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The Day the Music Died: Anniversary, 1959

February 3rd, 2025

On this day in 1959, American rock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson were killed when their chartered plane crashed in Iowa a few minutes after takeoff from Mason City on a flight headed for Moorehead, Minnesota. Dion DiMucci of Dion and the Belmonts reportedly gave up his seat to Valens and survived the crash. Singer Don McLean memorialized Holly, Valens and Richardson in the 1972 No. 1 hit "American Pie," which refers to February 3, 1959 as "the day the music died."



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) All that flattery and fawning shouldn't affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about a "favor" that you're being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation, which you would check out first, of course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A somewhat-unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters that you might have had to let slide.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you'll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by the person who wants to be your traveling companion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references you can check out before you make any decisions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well-done. There are other plusses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult, but the good news is that you won't want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

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

2. Who led the Israelites over the River Jordan after they set out from Shittim? Moses, Joshua, Aaron, Elijah

3. Which Psalm begins, "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee"? 60, 63, 74, 117

4. From Proverbs 22, what is foolishness bound in the heart of? Wicked, Poor, Child, Foolish

5. What was the name of Samson's father? Noah, Manoah, Jesse, Levi

6. Who wrote the book of Proverbs? Jude, Moses, Solomon, Isaac

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Joshua, 3) 63, 4) Child, 5) Manoah, 6) Solomon

More than 1,200 brand-new trivia questions in Wilson Casey's latest book "Quest for Bible Knowledge" available in bookstores and online.

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The pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers.

Suzie stood and walked to the podium. She said, "I have a praise. Two months ago, my husband, Johnny, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him." You could hear a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagine the pain that poor Johnny must have experienced. "Johnny was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain." We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Johnny's scrotum, and wrap wire around it to hold it in place." Again, the men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Johnny.

"Now," she announced in a quivering voice, "thank the Lord, Johnny is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with unified relief. The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had something to say.

A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium.

He said, "I'm Johnny." The entire congregation held its breath.

"I just want to tell my wife the word is sternum."

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Holidays

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

Community Events

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My co-worker said to me today: "You shouldn't eat red meat!"
 I said: "My grandfather lived to be 100 years old."
 He said: "Did he eat red meat?"
 I said: "No, he minded his own business."

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 I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOM. I DON'T HAVE NEAR ENOUGH BLANKETS.
 I DON'T HAVE ANY PLASTIC SHEETS ON THIS BED.
 OOPS

by Dave T. Phipps

TIGER by Bud Blake

I GOT AN IDEA, TIGER!
 WHAT? LET'S QUIT

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

YOU SHOULDN'T ADD THIS YEAR TO YOUR AGE.
 WHY NOT?
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Can is reversed. 3. Sandwich is a V-neck. 4. Hair is different. 5. Frame is moved. 6. Shirt has a pocket.

King Crossword

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What year was the first Barbie doll released?
 - MOVIES: What is the name of the island in the "Jurassic Park" film?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are baby rabbits called?
 - U.S. STATES: Which state is the home of Mount Rushmore?
 - INVENTIONS: When were emojis invented?
 - TELEVISION: In the TV series "The Walking Dead," what was the character Rick Grimes' profession previously?
 - CHEMISTRY: Which element is also known as quicksilver?
 - SCIENCE: What is the name for the pivot on which a lever turns?
 - GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to the ancient city of Petra?
 - MUSIC: Which of Taylor Swift's songs was first to appear on the Billboard Hot 100?
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Trivia Test Answers

- 1959; 2. Isla Nublar; 3. Kites; 4. South Dakota; 5. 1999; 6. Sheriff's deputy; 7. Mercury; 8. Fulcrum; 9. Jordan; 10. "Tim McGraw"

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January 30, 2025 By Paulette Dean

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For her 88th birthday a couple of years after she retired, her grandchildren decided to honor her by establishing the Mary Dean Pet Food Bank. Family members and friends contributed to the fund.

We had always given away food when people called, but this formal fund gave us an opportunity to reach more people. An issue that had slowed down our efforts in the past is a completely understandable one – many businesses who donated food for shelter animals asked that we not sell or give it away. They cited liability issues and in this litigious society, we understood their concern. We would buy extra food as we could.

The Mary Dean Pet Food Bank is not meant to be a long-term solution for pet guardians. We give out bags of dry good to help fill in gaps between paychecks, much like a human food bank. Generally, we suggest



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that people can get food once a month, although we realize that emergencies may happen. We rely on the integrity and honesty of those asking for assistance. We usually do not have food for special diets that may be required for some animals. For instance, dogs and cats on a diet to help urinary tract infections should not be fed most of the food we offer in the food bank.

Our donations for this food bank remain steady; however, the need for access to free pet food has increased in this area.

Residents of Danville and Pittsylvania County may pick up food 12-5:00 Monday through Friday and from 12-3 on Saturday.

Donations of money to help us purchase food can be sent to P.O. Box 3352, Danville, VA 24543, or through our Facebook page (Danville Area Humane Society Virginia) and website (dahsinc.com). We also happily receive donations of bags of dry food.

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King of Enamels

He's not an official symbol of Valentine's Day, but it seems like the right time to have the King of Hearts make an appearance. This King of Hearts enamel was made in 1946 by Kenneth Bates, who may as well be called the king of enamels.

Bates was born in Massachusetts in 1904 and developed a love of art and crafts as a child. He attended the Massachusetts School of Art where he studied painting and had his first exposure to enamels. In 1927, while teaching design at the Cleveland School of Art, he realized that there were already many artists working in his preferred medium, watercolor and decided to try something different so his work would stand out. His choice? Enamels. At the time, enamel was limited to expensive jewelry houses; it wasn't considered a material for modern art.

Bates' work, from Arts and Crafts-style boxes and bowls to abstracted nature imagery to human figures, changed that. He also encouraged hobbyists to pursue enameling, writing books like "Enameling: Principles and Practice," published in 1951, to make the craft more accessible. His King of Hearts piece sold for \$1,188 at an auction by Rago Arts.

Q: A large and very heavy wooden "cabinet" — resembling a grand piano three- or four-times normal size, flat and fan-shaped — was situated in one of the cathedrals I visited in England years ago. All I could learn about the piece was that it provided storage for the capes of high clergy. It's certainly a good possibility that the piece was not usually in that location and had been brought out for the sake of tourists. I would be so grateful if you could add to this scrap of information.

A: It sounds like you saw a sacristy cabinet. Sacristy cabinets store important items like clergy's robes, vessels, objects used in services and parish records. There isn't a single standard design; they can be long and low like a credenza or a small cupboard or chest of drawers. They usually have elaborate decorations, like



Kenneth Bates' midcentury enamel pieces like this King of Hearts panel brought the medium into the modern art world.

carvings, marquetry, or gilding, that reflect the architectural style of the time and place they were made. For example, an Italian Renaissance (c. 1500) sacristy cabinet may have geometric inlay. A 19th-century Gothic Revival cabinet can look like a miniature cathedral itself. Neoclassical cabinets from the late 18th to early 19th century can have simpler geometric shapes. There are French Provincial cabinets with delicate scrolls and curved panels. Like most church furnishings, they are beautifully crafted and are considered works of art.

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celebrity extra
by Dana Jackson

Q. Is Mark Wahlberg really bald in his new movie "Flight Risk," or is he wearing a bald cap? He looks like George Costanza from "Seinfeld." — N.W.

A. That's no bald cap or special effects. Mark Wahlberg really did shave off the top of his hair for his latest movie role as a pilot who transports a prisoner (Topher Grace) cross-country to testify against a mafia group. It was Wahlberg's idea to fully commit to the role with daily shavings and leaving "the horseshoe around the sides."

Wahlberg told People magazine that the best part about his temporary look was seeing his wife's face the first time he took off his hat. The movie, which was directed by Mel Gibson and also stars Michelle Dockery ("Downton Abbey"), was originally set for release in 2024 but got moved back to Jan. 24.

Q. I saw an ad for a new show that looks really good. It's about prisoners breaking free, but I can't recall the name of it. When does it come out? — B.F.

A. You're thinking of the upcoming NBC drama "The Hunting Party," which premiered on Jan. 19. The premise follows a group of prisoners who escape after their underground top-secret prison (known as The Pit) blows up. The hunters in this case are a small team of investigators assembled to "capture the most dangerous killers our country has ever seen."

The search team includes a former FBI profiler played by Melissa Roxburgh ("Manifest"), a prison guard played by Josh McKenzie ("La Brea"), and a CIA agent played by Patrick Sabongui ("The Flash"). Among the deadly escapees are a serial killer played by Tobias Jelinek ("Stranger Things"), who Roxburgh's character initially helped put away for his crimes.

JJ Bailey, one of the show's creators, explains that there's enough plot besides escaped prisoners to engage viewers for several seasons. He claims that by the end of the season, it "turns out there's much more going on."



Courtesy of Lionsgate

Mark Wahlberg stars in Mel Gibson's "Flight Risk."

He further explains, "We talk a lot about what was going on at the Pit as being sort of ... this octopus with many tentacles. In the end of season 1, we sort of chop one off only to realize there's more, and there definitely is someone behind the explosion at the Pit with an ulterior motive that we'll uncover hopefully seasons ... down the road."

Q. Will there be some kind of benefit concert to help the victims of the California wildfires? — K.K.

A. Yes, there is a concert in the works that is expected to air live on Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. PT (3 p.m. ET) from two different venues: the Kia Forum and the Intuit Dome. Details can be found at FireAidLA.org, but artists who are scheduled to perform include Olivia Rodrigo, Billie Eilish, No Doubt, P!nk, Sting, Stevie Nicks, Rod Stewart, Joni Mitchell, Lady Gaga, Jelly Roll, Earth, Wind & Fire, plus many more!

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DANVILLE UTILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDS RATE INCREASES

On Monday, the Danville Utility Commission recommended approval of proposed rate increases for the city. Under the proposed increases the average electric bill for a residential customer would increase about \$4.50 a month, while the average gas bill would increase about \$3 a month, the average water bill would increase by about \$1.50 a month, and the average wastewater bill would increase by a little over \$2 a month.

The proposed increases come after a biennial study said Danville Utilities needed to increase prices.

“Our reason is because of inflationary cost increases of materials water pipe, gas pipes, transformers, labor costs, so all of those things are increasing our costs to provide service and to make our system reliable. Other utilities have a little bit further distance to catch up then we do, we’ve done a great job over the past ten plus years of doing biennial rate studies, which keeps up in check of what our projections need to be,” said Danville Utilities Director Jason Grey.

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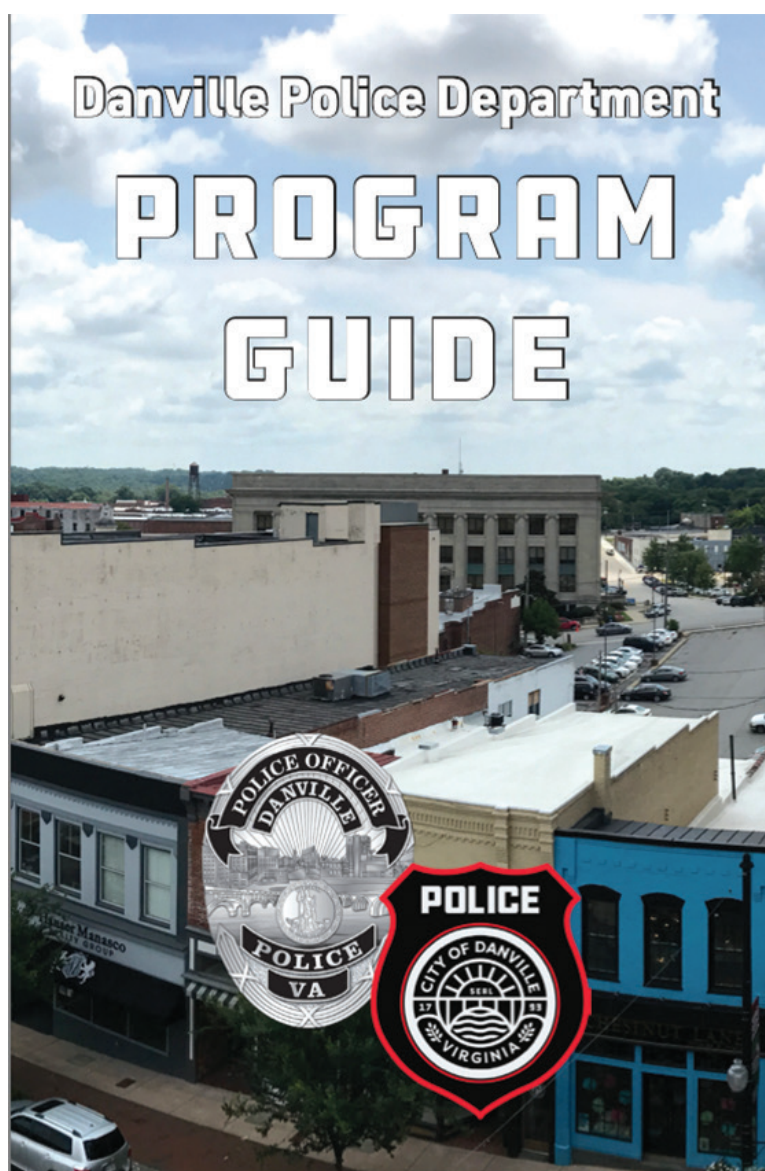
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OBITUARIES

"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

Phillip D. Hylton

September 7, 1957 ~ January 23, 2025 (age 67)



Phillip D. Hylton, age 67, of Dry Fork, Virginia passed away on January 23, 2025.

Mr. Hylton was born in Danville, Virginia on September 7, 1957 to the late Lawrence Emerson Hylton and Iris Carter Hylton

Mr. Hylton spent most of his life in Dry Fork where he worked as a truck driver, loved rabbit hunting, and was a member of the Dry Fork volunteer fire department.

Mr. Hylton is survived by his wife, Brenda Hylton; son, Phillip Gavin Hylton (Kaitlin); daughters, Jennifer Pulliam (Henry), Christie Daniel (Clint), Ashley Ross (Brandon Duncan), and Skyler Key (Tyler); brothers, Lawrence Emerson Hylton Jr. (Robin), Keith Carter Hylton Sr. (Linda), and Anthony Scott Hylton (Virginia); sister, Lou Ellen Merricks (Joe); grandchildren, Tristan Daniel, Kristan Ross, Braxton Galvin, Harlie Brooks, Lilly Brooks, Karleigh Galvin, Leighton Key, Addyson Adkins, Brynlee Hylton, Levi Hylton, and Mason Duncan along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his grandchild, Coleman Daniel.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday February 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Emmanuel Pentecostal Holiness Church with Reverend Gerald Kelly officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Hylton family cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Dry Fork fire department.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Hylton family.

Ronald James Stuckert Jr.

June 3, 1950 ~ January 24, 2025 (age 74)



Mr. Ronald James Stuckert Jr., age 74, of Danville, passed away on January 24th, 2025 at Sovah Hospital.

He was born on June 3rd, 1950, in Holyoke, Massachusetts to the late Ronald J. Stuckert, Sr. and Barbara Nolen.

Mr. Stuckert worked at Dan River Mills for 30 years and was a member of Kentuck Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judith Stuckert; children, Thomas R. Stuckert, Tammy Renee Stuckert, Teresa A. Quesenberry, and Tracy L. Stuckert; stepson, Rodney Stuart Davis; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and brother in law, Ted Watkins.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Stuckert was predeceased by his sister, Barbara Hope Watkins.

Funeral services will be conducted at Swicegood Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, January 31st, 2025 at 2:00 pm with Rev. Roger Ewing officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral. Interment will follow Highland Burial Park.

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| 3. "Nevermore" bird | R ___ | Refuge | H ___ |
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| 5. Georgia's fruit | ___ A ___ | Roost | ___ R ___ |
| 6. The very edge | ___ N ___ | ___-and-mortar | ___ C ___ |
| 7. Bridle | ___ L ___ | Alice's mad friend | ___ T ___ |
| 8. Light breeze | ___ A ___ | Wander aimlessly | ___ I ___ |
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* There is a Guinness World Record for "most matchsticks extinguished with the tongue."

* Jimi Hendrix served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's elite 101st Airborne division, though an ankle injury allowed him to leave the service with a welcomed honorable discharge after one year of the three he'd signed up for.

* Medical students in 18th-century Scotland could pay their tuition fees in corpses.

* A statement in the end credits of the movie "Frozen" claims that Disney does not support the consumption of boogers.

* After Playboy founder Hugh Hefner funded some research in the 1980s that identified a subspecies of rabbit living in the Florida Keys, it was named for him: sylvilagus palustris hefneri.

* An IKEA in the Netherlands had to cancel its one-euro breakfast special because it attracted too many customers and caused highway traffic jams.

* Thomas Edison invented the tattoo pen.

* Rolex replaced, without charge, all the watches that had been seized by the Germans from shot-down Allied pilots during World War II.

* In its lifetime, the International Space Station will be hit by 100,000 meteoroids.

* During the Columbine High School massacre in 1999, two 20-pound propane bombs that were planted in the cafeteria failed to detonate. If they had, it is estimated that up to 488 students would have been seriously injured or killed.

* Every year, Iceland gets wider by 2 centimeters.

* The U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal, has guidelines on what to do if you should stumble across a yeti (and no, we are not talking about the cup!).

Thought for the Day: "In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit." -- Albert Schweitzer



Prepare Ice-Cream Sandwich Minis for Game Day

Wind up the final quarter of the upcoming Super Bowl with homemade ice-cream sandwiches! Not too rich and not too fussy, this classic dessert direct from your freezer is easy to slice up at the last minute to bring on extra cheers from your home stadium.

A day or two before game day, your school-aged kids can have a part in measuring, whisking, beating and spreading out the chocolate cookie dough on a jelly roll pan. When it's baked and cooled, pick your favorite ice-cream flavor or one with a color that represents your team, then assemble and freeze!

Ready for the cooking kickoff? Here's how to make the snack, starting with the cookie:

ICE-CREAM SANDWICH MINIS

- Makes 40 (1-by-2-inch) servings
- 1 1/3 cups unbleached, all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2/3 cup milk

For the inside:
— 1.5 quarts ice cream
Here's the fun: Heat the oven to 350 F. Cut parchment paper to generously fit a rimmed 11-by-17-inch jelly roll pan. In a medium bowl, whisk together the

flour, baking soda, salt and cocoa, then set aside.

With a mixer, cream the butter and sugar at medium speed until light and fluffy. Add and beat in vanilla. Add 1/4 of the flour mixture and stir until just combined. Add 1/2 of the milk and stir until combined, then continue to add the flour mixture and milk alternately.

Spoon the thick cookie dough onto the pan and spread as evenly as possible to all edges. Bake 10 minutes, or until toothpick in center comes out clean. Cool.

Loosen the cookie, invert onto a cutting board, and peel away parchment. Cut the cookie in half horizontally and vertically to form 4 rectangles.

Let ice cream sit at room temperature until it is easy to cut and spread. Working quickly, slice and spread it evenly over 2 rectangles. (You may wish to have a different flavor on each one.) Top with remaining 2 rectangle pieces. Wrap both of the large ice-cream sandwiches with plastic wrap and freeze.

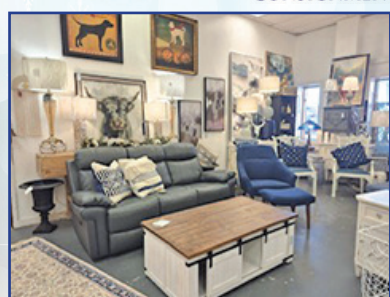


To serve, remove plastic and cut into serving portions according to taste. I sliced mine with a large, sharp knife into 1 by 2 inches to yield 40 small servings.

Extra idea: Think pink and make a batch with strawberry ice cream for Valentine's Day!

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* To ripen a green tomato, wrap it in a sheet of newspaper or place it in a paper bag. It can then be left on the counter for several days to ripen.

* "To keep those ice crystals from forming on the top of your quart of ice cream, just cut a square of plastic wrap and push it down onto the surface of the ice cream each time you scoop a bowlful out. It peels off easily when you're ready for another helping, but there's no ice! Works for me!" -- T.D. in Nebraska

* White vinegar will clean off fruit or food coloring stains on your hands -- or most other places too!

* E.J. of Texas writes: "Keep a fresh roll of unscented toilet tissue in the kitchen to clean up on the stove and countertop. It cleans up good because of its absorbency, and it saves money on expensive paper towels."

* "If you add a teaspoon of sugar to your biscuit mix or to the dough for rolls, it will help them brown well and they will come out of the oven with golden tops." -- Jan R. of Michigan

* You can get five or six more uses out of a pump-top lotion bottle if you cut off the top to access the lotion inside that doesn't come out of the pump once the level is too low. You'd be surprised how much is still in there!

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DMSO Isn't Recommended Based on Potential Harm

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm interested in consuming dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). I've read that it will destroy the root of cancer and hasten the healing of broken bones, ligaments and strained muscles. My question is whether it is OK to consume the suggested amount of DMSO?

My aortic valve was replaced with a mechanical valve three years ago. After 12 months of follow-up exams, I was informed that the valve had sealed perfectly and was told to enjoy life. -- W.H.

ANSWER: DMSO is indicated by the Food and Drug Administration for the symptomatic relief of interstitial cystitis, a chronic and painful bladder condition. It is instilled directly in the bladder and is sometimes used for other urinary conditions, although there is no evidence of its usefulness.

DMSO is often used topically for musculoskeletal injuries, and some people do note pain relief. Numerous studies on rheumatological conditions (such as rheumatoid arthritis) failed to show a benefit, although a study from Germany in 1995 showed that DMSO gel with a 25% concentration reduced pain when applied to joints. Other studies were unable to confirm this.

For cancer, there are no convincing studies that show benefit, and some studies have shown an increase in breast cancer cell growth with DMSO.

Based on studies showing minimal benefit and potential harm, I don't recommend the use of DMSO. What's more important is that the studies have been done with medical-grade DMSO, which is only available with a prescription. When you buy DMSO at a hardware store, you are getting industrial-grade DMSO, which is potentially contaminated with industrial toxins and isn't intended for human use.

In addition, DMSO is very good at bringing other substances with it into the skin. This is useful as a drug-delivery system but dangerous when the DMSO you use is contaminated with chemicals or if you get those chemicals on your skin. While I can find DMSO for sale that companies purport to be very pure, you are relying on the company that may or may not have purified it, as it isn't independently tested.

However, I do not think that the topical use of DMSO is likely to be a danger to your prosthetic heart valve.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Recently, at an event sponsored by our community, an expert on the gut microbiome gave a lecture on how to keep it in balance. While the lecture was generally informative and useful, at one point, he stated that vaccines were detrimental to the microbiome. Is there any evidence (other than anecdotal) that supports such an opinion? -- W.G.

ANSWER: The huge number of bacteria in our gastrointestinal tract is referred to as the microbiome, and our microbiome can have effects on many aspects of our functioning. How much of an effect it has is debated.

COVID-19 infections were known to have a marked detrimental effect on the microbiome, but the effect of vaccination on the microbiome was not well-studied until quite recently. A 2024 study from the University of Cambridge found that the microbiome was only minimally affected by vaccination.

Based on this recent study, I disagree with your community speaker and conclude that if you're concerned about your microbiome, you'd be much better off getting vaccinated and taking other steps to prevent infection.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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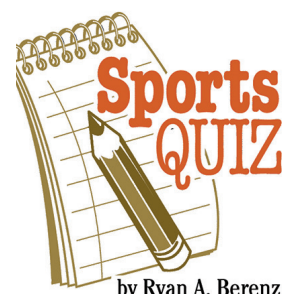
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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles



by Ryan A. Berenz

Winter activity: painting

It looks like we're in for a long winter, with extremely cold temperatures in several places. Many of us are already realizing that we just don't want to go out in that. But what shall we do to occupy ourselves while we're at home?

I don't know how it started, but in my neighborhood this winter the favorite activity has become ... painting. Each day new photos of "works of art" are sent around via cellphones as the idea spreads.

I decided to join in. Between the internet and home deliveries, we have access to everything we need without going out!

My first step was to do a YouTube search for painting lessons. Right at the top was "Beginner's Guide to Painting," and I was off and running.

On YouTube it's possible to narrow down the search results to the subjects you're most interested in learning to paint, whether it's sunsets, flowers, mountains, snow scenes, cats, dogs, lakes, vintage cars, beaches -- if it can be painted, there's a tutorial for it. The topics can be further broken down by watercolor and acrylic painting.

There are even videos that outline what supplies you need.

Some suggestions, if you'd like to paint:

Unless you have a store near you that will ship or deliver supplies to you, look online for the big names such as Michaels, Joann and Hobby Lobby as places to start.

You need paint and water, and something to paint on, such as paper or canvas panels, plus a selection of brushes. Add in a small plastic palette for mixing colors.

Look for beginner kits that have a selection of a dozen or so small tubes of acrylic paint colors or a dozen watercolors in a metal tray.

If you fear you have no real talent for painting, I invite you to explore Acrylic Squeegee Painting on YouTube. That technique can make anyone an artist!

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Pepsi One

Three blondes had just bought a can of Pepsi One and were anxious to try it for the first time.

So the first blonde opened the can and then the second blonde poured it into three glasses.

The third blonde eyed the three glasses suspiciously and said, "I wonder which one has the calorie?"

1. Name the American skier from Puerto Rico who won a gold medal in moguls at the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. (Hint: He hosted three seasons of MTV's "Real World/Road Rules Challenge.")

2. What Alabama Crimson Tide line-backer was selected No. 2 overall by the Indianapolis Colts in the 1987 NFL Draft, then was traded to the Buffalo Bills before the start of the '87 season?

3. Name the women's golf match-play tournament, contested annually from 2005-08, that pitted players from Asia against an international squad.

4. New Zealand's Neroli Fairhall became the first athlete to participate in both the Paralympic Games (Arnhem 1980) and the Olympic Games (Los Angeles 1984). In what sport did she compete?

5. During the San Diego Padres' 1974 home opener, who took the public address microphone and told the crowd, "Fans, I suffer with you. I've never seen such stupid ball-playing in my life"?

6. What Swedish ice hockey great also played for the Swedish national soccer team, played professional golf and founded the first golf course in the Soviet Union?

7. Between brothers William "The Refrigerator" Perry and Michael Dean Perry, who had more sacks in his NFL career?

Answers

1. Jonny Moseley.
2. Cornelius Bennett.
3. The Lexus Cup.
4. Archery.
5. New team owner Ray Kroc.
6. Sven Tumba.
7. Michael, with 61 (William had 29.5).

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 lb. boneless ribeye steak or skirt steak
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1/2 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup Cheez Whiz (homemade or store-bought)
- 1 (16-oz.) package dinner rolls
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp. garlic salt
- Pickled banana peppers, optional

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Place the steak in the freezer until firm, 45 minutes to 1 hour.
 - 2 Preheat the oven to 375° F.
 - 3 On a secure cutting board, use a very sharp knife to slice the chilled steak, against the grain, as thinly as possible into shavings.
 - 4 Heat a large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Add the oil and allow it to heat until just smoking. Add the meat, onion, salt, and pepper, and allow the meat to sear without disturbing it for 5 to 7 minutes. Using a metal spatula, flip the meat and continue to cook, stirring frequently and chopping the meat with the spatula, until the meat and onions are nicely browned, 2 to 3 minutes more. Remove from the heat.
 - 5 Place the Cheez Whiz in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on 50% power until pourable, 1 to 2 minutes, stirring every 15 seconds.
 - 6 Remove the rolls from the packaging in one piece. Using a serrated knife, cut crosswise through all of the rolls at once to divide the top half from the bottom (keeping the sides of the rolls intact). Place the bottom half cut-side up on a sheet tray.
 - 7 Scoop the meat and onion mixture into an even layer over the rolls. Stir the Cheez Whiz and spoon it evenly over the meat. Place the top bun cut-side down over the cheese.
 - 8 In a small bowl, combine the melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, and garlic salt. Brush the slider buns with the butter mixture.
 - 9 Bake until the tops of the rolls are golden and toasted, 10 to 12 minutes. Pull the sliders apart and serve warm, with pickled peppers, if you like.
- Tip: For extra flavor, double the recipe for the garlic-Worcestershire butter and brush half of it on the bottom buns of the sliders before adding the meat.

Sheet Pan Nachos



INGREDIENTS

- Topping:**
- Ingredients**
- QUICK PICKLED SHALLOTS**
- 3 shallots, thinly sliced
 - 1/2 cup distilled white vinegar
 - 3 Tbsp. honey
 - 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- TACO MEAT**
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
 - 3/4 lb. ground beef (80/20)
 - 2 Tbsp. taco seasoning
- NACHOS**
- 1 (12-oz.) bag tortilla chips
 - 8 oz. pepper jack cheese, shredded (about 2 c.)
 - 4 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded (about 1 c.)
- TOPPINGS**
- 1/2 cup pinto beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1/2 cup pico de gallo
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 1/2 cup crumbled cotija cheese
 - 2 Tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped
 - Hot sauce, to taste

DIRECTIONS

- 1 For the quick pickled shallots: Place the shallots in a mason jar. In a small saucepan, heat the vinegar, honey, crushed red pepper flakes, and 1/4 cup water until it comes to a gentle simmer. Pour the liquid over the shallots and allow to sit 15 to 30 minutes.
- 2 For the taco meat: In a medium skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the beef and sprinkle with the taco seasoning. Cook the beef, breaking it up with a wooden spoon, until almost cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes. Add 1/3 cup water, scraping the bottom of the skillet as needed. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside.
- 3 For the nachos: Preheat the oven to 425°F. Arrange the tortilla chips on a sheet pan. Top with the pepper jack and cheddar, and bake until the cheeses are melted and the chips have slightly golden edges, 4 to 6 minutes. Remove the sheet pan from the oven, and top the chips with the taco meat, beans, pico de gallo, sour cream, cotija, cilantro, quick pickled shallots, and hot sauce.



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1. "Poor Side of Town" was the only No. 1 hit single penned by which artist?
2. Who are Bunny, James, Bobby, El, Randy and Mark?
3. Name the 1971 Al Green song that was used on the TV show "Nip/Tuck."
4. Who wrote the 1976 song "Tonight's the Night"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Sometimes in the morning when shadows are deep, I lie here beside you just watching you sleep."

Answers

1. Johnny Rivers, in 1966. The song has been covered widely by artists such as Al Wilson and Lynn Anderson.
2. DeBarge, which is their last name. In 1984 they netted a Grammy nom for Best R&B Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal. El recently sang his signature "Who's Holding Donna Now" at David Foster's 75th birthday concert.
3. "Tired of Being Alone," in Season 4 of the show.
4. Rod Stewart.
5. "My Cup Runneth Over," by Ed Ames, in 1966. The song was written for the musical "I Do! I Do!" Even though it only went to No. 8 on the Billboard charts, it ended up with a nom for Record of the Year and Song of the Year at the Grammys in 1967.

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| 4. Brando, Brandy | 9. Coward, Howard |
| 5. Peach, Perch | 10. Greet, Green |