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2. Approximately how old was Jesus when the wise men (Magi) arrived with their gifts? 1 day, 2 weeks, 2 months, 2 years
3. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi
4. In what city of Judaea was Jesus born? Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gezer
5. Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus? Archelaus, Herod, Pontius Pilot, Caesar Augustus
6. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Walked, Rode donkey, Boat
7. Of these, which wasn't a gift from the wise men? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense
8. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 1, 2, 7

ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/Luke; 2) 2 years; 3) Nazareth; 4) Bethlehem; 5) Herod; 6) Bible not specific; 7) Silver; 8) Zero

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### Christmas Story: For the Man Who Hated Christmas

By Nancy W. Gavin

It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past ten years.

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas. Oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it - overspending and the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting powder for Grandma - the gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else.

Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Our son Kevin, who was 12 that year, was on the wrestling team at the school he attended. Shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes.

As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears. It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford.

Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them." Mike loved kids - all kids. He so enjoyed coaching little league football, baseball and lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came.

That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes, and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed a small, white envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done, and that this was his gift from me.

Mike's smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year. And that same bright smile lit up succeeding years. For each Christmas, I followed the tradition - one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on.

The white envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning, and our children - ignoring their new toys - would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents. As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the small, white envelope never lost its allure.

The story doesn't end there. You see, we lost Mike last year due to dreaded cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree. And the next morning, I found it was magically joined by three more. Unbeknownst to the others, each of our three children had for the first time placed a white envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing to take down that special envelope.

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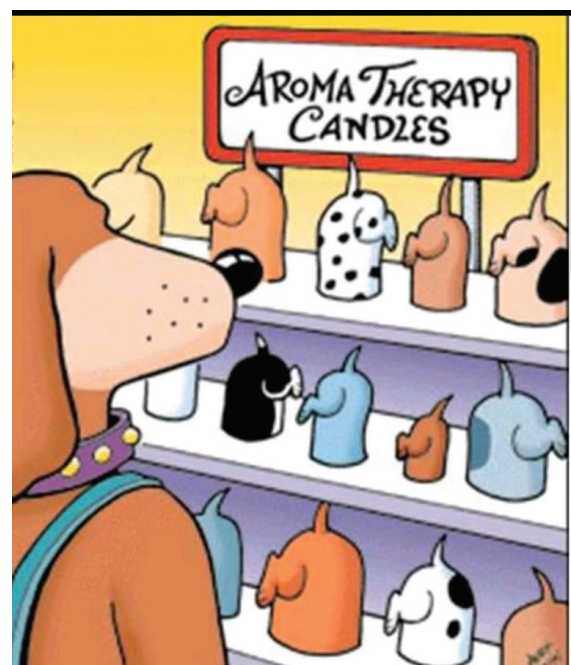
A husband and wife were driving down a country lane on their way to visit some friends. They came to a muddy hole in the road and the car became bogged. After a few minutes of trying to get the car out by themselves, they saw a young farmer coming down the lane, driving some oxen before him.

The farmer stopped when he saw the couple in trouble and offered to pull the car out of the mud for \$50. The husband accepted and minutes later the car was free. The farmer turned to the husband and said, "You know, you're the tenth car I've helped out of the mud today."

The husband looks around at the fields incredulously and asks the farmer, "When do you have time to plow your land? At night?"

"No," the young farmer replied seriously, "Night is when I put the water in the hole in the road."

Not sure what to get your dog for Christmas?



It just dawned on me why Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet....nobody was married.

Here are the single people that come to mind. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Ernest T Bass, the Darlin family, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara...

in fact, the only one married was Otis and he stayed drunk.



Tastes Like Chicken

A man is caught sitting at a make-shift campfire by a forest ranger, and to the ranger's horror, the man is eating a bald eagle. The man is consequently put in jail for the crime. On the day of his trial, the conversation went something like this:

JUDGE: "Do you know that eating a bald eagle is a federal offense?"

MAN: "Yes I do. But if you let me argue my case, I'll explain what happened."

JUDGE: "Proceed."

MAN: "I got lost in the woods. I hadn't had anything to eat for two weeks. I was so hungry. Next thing I see is a Bald Eagle swooping down at the lake for some fish. I knew that if I followed the Eagle I could maybe steal the fish. I caught up with the eagle who lighted upon a tree stump to eat the fish. I threw a stone toward the eagle hoping he would drop the fish and fly away. Unfortunately, in my weakened condition, my aim was off, and the rock hit the eagle squarely on his poor little head, and killed it. I thought long and hard about what had happened, but figured that since I killed it I might as well eat it since it would be more disgraceful to let it rot on the ground."

JUDGE: "The court will take a recess while I consider your testimony."

(15 minutes goes by and the judge returns.)

JUDGE: "Due to the extreme circumstance you were under and because you didn't intend to kill the eagle, the court will dismiss the charges."

The Judge then leans over the bench and whispers: "If you don't mind my asking, what does a bald eagle taste like?"

MAN: "Well your honor, it is hard to explain. The best I can describe it is somewhere between a California Condor and a Spotted Owl."



• "Save large platters that come with holiday trays to use when bringing cookies or baked goods to other parties. That way you don't have to bring home a platter, you can just leave it and pass it on." -- E.G. in Kansas

• "Schedule haircuts and nail appointments to coincide with holiday parties. Then you won't have to worry about doing your hair. It will still look nice from your beautician appointment." -- A.J. in Indiana

• "My uncle is really hard to buy for. He doesn't get out much, and he has everything he could ever need. I hit gold with gift mail-order memberships. We've done beer, cheese and fruit, and this year is meat! He gets a different one every month. You can find these services on the web. Thought I'd pass it along as a gift idea." -- W.L. in Arkansas

• "I find that the best conversation starter when visiting a large group of family or friends is a box or basket of photos. It is inexpensive to print copies, and I have all my old photos scanned anyway. Bringing them in a basket instead of an album works because we pass them around, and people can take photos home with them. Sometimes, a picture will inspire a story, and I might write it down on the back of the photo to remember it and tuck it away. It's more than worth the \$10-\$15 it costs to print pictures." -- L.W. in Virginia

• Write return addresses on the back of holiday cards before disposing of the envelope. They can be tucked away for next year's holiday cards list.

• Create your own "on this day in history" calendar, just for your family. Purchase a large wall calendar each year dedicated to memories. Start with just listing birthdays. Then you can document things that happen throughout the year. Maybe someone bought a new car, or lost a tooth. Write down visitors to your home and vacations. Then at the end of the year, transfer them to a new calendar, noting what year something happened. As the years progress, you'll have a wonderful reminiscing calendar!

• "I keep my decorations organized using recycled household materials. I save tissue boxes to hold garland, and I wrap stringed lights around the core of a paper towel roll. Clean styrofoam takeout containers can hold ornaments, and material items, like tree skirts, stay folded but unmusty when kept in a net bag." -- H.R. in Washington

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Merry Christmas in Heaven to Tommy Manley. I miss and love you so much. -Aunt Ruth

Merry Christmas in Heaven to Ronnie & Steve Duncan. Christmas will never be the same for me, since you went away. Miss you so much! Love, Mama.

Merry Christmas to David Moore, from your loving wife Mary Anne

John Grimes, I miss you so much and love you, Merry Christmas, We wish you was here with us, Love all your family.

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Happy Birthday to my daddy (Sonny Gibbs) in heaven 12-25-17, you are very missed every day. Love you always till I see u again Sissy Kayla & Lil Brian



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 By Paulette Dean

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In these moments, the "contest" part of the tree event pale in comparison to the good work completed on a daily, and even hourly, basis. I think of what is really important.

In this day when anyone with money can buy a myriad of dog collars, cat beds, toys of all size and description, premium food, the list goes on, I wonder what the companion animals' letters to Santa Claus would look like.

I believe that their list of wants would be basic. Animals want to eat food that they can thrive on. This is different for every species. They want the appropriate amount of water. They want to be warm in the winter and cool in the summer. They want a comfortable bed and the chance to lie without fear.

They want gentle hands to take care of them and kind words spoken to them. One really neat thing about animals is that they do not care about the things that consume so much of a human's time and attention.

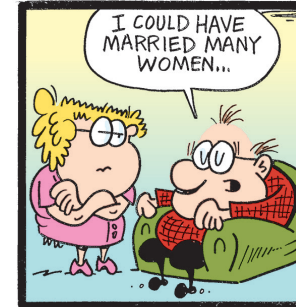
I believe I will go to the Institute again within the next couple of days to look at the trees and to consider if my letter to Santa echoes the animals' letter to him. If not, I think I shall reconsider my list.

We wish for you and your families a wonderful Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and the happiest New Year!



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## Otis Odell Hayes



Otis Odell Hayes Otis Odell Hayes Otis Odell Hayes, age 56, of 110 Mountain Hill Road, Danville, VA, died on Monday, December 18, 2017 at SOVAH-Danville.

Mr. Hayes was born on November 6, 1961, in Danville, VA, a son of the late William Odell Hayes and Edna Mae Lowe Hayes. He lived all of his life in Danville where he was employed as a shop foreman with P&D Automotive. He was married to Melody Taylor Hayes who preceded him in death.

Mr. Hayes is survived by his son, Randall Otis Hayes (Alston Pritchett) of Danville, VA; his sister, Patsy Broughman (Thomas) of Danville, VA; and by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents he was predeceased by a granddaughter, Lilly Grace.

A memorial service will be conducted on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Swicegood Funeral Home with Dr. Charles Scarce officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service and at other times at the residence.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Hayes family.

## Randall (Randy) South



Randall (Randy) South, 53, of 77 Baltimore Avenue, Danville, Va. passed away on December 16, 2017 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital after suffering a brain aneurysm.

He was born on January 16, 1964 to the late Sylvia South, who passed away on December 13, 2014, and Ralph South who survives.

Randy was educated the Danville Public School System and Danville Community College

where he studied electrical work. He was an electrician for over 30 years.

He is survived by his dad, Ralph South; his step-mother, Nancy South; his sister, Kelly South; and brother, Peyton South.

The family will receive friends at the home of Ralph and Nancy South, 222 Oak Creek Drive, Danville.

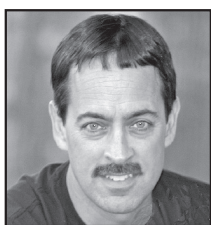
A private service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be sent to the Danville Life Saving Crew, 202 Christopher Lane, Danville, VA 24541.

Townes Funeral Home is assisting the South family. On-line condolences may be made at [www.townesfuneralhome.com](http://www.townesfuneralhome.com)

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### "History's Greatest Story"

You could not write an unlikelier story if you tried, and yet it is all true...

He came from nowhere, seemingly. A silver spoon? No, not this child. He was born into poverty. To make matters even worse, the circumstances surrounding his conception caused most people in his day to write him and his family off from the get go. And then there was the actual birth itself. Many infants have no doubt been laid in secondhand cribs and stained playpens, hand-me-downs from others. But this child was not afforded even that; he was wrapped in swaddling clothes, old strips of rags.

He did not wear a cute onesie, or a baby blue pajama set given to him by friends; he was wrapped in swaddling clothes, old strips of rags.

Many generations back his family had actually been royalty. But there was no crown or scepter waiting for this child as he grew, merely a life of anonymity. He spent his days sawing and nailing and sanding in a carpenter shop, a long way away from the capital city of Jerusalem. Nazareth, that was his hometown. An immoral, violent outpost, a center of disrepute so bad that a man who would later follow him innocently asked, "can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

At about 30 years old, he laid aside the tools of a carpenter and, with no formal training, went into the ministry. The country was overflowing with professional ministers, men who had studied their entire lives in preparation for the job.

What chance did he think he had to be successful, when so many who were "so much more qualified" were already at the task?

But he was successful, beyond anyone's wildest dreams. In short order multitudes were flocking to him in spite of the fact that he often told them the last things anyone wanted to hear. The prosperity gospel? No, that didn't come from Jesus. He told people to deny themselves and take up their cross daily. A gospel of acceptance and tolerance? No, that wasn't his either. He commanded people to repent of their sins, and then to go and sin no more. He proclaimed to be the only way of salvation, thereby excluding every other perhaps well-meaning religion. Who in the world could build a following like that?

But he did. The miracles certainly helped; for multitudes and multitudes testified to the blinded eyes being given sight, lepers being healed, demons being cast out, and even the dead being raised. Jesus quickly became the most popular man in the nation. But that popularity came with a price.

The leaders of his nation at that day loathed him. In a jealous rage, they convinced the Roman governor Pontius Pilate to have him put to death in the most ignominious way, crucifixion. It was a shameful, horrible death, one that put such a stain on the person that their reputation would never recover. His body was laid in the tomb, a tomb that had to be borrowed from someone else since he in his poverty did not even have a grave spot reserved for himself. It was good,

though, that the tomb was borrowed, since he would not need it long.

Three days after his death, the babe of Bethlehem, the whole point of Christmas, the Lamb of God, rose from the dead. And what has happened in the two millennia since it all began has been testimony to the truth of his improbable story. A babe born in poverty became a simple carpenter became an untrained preacher and was killed for his preaching. He never possessed wealth, never commanded an army, was despised and rejected, and yet has become the most famous individual who has ever lived.

Our calendar is dated based on his life. He is known by his first name, Jesus, around the globe. He never conquered a single land, and yet he, not Alexander the Great or Napoleon or any other self-styled strongman, is literally worshiped by billions. Belief in his name has dried out the drunkard, cleaned up the addict, made the cannibal change his diet, and created order out of madness.

Every day the hungry are still fed in his name, the naked clothed, the homeless ministered to, the down and out given hope, and the lost saved. Men will come and men will go, their names will be blown away as if written in the shifting sands of time, but the child that began life in a manger, the virgin born Son of God, will still be standing tall when all those who assail him have been forgotten.

Merry Christmas indeed!

Pastor Wagner can be contacted by email at [2knowhim@cbc-web.org](mailto:2knowhim@cbc-web.org)



by Chris Richcreek

1. When was the last time before 2016 that the Chicago Cubs were 40 games above .500 during a season?
2. Name the last player 40 years old or older to have at least 108 RBIs in a season before Boston's David Ortiz had 127 RBIs in 2016.
3. Tennessee's Marcus Mariota, in 2015, tied a record by throwing four touchdown passes in his first NFL game. Who else did it?
4. Who was the first men's basketball player to win an NCAA title, an Olympic gold medal and an NBA championship?
5. In 2017, Nico Hischier was drafted No. 1 overall in the NHL Draft, the highest-drafted Swiss player in NHL history. Who had been the highest?
6. Who was the last U.S. wrestler to repeat as an Olympic champion?
7. Name the two golfers to win three different majors before the age of 24?

Answers

1. It was 1945.
2. Dave Winfield had 108 RBIs for Toronto in 1992.
3. Minnesota's Fran Tarkenton, in 1961.
4. Clyde Lovellette, who completed the feat in 1954.
5. Nino Niederreiter was the fifth overall pick by the New York Islanders in the 2010 NHL Draft.
6. John Smith, in 1988 and 1992.
7. Jack Nicklaus and Jordan Spieth.

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**Americanisms**

"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!"  
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person. (And that's you, isn't it?)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's post-  
holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back  
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past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You've been the ultimate  
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and recharge your energy so you can be at your best  
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VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship  
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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Emotions rule at  
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## Great Expectations Cohort Preps, Donates Gift Bags for Foster Children



Danville, Va., December 19, 2017 – The Great Expectations South Park Cohort gathered at Danville Community College (DCC) on Friday, December 15, to celebrate the holidays and assemble gift bags for the Southside Region Department of Social Services to give to children who may experience removal from their home during the holidays.

“In the Southside region, the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County have approximately 30 to 40 children enter foster care each year,” said Great Expectations Coach and Middle College Tutor Trish Sawyer. “These children experience heartbreaking trauma, especially around the holidays, so these gift bags will provide some necessary toiletries and some small toys, colored pencils, coloring books, journals, and more.”

According to vakids.org, one in two children are economically disadvantaged in the Southside region of Virginia. That means 54,686 children live below 200% of poverty level and live in families that struggle to meet the basic needs of food, housing, utilities, child care, and transportation.

The Great Expectations South Park Cohort consists of DCC, Patrick Henry Community College (PHCC), Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC), and Central Virginia Community College (CVCC).

Since its inception in 2008, the Virginia Community College System’s Great Expectations program has served over 3,000 students at 18 community colleges, helping them to pursue associate degrees and workforce certifications, transfer to four-year colleges and universities, and position themselves for employment and life success. Coaches served almost 1,200 students across Virginia during the fall of 2016.

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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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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Muse's instrument
- 5 Renders speechless
- 9 Obtain
- 12 Billions of years
- 13 Future stallion
- 14 Multipurpose truck
- 15 Avocado dip
- 17 Top card
- 18 Singles
- 19 Gordon and Ginsburg
- 21 Mad
- 24 It begins at 40
- 25 Toe woe
- 26 Zigzagged on skis
- 30 Eggs
- 31 Actress Witherspoon
- 32 Past
- 33 Clothing
- 35 Story line
- 36 "— She Sweet?"
- 37 Instant
- 38 From then on
- 40 Icelandic epic
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- 43 Port city of Ecuador
- 48 Eisenhower
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- 2 Thee
- 3 Genetic letters
- 4 Accompany to a party
- 5 Pinnacle
- 6 Courts
- 7 Right angle
- 8 Germ-free
- 9 Central American nation
- 10 Leave an impression
- 11 Golf gadgets
- 16 Whatever number
- 20 Aliens' craft
- 21 Enthusiastic, plus
- 22 PBS science show
- 23 Insure
- 24 Glasgow girl
- 26 Transmitted
- 27 Allow
- 28 Hollywood clashers
- 29 "... — protest too much"
- 31 Went back on an agreement
- 34 Karaoke need, for short
- 35 Award for a dentist?
- 37 Med. approval org.
- 38 Take to the seas
- 39 Black
- 40 Simple
- 41 Coloring agents
- 44 Can. neighbor
- 45 Web address
- 46 Doctrine
- 47 — Vegas

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## A Brief History of Fruitcake

By Lucie Winborne

*"There is only one fruitcake in the entire world, and people keep passing it around."* —Johnny Carson

Love it or loathe it, fruitcake goes back a looong way. Legend has it that ancient Egyptians valued it enough to place their version on the tombs of their loved ones, while Roman soldiers carried a ring-shaped concoction of pomegranate seeds, pine nuts and barley mash to the battlefield. (Portable and durable — some things never change!) If that doesn't sound especially appetizing, by the Middle Ages, preserved fruit, spices and honey brought the dessert closer to what we serve today.

Of course, then as now cooks were prone to experiment. Medieval Italians liked their panforte (strong bread) dense and spicy-sweet. Buttery, sugar-coated German stollen dates to the 15th century. Then there's "black cake," a booze-soaked Caribbean favorite descended from British plum pudding. By the 18th and 19th centuries, fruitcakes were a popular feature at weddings and holidays (though how they acquired their association with Christmas is unclear), but not cheap to make. And would you believe that at one point they were actually outlawed in Europe for the crime of being "sinfully rich"? However, since their brand of decadence had become an important aspect of tea time (especially among the Brits), the law eventually was repealed.

So far, so good. Then how did this poor loaf become the Rodney Dangerfield of desserts, even a synonym for somebody who's not quite right in the head?

Some think it has to do with early 20th-century mass production and mail order. Others blame it on sugar

— cheap sugar, imported from the American colonies, that not only made the loaf's fruits brighter and more flavorful, but allowed previously unavailable varieties to be imported from around the world. More candied fruit equaled more cake. Ever heavier cake. Ever more garish-looking cake.

Today's fruitcake recipes are almost as varied as the cooks who bake them,



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but most hold to one hallowed rule: that they be made a month (or even a year!) in advance to deepen the flavor. For additional zest, many "feed" the cake by splashing whiskey, brandy or rum over it.

But what if you'd frankly rather face a root canal than a forkful of this holiday treat? Consider a visit to the town of Manitou Springs, Colorado, where the good folks gather each January for the Annual Great Fruitcake Toss. Admission is cheap — a nonperishable canned good for a local food bank — and you'll have a blast hurling, tossing or launching any unlucky loaf you've been reluctantly gifted with. Heck, you may even win a trophy.

Closer to home, various suggested uses for unwanted fruitcakes range from foot rests to cat scratching posts. Use your imagination!

Just don't imagine that fruitcake's going away anytime soon.

# Community Calendar

# December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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New Year's Eve Fraternal Order of Eagles 4420 on Sunday December 31st. Music by the Country Legendz Band. Doors open 7pm band plays 9pm-1am. Must be 21 with picture ID. Public Welcome! Admission at door \$25. Advance tickets \$20. (Stevens Auto sales, or Eagles) Lite Hor d oeuvre about 10pm and party favors at midnight. For more info contact: (434) 251-0994

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## How Washington Irving Won the War on Christmas

By Rich Lowry

Back before there was cable TV, Washington Irving won the war on Christmas. The great early American writer had an outsized role in giving us Christmas as we know it.

A little background, according to "Christmas in America: a History," by Penne Restad. Back in merry old England, Christmastime in the 17th century was merry indeed, a raucous affair that incurred the displeasure of the Puritans.



When Oliver Cromwell took over, his Puritan parliament suppressed Christmas with a zeal that would have made the American Civil Liberties Union blush (you were looking for trouble if you decorated your church, or closed your shop, or preached on the birth of Jesus).

Puritan distaste for the holiday traveled over the Atlantic. John Winthrop of Massachusetts Bay had no use for Christmas. Other settlers in other colonies, depending on their origin and their religion, had differing attitudes, and the celebration was a motley affair for much of early American history. In some places, it wasn't celebrated at all.

Then, it steadily began to take hold, and Washington Irving, the literary genius who gave us "Rip van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," helped define it. Not only did Irving write about a pipe-smoking, wagon-riding, gift-dispensing St. Nicholas, he delineated a Christmas celebration of irresistible charm and enduring appeal.

In the early 1820s, Irving published five enormously popular Christmas stories about his visit to Bracebridge Hall in England. They lament how "old games and customs" around the holiday have been lost, but they are preserved at Bracebridge. Through

the haze of nostalgia, a recognizable Christmas shimmers through.

There's the rush of gift-laden travelers. Irving describes a stagecoach crowded with passengers who "seemed principally bound to the mansions of relations or friends to eat the Christmas dinner." The coach "was loaded also with hampers of game, and baskets and boxes of delicacies; and hares hung dangling their long ears about the coachman's box — presents from distant friends for the impending feast."

There's the anticipation of the kids. Irving delights in the "littlerogues" who are "returning home for the holidays in high glee, and promising themselves a world of enjoyment."

There's the holiday revelry. Irving recounts "the old games of hoodman blind, shoe the wild mare, hot cockles, steal the white loaf, bob apple and snapdragon: the Yule log and Christmas candle were regularly burnt, and the mistletoe, with its white berries, hung up to the imminent peril of all the pretty housemaids."

There's the magic of Christmas Eve. That night Irving hears villagers playing music outside his room: "The sounds, as they receded, became more soft and aerial, and seemed to accord with quiet and moonlight. I listened and listened — they became more and more tender and remote, and, as they gradually died away, my head sank upon the pillow and I fell asleep."

There's the Christmas Day feast. Irving reports that "the table was literally loaded with good cheer, and presented an epitome of country abundance, in this season of overflowing larders."

Irving's is a Christmas of "tender and inspiring" church services and of the gathering of family members at home, "that rallying-place of the affections," where returning children "grow young and loving again among the endearing mementoes of childhood."

Of course, this is all achingly aspirational. Irving's Christmas never quite was and never quite will be, but it is a vision of what the holiday should be. "Of all the old festivals," he writes, "that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heartfelt associations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality, and lifts the spirit to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment."

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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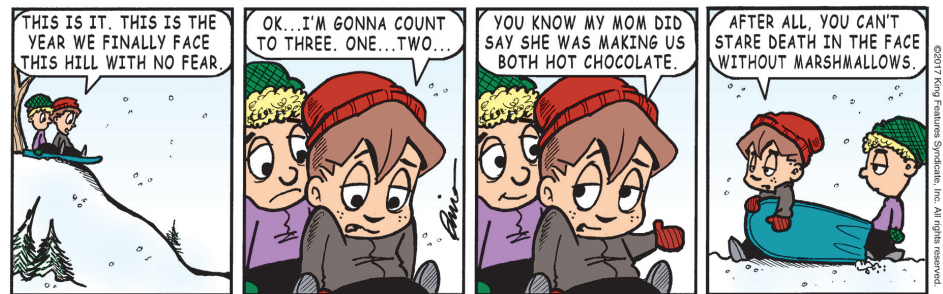


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by Freddy Groves

Whistleblowers Have a Duty to Report

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If you're in a position to do a little whistleblowing about things going on where you work at the Department of Veterans Affairs, your input might be more valuable than you realize.

Fact: In the past six months alone, the impact of investigations by the VA Office of the Inspector General was huge. OIG audits, investigations, inspections and evaluations identified \$9 billion in monetary benefits. That included 162 arrests and 1,123 administrative sanctions.

The VA OIG webpage talks about "identifying the underlying causes of problems," and in my mind that involves, at least in part, whistleblowers who step forward.

That six-month period mentioned above included information sent by letters, calls, emails and web submissions to the Hotline Division, a total of 20,204 contacts made by veterans, the public, employees and other agencies. Not all complaints were substantiated, of course, but enough were to make it worthwhile to speak up. There were 53 whistleblowers who claimed retaliation and sought protection.

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If you're hesitant to report wrongdoing, especially if it involves the health and wellbeing of veterans or stealing money in some way from the VA, remember why you're there. The veterans come first.

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- 4 cups fat-free milk
- 2 cups fat-free half and half
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1/2 teaspoon rum extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1. In a large pitcher, combine milk,  
half and half, dry pudding mix,  
rum extract and nutmeg. Mix well using a  
long-handled spoon.

2. Refrigerate for at least 10 minutes.  
Gently stir again just before serving.  
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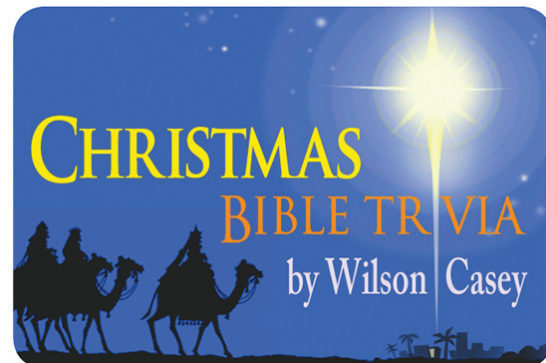
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2. Approximately how old was Jesus when the wise men (Magi) arrived with their gifts? 1 day, 2 weeks, 2 months, 2 years
3. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi
4. In what city of Judaea was Jesus born? Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gezer
5. Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus? Archelaus, Herod, Pontius Pilot, Caesar Augustus
6. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Walked, Rode donkey, Boat
7. Of these, which wasn't a gift from the wise men? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense
8. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 1, 2, 7

ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/Luke; 2) 2 years; 3) Nazareth; 4) Bethlehem; 5) Herod; 6) Bible not specific; 7) Silver; 8) Zero

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**HOLLYWOOD**  
by Tony Rizzo



Jim Parsons

**HOLLYWOOD** — **Jim Parsons** of "The Big Bang Theory" is moonlighting again. In addition to "Young Sheldon," which he co-created, executive produces and narrates, Parsons is starring with **Claire Danes** ("Homeland"), **Octavia Spencer** and **Priyanka Chopra** in "A Kid Like Jake." Parsons and Danes play the parents of a 4-year-old son who prefers Cinderella to G.I. Joe, causing a growing rift in their parenting. It's the third time that Spencer and Parsons have worked together.

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In media news, prepare yourself for big changes after the \$2.8 billion purchase of Time, Inc., last month by Meredith Corporation (publisher of female-friendly magazines like Better Homes & Gardens, Family Circle, Shape, Parents and Family Fun). Meredith is expected to sell off titles and other assets to slash \$400 million. Those titles could include: Time, Sports Illustrated, People, Fortune, Entertainment Weekly, Martha Stewart Living, In Style and Real Simple. The Iowa-based company allegedly plans to "countrify" the titles it doesn't sell off.

For those who were shocked that NBC fired **Matt Lauer**, know that the network was tired of his objections to **Megyn Kelly** joining them and his threats to leave when his contract ended in 2018. It wasn't a secret that he allegedly displayed questionable behavior toward women, but before they had Kelly in place, NBC allegedly turned a blind eye to Lauer's improprieties.

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**Alexander Skarsgard**, fresh off an Emmy Award win for "Big Little Lies" and "The Legend of Tarzan," has completed two Netflix projects: the thriller "Hold the Dark," with **Jeffrey Wright** and **Riley Keough**, with the sci-fi mystery "Mute," with **Paul Rudd** and **Justin Theroux**, as well as the Fox Searchlight film "The Aftermath," with **Keira Knightley**. Skarsgard just signed on

for the comedy "Flarsky," with **Seth Rogan** and Oscar-winner **Charlize Theron**, opening in February 2019.

**Nicolette Sheridan** is assuming the **Joan Collins** role of Alexis Carrington Colby in the CW reboot of "Dynasty." "Dynasty" was already on its way to being a hit, but when Collins arrived, she set fire to the ratings, which went through the roof. But don't expect Sheridan's arrival to help the low ratings of the remake. Sheridan starred in "Knot's Landing" (1986-93) and "Desperate Housewives" (2004-09), where she was killed off after 100 episodes, allegedly due to temperament display. Her last appearance was in the 2013 TV film "The Christmas Spirit."

The upcoming "Captain Marvel" will star **Jude Law**, **Brie Larson**, **Ben Mendelsohn** and **Samuel L. Jackson**. With the success of "Wonder Woman," Marvel is confident that the Oscar-winning Brie can pull off being "Captain Marvel"! If it grosses anywhere near the \$822 million "Wonder Woman" has made, they will consider their decision Super "Marvel"-ous!

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**Strange BUT TRUE**

By Samantha Weaver

\* It was 20th-century American professor and noted author Isaac Asimov who made the following sage observation: "A poor idea well-written is more likely to be accepted than a good idea poorly written."

\* According to a Scandinavian tradition, Christmas gifts aren't delivered by Santa Claus or Saint Nicholas -- a little gnome called Julenisse puts gifts under the tree. And instead of cookies and milk, children put out a bowl of porridge for him.

\* It's commonly believed that misery sometimes can beget genius -- the stereotype of the tortured artist is ubiquitous. However, recent research suggests that there's not as much truth to the trope as many think. According to a study titled "Death, Bereavement and Creativity," recently published in the journal Management Science, works created by painters during the year following a loved one's death were worth about 35 percent less than other works by the same artist. Those paintings also are significantly less likely to be included in the collection of a major museum.

\* Those who enjoy making calculations have determined that Santa would have to visit nearly 900 homes every second to finish all his deliveries on Christmas Eve.

\* The first time a news event was shown in a motion-picture film reel was in 1896, and the subject was the coronation of Russian Czar Nicholas II.

\* Like many of us, those in the Netherlands celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25. However, the children there eagerly await the arrival of "Sinterklaas" on Dec. 5, when children receive their presents. The name Santa Claus supposedly derived from older Dutch "Sinte Klaas."

Thought for the Day: "We have to face the fact that either all of us are going to die together or we are going to learn to live together, and if we are to live together we have to talk." -- Eleanor Roosevelt

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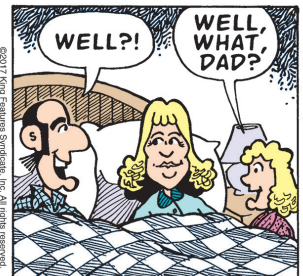
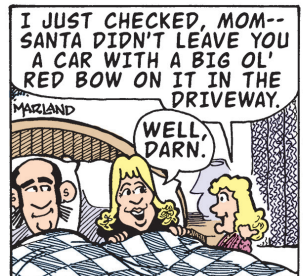
**The Garden Bug** Tips for snow removal

- Remove heavy snowfall from plant beds. Some snow does offer protection and moisture, but too much weight can damage wintering plants and leave behind too much standing water as it melts.
- Avoid heaping roadside snow onto planting areas; it's most likely full of road salt, which is damaging to roots and foliage.
- When snow accumulates on trees and bushes, remove it gently. Don't bang on the branches, as they may snap and break. - Brenda Weaver

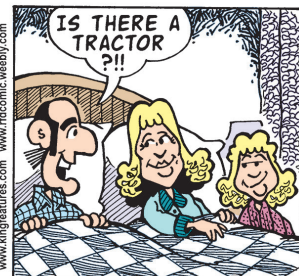
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**LAFF - A - DAY**



"I don't really want a new stove, I just like to play in the box!"

**top ten** AWAY IN A MANGER Favorite Classic Christmas Carols

1. Silent Night
2. White Christmas
3. Jingle Bells
4. O Come All Ye Faithful
5. Joy to the World
6. I'll Be Home for Christmas
7. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
8. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
9. The Little Drummer Boy
10. We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Source: St. Leo University poll

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**King Crossword**

Answers  
Solution time: 21 mins.

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LYE	DAYS	ELMS

**LAST DAY OF THE YEAR**

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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7	3	2	9	8	5	6	4	1
1	8	4	7	2	6	9	3	5
5	6	9	3	1	4	2	8	7

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Toyota Savings: \$1,000

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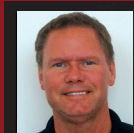
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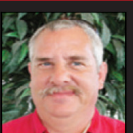
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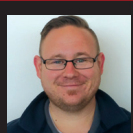
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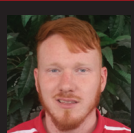
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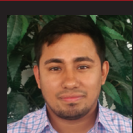
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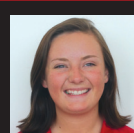
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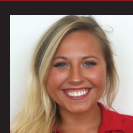
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