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Holidays

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

Community Events

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

The Bible Reading Club will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 6pm in the newly revamped CTK Fellowship Center, 1172 Franklin Tpke. Bring your personal Bible. All Welcome!!

Free Community Hotdog Lunch! Saturday May 17th 12-3pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1172 Franklin Tpke. Luncheon will be in the New Fellowship Center. Bonus-Large Selection of Free Books Available at Little Free Library Container on driveway. All Welcome!!

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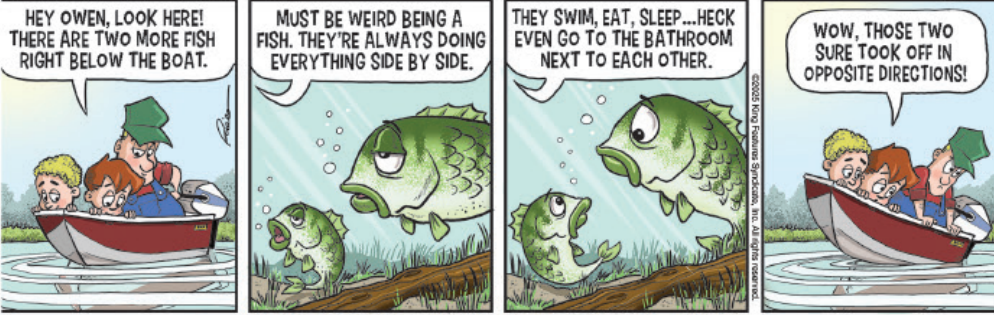
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTOFF

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

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ACROSS

- 1 Completely
- 4 Playwright Levin
- 7 Done with
- 11 Secular
- 13 Collection
- 14 Water carrier
- 15 Airline to Tel Aviv
- 16 ET's craft
- 17 Dutch cheese
- 18 Ersatz chocolate
- 20 One-named supermodel
- 22 Tree fluid
- 24 Trombone parts
- 28 Grassy tract
- 32 January, to Juan
- 33 Grassy area
- 34 Shade provider
- 36 FBI guy
- 37 Alpha's opposite
- 39 "The Hunger Games" heroine
- 41 Dance clubs
- 43 Prefix with athlete
- 44 Tom Joad, for one
- 46 Urged (on)
- 50 Hive population
- 53 Schlep
- 55 Luau dance

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- 56 Vegetarian's no-no
- 57 Mine material
- 58 Russian ruler
- 59 Saturates
- 60 Scale member
- 61 Blasting stick
- 7 Exciting Broadway event
- 8 YouTube clip, for short
- 9 Clean air org.
- 10 "The One I Love" band
- 12 Loan application fees
- 19 "Cheers" setting
- 21 Pub order
- 23 Bakery purchase
- 25 Singer Lovato again, for short
- 26 Historic periods
- 27 Male children
- 28 Trudge
- 29 Actor Malek
- 30 Dazzles
- 31 Caribou kin
- 35 Yoga pad
- 38 Fine, to NASA
- 40 Italian "three"
- 42 Farm towers
- 45 Franc replacement
- 47 Sudden wind
- 48 Flair
- 49 Scurry
- 50 German auto
- 51 Shoe width
- 52 Have breakfast
- 54 Solidify

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is last, alphabetically?
2. MOVIES: What does the acronym S.H.I.E.L.D. stand for in movies about Marvel characters?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the short story "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"?
4. GAMES: How many cards are in a standard deck?
5. TELEVISION: On which sitcom did the character Harry the Hat appear?
6. BUSINESS: When did the first Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise open?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many Nobel prizes are awarded every year?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the shortest at 5 foot 4 inches tall?
9. ASTRONOMY: Who was the first woman to travel into space?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby platypus called?

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1. Wyoming; 2. Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement and Logistics Division; 3. James Thurber; 4. 52; 5. "Cheers"; 6. 1952 in Salt Lake City, Utah; 7. Six; 8. James Madison; 9. Valentina Tereshkova; 10. A playpup or pugle

Trivia Test Answers

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Piedmont Pets

May 8, 2025 By Paulette Dean

In May 2023, our mother died. My first memories take place in Hawaii in the late 1950s. Since I was about three, my memory is rather short; however, I remember my mother holding a black kitten and telling me to be very gentle with her.

From this time, I also remember being introduced to another Army family's cocker spaniel. She was a beautiful buff color and whenever we visited, Princess would be sure to sit by me because I was always the one who would give her treats. I remember my mother telling me about the dogs she had when she was growing up.

Mother had a lifelong fear of lizards and mice. Despite her fear, she let my sister have a mouse that had come from an Army research lab. Although she never, ever touched the mouse that I remember, I do have a distinct memory of her telling me to be very still as the mouse was allowed to explore the pockets of my bathrobe. Her fear of any animal never caused her to treat the animal with anything other than kindness.

That become apparent when Daddy was transferred to Ft. Riley, Kansas. It was there that one of Daddy's company would go out on maneuvers in deserted areas of the prairie. One day, another sergeant in the company was going to be transferred and he told Daddy that he had picked up a horned toad during maneuvers, but could not take it with him. So, the tough sergeant with a marshmallow heart brought the horned toad home with him. You can imagine how Mother felt about that! And yet, once again, she taught my sister and me how to meet the needs of that poor creature who should never have been kept as a pet. (Note: We only had that horned toad for a short time. The next time Daddy went out on maneuvers to the same area as before, he set the creature free.)

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Next came Baumholder, Germany. Army life wasn't really conducive to having dogs and cats as pets; however, Mother and Daddy let Susan have a parakeet. Mother was the caretaker and I remember her faithfully making sure Dixie had clean food and water bowls, a clean cage and time outside the cage. When we left, Dixie was given to a German woman who helped clean the barracks.

The final Army duty station was near San Diego, California. Susan and I were allowed to have hamsters, but when Mother went to the pet store to buy food one day, she saw a beautiful long-haired white cat that was deaf. She had plans on returning the next day to buy the cat; however, when she took Daddy and my sister there, they decided on the cutest dachshund beagle mix puppy and brought him home.

We named him Walter. Daddy said Walter had to stay outside most of the time. Mother just smiled. Walter slept with them that first night and every night of his life. He was Mother's constant companion.

As I look back, I realize there are lessons to be learned from how my Mother treated animals. The most important lesson of all is that no matter the species or circumstance, animals deserve to be treated kindly. Thank you, Mother.

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Safety Signs

The words “Stop, Look, Listen” might evoke song titles, childhood lessons or everyday common sense. The phrase comes from the 1800s; specifically, from the advent of railroads. Railroad travel was revolutionary, but, like most emerging technologies, brought new dangers along with its advantages. It quickly became clear that some safety measures had to be taken to avoid collisions at crossings.

The first safety precautions were simple signs. Today, the familiar design is an X-shaped sign reading “Railroad Crossing” and usually accompanied by flashing lights and alarms. Earlier signs were different, like this cast-iron oval reminding its reader to “Stop Look Listen,” which sold at Copake Auction Inc. for \$1,062 against a presale estimate of \$200 to \$300. It may have been a very early sign, made at a time when most people didn’t realize how long a braking distance a train required and therefore may have expected an approaching train to be able to stop before it reached the crossing. Instead of simply alerting the reader to what they are approaching, the sign states exactly what to do.

Q: I have 12 German beer steins I received from my great-grandfather. He brought them over from Germany in the late 1800s. I would like to know where I can find out about their value and any information about where to look.

A: Beer steins, like almost anything related to beer and breweries, are popular collectibles. By the 1800s, most German beer steins were made of stoneware and had pewter lids. They also have been made of other materials, like porcelain, pewter, silver, wood or ivory. The most famous German beer steins are known as Mettlach because they were made by the Villeroy and Boch pottery factory in the town of Mettlach. Check the base of your steins for marks. Mettlach steins have a mark that looks like a castle. They also have a date-number code to help identify them. If your steins have



“Stop. Look. Listen.” It’s always good advice, especially when there are train tracks nearby.

“Geschutz” or “Musterschutz” written on them, those are not company names; they mean “patented” or “registered design.” There are many books about beer stein collecting that can help you identify and value yours. “The Beer Stein Book” and “The Mettlach Book,” both by Gary Kirsner, are especially helpful. Look for them and other beer stein books at your local library. You can also contact a collector’s club, like Stein Collectors International (steincollectors.org) for more information.

TIP: Clean dirt and rust from an old iron piece by spraying it with oven cleaner. Put it in a sealed bag for an hour or two, then rub the spray off with a nylon scouring pad.

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Dry Cough Persisting for a Decade Might Indicate Asthma

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a dry cough that’s been going on for about 13-14 years. I’m a healthy 62-year-old and read that it is called “cough variant asthma.” I would like to know more about this but can’t really find anything about it, except that it will eventually get worse if it’s not treated. I was checked twice in the past 15 years for asthma, and I wasn’t diagnosed. However, I’ve not been diagnosed with any acid reflux or postnasal drip. — D.S.

ANSWER: Although most people think that asthma causes wheezing, cough is a very common symptom of asthma. You’ve named the two other most common causes of chronic cough: acid reflux and postnasal drip. It can be tricky to make these diagnoses.

Very often, primary care doctors will do a “therapeutic trial” that involves a short-term prescription to see if there is improvement. For acid reflux, it might be an H2 blocker like famotidine (Pepcid), which acts faster than a proton-pump inhibitor like omeprazole. This is often faster, easier, and much less expensive than a diagnostic test like a 24-hour pH monitor (the gold-standard diagnostic test).

Similarly, a physician might give a trial of asthma medication (such as a bronchodilator like albuterol) to see if it stops the cough, rather than immediately testing a person’s pulmonary function with

a trial of bronchodilators — a standard diagnostic test for asthma. Sometimes a pulmonologist will order a “methacholine challenge test” where an airway irritant is given at very low doses to see if it will trigger an asthma response in the lung. Postnasal drip can sometimes be confirmed by a physical exam, but a fiberoptic laryngoscopy is seldom necessary to make the diagnosis.

When therapeutic trials are not helpful, diagnostic tests become necessary. I personally order lung testing before and after bronchodilators on all patients with suspected asthma, as the tests give important information beyond a diagnosis. Lung testing can be used to follow the course of the disease and identify whether there may be a separate problem in addition to asthma.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 69-year-old male. I exercise five days per week and eat healthy. I take losartan, simvastatin, Xarelto and metoprolol. I have gotten the COVID and flu shots yearly but still end up catching the flu. What gives? — J.L.P.

ANSWER: I wish the flu shot was perfect, but it isn’t. Each year, the flu shot is usually around 30% to 50% effective at protecting people from getting the flu. Still, 50% protection is a lot better than no protection at all. Furthermore, if you do get the flu, people who have received the vaccine tend to have milder cases, which is very similar to the COVID vaccines.

The flu is pretty contagious, so if you are in close contact with a lot of different people, you are likely to get exposed. You can reduce your risk of the flu (and COVID) by keeping away from large groups or wearing a mask, in addition to getting your yearly vaccine.

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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2. What team accomplished a Major League Baseball first by hitting home runs on the first three pitches thrown against them in a 20-9 rout of the Milwaukee Brewers in March 2025?
3. Offensive lineman Dwayne White earned what nickname for being the New York Jets' lead blocker on short-yardage run plays in the early 1990s?
4. What short-lived 1951 TV series originating from Philadelphia consisted of children ages 3-12 fighting in three-round boxing matches?
5. First opened in 1977, Ice World was a venue for skating, hockey, boxing and professional wrestling located in what U.S. state?
6. How many 3-pointers did the Alabama Crimson Tide make to set a new NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament single-game record in their 113-88 Sweet 16 victory over BYU in 2025?
7. What American track athlete, a gold-medal winner in the 4x100 meter relay at the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics, also had three touchdown receptions in an NFL career spanning 1987-92?

Answers

1. The NASCAR Sportsman Division.
2. The New York Yankees.
3. The Road Grader.
4. "Kid Gloves."
5. New Jersey.
6. 25.
7. Sam Graddy.

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Regional entities receive Business Facilities Economic Development Organization Award

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Microporous recognized as Top Deal in North America by Site Selection Magazine

Recently, Site Selection Magazine announced that Microporous, a lithium-ion battery separator manufacturer, has been recognized as a 2024 Top Deal in North America.

In November of 2024, Microporous announced plans to invest \$1.35 billion to establish a new facility in Pittsylvania County and create 2,015 new jobs. The company will develop on Lot 1 of the Southern Virginia Megasite at Berry Hill.

Top projects are determined by a points system driven by corporate facility investment and affiliated job creation as tracked by Site Selection's Conway Projects Database.

"We are honored that Microporous has been recognized by Site Selection Magazine as a 2024 Top Deal in North America," said Corrie Bobe, Director, Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism. "This achievement marks a transformative milestone for our region, with a \$1.35 billion investment and over 2,000 new jobs, making it the largest economic development project in Southern Virginia's history. This project demonstrates the strength of our region's manufacturing sector and sets the stage for continued economic growth. Microporous's success is a signal to the world that Southern Virginia is open for business and ready to support both large and small supporting industries."

"Microporous's decision to invest in the Southern Virginia Megasite as the anchor tenant follows many months of due diligence and will create impacts far beyond direct capital investment and job creation, already generating new opportunities for businesses and additional jobs across the region," said Linda Green, Southern Virginia Regional Alliance Executive Director. "To ensure meaningful community and employee benefits, Microporous has committed to a comprehensive community benefits plan that aligns their growth with Southern Virginia's long-term economic prosperity. They are actively addressing and investing in regional innovation for childcare, hosting procurement fairs to connect local businesses with their development and construction teams and strengthening the sector by linking to suppliers and customers throughout the region. This partnership not only attracts promising new businesses to Southern Virginia but also reinforces our shared vision for sustained regional success."

Mat Rowe, Pittsylvania County Economic Development Director, said, "Pittsylvania County is proud to be the future home of the Microporous battery separator manufacturing campus. This project is not only important to the County and the Southern Virginia region due to its direct benefits of substantial job creation and investment, but also to our Nation as we strengthen our domestic supply of key battery materials and components. The company will take advantage of our robust advanced manufacturing focused workforce development pipeline while also giving back via its generous and impactful community benefits plan. I am confident that this project and its future employees will have a transformational impact on our economy, and it's important to note that with the project locating on only 212-acres of the Southern Virginia Megasite, there's over 3,300 development ready acres available for future Site Selector Magazine Top Deal projects."

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On May 3, 2025, the Danville Kiwanis Club & Alpha Upsilon Lambda Professional Chapter held their combined 15th Annual "Rummage Sale" at Christ Episcopal Church, Franklin Turnpike & Ridgecrest Drive. Pictured (L-R in front row): "Rummage Sale" Coordinator John Wilt, Jim Hamilton, Bert Osborne; (L-R in back row): Ed Davis, Melinda Dalton, Rudy Arca. If interested in membership, contact Suzie Lea at suzielea72@gmail.com. Kiwanis Club meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays at the Averett University Student Union Bldg. beginning at 6:00 p.m.



At their meeting on May 1st, the Kiwanis Club of Danville continued its tradition of honoring the outstanding Foreign Language students at Galileo and George Washington High School.

Front Row L-R Sharon Leigg, Foreign Language Head, GW, Sophia Markowitz (Spanish-Galileo), Alyssa Womack (French - GW), Zaniya King (Japanese-GW),
Back Row L-R Ezeguiel de los Santos Escobal (Spanish - GW), Alan Salazar (French-Galileo), Tommy Dodson (Chairman of Youth Services, Kiwanis Club), Charles Hungerland (Latin-GW), Jennifer Kinnett, Foreign Language Head, Galileo. If interested in Kiwanis membership, contact Suzie Lea at suzielea72@gmail.com. Kiwanis Club meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays at the Averett University Student Union Bldg. beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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Coleman Phelps, Sr.

April 21, 1948 ~ May 1, 2025 (age 77)



Mr. Coleman Phelps, age 77, of Ringgold, passed away on May 1st, 2025 at Riverside Nursing Home

He was born on April 21, 1948 in Danville, to the late Ralaigh Phelps and Eva Turner Phelps.

Mr. Phelps spent his

working years as a farmer.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marian Phelps; sons, Timmy Phelps (Patty) and Coleman Phelps, Jr. (Katrina); daughters, Karen Johns (Steve), Norma Rowland (Donald), and Julia Phelps; sister, Carrie Phelps; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Phelps was predeceased by his brothers, Pete Phelps and Junior Phelps; and his sister, Jane Phelps.

A memorial service will be conducted Monday, May 5th, 2025 at 7:00pm with Rev. Dennis Jennings officiating. Visitation will be held from 6:00pm until 7:00pm.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Phelps family.

Ernest Clyde Bray

June 22, 1941 ~ May 3, 2025 (age 83)

Shirley (Salmons) Moore

October 20, 1936 ~ May 6, 2025 (age 88)

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5 Things Funeral Directors Wish Everyone Knew



(Family Features) Most people don’t want to think about death - let alone talk about it. When the time comes, families often find themselves overwhelmed, not only by grief but by the many decisions that need to be made quickly.

Funeral directors witness this every day. They see the stress and confusion that can come when there is no plan in place and the peace of mind that comes with thoughtful preparation.

After consulting funeral directors nationwide, the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) uncovered five things they wish families knew before a death occurs.

1. It’s Never Too Early to Start Planning

While everyone knows death and taxes are inevitable, conversations about death are often avoided.

Simply documenting your wishes and discussing your preferences with your family can alleviate the difficult decisions your loved ones will have to make in the future. Speak with a funeral director to explore the many options for planning a meaningful funeral.

2. Legal and Financial Details Can Cause Unexpected Issues

Families often don’t realize power of attorney ends at death, meaning a designated person can no longer make decisions or access bank accounts once an individual dies.

To avoid complications, consider adding a trust-

ed loved one to your bank account and ensure life insurance beneficiaries are up to date. Too often, deceased individuals leave minor children, deceased spouses or former partners as beneficiaries, leading to legal and financial challenges.

3. Final Wishes Shouldn’t Be In Your Will

Many people believe the best place to document their final wishes is in their will. However, wills are often not read until after funeral services take place, making them an unreliable way to communicate last requests. Instead, discuss and document your wishes with family members or a trusted funeral professional who can keep your wishes on file until there is a need.

4. There Are a Variety of Memorialization Options

End-of-life planning offers more choices than many realize. While burial remains a common preference, cremation is an increasingly popular choice and can even include a viewing and funeral service. Additionally, eco-friendly options, such as alkaline hydrolysis, natural burial and natural organic reduction are becoming more widely available for those seeking green memorialization. In fact, according to NFDA’s 2024 Consumer Awareness and Preferences Study, 68% of respondents expressed interest in green funeral options.

Exploring these possibilities with a funeral professional can help ensure your final arrangements reflect your values, traditions and personal wishes.

5. Funeral Directors Don’t Just Manage Funerals - They’re Trusted Guides In Honoring Life

Funeral directors play a vital role in helping families create meaningful services that reflect their loved one’s life, values and traditions. Whether planning ahead or facing a recent loss, funeral professionals provide expertise, compassionate care and personalized guidance during one of life’s most difficult moments.

Choosing the right funeral director is an important decision and finding someone who understands your needs can make all the difference in honoring your loved one in a personal and meaningful way.

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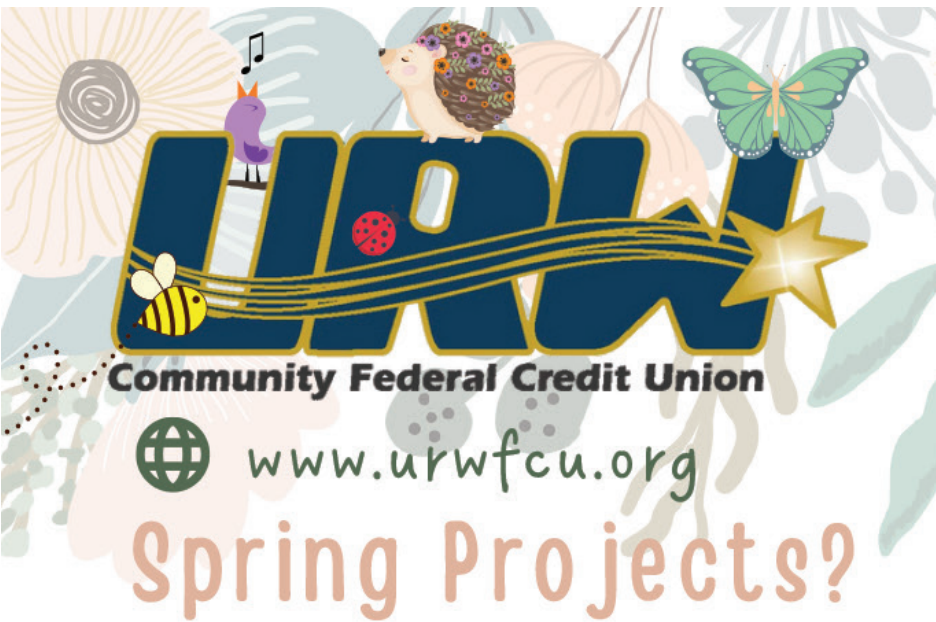
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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Oscar winner Jessica Chastain is headed back to movie theaters in a big way! Her most recent film “Dreams,” opposite Rupert Friend, received high praise at the Berlin Film Festival in February, but it still needs a distributor in the United States. In August 2024, she completed “Lear Rex,” based on “King Lear” by William Shakespeare, and it co-stars Al Pacino as Rey Lear, Ariana DeBose, Rachel Brosnahan, Peter Dinklage, Chris Messina, Danny Huston, and Stephen Dorff. She’s also preparing for Rob Savage’s horror film “Incidents Around the House.” The story involves a haunting from the perspective of a young girl, whose family is targeted by an entity she calls “Other Mommy.”

Recent “Maestro” Oscar nominee Bradley Cooper has chosen his next film: a comedy co-starring Will Arnett, Laura Dern and Sean Hayes, called “Is This Thing On?” After writing, producing, directing and starring in “Maestro,” the biggest success of his career, he must have wanted to get far away from “Maestro’s” demands. He just finished a series of Talenti gelato commercials. (Ice cream in a jar — a great way to zone out!)

Also missing for a while was former “Entourage” series star Jeremy Piven. He was last seen in “Sweetwater” (2023), a biographical sports film about basketball great Nat Clifton. It co-starred Cary Elwes, Richard Dreyfuss and Kevin Pollack, and it cost \$8 million while grossing \$541,633.

Obviously concerned about his thinning hair, he sought help from the HairClub for Men. He must have been very pleased with the results because he’s now the spokesman in their TV ads!

I can’t even count how many times I watched “Jumanji” (1995). Robin Williams was superb in it. Apparent-



Depositphotos

Jessica Chastain (Upcoming in “Dreams”)

ly, the sequels have crushed its \$262.8 million grosses. “Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle” (2017), which starred Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan and Nick Jonas, pulled in \$962.5 million. Then in 2019, “Jumanji: The Next Level” earned \$801.7 million.

Surprise, surprise, there is another sequel in the wings! “Jumanji 4” is scheduled to be released on Dec. 11, 2026. At this time, the principal actors are negotiating their (higher?) salaries, but no one’s been signed as of yet.

No doubt “Jumanji 4” will be finalized soon, especially after the success of “A Minecraft Movie,” a film based on the sandbox game Minecraft that allows players to explore a vast open world, build, and dig for treasure. “A Minecraft Movie” cost \$150 million, opened on April 4, and has already grossed over \$800 million. Jack Black and Jason Momoa star in the film. Imagine if they put “Jumanji” and “Minecraft” together, they could sink “Titanic” from No. 1!

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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. Do away with	— — — — V —	Isolated and distant	— — — — T —
2. Greek philosopher	— — — A — —	Mickey Mouse's pet	— — U — —
3. Stopwatch	— I — — —	Circus performer	— A — — —
4. Bonding cement	— — — — — R	Corporeal	— — — — — L
5. Peter Pan's friend	— E — — —	Breezy	— I — — —
6. Twist one's ankle	— P — — — —	Run through a sieve	— T — — — —
7. Fossil resin	A — — — —	Leftover charcoal	E — — — —
8. Culinary instructions	— — — — P —	Read out loud	— — — — T —
9. Penny metal	— — — P — —	James Fenimore —	— — — O — —
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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2. Who wrote and released "Spinning Wheel"?
3. Which two artists released "Ebony and Ivory"?
4. Name the theme song for "American Gigolo."
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "The road is long with many a winding turn, That leads us to who knows where, who knows when."

Answers

1. "The Streak," by Ray Stevens, in 1974. Astonishingly, this song about a streaker climbed international charts, including the U.S., the U.K., Australia, Ireland and Canada. "The Streak" was one of dozens of songs on the same topic that year.
2. David Clayton-Thomas of Blood, Sweat & Tears in 1969. The song won a Grammy for Best Instrumental Arrangement.
3. Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney, in 1982. Penned by McCartney, it was his first time singing a duet with another artist.
4. "Call Me," by Blondie in 1980. The song topped the Hot 100 chart for six weeks.
5. "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother," originally by Kelly Gordon, in 1969. But it was the Hollies that made the song a hit. The song has been covered by numerous others, including Bill Medley and Neil Diamond.

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by Matilda Charles

Smart devices

Convenience versus safety -- sometimes it's impossible to have both when it comes to tech devices.

There are more smart devices than we could have imagined 10 years ago, and every day brings something new. We have smart door locks, thermostats, refrigerators, indoor and outdoor security cameras, televisions, cellphones, light bulbs, speakers and wall plugs.

Whether it's data breaches, surveillance, intrusions, hijack of your device or outright cyber attacks and theft of your information, smart devices can make you vulnerable if they are hacked.

Take smart thermostats, for example. Those smart gadgets track all kinds of things about you. Scariest of all is that they keep track of when you leave home and when you come back, information that a thief would like to have.

If you want a smart device, be sure you understand the downside and the risks. Keep the software updated, use strong passwords and understand the settings, especially on any device with a camera or microphone. Your smart television speakers could work in the reverse and capture the sounds in the room, for example.

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Perfect gifts for Mother's Day

Mother's Day is celebrated annually on the second Sunday of May. Since 1914, when it was officially recognized as a national holiday by President Woodrow Wilson, families have been gathering to celebrate mothers, and celebrations typically include thoughtful gifts. The role of mother can be a challenging job. Even though people strive to give moms the accolades they deserve, oftentimes mothers don't get enough credit or attention. That all changes on Mother's Day, when Mom is in the spotlight. Although there is no way to completely pay mothers back for their selfless actions and unwavering love, these gifts can help them feel that much more special.

Special meal
According to a survey by the National Restaurant Association, around 48 percent of people make plans to visit restaurants on Mother's Day. Since Mother's Day is so busy for restaurants, it is wise to book reservations early to ensure you get on the list, particularly if there is a specific restaurant Mom wants to visit.

Flowers
Anna Jarvis is credited with starting the push for a national day of recognition for mothers. Jarvis incorporated carnations into the holiday. If you plan to gift Mom a bouquet of flowers, add some carnations to the mix as a subtle nod to the founder of Mother's Day.

Time
Various pronouncements state that 90 percent of the time parents spend with their children happens during their first 18 years of those youngsters' lives. As children get older, they naturally spend much less time with Mom and Dad, as they are spreading their wings and finding their place in the world. Offering your time as an older child can be the best gift of all on Mother's Day. Do something Mom loves, and do it together. That can be engaging in a hobby she enjoys, attending a theater show or concert, taking a walk through the park, or even planning to cook her a meal on a night apart from Mother's Day.

Gift of pampering
Mothers have a lot going on in their lives, and most of it involves helping others. Your Mom's needs and whims likely take a back seat to the demands she places on herself, and that can change on Mother's Day. Treat Mom to gifts that prioritize rest and relaxation. Put together a gift package that includes a massage, hair styling and a manicure at a local salon. Maybe Mom has been interested in trying acupuncture or an aromatherapy treatment to ease stress? There also are soaking and floating salt bath businesses where she can float in silence as the pressures of life drain away. Mother's Day offers an opportunity to turn all attention towards Mom and treat her to various amenities and gifts.



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Strange
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By Lucie Winborne

* Worldwide, blue is the most common favorite color.

* Medieval knights were given letters of protection that essentially provided them with a license to kill, as they granted the possessor full immunity from legal proceedings resulting from battles or necessary fatalities.

* The “Mona Lisa” has her own mailbox in the Louvre for all the flowers, poems and love letters she receives.

* Deipnophobia is the fear of dining with other people

* People have used dishwashers to clean hats, toothbrushes, sneakers and more. There are even tutorials on how to cook certain foods with a dishwasher.

* New Order’s classic song “Blue Monday” is the best-selling 12-inch single in history. Unfortunately, the band lost money on it since the cost of producing its unique cover was higher than its sale price.

* In 95% of cases, the first word someone writes with a new pen is their own name.

* Human fetuses have gills, fur and even a tail during development. The tail becomes the coccyx and the “gills,” which are temporary slits in the neck, develop into jaw and ear bones, while the fur disappears before birth or within a few weeks afterward.

* Despite more than 150 years worth of study and experimentation, no one really knows why ice is slippery.

* Sixty-eight percent of American adults buy shoes with foot pain in mind.

* The oldest known toilet, in the ancient city of Knossos on the island of Crete, has remained functional for approximately 4,000 years since its construction and was built with a seat and sophisticated drainage system.

* Eyelashes are considered the thickest and toughest of all hairs on the human body, with a lifespan of about three months.

Thought for the Day: “Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well.” -- Josh Billings

Mother’s Day Cake

If you’re looking for an easy Mother’s Day Cake, try this jazzed up box cake mix with fresh strawberry buttercream.



- INGREDIENTS

For the Strawberry Puree

1 cup chopped fresh strawberries
- For the Cake

1 box white cake mix

1/3 cup butter (softened)

3 large egg whites

1 cup whole milk

- For the Frosting

4 cups powdered sugar

1 cup butter (softened)

- For Decorations:

6-8 Fresh strawberries for garnish

- INSTRUCTIONS

Prepare the Strawberry Puree

Add the cup of strawberries into a blender or processor and puree until smooth. Add the puree to a small saucepan on the stovetop and cook until the amount of puree simmers down to half 1/2 cup, about 20-25 minutes. Set the reduced puree aside to cool completely.

Make the Cake

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 2 9-inch round cake pans with shortening and then dust with flour.

In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, butter, eggs and milk. Mix for 2-3 minutes at medium speed. Bake for 22-30 minutes or until the center of the cake bounces back when you touch it.

Allow the cakes to cool for 10 minutes in the pans, then turn them out onto wire racks to cool completely.

Preparing the Frosting

In a large mixing bowl, combine the butter and powdered sugar. Mix well until nice and creamy. Add in the cooled puree and mix well.

Assemble the Cake

Once the cake is done cooling, place one cake layer on a cake plate. Frost the top. Place the second cake layer on the first layer. Frost the top and sides of the cake with the remaining frosting.

Garnish the top with your strawberries.

Store at room temperature for 24 hours, then refrigerate any leftovers in an airtight container.

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* J.C. in Florida writes: “The one thing I might add [to your tips about preparing deviled eggs] is making sure the eggs are point down during storage so that the yolks are centered if stuffing.” Great point! A little vinegar in the boiling water will help to keep egg in the shell if it cracks.

* “I love to put photos of family on the fridge. But I found that the photos were getting ruined from grease and moisture in the air. To get around that -- and to really preserve them -- I cleaned and laminated them. Afterward, I hot-glued little magnets to the backs, and now I can move them around to accommodate new photos. There are so many, and it gives me pleasure to look at them.” -- C.R. in Oklahoma

* This is classic money-saving advice as well as safety advice: Lower your water heater temperature from 140 F to 120 F. You will save money on heating water, and you will reduce your risk of scalding from hot temperatures.

* “Add a cinnamon stick or softener sheet to your vacuum bag when you change it. While you clean, you will distribute the good smell throughout your home.” -- F.H. in Colorado

* Got a squeak in your hardwood floors? Dust a sprinkling of baby powder at the source of the squeak, and use a brush to get it in the cracks. The powder can help to lubricate the boards and remove the squeak.

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