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by Wilson Casey

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

2. Which Babylon king went insane living in the fields eating grass? Nebuchadnezzar, Solomon, Daniel, Herod

3. From Genesis 23, what was the first land purchase in the Bible? Garden, Hilltop, Cave, River shore

4. Which apostle was foreordained to minister to the Gentiles? Thomas, Paul, Andrew, John

5. According to Song of Solomon 1:2, what is love better than? Food, Wine, Money, Song

6. Which son of the dying Jacob did he compare to a vicious lion? Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nebuchadnezzar, 3) Cave, 4) Paul, 5) Wine, 6) Judah

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Planetary alignment still causes unsettling situations. Consider delaying matters that aren't a priority until the weekend. Cheer up! The next such alignment isn't until 2028.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters take precedence. Spend more time with those close to you. A career move sounds promising, but ask for more facts before making a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your watchword this week is "tact"! While honesty is, of course, the best policy, it's best to temper your tendency toward bluntness with discretion.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Nothing pleases our Leos and Leonas more than to know they're admired, and this week, you'll be overwhelmed with compliments. Enjoy the adulation! You earned it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're making progress in your dealings with a troubled loved one. Continue to offer understanding and support. You'll soon see positive results.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Change is favored this week. You might want to reassess a situation that has become too demanding. Also, reconsider a job move that you rejected earlier.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A loved one returns after a long separation. At work, a decision is made that could lead to the changes you hoped for. The next step is up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to set things straight in your personal relationships. Some decisions might be difficult but necessary if you're to turn things around.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Cupid rules the Capricorn Goat's heart this week. It's a good time to start a new romance or reaffirm your commitment to your current beloved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel and entertainment are favored for the rest of the month. You earned this good time. Enjoy it with friends and family members!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you've been close to reveals a secret that could put this relationship at risk. Consider the full impact of the admission before making a decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of justice that sometimes makes you a mite too judgmental, but it also makes you a trusted, loyal friend.

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Holidays

11th - Mother's Day
26th - Memorial Day

Community Events

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Burly-looking Biker

Stuck in rush-hour traffic, I couldn't help but stare at a burly-looking biker wearing a black leather jacket and chaps pulled up next to me on a shocking pink Harley. My first thoughts were, "Is that really a pink Harley?" and, "I wonder if he's gay."

Just then the traffic cleared, and he pulled in front of me. On the back of his jacket were stenciled the words, "Yes, it is. No, I'm not."

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THAT WAS FOUL!

IT WAS FAIR!

FIRST ARGUMENT OF THE SEASON

by BUD BLAKE

DO YOU KNOW ANY GOOD "TREE" PUNS?

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NO... I'M "STUMPED."

by Jeff Pickering

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. Arm is longer. 2. Hat is different. 3. Tie is different. 4. Line is added to sidewalk. 5. Tie is different. 6. Purse is different.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

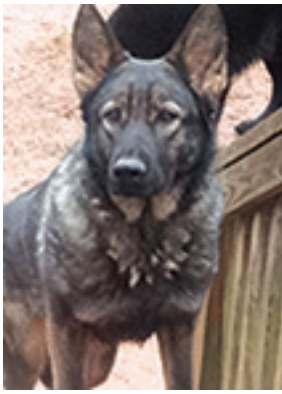
- TELEVISION: Which actor was nominated for an Emmy for the same character on three different sitcoms?
- MOVIES: Who was the first actor to refuse an Oscar award for Best Actor?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which modern city is in the shadow of the active volcano Mount Vesuvius?
- FOOD & DRINK: What gas is used to create seltzer water?
- SCIENCE: What is the center of an atom called?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who are the six men who have made a career Grand Slam in pro golf?
- ANATOMY: What is the largest artery in the body?
- LITERATURE: For which category is the O. Henry Award given?
- ASTRONOMY: Which star system is nearest to our solar system?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have died in office?

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King Crossword

1. Kelsey Grammer for "Wings"; "Cher's" and "Patterson"; 2. George C. Scott, for "Patton"; 3. Naples, Italy; 4. Carbon dioxide; 5. Nucleus; 6. Gene Sazzen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player; 7. The aorta; 8. Short stories; 9. Alpha Centauri; 10. Eight

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On some public and private pages, many accusations are being made about us from information gained from several FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests. Protecting our dedicated team is of utmost importance to us. It is our policy not to engage in on-line discussions and arguments. The threats we have received are very concerning to us. Euthanasia is a last resort and difficult option for all involved. In 2024 and continuing into 2025, shelter staff spent approximately 450 hours on FOIA requests submitted by private citizens. At least some of the requests were paid for by Best Friends Animal Society. The requests involved our intakes (custody records), as well as our euthanasia log book. Forms AC5 and AC6 that relate to the certification of employees to perform euthanasia and the methods prescribed were also requested and copies given. FOIA requests pull our team away from their regular duties to perform the time-consuming, manual tabulation and redaction of records. In Virginia, the custody records are open for public inspection, as are the euthanasia log books and forms relating to the certification of shelter employees to perform euthanasia. That means private shelters and homebased rescue groups must also open those records to the public. Beyond that, we learned quite a bit about FOIA records from a woman who used to direct a humane society in Virginia that also had a contract to operate a public animal shelter. She now works for Best Friends Animal Society. If the 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization did not receive the majority of its funding from taxpayer money, she did not release the information beyond the custody records, AC5, AC6, and euthanasia log book, if requested. The process for fulfilling the FOIA request was this – The custody record was copied and redactions of all personal information were made on the copy. The copy was then copied so no personal information could be seen if held to a light. The euthanasia log book presented a problem. Employees’ names are recorded by each animal they euthanized. We asked for permission from the requester to redact those names. Permission was denied. We felt there was no reason why it was in the public interest to have that information released and the certified staff members knew that the information would be used to try to publicly harass them. In fact, the requester did say they wanted to link names with animals. As a result, we hired a law firm beyond Danville to research the issue. It cost us over \$1,000, but we felt it was important to protect our staff members. As a result, we made the decision to redact the names. We were willing to go to court about it. That is the background information. We will not respond publicly to the personal attacks, fueled by negativity. Suffice it to say that our perspective differs greatly from comments and recollections posted. However, we will briefly reply to some of the false allegations posted:

1. One allegation is we do not sedate animals before euthanasia. We do. This is a false allegation, based on the fact that it is not recorded in the euthanasia log book. It is recorded elsewhere, on records that are not public information. Let us repeat. We sedate all animals before euthanasia. Oral or injectable Acepromazine is used. A dosage chart, written by our supervising veterinarian, is posted and referred to. We used to record the dosage on the cage cards; however, we now have a form for documentation that is stapled to the custody record.

2. Another allegation is that we euthanize animals before the stray time is fulfilled. The truth is that we can euthanize before the stray time is up IF the animal is critically ill, critically injured, or unweaned (Virginia Code 3.2-6546 paragraph 5E). Again, the custody records do not have all of the information needed to make an informed judgment.

3. A particularly disturbing allegation is that we allow stray animals to suffer before euthanizing them. Absolutely not. This is based, we suppose, on the information recorded on the custody record. What is not recorded is the fact that the animal had been seen by a veterinarian, may have been euthanized at the veterinary clinic, and/or was receiving treatment to save a life or prevent suffering. Veterinarian recommendations are followed.

In 2024 when we read some posts about the complaint submitted to the State Vet and Board of Pharmacy, we made adjustments and corrections. We worked with a local firm and a committee to form a strategic plan that will focus our attention on our greatest needs. Most days at the shelter, we operate in survival mode and thought it would be a good idea to have this plan in place. The final plan will be posted.

Each animal in a litter or each animal brought in from the same address now is recorded on a separate custody record.

When people from North Carolina call for help because they can’t find a shelter that will accept them, we tell them that they must have a state health certificate. Working with our supervising veterinarian, we updated our AC5 and AC6 forms. We are transitioning to digital records, but there have been some glitches that we are working on.

We have bought more advertising to promote our programs. We are proud of our spay/neuter programs, our humane education/public outreach, pet food bank, and all of the daily work we do to help animals.

We hired a part-time social media person who is doing a wonderful job in posting pictures of animals received and animals available for adoption.

We hired a part-time person to help with volunteers/fosters/transfer partners. We hope to have a compassion fatigue workshop for our staff members. Being constantly criticized and falsely accused of all kinds of things wears them down. Beyond this, we are open to privately providing clarification to any questions or concerns.



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1. Which artist wrote and released "You Are the Sunshine of My Life"?
2. Name the artist who was born Reginald Kenneth Dwight.
3. Who released the 1962 cover of "Ruby Baby"?
4. Which artist co-wrote and released "Running Scared"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I thought I could live without romance until you came to me, But now I know that I will go on loving you eternally."

Answers

1. Stevie Wonder, in 1973. The song won a Grammy Award for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance and was entered into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2002.
2. Elton John, now known as Sir Elton Hercules John after receiving a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1995. He was also knighted in 1998 for services to music.
3. Dion. The song reached No. 2 on the Hot 100 chart.
4. Roy Orbison, in 1961.
5. "I Want You, I Need You, I Love You," by Elvis Presley, in 1956. After 17 takes with no perfect version and being on deadline, the record company producer ended up splicing pieces of version 14 to pieces of version 17. No one could tell he'd done that.

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Q. Is it true that Billy Ray Cyrus is dating Elizabeth Hurley? I thought he was married. — *K.S.*

A. The "Achy Breaky Heart" singer and father of Miley Cyrus recently went public with his new romance with actress Elizabeth Hurley ("Runaways"). Billy Ray Cyrus was married to Tish Cyrus for 29 years before they split. He then wed a singer named Firerose who was 29 years his junior, but they divorced less than a year later.

His relationship with Firerose seemed to cause a rift between him and his children. Perhaps Hurley can be the bridge that brings them back together. Her 23-year-old son, Damian, publicly gave his approval of their relationship with a heart emoji after the couple went Instagram official.

Q. Whatever happened to Marvel's "Blade" series? Did it just get delayed, or has it been scrapped altogether? — *D.D.*

A. The 1998 film "Blade," which was originally a Marvel comic, starred Wesley Snipes as a half-vampire/half-mortal. It inspired two more sequels, and Snipes also made a cameo as Blade in "Deadpool & Wolverine" last year. Since 2019, there's been plans for a "Blade" reboot film (not a series, at least not yet) starring Oscar-winning actor Mahershala Ali.

Actor Delroy Lindo, who currently appears in another vampire flick "Sinners," was asked the cast for the new "Blade" and spoke to Entertainment Weekly about the delayed project. He eventually left the film during its development process after it "went off the rails."

He stated that Marvel "seemed to be really interested in my input" and that conversations with the producers, writer and director at the time was "all leading into it being very inclusive." But creative differences prevailed, and Lindo moved on to other projects like "Sinners."

Marvel pulled "Blade" from its 2025 release calendar after production got pushed back by the pandemic and the Hollywood industry strikes. Meanwhile, Kevin Feige, president of Marvel Studios, says that he remains committed to Ali's take on the character and that the character "will be coming to the MCU."



Depositphotos

Elizabeth Hurley ("Runaways")

Ali, who won respective Oscars in 2017 and 2019 for "Moonlight" and "Green Book," can be seen in the upcoming "Jurassic World: Rebirth" and has several other projects lined up.

Q. Did the actor who played the judge on "Elsbeth" once appear on "Lost?" I had never seen him before this show, but it's got to be him. — *S.E.*

A. Yes, Michael Emerson joined the hit mystery-drama series "Lost" in 2006, in what was initially a short-term role. However, he became a full-time cast member beginning in season three. He then starred in another hit series "Person of Interest" on CBS with Jim Caviezel, which lasted five seasons. Then he landed another hit — "Evil" on Paramount+.

I'm willing to bet that his favorite acting gig so far has been playing a villain opposite his real-life wife of 26 years, Carrie Preston, on "Elsbeth." About filming their final scene together, he told TV Insider, "We were ready for writing this strong, and when we got it, we could play it."

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Raising Magnesium Intake Helps With Bigeminy Heartbeat

DEAR DR. ROACH: Several months ago, I developed a case of a bigeminy heartbeat, so my cardiologist prescribed metoprolol. At about the same time, I had reduced my intake of magnesium from about 50% of the daily value (DV) to 35%. (This may have preceded the bigeminy onset.)

Quite by accident, I read an article recommending magnesium for a heart arrhythmia. Within a week or so of reading the article, I started magnesium gluconate at 100% of the DV. I have been taking this and metoprolol for about a month, and my condition has improved about 95%.

The question is: How can we tell if shorting down the magnesium to 35% was actually the cause and increasing it to 100% was the cure? — L.R.

ANSWER: Bigeminy, more precisely ventricular bigeminy, is a term most people probably haven't heard of, but most people have heard of a premature ventricular contraction (PVC). Ventricular bigeminy is when every other beat is a PVC and alternates with regular beats.

While this rhythm can happen in people without any heart disease or risk factors, your cardiologist will have considered many underlying causes such as excess alcohol use, anemia, low oxygen levels, and thyroid disease. A beta blocker like metoprolol is usually the first drug that is used as beta blockers reduce adrenalin levels, reduce the oxygen needs of the heart, and are proven to be effective at reducing the number of PVCs.

A low magnesium level is another risk factor for PVCs and ventricular bigeminy, and there are case reports of the rhythm going away completely with magnesium. So, while we can't be sure whether your bigeminy was caused by a low magnesium level, the story is suggestive that it's a real possibility.

I don't recommend taking magnesium except in people who have low levels, but 100% of the DV of magnesium is quite safe to take.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 76-year-old female who weighs 112 pounds. I am 5 feet, 4 inches tall, and in good health. I walk 40 minutes to 1 hour over a very hilly course five days a week and do strength training two days a week. I was just diagnosed with osteoporosis, with my risk of a major osteoporosis fracture being 12.6% and my risk of a hip fracture being 3.8%, according to FRAX.

I have Barrett's esophagus that is monitored every three years and take 20 mg of omeprazole for it. I also take 2,000 IU of vitamin D daily and try to eat a high-calcium diet. My only other medication is 50 mg of trazodone for sleep. I have no other medical problems.

My primary doctor wants to put me on medication for osteoporosis. Given my situation, which medication would you recommend? — P.C.

ANSWER: The FRAX score is a way of combining a person's measured bone density with clinical risk factors like age, sex and weight to provide an estimate of the fracture risk. Most authorities recommend treatment when the risk of a major osteoporotic fracture is greater than 20% or the risk of a hip fracture is greater than 3%. Your primary doctor is following the published literature. (I will note that a revised calculator called the FRAXplus includes additional risk factors and can be found at FRAXplus.org/calculation-tool/.)

Omeprazole, the medicine you take for Barrett's, protects your esophagus but can cause poor absorption of calcium, which may be an additional risk factor for you. Because of your Barrett's, the normal first-line treatments (oral bisphosphonates) are not recommended. Instead, intravenous bisphosphonates such as zoledronic acid once a year are the standard recommendation.

Denosumab is another option, but people need to stay on this medication long-term because, unlike bisphosphonates, bone loss occurs rapidly after stopping it.

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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MAY 2025 Clean Up / Fix Up Month

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All household trash and small debris should be inside an approved cart

- One curbside collection per week on regular scheduled weekday
- Unapproved trash carts will not be emptied
- All loose debris and household trash must be bagged
- No hazardous materials (such as liquids, paints, fuel, etc.) No car parts
- Additional carts are available for sale, if needed. Call Public Works at 799-5245

Free tire disposal

- Four (4) tires per household (Must be generated from resident. No commercial tires)

Free large appliance pickup

- Scheduled curbside collection of appliances BY APPOINTMENT ONLY (Call: 799-5245)

Free oversized piles of large bulk debris collected by Bucket Truck

- One curbside collection per week on regular scheduled weekday
- Separate yard waste debris from large bulk debris
- No rental trailers are available for free
- ABSOLUTELY NO CONTRACTOR GENERATED BULK DEBRIS

Free oversized piles of yard waste debris collected by Bucket Truck

- One curbside collection per week on regular scheduled weekday
- Separate yard waste debris from large bulk debris
- All loose leaves or grass clippings must be bagged
- No tree stumps
- No rental trailers are available for free
- ABSOLUTELY NO TREE CONTRACTOR DEBRIS

Small construction/demolition debris

- Debris from small construction projects/repair projects - DONE BY HOMEOWNER ONLY
- ABSOLUTELY NO CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION DEBRIS FROM CONTRACTORS

Free heavy debris collected (bricks, rocks, cinder blocks, dirt, etc.)

- Heavy debris collection BY APPOINTMENT ONLY (Call: 799-5245)
- ABSOLUTELY NO HEAVY DEBRIS FROM CONTRACTORS

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MAKE DANVILLE SHINE IN MAY 2025
(ALL WAIVED FEES/RESTRICTIONS END FRIDAY, MAY 30th)

Make Danville Shine Home Expo set for Saturday

The annual Make Danville Shine Home Expo will be held on Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Market located at 629 Craghead St. The event is free and open to the public.

Home repair and maintenance experts, along with a variety of other vendors, will be on-site to share helpful information, offer discounts, and hand out free giveaways while supplies last. Children of all ages can take part in craft projects and other fun activities. American Legion Post 1097 will begin serving free hot dogs at 8:30 a.m., and additional snacks will also be available.

This expo will be held with the opening of the Farmers Market and officially kicks off the 13th annual Make Danville Shine campaign, which is a month-long initiative to encourage every resident to focus on maintenance, upkeep, and beautification of their property and to assist neighbors who may not be able to do so because of age or disability.

To support the cleanup campaign, the City of Danville Public Works Department is again waiving several fees and restrictions regarding yard waste, large bulk debris, tire disposal and appliance pickups during the month of May. The waiver of fees does not include the compost site.



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Goodyear Blvd. Litter Project



On April 26, 2025, five members of the ACJA-LAE Alpha Upsilon Lambda Professional Chapter gathered 6 bags of litter on a 4.5 mile stretch of Goodyear Blvd. Pictured (L-R) are Shirley Redd, Andrew Van Der Hyde, Vice President John Wilt, Chapter Advisor and Cynthia Phillips. Not pictured: Jasmine Lipscomb, Sergeant at Arms. For ACJA-LAE membership information, contact advisor Wilt at jbwilt@aumail.averett.edu or call (434) 770-8822. Upcoming chapter activities include a Saturday May 3rd rummage sale from 8-2 at Christ Episcopal Church (Rt. 41 & Ridgecrest Drive), June 7th "Run for Justice" at Angler's Park, July Jail-A-Thon at the James F. Ingram Justice Center in Danville and August 23rd "50-50" at the South Boston Speedway.

15th Annual AUL-Kiwanis Club Rummage Sale


The combined 15th Annual Alpha Upsilon Lambda-Kiwanis Club of Danville rummage sale is Saturday, May 3rd at Christ Episcopal Church, 3245 Franklin Turnpike & Ridgecrest Drive and includes clothing, books, housewares, furniture, pictures and many more items for sale. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. For information, call or email John Wilt 434-770-8822 or jbwilt@aumail.averett.edu



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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

Thomas Wayne Wray

December 28, 1961 ~ April 26, 2025 (age 63)



Mr. Thomas Wayne Wray, age 63, of Pelham, NC passed away on Saturday, April 26th, 2025 at Annie Penn Hospital in Reidsville, NC.

He was born on December 28, 1961, in Reidsville, NC, to the late Edward Thomas Wray and Kathleen Strader

Wray.

Wayne worked as a computer programmer and was a naturally talented musician.

He is survived by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Becky and Larry Durham and Peggy and Kenneth Gauldin; nieces, Michelle Parsons with husband James, Wanda Hammock with husband Kenneth, and Teresa Willis with husband Chris; nephew, Kenneth Gauldin, Jr. with wife Kim; and many loving great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents Wayne was preceded in death by sister and brother-in-law, Linda and James Robert McDuffie and niece, Robin Pickerel.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at Pelham United Methodist Church at 1:00pm with Pastor Larry Durham and Pastor Kenneth Hammock officiating. Visitation will be held from 12:00pm until 1:00pm. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving Mr. Wray's Family.

Carrie Virginia Cifers

May 2, 1924 ~ April 23, 2025 (age 100)

Mrs. Carrie Cifers, age 100, of Danville, died on April 23rd, 2025 at SOVAH Health-Danville.

She was born on May 2nd, 1924 in Halifax County, Virginia to the late John Cleveland Ratliff and Eliza Florence Ramey Ratliff.

Mrs. Cifers spent her working years as a secretary at her family's business, Cifers Auto Parts.

She is survived by her son, James Cifers, Sr. (Debbie); brother, Bobby Ratliffe; sister, Gladys Spangler; grandchildren, Jim Cifers (Bobbie Jo), Angela Anderson (Jamie), and Crystal Newman (Josh); and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Cifers was predeceased by her husband, William Robert Cifers, Jr.; son, William Robert Cifers III; six brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, April 28, 2025, at 2:00pm at Swicegood Funeral Chapel with Rev. Mike Wiles officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:00pm until 2:00pm, prior to the service. Interment will follow at Highland Burial Park.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Cifers family.

William Barcalow

February 25, 1942 ~ April 25, 2025 (age 83)

Helen Mabe

January 7, 1938 ~ April 26, 2025 (age 87)

Gary Pyron

April 17, 1957 ~ April 21, 2025 (age 68)


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: TOY BUILDING BLOCKS

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Consent to	— — — — W	Metallic mixture	— — — — Y
2. A couple of times	— — — C —	Hay bale string	— — — N —
3. O'Neal's “ — Moon”	— — P — —	More ashen	— — L — —
4. Most peculiar	— D — — —	First born	— L — — —
5. Curved out	— — — — X	Carry goods	— — — — Y
6. Sugary	S — — — —	Aviary sound	T — — — —
7. Mime Marceau	— — — C — —	Phenomenon	— — — V — —
8. Clamor	— — I — —	Vikinglike	— — R — —
9. Earth's neighbor	— — — U —	Flues	— — — T —
10. Disclaimer	— — — V — —	Food server	— — — T — —

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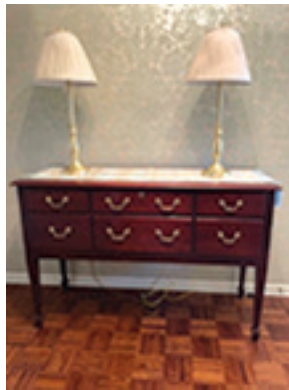
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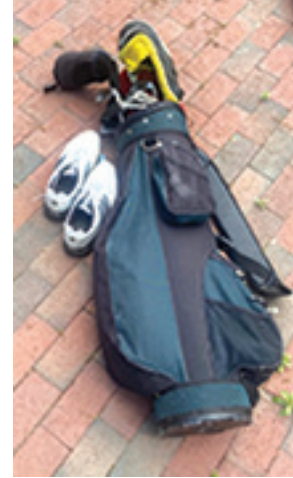
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Fake deployments and free plane rides

It takes an especially devious mind to come up with some of this stuff. We have to wonder what staff at the Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VAO-IG) think when they're investigating certain crimes. They probably aren't smiling.

For example, this one: A veteran managed to grab 130 free airline flights while pretending he was on active duty and being sent on military assignments. The guy was an airline baggage handler, but only for one week. Then he showed his airline employer a fistful of fake military documents that said he needed eight months off for deployment.

During that time he jetted around the globe using the free flights benefit of employees, hitting all the hot-spot tourist destinations, from the Caribbean, to South America, to Europe and all points in between -- and documented the trips online. At the end of that period, he gave the airline more fake military documents and managed to extend the whole scam for another two years.

Meanwhile, while still employed by the airline and pretending he was entitled to free unlimited flights, he snagged a job as a federal air marshal.

Also, meanwhile, he took a job at a sporting goods retailer and pulled the same "I have to go do my military service" scam, likely so he could get the store discount.

It didn't help that the fake military orders he created were allegedly signed by someone who didn't exist.

The scammer's undoing began in part because he wanted to take his federal air marshal weapon with him on the plane and there was confusion about why an airline employee baggage handler, which he still claimed to be, would be carrying an air marshal weapon while on personal travel and while he was supposedly still in the military.

Once investigators started digging into it, they unearthed a jaw-dropping 130 flights the scammer had taken.

I hope he enjoyed his vacations in the sun, because he could be looking at 20 years in the slammer.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* In 2010, a group of 15 monkeys escaped from a Japanese research institute by using trees to catapult themselves over a 17-foot-high electrical fence.

* Potato aphids will not mate if they detect a drop in air pressure.

* Casting for Quentin Tarantino’s “Jackie Brown” was partly done by Jaki Brown, and Lee Daniels’ “The Butler” was cast by Leah Daniels-Butler.

* It would only cost you in the neighborhood of \$140 per year to eat ramen for every meal.

* France is the most visited country in the world.

* Neurologists claim that every time you resist acting on your anger, you are actually rewiring your brain to be calmer and more loving.

* LEONardo da Vinci was the first person to observe the curvature of the human spine.

* During WWII, Winston Churchill wore a specially designed onesie that he called his “siren suit.”

* Don Gorske earned a spot in the Guinness World Records in 2016 for the gastric feat of consuming his 28,788th Big Mac.

* While most parents do what they can to prevent or stop their babies from crying, in Japan a 400-year-old tradition holds that if a sumo wrestler can make your baby cry, it will live a healthy life. During a special ceremony, parents hand over their infants to wrestlers who bounce the tots and sometimes even roar in their faces to get the tears going.

* In 1923, a jockey suffered a fatal heart attack but his horse finished and won the race, making him the first and only jockey to win a race after death.

* Mike Tyson would KO sparring partners quickly so he could get home in time to watch “Tom & Jerry.”

Thought for the Day: “Not all paths offer a vista. But every path offers a lesson.” -- Toni Sorenson

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Sweet Alabama Pecan Bread



- INGREDIENTS
- 2 c. pecans finely chopped

11/2 c. self-rising flour

1 c. granulated sugar

1 c. brown sugar

1 c. vegetable oil

4 large eggs beaten

1 tsp. vanilla extract

1/4 tsp. salt

- INSTRUCTIONS
- Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Use some butter or nonstick spray to grease a baking dish measuring 9x13 inches.

In a bowl combine the granulated sugar, brown sugar, beaten eggs and vegetable oil until they are well mixed.

Gradually mix in the self-rising flour and salt just until they are incorporated.

Add the vanilla extract. Gently fold in the chopped pecans.

Pour the batter into the greased baking dish.

Bake it in your preheated oven for around 30 to 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out mostly clean.

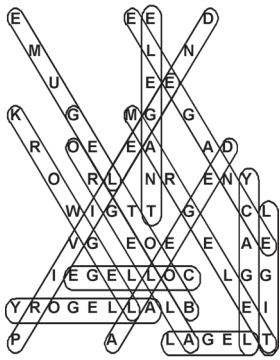
Allow your baked Pecanbread to cool down in the dish for at least 15 minutes before slicing it up and serving.

Notes

For those who love the nutty taste of our Pecan-bread but need to follow a gluten-free diet there’s no need to worry! You can still enjoy this treat. Just replace the self-rising flour with a gluten-free self-rising blend. These blends are widely available. Have properties, of regular flour ensuring that your Pecanbread rises beautifully without gluten. Just keep in mind that gluten-free flours may sometimes absorb moisture so if your batter seems thick feel free to add a little more vegetable oil, for that perfect moistness.

See You Next Time

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- Even Exchange answers
1. Allow, Alloy

2. Twice, Twine

3. Paper, Paler

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WE ♥ OUR READERS



Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

* There’s been a lot of talk at my house about kitchen gadgets that do double duty, especially since I have made whipped cream for the first time -- in my coffeemaker! I have a French press that I rarely use, until now. Add heavy whipping cream and a bit of sugar to the pot, and use the screen to whip the cream by rapidly bringing it up and down. Magic!

* “I love to eat pancakes, but I don’t have time to make them every morning. I make a very large batch on Sundays and reheat them through the week. In order to re-create that fresh from the pan crisp (which you don’t get if you microwave them), I use my toaster.” -- P.E. in Ohio

* “I have an extra coffeepot, which I brew a pot of hot water in. I use the water for both tea and instant oatmeal packets in the morning.” -- M.S. in Nevada

* Ice-cube trays can be handy for freezing portions of foods. Try freezing individual servings of baby food. Or clean and snip fresh herbs from your garden. Fill the ice-cube tray with tablespoons of olive oil and tuck the herb snippings into the oil. Then freeze. Whatever you freeze can be popped out and stored in a zipper-top bag for quick access.

* “Here’s my tip: Use a muffin pan to make big ice cubes for drinks.” -- A.L. in Missouri

* Hashbrowns can be made on a waffle iron. Coat liberally with canola oil or butter-flavored nonstick spray, and add shredded potatoes and finely diced onion. Allow the iron to cook the potatoes to your desired level of crispness, and flip out both sides onto a plate. They will be both crisp and soft!

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

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