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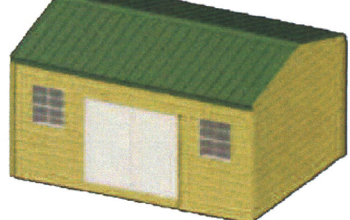
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by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 3 Timothy (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Who said, "Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars but the ark of the covenant ... remaineth under curtains"? David, Nathan, Saul, Solomon

3. From Numbers 12, why was Miriam shut out of camp for seven days? Ungodly act, Leprous, Fasting, Lent

4. Who took David in as his own after the slaying of Goliath? Jonathan, Solomon, Saul, Eliakim

5. About how tall was Goliath in approximate cubits? 3, 4, 5, 6

6. Upon which mountain did Aaron die? Hor, Carmel, Pisgah, Sinai

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) David, 3) Leprous, 4) Saul, 5) Six, 6) Hor

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A long-forgotten promise is recalled. It's not too late to follow up on it. You might find a pleasant surprise waiting. Meanwhile, see a doctor about a pesky health problem.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The best way to get over a personal disappointment is to get out, meet old friends, and make new ones! One of those new friends could very well become a special person in your life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A chance to invest comes with some strings attached that could cause economic problems later on. Be careful. Cupid favors romantic possibilities with a loving Libra or a passionate Pisces.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A simple problem threatens to turn into a legal showdown unless it's cleared up soon. Wishing it away won't help. In addition, a telephone call could lead to a change in travel plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A close friend who suddenly becomes remote is in need of your warm reassurance. Give it generously. Meanwhile, a misunderstanding on the job creates the potential for future problems. Settle it quickly.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Career advancement involves the need for added training. The investment of your time and effort will pay off. In other news, some stormy personal situations begin to calm down.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Scale back on your grandiose

schemes for a while. Neither the time nor the circumstances are right to make the huge financial investment needed to see the matter through. A Gemini has romance on the mind.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You could soon face a fascinating dilemma: Do you continue seeing a very special person who is currently in your life or renew a relationship with another person who will suddenly return from your past?

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Financial problems need your attention. It's a good idea to cut back on unnecessary expenses until these money matters are under control. Then go out and have a great time!

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) What you may now see as a good reason to end a relationship could turn out to be based more on supposition than substance. Don't make any rash decisions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Change is the watchword for this week. Some Aquarians will be moving to new places while others will be taking new career paths. Steer clear of a family dispute.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be prepared for a romantic disappointment to become a fading memory with the arrival of a new love — possibly a Gemini. Meanwhile, talk to someone you trust about developing your idea into a marketable product.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a high regard for loyalty. You give it freely, and you expect it to be returned. You never flinch from making a decision, even if it involves much agitation and soul-searching.

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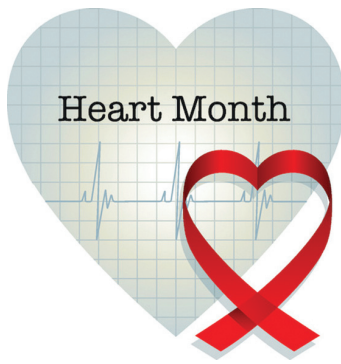


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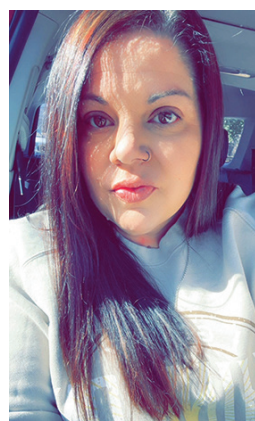
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Holidays

- 2nd - Groundhog Day
- 14th - Valentine's Day
- 17th - Presidents' 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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Christ the King Lutheran Church Invites you to Join our Sunday Morning Service Sunday's at 11am. 1172 Franklin Turnpike. Free Books Available on Post Next to Driveway.

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

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Reception Problems

A farmer finally decided to buy a TV. The store assured him that they would install the antenna and TV the next day.

The next evening the farmer turned on his new TV and found only political ads on every channel. The next morning he turned the TV on and found only political ads again.

When he came in to eat lunch he tried the TV again but still only found political ads.

The next day when he still found only political ads he called the store to complain. The owner said that it was impossible for every channel to only have political ads, but agreed to send their repairman to check the TV.

When the TV repairman turned on the TV he found that the farmer was right. After looking at the TV for a while he went outside to check the antenna. In a few minutes he returned and told the farmer he had found the problem.

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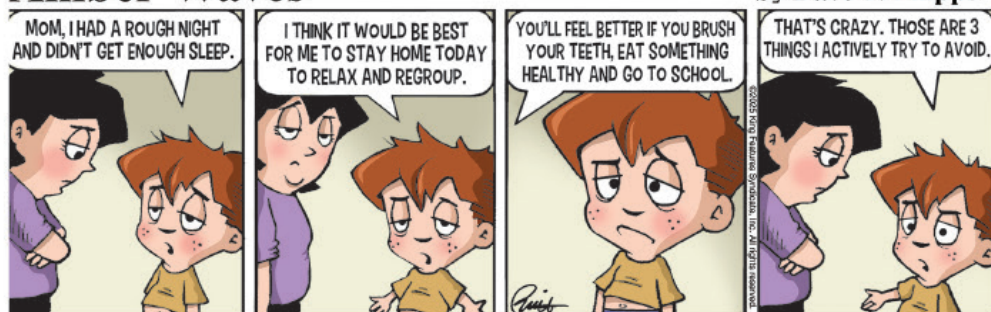
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My new girlfriend got upset because she thinks that I don't like her cooking...

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I had another slice of gravy!

Amber Waves



TIGER



The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Snow is shorter. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Snow is missing. 4. Door knob is missing. 5. Zipper is missing. 6. House is not as wide.

King Crossword

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ACROSS

- Beanies
- Enfold
- Stanley Cup org.
- Luau dance
- Roof overhang
- Parisian "yes"
- Pedestal occupant
- Sketch
- Trio after Q
- Church organ feature
- Retrieve
- Bogus
- Canonized Fr. woman
- Soul, to Sartre
- "Fantasia" ballerinas
- Esteem
- Commence
- Biblical king
- Gave a speech
- Sipping aids
- Weep
- Spigot
- "Holy cow!"
- Away from SSW
- Foot fraction
- Flight stat
- "Misery" star James
- Olympian Lipinski

DOWN

- Poker token
- BMW rival
- Fall into a chair
- Merchant's spiel
- Hunks of cheese
- Exceptional
- Online icon
- Church seat
- Director Ephron
- Corn cover
- Low-calorie
- Frenzied state
- Photocopier need
- Maestro Zubin —
- "Westworld" network
- Suffix with hotel
- Links org.
- Notable time
- Tier
- Mag. staff
- Energetic person
- Shorthand pros
- Profit
- Shophe description
- Pack cargo
- Handle
- "The Lion King" lion
- Gullet
- Sluggo Aaron
- Purring pet

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1. Serenity; 2. El Yunque National Forest; Puerto Rico; 3. "The Picture of Dorian Gray"; 4. Burbank; 5. Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Formal Sciences; 6. White Castle; 7. 14 (Atlanta Falcons, Arizona Cardinals, Detroit Lions, Indianapolis Colts, Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Rams, Miami Dolphins, Philadelphia Eagles and Seattle Seahawks); 8. Maryland; 9. 88; 10. Ikebana

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the spaceship on the TV drama "Firefly"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the only tropical rainforest in the United States?
- LITERATURE: What is the title of author Oscar Wilde's only complete novel?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the killer in the movie "Silence of the Lambs"?
- SCIENCE: What are the three branches of science?
- AD SLOGANS: Which fast-food chain's slogan is, "What you crave"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many NFL teams are named after animals (including birds)?
- U.S. STATES: In which state is the U.S. Naval Academy located?
- ASTRONOMY: How many constellations are visible from Earth?
- ART: What is the Japanese art of arranging flowers called?

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Piedmont Pets
February 6, 2025 By Paulette Dean

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1. The spay/neuter rebate amount will increase to up to \$150. Current guidelines will be in place; an explanation of those guidelines can be found on our Facebook page (Danville Area Humane Society Virginia) or by calling (434) 799-0843.
2. We will continue our program of paying for the full cost of

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3. Most shelters are overrun with pit bull type dogs. We are also experiencing a marked increase in the number of Great Pyrenees, Huskies, and German shepherds being received. These breeds, while wonderful, are difficult to place for a variety of reasons. Therefore, during February, we will pay up to \$250 for these breeds to be spayed/neutered. A certificate must be obtained at least the day before the surgery. If the surgery is scheduled for later than February, a certificate must be obtained in February.



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This set of nine was sold by Morford's Antique Advertising Auctions for \$130. On one side, you have a bright green cucumber with a smiling child or chef holding a Heinz product. On the reverse, there's a reminder of how "Pure, Clean, Good" Heinz products are, along with a list of a few of their "57 Good Things for the Table," like (of course) pickles, baked beans, tomato soup and various relishes and sauces.

Heinz introduced the "57 Varieties" slogan in 1892. It wasn't exactly truth in advertising; by that time, the company had over 60 products. There are a few different stories about why the number 57 was chosen: because 5 and 7 are lucky numbers, or because it makes a memorable slogan. Considering that the company has been in business for over 150 years, with the slogan still easy to recognize, either one may be true.

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — In 1969, I met a handsome 24-year-old actor who was making \$200 a week in 20th Century Fox's contract program. I arranged to photograph a date layout for Photoplay Magazine of him and Elizabeth Baur, co-star of the Raymond Burr series "Ironside" (1967-1975). He was depressed because Fox had ended the contract program, and he was out of a job.

After viewing the photos we shot, I had a vision (the only one I've ever had) and predicted that he'd be back at Fox within six months at 20 times his contract pay. Six months to the day, he called to say, "When I met the immortal Mae West, who was casting her 'boys' for 'Myra Breckinridge,' she hired me on the spot ... at 20 times my contract pay." And thus, Tom Selleck was on his way!

January 29 was Tom's 80th birthday, and his meteoric rise came from playing Jed Andrews in "The Young & The Restless" (1974-1975), his Emmy-winning role in "Magnum, P.I." (1980-1988), and as Frank Reagan in "Blue Bloods." These roles have made him one of the most popular stars of the past four decades.

Lest we forget along the way he created "Jesse Stone," the police chief of Paradise who spawned eight CBS made-for-TV films (2005-2012) and the most recent "Jesse Stone" film in 2015 for the Hallmark Channel.

Now that "Blue Bloods" is over, Tom has plans for a 10th "Jesse Stone" epic. It's no secret that Selleck wasn't happy with CBS's decision to end "Blue Bloods" after 14 seasons. The network claimed that the actors' salaries had escalated each year and that location filming in New York City was incredibly high (although "Law & Order" isn't complaining after 24 seasons of escalating salaries and location-shooting in New York).

However, doing more "Jesse Stone" films will be tricky. It will have to pick up 10 years later, which could be excit-



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Pamela Anderson as Shelly Gardner in "The Last Showgirl"

ing with skilled writing. Then there's the question of who would air it ... CBS or the Hallmark Channel? We'll have to wait and see; after all, nothing is written in stone!

Pamela Anderson, who has received the best reviews and award nominations of her career with "The Last Showgirl," almost missed out on getting the role of Shelly Gardner in the film. After playing Roxie Hart on Broadway in "Chicago" in 2022, her agents were desperate to find a vehicle for her comeback. But when her agent cancelled the script for "The Last Showgirl," it was screenwriter **Kate Gersten's** determination to have Anderson in the role that made it happen.

Now she is set to star in "The Naked Gun," opposite Liam Neeson, as well as "Rosebush Pruning" with **Riley Keough** and **Elle Fanning**. Oh, yes, needless to say ... she also canned her agent!



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Four teens graduate from Project Imagine's 31st class



Four teenagers were honored earlier this week for completing life skills training and goal-setting exercises through the City of Danville's Project Imagine program. Designed to steer young people away from gang involvement and community violence, the program continues to provide participants with essential tools for personal growth and future success.

This latest group of graduates marks the 31st class to complete Project Imagine, bringing the total number of successful participants to 187 since the program's inception in 2018. The graduates are **Kaidyn Childress, Daon Jones, Raymond Reddick, and Caydrion Stamps**

City to host marketing workshop for small businesses

The Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism (DOEDT) will host "Can You See Me Now?!: Small Business Marketing Workshop", a six-week course, beginning March 4.

This training, in partnership with the Longwood Small Business Development Center and Leterpress Communications, will focus on relevant marketing techniques, including communications, visual branding, videography, photography, and digital advertising. Businesses will also learn how to measure return on investment through website and social media analytics. Leterpress Communications will lead the course.

Project Manager for the DOEDT, Samantha Bagbey, states, "Our office is continuously working towards empowering our small businesses with the knowledge and tools they need to succeed. This workshop will focus on the latest marketing strategies, designed to enhance the online visibility of each business in a constantly evolving digital age."

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm at the Danville Fire Station, 600 Lynn Street, Danville, VA, over the course of six weeks. Light refreshments will be served. Businesses may register up to two participants each. Space is limited to 25 businesses.

Upon completing the course, participants will receive a free one-year subscription to Canva Pro, valued at \$180, and a one-on-one consultation session on a selected marketing topic with Leterpress Communications. Businesses must attend all six classes to receive these incentives.

"Marketing is the bridge between a great business and its customers. This course is designed to give small business owners the tools and confidence they need to tell their story, build their brand, and connect with their audience in meaningful ways," said Alexandra Veatch, CEO of Leterpress Communications.

Shekedra Jones, owner of S. Jones Photography and 2024 class participant, underscores the value of this course. "This marketing workshop equipped me with the tools needed to have a successful online presence and social media strategy."

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DPS ANNOUNCES DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR



On Thursday, January 30, school and district leaders announced Westwood Middle School Math Teacher Brittany Irvin as the 2026 Danville Public Schools (DPS) Teacher of the Year.

Irvin, a 14-year teaching veteran, has a Bachelor of Science degree from Longwood University and a Gifted Education certification. In 2011, Irvin began her teaching career at DPS teaching middle school mathematics. Currently, she teaches advanced/honors Algebra 1 and 2.



At Westwood, in addition to leading her team, she serves as the Mentor Teacher lead, a Teacher Leader, and the Math Department Chair. She was the recipient of the Virginia Middle School Teacher Corp grant in the 2017-2018 and 2023-2024 school years. In the community, Irvin has been a team lead for Relay for Life, a packer at God's Storehouse, and a volunteer at the Danville Area Humane Society.

"Ms. Irvin's ability to uplift, encourage, and guide students to academic success not only positions our learners to flourish in middle school, but also puts students on a trajectory to thrive in high school and postsecondary endeavors," Westwood Principal LaTonya Simmons said. "At Westwood Middle School, we are so proud to celebrate Ms. Irvin and her outstanding contributions to professional and academic excellence!"

As an educator, Irvin believes in building relationships with her students. Each year, she greets her students by welcoming them to "the family." She frequently supports her students outside the classroom in their extracurriculars, whether they are school-sponsored or not. As a teacher mentor, she observes lessons, opens her classroom to new teachers, regularly checks in with her colleagues, and offers advice. Irvin says being named Teacher of the Year is "an honor and honestly a bit humbling."

"It feels great to know that the work I put in is making a difference for my students and the school community," Irvin said. "This isn't just my achievement though- it's a reflection of all of the support I've gotten from my colleagues, students, and families. I'm really grateful and excited to keep doing what I love!"

Irvin will serve as the district's nomination for the 2026 Mary V. Bicouvaris Virginia Teacher of the Year.

"I am incredibly proud of Ms. Irvin," DPS Superintendent Dr. Angela Hairston said. "She goes above and beyond to support students both inside and outside the classroom. Her passion for teaching shines through in the smiles of her students. We are truly honored to have her as part of the DPS family!"

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

Thomas Neal Matthews

December 27, 1939 ~ February 3, 2025



Mr. Thomas Neal Matthews, age 85, of Danville, Virginia, died on February 3rd, 2025 at Sovah Health in Danville, Virginia.

Mr. Matthews was born on December 27th, 1939,

in Danville, Virginia, to the late Thomas Irvin Matthews and Lucy Mae Hobbs Jones.

Mr. Matthews worked as a stocker in Rose's. He loved to clean, could cut the rug on the dancefloor and was a tremendous flirt. His favorite pastime was to watch wrestling and westerns on the tv. He will be missed by all.

Mr. Matthews is survived by his son Robert Thomas Matthews, his sisters Joann (Roy) Horne, Elsie Milam, and Betty Lou Lawhorn, his cousin Kathy Davis and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents Mr. Matthews was predeceased by his sisters Hazel Jeanette Taylor and Mary Irvin Huffman and his brother Jewel Edward "Junebug" Matthews.

Funeral services will be conducted February 7th, 2025 at Swansonville Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Mike Hearp officiating. Visitation will be held at 1 pm with the service to follow at 2 pm. Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving Mr. Matthews family.

Helen (Brummett) Eanes

July 28, 1941 ~ January 30, 2025

Mrs. Helen Brummett Eanes, age 83, of Danville, Virginia, passed away on January 30th, 2025 at Piney Forest Nursing Home of Danville, Virginia.

Mrs. Eanes was born on July 28th, 1941, in Bristol, Virginia, to the late Robert Brummett and Estelle Canter Brummett.

Mrs. Eanes worked as a waitress at Earl's Restaurant.

Mrs. Eanes is survived by her sons Darrell Eanes, Wayne Eanes and Mark Eanes.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Eanes was predeceased by her husband Perry Eanes.

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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A 'Hallmark Holiday' might be exactly what we need right now.

By J. Basil Dannebohm

I haven't sent a greeting card in at least a decade. A couple of weeks ago, however, a friend from back home contacted me to ask if I would be willing to help out her neighbor's child with a class project.

She passed along a letter that read:

"Kindergarteners are preparing to learn about our country next month! We will learn how to look at a map, use a compass rose to tell directions, and discuss some of the states! We are asking for your help! We need valentines sent to us! If you know anyone outside of Ohio that would be willing to send a valentine to your child at school, we would be so thankful! As we receive these valentines we will chart them on the map and pin their location. Children will bring their valentines home at the end of the month when we finish our project! We will be mapping valentines the whole month of February!"

Though I would never refuse a request from this particular hometown friend, I was especially delighted to honor this one.

A few days after receiving the request I learned that a member of Congress was collecting Valentine's Day cards to send to Virginia's Veterans Hospitals. This struck a sentimental chord with me. Many years ago, when I was administrator of my hometown's Chamber of Commerce, I purchased a massive Christmas Stocking for a project I called, "Operation: Stocking Stuffer." The goal was to collect Christmas cards to fill the stocking. The cards were then distributed at Kansas Veterans Hospitals.

Inspired by a friend and a member of Congress, both of whom I admire, I found myself in the greeting card aisle browsing the Valentine's Day selection, searching for the perfect one to send a kindergartener and a veteran.

Some people refer to Valentine's Day as a "Hallmark Holiday," though at least one legend suggests that the first Valentine was sent by the man himself: St. Valentine of Rome. It's said that the imprisoned would-be saint fell in love with his jailor's daughter. According to this tale, Valentine wrote the young lady a note signed "from your Valentine."

A millennia later in 15th-century France, the 14th of February became a day set aside to celebrate love. It was around that same time that a Frenchman sent what is said to be the earliest surviving Valentine. While imprisoned in the Tower of London, the Duke of Orleans wrote to his wife: "Je suis desja d'amour tanné, ma tres douce Valentinée." Which roughly translates, "I am already sick of love, my very gentle Valentine". Today, the letter is part of the manuscript collection of the British Library, which also holds the oldest surviving Valentine's letter written in the English language. That letter was written 62 years later, in 1477, by Margery Brews to her fiancé, John Paston, whom she referred to as, "right well-beloved Valentine."

In 1784, perhaps the most familiar Valentine's poem made its first appearance in a collection of nursery rhymes:

"The rose is red, the violet's blue,
The honey's sweet, and so are you."

Valentine's Day cards started gaining popularity in the 18th century, but it wasn't until 1913 that Hallmark began selling them. So, while the company cannot actually claim Valentine's Day as a "Hallmark holiday," it estimates that 145 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, not including the childrens' valentines popular in classroom exchanges.

If the requests from both my friend and the congresswoman prove anything, it's that Valentine's Day cards don't have to be sent exclusively between lovers. Receiving a valentine, like we did in elementary school, has a remarkable way of warming one's heart in the cold of February. Indeed, the act of sending a valentine makes both the sender and the recipient feel good.

The act of sending a sentimental letter soothed the restless heart of St. Valentine and the Duke of Orleans as they passed the time in their prison cells. Many of us are prisoners of loneliness, bereavement, depression, and sadness. Perhaps this Valentine's Day we could start a new tradition of sending a greeting card to somebody whose heart has grown cold this winter. Though it's a simple act, imagine the impact it could have on someone to receive a special card letting them know that somebody cares.

In a world starved for love that seems to be growing more divided each day, perhaps a "Hallmark holiday" is exactly what we need right now.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Calculating the price of eggs

Here we go again. Because of the avian influenza, many hens have had to be culled, leaving fewer to produce eggs. Supply and demand being what it is, the price of eggs has jumped up again because there are fewer eggs.

A recent trip to the store was a shocker. In the space of less than 10 days, a dozen eggs at my local store had shot up over \$2 ... to a whopping \$6.95 for large eggs. This wasn't even extra large or jumbo.

I almost walked away without buying eggs. Instead, I pulled out my calculator and did the math. At that price, each egg cost 58 cents. A two-egg omelet would, therefore, cost \$1.16 for the eggs, and would provide 12 grams of protein.

And it was then I realized something: For all the complaining I've done about the price of eggs, maybe the price really isn't so bad when it's calculated that way.

To be considered: There is tuna with a high protein level, but we're told not to eat it every day because of the mercury in many types. There's rice, but we shouldn't have that every day either because of the arsenic in it. (And how many of us adhere to the 1/4-cup serving size?) Beef is a protein powerhouse, but where are we going to get a serving of beef for \$1.16? Not at my store.

In my hunt for "cheap protein," I discovered cottage cheese. One 1/2-cup serving gets us 14 grams of protein and costs 72 cents. Two tablespoons of peanut butter gets us 7 grams of protein.

Then there are beans, lentils and oatmeal, and a snack of cheese with a few grapes and crackers.

So, instead of looking at the cost of an item (and cringing), maybe we need to look instead at the cost of a serving.

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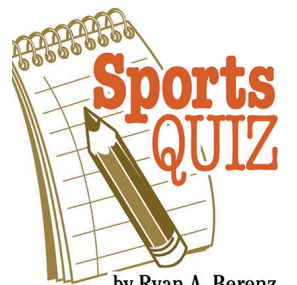
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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Xaviar Babudar, sentenced to more than 17 years in prison for a string of armed bank robberies, was a wolf-costumed superfan of what NFL team?

2. Tennis player Ons Jabeur, Wimbledon ladies' singles finalist in 2022 and '23, hails from what country?

3. What is the name of the Arizona State Sun Devils' official athletic mascot?

4. What umpire blew a call at first base in the bottom of the ninth inning to help the Kansas City Royals defeat the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 6 of the 1985 World Series?

5. Basketball Hall of Famer Tom Heinsohn was a player, coach and broadcaster for what NBA franchise?

6. Greece's Athanasia Tsoumeleka won a gold medal at the 2004 Athens Summer Olympics competing in what athletics event?

7. Ty Detmer, Mark Brunell, Doug Pedereson, Matt Hasselbeck and Jim McMahon were among what Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback's backups?

Answers

1. The Kansas City Chiefs (Babadur was known as "ChiefsA-holic").

2. Tunisia.

3. Sparky.

4. Don Denkinger.

5. The Boston Celtics.

6. Race walking.

7. Brett Favre.

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* "For a small splinter that is buried, try this trick before you go digging around with a tweezer or a sterilized needle. Use a piece of banana peel laid pulp-side-down over the splinter and cover it with a bandage. Leave it on overnight if possible. It has something to do with the enzymes in the peel as it ripens, but it will help draw out the splinter. The peel needs to be nice and ripe, and it might take a couple of tries." -- D.M.

* Need a substitution for buttermilk? You can use an equal amount of plain, unflavored yogurt, or for each cup, add a teaspoon of vinegar or lemon juice to a cup of milk.

* "On chore days, I write each chore or step of a chore on a sticky note and attach them to the kitchen counter. Then we all get together and decide who will do what. We end up with our stack of sticky notes and can complete the chores in an organized fashion." -- R.E. in Alabama

* Keep a lint roller by the sewing machine to quickly swipe up those tiny bits of thread. It'll keep your sewing area from getting messy.

* Sharpen scissors by cutting through a piece of aluminum foil that has been folded over several times. It really does work!

* Parents of twins (or other multiples): It really does make a difference when you join a multiples club or keep in touch with an organization for that purpose. Most do clothing swaps or sales fairly often, and the money you'll save in the clothing the first year is worthwhile.

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Game Day Grub

Feed your game day crowd with smoked chicken wings

Sports fans across the globe tune in when the National Football League hosts its annual championship game each winter. And that already robust viewership is growing, as figures from Nielsen Fast National and Adobe Analytics indicated Super Bowl LVIII between the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers garnered 123.4 million viewers who tuned in to watch Patrick Mahomes orchestrate a 25-22 overtime victory over Kyle Shanahan and the Niners.

Super Bowl Sunday has become an unofficial holiday in the United States, where fans ranging from the diehard to the casual to those simply tuning in for the commercials and halftime show gather to enjoy a few fun-filled hours. Seasoned party hosts know that food features as prominently as football and fun come Super Bowl Sunday. Guests may expect a few staples, including chicken wings. With that in mind, hosts can impress their guests by serving up this recipe for “Virgil’s Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip” from Neal Corman’s “Virgil’s Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook” (St. Martin’s Press).

Virgil’s Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip

Serves 4

Blue Cheese Dip

- 2 cups blue cheese crumbles, divided
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 cup finely chopped scallions
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery

Marinade

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup hot sauce
- 4 tablespoons Virgil’s Dry Rub (see below)
- 4 tablespoons granulated garlic
- 4 tablespoons granulated onion
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

Wings

- 8 large chicken wings
- 1/2 cup Virgil’s Dry Rub (see below)

Sauce

- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 4 tablespoons white vinegar
- 3/4 cup hot sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper



1. To make the dip, combine 1 cup of the blue cheese, mayonnaise, buttermilk, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and salt in the bowl of a food processor and blend on low until smooth.
2. Remove to a medium mixing bowl and fold in the rest of the blue cheese, scallions and celery, being sure to break up the larger blue cheese crumbles. Place in a covered container and refrigerate overnight.
3. Mix all the marinade ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Place the wings in a large container with a lid and pour the mixture over the wings. Toss until the wings are thoroughly coated. Cover and refrigerate for 2 days.
4. Preheat the grill or smoker to 245 F.
5. Spread out the wings on a sheet pan and wipe away any excess marinade. Sprinkle liberally with the dry rub, coating the wings all over.
6. Position the wings on the grill away from the direct heat of the coals or burners, and add hickory to the smoker or hickory chips on the coals or gas burners.
7. Cook the wings for about 3 hours, flipping every 30 minutes (their internal temperature should be about 165 F when cooked).
8. While the wings are cooking, cut the butter for the sauce into 1-inch cubes and refrigerate. Whisk the cornstarch into the white vinegar in a small bowl.
9. In a medium sauté pan over medium heat, bring the hot sauce to a simmer and whisk in the thickened vinegar. Return to a simmer, cook for 1 minute, and remove from the heat.
10. Add the cayenne and slowly whisk in the cold butter. Keep warm until serving.
11. Remove the wings from the smoker or grill and put half of them into a bowl, cover with the sauce, and toss. Repeat with the remaining wings and serve on a platter, with the blue cheese dip on the side.

Virgil’s Dry Rub

Makes 5 to 5 1/2 cups

- 2 1/2 cups sweet paprika
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup Texas-style chili powder
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1/2 cup granulated garlic
- 1/4 cup dried parsley flakes
- 6 tablespoons kosher salt

Combine all of the ingredients in a medium bowl and whisk together until completely incorporated.

Transfer to a covered bowl with a tight-fitting lid. Store in a cool, dry place.



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