2022 was a big year for him with two more films that exposed him to a wider audience. First up was "Where the Crawdads Sing," the mystery thriller based on the bestselling novel of the same name that starred another Brit, Daisy Edgar-Jones ("Twisters"). The movie earned mixed reviews but was deemed a box-office hit, especially when it was available through streaming. Dickinson then capped off the year by playing a male model in the Oscar-nominated film "Triangle of Sadness," which also starred Woody Harrelson.

Many of his fans state that his best performance is his role as the tragic wrestler David Von Erich in the 2023 film "The Iron Claw," which also starred Zac Efron ("A Family Affair") and Jeremy Allen White ("The Bear"). All of these films eventually led him to being cast in the new movie "Babygirl," where he plays a seductive intern opposite Kidman's married CEO.

Order SVU"). Whether they'll appear in the reboot will depend upon their availabilities.

Q. I read that a man is going to replace Hoda Kotb on the "Today" show, but who will be Jenna Bush Hager's co-host on their show? — K.E.

A. Craig Melvin is familiar to "Today" show audiences as he's been a co-host of "Weekend Today" since 2016, so it was natural to name him as Kotb's replacement opposite Savannah Guthrie. However, the fourth hour of "Today" is taking its time finding a host who has the right chemistry with Jenna Bush Hager. They plan to have a series of rotating guest hosts to find the right pick.

The newly rebranded "Today with Jenna & Friends" kicked off on Jan. 13 with Taraji P. Henson ("Empire"), followed by Eva Longoria ("Desperate Housewives") and Keke Palmer ("Nope"). The three actresses (as well as the future co-hosts) will spend anywhere from one episode up to a week's worth in the chair alongside Hager.

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Rotary Club of Chatham Marathon Presentation



John Wilt was the guest speaker at the December 17, 2024 Rotary Club of Chatham meeting held at the Hunt & Company BBQ. With a prepared video, John shared his experiences of running marathons in all 50 states that began in 1976 at the University of Alaska-sponsored Midnight Sun Marathon starting in Fairbanks and ending at Eielson AFB, Alaska. John's presentation also discussed the 50 States Marathon Club certification process required for each of the 50 states. John answered questions about marathon training, his most unusual marathon experience running 13.1 miles to the 14 thousand ft. level of Pikes Peak with a descent of 13.1 miles to the finish line. Shoe quality, importance of rest and nutrition were other aspects of John's marathon presentation. Pictured (L-R) is Eddie Herndon, President of the Rotary Club of Chatham and marathoner John Wilt.

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Parks and Recreation announces Light Show winners

Danville Parks and Recreation recently announced the winners of the 2024 Community Holiday Light Show Best in Show Contest.

Taylor Roberts, Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator, said that this year's show drew 11,220 people in 3,122 cars and 28 buses and donated \$18,000 to the community through best in show prize money and gate worker donations.

"By being able to give back to the community who works so hard to help us put on this show, we always consider this event a huge success," she added.

The winners, as voted on by the public, include:

- 1st Place - Kiwanis Club of Danville building for Kiwanis Club of Danville
- 2nd Place - AMA Recycling building for Danville-Pittsylvania Cancer Association
- 3rd Place - Fraternal Order of Eagles Piedmont Aerie 4420 building for Danville-Pittsylvania Cancer Association
- 4th Place Tie - PIP Printing and Signs building for Danville Area Humane Society
- 4th Place Tie - Danville Krampus building for Danville-Pittsylvania Cancer Association
- 5th Place - Westover Christian Academy Cheerleaders building for Westover Christian Academy Cheerleaders
- 6th Place - God's Storehouse and Danville After Hours Rotary building for God's Storehouse

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Sgrinia once again thanked the community and staff for their support during a busy holiday season.

"The hard work of so many people make this event possible every year," Sgrinia said. "Without Parks and Recreation programming staff, maintenance, and the support of volunteers, we would not have the capacity to provide what has become a yearly tradition to so many families from Danville and the surrounding areas. It truly is a testament to the community and their willingness to give of their time and their selves."

Roberts added that the Parks and Recreation staff is already meeting to discuss next year's event and looks forward to 2025.

"Planning for the light show never stops," she said. "We are always looking for bright ideas to make this event even better."

For more information on becoming a gate worker or display builder, contact Special Events at 434-857-3384.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday schedule for city offices, services

The Municipal Building and all other City of Danville government offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Also, the public library and the James F. Ingram Justice Center (courthouse) will be closed.

Danville Transit will not provide fixed-route and Reserve-A-Ride services.

Household trash and yard waste will be collected on Monday as regularly scheduled.

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

Debra Matherly Huffman

October 23, 1960 ~ January 2, 2025 (age 64)



Debra Matherly Huffman, age 64, of Axton, Virginia, passed away on Thursday January 2, 2025 at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Ms. Huffman was born on October 23, 1960 in Danville, Virginia to the late Fred C. Matherly Sr. and

Emma Haley Dillard.

Ms. Huffman spent most of her life in Danville where she worked as a weaver for Dan River Mills.

Ms. Huffman is survived by her daughter, Mary Smith (Adam); son, Keith Matherly; brothers, Fred C. Matherly Jr. (Penny) and Donald Matherly; sister, Frieda Robertson (Richard); grandchildren, Stephanie Carter, Jackson Carter, Thomas Matherly, and Chad Smith.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Thomas E. Huffman and brother, Russell Matherly.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 1:00 pm at Swicegood Funeral Home with Reverend Ron Pruitt officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 from 6-7 pm at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Danville Memorial Gardens.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Huffman family.

Janice Lumpkin

January 9, 1960 ~ December 22, 2024 (age 64)

Janice Mae Lumpkin, age 64, of Ringgold, VA, passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at her residence.

Mrs. Lumpkin was born on January 9, 1960, in Danville, VA, a daughter of the late Martin O. Neal and Lois Mills Neal. She lived most of her life in Ringgold and was employed as a CNA. Mrs. Lumpkin was married to Howard Wade Lumpkin Sr. who survives.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Martin Lumpkin, Neal Lumpkin, Kenneth Lumpkin and Janice Lumpkin; grandchildren, Howard Wade Lumpkin III and Elizabeth Lumpkin; sister, Pamela Neal and many nieces and nephews and special friend Terry.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Howard Wade Lumpkin, Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM with Reverend Becky Moss officiating. Visitation will be held Saturday evening from 5:00 until 6:30 pm at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Lumpkin family.

Lynda P Perkins

May 23, 1946 ~ January 12, 2025 (age 78)

Lynda P. Perkins, age 78, of Danville, peacefully passed away on January 12, 2025 at Riverside Health and Rehabilitation. She has gained her angel wings and gone on to join her beloved husband and parents in Heavenly Father's loving embrace.

She was born on May 23, 1946, in Danville, to the late William McKinley Pruitt and Ruth Ann Pruitt.

Mrs. Perkins worked at Dan River Mills briefly before making the decision to be a stay-at-home mother for her four children. She loved to read and has been an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for most of her life. She had a strong love for her family, and a beautiful testimony of faith that she tried to live her life by as an example to her family and others that she came in contact with.

She is survived by her sons, William A. Perkins (Melissa) of South Boston, VA and Jason D.Perkins (La' Qwita) of Houston, Texas; daughters, Susan L Appleton (Doug) of Danville, VA and Stacey L. Perkins of Marion, VA; grandchildren, Rebekah Appleton, Caitlin Perkins, Zachary Perkins, Jenna Perkins, and Ainsley Perkins; her sister, Vicki Pruitt; nephew, Jake Pruitt and great nephew, Mack Pruitt.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Perkins was predeceased by her loving and devoted husband, William Bryant Perkins who loved her immensely, and sister, Carol Pruitt.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday, January 17th, 2025 at Highland Burial Park with Bishop Ed Ott officiating. The service will begin at 1:00pm. Interment will follow immediately.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Perkins family.

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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1. Which 1984 film featured "The Heat Is On"?
2. Name the only James Bond film theme song to ever top the charts.
3. Which Helen Reddy song is about a young girl who lives her life listening to the radio and creating imaginary lovers?
4. Name the artists who were killed in the Iowa plane crash in 1959.
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I realize the best part of love is the thinnest slice, And it don't count for much, but I'm not letting go."

- Answers
1. "Beverly Hills Cop." The song was later used as a theme song for the Miami Heat basketball team in 1988.
 2. "A View to a Kill," by Duran Duran in 1985. The song was later nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song. It lost out to Lionel Richie's "Say You, Say Me" for "White Nights."
 3. "Angie Baby," in 1974. The strange storyline of the song has left many wondering what really happened to her "secret lover."
 4. Buddy Holly, "The Big Bopper" (J.P. Richardson) and Ritchie Valens.
 5. "Lost in Love," by Air Supply in 1979. The song has been used in the film "Private Lessons" and in a "Family Guy" episode.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Guard yourself against AI tricks

The year is off to a roaring start when it comes to scams. To hear the experts tell it, we have AI to thank for a lot of it. AI, or artificial intelligence, is enhancing some of the scams that were already out there and creating more as the technology increases.

Our goal: to get through 2025 without losing a single dollar to the crooks.

Last month the FBI put out an alert focusing on scams created by artificial intelligence and ways to protect ourselves.

AI-generated text creates fake social media profiles, emails, websites and texts that push financial frauds like investment and romance schemes to trick us into sending money or disclosing personal information.

AI-generated pictures can include fake driver's licenses or credentials for fake law enforcement. As an indication of how low they'll go, AI can even create fake pictures of natural disasters that tug at our heartstrings and convince us to open our wallets and send money.

AI-generated audio can impersonate public figures or our loved ones and, again, the purpose is to make us believe something ... and open our wallets.

It's the same with AI-generated videos: to make us believe something is real when it isn't.

No. 1 on the FBI's list of ways to protect ourselves is to have a secret word or phrase with family so we can verify our identity.

As always, if you're suspicious about a call you receive, hang up.

Don't send anyone you don't know any cash or gift cards. Don't post your photos online. If they're online now, take them down.

As a start in staying safe from AI, search online for "how to spot AI text" so you can learn to recognize it. Then look for images and audio. Get up to speed on the different ways AI can fool you. Sadly, we need to be wary at all times now.

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Steroid Injections Provide Amazing Relief From Shingles Pain

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column on shingles. I am 66 and in fairly good health. I had both Shingrix shots about five years ago and take hydroxyurea for polycythemia vera (PV).

Around Aug. 1, I noticed some spots on my forearm that appeared to be a spider bite. I went to my family doctor, and she immediately diagnosed me with shingles and put me on gabapentin, which didn't help much. The next month was complete misery.

I never really had itching or an extensive rash, but intense pain and burning developed from the top of my neck down to my left thumb and forefinger. My wife read that hydroxyurea lowers your immune system, which is probably why I had such a bad case of shingles despite the Shingrix shots.

My cousin is a retired anesthesiologist and recommended an epidural steroid injection (ESI) that would help me immediately. I had the injection, and within 24 hours, I had an 80% improvement in my pain level. Over the next month, the pain decreased another 10% to 15%. I went from being almost incapacitated to being able to live again in 24 hours. The outcome was life-changing!

It seems that doctors need to be brought up to date on ESIs for shingles. I understand that the studies are inconclusive, but the on-the-ground results seem to show that it is effective. The pain from shingles has to be experienced to really understand how debilitating it can be. ESIs are fairly inexpensive, and even if they only helped slightly, they would be worth the cost. To have the improvement I found is priceless. -- Anon.

ANSWER: I often recommend the vaccine to prevent shingles, but as your case shows, the vaccine isn't perfect. I agree that your PV and its treatment with hydroxyurea may have predisposed you to the complication of shingles you had, called postherpetic neuralgia (PHN). You are quite right that the pain can be extraordinarily severe.

I am glad you wrote because steroid injections are not a treatment that I have written about before. As you say, not all trials found a benefit, but the largest trial found that intrathecal injections (which are similar to epidural injections but are found to be more effective in a small trial) led to excellent or good pain relief in 90% of people with intractable PHN, compared to 4% in people who didn't receive treatment.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a healthy 50-year-old man. When I was at the pharmacy recently, they said I could get a vaccine for pneumonia. Is this something I should do? -- S.I.

ANSWER: The pneumonia vaccine at age 50 is a new recommendation by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The risk for developing severe pneumonia from the bacteria Streptococcus pneumoniae starts to increase at age 50 and becomes much higher after 65. The new vaccines (PCV20 and PCV21 under the brand name Prevnar) have long-lasting protection for many strains of this bacterial species.

If you haven't had this vaccine and are over 50, you should consider it during your next visit. (It's OK to get the vaccine at the same time as the flu or COVID vaccines.)

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 ToYour-GoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What driver won his third career NASCAR Cup Series season title with a victory in the 2024 championship race at Phoenix Raceway?

2. Nicknamed "King Fish," what 1993 American League Rookie of the Year played his entire Major League Baseball career with the Angels organization from 1992-2006?

3. A new world record for women's sports attendance was set in August 2023 when a crowd of 92,003 filled Nebraska's Memorial Stadium to watch what event?

4. At what athletic and cultural festival do participants perform feats of strength like the caber toss, keg toss, sheaf toss and stone put?

5. Name the two teams who compete in the "Farmageddon" college football rivalry game.

6. What American figure skater, who won three straight pairs U.S. championships from 1970-72, was married to Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw from 1976-83?

7. What women's professional three-on-three basketball league, founded in 2023, includes teams Laces BC, Lunar Owls BC, Mist BC and Vinyl BC?

Answers

1. Joey Logano.

2. Tim Salmon.

3. Nebraska vs. Omaha in an NCAA women's volleyball match.

4. Scottish Highland games.

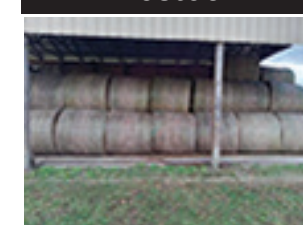
5. The Iowa State Cyclones and Kansas State Wildcats.

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* If you're expecting your first child, heed this bit of advice: Assemble and otherwise try out complicated items right away, while you have the time to learn how to work them. New dad Dan had a heck of a time trying to load bags into his brand-new Diaper Genie in the middle of the night.

* Bloodstains on clothing can be really tough to treat. The best way to get a bloodstain out of clothing is by dousing the stain with hydrogen peroxide and washing immediately as usual.

* "I love to refinish and paint furniture pieces and woodcrafts. I always check my local recycling center for small amounts of "recycled" paint. Usually, someone has gotten rid of good paint, and the people at the recycling center are happy to have it used." -- B.B. in Virginia

* Toothpaste works well as a silver polish. Wet your silver, plop a little non-gel toothpaste on it and rub gently with a damp, clean rag. Rinse well with a separate rag, and buff dry. Then just step back and let it shine.

* If you've ever oversalted soup, don't worry; here's a great tip to recover your meal. Just cut a single potato into several large slices. Add them to the soup, and they will soak up the extra salt. Remove before serving.

* S.W. of South Carolina has this tip to share: "If you can't seem to keep track of your keys, make an extra set for those mornings when you are running late and can't spare the time to look for them. It has saved me a lot of stress, for sure."

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

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Chicken and Vegetable Dumpling Soup



INGREDIENTS

Soup:

- 1-2 teaspoons olive oil
 - 1 cup diced celery, about 2-3 stalks
 - 1 cup diced carrots
 - 1 cup diced yellow or white onion
 - 1 teaspoon salt, I use coarse, kosher salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 8 cups chicken broth, I use low-sodium
 - 1 to 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts or 3-4 cups cooked chicken (see note)
 - 1/2 cup water + 1/4 cup all-purpose flour to thicken
 - 1/2 cup frozen peas
- #### Dumplings:
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, use 1 1/4 cups flour for sturdier dumplings
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme or sage
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1 tablespoon vegetable or canola oil

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large pot, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the celery, carrots, onions, salt, pepper and thyme. Cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring often, until the vegetables start to soften. Add the chicken broth and chicken (if using uncooked chicken). Bring to a simmer and cook for 10-15 minutes until the chicken is just cooked through and/or veggies are tender. Remove the chicken to a plate and cut into small pieces.

In a small bowl (or blender), combine the 1/2 cup water and 1/4 cup flour until smooth. Whisking vigorously, slowly add the flour mixture into the hot broth and stir until well combined. Stir in the frozen peas and cooked chicken and bring the soup back to a simmer.

For the dumplings, in a medium bowl, stir together the dry ingredients. Add the sour cream, milk and oil. Stir just until combined (don't overmix). Drop teaspoon-sized amounts (the dumplings should be fairly small, they'll expand while cooking) of dumpling dough into the boiling soup, covering the entire surface of the soup. I use a #60 small cookie scoop. Cover the pot and simmer the soup and dumplings for 12-15 minutes. Do not lift the lid of the pot while the dumplings cook! Add time if the dumplings haven't cooked all the way (or if they are bigger in size than teaspoon-sized portions). When the dumplings have cooked fully, remove the lid and gently stir the dumplings to break them apart, if needed. Serve.

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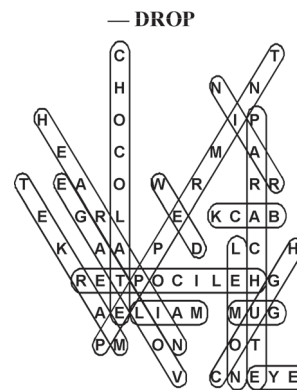
Using Leftover Chicken or Turkey: very often, I make this with leftover chicken or turkey. I just omit cooking the chicken in the broth and water at the beginning and add the leftover, cooked chicken with the peas.

The Original Version of the Recipe: used 1 full teaspoon dried thyme; sometimes I find that flavor overpowering, so I've given the option in the ingredients list to use 1/2 teaspoon. Also, over the years, I use all chicken broth for the liquid base, but if you have followed the original recipe and want to keep doing so, it is 4 cups broth + 4 cups water.



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By Lucie Winborne

* In Switzerland, it is illegal to mow a front lawn while dressed as Elvis Presley.

* Have a yen for learning about things that go bump in the night? You can get a Ph.D in parapsychology at the University of Edinburgh.

* Red Bull energy drink was originally called Red Water Buffalo.

* There was a Russian game show that would have you steal a car, and if you didn't get caught by the police within 35 minutes, you'd win the car. Otherwise, you would be arrested.

* Benjamin Franklin invented a mechanical arm for reaching books on high shelves.

* When English Romantic poet William Blake was only 4 years old he claimed to see God through a window. Throughout the rest of his life, Blake said he often communed with angels, and he incorporated these visions into his art.

* Sulfhemoglobinemia is a condition that causes a person to develop green blood.

* Translated literally, the Japanese words for wrist and ankle are "hand neck" and "foot neck."

* In 2015, two brothers from Spain attempted to sell a fake portrait by Francisco de Goya to a sheikh for a cool 1.5 million euros, only to discover that he'd paid them in photocopied money. The pair were arrested when they tried to deposit their ill-gotten gains in a Geneva bank.

* A study done by the University of Glasgow found that dogs appear to prefer reggae and soft rock over other genres of music.

* The first mention of the word "pizza" was in a Latin text written in southern Italy in 997 CE.

* The eponymous character in Dolly Parton's hit song "Jolene" was based on a bank teller who flirted mercilessly with Dolly's husband.

Thought for the Day: "It ain't what they call you, it's what you answer to." -- W.C. Fields

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