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WHERE ARE THE PAYPHONES?

In 2015 New York City began removing pay phones and replacing them with wi-fi hotspots. "In addition to free Wi-Fi, LinksNYC provides access to a social services directory, device charging, free phone calls within the U.S., and transit and weather alerts."

In 2014 there were over 6,000 active use pay phones in NYC. Until the last one was recently removed, pay phones were still being used for local and long distance calling in New York. Four full length-Superman style booths and those on private property will remain.

In 2018, 1/5 of the nation's pay phones were located in New York City.

How many remain in your area?



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Bugs Living On Your Face

Did you know that thousands of microscopic mites live on your face? "The demodex mite is a microscopic arachnid that lives on human skin - specifically, in our pores, surviving on the waxy sebum they produce, a **BBC** video shows.

There are two types of demodex, with one measuring slightly larger than the other - but the biggest they'll ever grow is 0.4mm long, meaning they're invisible to the human eye."

These bugs are harmless and have a life span of about 20 days. No matter how much face washing you do, they will always be there.



<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/weird-news/thousands-microscopic-mites-live-your-26910369>

Off The Press

Coffee Lowers Risk Of Death



Coffee drinkers rejoice! A new study posted in the Annals of Internal Medicine suggests that drinking coffee has been associated with lowering the risk of death compared to non-coffee drinkers. "Results showed that for people who drank a moderate amount of coffee, defined as 1.5 to 3.5 cups a day, those who sweetened their coffee had about a 30% lower death risk compared with non-coffee drinkers, according to Dr. Christina Wee, associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, who was not involved in the study. She is also deputy editor of the Annals of Internal Medicine. Unsweetened coffee drinkers had between 16% and 29% lower death risk compared with non-coffee drinkers, she added." On average only 1 teaspoon of sugar was used. There was no delineation between types of sweetener.

The study also took into account how the beans were prepared (roasted vs. unroasted) and how the coffee was prepared (boiled/French pressed vs. instant/filtered).

Be certain to speak with your doctor about your intake of coffee and how it is prepared. Certain preparations of coffee contain an increase risk of cardiovascular disease.

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/06/01/health/sweetened-coffee-death-risk-wellness/index.html>

TRAVEL



Have you traveled since Ms. 'Rona arrived? For the past two years I have been confined in my home or somewhere within an hour or two drive. I was waiting until "Covid was over" to return to my regular travel lifestyle.

Since it appears that Covid is here to stay, I decided to break the seal and return to some semblance of normalcy. For the Memorial Day holiday, I ventured on an air plane to a resort in the Continental U.S.

The airports are still busy and crowded. I was expecting people to observe a little personal space, maybe not 6 feet but at least a comfortable distance. I was wrong. In lines, people will stand inside your back pocket. In the waiting areas of the terminals, there were not many empty seats as most airlines try to fill all planes.

I wore my mask on the plane and did not eat nor drink (less than a 2 hour flight), so I took a quick nap instead. There is always at least one "cougher" on a plane and he/she got started as soon as we boarded.

I repeated the same behavior on my return trip and am fine. I would recommend continued washing of hands, using sanitizer on board (if you must eat) and wearing your mask.

Off The Press

MEDIATION AND A BIRTH INJURY CASE

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What Is Mediation?

Before discussing mediation and a birth injury claim together, I am going to take some time and explain mediation. In general, mediation is a tool that is used by both parties to try to resolve a claim without the need of a jury or a factfinder. In some cases mediation will be successful however, in other cases mediation may not be successful.

When a case has went on long enough for both sides to see the value of mediation both sides' attorneys will agree on a mediator to lead the mediation. Since we are in the era of COVID-19 mediation set ups can vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. For example, in some jurisdictions mediations may still be performed face to face while in others Zoom or some other type of digital method might be used.

A mediator might require that each side provide a mediation statement to present the case and the issues present. The mediator will then use the mediation statement to get a better feel as to the case and the critical issues set forth.

Once the mediation begins, the mediator will speak to both sides and work to find a money number that each side agrees would conclude the case. The mediator accomplishes this by pressing both sides regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the case.

Mediation And A Birth Injury Claim...

One of the reasons why a successful mediation is important is because mediation allows the parties to decide the worth of the case. After a case is filed and it has to be decided by a jury or a factfinder, both sides have now relinquished their ability to conclude the value of the case. For example a jury might decide that the asking number from the plaintiff is not appropriate. As a result, they may provide a number that is not acceptable to the plaintiff. On the other hand from the defense standpoint a jury might disagree with their position and provide a number that is not satisfactory to the defense.



Cases that are presented to a jury are ultimately decided by the jury and are exclusively under their control. This is a point that the plaintiff and the defendant understands when presenting the case before a jury or factfinder.



Father's Day 'Dad's Favorite Chocolate Cake'

Ingredients

2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup unsalted butter, softened
1 tsp of salt
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 cup mayonnaise
(NOT salad dressing or sandwich spread)
1 cup whole milk(room temperature)

*if you use salted butter, do not add additional salt

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350° F. Prepare two 9-inch cake pans by spraying with baking spray or buttering and lightly flouring or line the bottom with parchment paper (spray bottom of pan with cooking spray and paper on top).
2. Whisk dry ingredients.
3. Mix in wet ingredients until well combined.
4. Pour batter evenly between the two prepared cake pans. Bake for 30-35 minutes, until a toothpick or cake tester inserted in the center of the chocolate cake comes out clean.
5. Remove from the oven and allow to cool for about 10 minutes, remove from the pan and cool completely. Better to be slightly underdone than overbaked!
6. Frost cake.

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