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by Janet Spencer

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- During the Qin Dynasty in ancient China around 208 B.C., two officers named Chen Sheng and Wu Guang received government orders to take their 900 soldiers to defend a distant town against attack. However, they found it difficult to respond immediately due to severe storms and subsequent flooding. At the time, severe penalties were in place. The penalty for being late to respond to a government summons was death. However, rebelling against the government was also punishable by death.

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Bad Ideas (continued)

Chen Sheng and Wu Guang, knowing they couldn't possibly respond in time and would be executed upon arrival, decided they might as well fight. They convinced their men to join forces, and they rebelled against the government. The commoners supported them, and they amassed an impressive army. Still, however, they were overrun, captured, and eventually executed – but not before putting up a good fight and going down in history.

- In 1972, there were just too many old car tires piling up. Government officials decided that a good idea would be to dump them in the ocean, to create artificial reefs. Over two million tires were dumped off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, between two natural coral reefs. The expectation was that the result would be a large, healthy habitat for marine life. However, the tires were tied together using metal bands that disintegrated. The loose tires rolled around with the ocean currents, smashing into thriving coral reefs, wrecking them. They slid across the ocean floor, scraping it clean of all living things. As they deteriorated, they released toxic chemicals that contaminated the region's aquatic life. In the end, it turned out that marine life doesn't recognize used tires as a suitable habitat to begin with. Clean-up efforts began in 2007, and by 2019, about one-third of the tires had been removed.
- Hawaii, which never had rats before ships full of sailors (and rats) began arriving, started having a rat problem. Rats were eating the sugar cane crop. In 1893, a measure was passed declaring that if only the mongoose, native to India, were set free on the islands, the rat problem would be solved. However, rats are active at night, and the mongoose is active in the day. They never crossed paths. The mongoose ate many species of birds, turtles, and amphibians into extinction and remains a problem today.
- The Spanish army surrounded Antwerp, Belgium, and laid siege to the city in the year 1585, cutting off the supply chain. Most of Antwerp's food was delivered by ship via the English Channel, which was now patrolled by Spanish warships threatening to sink any supply ship that approached. Of course, food prices in Antwerp skyrocketed. City officials then imposed a ban on raising food prices. The artificially low prices subsequently fueled demand. As it turns out, merchants are not willing to risk their ships, their goods, and their lives by running a blockade if they're going to get paid a pittance for their wares, especially not when they can get the same price by selling their stuff in ports that aren't under fire by the Spanish armada. Citizens quickly began starving, and the city officials surrendered to Spain in short order.
- In the 1960s and 1970s, mafia kidnappings were a problem in Italy. Mafias would kidnap someone, hold them for ransom until it was paid, then let them go. At the time, prison sentences for kidnappers were short, averaging just 8 years, a third of the average sentence for murder. In 1974, the Italian government ramped up the punishments for kidnapping to be equal to that of homicide. This action failed to curb the number of kidnappings, while also ramping up the number of homicides.
- When New Jersey banned disposable plastic bags, they still allowed thicker, heavier, sturdier plastic bags to be sold for a nickel each. These bags were intended to be reused, but the action merely resulted in people discarding thicker, heavier plastic bags.
- In 2003, officials in the California state government decided to survey erosion along the Pacific coastline. They hired a photographer to take pictures of every stretch of the beach so that the rate of erosion could be measured over time. Along the way, the photographer snapped a picture of a grand mansion that sits on a bluff high above the coastline, directly over a cliff that is susceptible to erosion. As directed by his employers, the photographer then posted all the pictures on a state government website, where the public could view them.
- The grand mansion happened to belong to singer Barbra Streisand. She took exception to pictures of her very private, sprawling manor being posted on a public forum, even though the palatial abode was not identified as hers, and even though the true focus and intent of the photo was to show the eroding cliff beneath the estate. She therefore sued the photographer for \$50 million, and insisted the image be removed from the website and scrubbed from the internet.
- The publicity generated by this lawsuit sent the "view counter" of that page of the internet spiraling upward, while news organizations copied and pasted the picture to their own websites. She had intended to keep photos of her castle out of the public eye, but her actions ensured that everyone saw it. She lost the case and was required to pay the legal fees. The phenomenon, now known as "The Streisand Effect," is defined as "bringing unwanted attention to the thing that is being hidden."



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ARTIST
of the week

Conway Twitty

Born Harold Lloyd Jenkins on September 1, 1933, in the small Delta town of Friars Point, Mississippi, Conway Twitty's life read like a Southern novel — rich with reinvention, haunted by longing, and rooted in a deep understanding of what people wanted to hear when they turned the radio on late at night.

Twitty wasn't born into fame. He was a boy with a guitar and a voice, growing up during the Great Depression and raised in Helena, Arkansas. Early on, music whispered to him through the crackle of the airwaves — the blues, country, and gospel sounds of the South all colliding in his mind. By the time he was a teenager, he was fronting a band and dreaming of stardom, but baseball was his first serious ticket out. The Philadelphia Phillies even drafted him, but fate — in the form of the Korean War — had other plans. Twitty was drafted into the Army, and the rest, as they say, is country music history.

After his military service, he changed his name — inspired by a road atlas: Conway, Arkansas, and Twitty, Texas. Harold Jenkins became Conway Twitty, and suddenly, the man had a myth to grow into.

His first big hit wasn't a country song at all — it was the rock and roll classic "It's Only Make Believe" (1958), which topped the charts in multiple countries and made him a teen idol overnight. With slicked-back hair and a croon that could melt speakers, he toured alongside Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley. But unlike many of his contemporaries, Twitty wasn't content being a rock star — he followed his heart back home to country music.

In the late 1960s, he made the transition — and what a transition it was. While many artists stumbled trying to cross genre lines, Twitty did it with ease, his voice fitting country music like it was made for him all along. By the 1970s, he was dominating the charts with hits like "Hello Darlin'," "You've Never Been This Far Before," and a string of duets with Loretta Lynn that oozed both chemistry and controversy. Together, they became one of country music's most iconic pairs — though their relationship remained platonic, the fire in their harmonies suggested otherwise.

Twitty was known for his rich, sensual baritone — often described as the sound of velvet and bourbon — and for pushing boundaries in the genre with lyrics that were unapologetically intimate. In a world of pickup trucks and heartbreak, Twitty sang about passion and desire, often from the perspective of a man who had lived — and lost — enough to know what love really cost.

By the time he died suddenly in 1993, Conway Twitty had charted 55 number-one hits, more than any other artist in history at that time — even more than Elvis or the Beatles. His career defied easy labels: he was a rock pioneer, a country legend, a songwriter, and a showman. But more than that, he was a man who understood how to speak to the heart of America — not just the radio version of it, but the real one.

And though his voice is gone, you can still hear it echo in every song that dares to blur the lines between genres, between longing and loving, between a whisper and a wail. Conway Twitty didn't just sing songs — he inhabited them. And for a few perfect minutes, he took us with him.

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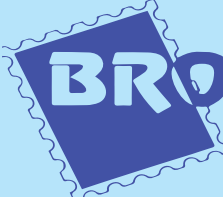
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Julia Roberts	10/28/1967
Winona Ryder	10/29/1971
Henry Winkler	10/30/1945
Margot Kidder	10/31/1948
Peter Jackson	11/1/1961



Holidays & Observances This Week

10/26	Mule Day
10/27	Cranky Co-Workers Day
10/28	St. Jude's Day
10/29	Bring Your Jack-o-Lantern To Work Day
10/30	Create a Great Funeral Day
10/31	National Knock Knock Day
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2. Name the first artist to release “Misty Blue.”
3. Who was the first to release “Put Your Hand in the Hand”?
4. Which singer-songwriter released “Only the Lonely (Know the Way I Feel)”?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “All my life was a paper, once plain, pure and white.”

Answers

1. The Eagles, in 1974. In 1975, Billboard rated it at No. 12 of all the songs for the year.
2. Wilma Burgess, in 1966. Months later the song was covered by Eddy Arnold. It had been penned specifically for Brenda Lee, but she said no to recording it.
3. Anne Murray, in 1970. The following year the Canadian group Ocean released the song on their debut album. A dozen others followed over the years with their own covers, including Joan Baez, Elvis Presley and Tennessee Ernie Ford.
4. Roy Orbison, in 1960. The song was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1999.
5. “You Decorated My Life,” by Kenny Rogers, in 1979. The next year it won the Grammy for Best Country Song.

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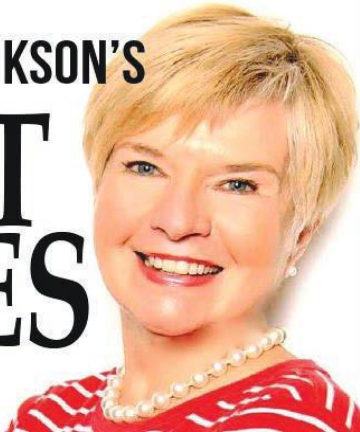
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- Makes 5-6 two-slice servings
- 1 8-ounce package low-fat or regular cream cheese, softened
 - 3/4 cup chopped pecans
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 3 tablespoons orange zest from a fresh orange
 - 1 large loaf French bread (day-old bread with a softer crust works best)
 - 6 eggs, beaten
 - 3/4 cup milk
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - Maple syrup for Pecan Maple Syrup (recipe follows)
- First, read through the steps and choose appropriate jobs for every family member. Let's begin!
- To assemble:** Blend the cream cheese, 1/2 cup of the pecans, the sugar, and 2 tablespoons of the orange zest in a medium bowl.
- An adult or older child should cut the loaf into about 10 to 12 1-inch slices. Then cut an opening in one crust side of each slice two-thirds the way down to form a pocket. Tuck a spoonful of the cream cheese mixture into each pocket and press to close. Arrange in two rows in a 9-by-13-inch greased baking pan.
- Combine the beaten eggs, milk and vanilla in a medium bowl. Pour over the bread, making sure that it is soaked with egg mixture. Cover with aluminum foil and refrigerate overnight.

To bake and serve: In the morning, preheat oven to 350 F. Remove foil and bake for 45 minutes until lightly golden. Serve warm Pecan Maple Syrup (below) drizzled over individual servings.

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Thought for the Day: "The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus." -- Bruce Lee

by Jeff Pickering

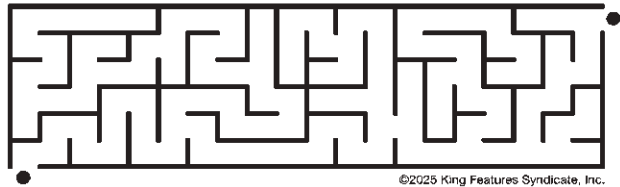
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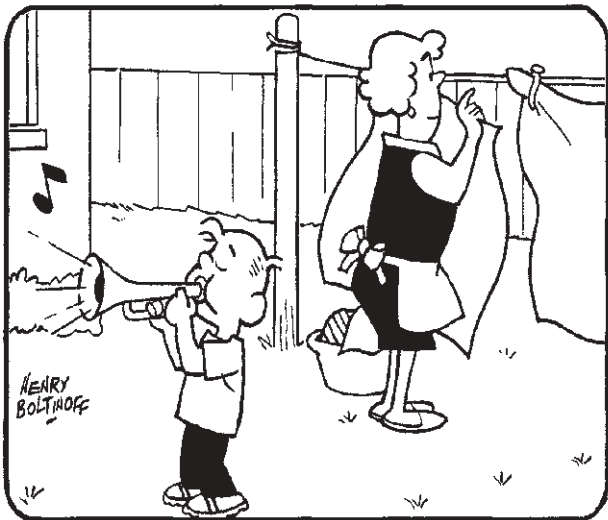
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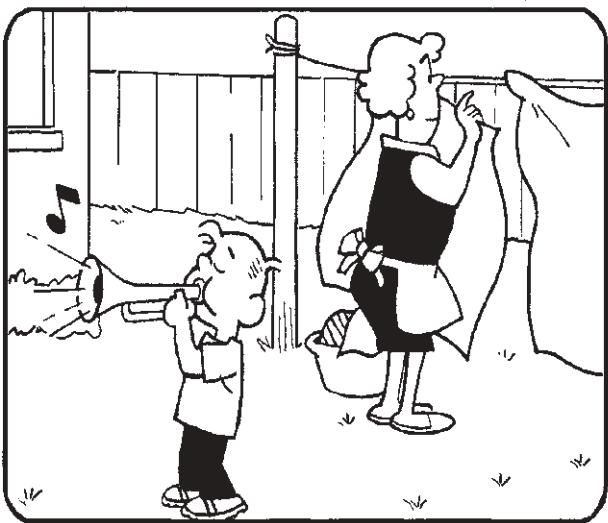
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

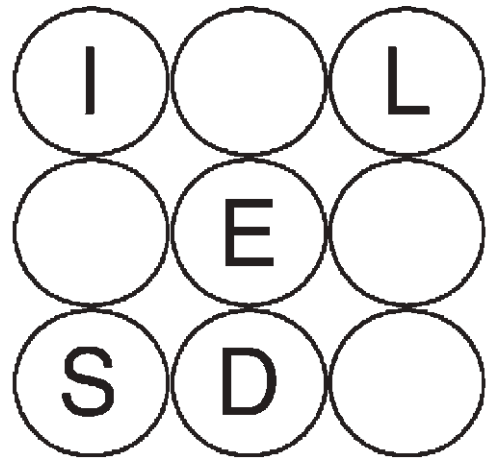


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Music note is missing. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Clothespin is missing. 4. Sheet is longer. 5. Window is wider. 6. Arm is not showing.

WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals M

MEPL QSIJEQTJ BPFHZPLXF
TJSP EYTQBQYF THFXJSPF HL
FDPPWE, MQYIZ DPQDIP WJII
XEQFP FQQLPBHFTF?



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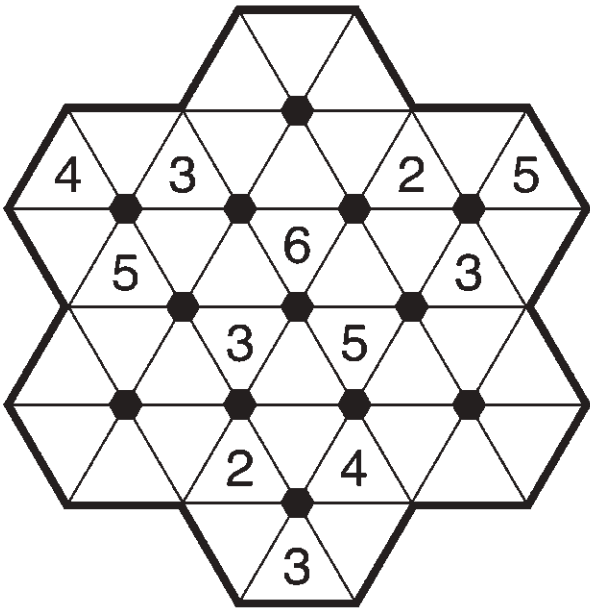
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PUZZLES/GAMES

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.



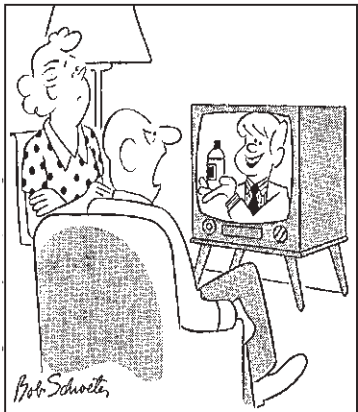
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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S Q N I (H A M S T E R) K I F D
A X V T B Q O G O R A G U O C
H M J N H R T O O F P L C A Y
W S U R O W E F C H O P W X N
L J I H F O K G I E E D B O Z
X V T F R M C K D R L G Q F O
M K I H T B I C N A E O D D F
D B Z Y W A R V A U B F T E T
R Q O N L T C K B R K I L R H
H F D C A Z X W V U S S R Y Q

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: A POLECAT

- Badger
Bandicoot
Catfish
Cougar
- Cricket
Firefly
Gerbil
Hamster
- Hedgehog
Leopard
Ocelot
Owl
- Raccoon
Red fox
Wombat



“The ‘wet look’ — the ‘dry look’ — I wish they’d come out with something for the ‘_____ look.’”

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F M F I S L T L U E D D Y

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Relax
ONELUG

Chine
SNIPE

Gone
SHAVIN

Fraud
CEDEIT

TODAY'S WORD

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.

1. Investigate
2. Royal home
3. Mountainous
4. Flag
5. Ire
6. Crowd
7. Keep back
8. Make amends
9. Military rank
10. Shaving foam
- ___ E ___
___ _ C _
___ I ___
___ _ N _
___ N ___
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___ _ _ N
A _ _ _ _
___ _ J _
___ _ H _
- Barnyard baby
Roof of the mouth
Christmassy plant
Money loaner
Boring tool
Stable inhabitant
N Facet
Pebble
Estate
Second (of two)
- ___ I ___
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___ _ T _

Weekly SUDOKU

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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!

TIPBITS presents TRIVIA NEWSFRONT

- What country's ecosystem was drastically altered by the deliberate importation of foxes?
- What country's ecosystem was drastically altered by the deliberate importation of rabbits?
- What country's ecosystem was drastically altered by the deliberate importation of cane toads?
- What country's ecosystem was drastically altered by the introduction of house cats?
- What country's ecosystem was drastically altered by the introduction of ostriches?

STICKELERS by Terry Stickels

Try your hand at these analogies ...

- Killing one's brother: fratricide:: Killing one's wife: ?
- Bone: osteo:: ear: ?
- Anglo: England:: Sino: ?
- Occidental: West
Oriental: East
?: North
?: South



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Moments
in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

* On Oct. 27, 1873, Joseph Glidden, a farmer in DeKalb, Illinois, submitted an application to the U.S. Patent Office for his new design for a fencing wire with sharp barbs. His version, using two strands of wire twisted together, was an improvement on the single-strand version created by Henry Rose and became the best-selling such wire in the country.

* On Oct. 28, 1787, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart worked all night to complete the overture of his opera “Don Giovanni,” which was scheduled to debut in Prague the next day. The orchestra had no time to rehearse, but sight-read it in the concert hall to a most enthusiastic response from the crowd.

* On Oct. 29, 1618, Sir Walter Raleigh, an English adventurer, writer and favorite courtier of Queen Elizabeth I, was beheaded in London under a sentence brought against him 15 years earlier for conspiracy against King James I.

* On Oct. 30, 1905, George Bernard Shaw’s play “Mrs. Warren’s Profession,” which dealt frankly with prostitution and had already been banned in Britain, was staged at New York’s Garrick Theater, but was closed by authorities after a single performance. The next day the producer and players were arrested for obscenity, but no one (including Shaw) was convicted. The play would not be legally performed in Britain for another 21 years.

* On Oct. 31, 1950, 21-year-old Earl Lloyd became the first African American to play in an NBA game when he took to the court in the season opener for the Washington Capitols. While he would describe joining an all-white team as “intimidating” his teammates were welcoming, though not all fans approved.

* On Nov. 1, 1800, President John Adams moved into the newly constructed President’s House, the original name for what we today call the White House.

* On Nov. 2, 2000, the first residential crew arrived aboard the International Space Station, marking both the beginning of a new era of international cooperation in space and the longest continuous human habitation in low Earth orbit, which continues to this day.

Super Crossword

RINGING-IN TUNE

ACROSS

1 Protestant denom.

6 Command

11 Duel weapon

16 Blind — bat

19 Fiji neighbor

20 Acai, for one

21 Peel remover

22 Scanned ID on a pkg.

23 “Is that something that ought to worry me?”

25 Rembrandt or Rubens

27 Arafat’s gp.

28 Thurman of the screen

29 With it, once

30 “I Got a Name” singer Jim

31 Patient information document

38 Be a thespian

39 Discount vouchers

40 ER “PDQ!”

41 Wanna- — (copycats)

43 Coll. dorm overseers

45 Spanish “a”

46 Young miss

48 “I’m stepping away for just a sec”

52 Actress Bingham

55 “... boy — girl?”

58 Gut-punch response

59 On the whole

60 Embarrassed oneself

63 Rubs clean

64 Spinning, archaically

65 Peru’s — Picchu

66 Suffix with 29-Down

67 Fifth-cen. pope

68 What “etc.” means

72 City sections

77 Oversee

79 Android, e.g.

80 Some steel girders

81 Wise up

85 Always the wrong way to go about it

89 With 49-Down, miraculous biblical staff

90 Singer Yoko

91 Science advocate Bill

92 Spa treats for feet, for short

93 Felled

96 Tip of a boot

98 Org. for a periodontist

100 Pigs’ hangout

101 Female pig

102 Slithery fish

105 Left on one’s plate

108 In what way

110 More so

114 Grads

116 Lyricist Kahn

117 Slugger

118 Maris, to pals

119 Actor Stephen

119 Psyching-out activities

122 Time to sing the tune suggested by the starts of 10 long answers in this puzzle

127 Co. name abbr.

128 Lott of politics

129 Highly skilled

130 Sporty car roofs

131 Stretch (out)

132 Threescore

133 Harbors

134 Perception

5 Peruvian city near Lima

6 Honshu sash

7 Mow again

8 Serious plays

9 Straying

10 Bread type

11 Do a satire of

12 “Where’s —?”

13 Munic. law

14 Sleep-stage acronym

15 Storied vampire, for short

16 Dictators

17 Striking thing to behold

18 Unit of area

24 Carrying out the task

26 Span. lady

29 Falling star

31 Prefix with puncture

32 Bend out of shape

33 Bicker

34 Hush-hush govt. org.

35 Hailed ride

36 1993-2020 Supreme Court justice, for short

37 Dr. Oz’s first name

42 Over the entire shop, as a sale

44 “The — the limit!”

47 Lindsay of “Get a Clue”

49 See 89-Across

50 Stipulations

51 Youth org. with dens

53 “Permit Me Voyage” author James

54 Food dyes

56 Shipping dept. stamp

57 “Horton Hears —!”

60 Notes after mis

61 Tax evasion agt.

62 Very unusual

66 Analogy part

69 Tooted thing

70 Online auction site

71 Thesaurus compiler

73 Place — (participate on 70-Down)

74 Glow with joy

75 German city

76 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs

78 Final result

81 Chatters idly

82 Alternative to AOL or NetZero

83 Unit equal to about 31 grams

84 Astros, on scoreboards

85 Tacit “yes”

86 Rocker Brian

87 People taking oaths

88 From 1968 on, for tennis

94 A pair of

95 Born, in Nice

97 “Days of — Lives”

99 Pantry pest

103 Texas city of song

104 One packing things away

106 Puts forth

107 One little bite

109 Nuke, e.g.

111 Intermediary

112 Like hurricanes

113 Cairo’s land

114 Lady friend, in Le Havre

115 Mil. bigwigs

120 Meyers of “Dark Horse”

121 Tex- —

122 Brief sleep

123 Martians, e.g.

124 History unit

125 Corp. execs

126 Suffix with Siam

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Fun Fact

The term “jack-o-lantern” is from the Irish folktale about Jack, who was welcome neither in Heaven or Hell, so his spirit wandered at night with just a lantern to light his way. To scare off “Jack,” or any other evil spirits wandering on October 31 (Samhain, to the Celts), folks carved turnips or potatoes into faces, put a lit ember inside and set these in a window.



Sources: www.museum.ie, www.theirishplace.com

SAILING STONES



- Death Valley National Park in southern California is the lowest, hottest, and driest place in the U.S. It has many unique features, one of which is called the Sailing Stones: rocks in the middle of a desert that mysteriously move.
- The Sailing Stones all start with a dry lake bed about 3 miles long and 2 miles wide, which dried up about 10,000 years ago. The surface of the dried lake bed is a vast expanse of cracked mud called playa, from the Spanish word for beach. During rare rainstorms, the water doesn't soak in, but remains on top, forming a slick clay.
- Around the rim of the playa are mountains that periodically drop rocks down onto the surface. The rocks, made of dolomite and syenite, vary in size and shape.
- In 1915, a prospector visited the area now called Racetrack Playa and noted that some rocks had long tracks stretching out behind them, indicating they had somehow been moved along in the mud. Many theories were proposed, including dust devils, magnetic fields, slippery algae, aliens, and pranksters. It wasn't until 2013, with the invention of affordable time-lapse cameras combined with GPS technology, that researchers were finally able to prove how the rocks move.
- In 2011, geologists brought in 15 rocks fitted with GPS trackers and left them on the playa with solar-powered time-lapse cameras trained on them. Nearby, they set up a weather station that constantly recorded conditions. It was known that sometimes ten years or more would pass between movements, but in this case, the proof arrived pretty quickly. After just two years, researchers documented more than 60 rocks moving at speeds of 7 to 16 feet per minute for durations sometimes lasting 15 minutes. The circumstances were always identical.
- For stones to sail, it must be winter. It must rain enough to leave several inches of water on the playa. A cold night causes a thin layer of ice on the water. When temperatures rise in the morning, the ice breaks up into slabs. Now, a steady breeze pushes the panels of jumbled ice, and the rocks embedded among them. Movement is aided by the lubrication of the slippery clay, the buoyancy of the water, and the grasp of the ice. The length of the track and its direction depend on wind conditions: sometimes it is straight, sometimes it curves, and sometimes it takes abrupt angles. Researchers released their report in 2014.
- These conditions only occur a few times per year. But when it does happen, large sheets of ice can push many rocks at a time, explaining why trails far apart are strikingly parallel.
- The ice need only be as thick as a windowpane, thick enough to hold its shape, but thin enough to move freely. The wind speed only needed to be around 10 mph to move the rocks a few inches per second.
- Stones with rough bottoms leave straight furrowed tracks while rocks with smooth bottoms slide from side to side.
- Most tracks remain visible for three or four years.
- Some of these sailing stones weigh up to 700 pounds. Some have left tracks stretching up to 1,500 feet long.
- The playa itself is so flat that its elevation changes by no more than an inch or two among its entire length.
- When rangers found tracks that ended with no rock, they assumed a tourist had stolen the rock. However, it was shown that angular slabs of ice also leave tracks in the mud.
- Although visitors are welcome to view the tracks in person, please do not walk or drive on the playa when it is wet and muddy.



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Stolen Valor: When they Didn't Earn it

Despite the Stolen Valor Act and the punishments for violating that act, there are still far too many who decide to take the chance on reaping the material gains of claiming benefits and wearing a uniform they didn't earn.

A veteran on the east coast was nailed not only for scamming charities but for pretending to be a Purple Heart recipient. In a rare change from the usual in these cases, the veteran is a female. She claimed she'd been injured in an improvised explosive device (IED) attack. The charity in question was one she had created to help low-income veterans and the homeless, all noble endeavors, if any of it had been true. Instead, all the money donated by genuine charities went into her own pocket and paid for travel, a fancy car, gym membership and more. She'll repay the money she scammed and spend a year in jail.

Then there was the former Marine who had the nerve to submit an application for a Purple Heart for himself. He based this on a fake case of PTSD and IED-caused brain injury while he stole in excess of a quarter of a million dollars in disability benefits from the VA. Over the years he'd been invited to speak at veterans events and made up stories in the press. However, for this he'll only serve two years of supervised release.

Then there was the thief (again, a female) who claimed to have earned a Purple Heart for pulling people from a burning Humvee, needed surgery for injuries, damaged her lungs on burn pit smoke, then collected \$250,000 from various charities -- all without ever having served in the military. For this she got 70 months in prison.

To those who think they can pull off an impersonation of a true veteran, there are always people who will know when your salute isn't right, who'll know when your DD-214 looks forged and who'll know when the ribbons on your fake uniform aren't correct. And they'll turn you in.



By Terry and Kim Kovel

Korean Lacquerware



The art of adding mother-of-pearl inlay to lacquerware has been practiced in Korea for more than a thousand years. The Korean term for it is Najeonchilgi, from the words najeon, meaning mother-of-pearl, and chilgi, lacquer. It is a lengthy process that requires skill and patience the artisan builds through years of training. The artisan must prepare the mother-of-pearl shells, cut them into delicate slices or intricate shapes, lacquer to the object to be decorated, apply the shells, add more coats of lacquer and finally sand and polish the object. Even today, artisans prefer using traditional materials and methods that have been handed down over generations. Najeonchilgi has lost popularity since the 1970s, but some artisans continue to practice it and make works of art or luxury goods on commission. Older pieces are sought as antiques. Auction house Nye & Company described this Najeonchilgi chest as an Emperor chest and sold it for \$2,048. For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com.



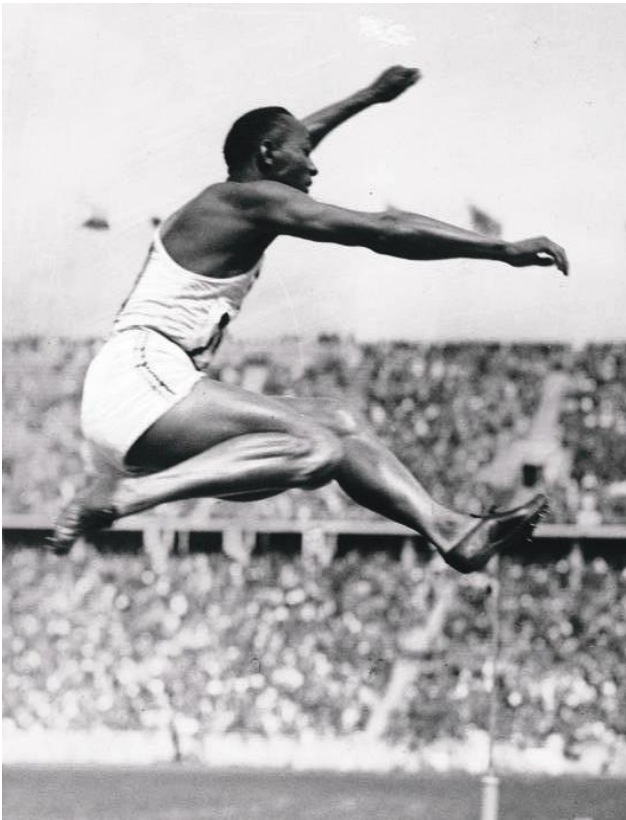


Sports Quiz

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. Pat Pitney (nee Spurgin), who became president of the University of Alaska System in 2020, won a gold medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics competing in what sport?
2. What Pro Football Hall of Famer served as an associate justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court from 1993-2015 and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2018?
3. What NBA player, nicknamed “Chocolate Thunder” for his powerful dunks, shattered two glass backboards in 1979 and led the league to adopt breakaway rims?
4. American Dick Beardsley and Norwegian Inge Simonsen intentionally crossed the finish line together and shared first place in what 1981 long-distance running race?
5. Running back Pinball Clemons amassed a Canadian Football League record 25,438 combined regular-season yards playing for what team from 1989-2000?
6. What three Chicago Cubs players were immortalized in the refrain of the 1910 poem “Baseball’s Sad Lexicon” by Franklin Pierce Adams?
7. What trophy is awarded to the winner of the traditional college football rivalry game between the Cincinnati Bearcats and the Louisville Cardinals?

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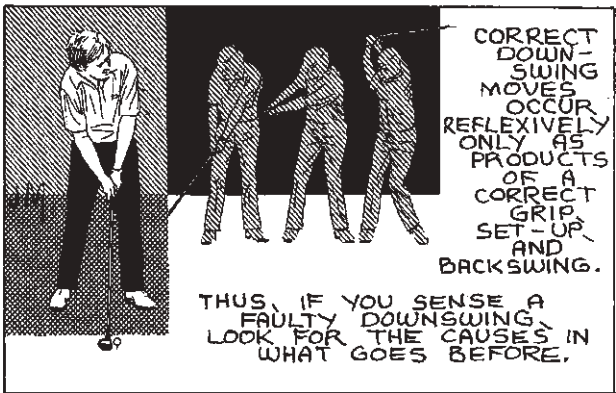
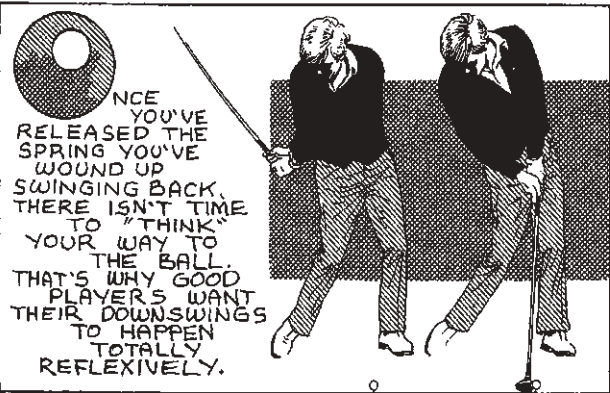


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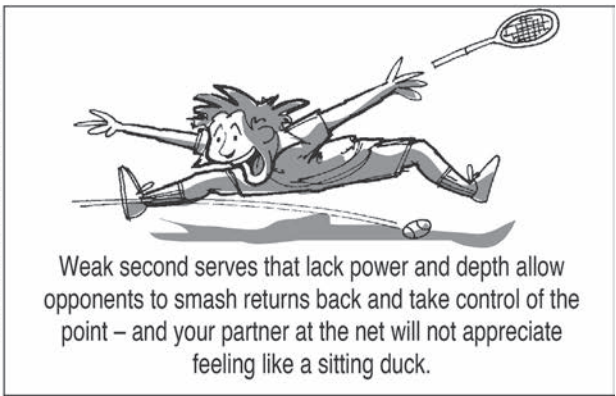
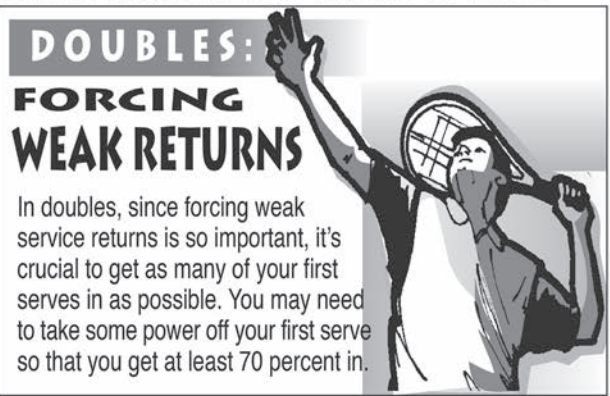
- The oldest human sport was probably wrestling. Cave paintings in Lascaux, France, dating back 15,300 years, depict wrestlers.
- It’s been estimated that there are over 8,000 different sports in the world.
- The most popular sport worldwide is soccer.
- The most dangerous sport is mountaineering, with a risk of death around 1 percent per climb. Contact sports, including basketball, football, soccer, rugby, and hockey, all have high instances of injuries.
- A pro tennis player runs an average of 3 miles during a typical match.
- There are 650 tennis matches during the Wimbledon Championship. Approximately 42,000 tennis balls will be used during the event.
- The average lifespan of a Major League baseball is five to seven pitches. It’s estimated that Major League Baseball uses about 850,000 balls per season. Every ball is rubbed down with mud to make it easier to pitch.
- There are exactly 108 stitches on a baseball.
- A microwaved baseball flies farther than a frozen one.
- A typical baseball game lasts around 2.5 hours, but it’s estimated that there are only 18 minutes of total action during that time.
- Major League Baseball umpires are required to wear black underwear while on the job in case they split their pants.

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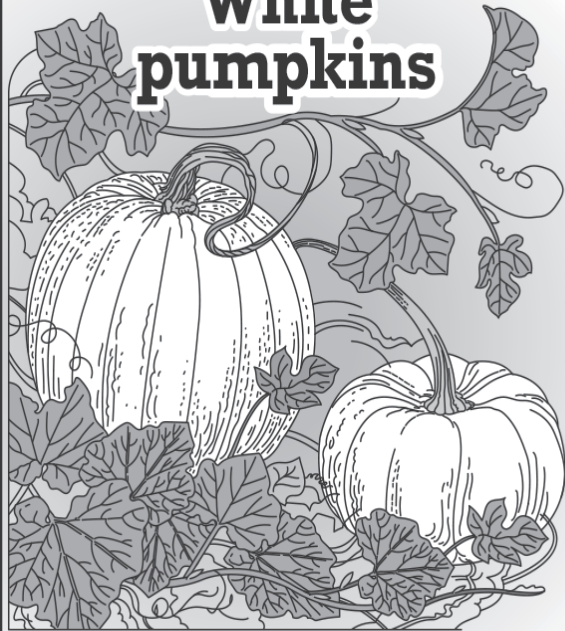
- Babe Ruth kept cool on hot days by placing a cold wet cabbage leaf on top of his head, under his baseball cap. He would exchange the leaf for a new one every other inning.
- The Dallas Cowboys hired the NFL’s first professional cheerleading squad in 1972.
- Identifying players by jersey number was popularized by baseball.
- A forfeited baseball game goes into the record books with a score of 9-0, correlating to the number of innings.
- The longest Major League at-bat lasted 21 pitches by the San Francisco Giants’ Brandon Belt against the Los Angeles Angels’ pitcher Jaime Barria in 2018. Belt hit 16 foul balls before the session ended in a fly ball out.
- NFL rules state the home team must provide 36 footballs for outdoor games and 24 for indoor games.
- The average NFL career lasts around 3 years.
- The Buffalo Bills appeared in four consecutive Super Bowls between 1991 and 1994 and lost them all.
- When the Boston Bruins won hockey’s Stanley Cup for the 1971/1972 season, the engraver misspelled the team’s name as BQSTQN BRUINS, mistakenly using the letter Q instead of the letter O.
- Michael Jordan failed in his bid to get on the high school basketball team when he was a sophomore.
- The average NBA player weighs 216 pounds.

- Swimmer Michael Phelps holds the record for most Olympic medals won, with 28 (23 of which were gold). If Phelps were a nation, he would rank 35th in total medals won, ahead of 97 other countries.
- On May 25, 1935, track star Jesse Owens set five world records and tied a sixth within a single 45-minute time-span during a Big Ten meet in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- British runner Roger Bannister became the first human in recorded history to run a mile in less than four minutes. In 1959, his time was 3:59.4. He held the record for just 46 days. The current record, set in 1999, is 3:43.13.



The Garden Bug

White pumpkins



Both white and orange pumpkins are members of the Cucurbita family, which includes winter and summer squash, cucumbers, and melons. White pumpkin varieties such as “Lumina,” “Snowball” and “Casper” were developed about 40 years ago using albino pumpkin seeds. They tend to be smaller and more “round” than other pumpkin varieties. “Lumina” are the most popular for carving and making decorative displays for the fall holidays.

- Brenda Weaver

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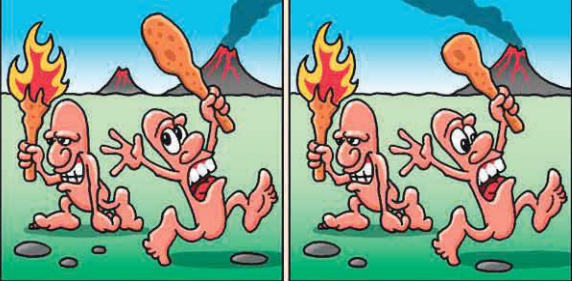
While no one is exactly sure where hot dogs first originated, we do know that people have been eating sausage-like foods for thousands of years. Today, hot dogs are one of the more popular foods in the world because they are tasty, inexpensive, easy to prepare, easy to carry and best of all, fun to eat.

ON A ROLL

No one is sure who first placed a sausage on a bun. German immigrants to America are said to have sold sausages with rolls and sauerkraut in New York City during the 1860s. Charles Feltman and Harry Magely Stevens of New York both claim to have put sausages in buns during the late 1800s. Anton Feuchtwanger began selling sausages in a split bun during the late 1800s and at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904.

MISSING LINKS

Can you spot six differences between these two scenes?



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A COMPLETE WRAP-UP OF THE

Hot Dog

This cartoon is a bunch of baloney.

It is difficult to estimate how many hot dogs are eaten around the world, but more than one billion hot dogs are eaten in America every year.

When isn't a hot dog hot? When it's a chili dog.

How do girl hot dogs wear their hair? In a bun.

Start spreadin' the ooze.

The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile was first used in 1936. Various versions of the Wienermobile have traveled through countries such as Canada, Japan, Mexico, Spain and the U.S.

Contrary to popular superstitions, the meat found in most hot dogs is actually about the same quality as the meat you would find in your local grocery store.

For adults, mustard is the most popular topping for hot dogs. Most kids prefer ketchup.

Many people are concerned about the levels of sodium, nitrates and preservatives used in most processed hot dogs.

The "wienerwurst" was invented in Vienna, Austria.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find the hidden words? Search carefully because some words are backward or diagonal.

DACHSHUND	ROLL	BOB
MUSTARD	MEAT	HOT
SAUSAGE	TUBE	DOG
KETCHUP	PORK	BUN
WIENER	BEEF	FUN
FRANKS	BITE	EAT

TURTLES ARE FUN
DIAL BATFDANCE
MEOU RPNRARED
MRT SNHULAAELT
SHARKHOTMNA
EGGSACKSAEKS
EACHUBTOURIRS
GACHOIELMIWOW
OAKBITKELAMPS
DARTSEEKFARMS

For more information on hot dogs, check out these Web sites: www.hot-dog.org <http://whatscookingamerica.net/History/HotDog/HDIndex.htm> www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Hot_Dogs/index.asp Distributed by NEA, Inc. © Jeff Harris 2007 7/2

FAST FOOD

Fast food is just that – easy and convenient. Good or bad? *Tidbits* brings the facts and lets you decide!

- If you're an average American, you'll spend about \$1,200 on fast food this year. About 50 million Americans will eat fast food in the U.S. today, contributing to the industry's annual total of \$117 billion, more than the annual amount spent on movies, books, music, and newspapers combined. An estimated 20-25% of Americans eat fast food at least once a week.
- Fast food is nothing new. In fact, in ancient Rome, bread, sausages, and wine were sold at stands on the side of the road. Fast food really took off beginning in the nineteenth century when fish and chips stands started up in Great Britain. A commemorative plaque in the community of Oldham in Manchester, England, honors the origin of that fast food industry there in 1860. By 1910, The United Kingdom boasted more than 25,000 fish and chips shops.
- Merriam-Webster first included the term "fast food" in its dictionary in 1951.
- Based on Subway's menu choices of meats, breads, salads, and toppings, there are nearly 38 million possible combinations for lunch.
- McDonald's is the most valuable fast food brand in the world, but it's not the one with the most restaurants. There are about 36,000 McDonald's restaurants worldwide, but Subway has close to 45,000 eateries. McDonald's is the largest purchaser of beef, pork, and potatoes in the nation. McDonald's fries make up 7.5% of the U.S. entire potato crop. Surprisingly, as one of the world's largest owners of real estate, McDonald's holdings earn the corporation more profits from rent than from selling food. And the inclusion of toys in Happy Meals has earned the chain the distinction of world's largest toy distributor.
- According to McDonald's, one of their burgers can contain parts of more than 100 cows.
- So is that really chicken in your chicken nuggets? It seems so, but not the parts you might expect. A medical study revealed that the content is not much meat, and more bones, fat, and tendons. That didn't bother Jamaican Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt, who ate 1,000 chicken nuggets during his time at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. His love of nuggets hasn't affected his achievement of nine Olympic medals.
- Recommended daily fat intake is between 44 and 66 grams per day. Carl Jr.'s Double Six hamburger delivers 111 grams of fat.

- How about a large order of fries at Five Guys? It's surprising that the calorie count in the restaurant's large fries is higher than the hamburger patty, bun, and milkshake combined. At 1,310 calories, the fries order contains 57 grams of fat, and the salt content is equal to more than six salt packets. Compare the large fries at McDonald's, which add up to 510 calories.
- A regular burger, small fries, and small drink amounts to 630 calories, which can be further reduced by 150 calories by drinking water.
- How about burning off those fast food calories? A medium order of fries contains about 400 calories, and riding a stationary bike at a brisk pace for 30 minutes will burn about 391 of those. Thirty minutes of aerobics will only knock off 260, with strength training burning just 224. Burger King's Double Whopper has 923 calories, which would require the average male to walk about nine miles to take care of those calories. Adding an order of fries and a large cola to the burger will bring the total to 1,500 calories, which is 65% of the recommended daily calorie intake for an adult male.
- One in three Americans drinks a large sugary drink every day. Forty ounces of regular soda is about 400 calories. Consider changing to water, unsweetened tea, or at least a smaller size on your next fast food visit.
- A salad at your favorite fast food place seems like a healthy option. But consider that a Grande Taco Salad at your local On the Border has 1,390 calories and 95 grams of fat. A salad at McDonald's with their regular dressing tallies up to 680 calories, more than a Big Mac!
- Wendy's, the only major fast food chain that sells baked potatoes, sells about a million spuds per week.
- It should be no surprise that fast food has been linked to an increase in the number of cases of obesity. The Centers for Disease Control list obesity as the #2 cause of preventable death (second only to smoking). There are several other consequences of frequent fast food consumption, including a link to depression. Some studies indicate a link between unhealthy food and dementia and breast cancer. Research has shown an increased risk for diabetes, colorectal cancer, heart disease, and high cholesterol for those who regularly consume fast food.
- It's alarming to think that just living near a fast food restaurant can increase your chances of becoming obese! Recent studies suggest that people living less than 2 miles from a fast food place are more likely to have a higher Body Mass Index.
- Parents seem to be passing the fast food habit on to the next generation. About 9 out of 10 American children

visit McDonald's every month, and 34% of U.S. kids eat fast food on any given day. In addition to being linked to childhood obesity, a study of 12,000 students indicates that fast food may affect academic achievement. Students who ate more fast food had slower growth in educational improvement in reading, math, and science than those who ate no fast food.

- The average American teenager drinks more than 64 gallons of soft drinks every year.
- Ninety-six percent of children around the world recognize Ronald McDonald. This makes Ronald more recognizable than Santa Claus.
- In 2004, documentary filmmaker Morgan Spurlock conducted a 30-day experiment and captured the experience on film in "Super-Size Me." Seeking to investigate the increasing spread of obesity in America, Spurlock ate at McDonald's three times every day, with an average of 5,000 calories a day. Starting out at 185 lbs, the 6 ft. 2 in Spurlock gained 9.5 lbs. in the first five days. By the end of the month-long trial, he weighed 210 lbs. He reported mood swings, fat accumulation in his liver, depression, headaches, and lethargy during the 30 days of nothing but fast food. Those 90 meals consumed in that 30 days were equal to what nutritionists advise a person should eat in 8 years. It took Spurlock 14 months to lose the weight.

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NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

When Mexico City tried to cut road congestion in 1989, they instigated a rule saying only cars with even numbered plates could drive on even numbered days, and cars with odd numbered plates could drive on odd numbered days. People ended up buying extra junker cars so they could have one even and one odd numbered plate. Congestion became worse than ever.

FRANCHISES



How did some of our favorite fast food restaurants get their start? *Tidbits* has the history on these franchises.

- Roy Allen opened a root beer stand in Lodi, California in 1919 to participate in the homecoming celebration of the community's World War I heroes. Three years later, Allen partnered up with a former employee, Frank Wright, (hence, the name A&W), and expanded into Sacramento. In the late 1920s, the company introduced curb service and added roller-skating carhops in the 1940s. Allen started selling franchises to others in 1925, and by 1950, there were 450 A&Ws across the nation.
- White Castle opened its first restaurant in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas. Billy Ingram started the chain with just \$700, offering slider-style burgers for five cents. The company sold its 50 millionth burger in 1941.
- Although the first McDonald's opened in 1940, it wasn't until 1955 that its first franchise opened in Des Plaines, Illinois. Fries were 10 cents and burgers, 15 cents. Today, wherever you stand on the U.S. mainland, you are never more than 115 miles away from a McDonald's outlet. An empty plain in South Dakota is the only place that is more than 100 miles away. It's estimated that 96% of Americans have eaten at McDonald's at least once. One in every eight Americans has worked at McDonald's at some point in their life. McDonald's is Brazil's largest employer.
- Sonic opened its first drive-in in 1953, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. It was called the Top Hat back then, and the owner, a former milkman named Troy Smith, added an intercom and carhops. Three years later, he opened his second location. If you'd like to open a Sonic franchise today, the startup cost ranges from \$1 million to \$1.6 million.
- Harry and Esther Snyder opened the first In-N-Out in 1948 in Baldwin Park, California. Harry set up a speaker system, creating the state's first drive-thru. There wasn't a dining room at In-N-Out until 1979. The small, regional chain operates in just six U.S. states, with 344 locations. Unlike other fast food places, In-N-Out does not franchise its operations, nor has it gone public, remaining in the Snyder family, now operated by the founders' only grandchild. The restaurant keeps the menu simple with three burger varieties – hamburger, cheeseburger, and Double-Double – along with fries, drinks, and three flavors of milkshakes. In-N-Out was the favorite fast food of chefs Julia Child and Anthony Bourdain.
- Glen Bell opened his first drive-in in San Bernardino in 1954, called Bell's Drive-In and Taco Tia. But the first of his famous chain, Taco Bell, didn't open until 1962. Bell sold his first franchise two years later, and by 1967, there were 100 Taco Bell's. The company went public went public in 1970 when there were 325 restaurants. Glen Bell sold 868 outlets to the Pepsi Company in 1978. When the original Taco Bell was under threat of demolition in 2015, the company moved it to the lot of their headquarters.
- In 1965, 17-year-old Bridgeport, Connecticut Fred DeLuca borrowed \$1,000 from a family friend, Dr. Peter Buck, and opened Pete's Submarines. The following year, the pair opened a second restaurant and changed the name to Subway. By 1978, there were 100 Subways, and the 1,000th outlet opened in 1987. Today, there are Subways in 87 countries, producing over \$9 billion in sales every year. At the time of his death in 2015, Fred DeLuca had a net worth of \$3.5 billion. sales every year. At the time of his death in 2015, Fred DeLuca had a net worth of \$3.5 billion.

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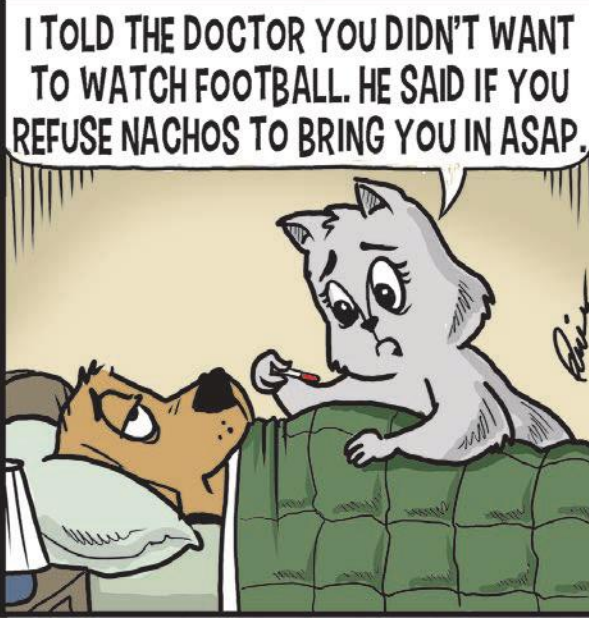
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**Paw's
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Halloween Pet Safety is a Paramount concern

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Please warn your readers to keep their cats indoors on Halloween night! I've heard too many stories of cats disappearing or being injured by people with ill intentions -- especially black cats. -- Francis in Des Moines, Iowa

DEAR FRANCIS: It's a good idea to keep cats indoors every night, but yes, they face additional threats to their safety on Halloween. The biggest danger is from cars -- traffic is heavier during peak trick-or-treating hours, around sunset. Frequent opening and closing of the front door is another danger: As owners hand out treats in the doorway, their cat may take the opportunity to run outside -- often right into the busy street.

Halloween safety extends to all the pets in the household. Cats are not likely to get into the big bowl of candy near the doorway, but dogs may be fascinated by the wrappers and lovely aromas. If owners don't keep watch, their dog may overturn the bowl and begin gobbling up chocolate or sugar-free candies that contain xylitol -- an ingredient that is poisonous to them.

While pranksters harming cats (and other pets) can happen, a much more concerning fact is that many people adopt black cats for Halloween, only to abandon them afterward for one reason or another -- they're too expensive to take care of, their apartment management doesn't allow pets, and so on. Impulsive adoptions are a bigger risk.

So keep your pets safe on Halloween by placing them in a separate room during the busiest part of trick-or-treating, or during a party. And make sure the candy stays out of their reach.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

MEET 'TIGGER'

Tigger (his registered name is El Tigre de Chocolate), is 40 years 5 months old and he is a Peruvian Paso. According to the Peruvian Paso longevity project, he is one the oldest in the U.S. (and world) of his breed.







Tigger was the U.S. champion of the Enfrenadura (Peruvian reining) in 1989. His age is catching up with him as he is declining and has an injury to his left hind leg. However, he still has the will to live and his owner is doing everything she can to keep him around.

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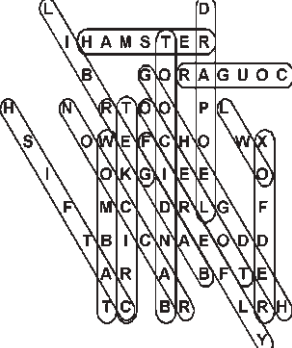
Sports Quiz Answers

1. Air rifle shooting.
2. Alan Page.
3. Darryl Dawkins.
4. The London Marathon.
5. The Toronto Argonauts.
6. Joe Tinker, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance.
7. The Keg of Nails.

Trivia Answers

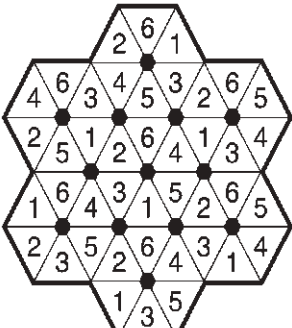
1. Six (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island).
2. District 12.
3. Sciatic nerve.
4. Vibranium.
5. Sublimation.
6. 1979.
7. Cullen.
8. Opossum.
9. Jan.
10. Pennsylvania.

NOCTURNAL ANIMALS



SNOWFLAKES

solution



Even Exchange

answers

1. Check, Chick
2. Palace, Palate
3. Hilly, Holly
4. Banner, Banker
5. Anger, Auger
6. Horde, Horse
7. Detain, Detail
8. Alone, Stone
9. Major, Manor
10. Lather, Latter

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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ANSWERS

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answer

When Oklahoma residents make humorous mistakes in speech, would people call those Soonierisms?

Stickelers Answer

1) uxoricide
2) oto
3) China
4) Boreal: North
Austral: South

Super Crossword

Answers

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TIDBITS GOES LONG.....

In 1696, Britain instigated a "window tax." The more windows the building had, the higher the taxes. As a result, windows were bricked closed. People were crowded together with no ventilation during cold winters, spreading disease. It took 150 years for the window tax to be repealed.