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USA NEWS



Fall Tradition Alert - War Eagle, Arkansas

It's arts & crafts season in Northwest Arkansas, and the Baby Boomer crowd is on hand. Kathy and her best friend Linda are making their 36th annual visit to the War Eagle Show this weekend— the Ozarks' biggest, most beloved fall craft tradition. Handmade goods, fall colors, and decades-deep friendships all packed into one unforgettable weekend.

I think you'll really enjoy this article. Click to read more . . . [War Eagle Arts and Crafts](#)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

How India Runs the World's Largest Election

With our U.S. midterm elections approaching, here's a look at how India manages an enormous election. In 2024, voting took place in seven phases, followed by a nationwide counting day.

Read on . . . [India's Election Process](#)

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Patience, now!

Patience. Hmm. Some days are better than others. How do you handle challenges that block your goal, what you're working on or what you'd like to do? I think most of us as Baby Boomers can say we're better than we used to be but there's still room for growing this virtue, right?

Patience Is a Virtue

Personal Perspective: If we practice patience, we can say, "OK, this is not what I expected, but what are my choices?"

Psychology Today



PERSONAL FINANCE

Retired

Although we have a good retirement stream and retirement plan with a fantastic financial planner and financial investment company, we no longer have the income we used to have. This prompted me to start looking at various things that beforehand we tended to overlook. Surprising to some, I enlisted ChatGPT's help. It's crazily surprising how the unnecessary nickels and dimes add up!

How to Save Money on Subscriptions in 2026 (Practical Guide)

Practical strategies to cut subscription costs in 2026: audit your spending, eliminate overlap, downgrade tiers, rotate services, use family plans, and compare regional pricing to save hundreds per year.

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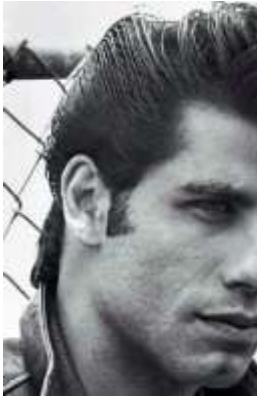
NOSTALGIA - Looking Back in our Rearview Mirror Looking Back: Men's Hairstyles of the 1950s–60s

Brylcreem, Vitalis, and the Great American DA

Last week we took a fun stroll down memory lane with the towering, teased-up prom hairdos of the 1960s. This week, it's the guys' turn. Because while the girls were busy building beehives and bouffants, the boys were working just as hard to keep their hair slick, shiny, and perfectly in place.

If you grew up in the 1950s or 60s, you remember the smell of Brylcreem (“A little dab’ll do ya!”) and Vitalis (“Keeps your hair neat all day!”). Those two products practically defined the era – and they helped shape some of the most iconic men’s hairstyles Baby Boomers ever saw.

Let’s take a look at the classics –> [The Guys Hair](#)



MUSIC MEMORIES 🎵

The hymn "Be Thou My Vision" has deep roots in medieval Irish Christianity and traditional folk music. I found this rendition beautiful and calming. Here's some background reading . . . [Be Thou My Vision](#) before listening:





Be Thou My Vision - Audrey Assad

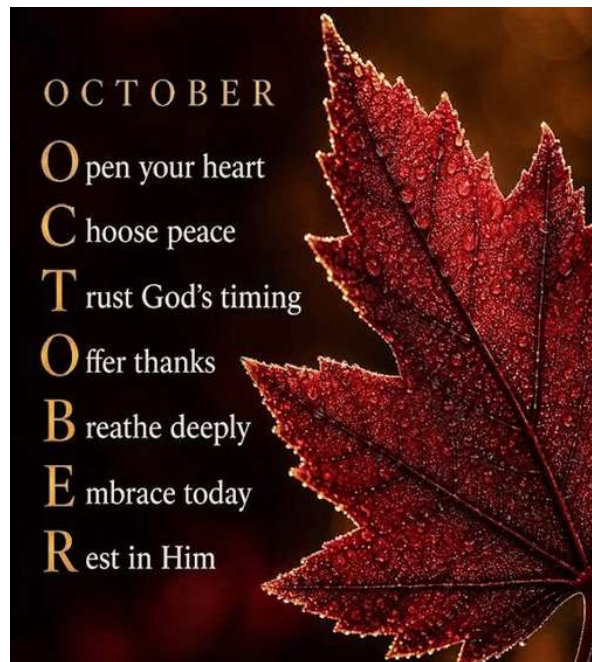
PEARLS OF WISDOM



**Today is the tomorrow that you worried about yesterday.
The bee that gets the honey does not hang around the hive.**

THINK ABOUT IT





CORNY JOKES 🤪

I used to hate facial hair.

But then it grew on me.

Why did the man get fired from the orange juice factory?

Lack of concentration.

MEMES 😊



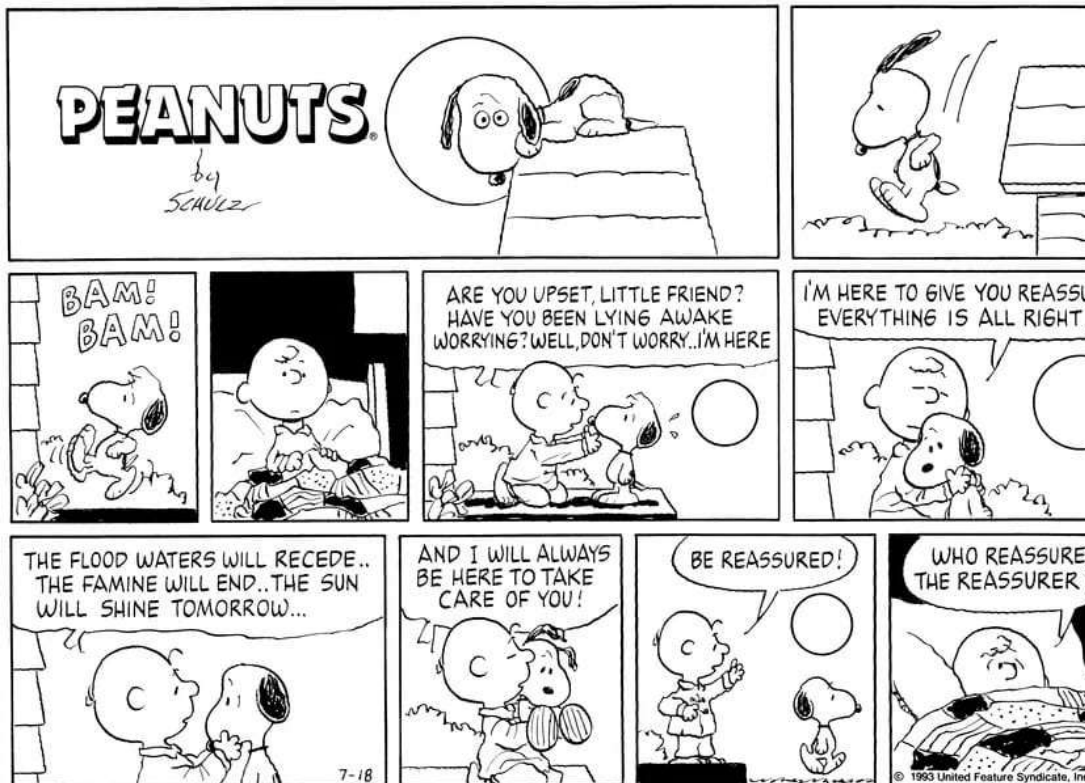
**MY THERAPIST SUGGESTED
THAT I GET AN EMOTIONAL
SUPPORT ANIMAL.**

I GOT A CHICKEN.

**IT CAME IN A BUCKET WITH
A SIDE OF MASHED
POTATOES AND A LARGE
SWEET TEA.**

I FEEL BETTER ALREADY.

COMICS & CARTOONS



Actually, this Daffy Duck cartoon is from 1952, but who's counting, right?
Enjoy!



Trick or Treat (1956)

Hello 😊 hope I made you smile
😊



“Baby Boomers” normally refer to folks born 1946 to 1964. But folks of all ages are welcome!

My aim is to share facts fairly, offer useful information, and bring you a little humor along the way.

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Skip Parker News

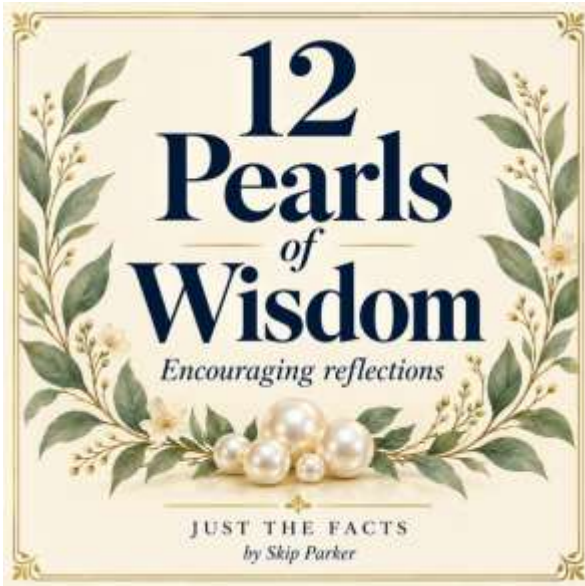
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