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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

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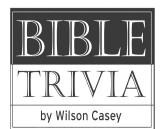
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- 1. Is the book of Ezra (KIV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Proverbs 29, "But whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be ..."? Made whole, Blessed, Safe, Wise
- 3. What does God want us to keep as the apple of our eye? His law, Brotherly love, Faithfulness, Righteousness
- 4. Upon which mountain did Balaam build seven altars? Olives, Sinai, Pisgah, Carmel
- 5. What did David do to Goliath once he slew him? Stole his armor, Robbed him, Cut off his head, Buried him
- 6. Which is known as the "First Book of the Kings"? Judges, 1 Kings, 1 Samuel, 1 Chronicles

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Safe, 3) His law, 4) Pisgah, 5) Cut off his head, 6) 1 Samuel

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- 1. Which artist released a cover of Don Gibson's "I Can't Stop Loving You" in 1962?
- 2. Who had hits with "Return to Sender" and "Good Luck Charm"?
- 3. What do "Little Green Bag" (by George Baker Selection), "Coconut" (by Harry Nilsson) and "Hooked on a Feeling" (by Blue Swede) all have in common?
- 4. Which group released "Along Comes Mary"?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "People say that love's a game, A game you just can't win, If there's a way, I'll find it someday, And then this fool with rush in."

#### Answers

- 1. Ray Charles. His version was a chart-topper and won him a Grammy Award for Best Rhythm & Blues Recording. The song even climbed the charts in Australia, Sweden and
- 2. Elvis Presley, in 1962. The songs reached No. 2 and No. 1 on the charts. "Return to Sender" was featured in the soundtrack for the Elvis film "Girls! Girls! Girls!"
- 3. They appeared on the soundtrack for the 1992 film "Reservoir Dogs."
- 4. The Association, in 1966. The song was their first hit.
- 5. "Put Your Head on My Shoulder," by Paul Anka, in 1959. Singersongwriter Anka saw his popular song recorded in different languages around the world but only reaching No. 2 on the charts.

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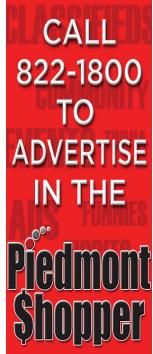
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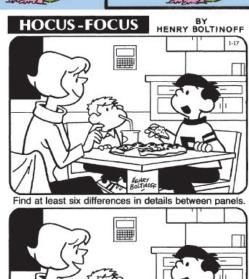






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bottom of a wine bottle called?

6. U.S. CITIES: Which city also is known as

7. LITERATURE: The movie "Bridget Jones Diary" is loosely based on which novel?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only big

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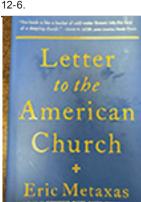
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# Antiques & Collecting

Amethyst, a variety of quartz with a vivid purple color, is the birthstone for February. It's also a highly sought color for decorative glass. Colored glass is made by adding metallic oxides or salts to the raw material. Amethyst glass often gets its color from manganese, which along with iron, also gives the natural gemstone its color.

Colored Glass

Colored glass has been made since ancient times but experienced a surge in popularity in the mid-19th century, when lime became a substitute for lead in glassmaking. This tulip-shaped amethyst glass vase was made between about 1845 and 1865 by the Boston & Sandwich Glass Company, one of the most important American glass manufacturers. It is pressed glass, which emerged in the 1820s with the invention of the pressing machine.

The earliest pressed glass patterns, often called "lacy," were designed to conceal flaws in the glass. Glassmaking techniques and tools improved by the 1840s, and simpler patterns became popular. Notice how this vase does not have the intricate, heavily textured patterns often associated with pressed glass; it consists of simple shapes and flat panels. The Boston & Sandwich company made it in several other colors as well as clear glass, all of which are desirable. The one shown here sold for \$960 at an auction by Jeffrey S. Evans.

• I have several classical music • albums, etc., and would like to know what they are worth. I have the single record Brahms Violin Concerto, Heifetz, Chicago Symphony and albums Rachmaninoff Concerto 32 in C Minor OP 18. The balance are Time Life Record Albums: Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and

Ludwig van Beethoven. A Record collecting experienced a resurgence in the 2010s and continues to grow. Many factors affect a record's price: its format (33 rpm, 45 rpm, 78 rpm, 12-inch, 7-inch, etc.), the label that released it, its release date, condition and album art. Condition is



Amethyst glass was made to resemble the purple stone. The simple design of this pressed glass vase puts the focus on its color.

probably the most important. Unless they are buying sealed, never-used records, most collectors buy them to listen to them. They find the sound quality superior to digital recordings. If a collector doesn't intend to listen to the record, they often want to display it as art. Unfortunately, classical records tend to sell for lower prices than rock, blues and jazz. There are websites where you can find more information about your records and check their prices. Try Discogs (discogs.com), Goldmine Magazine (goldminemag.com), or Money Music (moneymusic.com).

TIP: If a stain in a glass vase or bottle is caused by a chemical deposit, fill the vase with water, drop in an Alka-Seltzer, and let it soak for about 24 hours. Rub the stain with a brush or a cloth.

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• I'm really enjoying the show "Silo" — so much so that I went back and read the books that the show is based on in between seasons. Who is the actress who plays Juliette? — K.I.

. Swedish actress Rebecca Fergu-A son stars as engineer-turned-sheriff Juliette Nichols in the dystopian drama "Silo," which recently finished its second season on Apple TV+. It's based on a series of novels by author Hugh Howey. "Silo" has been renewed for a third season with Ferguson returning. If she looks familiar, it's because she's co-starred in several hit films, most notably the recent "Mission: Impossible" sequels with Tom Cruise as well as "Dune: Part One" and "Part Two" with

Timothée Chalamet. Ferguson honed her acting skills on a Swedish soap opera as a teen before eventually branching out into American productions. Cruise took note of her performance in the STARZ miniseries "The White Queen," resulting in her being cast in "Mission: Impossible -Rogue Nation." Her talent eventually led to her snagging roles opposite Michael Fassbender in "The Snowman," Hugh Jackman in "The Greatest Showman," and Chris Hemsworth in "Men in Black: International."

Her future is bright. Next up for her is the untitled "Peaky Blinders" film with Cillian Murphy and the untitled Katheryn-Bigelow-directed White House thriller with Idris Elba.

• What ever happened to • The Weeknd after his show on HBO was canceled? Is he just going to concentrate on singing now? — K.K.

• Abel Tesfaye, also known as The A. Weeknd, hasn't quit acting, but it would be understandable if he got discouraged after his series "The Idol" was canceled by HBO after one season. Prior to this, he had a setback on stage where he had to cut his live concert in Los Angeles short after losing his voice. He says now in an interview with Entertainment Weekly that the voice loss was mental, a result of all the stress around filming "The Idol" while also touring.

He's ready to bounce back not only



Rebecca Ferguson as Juliette Nichols in "Silo"

with a new album but with another starring role. His sixth studio album "Hurry Up Tomorrow" will be released on Jan. 26, and a film of the same name will be released on May 16. Billed as a "musically driven psychological thriller," the film not only stars The Weeknd but also Barry Keoghan ("Saltburn") and Jenna Ortega ("Beetlejuice Beetlejuice").

• I thought Bill Maher was · going to quit his TV show if President Trump was reelected, but it looks like it's coming back soon. Did he change his mind? — *M.M.* 

. Bill Maher's weekly HBO talk A show "Real Time" returned this January for its 23rd season, but he has no plans to quit. Nina Rosenstein from HBO Programming, Late Night and Specials told Deadline that Maher was 'joking around," and his first love will always be "Real Time."

Where you won't find Maher anytime soon is on the road. He's confirmed that he's done touring as a stand-up comedian and that, after 40 years, he needs a break from it. However, as far as "Real Time" goes, HBO will have to drag him off for him to quit.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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- Live Music by Mama BriBri & the Stranger @ Old 97 Tavern
- Trivia Night @ Ballad Brewing
- Live Music by Matt Crowder @ Caesars Thread Lounge
- Trivia Night @ Renewal Brewing

# Friday, 24th and Saturday, 25th

- Triangle Cycles Moonlight Indoor MX Series @ Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex

#### - Pottery Wheel Try-It Sessions @ Impotters Clayworx

- Live Music by OldSkool @ Cascade Community Center
- Live Music by Country Pride @ Ballou Recreation Center
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- Live Music by Rob Tompkins & John Bridges @ 2 Witches Winery & Brewing Co.
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#### Saturday, 25th

- Wine Tasting @ Vintages by the Dan
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- Winter Market @ Danville Farmers' Market
- Victorian Garden & Flower Show @ The Langhorne House Museum, 117 Broad Street
- Make a Spiral Votive Holder (registration required) @ Impotters Clayworx
- Curtis Eller's American Circus (ticketed event) @ 2 Witches Winery & Brewing Co.
- Live Music with BDE @ River District Social
- Funkfest 2025 @ Ballad Brewing
- Live Music by Matt Crowder @ Walker's Roadside Grill
- Matt Page Solo @ Caesars Thread Lounge
- Live Music by Ray Martin @ The Golden Leaf Bistro - 80's Night @ Renewal Brewing
- 'Wine Makers Birthday' w music & food truck @ Woodbine Vineyards

#### - Evan Blackerby Live @ Scuffle Hill Brewing Co. Sunday, 26th

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# New Intercity Bus Service to Provide Greater Connectivity Between North Carolina and Virginia

RALEIGH – State transportation officials have launched a new intercity bus route that is designed to coordinate with Virginia Breeze bus service to better connect North Carolina and Virginia.

The new route, known as the Triad-Danville Connector, will begin in Winston-Salem N.C., at the downtown transit center and will make stops in Greensboro and Reidsville before crossing into Virginia and ending at the Danville Transit Center.

"Through planning studies and surveys, we identified a great need for additional connectivity between Greensboro (N.C.) and Danville (V.A.)," said Brennon Fuqua, director of the N.C. Department of Transportation's Integrated Mobility Division. "We're pleased to coordinate with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and Sunway Charters to offer a new route that will directly connect with two current Virginia Breeze routes."

The new route will be offered twice a day, in the morning and afternoon, seven days a week, and will directly connect to the Virginia Breeze Piedmont Express and Capital Connector intercity bus routes. The route will also directly connect to North Carolina's Mountaineer East-West Route. The new route will allow North Carolinians in the Piedmont Triad greater access to destinations like Washington D.C., and Richmond and Charlottesville in Virginia. The route will allow Virginians greater access to the Piedmont Triad region in North Carolina.

"This partnership between North Carolina and Virginia underscores the importance of collaboration in expanding transportation networks that benefit our communities," said Tiffany Robinson, director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. "The Triad-Danville Connector provides a seamless link for travelers, enhancing access to vital destinations across both states and demonstrating our shared commitment to creating convenient, reliable and interconnected mobility options."

The new Triad-Danville Connector highlights ongoing work NCDOT's Integrated Mobility Division, or IMD, has been doing to increase transportations options and access to new destinations. IMD has also ensured that new stops, routes and schedules align with other available transportation modes, like NC By Train, the state's intercity passenger rail service and Amtrak, which provides passenger rail service nationwide.

Passengers can buy tickets and learn more about the Triad-Danville Connector route by visiting the website of the route operator, Sunway Charters, at Sunway Charters.com. Tickets for the new route are also available on Greyhound.com as well as https://us.megabus.com/virginia-breeze. A ticketing booth is in Greensboro at the J. Douglas Galyon Depot.

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# **Dylan Coles**

age 9 received his 1st degree Black Belt on October 9th, 2024! He takes Karate at Jeff McGregor's American Karate

Pictured Master Jeff McGregor & Dylan



## **Danville Kiwanis Club**



At the January 16th meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Danville, representatives from organizations who had received a grant from the Kiwanis Club of Danville Foundation during 2024 informed the membership of how their grant benefitted their organization.

Front Row -Left to Right Jim Daniel, President of the Kiwanis Club of Danville Foundation, Vanessa Scearce (Boys and Girls Club of the Danville Area), Krystal Davis (Danville-Pittsylvania Co. Habitat for Humanity), Bruce Waller (Danville Church and Community Tutorial Program), Molly Humphries (Danville Science Center), Desiree Schaffer (Danville Symphony Orchestra), Carolyn Smith (DACAS),

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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

#### Martha Elizabeth (Cook) Carrigan

May 26, 1942 ~ January 16, 2025 (age 82)



Martha Elizabeth Cook Carrigan, age 82, of Danville, Virginia, passed away peacefully early Thursday, January 16, 2025, at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina. Born on May 26, 1942, in Danville, she was the beloved daughter of the late Robert

Cook and Hassie Strader Cook.

Martha is survived by her devoted husband of 64 years, Grady Lee Carrigan; her children, Steven Lynn Carrigan (wife Connie), Carol Caldwell (husband Chris), and Susan Carrigan; her cherished sister, Mildred Herndon; and her treasured grandchildren, Catherine Carter (husband James) and Lauren Carrigan (husband John Smith). She was also blessed with two great-grandchildren, Christopher James Carter and Noah Grady Carter; a special nephew, Charles Lee and his wife Aew, who she counted as her bonus children; and her niece, Linda. Martha shared a special lifelong bond with her best friend and godmother to her children, Jeanette Nicholson, who was like an honorary sister.

In addition to her parents, Martha was preceded in death by her beloved son, Jeffrey Lynn Carrigan.

Martha lived a life of love, faith, and dedication to her family. A homemaker by vocation, she delighted in creating a warm and joyful home for her loved ones. Her passion for decorating was evident in every holiday and season, with Christmas being her favorite time of year.

She attended New Life Community Church. Through the years Martha dedicated her life to working tirelessly in church, singing in the choir and being a fundamental part of the children's ministry. Martha was mindful of Jesus and spreading His love to all she met. She wanted everyone to know His saving grace.

At her request, no public services will be held. Swicegood Funeral Home is honored to serve the Carrigan family during this time.

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#### Julianne "Julie" (Blair) Moore

June 13, 1971 ~ January 15, 2025 (age 53)



Julianne "Julie" Blair Moore, age 53, of Keeling, Virginia, passed away peacefully on the morning of Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Stratford Rehabilitation Center in Danville, Virginia.

Born on June 13, 1971, in Danville, she was the cherished daughter of Lora Green Blair and the late Julian Thomas Blair. Julie graduated from Averett University with a bachelor's degree and began her career as a massage therapist, a role where her compassionate nature and healing touch brought comfort to many. Later, she chose to dedicate herself fully to raising her beloved children, a role she held with great pride and love.

Julie's life was enriched by her passions, including crocheting, reading, and playing video games. She had a special talent for crafting reading shawls, which she would pray over and gift to bring comfort to others. Even after stepping away from her professional work, she continued to use her skills to care for her children, offering them her therapeutic touch whenever they needed it.

She is survived by her loving children, Patrick, Erik, Jared, and Olivia Moore; her devoted mother, Lora Blair; her sister, Amy B. Rakes; and her three cherished fur-babies, Lyra, Melody, and Tiger. Julie's kindness, creativity, and selflessness will remain an inspiration to all who knew her.

A memorial service to honor Julie's life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Gospel Worship Center in Danville, Virginia, with Pastor Stan Lawton officiating. Swicegood Funeral Home is respectfully serving the Moore family.

Julie will be dearly missed, but her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those she loved.



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# Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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2. Pasta segment	N	Curly-haired dog	P
3. Prison official	D	Rabbit den	R
4. Thick	D	Nervous	T
5. Bandit	W	Expenditure	Y
6. Musical tones	D	Household task	E
7. Nod off	_ L	Use a broom	_ W
8. Every 24 hours	L _	Forget-me-not flower	s
9. Baggage carrier	R	_ Rowling's wizard	T
10. Church official	D	Glue maker	M
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#### Ruth Elaine Moxley

February 10, 1932 ~ January 14, 2025 (age 92)



Ruth Elaine Moxley, age 92, of Danville, Virginia passed away on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Ancora Compassionate Care "The Gibson House".

Ms. Moxley was born on February 10,

1932 in Danville, Virginia to the late James Ellis Moxley and Beulah Whitlow Moxley.

Ms. Moxley spent most of her life in Danville where she worked for Dan River Mills as a weaver, and was a member of Sandy Shores Baptist Church for over 60 years. She was an avid reader and loved to sing praises for the Lord.

Ms. Moxley is survived by her sister-in-law, Doris (Conroy) Moxley, niece, Pattie Jo Moxley; 2 nephews, Tony Moxley and Scott Moxley; and a great friend, Bonnie Edison.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Melvin Moxley and "Conroy" Moxley.

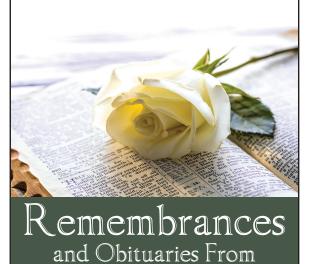
Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Sandy Shores Baptist Church with Pastor Eric Clark officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior at the church. Interment will follow at Schoolfield Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Ancora Compassionate Care in Reidsville, North Carolina, specifically "The Gibson House".

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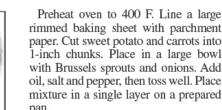
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# Add Roasted Vegetables to Your Meal Planning

As a kid growing up in California, most of the vegetables I ate (with the exception of steamed artichokes and corn on the cob in the summer) came from a can. Mom was a good cook, but even she would later admit that there wasn't a lot of veggie appeal on our plates.

During my college years, stir-fried vegetables were the rage. I bought a wok, took a class on basic Chinese cooking techniques, and discovered a new world of tastes! Served over brown rice and topped with cashews or sesame seeds, these plates of deliciousness are prepared in no time flat.

While stir-fried meals are still part of our family menus, we love oven-roasted vegetables to balance out a meal. Easy to prepare on a sheet pan and appetizing to look at in an array of colors, the mostly root vegetables cook up crisp on the outside and tender in the middle, often with a sweet intense flavor. Here's my basic recipe:

## ROASTED VEGETABLES

Serves 6-8 — 1 medium sweet potato, peeled

lengthwise

- 2 carrots, peeled - 1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved

— 1 red onion, cut into wedges — 2 tablespoons olive oil

— 1 teaspoon salt

 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 1 tablespoon chopped fresh herbs

such as parsley, rosemary or thyme (optional)

rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Cut sweet potato and carrots into 1-inch chunks. Place in a large bowl with Brussels sprouts and onions. Add oil, salt and pepper, then toss well. Place mixture in a single layer on a prepared

Roast a pan of cherry tomatoes to amp up the flavor of a pasta salad. Preheat oven to 375 F. Slice cherry tomatoes in half and toss with 1 tablespoon olive oil, 2 minced fresh garlic cloves, and salt and pepper on a parchment-lined baking ad, and top with fresh herbs and grated



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# by Matilda Charles

Food safety during power outages

There's a lot going on in the world right now, and not all of it is good. We need to be aware of what's going on around us, especially with the important things like our food.

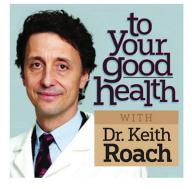
FoodSafety.gov has become my go-to for all types of food safety information. At this writing, the headlines on their opening page include an investigation into an outbreak of salmonella in cucumbers, lead in imported cookware, listeria in ready-to-eat (RTE) beef and poultry, and three ways to keep your food safe when you lose power.

The section "Food Safety During Power Outages" of FoodSafety.gov has become increasingly helpful (the more storms we get, the more often the power goes out.) This sentence caught my attention because I had not know it: "Discard refrigerated perishable food such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs and leftovers after four hours without power."

I'd always used temperature as a gauge. Not accurate and not safe, it turns out. Their chart lists foods with a "Keep" or "Discard" notation if that food has been in a refrigerator or freezer without power for four hours. You can even click the download button to print out the information. (Not a bad idea -- if you have no power, you can't use your computer to access the FoodSafety.gov website to check the details.)

To keep your food safe during all of our winter storms and outages, I invite you to go online to FoodSafety.gov and look around. There is a Recalls button that leads to a page of recalls and outbreaks. From the linked page there are additional links to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA). For even more information, go to CDC.gov and search for "food safety" to learn how to prevent foodborne illness.

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Probiotics May Help Restore Good Bacteria in the Gut

DEAR DR. ROACH: You recently wrote that you do not recommend probiotics in healthy people. I am a 78-year-old male who, three years ago, underwent an esophagectomy to remove my esophagus and part of my stomach because of cancer. I was put on 30 mg of pantoprazole, which was later increased to 40 mg. I've read that prolonged use of this medicine isn't recommended.

My understanding is that this medicine is used to reduce the chance of acid reflux. I have read that it also kills bacteria (both bad and good) in the stomach. I asked my primary care physician about this and whether she was OK with me starting probiotics to help restore the good bacteria. -- E.M.

ANSWER: Proton-pump inhibitors like pantoprazole are often used in people after surgical treatment for esophageal cancer. They reduce acid reflux and consequently prevent a stricture where the remainder of the esophagus meets the remainder of your stomach.

While it is true that proton-pump inhibitors do have the potential for side effects with long-term use, there are times when the benefits outweigh the risks. Many esophageal cancer experts feel that the benefits outweigh the risks in esophageal survivors like you.

Long-term acid suppression does lead to changes in the gut bacteria, called the microbiome. Using probiotics to improve the quality of the microbiome has been studied, and preliminary studies showed that taking probiotics daily can get more healthy bacteria in the gut. What isn't clear is whether this translates to better outcomes for the patient or whether any of the long-term adverse effects of proton-pump-inhibitor therapy will be reduced. It makes sense that it might help, but it is unproven as yet.

There is the potential for harm in probiotic treatment, but it's not common. A very few cases of infection have been shown to be transmitted by probiotics. The main harm is mostly financial, since some probiotics are expensive.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 81 years old and in pretty good health. I often have a hard time getting to sleep and staying asleep. A couple of months ago, I was dealing with a sore lower back from overdoing yard work, so I took two ibuprofen tablets before going to bed for several nights in a row. What I noticed is that I was able to get to sleep quicker.

I have continued to take ibuprofen as a sleep aid, and it continues to help me get to sleep. But I am wondering if there might be any medical issue that could arise from the continued daily use of ibuprofen. -- J.T.N.

ANSWER: Most people don't find that ibuprofen helps or hurts their sleep, so I don't recommend it as a sleep aid in general. In fact, some people find that ibuprofen can be disruptive to their sleep. Others, however, find that it makes them sleepy.

In any case, the risk of two ibuprofen tablets at night, or even every day, is small. A person with a history of ulcer disease or abnormal bleeding shouldn't take ibuprofen daily without discussing it with their doctor.

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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- 1. In 1995, what Cleveland Indians slugger was cited for reckless driving after chasing teenagers who threw eggs at his house on Halloween?
- 2. What team spoiled the Miami Dolphins' quest for a third-straight Super Bowl title in the 1974 AFC divisional playoff game remembered for its game-winning "Sea of Hands" touchdown pass?
- 3. Name the two players who made up the Houston Rockets' "Twin Towers" from 1984-87.
- 4. Molineux Stadium has been the home ground of what English Premier League football club since 1889?
- 5. What now-ubiquitous device did driver Ray Harroun use on his Marmon Wasp racecar instead of a "riding mechanician" when he won the inaugural Indianapolis 500 in 1911?
- 6. Kelsey Plum, who held the NCAA Division I women's basketball all-time scoring record from 2017-24, played college basketball for what team?
- 7. What Hockey Hall of Famer became the first goaltender to regularly wear a mask in NHL games when he did so during the 1959-60 Montreal Canadiens season?

Answers

- 1. Albert Belle.
- 2. The Oakland Raiders.
- 3. Ralph Sampson and Hakeem Olajuwon.
- 4. Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C.
- 5. A rear-view mirror.
- 6. The Washington Huskies.
- 7. Jacques Plante.
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# **Defend Your Home from Harsh Winter Conditions**

# 7 pro tips to avoid long-term damage

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arsh winter elements like snow, ice and wind can wreak havoc on your home – if it's not properly prepared and maintained. Make home maintenance both indoors and out a priority this winter to ensure it's safe, warm, secure and operating efficiently.

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While winterizing can be a daunting task, you don't have to do it alone. Whether you need help installing gutter guards, sealing cracks in your concrete or ensuring your sump pump is ready for winter, the experts at Thrasher Foundation Repair provide precise repairs for every project.

They've seen it all through 50 years of serving more than 150,000 happy customers – from basement flooding to damaged concrete – and know how to prevent these issues before they start. Recognized with the International Torch Award for Ethics by the Better Business Bureau Midwest Plains, they set the standard for excellence in their field as a trusted industry leader in home protection.

"Winter can really take a toll on your home, but a few proactive steps now can save you headaches later," CEO Dan Thrasher said. "At Thrasher Foundation Repair, we help protect what matters most – your home and peace of mind. We're happy to share our pro tips to help you keep your home safe, dry and ready for whatever winter throws your way."

It all begins with homeowners taking proactive steps to recognize small problems before they spiral out of control. Use this checklist from Thrasher's experts to prepare your home for a warm, secure and stress-free winter season.



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## Clean and Maintain Gutters and Downspouts

When debris like leaves clog gutters, it causes water to overflow and freeze, leading to ice dams and roof leaks. These blockages can cause water to damage your roof, siding and foundation, meaning it's critical to remove debris. Run water through gutters and check for proper water flow – if you notice pooling or slow drainage, there may be a blockage that needs attention. Make sure downspouts direct water away from the foundation and walkways by extending them at least 10 feet away from the home. Also be sure to inspect and tighten any loose gutter brackets and fasteners so they can withstand the weight of snow and ice.

## Insulate Rim Joists

Rim joist insulation plays a big role in your home's energy efficiency. If your insulation is more than 10 years old, consider upgrading to a more efficient material to reduce heat loss.

## **Protect the Basement and Foundation**

Now is a good time to inspect your foundation for any cracks or damage. Bringing in the experts to address problem areas can help avoid larger issues when spring storms arrive. A working sump pump is critical for preventing basement flooding caused by snowmelt or winter storms, so it's important to test it to ensure proper functionality. It's also important to inspect discharge lines for potential freezing issues to avoid water backup into the basement. Consider grading soil to ensure the ground slopes away from your home, preventing water from seeping through.

## Seal and Protect Concrete

Carefully inspect walkways, driveways and patios for cracking. During winter, water can seep into cracks, freeze then expand, causing long-term damage. Seal them with a penetrating sealant (rather than a topical one) for long-lasting protection from moisture, salt and other winter elements.

## Optimize Humidity

Turn on your furnace's humidifier to maintain proper indoor humidity levels and adjust your dehumidifier settings to match winter's low humidity. This helps keep your home comfortable while preventing moisture-related issues.

# Clear Debris Around the House

Along with cleaning gutters and downspouts, it's important to clear window wells and clean up around the foundation, too. Debris in window wells can block drainage, causing water from snowmelt to pool near the foundation then seep into the basement.

## Manage Snow and Ice

Leaving snow and ice on concrete surfaces can erode and weaken the material over time. Regularly shoveling snow from driveways, sidewalks and patios helps prevent ice buildup and protects the concrete from long-term damage.

Find more winter home maintenance tips and contact the pros for assistance by visiting GoThrasher.com.







- \* Lunchbox tip: Assemble your sandwich the night before (without veggies). Wrap in waxed paper and freeze. Add veggies and a condiment packet in a separate bag. Your sandwich will thaw by lunchtime and will stay cold!
- \* "Plant banana skins in your garden, just below the surface. They rot quickly and provide nutrients for growing plants." -- A.R. in Ohio
- \* "My girls get a little crazy with clothes shopping -- they want everything! Before we go, we pull out all the clothes they have and assess their needs. We keep a count of shirts, skirts, shorts and pants, so we don't overbuy and have too many. They also make outfits out of what they have, so we can see if anything needs to be bought for that purpose. And undergarments and socks are replenished first, so they get included in the budget!" -- S.S. in South Carolina
- \* "Always keep two needles threaded, one with black and one with white. When you have a rip, a button comes off or a hem comes out of your clothes, and you are in a hurry, you can use one of these for a quick repair." -- J.R. in Virginia
- \* When you get near the end of a roll of paper towels, save it to put in your car. Put together a kit to keep in the car with the following items: a small bottle of Windex or other cleaner, a squeeze bottle of water, some wet wipes and the short roll of paper towels. You will always be ready for a quick on-the-road cleanup.
- \* To kick the itch from bug bites, make a mixture of half lime juice and half water. Apply to bug bite on a soaked cotton ball.

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



# HOT FUDGE PUDDING CAKE {9X13-INCH PAN}



#### **INGREDIENTS**

Topping:

3/4 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup natural unsweetened cocoa powder Cake:

2 cups all-purpose flour

1cup sugar

1/2 cup natural unsweetened cocoa powder

1tablespoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon table salt

1 cup milk, preferably not skim

1/2 cup butter, melted

2 large egg yolks

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

2 cups boiling water

### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9X13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

For the topping, whisk the sugar and cocoa powder together until well-combined. Set aside.
For the cake, whisk the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl.

To the dry ingredients, add the milk, butter, egg yolks, and vanilla and whisk together until just combined.

Add the chocolate chips and stir to combine evenly; the batter will be fairly stiff.

Spread the cake batter evenly in the prepared pan. Sprinkle sugar/cocoa topping evenly over the top of the cake batter.

Carefully pour the boiling water over the top. Do not stir.

Immediately bake the cake until the top is puffy and slightly cracked, sauce is bubbling and a toothpick inserted into cakey area comes out with moist crumbs attached, about 22-25 minutes.

Over baking may result in a very thin or nonexistent pudding layer, so keep an eye on the baking

Cool the cake for 10-15 minutes. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.



Late one night Jack takes a shortcut through the cemetry. Hearing a tapping sound he becomes scared and quickens his pace. The tapping gets louder and Jack is now scared out of his wits.

Then he notices a man chiselling a tombstone.

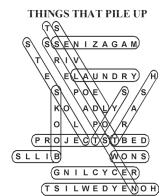
"Thank goodness!" Jack says to the man. "You gave me a fright of my life. Why are you working so late?"

"They spelt my name wrong."\*



Too cold for yard sales this week!





# **Even Exchange**answers

- 1. Candy, Caddy
- 6. Chord, Chore
- 2. Noodle, Poodle
- 7. Sleep, Sweep
- 3. Warden, Warren
- 8. Daily, Daisy
- Dense, Tense
   Outlaw, Outlay
- 9. Porter, Potter
- 10. Elder, Elmer



By Lucie Winborne

- \* Cheerleading was once an exclusively male sport, and the first cheers, copied from military chants, began at Princeton University around the Civil War era.
- \* Porsche's first car, in 1898, was electric.
- \* Motorola has developed an FDA-approved "edible password pill" which, once digested, is activated by the acid in your stomach and emits an 18-bit signal that is strong enough to communicate with and unlock all your devices.
- \* On Mars, no resource can be wasted -- not even our bodily waste. Urine will be recycled into drinking water and feces into fertilizer.
- \* Scientists can deduce information about a person's lifestyle, including their grooming products, food and medications, from the chemicals found on the surface of their mobile phone.
- \* The 1,400-page novel "War and Peace" was copied around seven times by Leo Tolstoy's wife, Sophia, by hand. Now, that's love!
- \* U.S. Marine John Kelly was the last person to be awarded two Medals of Honor. He ran 100 yards in advance of the front line and attacked an enemy machine gun nest, killed the gunner with a grenade, shot another man with his pistol, and returned with eight prisoners. He was 19.
- \* The only difference between a fog and a mist comes down to visibility: If you can't see farther than 100 meters, you're in a fog.
- \* As the planet heats up, flowers are emitting less scent.
- \* George Washington had one remaining tooth in his mouth when he was sworn in as the first American president in 1789.
- \* The sound of a Star Wars lightsaber was created by pairing the sound of an idle film projector and the buzz from an old TV set.

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Thought for the Day: "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little." -- Edmund Burke

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My girl mentioned a good point to me. She said "People should live by three simple rules.

Love needs action.

Trust needs proof & Sorry needs change"