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DONNA ERICKSON'S BEST BITES
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By Donna Erickson

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Serve up Caesar Salad Family-Style

Romaine hearts that are sliced in half with the stems attached, drizzled with oil and lemon juice, then tossed on the grill for a couple of minutes is and has been a clever, tasty side dish recipe that I snagged from my West Coast friends years ago. But now this popular idea of serving up romaine halves deserves another family-friendly presentation, so I decided to approach the idea with a classic Caesar salad in mind.

I halved the romaine hearts, but instead of firing up the grill, I let the kids arrange the crisp lengths cut side up on a huge platter. They then artistically topped each half with my fresh, homemade Caesar-like dressing (minus the traditional anchovy fillets and raw egg yolks) and capers and bacon bits for a tasty twist. Kids can cut pieces of bacon with kitchen scissors and let them fall as they may across each serving before they toss on the croutons. Success!

As an extra bonus, each portion goes from the serving platter to the plate without serving spoons, as guests “hand pick” their salad at the handy stem.

CAESAR SALAD FAMILY-STYLE

Serves 6

— 3 medium romaine lettuce hearts,

cut in half lengthwise with the stem in place

- 1/2 cup salad dressing (below)
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan
- Bacon bits, capers, cherry tomatoes (optional)
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cups croutons

Arrange romaine halves on a large platter. Spoon dressing over each half. Sprinkle with Parmesan. Add capers, bacon, cherry tomatoes and pepper according to taste. Top with croutons.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY CASESAR DRESSING

- 1 garlic clove, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon black or white pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

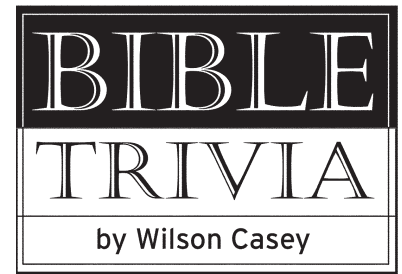


Combine ingredients in blender and process until well-blended. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour.

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BIBLE TRIVIA
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By Wilson Casey**



1. Is the book of Song of Solomon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In Matthew 5, what, besides salt of the earth, did Jesus compare Christians to? *Water, Bread, Light, Mountains*

3. Who became leader of the children of Israel after Moses' death? *Isaac, Joshua, Aaron, Abraham*

4. What is the biblical word of "Didymus" translated as? *Sinner, Heathen, Teacher, Twin*

5. On what island did John write the book of Revelation? *Cyprus, Crete, Malta, Patmos*

6. What was the trade skill of Paul? *Shepherd, Carpenter, Tentmaker, Tax collector*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Light (of the world), 3) Joshua, 4) Twin, 5) Patmos, 6) Tentmaker

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Contract Bridge

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

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By Steve Becker

A HAIRSPLITTING DECISION

North dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 10
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A J 6
♣ K 10 9 6 4

WEST

♠ A 6 4 2
♥ K 9 6 4 2
♦ Q 7 4 3
♣ —

EAST

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ Q J
♦ K 10 8 5 2
♣ 8 2

SOUTH

♠ K J 7
♥ A 10 7
♦ 9
♣ A Q J 7 5 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	

Opening lead — four of hearts.

The holdup play so often used by declarer in notrump contracts can sometimes be employed just as effectively in a suit contract. The purpose in both instances is the same — to sever communications between the defenders.

Consider today's deal where West leads a low heart against five clubs, and East plays the jack. South notes immediately that he is in serious danger of losing two hearts and a spade trick. If he takes the ace of hearts at trick one, draws trump and forces out the ace of spades, the defenders are likely to cash two heart tricks and

defeat the contract.

Therefore, declarer must arbitrarily assume the hearts are divided 5-2. The question then is how to proceed. One possibility is to duck the first heart, take the second one, draw trump and lead a spade.

If the defender who started with only two hearts has the ace of spades, declarer comes home a winner because that defender will not have a heart to return after taking the ace of spades. Dummy's heart loser can later be discarded on declarer's third spade.

In the present case, however, after East produces the heart jack at trick one, South's correct play is to take the ace of hearts immediately! He reasons that West cannot have the K-Q of hearts, since West would have led the king with that holding, and also that East cannot have the K-J, since he would have played the king rather than the jack initially.

South therefore credits East with the Q-J after East plays the jack on the first trick. Since declarer can't make the contract if East has Q-J-x(x), he takes his ace hoping East started with the Q-J doubleton.

After drawing trump, South leads a spade. Whether East or West turns up with the ace does not matter, because either way the defense is unable to cash more than one heart trick. South's ten blocks the suit and is the critical card that prompts declarer to take the ace of hearts at trick one.

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

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Photo Caption: Craig Ferguson ("The Late
Late Show")

Q. Is the network going to replace Stephen Colbert with another host? I really liked Craig Ferguson's show and wish he'd come back. — *L.D.*

A. After the cancellation of "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," CBS filled the time slot with two comedy shows — "Comics Unleashed" and "Funny You Should Ask." The former is a round-table talk-show format that features comedians who trade jokes with host Byron Allen (who's emphasized that they would avoid all political topics). The second half-hour is a comedy game show hosted by Jon Kelley with comedians competing as guests.

In an interview with NPR, Allen, who produces both shows, said that he isn't trying to replace Colbert. He calls him an "American treasure," while also admitting: "Not everybody's gonna love me. But there is that one or two percent that would be like, 'Hell yeah, I'm rolling with you.'" You might not know this, but "Comics Unleashed" had already been on the air in syndication for two decades before replacing "The Late Show" in May.

As for Craig Ferguson, who hosted "The Late Late Show" on CBS from 2005-2014, he's now hosting a five-part documentary series on CNN with the same title as his 2009 memoir — "American on Purpose" — where he travels from coast to coast. According to the Hollywood Reporter, Ferguson's journey explores "topics like the First Amendment, individualism, capitalism, patriotism, and the immigrant experience." It also features appearances from Jay Leno, Tiffany Haddish and Jason Biggs.

Q. What ever happened to Ellie Kemper? I haven't seen her in anything but commercials since the hilarious "Kimmy Schmidt" show ended. — *Y.N.*

A. The talented Ellie Kemper went from "The Office," to the hit comedy film "Bridesmaids," to starring in her own Tina Fey comedy series "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt." Her career has slowed down a little, but she's probably just looking for a project of equal caliber.



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Craig Ferguson
("The Late Late Show")

In 2023, Kemper was set to star in a new comedy for ABC called "Drop-Off," but for some reason, the network didn't pick it up after the pilot was filmed. She does have a lucrative commercials deal with Kohl's, but her fans are eager to see her in a scripted comedy once again. She's also appeared as a guest host for almost 30 episodes of "Today's" third and fourth hours, so perhaps she's pivoting into hosting gigs, in addition to acting.

Q. Is it true that they're canceling "Access Hollywood"? How long has it been on the air? — *G.G.*

A. Yes, the long-running syndicated entertainment magazine show "Access Hollywood" and its companion series, "Access Daily," have been canceled. According to Entertainment Weekly, NBCUniversal has chosen to end all of its first-run syndicated programming, which includes these two long-running shows. "Access Hollywood" has aired for roughly 30 years. Conversely, CBS Media Ventures just renewed competitor "Entertainment Tonight" for its 46th season.

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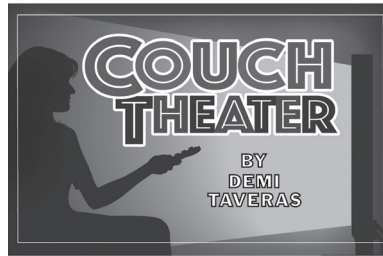
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By Demi Taveras

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Photo Caption: Javier Bardem, left, and Amy

Adams star in “Cape Fear.”



“Michael” (PG-13) — Antoine Fuqua, director of “Training Day” and “The Equalizer” films, undertook the assignment of a lifetime by signing on to direct this biographical film about the King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Jaafar Jackson portrays his legendary celebrity uncle, with this being his very first acting role! The film picks up with the start of the Jackson 5 at Motown, trickling into the years where Michael emerged as a prominent solo artist with albums like “Off the Wall” and “Thriller.” Surprisingly, the film culminates in 1988, decades before Michael passed away, as he embarks on the Bad World Tour. Obviously, due to its abrupt ending and viewers’ responses, a second movie was confirmed by Lionsgate Films in May. While the performances of the cast can be praised, specifically Jaafar and Colman Domingo (“Euphoria”) as Joe Jackson, this “biopic” leans more toward a jukebox musical due to its omission of Michael’s sexual assault allegations and the nuances that made him the controversial yet iconic figure he is today. Available to rent on June 9. (Fandango at Home)

“Cape Fear” (TV-MA) — This hair-raising psychological thriller series stars a trio of incredible actors — Javier Bardem (“F1”), Amy Adams (“Nightbitch”), and Patrick Wilson (“The Conjuring: Last Rites”). Produced by powerhouse directors Martin Scorsese and Steven Spielberg, “Cape Fear” is based on the novel “The Executioners” by

John D. MacDonald and has two film adaptations from 1962 and 1991 that precede it. Bardem plays Max Cady, an ex-convict who gets released from prison after serving a sentence for a crime that he didn’t commit. When Anna (Adams) and Tom (Wilson), the attorneys who represented him in court, hear word that Max is walking free once again, they begin to fear for their lives and the lives of their children because Max seems dead set on getting his revenge! The first two episodes are out now to stream. (Apple TV+)

“Earth, Wind & Fire (To Be Celestial Vs. That’s The Weight of The World)” (TV-MA) — This documentary film out now to stream dives deep into the bestselling Chicago band Earth, Wind & Fire, who’s had sales of more than 90 million records worldwide! Although their start began in 1969, their music continues to sound loudly today, especially songs like “September,” “Boogie Wonderland,” and “Let’s Groove.” In the doc, viewers get to see archives of visual, audio and written material from the band, as well as appearances from public figures like Barack Obama, Lionel Richie, H.E.R., Stevie Wonder, and more. Musician and filmmaker Questlove directed and produced this project, and he also helped compile the music for the doc alongside composer Raymond Angry. (HBO Max)

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Javier Bardem, left, and Amy Adams star in “Cape Fear.”

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DIVAS ON A DIME

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PHOTO CAPTION: A simple homemade crust makes pizza night feel both affordable and special.



Homemade Pizza Night Starts With Simple Dough

There's something really satisfying about making pizza dough from scratch.

Maybe it's because pizza has become one of those "special occasion" meals for many families. Between delivery fees, rising restaurant prices and the mysterious extra charges that appear out of thin air, pizza night can cost nearly as much as a decent steak dinner used to. Ah, the good old days.

The good news? Pizza dough is surprisingly simple to make at home.

Flour. Water. Yeast. Olive oil. Sugar. Salt. That's it.

No stand mixer required. No dough hook. No dramatic tossing of dough over your head while opera music plays in the background. (Although I highly recommend you try that at least once.) Just one bowl, a spoon and about 10 minutes of actual hands-on effort.

The rest of the time, the yeast does the work while you go about your day being the sort of person who casually has homemade pizza dough rising on the counter.

And honestly? That feels rather fabulous.

Homemade pizza dough costs a fraction of prepared crusts or takeout, and the flavor is delicious. The crust bakes up chewy, crisp around the edges and fills the kitchen with the

aroma of fresh bread.

It's also very versatile. Use it for traditional pizzas, flatbreads, calzones, breadsticks, garlic knots or individual pizzas everyone can customize.

If you've never worked with yeast before, pizza dough is a great place to start. It's surprisingly forgiving, and once you see how easy it is, you'll find yourself eyeing leftovers and thinking, "That could totally become a pizza."

EASY PIZZA DOUGH

Yield: 6-8 servings

Total Time: 1 hour 30 mins.

1 1/2 cups lukewarm water (about 110 degrees)

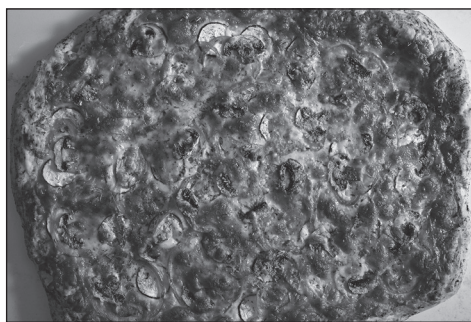
2 packets (1/4 ounce each) instant dry yeast

2 teaspoons granulated sugar

1/4 cup olive oil, plus more for bowl and drizzling

1 teaspoon coarse salt

4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for work surface



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A simple homemade crust makes pizza night feel both affordable and special.

Pour water into a large bowl. Sprinkle yeast over the top and let stand until foamy, about 5 minutes. Whisk in sugar, olive oil and salt. Stir in flour until a sticky dough forms.

Lightly oil another large bowl. Transfer dough to bowl and drizzle lightly with olive oil. Cover and let

rise in a warm place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead gently two to three times. Form into a round and let rest 10 minutes.

One batch of dough makes a large round pizza, two medium pizzas, individual pizzas or can be stretched to fit a 15-by-21-inch three-quarter sheet pan.

Bake topped pizza at 475 F degrees until crust is golden and toppings are bubbly, about 12 to 15 minutes depending on thickness.

For a well-balanced large pizza, use about 1/2-2/3 cup sauce, 1 1/2 to 2 cups shredded cheese, and about 2 cups total toppings. It can be tempting to pile on every topping in sight, but a lighter hand produces a crispier crust and better flavor. Think "picture-perfect pizza" rather than "edible yard sale."

For the pizza pictured, I used about 1/2 cup sauce, 12 ounces freshly shredded mozzarella, 3 ounces salami, thinly sliced zucchini, mushrooms, red bell pepper, sweet onion and a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese. The vegetables roast and caramelize as the pizza bakes, creating plenty of flavor without requiring a mountain of toppings.

Pulling a homemade pizza from the oven is delicious, but the satisfaction of making it yourself is the real reward.

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FLASHBACK

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By Mick Harper



1. "The Ballad of Jed Clampett" was the theme song for which TV show?
2. Who was the lead singer on hits like "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Walk Like a Man"?
3. Name the group that released "Baby, Now That I've Found You."
4. Who released "Little Children"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "A hot summer night fell like a net, I've gotta find my baby yet."

Answers

1. "The Beverly Hillbillies," running from 1962 to 1971. An Ozark family ended up living in a Beverly Hills mansion after oil was found on their mountain land.
2. Frankie Valli, of the Four Seasons, was born Francesco Stephen Castelluccio. He first became interested in having a singing career when, at the age of 7, he heard Frank Sinatra singing in New York.
3. The Foundations, in 1967. The song topped the charts in the U.K. and Canada.
4. Billy J. Kramer & the Dakotas, in 1964.
5. "Bad Case of Loving You (Doctor, Doctor)," written and originally released by John David "Moon" Martin in 1978. It was Robert Palmer's cover in 1979 that turned the song into a hit. Palmer's version got the Grammy nomination for Best Male Rock Vocal Performance.

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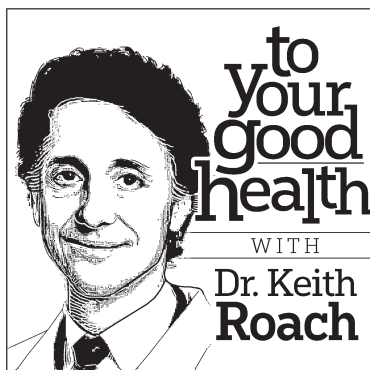
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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

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By Dr. Keith Roach



A Tooth Extraction Presents a Risk for Osteonecrosis of the Jaw

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 79-year-old female who's in good health. I am 5 feet tall and weigh 95 pounds, and I'm very active. I've been taking Prolia for the past two to three years for osteoporosis, which has since improved to osteopenia. Right after my most recent Prolia shot, I developed discomfort in my mouth and was told that I have a cracked root in a molar. I previously had a root canal on this molar and was told that this tooth should be extracted.

I realized that it'd be best to wait five more months to do this to be safe, out of concern of getting osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ). My question is, what do I do in case of an emergency, especially if the tooth becomes infected and needs to be extracted sooner? Also, since I have a history of dental problems, how can I get off Prolia in the future and still protect my bones? — *L.L.*

ANSWER: Denosumab (Prolia) is a treatment for osteoporosis that is normally given as an injection every six months. Among its side effects is an increase in the risk of ONJ, which is a serious condition that consists of poor blood supply to the bone and causes death in part of the bone of the jaw. The lower jaw (mandible) is much more commonly affected than the upper jaw (maxilla).

Osteoporosis medicines that slow down the action of the osteoclasts — the cells that break down bone so that it can

be rebuilt — put people at a higher risk of ONJ. These medicines include the bisphosphonate class, like oral alendronate (Fosamax) and risedronate (Actonel), as well as the intravenous drug zoledronic acid (Reclast) in addition to Prolia. Prolia has the highest risk of ONJ, followed by IV bisphosphonates and oral bisphosphonates.

A tooth extraction is a high-risk procedure for developing ONJ. For people who are on Prolia, the risk of ONJ is about 2.3%, which is much higher than the approximately 0.3% risk for people who are on oral bisphosphonates.

You are right that your best bet is waiting to get the extraction until just before the time that you'd have taken your next dose of Prolia. In one study, not a single person out of 76 people developed ONJ if they waited five to seven months after their previous dose. However, you don't want to wait too long, as the osteoporosis will start to progress and a person can develop a fracture. The timing needs to be critical, and the medication should be restarted as soon as the extraction site has healed.

Your dentist can minimize the risk of ONJ by using an antibiotic and a very careful extraction technique. Some evidence supports the use of platelet-rich fibrin in the extraction socket, but other studies haven't found a benefit. Your dentist should do this even if you can wait the additional five months, and they should certainly do it if the tooth requires extraction sooner. Your doctor who's prescribing Prolia should be discussing the plans with your dentist at this time.

As mentioned before, oral bisphosphonates have a lower risk of ONJ. But there are other classes of medication for osteoporosis that carry little to no risk of ONJ, such as the parathyroid hormone analog teriparatide (Forteo); the selective estrogen receptor modulator raloxifene (Evista); and the sclerostin inhibitor romosozumab (Evenity).

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

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By JoAnn Derson



- Save the peels from your oranges and dry them at a low temperature in the oven. You can add them to a pot of coffee or tea for a flavor boost that is refreshing and delicious.

- “If your tomato garden is experiencing caterpillars, try planting dillweed near to your tomato plants. It can provide a diversion, allowing your tomatoes to grow!” — Y.F. in Florida

- Cure your color in new garments (especially dark-colored or bright-colored) by soaking the item in cold, salty water before washing. Make sure that the fabric will allow!

- “Take good care of quality paint brushes, and they will take care of you! Wash thoroughly in soapy water and be certain to rinse very well. After the brush is washed, combine enough water to cover the bristles and add 2 tablespoons of fabric softener. Swish for a minute or two, being sure to get it in the brush good, then hang to drip dry. Before you use the brush to paint, simply rinse the fabric softener away.” — M.E. in Washington

- Baking soda can be used as a tooth scrub, and it's particularly effective against stains, as it is a mild abrasive.

- “When you are dusting, don't forget the light bulbs. Dusty light bulbs can contribute to less-bright lighting and can shorten the life of your bulbs. Turn lights off when you are not using them. You will save electricity that way.” — A.L. in Oklahoma

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HOLLYWOOD

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“Vikings” (2013-2021)

HOLLYWOOD — Are you ready to meet the next superstar in “The White Lotus” universe? Season one gave us **Jennifer Coolidge**, while season two gave us **Theo James** and **Leo Woodall**. Season three made stars out of **Patrick Schwarzenegger** and **Walton Goggins**. Get ready for **Alexander Ludwig**, who was part of the first cast announcement for season four. The 34-year-old Canadian star of “Vikings” (2013-2021) also has an upcoming role in “Killing Castro,” opposite **Al Pacino**. It’s premiering at the Tribeca Film Festival on June 9.

In addition, Netflix will soon drop “Unabomber” with Ludwig, **Russell Crowe**, **Jacob Tremblay** and **Shailene Woodley**. Then Ludwig has the horror film “Night Comes” from actor/director **Jay Hernandez** (star of the “Magnum P.I.” reboot), as well as “What the F*ck Is My Password?” with **Stephen Dorff** and **Kate Walsh**.

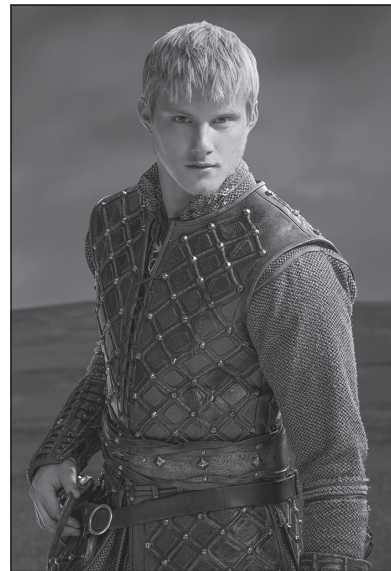
Meanwhile, **Schwarzenegger** wrapped the rom-com “Love of Your Life” in October 2025. He also wrapped the psychological thriller “Bunker” with **Penelope Cruz**, **Javier Bardem**, **Stephen Graham** and **Paul Dano** on Feb. 9 of this year.

Season four of “The White Lotus” will drop sometime in early 2027; **Laura Dern**, **Kumail Nanjiani**, **Steve Coogan**, **Rosie Perez**, **Heather Graham** and **Ben Kingsley** will star alongside Ludwig this season.

Andy Garcia directed, wrote and stars in “Diamond,” which garnered rave reviews at the Cannes Film Festival. It’s a 1940s film-noir-style flick with **Brendan Fraser**, **Bill Murray**, **Dustin Hoffman**, **Demian Bichir**, **Rosemarie DeWitt** and **Danny Huston**. Danny is the son of **John Huston**, who directed the film-noir classic “The Maltese Falcon.”

Garcia’s also starring in “72 Hours” with **Kevin Hart** (out on July 24) and “Maserati: The Brothers” with **Michele Morrone** and **Anthony Hopkins**.

James Franco is trying to make a comeback. After an Oscar nomination for “127 Hours” (in 2010) and hosting the Oscars in 2011 with **Anne Hathaway**, his career came crashing down in



Courtesy of History
Alexander Ludwig in
“Vikings” (2013-2021)

2014 when a 17-year-old girl accused him of sexual misconduct. In 2018, five more women accused him of inappropriate sexual or exploitative behavior. In 2019, two of his former acting students in his film class filed a lawsuit against him, which he settled in 2021 for \$2.2 million.

In 2021, Franco underwent treatment for sexual addiction so that he was able to film “Castro’s Daughter” in 2022. In 2024, he co-starred with **Vincent Gallo** in “Golden State Killer.” In 2025, Lionsgate acquired it, and they have plans to release it this year. In 2024, Franco also shot “The Razor’s Edge” with **Tommy Lee Jones** in Georgia.

There may be hope for him yet. He was added to “John Rambo,” which stars **Noah Centineo** and **David Harbour** and wrapped in mid-May.

Also attempting a comeback is **Armie Hammer**, who was out of Hollywood for three years due to his sex scandal. He’s since come back to shoot “Frontier Crucible” with **Thomas Jane** and the Canadian thriller “Citizen Vigilant” with **Costas Mandylor**, which opens this summer. Maybe he should make a sequel to his 2017 hit — “Call Me by Your Name ... Cause My Name’s Tainted!”

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KOVELS ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING

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watch, which displayed the hour and minute
as discrete digits, was invented in 1883.

Jump Hour Watches

Take a moment and picture a pocket watch. Are you thinking of a hunting case watch with elaborate relief decorations and an engraved monogram? A minimalist open-faced watch with a 14K gold case? Maybe a chain and a fancy fob? One thing is safe to assume: The watch probably tells time with hands on a dial. “Jump hour” watches like the one pictured here show that isn’t always the case.

The jump hour, or jumping hour, watch movement was patented in 1883 by Josef Pallweber, an Austrian engineer. This new type of mechanism included rotating discs with the numerals for the hours and minutes. Windows in the watch face reveal the appropriate numeral. Instead of the familiar hand sweeping the watch’s face in one fluid movement, the hours appear to “jump” from one discrete number to the next, like today’s digital timekeepers.

The jump hour mechanism was extremely complicated, so not many were made. They experienced a resurgence in the 1920s, when their sleek look and nod to advancing technology fit in with the art deco movement. Jump hour watches from any time are still rare. Unsurprisingly, they sell for high prices at auctions. This one, a Swiss watch with a gunmetal case from about 1900, had a presale estimate of \$80 to \$120 at an auction by Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates. It sold for \$960, more than surpassing expectations.

Q: I have a small china doll. Its surface is rough and not glossy. The hair is sculpted with short curls and painted blond. The face is painted with blue eyes, and socks and shoes are painted on. The arms and legs are attached with wire. The only mark is the word “Germany” on the back. How old is it, and how much is it worth?

A: Your doll is made of bisque, an unglazed porcelain. Collectors call dolls like yours “all-bisque” to distinguish them from bisque-headed dolls, which are larger, mounted on



The “jump hour” watch, which displayed the hour and minute as discrete digits, was invented in 1883.

bodies made of material like wood, leather, or composition, and usually have a maker’s mark. Sometimes small dolls like yours are called “penny dolls” or “dollhouse dolls.” Dolls were marked with the name of their country after 1891. All-bisque dolls were made up to the mid-20th century. Dolls like yours are usually worth about \$20 to \$30.

Unusual features, like a molded hat, or an identifiable maker can increase the value. For more information, look for books like “The Collector’s Encyclopedia of Dolls” by Dorothy S., Elizabeth A., and Evelyn J. Coleman or Patricia Smith’s “Album of All-Bisque Dolls” at your library, or contact a collector’s club like the United Federation of Doll Clubs Inc. (ufdc.org) or a doll auction.

TIP: Vintage watches should be cleaned regularly, probably once a year.

CURRENT PRICES

Toy, train set, Lionel, The Liberty Special, electric, 027 gauge, box, 20 x 30 inches, \$60.

Textile, panel, embroidered, center phoenix, corner spandrels, dark blue border, silk, frame, Chinese, c. 1900, 233 x 33 inches, \$125.

Quezal, vase, flared neck and foot, King Tut, iridescent, pulled swirls, label, drilled as lamp base, early 20th century, 12 1/2 inches, \$560.

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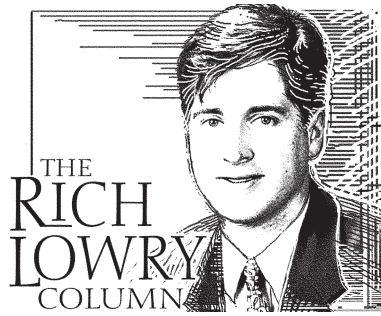
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

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By Rich Lowry



The U.K.'s dumb exclusion of left-wing influencers

The U.K. government banned left-wing influencers Cenk Uygur and Hasan Piker from traveling to the country because they blame everything on the Jews — and, true to form, Uygur and Piker blamed the Jews.

Uygur and Piker were to speak at a South by Southwest conference in London and participate in an event at the Oxford Union when their visas were canceled. They immediately smelled a rat, and, as usual, one emanating from Jerusalem.

“I’ve been banned for criticizing Israel,” Uygur posted on social media. “Are we free anymore? This is oppression of Western citizens by our own governments on behalf of a different country!”

Piker chimed in, “The U.K. has revoked my visa as well. All at the behest of Israel. The West is betraying ‘liberal values’ for a genocidal fascist foreign government. Soon we will all become Israel.”

Like most everything the duo says — Piker is Uygur’s nephew and got his start on his podcast — this is poisonous nonsense, although it doesn’t make the U.K.’s decision any better.

Britain now conducts itself like a nation that has never heard of John Milton, John Stuart Mill or Bertrand Russell, its storied advocates of free speech down through the centuries.

The U.K. routinely excludes controversial figures from traveling to the country from abroad, and actively tries to suppress speech offensive to gays, Muslims, trans people, Jews or others. You can get arrested, as TV writer Graham Linehan found out, for posting pungent opinions about biological males using female locker rooms, or for silently praying outside an abortion clinic.

If we needed a reminder of the wisdom of our Founders writing the First Amendment into the Constitution, the

free-floating illiberalism of the British government trying to enforce faddish norms provides it.

The Home Office, which was responsible for revoking the Uygur and Piker visas, says that their presence in the country might not have been “conducive to the public good” — whatever that means.

Certainly, it would be very bad for Britain if the country were to adopt wholesale the malignant views of Uygur and Piker, but that wasn’t going to come about as a result of, say, one of them having a 40-minute speaking slot at a South by Southwest satellite event.

Traditionally, in free societies, people are allowed to say dumb and hateful things. Either they discredit themselves by doing so, or perhaps they eventually win people over to their views. Regardless, free and robust debate has been considered a good in and of itself, something a country run by a raucous, free-wheeling Parliament should readily understand.

Are the Jews behind the exclusion of Uygur and Piker? Yet, there were Jewish groups who didn’t want them to come, but excluding them was a decision entirely in keeping with the government’s practice of trying to suppress views that it deems extreme. Just a couple of weeks ago, right-wing figures critical of Islam and supportive of Israel saw their visas revoked.

The British government isn’t a tool of the Zionists. It is a left-of-center Labour government. The Home Secretary is a Muslim of Pakistani origin who has attended anti-Israel protests. The government has said it would jail Bibi Netanyahu if he travels to Britain, sanctioned Israeli officials, restricted arms sales to the Jewish state, and recognized a Palestinian state.

If the revocation of the visas is an Israeli op, it’s a profoundly counterproductive one. In authoritarian societies, people can truly be suppressed — if China wants to get rid of a nettlesome figure, it simply disappears him or her. In an open society, in contrast, there are many channels for expression, and official hostility tends to make the targeted voices more famous and interesting, whether it’s James Joyce or the Sex Pistols.

Surely, Cenk Uygur and Hasan Piker are better known in the U.K. now than they were a few days ago, and that’s not, as they say in Britain, conducive to the public good.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Moments in time

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MOMENTS IN TIME

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• On **June 22, 1611**, after a winter spent trapped by ice in what is now northeastern Canada's Hudson Bay, the starving crew of the Discovery launched a mutiny against their captain, English navigator Henry Hudson, setting him, his teenage son, and seven of his supporters adrift in a small open boat. They were never seen again.

• On **June 23, 1956**, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected the first president of the Republic of Egypt. Nasser had overthrown the country's monarchy four years earlier, in a military coup, and was the sole candidate on the ballot. His new constitution, making Egypt a one-party socialist state with Islam as its official religion, was also almost unanimously approved by voters.

• On **June 24, 1374**, a "dancing plague" swept through Germany, causing medieval villagers to writhe and whirl uncontrollably and leaving many people in a state of exhausted collapse in the streets or dead from heart attacks and strokes. The cause is still unknown, though ergot poisoning, mass hysteria and religious devotion have all been suggested.

• On **June 25, 1910**, Congress passed the Mann Act, which was ostensibly intended to keep young women from being enticed into prostitution, but was more about a way to make various types of consensual sexual activity a crime.

• On **June 26, 1948**, American and British pilots began delivering food, water, clothing, medicine and fuel by airplane to Berlin after the city was isolated by a Soviet Union blockade. Some in President Harry Truman's administration had called for a military response to the blockade, but Truman believed such an action could incite another world war.

• On **June 27, 1985**, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials decertified the iconic Route 66, which in its heyday stretched about 2,400 miles over a span of eight states from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California, and voted to remove all its highway signs.

• On **June 28, 2007**, the bald eagle was removed from America's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.



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PAW'S CORNER

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By Sam Mazotta

Can I bring my dog to a Pride parade?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I adopted "Allie," an adorable black-and-gold mutt, last fall. She trained wonderfully and does well with other dogs at the dog park. I'd like to bring her along to Pride celebrations this month, but I'm getting mixed information about whether dogs are allowed at parades and parties. Should I bring her at all? — Gemma B. in White Plains, New York

DEAR GEMMA: What I'd recommend is to list which events you'd like to attend this month, and contact the organizers by email to find out their policy on bringing pets.

Most Pride parades allow owners to bring leashed pets on the sidelines as spectators, but not as parade participants. This could be due to insurance or permitting requirements.

On the other hand, many LGBTQ+ celebrants want to bring their pets to the festivities. So separate, pet-friendly events are now part of the celebrations, from big cities like Los Angeles to small towns like Springfield, Vermont.

Pets are such an integral part of our lives, and are especially important for the LGBTQ+ community. Their unconditional acceptance and love provide emotional connection and support for so many people. They can be a bridge to a greater community, helping their owners find social connection and develop new friendships.

I'm so glad you want to bring Allie along to celebrate. Because she is socialized and can handle a busy environment (thanks to regular trips to the dog park), she will probably do very well as a sideline spectator at parades or as a participant at a well-organized, dog-friendly event. Do plan to take breaks with her in a quiet spot, and bring plenty of cool water and snacks for her so she doesn't get dehydrated on a hot day.

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

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THE POD REPORT

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THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: Phobias

Spiders and snakes and high places, oh my! Do you suffer from a common or unusual phobia? There's no shame in it. These five podcasts should help you feel less alone (autophobia) and help you embrace your funky fears:

"FearCast Podcast" — Therapist Kevin Foss brings his expertise as the founder of the California OCD and Anxiety Treatment Center to a weekly podcast format. Simply search "phobias" in the podcast search bar, and you'll find several that can help you overcome intrusive thoughts and fears. A good introductory episode is one from 2018 titled "Rational and Irrational Phobias," where Foss breaks down why he believes that "the distinction doesn't really matter." Specific phobias are addressed in subsequent "Phobia Phriday" episodes like emetophobia (a fear of vomiting), trypanophobia (a fear of injections), and koumpounophobia (a fear of buttons). (FearCastPodcast.com)

"That's a Phobia?" — When scrolling through the list of episode titles for this podcast, you're certain to discover a phobia (or 10) that you never knew existed. Warning: Each episode is only a minute long and consists of host Amanda Blackwood reading from "The Aldrich Dictionary of Phobias and Other Word Families." So, if you have a fear of long podcasts, then this is the show for you! Who

knew there was a phobia cleverly named "charminphobia" (a fear of being squeezed) or a phobia called "aulophobia" (a fear of flutes or other wind instruments). (Podcasters. Spotify.com)

"Not Another Anxiety Show" — Hosted by a former agoraphobe and registered nurse, this helpful podcast is less about specific phobias and more about how to manage anxiety. If you do suffer from agoraphobia (an intense fear of places or situations that might cause panic), be sure to listen to Episode #228 with guest Lisa Manning, who overcame her phobia to enjoy her love of travel. In Episode #166, we learn that research has proven that "imagining a threat lights up similar regions in the brain as actually experiencing a threat does." So, yes, your panic at the sight of an eight-legged arachnid is legit! (NotAnotherAnxietyShow.com)

Don't Forget These Gems

"Radiolab" — In a recent episode titled "This American Roach," Radiolab reporter Alex Neason stepped out of the shower and onto her worst nightmare — a cockroach with its prickly legs kicking away at the air and, subsequently, her foot. She's turned her fearful encounter into a learning experience, hoping that if she understands the creature she abhors, she can overcome her phobia. (Radiolab.org)

"LadyGang" — In an episode of this podcast from April 2022 titled "LG Quickie: Weird Phobias," hosts Keltie Knight, Becca Tobin and Jac Vanek discuss phobias that go beyond the common ones we know. Spiders and a fear of heights aren't their issue, but "weird" phobias "from sponges to buttoholes in water to dried ketchup" are some of the, ahem, unusual subjects that keep them up at night. (ART19.com)

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SALOME'S STARS

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EDITORS: These horoscopes are for use the
week of JUNE 15, 2026.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Things that usually come easily and quickly for the Aries Lamb might need more of your time and attention during the next several days. Try to be patient as you work things out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A changing situation can create some complications. But if you apply your sensible Bovine mind to what seems to be a hopeless tangle of confusion, you'll soon sort things out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new look for your surroundings is fun. Expect to hear mostly positive comments on your efforts, as well as some well-intended suggestions that you might want to note.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Maybe you'd rather do anything else than what you're "stuck with" right now. But if you stop complaining, you might see how this could lead to something with real potential.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Even a proud Leo ultimately recovers from hurt feelings. However, a damaged relationship might never heal unless you're willing to spend more time and effort in trying to work things out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There are lots of changes on the horizon, so be prepared to make some adjustments in your usually fine-tuned life. One change might even impact a personal decision that you've been putting off.

LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) Being the dependable person you are could work in your favor for a project that requires both skill and accountability. But check this out carefully — there could be a hidden downside.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A temperamental outburst about a mishandled project causes some fallout. Be sure to couple an apology with an explanation. A new opportunity beckons by week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Changing horses midstream is usually unwise — but sometimes necessary. Examine your options carefully before making a decision. A trusted colleague offers good advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While much of your time is involved with business matters, more enjoyable opportunities open up by week's end. Enjoy yourself, but be careful that you don't overspend!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A "revelation" expands your perspective on what is really going on in the workplace. What you learn could make a difference in your career path. Continue to be alert for more news.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Not wanting to make waves might be the safest way to deal with a difficult situation. But no substantive changes can be made unless you share your assessments with others.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of talking to people that makes them want to listen. You could find a successful career in politics.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

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Playing games for brain health

Playing brain games can go a long way to helping us stay sharp, improve brain health, strengthen memory and slow cognitive decline. They can help us focus our attention, process information more quickly and recall facts. Whether they are logic, word, number, memory, card or any other type of game, playing can give our brains a boost — and we don't even have to leave home!

The AARP Games Center (www.aarp.org/games) is a great place to sample free games. There are various forms of solitaire, mahjong, lots of crossword and word games and trivia. If you're an AARP member and you sign in, there are even more games. Look for the Staying Sharp section for extra games.

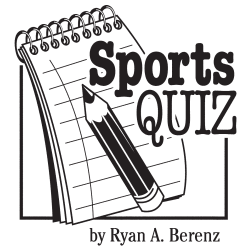
Games for the Brain (www.gamesforthebrain.com) is an interesting site that doesn't require any registration. It appears that the games are created by a guy in Germany, but you'll also find familiar games like Chinese checkers and Minesweeper.

As a general rule, look for online games that don't require you to set up an account, where you can just play by going to that website. But if you really want to play the games on a certain site and signing up is required, take a look at their privacy policy to see what information they collect about you. Set up a new email address that you only use for games.

If you prefer to add a social aspect to your game playing, check your local senior center and library for game days where you can play against others. Ask about card games, bingo, chess and checkers, Scrabble or even jigsaw puzzles done as a group.

If money is not a concern, consider a membership at the BrainHQ site (www.brainhq.com). Their games are backed by years of research into improving cognitive function, but be sure to read their privacy policy.

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SPORTS QUIZ

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By Ryan A. Berenz

1. On Jan. 1, 2006, which New England Patriots player made the first successful drop kick in the NFL since 1941 when he scored an extra point in the final game of his career?

2. What NBA team defeated the Soviet Union national basketball team 127-100 in the final of the 1987 McDonald's Open tournament?

3. In September 1964, which National League team was in first place by 5 1/2 games, but went on a losing skid (including 10 straight losses) and ended up tied for second?

4. What award, first presented by the National Association of Sports Officials in 1988, honors an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to the betterment of officiating?

5. What two players shared the United States Lawn Tennis Association's men's singles No. 1 ranking in 1973?

6. What Major League Baseball pitcher was also a medical student who twice (in 1976 and 1978) went into the stands to give aid to a fan suffering from a heart attack?

7. Name the two in-state college football rivals who played to a 0-0 tie in a rainy, turnover-plagued game in November 1983 known as the "Toilet Bowl."

Answers

1. Doug Flutie.

2. The Milwaukee Bucks.

3. The Philadelphia Phillies ("Phold of '64").

4. The Gold Whistle Award.

5. Stan Smith and Jimmy Connors.

6. Doc Medich.

7. The University of Oregon Ducks and Oregon State University Beavers.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

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By Lucie Winborne

- Dark hair may turn red or blond in cases of severe protein deficiency.

- In the first half of the 20th century, cigarette makers touted the weight-loss aspects of their products, with one 1929 advertisement proclaiming, "Light a Lucky and you'll never miss a sweet that makes you fat."

- To escape predators, some sea cucumbers can eject their internal organs. Fortunately, they can also regrow them.

- The word Islam is often translated as "peace through submission to God."

- In 1980, Shakuntala Devi earned a Guinness World Record for fastest multiplier when she correctly multiplied two 13-digit numbers in 28 seconds.

- After a few people showed up to conventions nude in the 1970s and 1980s, cosplay organizers created the "No Costume is No Costume" rule, under which attendees must have complete coverage equivalent to a standard swimsuit over their private areas.

- Mozart's sister Maria Anna was a talented pianist in her own right, but after she reached marriageable age, she was not allowed to perform in public.

- In 2010, a NASA astronaut took a piece of Newton's apple tree aboard the space shuttle Atlantis to celebrate the 350th anniversary of The Royal Society, a scientific organization Newton once led.

- The universe has no known center.

- Hungary's post-WWII monthly inflation increased by 41,900,000,000,000,000% in July 1946. In other words, prices doubled every 13.5 hours.

- In 1759, Methodist founder John Wesley published a treatise advocating the use of electricity for medicinal purposes. He also regularly electrified participants at the Methodist church headquarters.

- Paul McCartney agreed to do a voice-over on "The Simpsons" if Lisa became a vegetarian for the rest of the series.

Thought for the Day: "I have seen what a laugh can do. It can transform almost unbearable tears into something bearable, even hopeful." — *Bob Hope*

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**Here's what to watch and
where to watch it for the week
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ON NOW: "Pillion" (R) — HBO
Max

ON NOW: "Lorne" (Documentary)
— Peacock

ON NOW: "The Listeners" (Limited
Series) — STARZ

17-June: "Never Change!" (NR) —
Hulu

18-June: "I Will Find You" (Season
1) — Netflix

19-June: "Voicemails for Isabelle"
(TV-14) — Netflix

19-June: "Sugar" (Season 2) —
Apple TV

19-June: "Color Book" (R) — Netflix

21-June: "House of the Dragon"
(Season 3) — HBO Max

21-June: "The Agency" (Season 2)
— Paramount+

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TOP TEN MOVIES

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1. **Backrooms**
(R) Chiwetel Ejiofor, Renate Reinsve
2. **Obsession**
(R) Michael Johnston, Inde Navarrette
3. **Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu**
(PG-13) Pedro Pascal, Brendan Wayne
4. **Michael**
(PG-13) Jaafar Jackson, Nia Long
5. **The Breadwinner**
(PG) Nate Bargatze, Mandy Moore
6. **The Devil Wears Prada 2**
(PG-13) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway
7. **Pressure**
(PG-13) Andrew Scott, Brendan Fraser
8. **The Sheep Detectives**
(PG) Hugh Jackman, Brett Goldstein
9. **Passenger**
(R) Jacob Scipio, Lou Llobell
10. **Mortal Kombat II**
(R) Adeline Rudolph, Karl Urban

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TRIVIA TEST

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By Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Who is the long-time host of the reality show “Survivor”?

2. MOVIES: What is the song playing when the lead characters dance the twist in “Pulp Fiction”?

3. U.S. STATES: The first president, George Washington, was born in which colony that would later become a state?

4. GEOGRAPHY: Which South American country controls Easter Island?

5. MYTHOLOGY: To which mythological character is the Parthenon dedicated?

6. LITERATURE: Which war is the background for Anthony Doerr’s novel “All the Light We Cannot See”?

7. MATH: What is the sum of the first five prime numbers?

8. INVENTORS: Which inventor developed more than 300 products from peanuts?

9. MUSIC: Who won Album of the Year at the 2026 Grammys?

10. HISTORY: In what year did U.S. women earn the right to open credit cards in their own names?

Answers

1. Jeff Probst.

2. “You Never Can Tell,” Chuck Berry.

3. Virginia.

4. Chile.

5. The Greek goddess Athena.

6. World War II.

7. $2 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 11$.

8. George Washington Carver.

9. Bad Bunny.

10. 1974.

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by Freddy Groves

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VETERANS POST

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By Freddy Groves

Only 24 notes

There are over 400 funerals each day at the National Cemeteries. Depending on the veteran and the location of the cemetery, the honors are likely to include two uniformed members of the military, folding and presentation of the flag, three rifle volleys, a horse-drawn caisson and the playing of Taps. At a very minimum, we expect this. We expect to hear Taps at a veteran funeral. It's part of how we say goodbye, hearing the National Song of Remembrance.

In some parts of the country, however, especially in rural cemeteries, there aren't enough buglers, and Taps is played via a CD recording or a special electronic gadget inserted into a bugle that plays a prerecorded Taps. Live buglers are, of course, preferred.

Can you help? Are you willing to be a bugler at veteran funerals in your area?

Before you decline, consider: If you took a semester of band, even in junior high, you're halfway there. If there is a bugle (or trumpet) in your attic, you're halfway there. Is there a high school or college with a music department near you? The department head will help you fine tune the playing of Taps. Best of all, there are only 24 notes in Taps.

Take a look at the organizations that provide buglers for veteran funerals:

— Bugles Across America (www.BuglesAcrossAmerica.org) has been providing this service for 26 years now. Read about Tom Day and why he started the group. According to the most recent Bugler's Post newsletter, last year the group's buglers provided 32,000 hours of their time. Members have provided Taps at 350,000 funerals since the group began in 2000. They have volunteer buglers in 49 states; only South Dakota is missing from the list.

— Taps For Veterans (www.TapsForVeterans.org) is headed up by former military musicians. See the website for more information and how to audition.

At this point, one-quarter of living veterans are over the age of 65; the number of veteran funerals is not going to decline anytime soon.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 42:3b-4

while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
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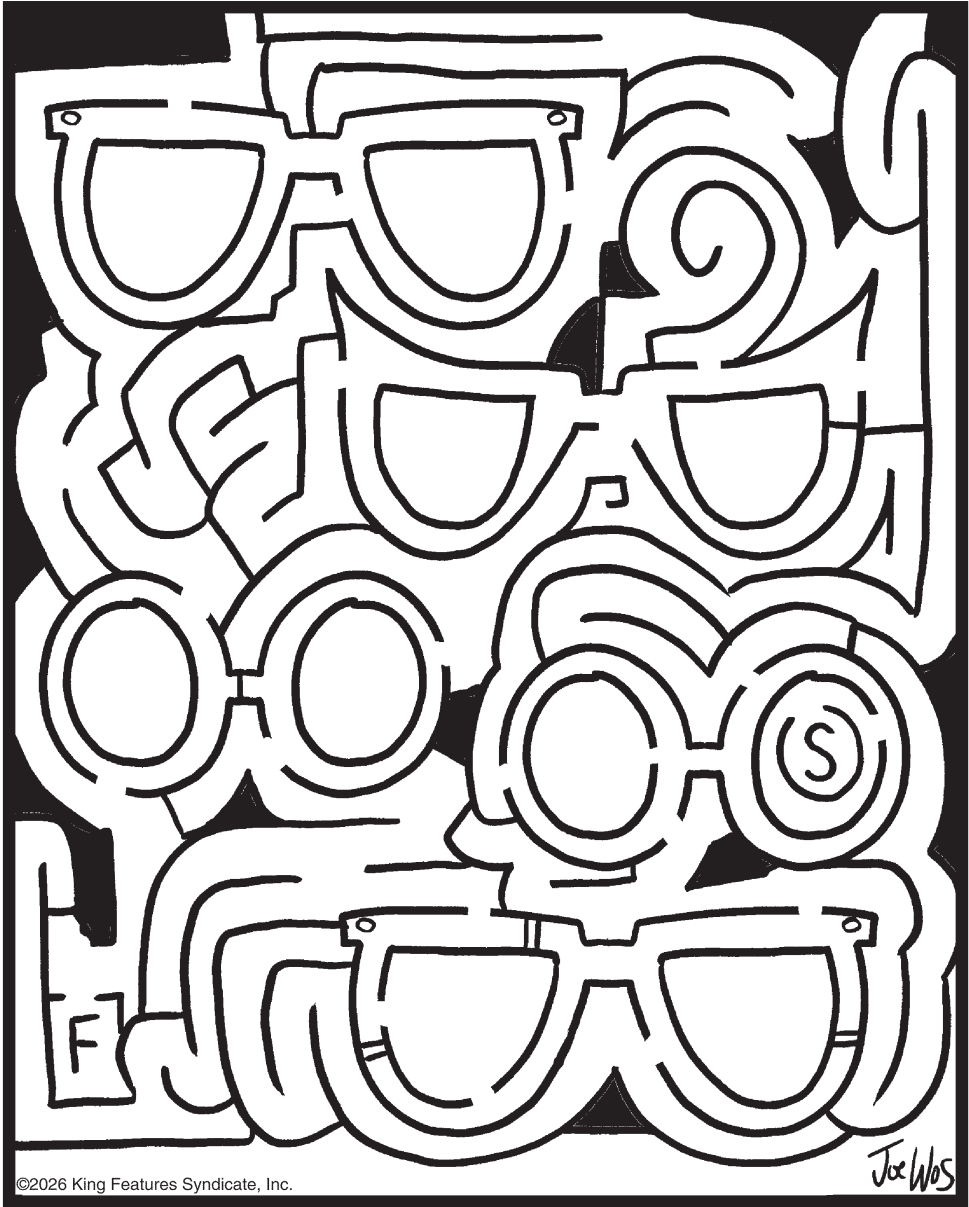
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V T H I N G S O B G
I J T H O U S E N E
T M I G H T Y O L E
S U N D E R R P W R
E G N O L H O H Y U
F L L A T E E H A O
U S E D P R D O G P
P R O T E C T I O N
L U O S S T U O H S

Classic Maze Toons



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Joe Wos

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: **H** equals **Y**

M UBNRQ ICVJYMPRH PBJ
VCIBFFCPQ JOYJ JYMRBV JB
YPHBPC CRZC. OC QMQP'J
ZNMJ FC UCRR.

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CryptoQuip answer

I would certainly not recommend
that tailor to anyone else. He
didn't suit me well.

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

PEBH GDR EQAB LODIBH XEB

PDNM, YX NBYFHL DABN GDR.

PEBH YX YL RHL0DIBH, GDR

NBYFH DABN YX.

— QNQS^YQH ONDABNS

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CryptoQuote

answer

When you have spoken the word, it reigns over you.

When it is unspoken, you reign over it.

— Arabian Proverb

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. Mannerly	__ _ _ _ T _	Crime squad	__ _ _ _ C _
2. Made from milk	__ _ _ R _	Per diem	__ _ _ L _
3. Take heed	__ _ T _ _ _	Beginner	__ _ V _ _ _
4. Wallpaper glue	__ _ _ _ E	Linguine or fettucine	__ _ _ _ A
5. Bend in the road	__ _ _ V _	Witch's whammy	__ _ _ S _
6. Regular customer	__ _ _ _ _ N	Walk the beat	__ _ _ _ _ L
7. Exchanges	T _ _ _ _ _	Teacher's scores	G _ _ _ _ _
8. On no account	__ _ V _ _ _	More modern	__ _ W _ _ _
9. Secluded	__ _ N _ _ _	Attractive	__ _ V _ _ _
10. Up and about	__ _ _ K _	Cognizant	__ _ _ R _

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Even Exchange

answers

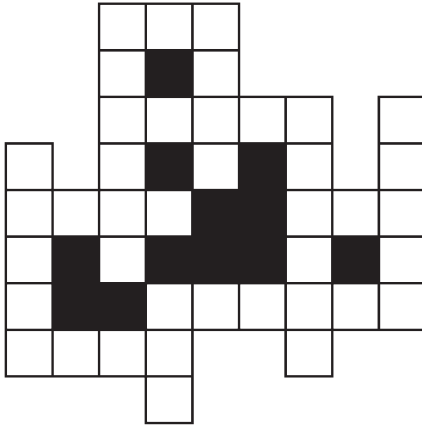
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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Polite, Police | 6. Patron, Patrol |
| 2. Dairy, Daily | 7. Trades, Grades |
| 3. Notice, Novice | 8. Never, Newer |
| 4. Paste, Pasta | 9. Lonely, Lovely |
| 5. Curve, Curse | 10. Awake, Aware |

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

ENF
RAUCET
ERMHU
♥ BLEO
EMFLA
OCO
♥ OENT
BEALF
♥ RBO
ARMLOT
♥ ORNLE
♥ VREO

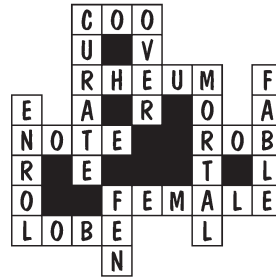


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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only **ONE** word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ **RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

FEAR KNOT

answer



C	H	A	S	E

- Pursue
- Attain
- Moved quickly
- Inelegant
- Below
- Go to the nearest whole number

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

FiveSpot™

Solution

C	H	A	S	E
R	E	A	C	H
R	A	C	E	D
C	R	U	D	E
U	N	D	E	R
R	O	U	N	D

GO FIGURE!

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

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	+		-		= 13			
-		+		+				
	+		+		= 10			
×		+		×				
	+		×		= 65			
=		=		=				
63		14		40				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

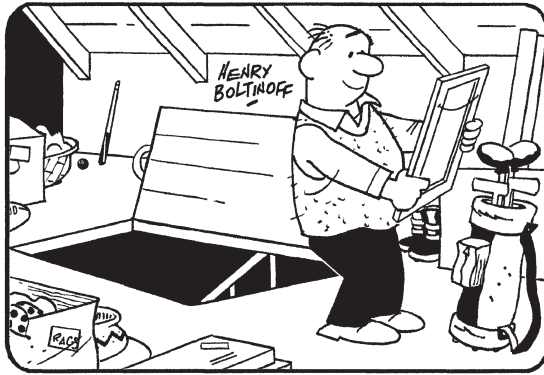
Go Figure!

answers

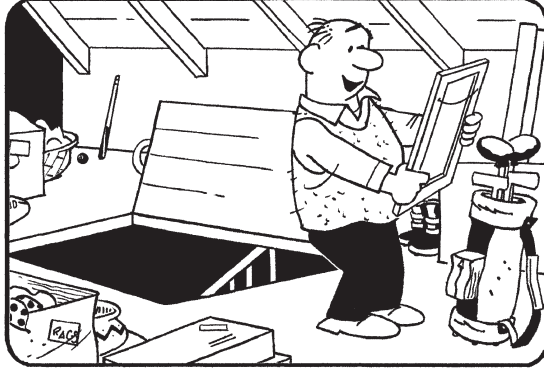
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1	+	3	+	6	= 10
×		+		×	
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=		=		=	
63		14		40	

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



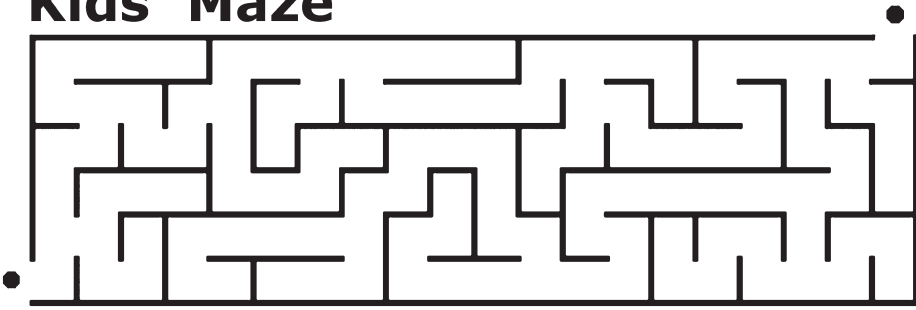
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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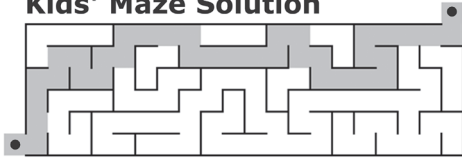
Differences: 1. Strap on golf bag is different. 2. Box is thicker. 3. Stair railing is different. 4. Door opening is wider. 5. Pocket on golf bag is moved. 6. Mouth is open.

Kids' Maze



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Kids' Maze Solution



KNIGHT MOVES

R	D	H
A		A
F	M	N

Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

R	D	H
<small>3</small>	<small>8</small>	<small>5</small>
A		A
<small>6</small>		<small>2</small>
F	M	N
<small>1</small>	<small>4</small>	<small>7</small>

FARMHAND

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Center
4 Solo in space
7 Lawn mower brand
8 Spoils, with "on"
10 Wanderer
11 Beethoven's Third
13 Time management aids
16 Citric beverage
17 Got up
18 Mosquito barrier
19 "— chic!"
20 Feel sorry for
21 Mom's sister, informally
23 "Time in a Bottle" singer
25 Impudent
26 Owl call
27 Solid-rock insert

28 Spine-tingling

30 Lupino of film

33 Commuters' buys

36 Turned to mush

37 Lounges

38 Egypt's neighbor

39 Sloth's home

40 Ballpark fig.

41 Even so

DOWN

1 Bro

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3 Tattoos, e.g.

4 Circle dances

5 Expiate

6 Dresden denial

7 Frog's kin

8 Apollo's birthplace

9 Picturesque

10 Secret-protecting doc.

12 Mountain crest

14 Quarry

15 Farm pen

19 Stick with a kick

20 Cauldron

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22 Faraway orb

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24 Author's payment

25 Actress

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28 Molts

29 Traction aid

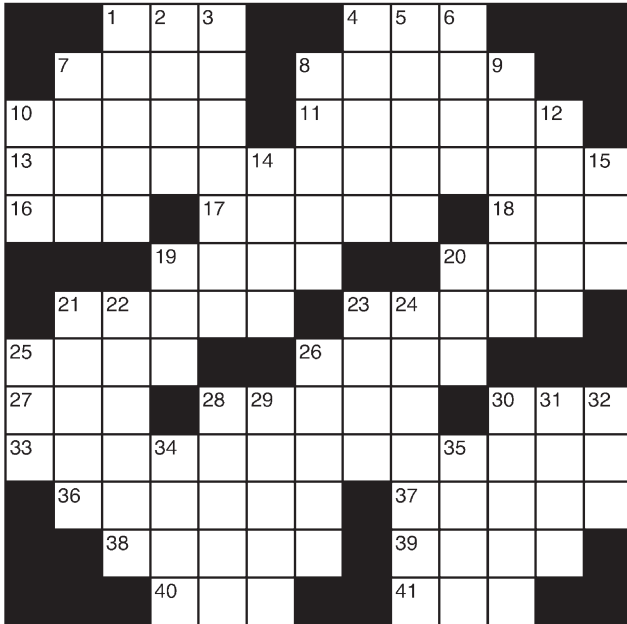
30 Archipelago

31 Editing mark

32 Ninny

34 Verifiable

35 Harboring a grudge



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King Crossword

Answers

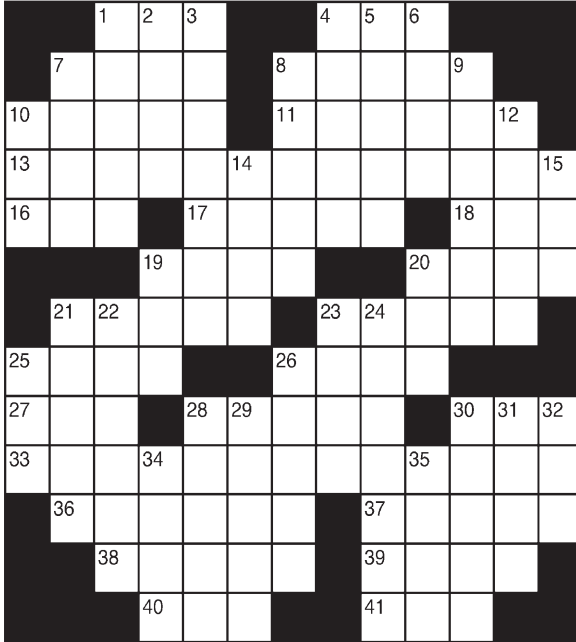
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King Crossword — Answers

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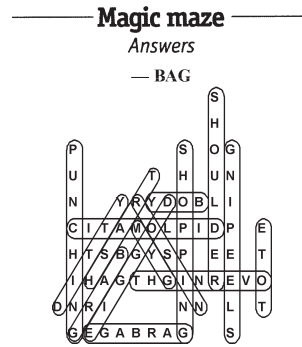
MAGIC MAZE ● — BAG

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

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

Body	Garbage	Punching	Sleeping
Diplomatic	Grab	Rosin	Tote
Ditty	Gym	Shopping	Trash
Doggie	Overnight	Shoulder	

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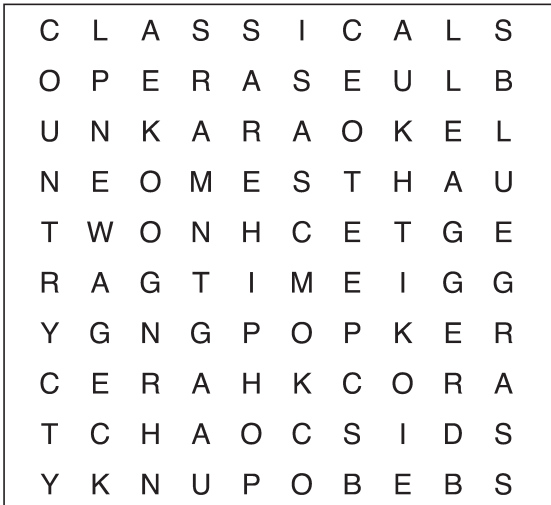
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene
Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – TYPES OF MUSIC

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What kind of music should dad listen to while fishing?**

BEBOP
BLUEGRASS
BLUES
CLASSICAL
COUNTRY
DISCO
HIP-HOP
KARAOKE
K-POP
NEW AGE
OPERA
PUNK
RAGTIME
RAP
REGGAE
ROCK
SOUL
TECHNO

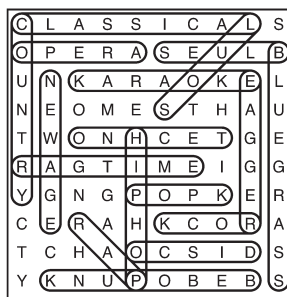


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Riddle answer: _ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _ .

Puzzles4Kids

Answer



Riddle Answer:
Something
catchy.



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"Our slow waiter is moonlighting, during
the day he's an _____."

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!

Part
MOULDE _____ _____

Perform
CANTE _____

Keen
AGREE _____ _____

Lift
SHOTI _____

TODAY'S WORD

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Module; 2. Enact
3. Eager; 4. Hoist

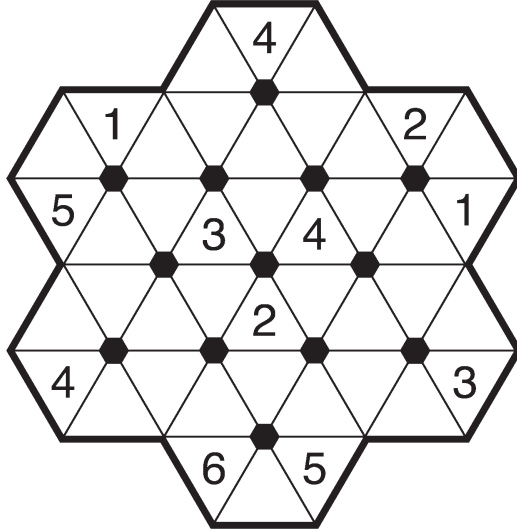
Today's Word

AUDITOR

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.



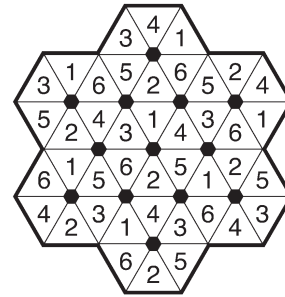
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SNOWFLAKES

solution





Below are five “shape” words. Match the words with their definitions.

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1. eruciform | a. web-shaped |
| 2. textiform | b. sword-shaped |
| 3. ensiform | c. sickle-shaped |
| 4. sulciform | d. caterpillar-shaped |
| 5. falciform | e. groove-shaped |

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Stickelers Answer

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

Weekly SUDOKU

	3					7		
	9				4		6	
	1	7			3		4	
				7		8		
3	8	1		2		5		
		6	5		8	1		
5			6				1	9
8					9		7	
1								

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!

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

4	3	8	9	6	2	7	5	1
2	9	5	7	1	4	3	6	8
6	1	7	8	5	3	9	4	2
9	5	4	3	7	1	8	2	6
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7	2	6	5	9	8	1	3	4
5	4	3	6	8	7	2	1	9
8	6	2	1	3	9	4	7	5
1	7	9	2	4	5	6	8	3

Super Crossword

FLAVOR NOT
TO SAVOR

ACROSS

- 1 Film blooper compilation
8 Illinois and Iowa's trees
12 "Bali —"
15 Bushy hairdos, for short
19 "Stephen," in Paris
20 Cookie often twisted apart
21 Boat mover
22 Engrossed
23 Start of a riddle
26 Concerning
27 Mil. title
28 Lysol target
29 D.C. insider
30 Contribute one's share
32 Kitchen pests
34 Starts litigation
39 Stop on —
40 Riddle, part 2
44 "—"
45 "Misérables"
46 Taking way too much, in brief
47 Loud weather events, for short
48 Inner city, informally
50 Leopard markings
53 "Eso —" (Paul Anka song)
54 Riddle, part 3
64 Cave effect
65 Bovine beast
66 Celebrity astrologer
67 Sydney
68 Omit, as a vowel
69 College head
73 Acrobats' springy apparatuses
74 3/15, e.g.
75 Map book
76 Artist Duffy or film director
77 Walsh
78 Critical hosp. area
79 Lock lips
80 Riddle, part 4
81 Tiny charged things
85 "It wouldn't — first time"
86 Poppa
87 Intraparty rifts
91 Vast South American plain
95 Football coach
96 Parseghian
97 End of the riddle
104 Awaken
105 Arizona waterway with the Roosevelt Dam
106 Vikings' tale, perhaps
107 Novelist
108 Hemingway
109 Original "King Kong" studio
110 Cast forth
113 Moose's kin
114 Art gallery in London
115 Riddle's answer
121 Drummer
122 Burke or pitcher
123 Labine
124 Iraq export
125 Full of zeal
126 Before now
127 The lady's
128 Norm: Abbr.
129 Sort
130 Lutz or Axel performers
131 Showy trinket
132 Wisdom deity
133 Behemoths
134 On Soc.
135 Security, e.g.
136 Prefix with skeleton
137 Writer Blyton
138 Made the first move
139 "Impressive!"
140 Consist of
141 Pub barrel
142 "The meal is ready!"
143 "— at the Moon" (1951 Hank Williams song)
144 Partner of 8-Down
145 "Z ('80s Camaro)
146 "Yep, alas"
147 More hoarse
148 Ideal condition
149 High-minded sorts?
150 Duet plus one
151 Juvenile
152 Must exist
153 Longtime NBC show inits.
154 Unconfined
155 "77 Sunset Strip" actor
156 Byrnes
157 Biol. or anat.
158 Schlepped
159 Composer/pianist John
160 Facet
161 Actress
162 Rae of "Vengeance"
163 Employed for the purpose of
164 Head for very quickly
165 So as to be 50% less
166 "— about (around)
167 Hinders
168 Detective
169 Phil Fish's wife on "Fish"
170 Achieved victory in
171 Sitting in — the world
172 Love, in Paris
173 "ER" actor
174 Eric La —
175 Prefix with cycle or state
176 "This pleases me!"
177 Cleaned a little, with "up"
178 Texas or Ukraine city
179 Owned (up)
180 Actress West
181 Genuine, in Germany
182 Of a similar kind to
183 Rustling sounds
184 Place to live
185 Tech. schools
186 Channel for hoops fans
187 Zeus' wife
188 Elongate
189 Hymn with harmonies
190 Poltergeist, e.g.
191 "Evidently ..."
192 Oompah band music
193 Coin-op cafeteria
194 Bus. bigwig
195 Letter after upsilon
196 Reactions to cute babies
197 Maude's partner in a 1971 film
198 Intrusive plant
199 Military forces
200 Edmund Spenser's "The — Queene"
201 More hideous
202 Los Angeles hoops team
203 "Terrible" time for tots
204 Writer
205 Dinesen
206 Reid of "Sharknado"
207 #1 song, e.g.
208 Climbing vine
209 Pointer
210 Lofty poem
211 Diner sandwich, for short

DOWN

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Super Crossword

Answers

G	A	G	R	E	E	L		O	A	K	S		H	A	I		F	R	O	S
E	T	I	E	N	N	E		O	R	E	O		O	A	R		R	A	P	T
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H	E	R	S		S	T	D		T	Y	P	E		S	K	A	T	E	R	S

Micro Crossword By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Bit of rain
5 Window dressing
6 Churchill's smoke
7 Basketball great Caitlin, Time Magazine's 2024 Athlete of the Year
8 D-Day carriers

	1	2	3	4
5				
6				
7				
	8			

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Down

- 3 Eye-grabbing museum works
4 Job benefits
5 Nero's 700
1 "Boring" purchase at a hardware store?
2 Sitar compositions

Micro Crossword

Answer

	D	R	O	P
D	R	A	P	E
C	I	G	A	R
C	L	A	R	K
	L	S	T	S

MINI SUDOKU

	6		4		1
4			5		
1					
				5	2
5					
		1		6	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.

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MINI SUDOKU

Answer

2	6	5	4	3	1
4	1	3	5	2	6
1	5	2	6	4	3
6	3	4	1	5	2
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3	4	1	2	6	5

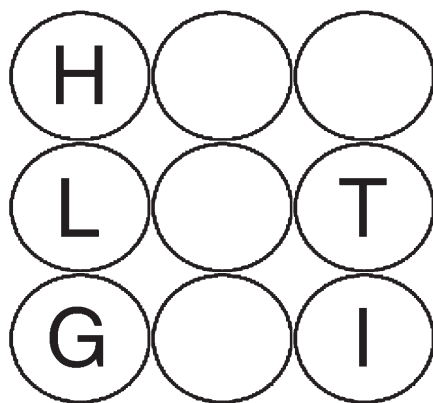
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8	7	4	7	4	6	2	6	8	6	8	6	6
I	E	E	S	S	Y	R	H	O	I	N	G	H

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.

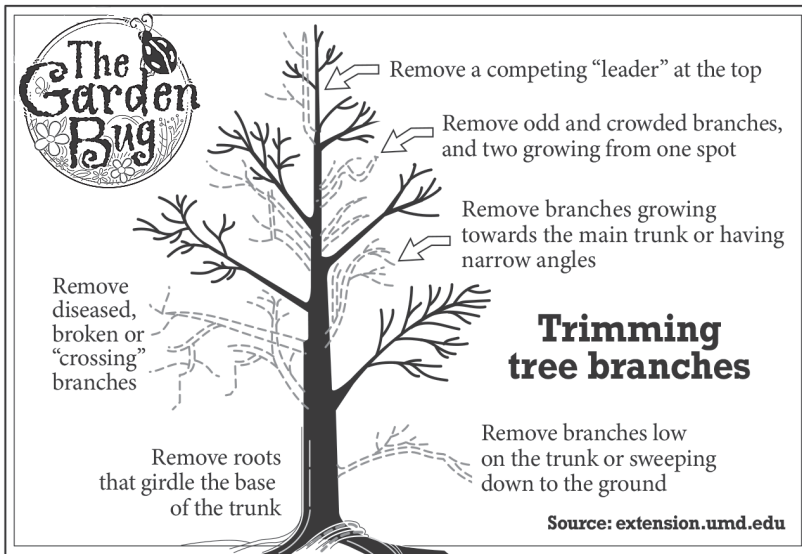
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WORD SPIRAL



Word Spiral
Answer
HALTINGLY

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.
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Fun Fact

The species *Turritopsis Dohrnii*, now known as the **immortal jellyfish**, was first described in 1883. One hundred years later, researchers learned that if they grew the young polyps of this creature into the mature form of the species (called a medusa), and that mature form was stressed, it would physically revert itself back to the immature polyp stage.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell.

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away!

SONG OF SOLOMON 2: 12,13



Detail of "The Flower"
by Alphonse Mucha (1897)

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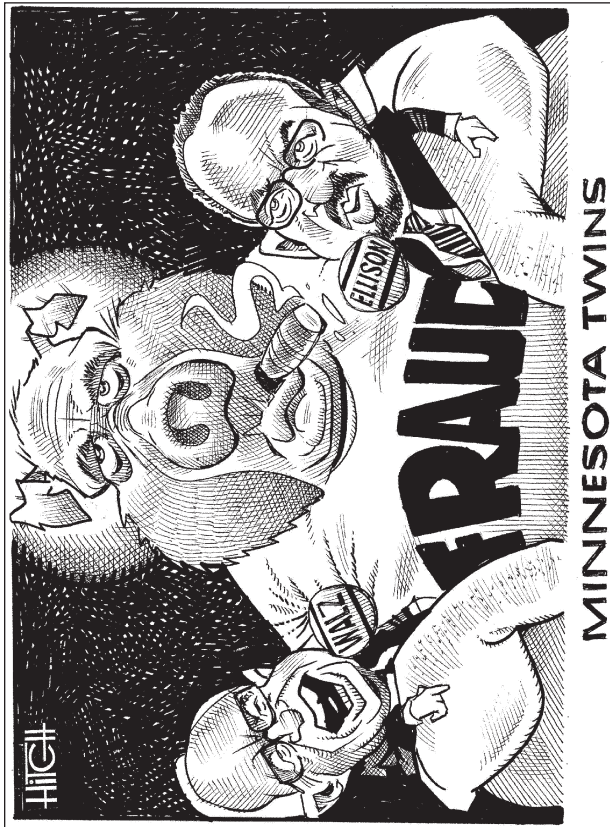
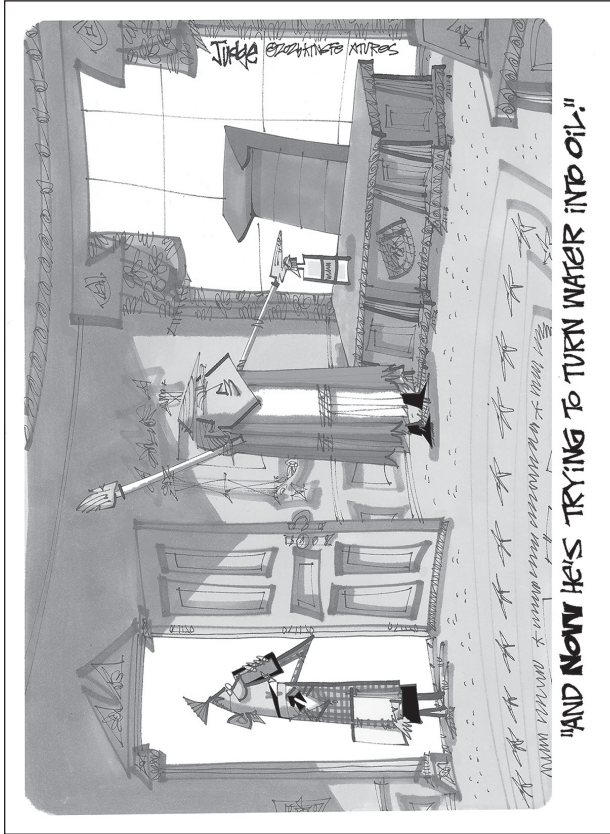
"There is no end to the good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit."

— Colin Powell

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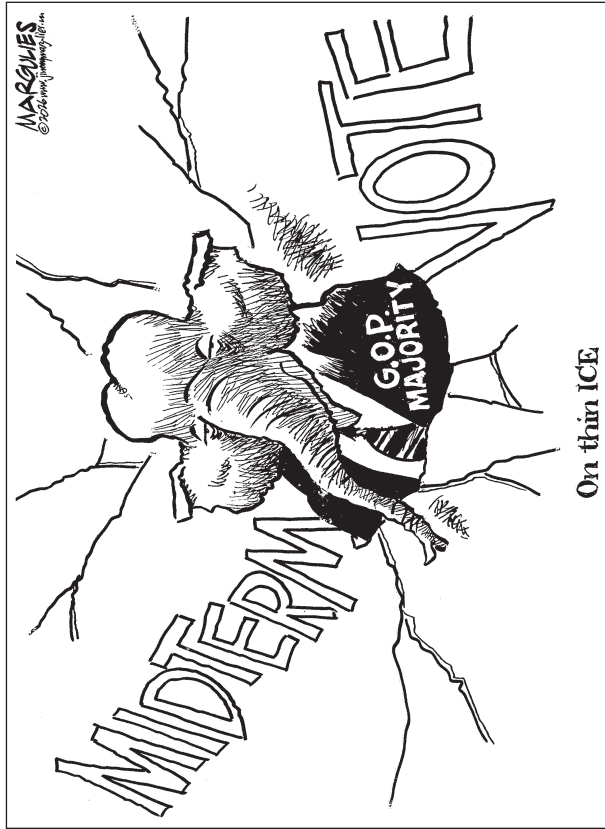
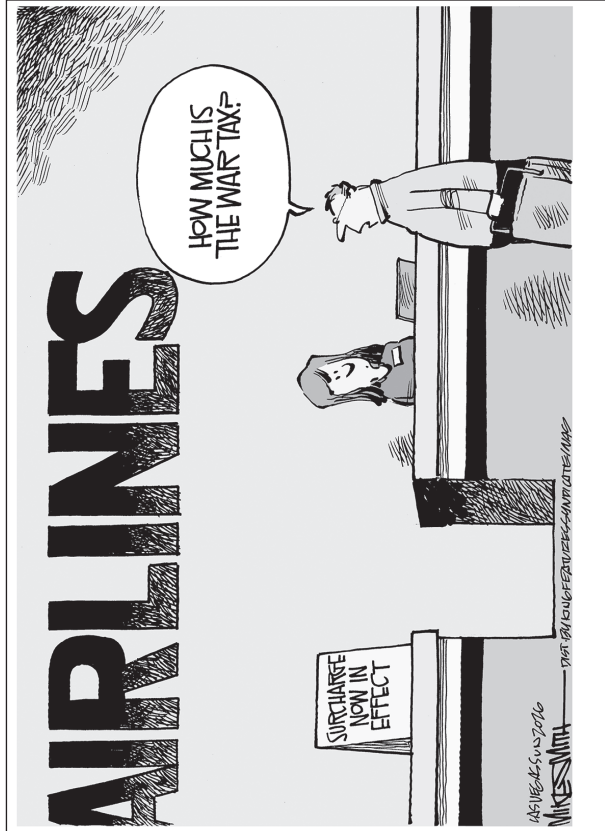
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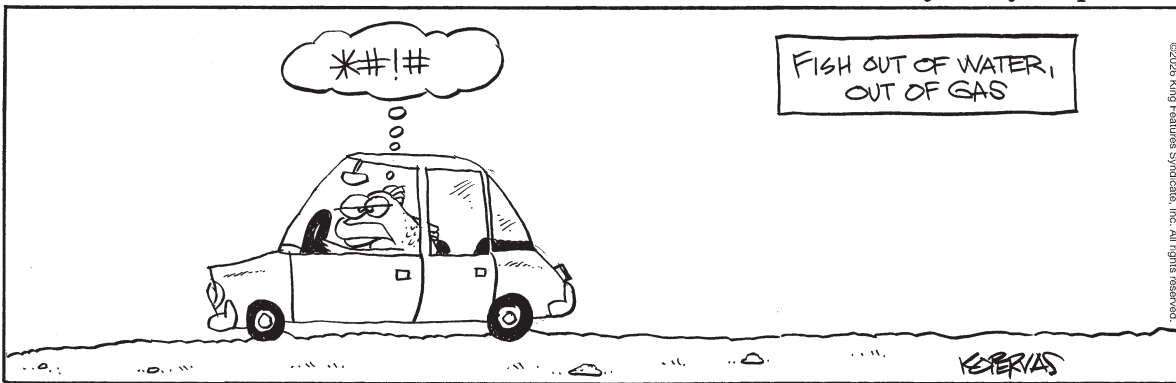
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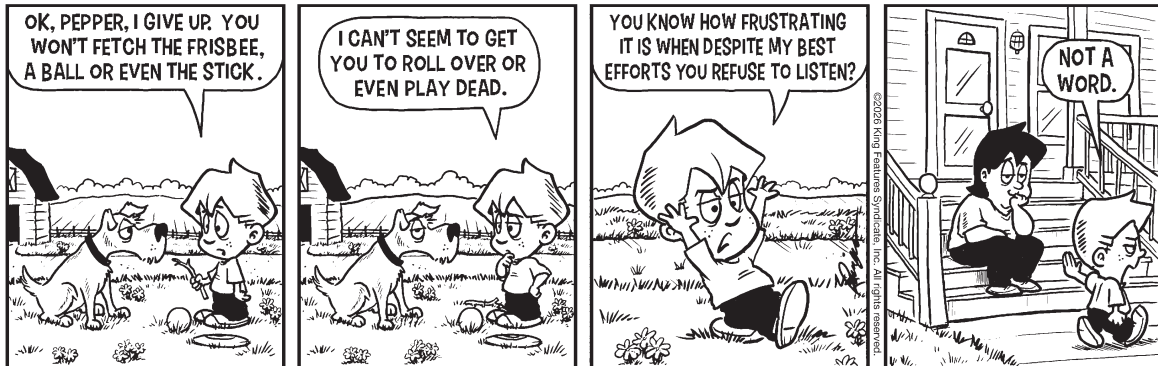
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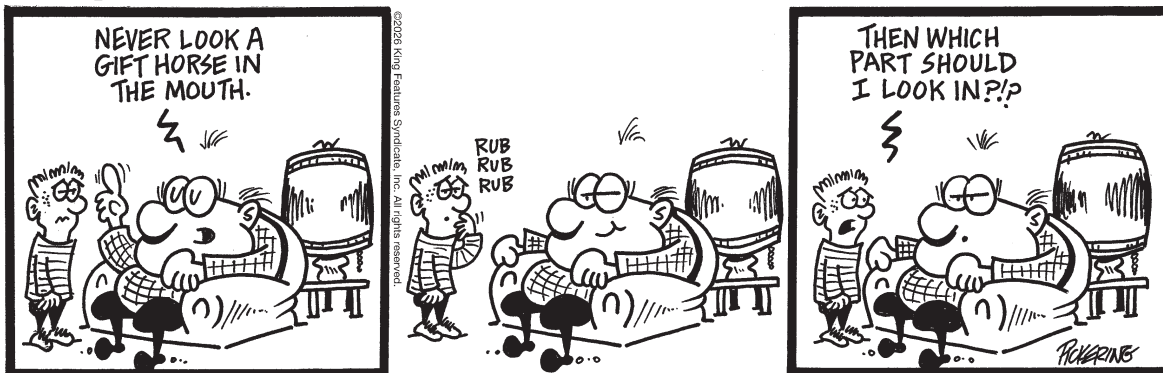
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OLIVE & POPEYE

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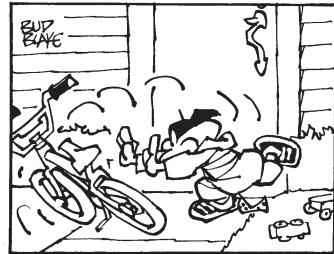
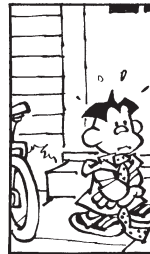
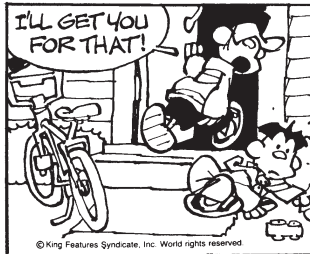
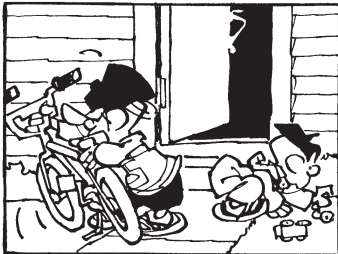
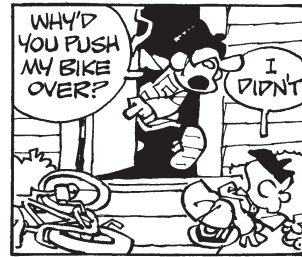
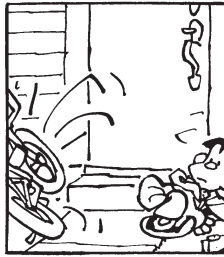
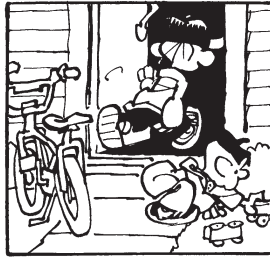
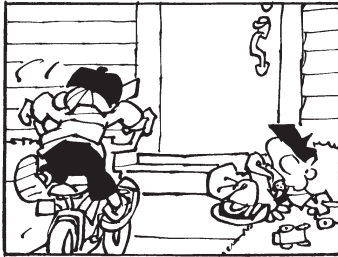
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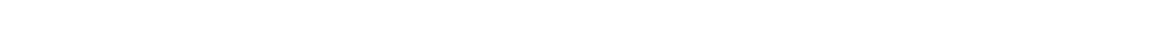
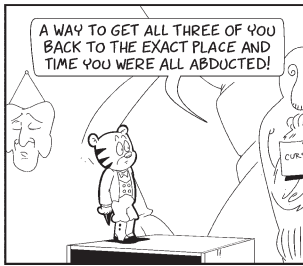
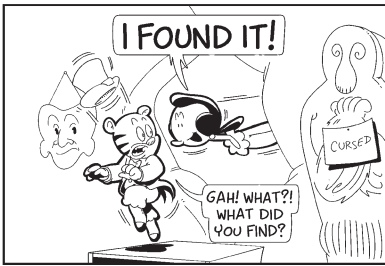
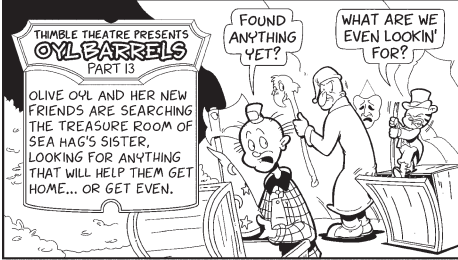
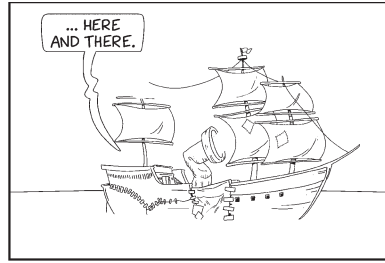
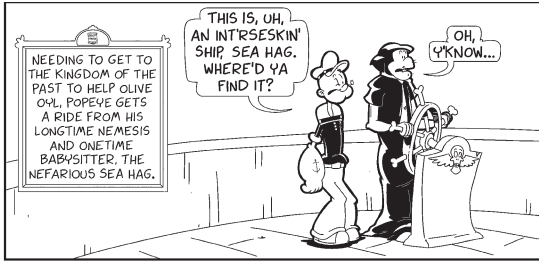
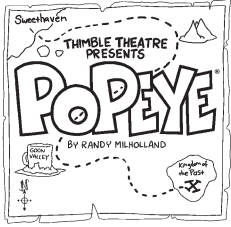
"I saved enough to pay for the fender!"

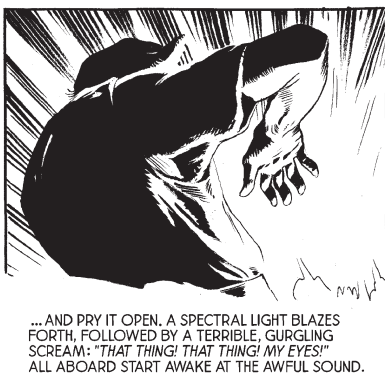
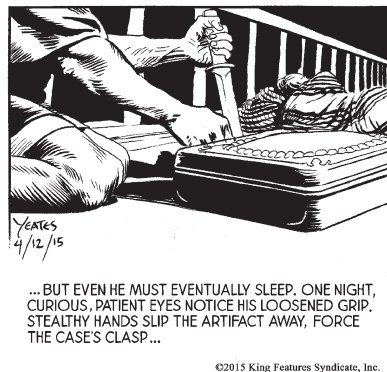
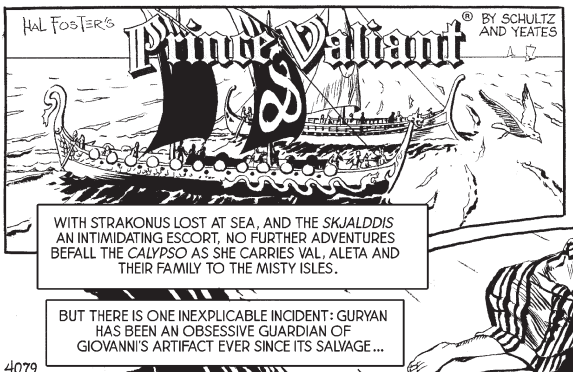
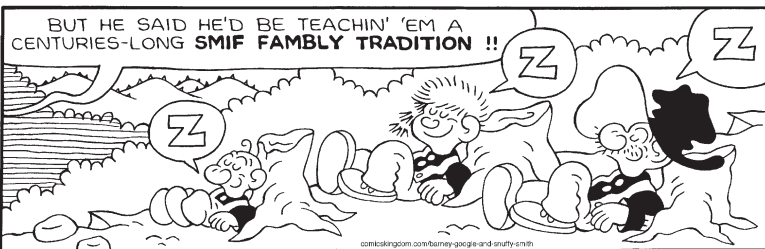
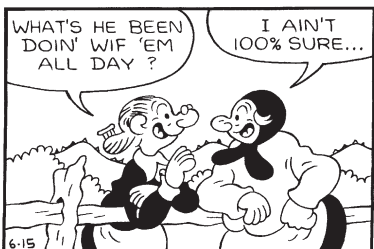
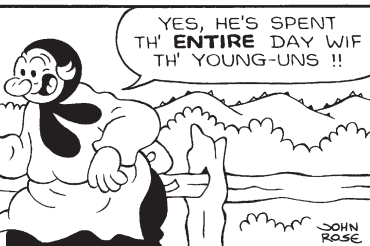
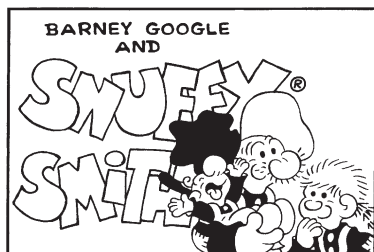
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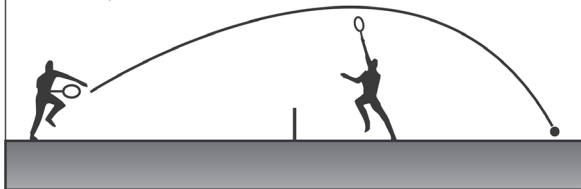




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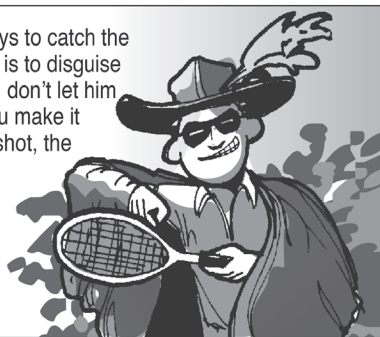
DISGUISE THE LOB WINNER

Offensive lobs don't have to have heavy spin to be effective. Many pros use underspin or flat offensive lobs.

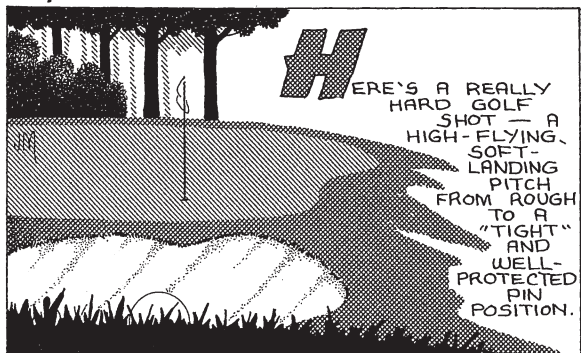


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One of the best ways to catch the opponent off guard is to disguise the offensive lob — don't let him see it coming. If you make it look like a normal shot, the opponent will close to the net, and then you've got him!



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