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#### TIDBITS® MOURNS FOR PASSENGER PIGEONS

by Janet Spencer

The passenger pigeon's name comes from the French "pigeon de passage" meaning "to pass by" referring to them "passing by" during migration. Once there were between 3 and 5 billion passenger pigeons in North America. Within 40 years, they were extinct.

#### **GREAT BEGINNINGS**

- Passenger pigeons gathered in large communal flocks to mate, raise their young, and feed. But when it was time to migrate, they came together in flocks that were astonishing in size. One flock seen over southern Ontario in 1866 was estimated to have been a mile wide and between 300 and 500 miles (480-800 km) long, taking 14 hours to pass overhead. It was commonly reported that the size of the flocks blotted out the sun and sounded like thunder.
- One modern naturalist estimated that if the entire population of passenger pigeons flew single-file, the flock would stretch around the globe at the equator 22 times. Many researchers feel it was the most numerous bird on earth at the time. One ornithologist believed that the sheer volume of passenger pigeons accounted for between 25% and 40% of the total population of birds in the U.S. Conservationist Aldo Leopold described their passing as "a feathered tempest."







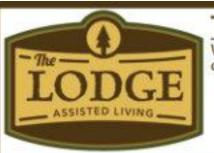
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#### **PASSENGER PIGEON**

- Their range covered most of North America, from the Rockies to the Atlantic, and central Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. They depended on vast expanses of hardwood forests of beech, oak, and chestnut for sustenance, and added berries and bugs in the summer.
- The birds could fly at sustained speeds of 60 mph (96 km/h). While roosting, they could fly far afield in search of new food sources, covering up to 100 miles (160 km) every morning and evening. This also made it easy for them to migrate long distances. In 1813, after witnessing the passing of a flock that took three days to fly overhead, ornithologist John James Audubon estimated that they could likely cross the Atlantic in three days.
- The birds had incredible maneuverability and could easily fly through dense forests where predatory birds could not navigate.
- They laid a single egg per nest. Chicks hatched after two weeks and fledged two weeks later, much faster than most other birds. This gave the passenger pigeon a head start over other birds regarding food sources and allowed them to fly to new areas to forage.
- The passenger pigeon had hyper-social tendencies. Whereas most pigeon species have one or two nests per tree, passenger pigeons had hundreds. They roosted so close together that branches broke under their weight.
- The safety-in-numbers habit of the passenger pigeon meant that normal predators like foxes and hawks could pick away at their numbers while leaving the vast majority unharmed. But it led to their demise when humans entered the mix. When massed together, they became easy prey for men who slaughtered them in atrocious numbers, especially during nesting season. And there was plenty of incentive to do so, along with increasingly easy means of getting it done. (cont)



- Family reunions are a fun and worthwhile investment. Being together with many generations is a wonderful experience. Often, these gatherings are highly scheduled, but remember to set aside time -- and a designated place -- to simply sit and talk. Here are some other great family reunion tips from our readers. -- JoAnn
- T-shirts are fun for reunion memorabilia, but we also did water bottle coozies this year, and they were a big hit. You can write your name in permanent marker on one side, and then you can keep track of your bottle. -- B.F. in Georgia
- Make sure that you schedule sitters for the little ones so the adults can relax and participate. Last year, each adult with kids (and some who just wanted to help out) took shifts to be official kid wranglers and entertainers. They did an outstanding job, and the unscheduled parents had time to reconnect with adults without divided attention, and felt good that someone was designated "in charge." -- P.G. in California
- Our family has several members with allergy restrictions and alternative food requirements. I made sure to make a list, which I made copies of and passed along to all our planned food venues. This way, there was advance notice for those who needed gluten-free and vegetarian options. -- M.S. in Florida

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#### **PASSENGER PIGEON (cont)**

- Passenger pigeons were not only easy to kill but also tasted good. The Civil War meant that soldiers and slaves needed food in times of scarcity. Pioneers and homesteaders, after barely surviving a winter, enjoyed a windfall of free pigeon pie. The telegraph was invented about the same time that the railroads were expanding, which made it easy for professional pigeon hunters to find out where the flocks were and travel there to kill them. The invention of the refrigerated boxcar in 1878 accelerated the slaughter. Birds were packed in barrels and shipped back to the cities by the boxcar load to be sold for fifty cents a dozen. A financial crisis in 1873 resulted in a depression, leaving more people than ever desperate for cheap food. The commercial pigeon industry flourished.
- Hunters found it easy to kill the greatest number of pigeons in the shortest period of time while they were nesting densely in trees.
   This killed the adults during the critical period of reproduction, meaning few chicks survived.
- At the same time, the birds' habitat was being systematically destroyed, as forests were cut down by timber companies cutting lumber and farmers clearing land for agriculture. With less food available, the pigeons invaded the farmers' fields. Farmers killed as many pigeons as possible to protect their crops, and used them as fertilizer. Hunters fed them alcohol-spiked grain to make them easier to capture. Fires set at the base of nesting trees drove them into nets. Pots of burning sulfur caused dazed birds to fall to the ground.
- One of the very last large nestings of passenger pigeons happened near Petoskey, Michigan, in 1878. Here, hunters killed an estimated 50,000 birds a day, which continued daily for almost five months. Over a million birds were exterminated from that flock. Yet people believed that the pigeons were inexhaustible. (cont)

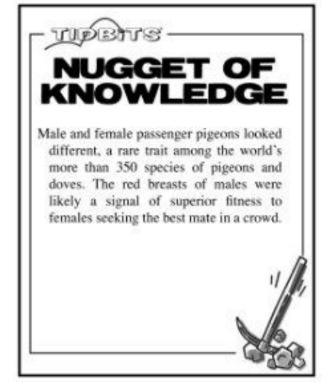


The American toad can ent up to 100 insects in one night, reducing insect damage to your plants. To attract toads to your garden, provide water in which to breed (like a small pond or a ditch), plus a moist, dark place where they can seedge their body, and soil in which to burrow that is free of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. If they find a house they like, they might stay for years; observe their unique spot patterns on their back to identify them. When threatened, they can secrete a toxin from lumpy glands behind their eyes, so keep children and pets away and wash your hands after any contact.

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by Linda Thistle

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#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: • •

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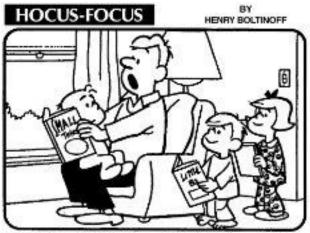
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- 1. How old was Martha the last passenger pigeon when she died?
- 2. What was the typical lifespan of a passenger

#### PASSENGER PIGEON (cont)

- By the 1890s, the flocks had become noticeably depleted. Now, serious conservation legislation was passed in states like Michigan and Pennsylvania. But it was far too little and much too late. Passenger pigeon numbers were in freefall. There was a steady decline in their numbers between about 1800 and 1870, and a catastrophic decline between 1870 and 1900.
- By the mid-1890s, flock sizes numbered in the dozens rather than billions. The pigeons required large flocks in order to reproduce, but their numbers had fallen below that minimum threshold. Once the population reached a critical low point, the species was doomed, even though thousands of them remained. The birds were unable to adapt to living in small flocks.
- In 1900, the Cincinnati Zoo owned one of the last flocks of a few dozen passenger pigeons. They failed to produce any fertilized eggs, and died off one by one. By 1906, there were only five left. The last remaining pigeons were a mated pair named George and Martha Washington. When George died, a reward of \$1,000 was offered to anyone who could bring in another live male passenger pigeon, but none was ever found. The American Ornithologists' Union offered \$1,500 to anyone finding a nest or nesting colony of passenger pigeons. It was futile.
- The end finally came on September 1, 1914, when Martha died in her cage at the Cincinnati Zoo. The passenger pigeon was no more. A memorial statue of Martha stands on the grounds of the Cincinnati Zoo. The Smithsonian Museum owns her preserved body.



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By Lucie Winborne

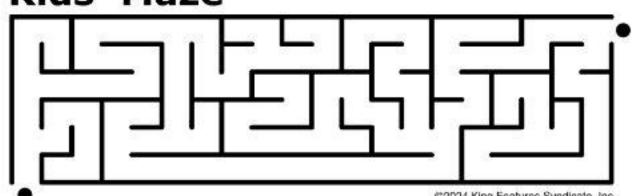
- The Wright brothers' first flight was shorter than the wingspan of a B-52 bomber.
- Bai Fangli, a tricycle driver for 20 years, donated 350,000 yuan to support the education of 300 poor Chinese students. He announced his last payment at the age of 90, saying that he was no longer fit for work.
- There are tea bags made to look like a goldfish swimming in your mug.
- Are you annoyed by the sounds of wheezing, whistling, chewing, drinking, crunching, slurping, finger tapping and the like? It's not just a quirk, but a psychiatric disorder called misophonia.
- A man spent five months in prison due to being unaware that his bail was just \$2.
- Kenya Railways requires that all trains stop for several minutes before crossing the Mwatate Dam in the southern part of the country. The practice was adopted on the advice of local residents after several mysterious derailments on the dam were blamed on evil spirits inhabiting the reservoir, which townsfolk claimed were angered by the trains not appeasing them by pausing in tribute.
- The world's shortest street, located in Scotland, is a mere 6 centimeters long.
- Jackie Robinson wasn't the first Black player to play Major League Baseball. That honor actually belonged to Moses Fleetwood Walker, a catcher for the Toledo Blue Stockings in 1884.
- The first volume of recipes was published in 62 A.D. by the Roman Apicius. Titled "De Re Coquinaria," it described the feasts enjoyed by the Emperor Claudius.

#### **Thought for the Day:**

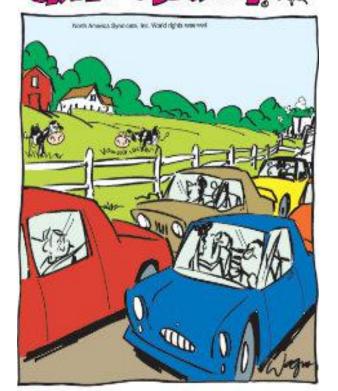
"Forever is composed of nows." -- Emily Dickinson

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"For the scenic drive, you have to be in the right lane."



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By Terry and Kim Kovel PHOTO CREDIT: Kovels.com PHOTO CAPTION: Specimen combined ancient history and geology into a European souvenir that was both decorative and functional. They were popular among the wealthy in the 18th and 19th centuries.

#### European **Souvenirs**

Going on a vacation this summer? In the 18th and 19th centuries, wealthy American and European travelers made "Grand Tours" of continental Europe to view ancient ruins and collect souvenirs.

The specimen table with a top made of fragments of different types of stone or wood, often arranged as a mosaic or pattern, was a popular choice. A 19th-century Italian specimen table sold for about \$3,832 at a Bonhams auction in London. It features different colors of marble and rises on a base with fish-shaped "dolphins," a design element associated with ancient Greek and Roman sea gods.

Many varieties of Italian marble have been quarried since at least the time of the ancient Romans. Even today, Italian marble, especially from the Carrara region, is considered the best in the world in terms of purity and durability. After all, marble sculptures and monuments from ancient Rome are still standing.

Q: I'd like to know more about an art nouveau lamp I bought at a yard sale years ago. I believe it is solid brass. There is a statue of a young woman holding a branch with a couple of birds on it next to a column that holds the light bulb.

A brass label on the front reads "FEE aux OISEAUX par Hering." What can you tell me about it?

A: The title of your lamp is "Bird Fairy." It was sculpted by Elsie Ward Hering (1871-1923), an American sculptor who made bronze and other metal sculptures and vases. She studied and worked in New York in 1896 and moved to Paris in 1898. In 1900 she moved to Cornish, New Hampshire, and worked as an assistant to sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens. She married another assistant, Henry Hering, in 1910 and did not make many of her own works after that. The value of your lamp depends on the desirability of design, its size and its material. Solid bronze is worth more than brass, spelter or bronzecoated white metal.

TIP: Stained marble tabletops can be touched up by using paste wax and steel wool.

#### **CURRENT PRICES**

Jewelry, bracelet, cameo, woman's profile, blue Murano glass, oval, silver spiral twist frame, silver multi-chain bracelet, Patrizia Daliania, cameo 1 1/2 inches, \$75.

Clock, wall, chrome frame, white neon bulb, white on black face, round, electrified, mid-20th century, 22 x 22 x 4 1/2 inches, \$480.

Quilt, patchwork, crazy, many different fabrics cut in various shapes, triangular pieces around border, Victorian, late 1800s, 68 x 68 inches, \$550. Doll, young boy, Schoenhut, wood, carved and painted features, shaggy blond bobbed hair, spring jointed body, tan sailor suit, 20 inches, \$680. Weathervane, eagle, wings out, perched on ball, directional arrows below, copper, original gilt with old verdigris surface, American, 1800s, wingspan 39 inches, \$1,230. For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be careful about doing someone a favor when you don't know the full story behind the request. Don't rely on someone's unsubstantiated assurances. Insist on all the facts before you act.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That workplace problem still needs your attention before you can finally close the book on it. Meanwhile, a long-anticipated reunion gets closer to becoming a happy reality.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might be demanding more from others than they can give. Best advice: Have a long and frank talk to determine what the facts are. Tensions should abate as the week winds down.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Aspects are favorable throughout this week for making contacts that could be important to your career plans. Meanwhile, an old friend offers the advice you're seeking.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's time to stop licking your wounds from past mistakes. Get up and get going toward your future. Loyal friends will be there to help the Lion get back into riproaring shape.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Take time out to go over what's expected of you before you begin your new project. Otherwise, you run the risk of pushing yourself harder than you need to.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An unusual request could put you in an awkward position. Best advice: Deal with it immediately. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to get out of it.

scorpio (October 23 to November 21) You should feel recharged and ready for whatever your workaday world holds for you. The same positive energy spills over into your personal relationships.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A prospect might be less than it appears to be. Like the Archer in your sign, you always aim for the truth. And this is no time to settle for less than full disclosure.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Start doing some serious thinking about a career move that could entail more than just changing job sites. Some lifestyle changes might also be involved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With tensions easing at the workplace, a more positive environment once again encourages the free flow of ideas that are so typical of the always-innovative Aquarian.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show some of that usually hidden steel-strong Piscean backbone and stand up for yourself if you hope to make a case for that promotion you know you deserve.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You enjoy doing new things and staying ahead of the crowd. You would make a fine military leader or a sports coach.

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# Time for summer fun with your dog

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My dad finally let us adopt a puppy a few months ago, and I can't wait for summer vacation, when I can spend all day with him! He's got lots of energy, but we've been training him to follow commands so he doesn't run off. What are some outside games that I can play with him? -- Kerry B., Winchester, Virginia

**DEAR KERRY:** You're going to have a wonderful summer! It sounds like you and your family have been diligent about training your dog in basic obedience so that he'll come back to you on command, sit and stay in place. And he'll be old enough -- and have his most important vaccinations out of the way -- to stay healthy outside or when encountering other dogs.

Here's a few great off-leash games to play:

**Fetch:** The gold standard game for dogs remains a favorite. Just grab a tennis ball and toss it.

Frisbee: Energetic dogs can chase these flying discs all day.

**Agility training:** Start with simple tasks like going under or over obstacles.

**Swimming:** Fill a kiddie pool in the backyard and let your dog splash around on a hot day.

**Tracking:** Have your dog follow a line of treats to a "jackpot" (a toy or food). Extend the distance between treats each session.

Remember, only take your dog off leash in a safe area or approved off-leash location. A fenced-in backyard is ideal, but if you don't have one of those, go to a dog park or municipal, state or federal park that has an off-leash area. Some of these games, like agility and tracking, can be done on-leash. Most importantly, have fun!

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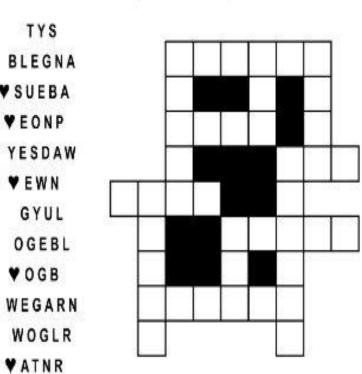
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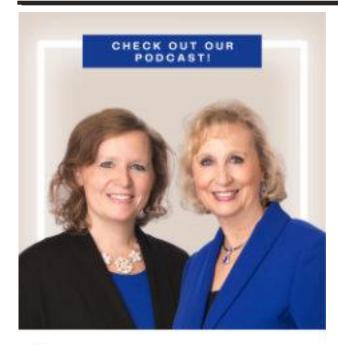
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There are many reasons for muscle spasms. Some causes are trauma-induced, some are early signs (or occasionally latent signs) of a disease, some are deficiency related. Some spasms are sudden, acute and temporarily debilitating,

while others can have a slow onset, and so mild you don't even know they are there at the beginning, gradually worsening and becoming chronic.

The "Charlie horse" type cramps are mostly deficiency related. They can be a result of dehydration, electrolyte/mineral imbalance or circulation related. Adequate water is essential in controlling these cramps. Hydration throughout the day (half your body weight in ounces per day), with minimal at night (to prevent bathroom sleep disruptions) is crucial. Dehydration is a common side effect of diuretics.

When the cramps are at night, at rest, it is often a calcium deficiency. Since calcium carbonate is very difficult for the body to absorb, calcium lactate is the preferred form of calcium. Combined with magnesium lactate it is even better. It is important to include a fat when you take calcium to help it get into the tissues better (like a quality fish or coconut oil).

Also, taking Vitamin D helps.

Electrolyte balance is important, however, most electrolyte drinks are garbage – they are full of sugar and colorants and aren't balanced. A quality one can help. Mostly you need sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium. A poor diet has insufficient amounts of these minerals and some things, like coffee, alcohol and sugar, can strip these important minerals from your tissues.

Cramps during exercise are often a sign of struggling circulation. Good circulation is important for preventing cramps and spasms and for obvious reasons. Good circulation starts with sufficient hydration, exercise, and proper viscosity (thickness or thinness of blood). Excess glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides and dehydration cause thicker blood, making it more difficult for blood to make it to the tiny peripheral vessels.

Certain medications have side effects of spasms. The worst are diuretics and asthma meds, but also some meds for Alzheimer's, blood pressure, osteoporosis and Parkinson's have those side effects.

Diseases such as cardiovascular, kidney, neuropathy, Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS), Serotonin and Isaac's Syndromes have side effects of muscle spasms. Persistent spasms that are not clearing up should be evaluated for a more serious medical issue.

Stress, lack of sleep, exhaustion, pinched nerve or other spinal misalignment are all possible reasons for muscle spasms or cramps. Getting the right assessment by a Chiropractor, Acupuncturist and a practitioner that is thorough and putting great effort into uncovering the cause of your cramps or spasms is what is needed to resolve this issue.

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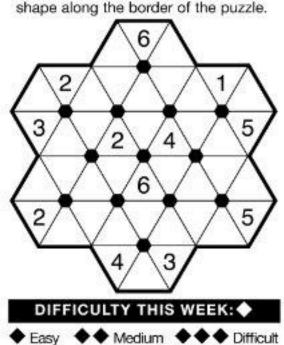


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# SNOWFLAKES by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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By Freddy Groves

#### Don't fall for claims scams

While there's no doubt that the PACT Act did a lot of good, opening up an additional 20 health conditions for eligibility for presumptive benefits, the sheer number of veterans who applied created delays in processing new claims. It also brought out the scammers, thieves and conmen. Those crooks offer so-called assistance with claims ... for a fee.

Fact: You do not have to pay a fee to get help with an initial disability claim. Fact: It is illegal for someone to charge you money to give any assistance in filing that claim.

The only ones who can legally help file your initial claim are the reps that have been accredited by the VA -- and they cannot charge you a fee. Whether it's an attorney or a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) rep, they must be accredited by the VA.

It will be tempting, however, to try to jump the claims line and put your trust in someone who promises to get you fast action. Don't do it. Just wait. If you sign up with a scammer (who might call himself a coach or a consultant), you'll be signing away future money. You'll be asked to sign a contract that will give the thieves a percentage of your benefit money, forever.

You might sign away tens of thousands of dollars to have someone spend a few minutes filling out a form for you. If you renege on that deal, which is a legal contract, you could be haunted by debt collectors and sued, and the scammers will have all of your personal information, including Social Security number and banking details.

If you want to file an initial claim, hook up with an accredited person that you find on this site: www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp

If you want to file a subsequent claim, do that the right away as well, with an accredited person to help. While fees can be charged for subsequent or appeals claims, those fees must be reasonable.

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#### trivia newsfront

- 1. What color was a male passenger pigeon's
- 2. What color was a female passenger pigeon's
- 3. Did passenger pigeons mate for life?
- 4. What creature composed the only known group that had more individuals than the passenger pigeon?
- 5. Did passenger pigeons coo like doves?



Q: What do you call a flatulent pigeon?

A: A tootle dove!



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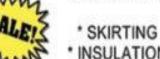
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By Ryan A. Berenz

- 1. Wang Zhizhi became the first Chinese-born player in the NBA when he joined what team in 2001?
- 2. Name the Basketball Hall of Famer who was a six-time WNBA All-Star, a four-time Olympic gold medalist and a three-time (as of 2024) NCAA national champion as head coach of the South Carolina Gamecocks women's basketball team.
- 3. What golfer incredibly holed out a bunker shot for birdie to win the 1986 PGA Championship by two strokes over Greg Norman?
- 4. Of Hank Aaron's 755 career home runs, how many were pitched by fellow Hall of Famer Tom Seaver?
- 5. What two drivers are tied for all-time wins at the 24 Hours of Daytona sportscar endurance race with five apiece?
- 6. What boxer knocked out former heavyweight champion Ken Norton 54 seconds into the first round of a May 1981 fight at New York City's Madison Square Garden?
- 7. In ice hockey, what term describes when a player controlling the puck uses a fake move to elude a defender or goalie?

#### Answers

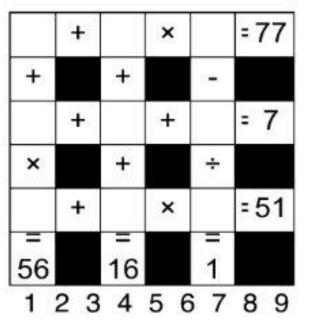
- 1. The Dallas Mavericks.
- 2. Dawn Staley.
- 3. Bob Tway.
- 4. Seven, the most Aaron hit off a single pitcher.
- 5. Hurley Haywood and Scott Pruett.
- 6. Gerry Cooney.
- 7. Deke (short for "decoy").
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## **GO FIGURE!**

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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# Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the community college in the sitcom "Community"?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: Which two countries in South America are landlocked?
- 3. HISTORY: Where did the effective end of the Civil War take place?
- 4. U.S. STATES: Which state comes first alphabetically?
- 5. FOOD & DRINK: What is an affogato?
- 6. MOVIES: Which movie features the character Inigo Montoya?
- 7. ENTERTAINERS: What is singer/songwriter Taylor Swift's middle name?
- 8. ANATOMY: What is the smallest organ in the human body?
- 9. LITERATURE: Which fantasy novel (later made into an HBO series called "Game of Thrones") features a place called Winterfell?
- 10. GEOLOGY: What is the most malleable metal?

#### Answers

- 1. Greendale Community College.
- 2. Bolivia and Paraguay.
- 3. Appomattox Court House, Virginia.
- 4. Alabama.
- 5. Dessert of ice cream and coffee.
- 6. "The Princess Bride."
- 7. Alison.
- 8. Pineal gland.
- 9. "A Song of Ice and Fire."
- 10. Gold.
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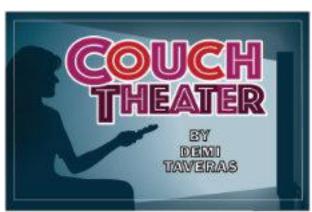
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BYLINE: By Demi Taveras

"Hit Man" (R) -- Glen Powell ("Anyone But You") leads this rom-com with an action twist, which seems to be right up the actor's alley. Powell plays a staffer named Gary in the New Orleans Police Department who goes undercover as a hitman with the intent of arresting the people who hire him. But when his services are requested by a battered woman named Maddy (Adria Arjona) who begs him to help her kill her husband, the last thing he expects is to fall for her. Even though he denies her request, a steamy romance develops between the two of them. Then just when it seems like Gary has the woman of his dreams, Maddy's husband is found dead, and she becomes the main suspect. Out now! (Netflix)

"Presumed Innocent" (TV-MA) -- This legal thriller miniseries led by Jake Gyllenhaal ("Roadhouse") and Ruth Negga ("Good Grief") hits streaming on June 12. Gyllenhaal immerses himself in the role of Rusty Sabich, a prosecutor at the Chicago Prosecuting Attorneys' office. Although seemingly a family man and a respectable employee, Rusty hides a mountain of secrets that dare to be revealed when his



Photo Credit: Apple TV+

Photo Caption: Jake Gyllenhaal, center, stars in "Presumed Innocent." colleague, Carolyn, ends up dead. As his co-workers and family learn that he was romantically involved with Carolyn and borderline obsessed with her, Rusty buckles up for a long battle of trying to prove himself innocent of murdering Carolyn. The first two episodes are out now, with more episodes coming every Wednesday. (Apple TV+)

"Brats" (NR) -- Andrew McCarthy ("Pretty in Pink") rallies his Brat Pack for this documentary film directed by McCarthy himself. The Brat Pack, a play on the Rat Pack from the 1950s, consisted of a group of young actors who appeared alongside each other in coming-of-age films during the 1980s. Some of these actors include Hollywood icons like Rob Lowe, Molly Ringwald, Demi Moore and Emilio Estevez. Featuring current interviews with Lowe, Moore and Estevez, among others, the documentary dives into the films that brought the Brat Pack to their special stardom -- and why, at the time, the young actors hated being known as "Brats." Premieres June 13. (Hulu)

"Nikki Glaser: Someday You'll Die" (TV-

MA) -- Shortly after she gave a killer set during the recent Tom Brady roast, comedian Nikki Glaser smartly lined up her second HBO special to hit the small screen. In this one-hour special, Glaser takes on the reality of aging as a woman, why she doesn't want kids, and how she's planning her own death well ahead of time. Although she's known for her blunt delivery and quirky relatability, her jokes fall flatter in an hour-long setting than during the shorter sets she gives at roasts. Check it out now. (Max)

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue him: Wile E.—and the Road Runner

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Moments

song "Foolish Beat" reached the top of the

Billboard Hot 100, making her the youngest

person ever to write, produce and perform her

• On June 26, 1993, President Bill Clinton

ordered U.S. warships to fire Tomahawk

cruise missiles at Iraqi intelligence

headquarters in downtown Baghdad, in

retaliation for an Iraqi plot to assassinate

former President George H.W. Bush during

• On June 27, 1939, one of cinema's most

famous scenes was recorded when Rhett

Butler and Scarlett O'Hara parted for the last

own No. 1 pop single.

his April visit to Kuwait.





## Super Crossword

#### SUITABLE ACTIVITIES

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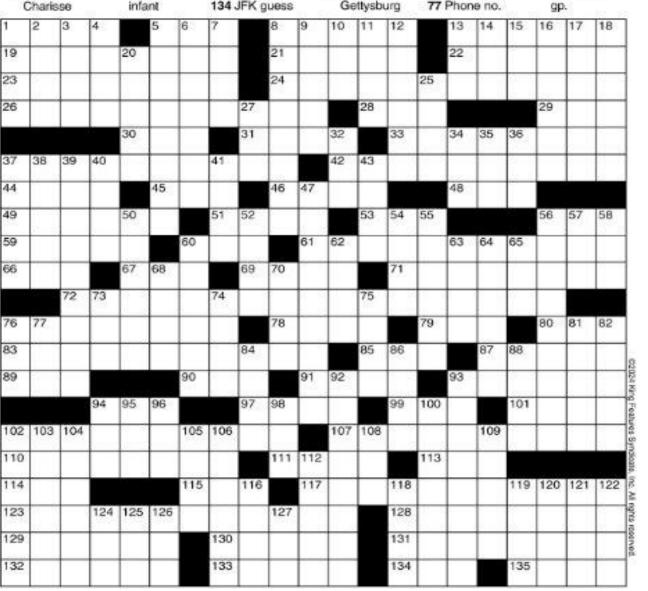
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126 Vote in favor 127 Global commerce

time in "Gone With the Wind." Director Victor Fleming also shot the scene using an alternate line -- "Frankly, my dear, I just don't care" -- in case film censors objected to the word "damn." They did, fining producer David O. Selznick \$5,000 for including the curse even though they approved the movie.

- On June 28, 1919, Germany signed the Treaty of Versailles with the Allies, officially ending World War I. English economist John Maynard Keynes, who attended the peace conference but left in protest of the treaty, predicted that strict terms imposed on Germany would lead to its financial collapse.
- On June 29, 1776, Edward Rutledge, one of South Carolina's representatives to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, wrote a letter to New York Rep. John Jay expressing his anxiety over whether moderates like the two of them could "effectually oppose" a resolution for independence. Jay had business elsewhere and was unable to attend the Congress.
- On June 30, 1934, in Germany, Nazi leader Adolf Hitler ordered a bloody purge of his own political party, assassinating hundreds of Nazis whom he believed had the potential to become future political enemies. The leadership of the Nazi Storm Troopers (SA), whose 4 million members had helped bring Hitler to power in the early 1930s, was especially targeted.
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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

#### Don't click that QR code!

Sometimes when we start seeing something nearly everywhere we go, we assume that "somebody" has checked it out and it's therefore safe to use. Not so, at least in the case of those OR codes we're seeing all over.

QR codes (short for quick-response codes) are those little squares with black squiggles in them, machine-readable codes buried in the lines of the little box. The idea is that you hold your phone over them and all the information hidden in the code will pop up for you to read. You'll spot these QR codes everywhere now: a menu posted on the door of a restaurant, a magazine ad, a factsheet with an item that you're considering purchasing, fliers put under windshield wipers in parking lots, a package delivered to your house ... even on TV ads!

How handy, you might think, to be able to instantly access that information.

Unless it's malicious code (spyware) that's been encoded into the black squiggles when it's created by scammers. If that's the case, you instantly put your phone (and all the data you have on it) in jeopardy.

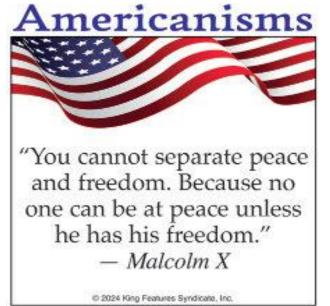
That malicious code can send out emails that look like they came from you. Or it can steal all the names and numbers in your contact list. Or it can add you to a list of targets for spam phone calls. Or it can install software on your phone. The list of things that can go wrong is nearly endless if you click a malicious QR code with your phone.

Consider QR codes to be the phone equivalent of a link that you receive in an email from an unknown person or company. In other words, don't click it.

While it's possible that most of the QR codes you see wherever you go are perfectly safe, there's really no way to tell. Why take the chance?

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# "...volunteering isn't something to put off until you have extra time and money.

There are numerous reasons why the returns far outweigh the time you invest, especially during lean times.

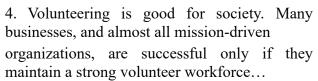
I'll point out just five reasons you should consider making volunteering a part of your every day life.

- 1. Volunteers live longer and are healthier. Volunteers are happier and healthier than non-volunteers...
- 2. Volunteering establishes strong relationships. Despite all of the online connections that are available at our fingertips, people are lonelier now than ever before. Indeed, a 2010 AARP study

reported that prevalence of loneliness is at an all time high, with about one in three adults age 45 or older categorized as lonely...

3. Volunteering is good for your career. People who volunteer make more money, partially because the relationships people create while volunteering can be leveraged for financial benefit...

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5. Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose. Although it is not well-understood why volunteering provides such a profound health benefit, a key factor is assumed to be that volunteering serves to express and facilitate opportunities to carry out one's sense of purpose.

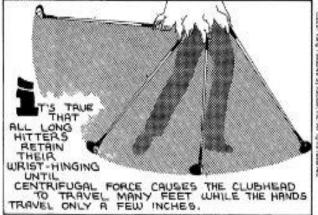
The very nature of volunteering means choosing to work without being paid for it...

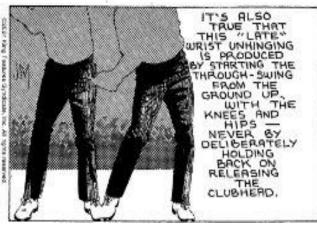
If you aren't currently volunteering, and three in four of us aren't, there are many resources online that can help you find an opportunity. Committing even as little as one hour a week can have a profound benefit on your own life, and the organizations that rely on such help will be able to thrive..." (Dawn C. Carr, Ph.D., an assistant professor at Florida State University, is a social gerontologist whose research focuses on factors that facilitate healthy and active aging, as quoted in Psychology Today, "The Third Age".)









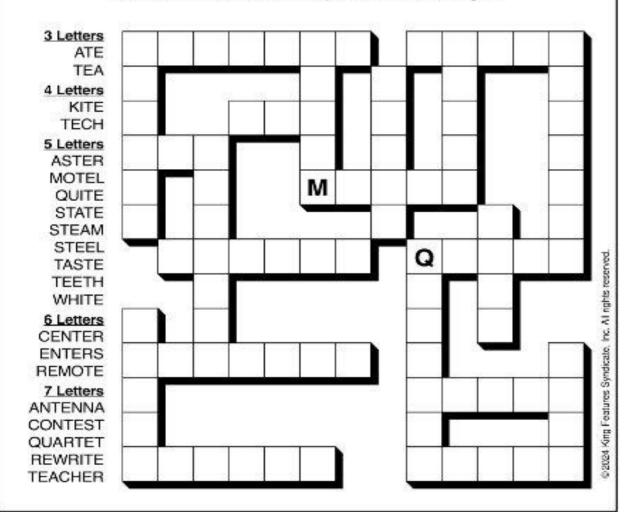




# Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

#### CRISSCROSS - "TE" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.





1. The Garfield Movie

(PG) Chris Pratt, Samuel L. Jackson

2. Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga

(R) Anya Taylor-Joy, Chris Hemsworth 3. IF

(PG) Cailey Fleming, Ryan Reynolds

4. Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) Owen Teague, Freya Allan

5. The Fall Guy

(PG-13) Ryan Gosling, Emily Blunt

6. The Strangers: Chapter 1

(R) Madelaine Petsch, Ryan Bown

7. Haikyuu!! The Dumpster Battle

(PG-13) Ayumu Murase, Kaito Ishikawa

8. In a Violent Nature

(NR) Ry Barrett, Andrea Pavlovic

9. Ezra

(R) Robert De Niro, Tony Goldwyn

10. Summer Camp

(PG-13) Kathy Bates, Diane Keaton

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## CryptoQuote

#### IS LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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- 1. Name the only artist who made it to the top of the charts for both music and vocals.
- 2. Who wrote and released "Society's Child"?
- 3. Which trio released "Nowhere to Run" in 1965?
- 4. Name the artist who released an album titled "Couldn't Have Said It Better."
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Have you seen her? So fine and pretty, Fooled me with her style and ease, And I feel her from across the room."

#### Answers

- 1. Herb Alpert. His instrumental "Rise" (1979) and the song "This Guy's in Love With You" (1968) both topped the Billboard Hot 100 charts.
- 2. Janis Ian, in 1965. The song was written about interracial dating when Ian was 13 years old. It was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2002.
- 3. Martha and the Vandellas. The song ended up on The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.
- 4. Meat Loaf, in 2003. The album includes "Did I say That?" and "Man of Steel."
- 5. "Dance the Night Away," by Van Halen, in 1979. One of the co-writers had wanted to call the song "Dance, Lolita, Dance," but the idea was nixed. The song appeared on the band's second album, "Van Halen II."
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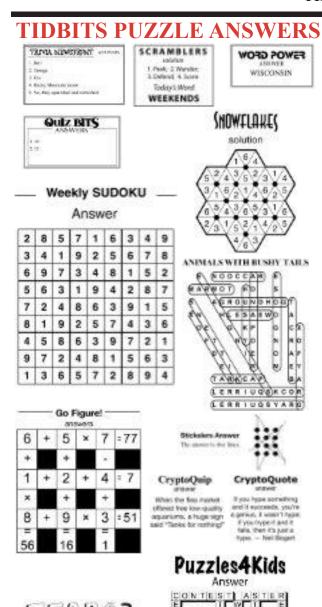


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	"Men still live who, in their youth, remember pigeons; trees still live who, in their youth, were shaken by a living wind. But a few decades hence only the oldest oaks will remember, and at long last only the hills will know." —Aldo Leopold, 1947

## 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.

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15. Biggar, Biggs

# King Crossword

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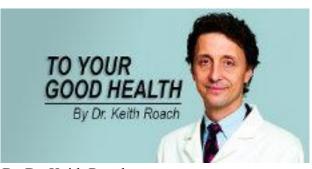
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By Dr. Keith Roach

#### Does Intermittent Fasting Raise the Risk Of Heart Disease?

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I read a recent headline that said people who fast intermittently have an increased risk of heart disease. Is there merit to this story? -- K.O.S.

**ANSWER:** Intermittent fasting is an increasingly common weight-loss strategy. The two most common approaches of intermittent fasting are alternate-day fasting (eating nothing one day, then whatever you want the next) and time-restricted feeding (eating at certain times throughout the day, usually during an eight-hour time frame).

The published data on the benefits of these diets show short-term weight loss (i.e., 12 weeks), but no long-term weight loss (1 year), compared to the standard dietary advice.

There is evidence of potential harm from intermittent fasting. Studies have shown an increased risk of eating disorders (particularly binge eating). One study showed that disordered eating worsened in those assigned to an intermittent-fasting schedule. However, other studies do not show this.

The concern for disordered eating is highest among younger and female populations, who are at the most risk for eating disorders, and I advise against intermittent fasting for a person with a history of an eating disorder.

The study you read about was presented as an abstract in the March meeting of the American Heart Association; it is not yet published or peer-reviewed. But it did show that people who

report an intermittent-fasting diet (specifically those who ate over an 8-hour time frame) were at a higher risk for death from heart disease than those who ate over a 12-16 hour time frame.

However, this wasn't a controlled study, and it is likely that people who chose a time-restricted eating pattern already had issues that put them at a higher risk for heart disease. Still, given the absence of long-term benefits, I don't generally recommend a time-restricted diet or intermittent fasting to my patients.

My colleagues in weight medicine consider intermittent fasting to be an option that helps a subset of people. There are some people who do benefit from this type of diet, and as long as they are eating well and are being monitored by their physician, they should continue to follow their diet if it is working for them.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** As a person who has had vocal cord paralysis after a viral infection, I was fortunate not to need many of the outlined modes of care. However, there was one additional therapy that was utilized within my plan of care -- speech therapy. It took a while, but it worked well.

I suppose I may have some lingering weakness. When I experience a new viral upper respiratory infection, I often experience prolonged hoarseness. So, I pull out my exercise sheet once again, practice the techniques, and experience the same great results. -- B.A.

**ANSWER:** I thank B.A. for writing, as I should have recommended voice therapy for people with vocal cord paralysis or other voice issues.

Some ear, nose and throat physicians, speechlanguage pathologists, respiratory therapists, and voice coaches specialize in voice therapy.

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

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