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## TIDBITS® HAS FLAVORFUL FACTS ABOUT

### FAMOUS CHEFS

by Kathy Wolfe

It's time for some tasty information, as *Tidbits* offers these details about some famous chefs.

- If you're a fan of Rachael Ray, you've most likely heard phrases like "Oh my gravy!", "Delish!" or "Yum-O" as she prepares her trademark "30 Minute Meals." Ray grew up in a cooking atmosphere, as her mother managed restaurants in New York's Capital District, the metropolitan district surrounding Albany. In her 20s, Rachael started working at the Macy's Marketplace candy counter. She proved her worth to the point that Macy's wanted to promote her to a buyer in the Accessories department, but Rachael had foods on her mind, and went to work at the specialty foods store, Agata & Valentina on Manhattan's Upper East Side. It was then on to pub management the Sagamore Hotel, followed by a buyer position at an Albany gourmet market. In the early 2000s, she approached a large supermarket about conducting cooking classes for shoppers, along with performing demos, all the while writing her first cookbook. With the success of her classes, a local TV station asked her to do weekly segments during the newscasts, leading to a spot on the "Today" show and her first contract with the Food Network. Ray's approach is "quick and easy," simple recipes to complete in 30 minutes or less.

turn the page for more!

- Although Rachael Ray is the author of 26 cookbooks, she claims, "I have no formal anything. I'm completely unqualified for any job I've ever had. I'm not a chef." Apparently, the public disagrees, as she was named one of "TIME" magazine's most influential people, along with awards for Favorite TV Cook.

- Emeril Lagasse was on the road to a career in music as a very talented percussionist and leader of the high school drum squad. He was offered a scholarship to the New England Conservatory of Music, which he declined to pursue his first love - cooking. As a child of seven, he pleaded with his Portuguese mother to teach him how to make vegetable soup. He discovered his real love for cooking while working in a Portuguese bakery as a teen. After graduating from the famed culinary school, Johnson & Wales University, he undertook further studies in Paris, honing his skills in French cuisine. Following chef positions in New York City, Boston, and Philadelphia, Lagasse made the move to New Orleans, where he perfected

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his signature Cajun and Creole cooking. After eight years, he opened his first restaurant there, which was named "Restaurant of the Year" by "Esquire" magazine during its first year. He now owns 10 restaurants and has authored 19 best-selling cookbooks. Lagasse became the Food Network's first star chef in the 1990s. His recipes are part of the meal selection of the International Space Station, and on Carnival Cruise Lines, for which he serves as Chief Culinary Officer.

- Ina Garten is better known as the Barefoot Contessa, the host of a Food Network program of the same name. But cooking was not in her background. Her university major was economics, and she holds an MBA from the George Washington University School of Business. While her husband was serving in the military, she began experimenting with cooking to stay busy. Following his discharge, a trip to Paris cemented her love of cooking, but her chef career was still a long way off. She landed a position in the federal government as a budget analyst, which included writing the nuclear budget and policy for two U.S. presidents. On the side, she was renovating and flipping houses. The profits from the houses led to her next purchase, a specialty food store, the Barefoot Contessa. The original owner had named the store as such after the 1954 romantic drama film starring Ava Gardner. Garten ran the store from 1978 until 2003, when lease negotiations failed. The store had been such a popular gathering place, it was included as one of the sets in the film "Something's Gotta Give." Garten debuted her Food Network program in 2002, and it remains one of the longest-running daytime programs. She also has 14 cookbooks to her credit.

- Gordon Ramsay is most probably the world's most popular celebrity chef. Born in Scotland, but raised in England, as a youth, Ramsay's ambition was to become a pro soccer player. After a serious knee injury that tabled those ambitions, he turned his attention to the culinary field. After jobs in several London restaurants, at 23, he moved to Paris to train there for three years. He opened his first restaurant in London in 1998, and that number has expanded to 90 around the world.

- Gordon Ramsay is known for his fiery temper, aggressive behavior, and comments peppered with criticism, insults, and profanity. There's more to Ramsay than his cooking abilities and poor manners. He has a passion for fitness and has completed several marathons and Ironman events, as well as holding a black belt in karate. Ramsay is fluent in four languages, English, French, German, and Italian. His side gigs include a line of quality cookware and knives, ownership of a vineyard in the south of France, and the authoring of 27 books. Philanthropy is also on his list of accomplishments with his support of children's hospitals, food banks, and

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- Guy Fieri is the highest-paid cable television chef, having signed an \$80 million contract with the Food Network in 2021. He was born Guy Ferry but reverted to the family's original name of Fieri to honor his grandfather, Guiseppe Fieri, an Italian immigrant who had "Americanized" his name when entering the country. Guy started out selling pretzels from his bicycle cart while in elementary school. Guy's love of cooking developed during his time as a foreign exchange student in France. He opened his first restaurant at age 28, followed by three more in the next 12 years. He now reportedly owns around 85 restaurants, 19 of them aboard Carnival cruise ships. He has lent his name to 14 different brands, including cookware, condiments, and clothing. While some chefs focus on elaborate cuisine, Fieri centers his creations toward comfort food and casual dining, as demonstrated in his 27 cookbooks.

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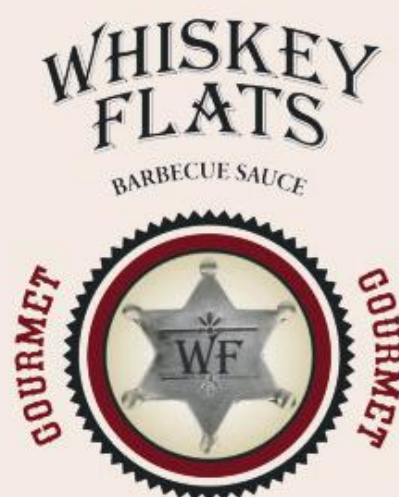
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\* On April 7, 1940, Tuskegee Institute founder Booker T. Washington became the first African American to be honored with a postage stamp bearing his likeness. It would be almost another 40 years before an African American woman -- human rights activist Harriet Tubman -- would receive the same recognition.

\* On April 8, 1993, astronaut Ellen Ochoa became the first Hispanic woman in space when the shuttle Discovery lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center. Later she also served as Director of the Johnson Space Center, the first Hispanic director and the second woman to hold that position, from 2013 to 2018.

\* On April 9, 1945, Berlin University lecturer, Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was hanged at Flossenburg concentration camp in Germany, just days prior to its liberation by American soldiers. His final words were, "This is the end -- for me, the beginning of life."

\* On April 10, 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) was founded in New York City by philanthropist and diplomat Henry Bergh. By the time of his death in 1888, 37 of the 38 states in the Union had passed animal anti-cruelty laws.

\* On April 11, 2004, Phil Mickelson won the Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club, his first major championship in nearly 12 years as a professional golfer.

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- Growing up in a well-to-do family, Julia Child had no exposure to creating meals, as the family employed a cook. As a young girl, Julia's interests centered on tennis, golf, and basketball. She was active in sports while attending Massachusetts' Smith College, where she majored in history. Her goal was to become a novelist or magazine writer, and her first job was as a copywriter for a chain of furniture stores.
- During World War II, Julia landed a position

as a typist with the federal government's Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in Washington, D.C., a forerunner to the CIA. She soon advanced to the position of top-secret researcher in the Secret Intelligence Branch of the agency.

- Being transferred overseas, Julia was responsible for cataloging and channeling highly classified intelligence files in Ceylon, India, and China. While in India, she met a fellow OSS employee, Paul Child, and after their marriage, they moved back to Washington.
- Paul's job with the U.S. Foreign Service at the American Embassy led the couple to Paris. Julia's first meal in France was at La Couronne in Rouen, France's oldest restaurant. She frequently spoke of the experience as "an opening up of the soul and spirit for me." Because of Paul's interest in French cooking, Julia enrolled in the Le Cordon Bleu cooking school, followed by private lessons from master chefs.
- Julia teamed up with two other members of her women's cooking club, and the trio produced a French cookbook as well as teaching cooking to others in Julia's kitchen. They called their school "L'ecole des Trios Gourmands," - The School of the Three Food Lovers." The

Childs returned to the U.S. in 1961.

- In 1961, Julia Child's debut cookbook, "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," a 726-page best seller, was published, co-authored with her two friends, and praised for its easy-to-follow format and illustrations. An appearance on her local public television station to promote the book led to an offer from the station for her own cooking series, and in 1963, "The French Chef," premiered, with Julia earning \$50 per show. Soon, 96 stations were carrying her show. The program, the first television program to be captioned for the deaf, aired for a decade, and Julie earned a Peabody and Emmy Award for her efforts. Her Emmy was the first for an educational program.
- Broadcasts for three of Julia's various TV series were shot in her own Cambridge, Massachusetts, kitchen, specially designed by her husband, Paul, to accommodate her 6'2" height. In 2001, three years before her death, she moved into a retirement community. The kitchen was dismantled and reassembled in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. She gifted her house and office to her alma mater, Smith College.

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**26** April  
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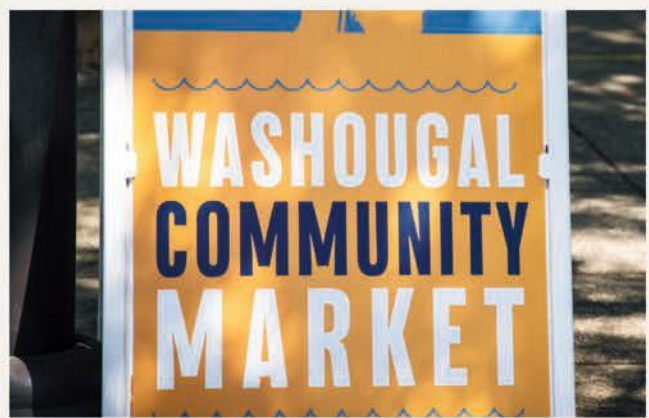
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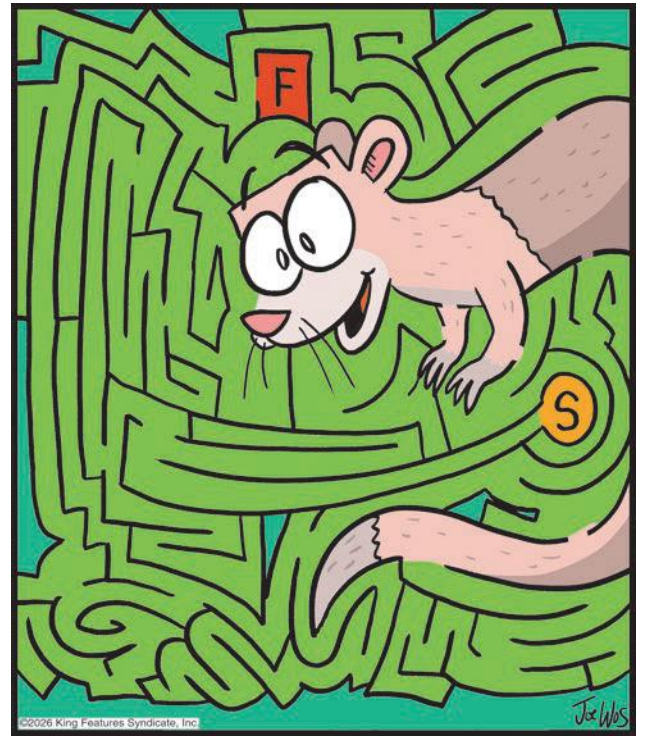
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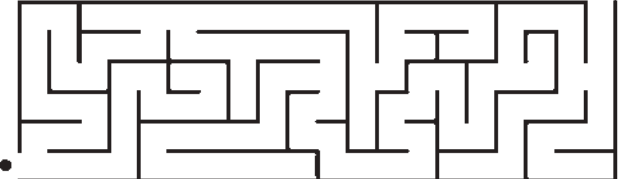
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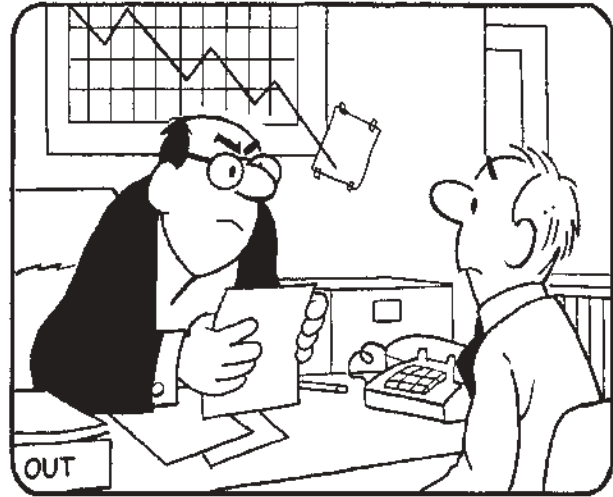


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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tie is missing. 2. Word on box is different. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Pencil is moved. 5. Wall is wider. 6. Chair is moved.

## 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 P

TUT ZVM WUSR WSTPKWFZK  
 EDU ZMUKPW NOWD WSAD ZW  
 GRSPNOV, JPRRUENOV ZVM  
 ZRGZAUKP: FSVZ FSKVPK.

**TIPBITS WORD POWER**  
 Unscramble this word:  
**OIRGUBNUGON**

Julia Child's famous French classic dish, Beef

## Super Crossword GEM OF A PUZZLE

- |   |   |  |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                   | <b>51</b> Bit of wristwear with small, linked segments    | <b>93</b> Supermodel Kate                                      | <b>3</b> Adobe Acrobat file, for short        | <b>42</b> Arresting, informally              | <b>80</b> Mailbox item: Abbr.             |
| <b>1</b> Law enforcers, slangily                | <b>56</b> Rage  | <b>95</b> "Jenny" co-star Alan                                 | <b>4</b> Gut-punch sound                      | <b>43</b> Canary of cartoons                 | <b>82</b> Aquatic rodents                 |
| <b>5</b> War on Poverty prez                    | <b>57</b> Surgery ctrs.                                   | <b>96</b> Hi-tech organizers                                   | <b>5</b> Way past the time that               | <b>44</b> Perfumer Lauder                    | <b>83</b> American marsupial              |
| <b>8</b> Husband on "The Munsters"              | <b>59</b> Cake layers                                     | <b>97</b> Footwear for golfer Payne Stewart                    | <b>6</b> "Crazy in Love" singer               | <b>46</b> Titled man                         | <b>86</b> Graceful, swift horses          |
| <b>14</b> Injections                            | <b>60</b> Org. for drs.                                   | <b>103</b> Busy insect   | <b>7</b> Third-year H.S. students             | <b>47</b> Looks over                         | <b>87</b> Actress Longoria                |
| <b>19</b> High hairstyle                        | <b>61</b> Spike of films                                  | <b>105</b> Fat or protein unit                                 | <b>8</b> Sportscaster Cosell                  | <b>48</b> Big name in pens                   | <b>88</b> Chap                            |
| <b>20</b> Atop, in verse                        | <b>62</b> Food — (post-meal condition)                    | <b>106</b> Skill, in Latin                                     | <b>9</b> Rubs away                            | <b>49</b> Relating to an eating-away process | <b>90</b> Second wife of Lennon           |
| <b>21</b> Baltimore pro athlete                 | <b>64</b> Prefix for "milk"                               | <b>107</b> Prevaricate   | <b>10</b> Goes upward                         | <b>50</b> Somewhat stiff                     | <b>94</b> Arranging on a dish for serving |
| <b>22</b> Conical home                          | <b>66</b> Become stretched out                            | <b>108</b> Alternative to rhinestone                           | <b>11</b> Utah town near Arches National Park | <b>52</b> Mark indelibly                     | <b>96</b> Brick-shaped tart candy         |
| <b>23</b> Fifth Avenue retailer of luxury goods | <b>68</b> Occasion upon three-score years of marriage     | <b>114</b> Capote, to pals                                     | <b>12</b> Jessica of "Dark Angel"             | <b>53</b> Old-time actress Talbot or Naldi   | <b>97</b> Betrayer Benedict               |
| <b>25</b> Pungent sushi paste                   | <b>73</b> Building part enclosed by blaze-resistant walls | <b>115</b> Small hotel   | <b>13</b> Moonwalker Armstrong                | <b>54</b> Genre for "L.A. Confidential"      | <b>98</b> Old-time actress Ella           |
| <b>26</b> Tibetan, e.g.                         | <b>74</b> Western flick                                   | <b>116</b> Ordinary  | <b>14</b> Work crew                           | <b>55</b> Love, in Latin                     | <b>99</b> A.M. show since '75             |
| <b>27</b> "Cool, dude!"                         | <b>75</b> Fat-removal option, briefly                     | <b>117</b> Cell with an axon                                   | <b>15</b> Hem and haw                         | <b>58</b> Ambien or ZzzQuil, for short       | <b>100</b> Facility for outpatients       |
| <b>28</b> Many an intl. charity gp.             | <b>77</b> King, in Arles                                  | <b>118</b> Things associated with eight answers in this puzzle | <b>16</b> Sheriff Taylor's tyke               | <b>63</b> Wood cutter                        | <b>101</b> Set ablaze                     |
| <b>29</b> Where to hit a home run               | <b>78</b> Brief slumber                                   | <b>120</b> Helmsley of hotels                                  | <b>17</b> Greenish shade                      | <b>65</b> — loss for words                   | <b>102</b> Felt intuitively               |
| <b>31</b> Simpson trial judge Lance             | <b>79</b> Green shade                                     | <b>121</b> Wash out the mouth audibly                          | <b>18</b> Dispatch                            | <b>66</b> 12/24, e.g.                        | <b>105</b> Grand                          |
| <b>32</b> Khaki color                           | <b>81</b> Four halves                                     | <b>122</b> Busy insect   | <b>24</b> Oscar nominee Banderas              | <b>67</b> Miss                               | <b>108</b> Niche religion                 |
| <b>33</b> Warlike deity                         | <b>84</b> Zero  | <b>123</b> Detestable  | <b>29</b> Pub                                 | <b>69</b> Sharp-tasting                      | <b>109</b> Exploiter                      |
| <b>34</b> Frequently, in verse                  | <b>85</b> Gift for popping the question                   | <b>124</b> Secret rendezvous                                   | <b>30</b> Realtor's unit                      | <b>70</b> "Dies —" (hymn)                    | <b>110</b> Sea marker                     |
| <b>35</b> What a dealer deals from              | <b>89</b> Point where the moon is farthest from Earth     | <b>125</b> Roots firmly  | <b>36</b> DIYer's set                         | <b>71</b> "Avatar" race                      | <b>111</b> Playwright William             |
| <b>38</b> River vessel                          | <b>91</b> Milk farm                                       | <b>126</b> Sporty English autos                                | <b>37</b> Singer Garfunkel                    | <b>72</b> Major Calif.-to-Fla. hwy.          | <b>112</b> Extract the juice from         |
| <b>41</b> Parisian play part                    | <b>92</b> At any point                                    | <b>127</b> Did perfectly                                       | <b>38</b> It may be fretless                  | <b>73</b> Disco singer Payne                 | <b>113</b> Hydrant site                   |
| <b>45</b> Put in a tomb                         |   |  | <b>39</b> Globe                               | <b>76</b> Corrida shout                      | <b>118</b> Grand                          |
| <b>46</b> Indian dress                          |   |  | <b>40</b> Sortie signal                       | <b>79</b> Wallet wad                         | <b>119</b> Eggs, in labs                  |
| <b>47</b> Stores away                           |   |  |   |  |   |
| <b>48</b> Closest bud                           |   |  |   |  |   |

## Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- \* Australia is wider than the moon.
- \* The Cowardly Lion's costume in 1939's "The Wizard of Oz" was made from actual lion skins and fur, and weighed roughly 60 pounds.
- \* Nobody knows who invented the fire hydrant -- its patent was lost in a fire!
- \* When 300,000 people walked across San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge in observance of its 50th anniversary on May 24, 1987, the iconic structure sagged seven feet.
- \* A single orange tree can have over 60,000 flowers, but less than 1% will turn into fruit.
- \* The Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus, is mentioned more times in the Quran than in the Bible, and is also the only woman mentioned by name in the Quran.
- \* After the story of a California prison inmate who gave his paycheck of \$17.74 for more than 130 hours of labor to relief work in Gaza went viral, donors raised over \$100,000 for him.
- \* Sleeping through summer is known as estivation.
- \* Cicadas have been known to confuse the roar of power tools for mating calls and sometimes even swarm people using lawn mowers.
- \* Hay-on-Wye in Wales is home to the famous Honesty Bookshop, an outdoor book market with a collection box instead of a cashier.
- \* Marshmallows are about 50% air.
- \* Prisoners are more likely to be granted parole if their hearing is held first thing in the morning rather than at the end of the day.

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Thought for the Day: "The beautiful thing about setbacks is they introduce us to our strengths." -- Robin Sharma

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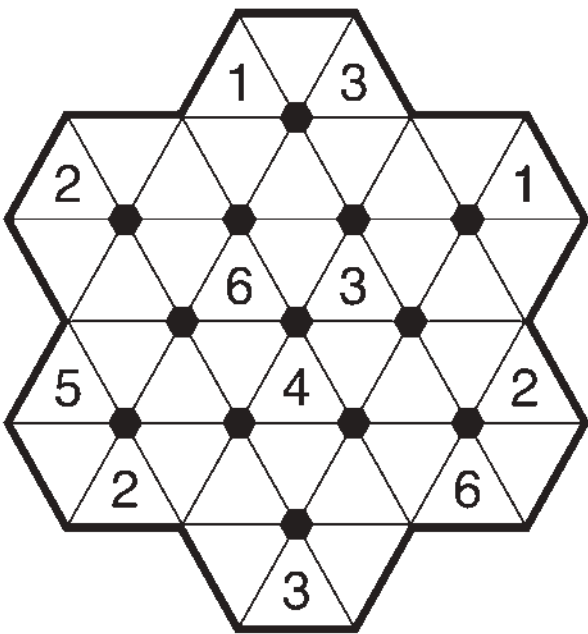
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# Puzzles and Games

## 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

### MAGIC MAZE ● NON'S

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

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

- |            |             |           |          |
|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Non-GMO    | Nonfat      | Nonskid   | Nonstop  |
| Nonacid    | Nonfiction  | Nonslip   | Nonsuch  |
| Nonaligned | Nonnative   | Nonsmoker | Nonunion |
| Noncom     | Nonresident | Nonstick  |          |



"I'm feeling fine now — however, my \_\_\_\_\_ took a turn for the worse!"

### 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!

Amuse

LICKET

Forever

WASLAY

Guide

TERSE

Shade

RUMBA

**TODAY'S WORD**

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 A D C E H O C R T R N E I  
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 3 7 2 7 8 6 8 2 3 6 2 3 2  
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 I O E C N U A T S T C G W  
 7 4 2 3 6 8 7 4 5 8 2 4 8  
 L A E A E W O I N I D N C  
 3 7 3 8 5 7 5 3 5 3 5 3 3  
 R O E E A K B N L E E S S

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

## Weekly SUDOKU

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	3	9			5	8		

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!



### TRIVIA NEWSFRONT

1. What phrase did Julia Child exclaim as the sign-off of her show, "The French Chef?"
2. "Bam!" is the famous catchphrase of this famous chef. Name him.
3. What does Rachael Ray's famous acronym EVOO stand for?
4. Who is known as the "Queen of Southern Cooking?"
5. Who was "The Galloping Gourmet," one of the first TV chefs in the 1960s and 1970s?

## STICKELERS (sic)

by Terry Stickels

Match the words on the left with their respective meaning on the right.

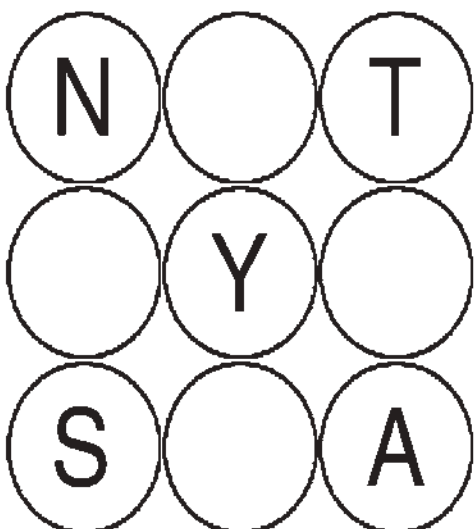
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| 1. fecund       | a. easily angered  |
| 2. choleric     | b. depth           |
| 3. profundity   | c. frugal; thrifty |
| 4. parry        | d. fertile         |
| 5. parsimonious | e. ward off; avoid |

## 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.

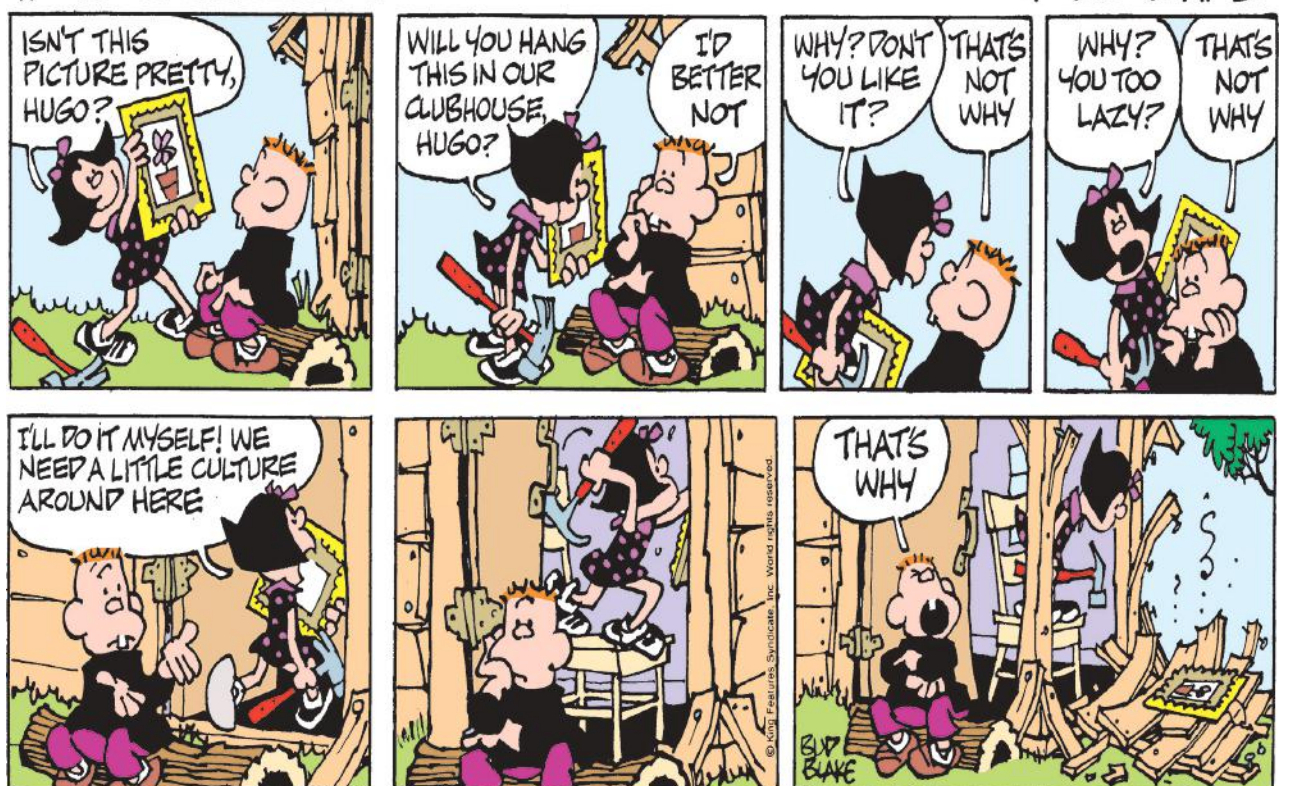
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| 1. First born         | ___ L ___ | Most peculiar  | ___ D ___ |
| 2. City of Light      | ___ I ___ | Hair divisions | ___ T ___ |
| 3. Texas capital      | A ___     | Actor Hoffman  | D ___     |
| 4. Tent dweller       | ___ M ___ | Friendly ghost | ___ S ___ |
| 5. Fake               | ___ H ___ | Spring bloom   | ___ E ___ |
| 6. Win, ____, or show | ___ L ___ | Cease fire     | ___ E ___ |
| 7. Whiten with bleach | ___ L ___ | Twig           | ___ R ___ |
| 8. Like an empty page | ___ A ___ | Eye movement   | ___ I ___ |
| 9. Lion's group       | ___ D ___ | First-class    | ___ M ___ |
| 10. Coast             | ___ E ___ | Brief          | ___ T ___ |

## WORD SPIRAL

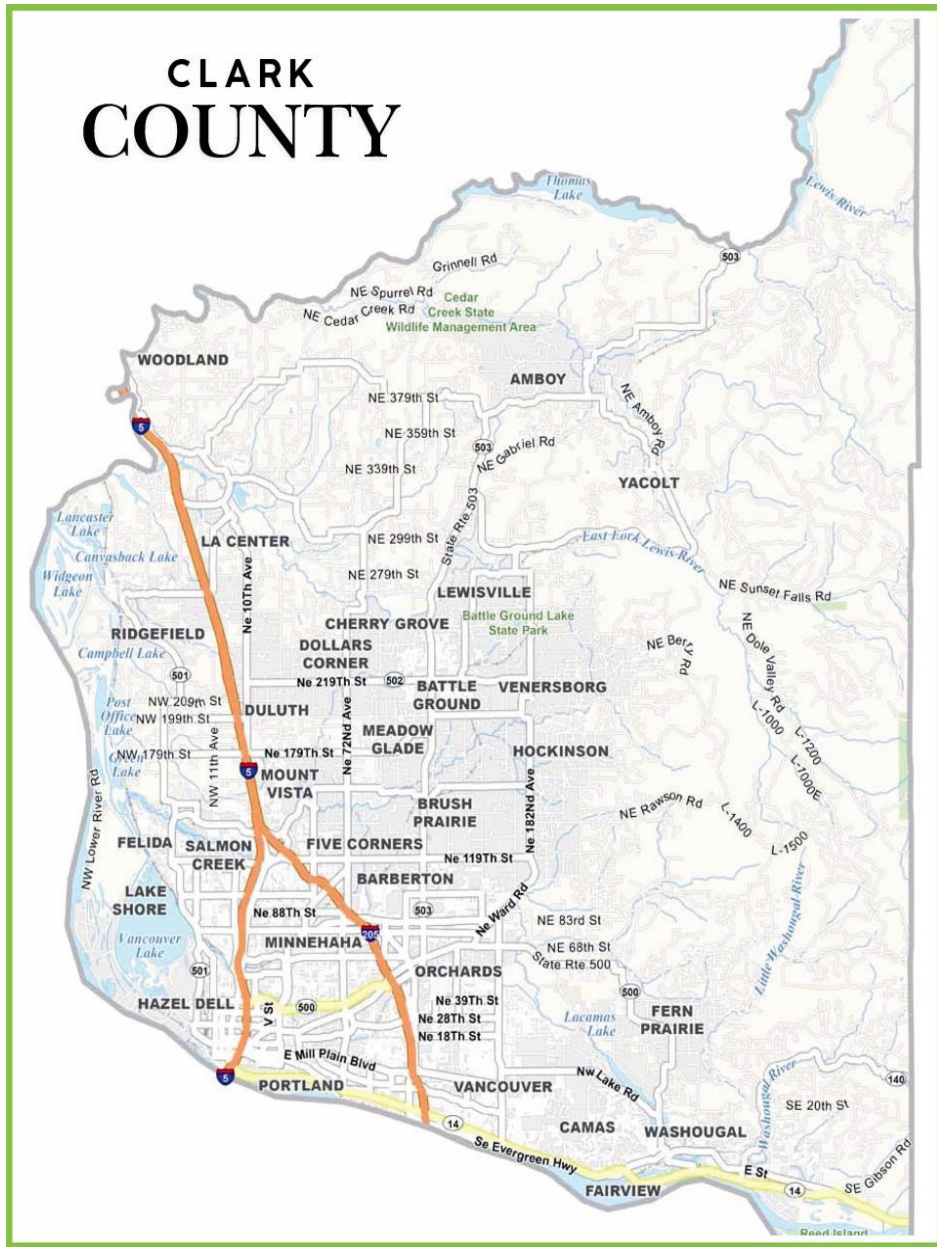


Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

## TIGER



# Living in Clark County



## Clark County Key Cities

Here are the key cities in Clark County, WA:

- **Vancouver** (Largest City): Known for its historic downtown, the Vancouver Waterfront, and serving as a major economic hub.
- **Camas**: Known for its paper mills, scenic lakes, and historic downtown area.
- **Battle Ground**: A rapidly growing city with a strong community, surrounded by agricultural land.
- **Ridgefield**: Home to the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and recognized as a fast-growing city with historic charm.
- **Washougal**: Located next to Camas, featuring access to the Columbia River and scenic natural areas.
- **La Center**: A smaller, quieter city known for its river setting.
- **Orchards & Hazel Dell**: Major unincorporated residential and commercial communities serving as suburbs to Vancouver.



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### Why You Say It

#### Groggy



Any time you get up in the morning, feeling a bit 'groggy', take pity on 18th century British seamen.

Admiral Edward Vernon was a fine looking figure standing on the poop deck of a vessel wearing a luxurious coat. Many of the men under his command despised him and as a gesture of contempt, they used "Old Grog" to name the man identified by his program coat.

At the height of his career, the admiral issues an order that was brand-new to Her Majesty's navy. Henceforth and hereafter, he stipulated, every cask of rum must be diluted with water before any drinks were served. Furious sailors gave the watered-down beverage the name of the man who invented it. Even though it wasn't as potent as rum, grog could make a fellow dizzy in short order, Hence, anyone inclined to wobble while walking came to be described as being 'groggy'.

Excerpts taken from the book written by Webb Garrison

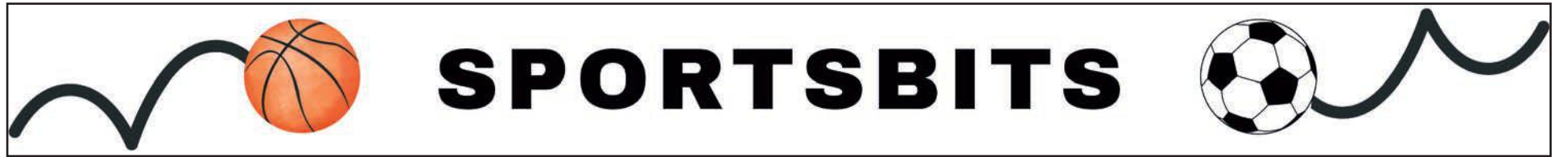


Giant 105,000 square feet indoor Trampoline Park - Flying Squirrel Sports - to open at former JCPenney location in East Vancouver .

Vancouver is about to get bouncy! Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park is planning a 104, 544 Sq. Ft. Mega Adventure Park at 19005 SE Mill Plain Blvd. Building permits have already been filed, which means the project is officially jumping forward!

Stay tuned for an opening date!

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# Sports Quiz

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. Introduced in 1990, the PGA Tour Player of the Year award trophy is named in honor of what golf great?
2. The Balmy Beach Beachers, winners of Grey Cup championships in 1927 and 1930, were a Canadian rugby football team located in what city?
3. In the original Trivial Pursuit board game, what color was used to represent the Sports & Leisure category of questions?
4. The phrase "get through to tea" - meaning persevere until the afternoon break - originated in what sport?
5. What Ohio stadium was home to the University of Akron Zips football team from 1940 to 2008?
6. Who scored the gold medal-winning goal for the U.S. Men's Hockey Team in their 2-1 overtime victory over Canada at the 2026 Milan Cortina Winter Olympics?
7. What member of the Los Angeles Lakers, nicknamed "Swaggy P," had his look of bewilderment inspire an internet meme in 2014?

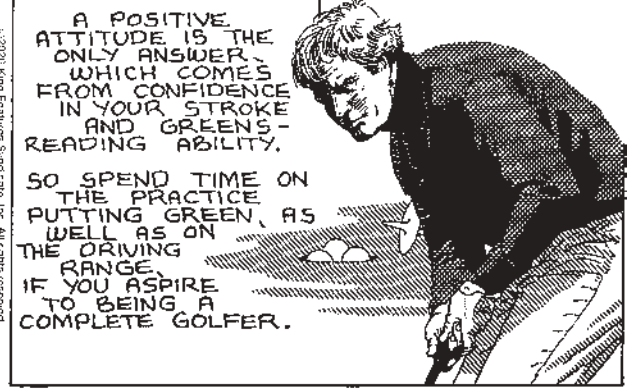
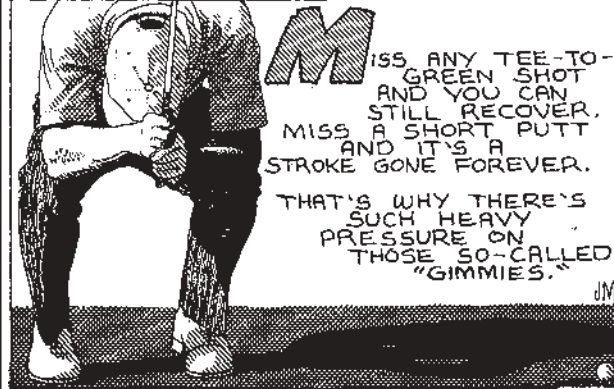


1. GEOGRAPHY: The famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, are believed to have been in what modern-day country?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the six-point blue star on emergency medical vehicles?
3. MOVIES: What is the nickname of the "vicious" dog in "The Sandlot"?
4. HISTORY: What was the name of the United States' first space shuttle?
5. LITERATURE: In what language was "The Odyssey" originally written?
6. TELEVISION: Where is the 1990s sitcom "Northern Exposure" set?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of kangaroos called?
8. SCIENCE: What is the process called when a lizard loses and regenerates a tail?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state borders two oceans?
10. MUSIC: What was Taylor Swift's first song to make Billboard's Hot 100?

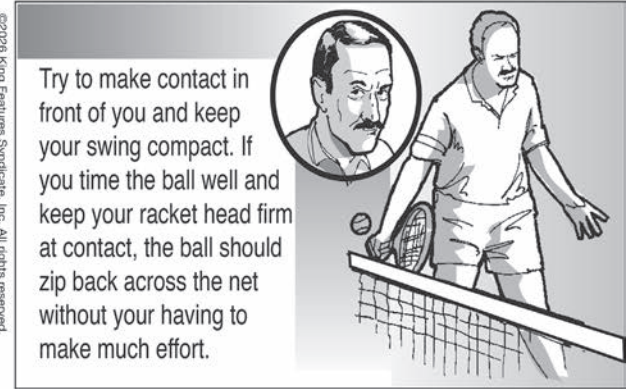
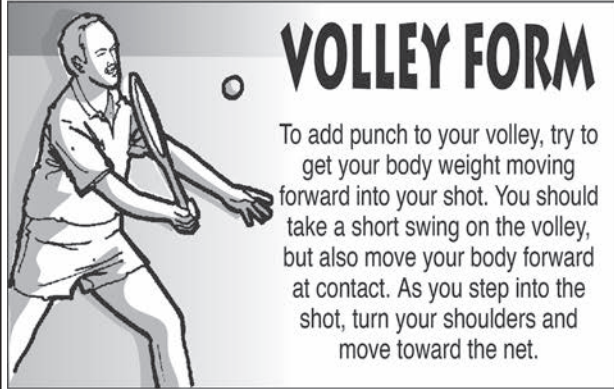
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- April 8, 1974 – Hank Aaron swung for the fences and passed Babe Ruth with home run #715—talk about an unforgettable April evening!
- The first Boston Marathon in 1897 had just 15 runners. Today? Try tens of thousands pounding the pavement!
- Tennis trailblazer Althea Gibson made waves in April 1950, becoming the first Black player invited to compete at what's now the US Open.
- April means one thing for basketball fans: the NBA playoffs are right around the corner—cue the buzzer-beaters and bracket chaos.
- April 1910 – Pitching legend Walter Johnson was already making hitters nervous... and that was just the beginning of his dominance.
- Not all April sports moments happen on the field—on April 3, 1975, chess champ Bobby Fischer stunned the world by giving up his title without a match!

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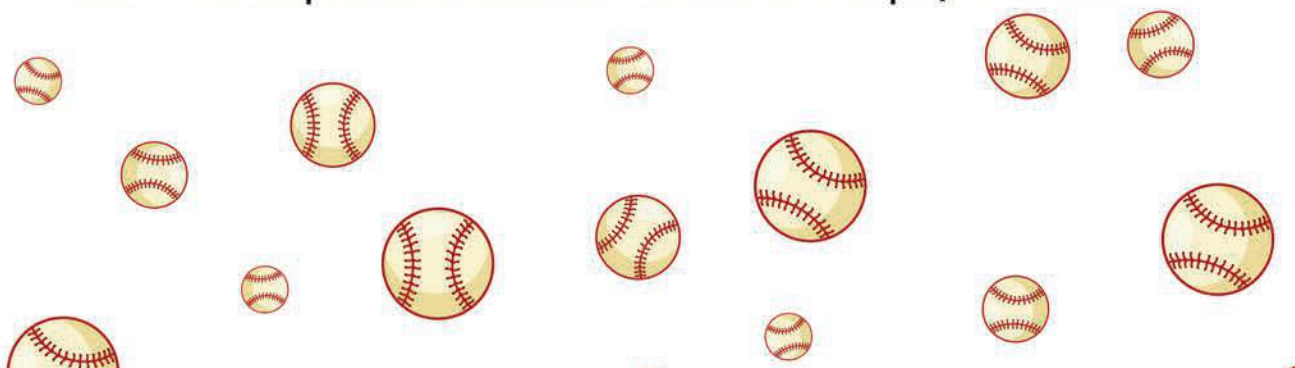
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- MAY 16-17 | Elite Eruption 3.0 | Kelso, WA
- JUN 6-7 | Columbia River Classic | Vancouver, WA
- JUN 13-14 | Rawlings Invitational | Portland/Beaverton, OR
- JUN 26- 28 | Oregon State Championships | Salem, OR
- JUL 29-AUG 2 | NSA Northwest Nationals | Spokane, WA





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**ARTIST of the week**

**Bobby Rice**

Bobby Rice may not be a household name, but his story carries the quiet determination and heartfelt honesty that define classic country music. Emerging during the golden era of the 1960s and '70s, Rice carved out a niche as both a performer and songwriter, contributing to the rich tapestry of Nashville's evolving sound.

Rice first found recognition as a songwriter, penning tunes that captured everyday struggles and simple joys—hallmarks of traditional country storytelling. His ability to translate real-life emotion into song made his work resonate with both artists and audiences. Eventually stepping into the spotlight himself, he recorded several singles, including his most notable hit, "You Lay So Easy on My Mind," a smooth, soulful track that later caught the attention of bigger stars and gained wider recognition through cover versions.

Though his time on the charts was modest, Rice's influence extended beyond his own recordings. His songwriting connected him to a network of performers who appreciated his sincerity and melodic sensibility. Like many artists of his era, he was part of the behind-the-scenes backbone of country music—those whose names might not always headline marquees but whose contributions shape the sound of a generation.

Bobby Rice's legacy lives in the enduring quality of his songs: unpretentious, heartfelt, and rooted in the traditions of country music's storytelling spirit.

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## SAVE THE DATE

### The Cannon Beach Sandcastle Contest

Mark your calendar! The Sandcastle Contest takes place on **Saturday, June 20, 2026**. It's set to be a full weekend of fun and festivities. Be sure to join us on Saturday to see the incredible creations up close. The evening tide will sweep the sandcastles away, and they will not be available for viewing on Sunday. The Contest takes place rain or shine, so be prepared for coastal weather.

**Sat. June 20**

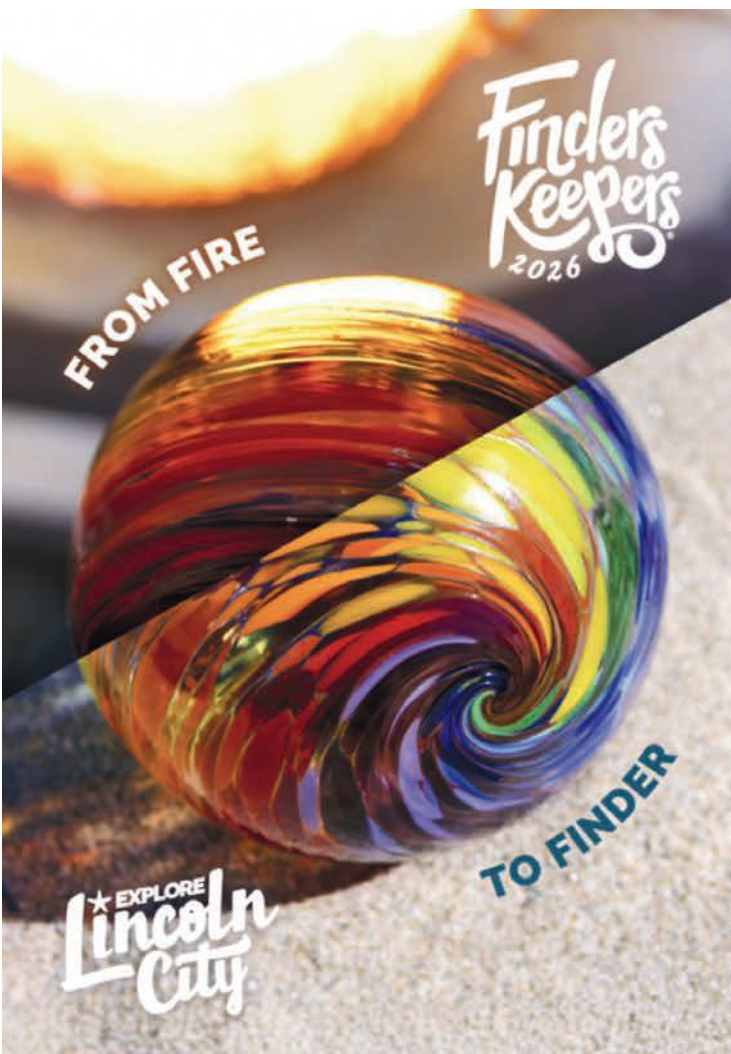
- 8:30am | Beach opens for parking
- 9:00am | Sandcastle Contest Building begins
- 2:00pm | Final Judging
- 3:00pm | All cars must be off the beach
- 7:00-10pm | Bonfire, S'mores & Music, Free admission and located on the beach at the West end of 2nd St.

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DEAR JULIE: I'm so sorry about the loss of Spacey. It's clear from your letter that you loved him and didn't want him to suffer.

The thoughts you're having are part of the grieving process. Was there anything more you could have done to heal your dog? I think you know the answer.

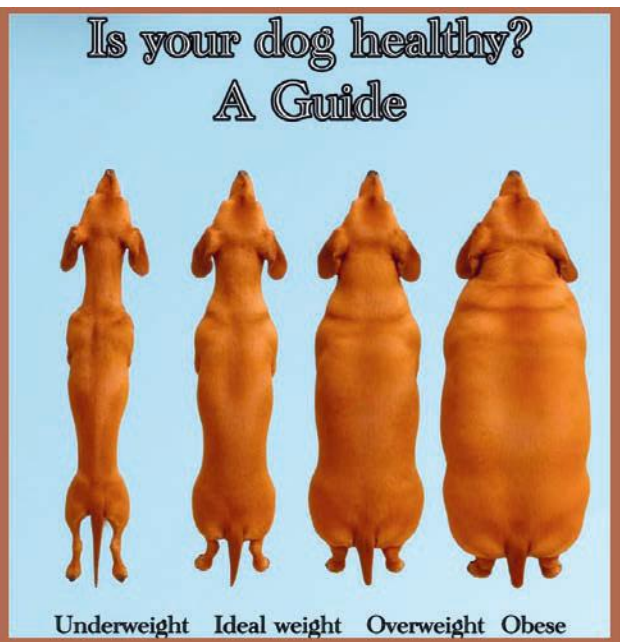
The decision on when to say goodbye to a pet is a tough one. You did the right thing by talking with the vet. Together, you assessed his quality of life and determined that your dog was only going to get worse, not better. And you didn't want to see Spacey suffer any longer.

Please, be kind to yourself. You were there for your dog, every day. You cared for him, fed him, got his regular checkups. When Spacey got sick, you worked with the vet to get the best treatment for him. And when he was too weak and in too much pain to go on without great and unnecessary suffering, you held him while he left this world.

The American Veterinary Medical Association offers guidance on dealing with the loss of a pet that I think will be a great help: www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/coping-loss-pet.

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

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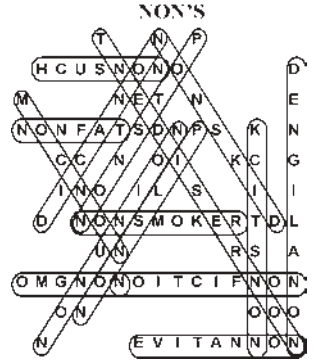
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## ANSWERS

- Sports Quiz Answers
1. Jack Nicklaus.
  2. Toronto.
  3. Orange.
  4. Cricket.
  5. The Rubber Bowl.
  6. Jack Hughes.
  7. Nick Young.



- Trivia Answers
1. Iraq.
  2. The Star of Life.
  3. "The Beast" to the kids and Hercules to his owner.
  4. Columbia.
  5. Homeric Greek.
  6. Cicely, Alaska.
  7. A mob.
  8. Autotomy.
  9. Alaska: Pacific and Arctic Oceans
  10. "Tim McGraw."

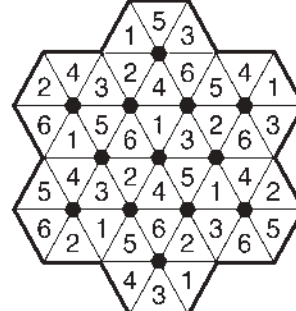
Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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**SNOWFLAKES**

solution



- Even Exchange**  
answers
1. Oldest, Oddest
  2. Paris, Parts
  3. Austin, Dustin
  4. Camper, Casper
  5. Phony, Peony
  6. Place, Peace
  7. Blanch, Branch
  8. Blank, Blink
  9. Pride, Prime
  10. Shore, Short

- SCRAMBLERS**  
solution
1. Tickle;
  2. Always
  3. Steer;
  4. Umbra
- Today's Word  
**WALLET**

## WORD POWER

ANSWER

BOURGUIGNON

## Word Spiral

Answer  
SANCTUARY

**Stickelers Answer**  
1-d, 2-a, 3-b, 4-e, 5-c

- TRIVIA NEWSFRONT** ANSWERS
1. "Bon Appetit!"
  2. Emeril Lagasse
  3. Extra Virgin Olive Oil
  4. Paula Deen
  5. Graham Kerr

## CryptoQuip

answer

Pop and soul superstar who adores fish such as bluefin, yellowfin and albacore: Tuna Turner.

## Super Crossword

**Answers**

POPO	LB	J	HERMAN	SHOTS
UPDO	OER	ORIOLE	TEPEE	
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RAD	NGO	BASEBALL	FIELD	
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	INTER	SARI	STOWS	
BESTIE	TENNIS	BRACELET		
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COMA	LACTO	ELONGATE		
SIXT	TIETHAN	UNIVERSARY		
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ROI	NAPOL	LIVE	TWO	NIL
ENGAGEMENT	RING	APOGEE		
DAIRY	EVER	UPTON		
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BEE		GRAM	ARS	LIE
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