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A Shimmering Seed

January's birthstone, garnet, gets its name from the Latin word for "seed," since the deep red gem resembles the edible seed of a pomegranate.

Day of Service

The federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr. is a day off for some, but organizations across the country want folks to make it a day on—by volunteering. As a national day of service, people are encouraged to put their time and talent to work serving their community.

What's That Noise?

Many of us still remember the sounds of the past—the "cha-ching!" of a cash register, the click-clack of a typewriter, or the dialing of a rotary phone—despite their modern-day replacements. For a fun, nostalgic activity, imitate some outmoded noises and have your friends and grandkids try to guess what you're describing.

Hot Chocolate History

Warming up with a mug of hot chocolate is a sweet and simple winter ritual. We have the Indigenous people of Mexico and Central America to thank for coming up with the concept of grinding cocoa beans into a rich, foamy beverage. The original version was a lot different from what we enjoy today, though; for starters, their drink was served cold! But you can still raise a toast to tradition by adding in a complementary warmth with ground cayenne pepper, one of the key ingredients in Mexican hot chocolate.



Happy Birthday!

Cecil Massie	Jan 6
John Funk	Jan 8
Mary Owens	Jan 25

Featured Recipe

Peppermint Bark

Ingredients:

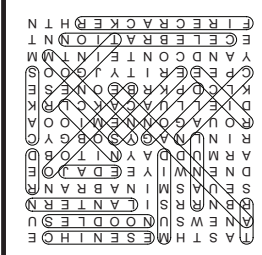
- 12 oz. white chocolate chips
- 12 oz. milk or dark chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup crushed peppermint candies

Instructions:

1. Melt dark chocolate in the microwave in 30-second intervals. Spread it on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
2. Melt white chocolate in the same way and pour over the dark chocolate.
3. Sprinkle crushed peppermint on top.
4. Refrigerate for 1-2 hours until set, then break into pieces.

Word Search

Category: Lunar New Year

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	Word Search Solution: 		

"This Month In History" JANUARY

1901: The American Bowling Congress organizes the first national bowling tournament, held in Chicago.

1938: Benny Goodman plays a sold-out concert at New York City's Carnegie Hall. It was the first time jazz was played at the venue, and the first time that white and Black musicians performed together on a U.S. stage.

1943: Headquarters for the U.S. Department of Defense, the Pentagon building officially opens.

1953: Chevrolet debuts its new sports car, the Corvette.

1986: James Brown, Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley are among the first artists inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

1994: American speedskater Dan Jansen sets a new world record, skating 500 meters in 35.76 seconds at a race in Canada.

2006: An unmanned NASA probe blasts off to begin a 3 billion-mile journey to Pluto.

2010: Apple introduces its first iPad, a touch-screen tablet computer.

2019: A polar vortex sends frigid air across the upper Midwest and Northeast, causing record-breaking low temperatures.