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DONNA ERICKSON'S BEST BITES

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By Donna Erickson

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Bring Home a Taste of Spain with Healthy No-Cook Gazpacho

Spain is one country that's on our minds with the ongoing 2026 FIFA World Cup, so why not prepare gazpacho for a "Euro Summer" feel at home? Plus, it's so easy to stir up a no-cook meal for your family on a hot July day!

The season's freshest tomatoes, cukes, peppers and onions come together in this satisfying and zesty cold Spanish soup. Let your kids harvest some of the ingredients from your family garden, or choose them in peak condition at a farmer's market. Teach your school-age children basic cutting and chopping techniques. They'll have lots of practice with this recipe!

If you don't mind turning on your oven for a few minutes, top off the soup with whimsical kid-made croutons in fun shapes. Serve it in the fanciest bowl that you normally use for special occasions. For 4-6 servings, here's what you'll need:

GAZPACHO

- 2 cups seeded, finely diced plum tomatoes
- 1 cup cored, seeded, finely diced yellow bell peppers
- 1/2 cup peeled, seeded, finely diced cucumbers
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup finely diced celery
- 1/4 cup minced carrots
- 1/4 cup minced celery leaves
- 1/4 cup minced yellow onion

- 2 cups tomato vegetable juice (such as V8)
- 1/2 cup clam juice (optional)
- 2 tablespoons minced chives
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- Juice of one lemon
- Salt and pepper to taste

Let your child mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours to chill and enhance the flavor. Scoop into a serving bowl and top with shaped croutons.

SHAPED CROUTONS

- 1 loaf French bread, sliced lengthwise with crust removed
- 3 tablespoons butter or olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, pressed
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste



Make shapes from bread with your favorite mini cookie cutters. Combine melted butter or olive oil with garlic and salt and pepper. Brush on top of cutout bread pieces. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese (optional). Bake in an oven set to 350 F for 10 minutes.

Cook's Tip: Put freezer-safe serving bowls for gazpacho in the freezer before serving!

Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.

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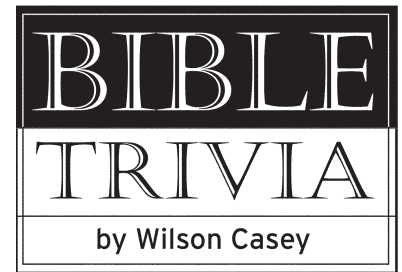
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BIBLE TRIVIA

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By Wilson Casey



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

2. What kind of physical problem did Timothy have of which Paul advised a little wine? *Back, Stomach, Head, Legs*

3. How many days was Jesus on earth after His resurrection? *3, 40, 100, 346*

4. From Acts 8, who baptized the Ethiopian eunuch? *Isaiah, James, Philip, Paul*

5. What is the Hebrew word that's usually translated as "blessing"? *Berakah, Chosson, Chumash, Ducket*

6. How old was Abraham when he died? *75, 175, 202, 256*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Stomach, 3) 40, 4) Philip, 5) Berakah, 6) 175

More than 1,200 brand-new trivia questions in Wilson Casey's latest book "Quest for Bible Knowledge" available in bookstores and online.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

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By Steve Becker

ONE UP FROM DOWN UNDER

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	4	♠	10
♥	A K Q	♥	4 2
♦	A 10 6 5 4	♦	J 9 8 3 2
♣	Q 10 9 8	♣	7 6 5 4 2
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	K J 9 8 6 3	♠	A Q 7 5 2
♥	J 7 3	♥	10 9 8 6 5
♦	K Q 7	♦	—
♣	3	♣	A K J

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥			

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Here is a neat hand played by Bruce Bell, New Zealand expert. It features a rare sequence of plays that led to a most unusual ending.

West led a diamond against six hearts, and Bell had to choose between two methods of play. He could try to ruff spades in dummy, which seemed likely to leave him short of his goal, or he could attempt a

dummy reversal, which would require little more than a 3-2 trump division. Bell selected the latter approach and made the slam as a result.

The principle underlying a dummy reversal is that declarer uses the trumps in his own hand to ruff dummy's losers, instead of using dummy's trumps to ruff the losers in his hand. Properly executed, a dummy reversal produces more trump tricks than declarer would normally be able to make.

Bell ruffed West's king-of-diamonds lead, played a heart to the queen, ruffed another diamond, led a heart to the king and ruffed a third diamond. Having exhausted the trumps in his own hand, he next led the jack of clubs to the queen. He then cashed the ace of trump and ace of diamonds, on which he discarded the A-K of clubs!

After unblocking the clubs with these discards, Bell was able to cash the 10-9-8 of clubs to bring himself to 11 tricks, and the ace of spades accounted for the slam-going trick.

In all, Bell scored four clubs, the ace of diamonds, the ace of spades, and six trump tricks to escape what appeared to be certain defeat as the cards lay.

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

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Photo Caption: Jennifer Morrison as Dr.

Allison Cameron on "House"

Q. Where can I watch reruns of the medical show "House," and what ever happened to actress Jennifer Morrison? I haven't seen her in anything in a while. — *M.E.*

A. Jennifer Morrison, who played Dr. Allison Cameron on the Fox series "House," departed the show after six seasons. She went on to star in the fairy-tale drama series "Once Upon a Time" on ABC, and most recently, she played the First Lady of the United States on Netflix's "The Night Agent." She's also developed quite a career as a director of episodic television shows like "Euphoria," "Dr. Death," and "The Five-Star Weekend."

If you have a subscription to Amazon Prime Video or Hulu, you can watch "House" on these platforms.

Q. When's the new movie about Facebook coming out, and why isn't Jesse Eisenberg playing Mark Zuckerberg in it? — *E.P.*

A. It's hard to believe that it's been over 15 years since Aaron Sorkin's "The Social Network" came out — the film that he wrote and directed about the early rise of Mark Zuckerberg's life as a student at Harvard and how Zuckerberg launched Facebook. Jesse Eisenberg could have easily reprised his Oscar-nominated role of the future billionaire in its upcoming sequel, "The Social Reckoning," but he declined.

Sorkin told Vanity Fair that he spent three days trying to change the actor's mind, but Eisenberg stated that he "simply did not want to be conflated with Mark Zuckerberg anymore" and that he has his problems with Zuckerberg.

In the sequel, which will hit theaters on Oct. 9, 2026, another Oscar-nominated actor, Jeremy Strong ("The Apprentice" and HBO's "Succession"), assumes the role of the billionaire. Why a sequel? After the trailer for the movie premiered recently at CinemaCon, Sorkin stated, "There isn't a life that Facebook's algorithm hasn't touched, and that influence has shaped everything. So, it's time to say more."



Courtesy of Fox

Jennifer Morrison as Dr. Allison Cameron on "House"

The film also stars Jeremy Allen White ("The Bear") as Wall Street Journal reporter Jeff Horwitz and Oscar winner Mikey Madison ("Anora") as Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen.

Q. Was that really John Oliver I saw with jet-black hair on "General Hospital" recently? How did this happen? — *M.C.*

A. Yes, even though he's best known as the hilarious Emmy-winning host of HBO's "Last Week Tonight," he recently made his daytime soap debut on "General Hospital." Back in March, he had expressed a strong desire to appear on a soap during one of his "Last Week Tonight" segments. Not only did ABC's "GH" respond with a resounding "yes," but so did Peacock's "Days of Our Lives."

He will appear in three episodes of "GH" in July as the head of the WSB (World Security Bureau) and has a mystery role on "Days" for another three episodes, which will air on Aug. 11, 12 and 14.

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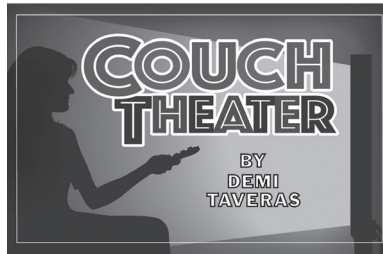
COUCH THEATER

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By Demi Taveras

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Netflix

Photo Caption: Molly Shannon, left, and Will Ferrell star in “The Hawk.”



“The Hawk” (TV-MA) — This absurd comedy series was co-created by and stars a comedic actor who’s well-versed in absurdity, the fabulous Will Ferrell (“You’re Cordially Invited”). Starring alongside another “Saturday Night Live” alum, Molly Shannon, Ferrell plays professional golfer Lonnie “The Hawk” Hawkins, aka 2004’s top golfer. Determined that he has what it takes to get back to the top, Lonnie signs on for a PGA tour with his son, Lance (Jimmy Tatro). With his can-do attitude, good humor, and awful fashion sense, nothing can stop Lonnie from redeeming his golf legacy. All 10 episodes premiere on July 16. (Netflix)

“Tron: Ares” (PG-13) — The sequel to “Tron: Legacy” (2010) didn’t quite make up its \$220 million budget in theaters, with only \$142.2 million recouped at the box office. It also failed to receive glowing reviews from critics, which is surprising considering its lead actor, Jared Leto (“Masters of the Universe”). Rounding out the rest of the cast are “The Morning Show’s” Greta Lee, “Dahmer’s” Evan Peters, and “The Abandons” Gillian Anderson. Taking place in 2025, the film follows two companies that are locked in a race to bring digital programs into the real world. One company, led by Julian Dillinger (Peters), introduces the “perfect expendable soldier” in his program Ares, but what Julian never expected is that Ares’ self-awareness might overpower his expendability. Out now to stream! (Disney+)

“Reminders of Him” (PG-13) — Romance and young adult novelist Colleen Hoover keeps cranking out

books, and major studios keep adapting it into films for fans to enjoy! This latest adaptation out now is based on Hoover’s 2022 novel and stars Maika Monroe (“Longlegs”) as Kenna Rowan. After spending six years in prison for vehicular manslaughter that resulted in her boyfriend Scotty’s (Rudy Pankow) death, Kenna plans to start anew in her hometown and meet the daughter she had while she was serving time. Coincidentally, she meets Ledger (Tyriq Withers), who just happens to be Scotty’s lifelong best friend. The two have an instant connection, leaving them both with a choice to remain stuck in the horrors of the past or brave a different future together. (Peacock)



Courtesy of Netflix

Molly Shannon, left, and Will Ferrell star in “The Hawk.”

“Dancing with the Stars: The Next Pro” (TV-PG) — This new spinoff of the longtime competition reality show “Dancing with the Stars” is set to premiere on July 14. As the title teases, the spinoff will focus on finding the next dancer who’ll join the “DWTS” cast as a pro. Hosted by reigning mirror ball champ Robert Irwin, the series features 12 contestants who will live and train together in a “grueling audition process” for the length of the eight-episode show. Additionally, the charming mom-and-son duo Shirley and Mark Ballas serve as judges for these 12 contestants, which is a treat for anyone who’s seen them (or dad Corky!) as pros on the original show. Contestants hail from all over the United States, as well as Ukraine, England and Canada. (Hulu)

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DIVAS ON A DIME

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By Patti Diamond

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PHOTO CAPTION: Creamy polenta provides the perfect bed for savory Italian sausage, peppers and onions.



The Most Underrated Bargain in the Grocery Store

Every grocery store has an aisle filled with ingredients people buy without thinking. Flour. Rice. Pasta. Oats. Then there's the one ingredient many shoppers pass week after week because they're not quite sure what to do with it. That's polenta. And it might be one of the best bargains in the store.

Polenta isn't fancy. In fact, it's one of the oldest comfort foods around. It's simply coarse cornmeal slowly cooked until creamy, but don't let its humble beginnings fool you.

You see, polenta has a marketing problem. It sounds fancy pants, so shoppers assume it's difficult or expensive. In reality, it's just cornmeal wearing its Italian name tag.

If you're wondering whether polenta is just fancy grits, the answer is ... sort of. They're close cousins. Polenta is usually made from yellow corn and has a heartier texture, while grits are made from white corn and cook up a bit smoother.

A single bag costs just a few dollars yet makes many generous servings. Because its flavor is mild, it happily soaks up whatever you pair it with. A spoonful of butter and Parmesan turns it into comfort food. Top it with hearty meat sauce, roasted vegetables, braised meats, mushrooms or today's Italian sausage and peppers, and suddenly an inexpensive

pantry staple becomes dinner worthy of a cozy Italian restaurant.

The leftovers are where polenta really shines. Once chilled, it's firm enough to slice. Pan-fry the slices until golden, grill them alongside burgers or chicken, or tuck them beneath a fried egg for breakfast.

If you're pressed for time, fully cooked tube polenta is a handy short-cut. Just don't let convenience empty your wallet. Making it from scratch takes only about 20 minutes and costs a fraction of the price.

CREAMY POLENTA

Yield: 4-6 servings

Total Time: 25 mins.

2 cups water

2 cups whole milk

½ teaspoon salt

1 ⅓ cups cornmeal

1 tablespoon butter

4 ounces cream cheese, cubed

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese



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Creamy polenta provides the perfect bed for savory Italian sausage, peppers and onions.

In a large saucepan, bring the water, milk and salt to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Add the cornmeal in a steady stream, whisking to avoid lumps. Keep stirring on low heat until thickened, about 15 minutes. Switch to a wooden spoon and add the butter, cream cheese and Parmesan. Keep stirring. You can tell it's done when it

pulls away from the sides of the pot. Serve immediately.

ITALIAN SAUSAGE & PEPPERS WITH POLENTA

Yield: 4-6 servings

Total Time: 30 mins.

1 ½ tablespoons olive oil, divided

1 pound Italian sausage links

1 large yellow onion, chopped

1 red bell pepper, chopped

2 medium zucchinis, sliced

1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced

1 (15 oz.) can fire-roasted crushed tomatoes

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

In a large skillet, heat 1/2 tablespoon olive oil and brown the sausages. They will cook more later, so they don't need to cook completely now. Set aside and keep warm.

In the same skillet, add remaining oil and saute the onion until softened. Add the bell pepper and zucchini, continuing to cook until both are mostly cooked through. Add the garlic and stir to combine, followed by the tomatoes and Italian seasoning. Let this come to a simmer and return the sausage links to the skillet and let this cook for 10 minutes to marry the flavors and finish the sausages. Serve over polenta.

Sometimes the smartest grocery bargains are the humble, old-fashioned ingredients patiently waiting on the shelf for someone new to discover them.

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FLASHBACK

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By Mick Harper

1. Name the artist that released “If I Could Turn Back Time.”
2. Which group started out as the American Breed?
3. Who wrote and released “Puff, The Magic Dragon”?
4. “Up, Up and Away” was used for which company’s television commercial?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Time, time, time, see what’s become of me, While I looked around for my possibilities.”

Answers

1. Cher, in 1989. The video for the song was recorded on the USS Missouri. The Navy had expected Cher to perform wearing a jumpsuit, as that was what had been presented to them. Instead, she came out in a fishnet outfit.
2. Rufus. They’ve also been known as Smoke, Ask Rufus and Rufus with Chaka Khan.
3. Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul and Mary. He based it on a 1959 poem by a college student, Leonard Lipton. When the song received royalties, Yarrow made sure Lipton got half of them, which he did until Lipton’s death in 2022.
4. Trans World Airlines (TWA), in 1968, with slightly changed lyrics.
5. “A Hazy Shade of Winter,” by Simon and Garfunkel, in 1966. In 1987, the Bangles released a cover that was used in the soundtrack of “Less Than Zero.”

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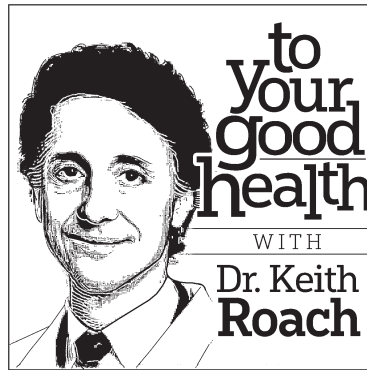
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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

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By Dr. Keith Roach



Man With Hemicrania Continua Requires Indefinite Therapy

DEAR DR. ROACH: My future son-in-law was diagnosed with hemicrania continua several weeks ago by a neurologist and is responding to indomethacin. Could you provide a prognosis for this illness? The internet says that it can take anywhere from weeks to months to years. Is this likely the case? — *M.I.L.*

ANSWER: Hemicrania continua is an unusual type of headache syndrome. It's often misdiagnosed, with 50% of people not receiving a correct diagnosis for eight years. The pain is on one side of the head (hence "hemicrania"), and the pain severity can be high, with over 70% of sufferers describing the pain as "excruciating."

Although the pain can come and go, most people have or develop continuous unrelenting pain (hence the "continua"). In some people, these episodes of continuous pain can last for weeks or months and are followed by a pain-free period. This condition is usually diagnosed and managed by a neurologist.

The bad news for your future son-in-law is that most people have this condition not merely for months or years but for the rest of their lives, so they need indefinite therapy. The good news is that people who respond to indomethacin tend to keep responding to it.

Almost 50% of people were able to decrease their dose of indomethacin — a

potent but somewhat toxic anti-inflammatory drug that can affect the stomach and kidneys. Many people need medicine (such as ranitidine) to protect their stomachs. People who can't tolerate indomethacin have other options such as melatonin, the anti-seizure drug topiramate, or nerve blocks.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column on dry age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and the AREDS2 vitamin and mineral supplement. I'm taking a generic version of them, even though my ophthalmologist (who's a board-certified retina specialist) says that mine's in the early stages and that AREDS are only useful in later stages. But he says that there's no harm in taking AREDS before then, and perhaps it'll do some good.

I'm also taking a saffron extract, which appears to be the only thing that clinical studies have found to help during the early stages. I wonder if you have any thoughts on this. — *B.S.*

ANSWER: There was a randomized, controlled trial on saffron for mild to moderate AMD in 2019, and saffron did show modest but statistically significant improvements compared to a placebo. People who took saffron had small improvements with visual acuity (both people who were and weren't taking AREDS supplements benefited from saffron), as well as improvements with sophisticated measurements of retinal activity.

Since there weren't any significant side effects, and there's an added benefit on top of the AREDS supplements, saffron is a reasonable treatment. The dose that was studied was 20 mg per day, and I found it easily available at reasonable prices.

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

• To keep the kids' sight word skills fresh over the summer, we are playing sight word bingo practically every day now. It was really easy to make and laminate bingo cards. And I use the flash cards we got from school to "call" the words. Bingo is a win-win!

• "Potluck parties and leftovers: Is there too much food left at the end of the party? When throwing a potluck, make sure you remind your guest to bring some take-home containers. Have them fix a few containers of "seconds" and store them in a big cooler by the front door. Hang a few take-out bags on the doorknob and your pals won't forget to take their goodies home!" — M.W. in Florida

• Kids clamoring about whose turn it is? No fear. You've got the solution in your desk drawer. Simply write each child's name on a self-stick note, and stack them. The kid on top takes the first turn, and then peels his or her name off and moves it to the bottom. Easy peasy.

• Going on a road trip this summer? Check your tire pressure to save money. Maintaining the correct tire pressure can have a direct effect on how many miles you get to the gallon. It can save you in everyday driving, but it really adds up when traveling longer distances. Check your car's manual for the correct pressure. Or, some cars have a sticker in the door well or glove box with that information.

• "In my house, we love straws. Because we're into recycling, we make sure to get the most out of each one. Keep a small jar at the sink, where we rinse straws before setting them in the jar to dry. Reuse at will." — F.O. in Pennsylvania

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HOLLYWOOD

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hairstylist Gail Ryan

HOLLYWOOD — Hollywood insiders reveal that **Keanu Reeves** is one of the kindest and most philanthropic actors in the industry. He established a private unnamed fund to support a children's hospital and cancer research. He frequently defers percentages of his back-end earnings or takes pay cuts to ensure that producers can hire other stars and balance their budgets.

Reeves also gave \$50 million of his "Matrix" earnings to special effects and makeup staffs. He gifted Harley Davidson motorcycles to the 12-person stunt team of "The Matrix." He gave Rolex watches to the martial arts and stunt crews on the "John Wick" films. There are far too many more good deeds to mention, but you get the drift!

On the work front, Reeves just lent his voice to "Toy Story 5" as Duke Caboom and "Sonic the Hedgehog 4" (due in March 2027). He's following these films up with the black comedy "The Entertainment System Is Down," co-starring **Kirsten Dunst**. He's also teaming up with "Toy Story 4" director **Josh Cooley** for a new hybrid "Lego" movie, and he's currently shooting the sci-fi survival thriller "Shiver." The latter will be directed by "Deadpool's" **Tim Miller** for an August 2027 release date.

Elizabeth Banks is set to star as Ms. Fizzle in a film adaptation of the PBS series "The Magic School Bus." **Lily Tomlin** was the voice of Ms. Fizzle in the animated series that ran for 52 episodes from 1994-1997. Then **Kate McKinnon** took over as Ms. Fizzle's younger sister in the 2017 Netflix series for 30 episodes.

Banks has been starring in Peacock's series "The Miniature Wife" since April. She also stars in the psychological thriller "DreamQuil" with **John C. Reilly** and **Sofia Boutella**. And she'll again be hosting the game show "Press Your Luck," which premiered its seventh season on July 9.

Not to be left out is "Sesame Street," who's getting the Netflix film treatment after a bidding war against Uni-



Courtesy of Tony Rizzo

Oscar-winning film/TV
hairstylist Gail Ryan

versal. Netflix stepped in and rescued "Sesame Street" from extinction when PBS funds were cut by the White House. Also, the streaming service is reviving "Ghostbusters" as an animated series called "Ghostbusters: Night Shift." It'll be set in New York City in 1994.

I'm old-fashioned and prefer the movies from MGM, Warner Bros. and Columbia Pictures on the TCM channel than all this animation that's being served up!

Ron Howard has let it be known that he's preparing to direct a sequel to the classic film "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000), for which my friend **Gail Ryan** and **Rick Baker** won an Oscar for hairstyling and makeup. They transformed **Jim Carrey** and the rest of the cast into the glorious Whoville townspeople.

The burning question is, will Carrey undergo the grueling makeup transformation again, or will they have to utilize AI and only use his voice? The film cost \$123 million and grossed \$351 million. The sequel wouldn't be the same without him, so it's a matter of cash and Carrey!

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KOVELS ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING

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PHOTO CAPTION: When it comes to decorations on Victorian art glass, more is always better. This vase by Thomas Webb & Sons has the shaded color scheme called peachblow, a satin finish, and gold flowers and butterflies.

Peachblow Glass

For art glass collectors, a peachblow vase can be as much of a treat as a perfectly ripe peach at the peak of its season. Peachblow is one of the many types of two-tone art glass popular in the late Victorian era. The shaded glass craze began with Amberina, shading from amber to ruby, patented in 1883. Burmese glass, shading from pink to yellow, was registered in 1885.

In 1886, tonal pink shades came into vogue, thanks to the sale of a famous antique Chinese ceramic vase, today called the Morgan vase, with a mottled pink glaze described as “peachblow” or “peach bloom.” By then, many manufacturers had already perfected suitable opaque two-tone pink glass, so they capitalized on the vase’s fame with names like “Peachblow” (or “Peach Blow”), “Peach Bloom,” and “Peach Skin.” The exact colors and glassmaking techniques varied among companies; for example, the Peachblow glass by Hobbs, Brockunier & Company had an outer layer shaded from red to amber and a creamy opaque lining, while Mt. Washington Glass Company used the name for a single-layer glass shaded from pink to pale blue.

The vase pictured here, made by the English company Thomas Webb & Sons, is shaded from red to peach. It sold for \$163 at Forsythe’s Auctions. Like many pieces of peachblow glass, it has a satin finish; a velvety texture, perhaps reminiscent of a real peach’s skin, created with an acid vapor treatment.

Q: My father taught Engineering Graphics at Ohio State University during the 1960s and 1970s. One of his favorite students was from India and gifted him a carved ivory chess set sometime in the late 1960s. I know ivory is controversial, but there is a “cut off” date under which it could be

imported. I have two questions: 1. Does the late 1960s fall within that date? 2. Is there a way to get an appraisal value?

A: International trade in elephant ivory was banned by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) in 1989. It is legal to own ivory that was imported before then. Ivory chess sets like yours have been made in India for hundreds of years. We have seen sets from the mid-20th century valued at about \$200. Sets from the 19th century can be worth more than a thousand dollars.

To get a more precise appraisal, you may want to look for an antiques dealer in your area or contact an auction house that handles ivory. Look for specialists in Asian art. If you are planning to sell your chess set, transport it across state lines or even give it as a gift, donation, or inheritance, be sure to check both federal and state laws. Federal laws regarding ivory have been updated several times in the last decade. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (fws.gov)

will have the latest federal laws.

TIP: When storing dishes, glassware, and textiles, don’t use old newspapers for wrapping. The ink will come off and may leave permanent stains.

CURRENT PRICES

Fenton, Aqua Crest, vase, milk glass, blue ruffled rim, flared, pedestal foot, 11 inches, pair, \$35.

Toy, Ferris wheel, Hy-Lo, six baskets, multicolor, orange center, wood spinner, tin lithograph, Buffalo Toys, early 1900s, 15 1/2 inches, \$265.

Imperial Glass, Free Hand, vase, orange, blue pulled loops, iridescent, flared rim, tapered base, cobalt blue rim and foot, 11 inches, \$780.

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When it comes to decorations on Victorian art glass, more is always better. This vase by Thomas Webb & Sons has the shaded color scheme called peachblow, a satin finish, and gold flowers and butterflies.

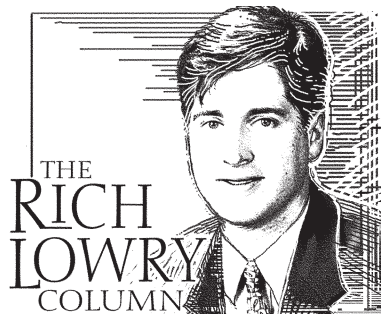
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

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By Rich Lowry



Zohran Mamdani's bogus explanation for opposing Israel

It's a shame, really. New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani is such a strong supporter of pluralism that he has to single out the state of Israel for unique opprobrium. Asked by Jonathan Karl of ABC News in an interview for "This Week" whether he supports Israel's status as a Jewish state, Mamdani said he doesn't — he'd only support Israel "as a state with equal rights."

"I believe that any state that privileges one religion over another is one that I can't tell you I support," he continued, "whether it be Israel or Saudi Arabia or anywhere else."

Mamdani makes it sound as though Israel is a theocracy, and so he has to withhold his support until such time as it meets his exacting standards for state neutrality in religious matters and freedom of conscience.

The same is true, sadly, of Saudi Arabia. When was the last time, though, that you heard Mamdani or his movement, the Democratic Socialists of America, inveighing with great moral passion against Saudi Arabia?

This Mamdani line of argument is built on a falsehood about Israel and is transparently an exercise in bad faith and double standards.

Israel doesn't have an official religion — repeat, it has no state religion. Instead, it is the homeland for Jews. Its Basic Law says that Israel is "the nation-state of the Jewish people, in which it realizes its natural, cultural, religious and historical right to self-determination." In other words, Israel is for the Jews in much the same way, say, that Poland is for the Poles or Japan for the Japanese.

That these countries have distinct national identities defined by the peoples who live in them doesn't mean they aren't free societies. The Israeli Declaration of Independence says the Jewish state "will ensure complete equality of social and political rights

to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture."

And, indeed, there is freedom of religion in Israel. Christian, Muslim, Druze and Baha'i communities maintain their own religious institutions and are free to worship as they please. The wrinkle is that — in an inheritance from the Ottoman Empire — Israel recognizes various religions and gives their courts authority over matters such as marriage and divorce.

To liken any of this to Saudi Arabia is perverse. The desert kingdom is an absolute monarchy with no political rights and a state-enforced official religion; the Quran is its constitution.

If Mamdani were sincere in saying he cannot support any state that privileges one religion over another, he'd have to set himself against most Muslim countries in the world, which make Islam their official religion and often discriminate against religious minorities. He'd have to look askance at Nordic countries, where there are established churches. He'd hate England for the official status of the Anglican Church, and utterly disdain Greece for its special recognition of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Mamdani, by the way, recently skipped New York City's Israel Day parade but attended the Pakistan Day parade, despite the fact that Islam is Pakistan's state religion and religious minorities face legal and informal discrimination in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

More consequentially, if the mayor took his pluralism seriously, he would oppose a Palestinian state on grounds that Palestinian society needs to further evolve to embrace Western norms — lest we risk creating a new Islamic state that represses its people and rests on a foundation of Islamic law.

Of course, Mamdani will never do this. His purported universalism is a pretext, a way to dress up his irrational animus toward Israel.

Mamdani told Jonathan Karl that his view on Israel "comes back to a fundamental belief that we should all be considered equal." Such is the mayor's commitment to equality that he singles out one people and one state for particular obloquy and asks us to believe that pluralism demands that the Jews cannot have a homeland.

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 **July 27, 1981**, 6-year-old Adam Walsh was abducted from a shopping mall in Hollywood, Florida, and later found murdered. Afterward, his father, John Walsh, became an impassioned victims' rights activist and host of the television show "America's Most Wanted." In 2008, the Hollywood police announced that the case against confessed killer Ottis Elwood Toole was strong enough to close the investigation into Adam's death. Toole had died 12 years earlier.

• On **July 28, 1942**, Soviet Union premier Josef Stalin issued Order No. 227, aka the "Not one step backward" order, following German advances into Russian territory. The order stipulated that "panic makers and cowards must be liquidated on the spot. Not one step backward without orders from higher headquarters! Commanders ... who abandon a position without an order from higher headquarters are traitors to the Motherland."

• On **July 29, 1862**, Marie Isabella "Belle" Boyd was arrested for the first time by Union troops and held at the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D.C. A skilled though teenage spy who provided vital information to the Confederate army during the Civil War, she eventually parlayed her experiences into a book and acting career.

• On **July 30, 1956**, two years after urging insertion of the phrase "under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law officially declaring "In God We Trust" to be America's official motto.

• On **July 31, 1964**, the unmanned U.S. lunar probe Ranger 7 took 4,308 close-up images of the moon before impacting with its surface northwest of the Sea of Clouds. The pictures were 1,000 times as clear as anything previously viewed through telescopes on Earth.

• On **Aug. 1, 1782**, Caroline Herschel discovered a comet after viewing it through a telescope — the first such discovery credited to a woman. Her brother, astronomer William Herschel, had discovered Uranus the year before. The first professional female astronomer, she would go on to discover seven more comets in 11 years.

• On **Aug. 2, 1992**, Jackie Joyner-Kersey became the first woman ever to win two consecutive Olympic gold medals in the heptathlon.



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PAW'S CORNER

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By Sam Mazotta

Tips for hiking with your pet

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: How do I know if my 18-month-old dog is ready to tackle a moderate to difficult hike? I'd like to take "Tab" along on a hike in the White Mountains this summer. — Jack T. in Boston

DEAR JACK: Every dog is different, even energetic dogs that love to be outdoors. Plus, there are other factors to consider before taking your dog on a hike.

Energy level: Is your dog an outdoorsy type who loves to romp and play? Does he already take long walks with you (2 to 3 miles)?

Training: Does your dog respond well to commands? Importantly, does he come immediately when called? Is he well-trained to the leash or does he tug on it?

Socialization: How does your dog react around other dogs — especially strange ones — and people? If he's calm and friendly, that's a great sign. If he's defensive, reactive or aggressive, that's not good.

Health: Does your dog have any known health issues? Does he take medication regularly?

Tab sounds like a young, healthy dog, so the last factor may not be a problem at all. But you should evaluate his training, socialization and overall fitness before tackling a long, difficult hike.

He is at an age where you can start walking him longer distances. Younger dogs have hard limits on how far they can go because their bones are still developing. Start training for the hike by tackling shorter, easy trails in your area. Gradually increase difficulty and distance, and gauge how well he progresses.

Finally, check the rules for bringing dogs on trails in the White Mountains. Most allow them, but always on-leash and under control.

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

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THE POD REPORT

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By Dana Block



THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY:

Bravo, Bravo, Bravo!

"The Real Housewives of Orange County" was the first show to give us a glimpse into what it's like to be a wealthy housewife in suburbia — at least in the reality TV genre. These five podcasts will all be celebrating the 20th anniversary season of "RHOC," which premiered on Bravo on July 9:

"Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen"

— Audio versions of the interviews from Andy Cohen's weeknight talk show on Bravo are available to download for free. Vicki Gunvalson will likely have been a guest by the time that you read this. Haven't heard of her? She's the CEO of an insurance company in Orange County who has screamed and yelled her way into a lucrative reality show career. She was fired from "RHOC" after she filed a lawsuit against the network in 2020. All's now forgiven, and she's been hired back to stir the pot just in time for season 20! (BravoTV.com)

"Everything Iconic with Danny Pellegrino"

— If there's one name I hear the most about who would be the best successor to Andy Cohen's throne as a talk-show host, it's Danny Pellegrino. His hit podcast is like appointment radio the day after your favorite Bravo show has aired. He just finished up recapping a scandalous season of "Summer House" with "In

the City" and "The Valley" closely on its heels, but this just leaves more room on Pellegrino's rundown for "RHOC." (EverythingIconic.com)

"Jeff Lewis Has Issues"

— One of Bravo's original divas, Jeff Lewis, hosted the home renovation show "Flipping Out" for 11 seasons on the network. He's since become quite a successful podcast host, and a condensed form of his talk show on Sirius, "Jeff Lewis Live," is available wherever you get your podcasts. His guests, most of whom are his friends, visit frequently and include reality stars like "RHOC's" Tamra Judge and "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills'" Kyle Richards. But he's also had on actors and comedians like Jamie Kennedy, Molly Sims, Mindy Cohn, and singer Carnie Wilson. (SiriusXM.com)

Don't Forget These Gems

"Watch What Crappens" — Hosts Ben Mandelker and Ronnie Karam are the opinionated impersonators who hilariously recap almost all of the Bravo shows, practically word for word. Their "Real Housewives" episodes (especially the "Orange County" franchise) are arguably their finest work with spot-on impressions, but be sure to check out episodes on "Below Deck," "The McBee Dynasty," and "Next Gen NYC." You also have access to most, if not all, of their library of recaps for the past 14 years. (ART19.com)

"Drama, Darling: A Real Housewives Comedy Podcast"

— Impressionist Amy Phillips' reality TV recaps shouldn't be listened to while sipping coffee. Her impression of "RHOC's" Shannon Storms Beador has even been endorsed by Ms. Beador herself. Amy also takes on other pop-culture shows, true-crime documentaries, and cooking shows like "Top Chef." (Spreaker.com)

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SALOME'S STARS

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EDITORS: These horoscopes are for use the
week of JULY 20, 2026.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be sheepish about asking questions and demanding answers. You not only gain needed information, you also respect your steadfast search for the truth.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A money problem that shows up early in the week is expeditiously resolved by savvy Bovines, who know how to turn a momentary financial lapse into a monetary gain.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to shed negative energy-draining forces and develop a positive approach to handling current — as well as upcoming — personal and/or professional situations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your urge to do your best on a current task is commendable, but don't let it become all-consuming. Spend some spiritually restorative time with those who love you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be a good time for all you Leos and Leonas to take your bows for your recent achievements. Then go off to enjoy some fun times with your prides and joys!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A negative response to a well-intentioned suggestion could communicate a sense of distrust that you might later find hard to refute. Think carefully before reacting.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loving attention comforts a family member who's feeling a bit out of sorts. But be careful to prioritize your time so that you don't neglect your work duties.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your curiosity might be resented by some, but those who know you will support your penchant for never settling for less than the truth. So, stay with it!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A pesky situation from the past recurs, albeit in an altered form. Deal with it promptly before it can go from merely irksome to decidedly troublesome.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't wait too long to submit your proposals after giving them a last look over. If necessary, you should be able to defend any portion that gets called into question.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A bid to use your workplace dispute-settling skills in another situation is tempting. But be careful, as you might not have all the facts you'll need if you agree to do it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A sense of self-doubt is so untypical of you that you should have no qualms in shaking it off. Remind yourself of all you've done and can do, then do it again.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to charm others without sacrificing sincerity is what makes people want to follow your leadership.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Avoiding Covid ... still

“It’s gone! There is no more Covid!”
“It’s completely gone!”

Well, no.

I heard this exchange in the store today and had to step in. I’m probably the only one who is still, after six years, tracking local cases of Covid on a weekly basis. And the truth, as I explained to the two ladies in the store, is that Covid is still out there.

As of this writing, Covid is launching again in three states, declining in 34 states, and remaining the same in 12 states, while actually circulating to some degree in all 50 states.

It’s not likely that a worldwide pandemic will explode again like it did in 2020. After all, so many people have taken the vaccines and still have a tiny bit of immunity left over from that.

The keyword there, however, is tiny. And that immunity is waning more by the month.

In other words, it is possible to get Covid now, despite prior shots and despite there not being a huge number of cases at the moment. It’s summer, people are traveling and the three states with the growing number of cases are tourist hotspots.

While we don’t need to monitor our potential exposure every single minute like we did when Covid was raging around the world, we do need to acknowledge that over 800,000 seniors died of Covid — and take care of ourselves.

Some steps:

Identify which stores are likely to have test kits in stock should you need to replenish your supply.

Wear a mask if you’re going to be in a crowd.

Ask your doctor whether you should have a booster.

Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer.

According to WHO (the World Health Organization), in the past four weeks there have been 246 Covid deaths around the world; 202 of them were here in the United States.

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SPORTS QUIZ

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By Ryan A. Berenz

1. On Jan. 9, 2010, which Detroit Pistons player scored the 10-millionth point in NBA history?

2. Which two figure skaters appeared together on a February 1998 FOX TV special titled "Breaking the Ice: The Women of '94 Revisited"?

3. In 2024, endurance runner and activist Deo Kato completed a 518-day, 7,730-mile trek between which two cities?

4. Which stadium was home to the American Football League's San Diego Chargers from 1961 to 1966?

5. In December 1982, which team upset the No. 1 ranked Virginia Cavaliers, 77-72, in a college basketball game in Honolulu?

6. Name the West German boxer who was knocked out by Muhammad Ali in the seventh round of a 1971 non-title fight in Zurich, Switzerland.

7. Which Dallas Mavericks star scored the first 60-20 triple double in NBA history when he recorded 60-21-10 against the New York Knicks in 2022?

Answers

1. Ben Gordon.

2. Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding.

3. Cape Town, South Africa, to London, England.

4. Balboa Stadium.

5. The Chaminade Silverswords.

6. Jurgen Blin.

7. Luka Doncic.

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By Lucie Winborne

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

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By Lucie Winborne

- The “Escape from Alcatraz Marathon,” created in 1980, is an annual event designed to show that it is indeed possible to survive an escape from Alcatraz, and includes a 1.5-mile swim to San Francisco, an 18-mile bike ride and an 8-mile run.

- In the seventh century B.C., the North African Berbers played a soccer-like game as a fertility rite.

- Iceland had a cat reality show called — wait for it — “Keeping Up With the Kattarshians,” in which four lucky kittens lived together in a furnished house and were filmed around the clock.

- Minority children make up 65% of all non-family abductions.

- Some police forces purposely assign at least one woman to their SWAT teams so their male counterparts will have a “den mother” to counteract some of the men’s more violent tendencies.

- The first arrest resulting from an emergency call occurred on July 8, 1937, at 4:20 a.m., when the wife of John Stanley Beard dialed 999 to report a burglar, Thomas Duffy, outside her home in England.

- It is illegal to ride an ugly horse in Wilbur, Washington.

- Of the roughly 300 million tons of plastic produced each year, half consists of single-use items.

- In France, citizens are automatically registered to vote when they turn 18 years old.

- Over the course of several decades, African American blues musician Daryl Davis made a point of befriending KKK members and questioning them about their beliefs. As of 2017, 200 of those Klansmen had given up their robes as a result.

- People who worked at soda fountains were called soda jerks due to the classic jerking motion they used to pump soda water.

Thought for the Day: “It takes a moment to tell someone you love them, but it takes a lifetime to prove it.” — *Erich Fromm*

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**Here's what to watch and
where to watch it for the week
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ON NOW: "Marc by Sofia"
(Documentary) — HBO Max

20-July: "King of the Hill" (Season
15) — Hulu

21-July: "Bill Maher: The Kennedy
Center Mark Twain Prize for
American Humor" (Special Event)
— Netflix

21-July: "Team Mekbots: Animal
Rescue" (Season 2) — Peacock

23-July: "Stuart Fails to Save the
Universe" (Season 1) — HBO Max

23-July: "Star Trek: Strange New
Worlds" (Season 4) — Paramount+

23-July: "Pompeii: Out of Time with
Tom Hiddleston" (Docu-drama) —
Hulu + Disney+

23-July: "Ransom Canyon" (Season
2) — Netflix

24-July: "72 Hours" (R) — Netflix

24-July: "The Dink" (PG-13) —
Apple TV

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TOP TEN MOVIES

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- 1. Minions & Monsters**
(PG) Pierre Coffin, Trey Parker
- 2. Toy Story 5**
(PG) Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
- 3. Young Washington**
(PG-13) William Franklyn-Miller,
Mary-Louise Parker
- 4. Supergirl**
(PG-13) Milly Alcock, David
Corenswet
- 5. Disclosure Day**
(PG-13) Emily Blunt, Josh O'Connor
- 6. Obsession**
(R) Michael Johnston, Inde
Navarrette
- 7. Backrooms**
(R) Chiwetel Ejiofor, Renate Reinsve
- 8. Jackass: Best and Last**
(R) Johnny Knoxville, Steve-O
- 9. Scary Movie**
(R) Marlon Wayans, Shawn Wayans
- 10. The Invite**
(R) Seth Rogen, Olivia Wilde

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TRIVIA TEST

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By Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which 1997 film features a villain named Dr. Evil?

2. HISTORY: When was the Declaration of Independence officially signed?

3. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Eritrea is located on which continent?

4. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-90s sitcom includes a neighbor named Winnie Cooper?

5. U.S. CITIES: Which city is home to the Mall of America, the largest mall in the United States?

6. ANATOMY: What is the largest muscle in the human body?

7. SCIENCE: How much of Earth's water is saltwater?

8. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces is 3/4 of a cup?

9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby goose called?

10. MUSIC: When was Taylor Swift's first album released?

Answers

1. "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery."

2. Signed on Aug. 2, 1776. Adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

3. Africa.

4. "The Wonder Years."

5. Bloomington, Minnesota.

6. Gluteus maximus.

7. About 97%.

8. 6 ounces.

9. A gosling.

10. 2006.

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by Freddy Groves

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VETERANS POST

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By Freddy Groves

Getting community care

The VA spent over \$36 billion on community care in fiscal year 2025, and it appears to be money well spent.

The expenditures were courtesy of the 2018 MISSION Act, which lets veterans get their care out in the community from non-VA health care providers — with the VA picking up the tab. Added to that in 2025 was the Dole Act (more specifically, the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act), which lets veterans seek care in the community without frequent medical reviews or permissions from VA medical staff.

It used to be that veterans had to get a new referral every 90 to 180 days to keep getting care out in the community. Now, for 30 categories of care — pulmonary, dermatology, podiatry and endocrinology, as a few examples — new referrals will only be needed once a year.

Veterans in three states in particular benefited from that money: Texas at \$3.3 billion, Florida at \$2.8 billion and California at \$2.1 billion.

If you've already been getting community care, find out from the community care office at your VA medical facility where in the permission and referral cycle you are so you know in advance when the next one will be required. Since most of the medical categories will only need a yearly referral, get your schedule in writing so there isn't a problem at the last minute with an expired authorization.

If you need medical treatment that the VA doesn't provide, or if the wait times at your local VA hospital are too long, or if the driving time to your VA hospital is too long, you might qualify for community care. To get specifics, call the community care office for an initial referral. If you already have a community care provider in mind, find out whether they are part of the VA network before you get care from them to be certain the VA will pay for it.

To learn more about getting medical care in your own community, go to department.va.gov/vha/community-care.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 43:1-2

Vindicate me, my God, and plead my cause against an unfaithful nation. Rescue me from those who are deceitful and wicked. You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,
down and diagonally.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

S D E K C I W V I E
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N L U F T I E C E D
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O D I N A T I O N H
L V R E J E C T E D
D T M O U R N I N G

Classic Maze Toons



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: **E** equals **T**

VSE WVL OPUSDL REFWGDL
PRDM OH V MJWEJL XCDT CD
UVGDR CJPRD WVQQR:
“CDVQEC FR JT ECD XVH!”

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CryptoQuip answer

Apt car bumper sticker
used by a doctor when he
makes house calls:
“Health is on the way!”

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.

TDKY VXKE VUWTXNW

WDMCOW UR D RTDAC, HNW

WDMCOW VUWTXNW TDKY

VXKE UR D WKDPCYJ.

— KXHCKW TDMZ

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CryptoQuote answer

Hard work without
talent is a shame, but
talent without hard
work is a tragedy.
— Robert Half

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. Shout approval	C _ _ _ _ _	Gossamer	S _ _ _ _ _
2. Took illegally	_ _ _ O _ _	Good taste	_ _ _ Y _ _
3. Of the mind	_ _ _ _ T _ _	Tedious	_ _ _ _ I _ _
4. Nipped by a bee	_ _ _ _ _ G	Allotted period	_ _ _ _ _ T
5. San _____	_ _ _ E _ _	Australian canine	_ _ _ N _ _
6. Warehouse platform	P _ _ _ _ _	Billfold	W _ _ _ _ _
7. Scribble	_ C _ _ _ _	Spread out	_ P _ _ _ _
8. No. Dakota city	F _ _ _ _ _	Truck's load	C _ _ _ _ _
9. Confess	_ _ _ P _ _ _	Hold a grudge	_ _ _ S _ _ _
10. June celebrity	_ _ _ _ D _	Saltwater	_ _ _ _ N _

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Even Exchange

answers

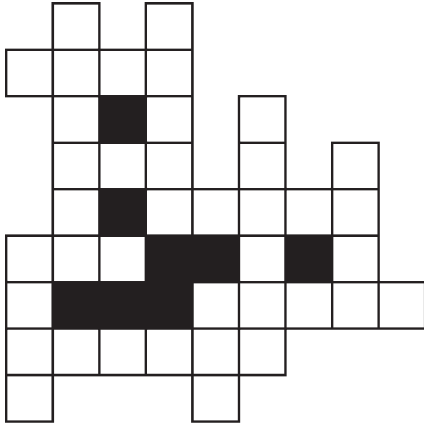
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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Cheer, Sheer | 6. Pallet, Wallet |
| 2. Stole, Style | 7. Scrawl, Sprawl |
| 3. Mental, Menial | 8. Fargo, Cargo |
| 4. Stung, Stunt | 9. Repent, Resent |
| 5. Diego, Dingo | 10. Bride, Brine |

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

EOJ
APEKYD
♥ ASKET
KAOR
DISOAR
♥ ITP
RJKE
♥ UPEQI
♥ EDO
SUTRUA
PLUJE
♥ EPAS



Five Spot™

Current Events

F	L	U	I	D

A state of matter

In command of
one's wits

Provided a hint

Sticker

Tidy

Clooney
movie role

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.

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Solution

F	L	U	I	D
L	U	C	I	D
C	L	U	E	D
D	E	C	A	L
C	L	E	A	N
O	C	E	A	N

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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	+			-			= 7
+		+		+			
	+			×			= 42
-		÷		×			
	+			×			= 72
=			=		=		
3			13		45		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 9

Go Figure!

answers

4	+	5	-	2	= 7
+		+		+	
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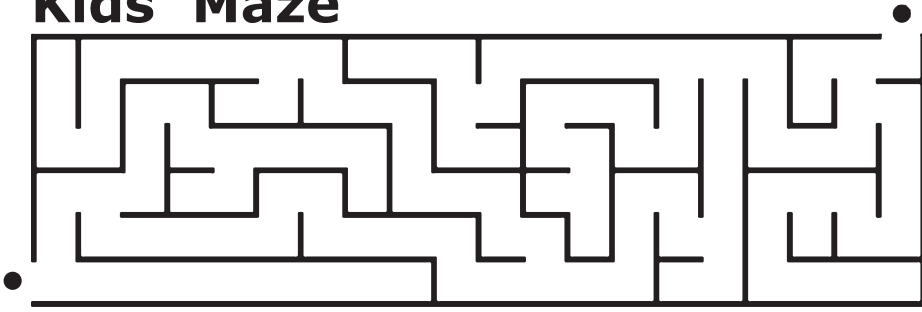
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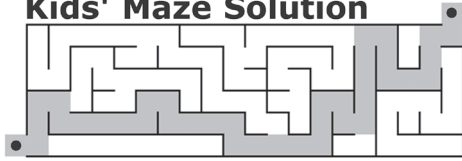
Differences: 1. Cabinet is wider. 2. Apron is different. 2. Hair is different. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Curtain is missing. 6. Broom is different.

Kids' Maze



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Kids' Maze Solution



KNIGHT MOVES

E	R	V
E		S
E	R	P

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

E	R	V
E		S
E	R	P

PRESERVE

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Valley
5 Unruly crowds
9 Dean's list stat
12 Pinnacle
13 Each
14 Science room
15 Show loyalty to
17 Mentalist Geller
18 Green land
19 Critic Roger
21 Finished
24 Love god
25 Parliamentarian
26 Raised children, say
30 Lucy of "Kill Bill"
31 Desert haven
32 Call — day
33 Native of Yerevan
35 Read quickly
36 Mast
37 Bracelet site
38 Pocket breads

- 40 Japanese soup

- 42 Hindu honorific
43 Street game
48 Pouch
49 Actress Fisher
50 Party cheese
51 "For shame!"
52 Penn or Astin
53 Harvard rival

DOWN

- 1 German article
2 Suitable
3 Floral garland
4 Surpass
5 Bryn —
6 Mayberry boy
7 Automaton, for short
8 Orbs
9 Crafter's adhesive
10 Henry VIII's Catherine
11 Slightly
16 Josh
20 "— voyage!"

- 21 First lady of scat
22 Dark film genre
23 Chicken choice
24 Actress Moran
26 Twosome
27 Botanist Gray
28 List-ending abbr.
29 "Great" dog
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35 Stuck-up
37 Request
38 "Hey!"
39 Nest egg choices
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41 Optimist's credo
44 Mao — -tung
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47 Country music's Greenwood

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— King Crossword —

Answers

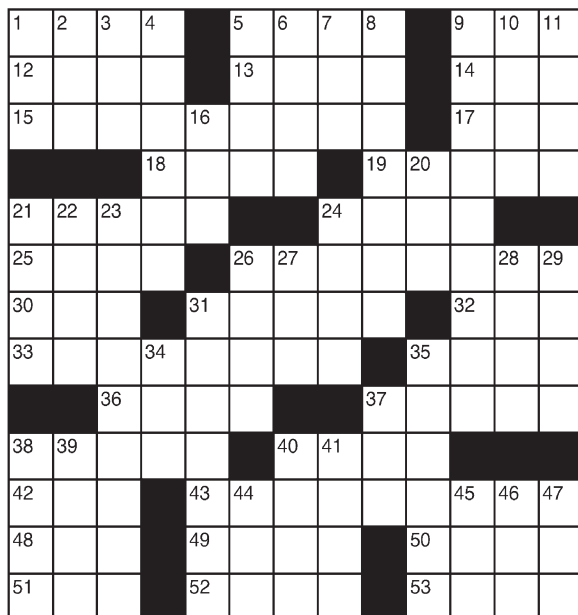
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P	I	T	A	S		M	I	S	O			
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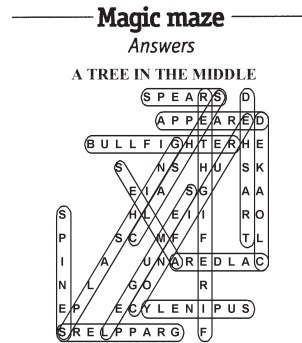
MAGIC MAZE ● A TREE IN THE MIDDLE

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

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

Appeared	Cloaked	Legumes	Splashing
Bullfighter	Configure	Selma	Supinely
Caldera	Firefighter	Spears	Trashed
Clashes	Grapplers	Spines	

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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

X I Z B S F T X J N N F S T H P P E

B U T D I P P M Q S P K F D U T ?

U I F Z E J W F S J H I U J O .

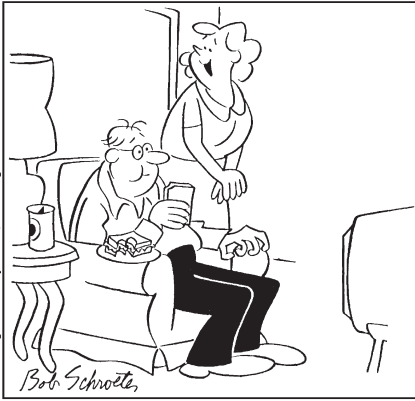
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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

Why are swimmers good
at school projects?

They dive right in.



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!

Exempt

UNMIME

Bitter

CARDI

Accept

TOPAD

Grove

SOFTER

TODAY'S WORD

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Immune; 2. Acrid
3. Adopt; 4. Forest

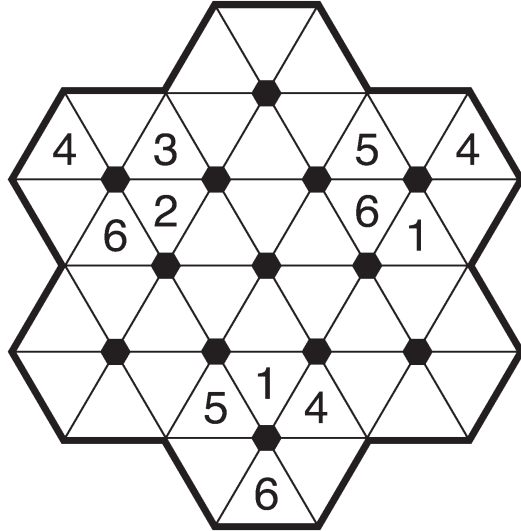
Today's Word

REMOTE

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.



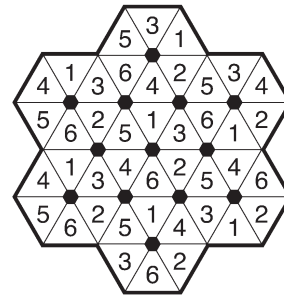
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SNOWFLAKES

solution



STICKELERS [sic].
by **Terry Stickels**

What is the next letter in the following sequence? If it helps, this letter concludes the sequence.

E c N e U q E

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Stickelers Answer

The answer is "S."
This is the word "sequence"
spelled backward.

Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

Super Crossword CHARGING JOE

ACROSS

- 1 Reserves of stock
9 Person applying a mail stick-on
16 Understands
20 Actress Palicki of "Friday Night Lights"
21 Popcorn personage Redenbacher
22 Out of the wind, nautically
23 Start of a riddle
25 Watson of "Little Women"
26 Was bested
27 Rug threads
28 Emo of zany comedy
30 Crafty plans
34 Amaz of "I Love Lucy"
35 Have in mind
36 King, in Paris
37 Riddle, part 2
41 Unhappy
44 Almonds, e.g.
45 See
63 Across
46 Jamaican music genre
47 Alpine climber's tool
49 Extra NFL periods
51 Actress Long of "Missing"
53 Nobelist Bohr
54 Riddle, part 3
60 "The Taking of — 123" (2009 film)
61 Check, e.g. cashier, e.g.
62 Pre-2001 space station
63 With 45-Across, informed on the latest
67 Lacking living organisms
69 Shampoo brand
71 Vidal — (shampoo brand)
73 Some till bills
74 Helium, e.g.
76 Dot in the ocean
78 Fife sound
79 Riddle, part 4
82 Pong producer
86 Tart's cousin
87 Capote, to his pals
88 "The First 48" network
89 Ricky Martin's old boy band
91 "Sir," in colonial India
95 "Hey there, tiger!"
97 Wee child
98 End of the riddle
102 Yoga chants
103 Loosen up
104 Tolkien trilogy initials
105 To some degree
109 Popular rum brand
111 Swindling guy
113 Really ruin
114 Scraped (out)
115 Riddle's answer
120 Give for a while
121 Determines the sum of
122 Thief's activity
123 Uno + dos
124 Some tax cheats
125 Lays out for proofing
6 "Warzone" singer Yoko
7 Wildebeest
8 Narcissist's love
9 People crying loudly
10 Maple fluid
11 Greed for wealth
12 Russian-built fighter jets
13 Arafat's gp., once
14 Formed a secret union?
15 Ginger's trait
16 Scottish Celt
17 Suburb of Phoenix
18 Pertaining to time
19 Ocean coasts
24 "White Flag" singer of 2003
29 Have in mind
31 Tailless feline breed
32 Aussie bird
33 New Jersey's — Hall University
35 Smaller than large
38 Lens aperture setting
39 Russo of "The Intern"
40 Hi-tech movie effects
41 Hold to one's decision
42 Novelist Chinua
43 Buy and sell
48 Eldest of the Musketeers
50 Suddenly lose patience
52 Warts and all
55 Pal, in Peru
56 Song line
57 Kin of "Oy!"
58 Beautiful, in Bologna
59 Poetic Muse
63 Old Glory's land, informally
64 Really strong
65 City in Spain or Ohio
66 A short round of tennis
68 Al who drew the Yokums
70 For fear that
72 To the extent that
75 Bern's land, to the French
77 Australia Zoo owner Irwin
79 Not as messy
80 Harvest
81 "The Flight Attendant" star Kaley
82 Bandoleer, informally
83 Drink infusing device
84 Cutoff cry from a film director
85 Long to undo
90 Out with one's sweetie
92 Hint-providing columnist
93 "My thoughts exactly"
94 Alternatives to GIFs or JPEGs
96 Hulk Hogan's 1980s org.
99 Isaac of sci-fi
100 Actress Drescher
101 Sings in the Alps, perhaps
106 Perez of film
107 Quaint reply of denial
108 Canoodles, in Cambridge
110 Determines the sum of
111 Street rep
112 Hawk's home
116 Plato's "H"
117 Hog's home
118 Vivacity
119 "Little" actress Issa

DOWN

- 1 Cries loudly
2 Like a one-off committee
3 Fail suddenly
4 Purring baby
5 Precept

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Super Crossword

Answers

B	A	C	K	L	O	G	S		S	T	A	M	P	E	R		G	E	T	S	
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Micro Crossword By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Performs with The Whiffenpoofs at Yale
- 6 Division of Honda
- 7 Broad lowlands
- 8 City in the south of France
- 9 Peevish

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

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- 3 Cancels
- 4 Roll out the welcome mat
- 5 Apt to mouth off

Down

- 1 Nasser’s successor
- 2 Words of compassion

Micro Crossword

Answer

S	I	N	G	S
A	C	U	R	A
D	A	L	E	S
A	R	L	E	S
T	E	S	T	Y

MINI SUDOKU

		6			
			4	1	
4	6		1		
6		3	5		
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MINI SUDOKU

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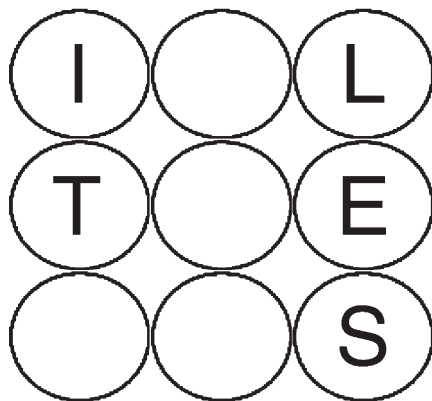
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2	5	4	6	3	1

Wishing Well®

3	7	4	6	8	6	4	2	4	7	8	3	6
I	C	S	P	W	R	E	Y	T	U	I	N	O
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B	E	L	U	S	C	O	W	U	L	B	R	Y
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A	O	G	S	N	V	H	W	E	I	T	N	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.

WORD SPIRAL



Word Spiral
Answer
SUBTITLED

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.

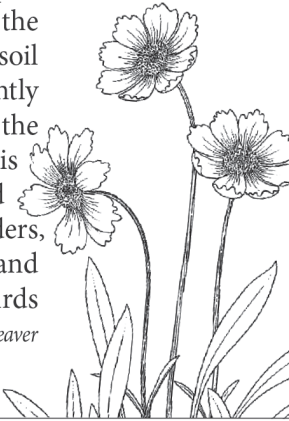
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Also known as “tickseed” or “pot-of-gold,” coreopsis is easy to grow. Sprinkle the seeds over a prepared area of soil in a very sunny location, and cover lightly with soil. Keep this area watered until the seeds germinate in about 3 weeks. This plant tolerates heat, humidity, and drought. It is well suited to beds, borders, and containers. Not only do bees and butterflies love its nectar, but also birds like goldfinches love its seeds. – Brenda Weaver

Sources: linnet.geog.ubc.ca,
www.gardeningknowhow.com, almanac.com

Coreopsis



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Fun Fact

Yakutsk in Siberia, Russia (population 350,000) is known as the world’s coldest city, and the largest built on permafrost. The average winter temperatures easily plummet to -41° F. The ground remains frozen year-round. Cars are kept running non-stop in the winter, as the oil and fuel can freeze solid if the vehicle is turned off.

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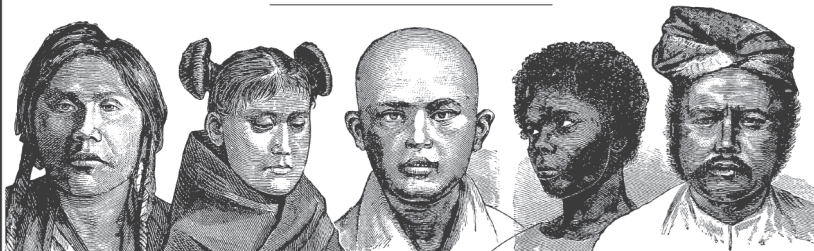
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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

— GALATIANS 3:27,28 —



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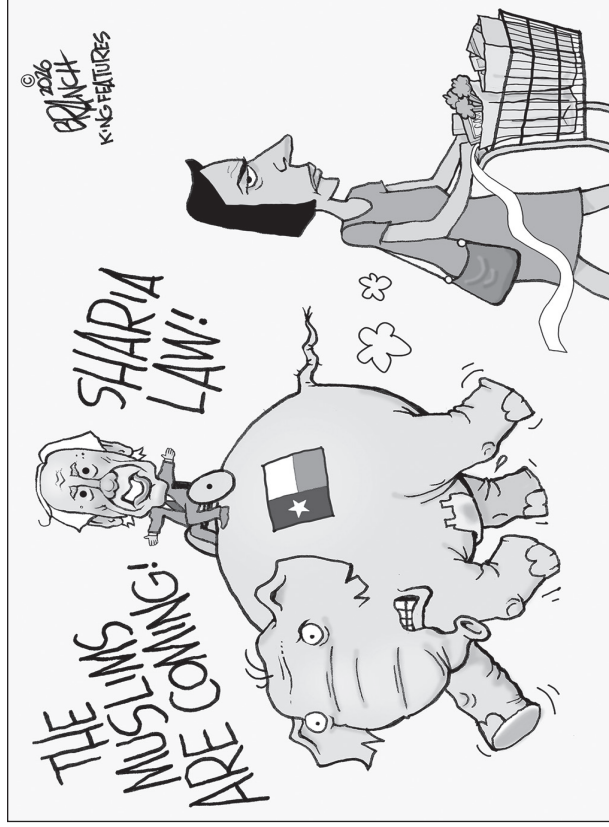
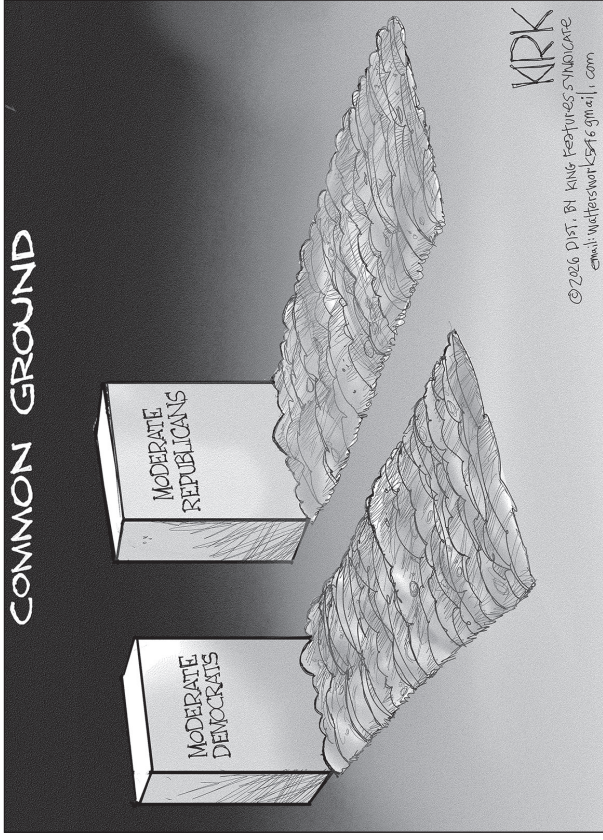
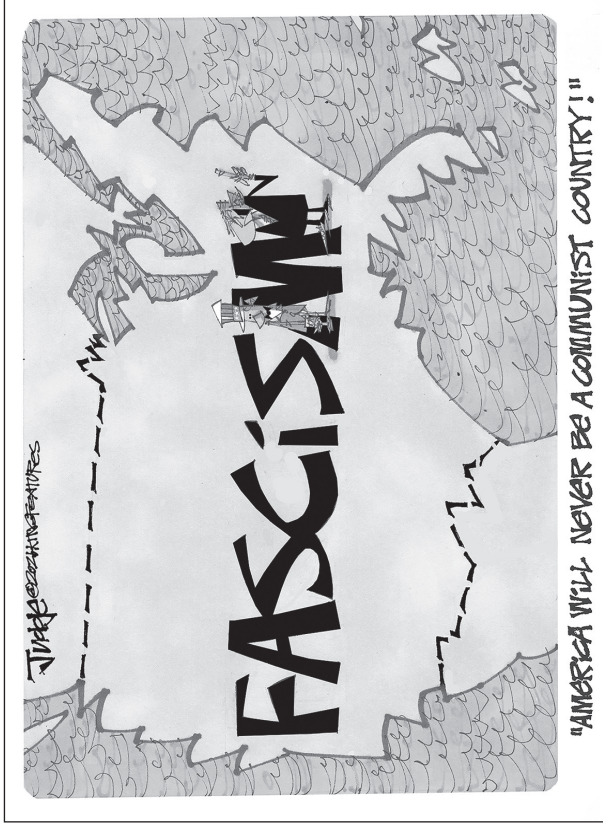
Americanisms



“I don’t have pet peeves like some people. I have whole kennels of irritation.”

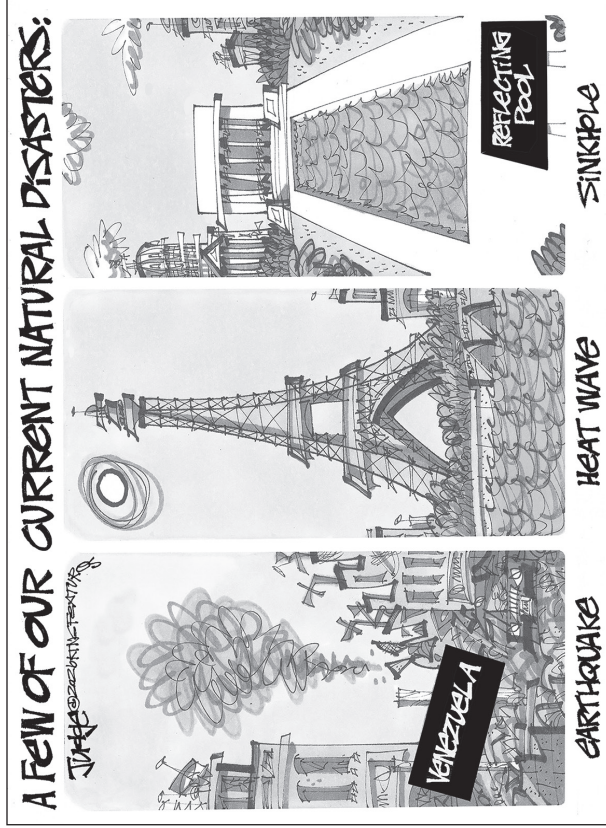
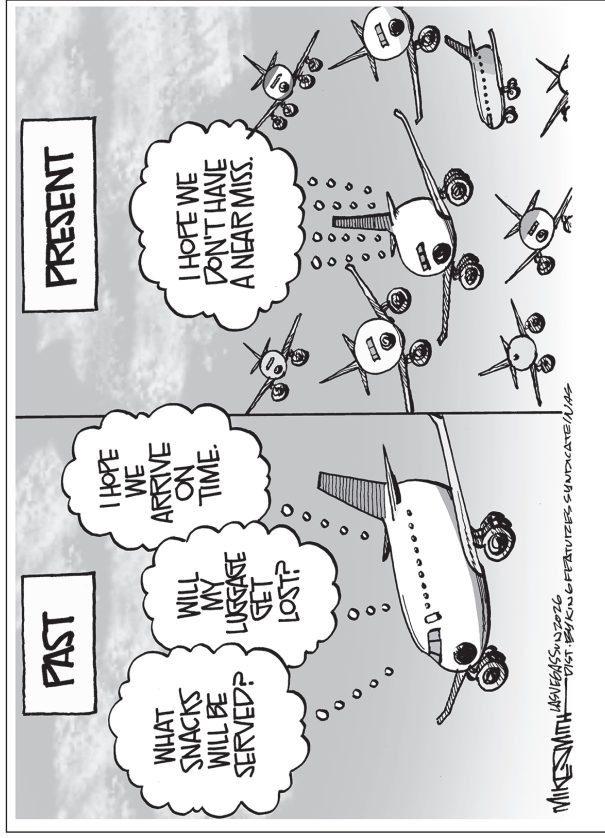
— Whoopi Goldberg

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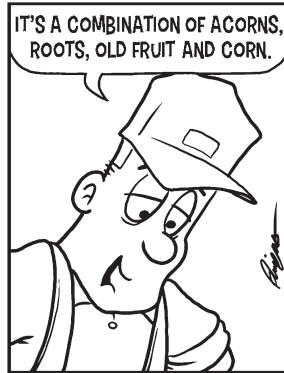
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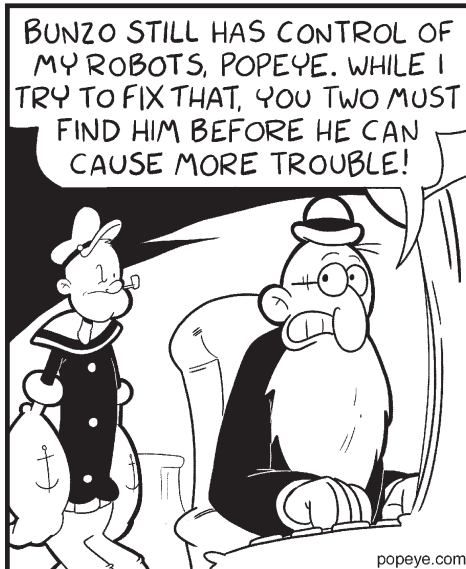
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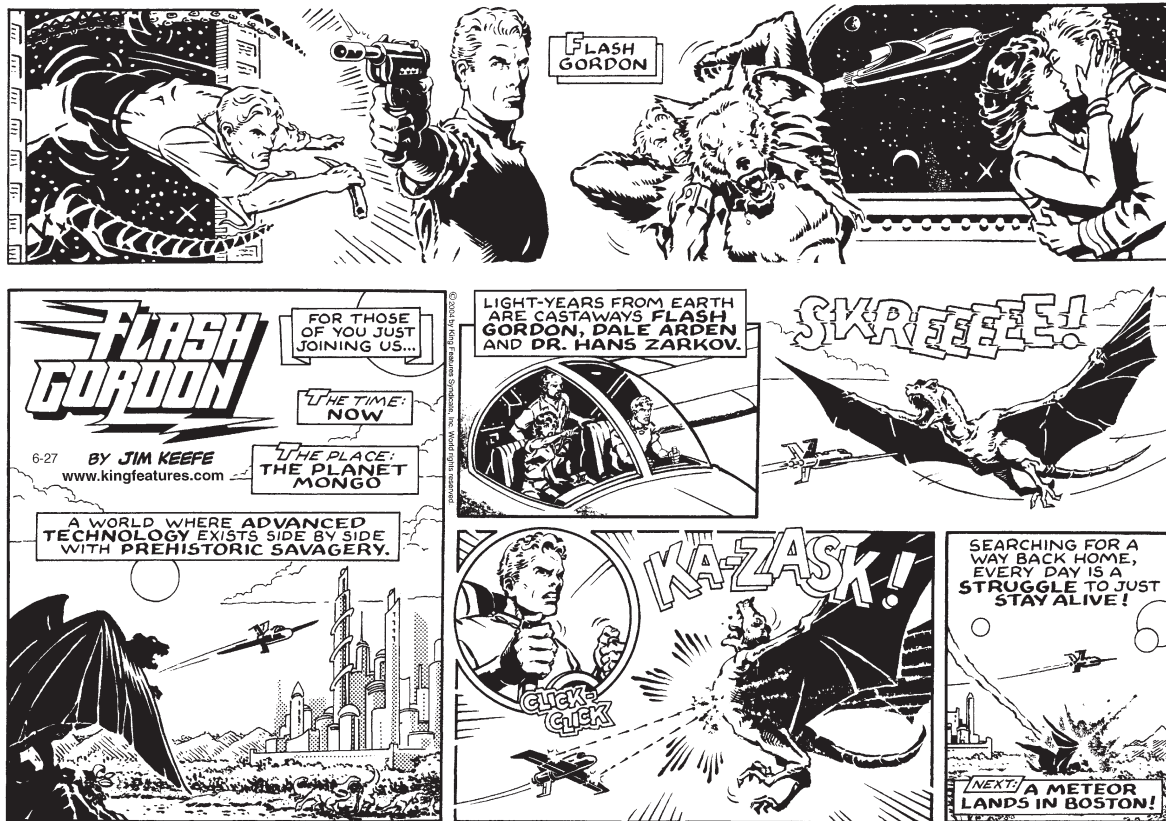
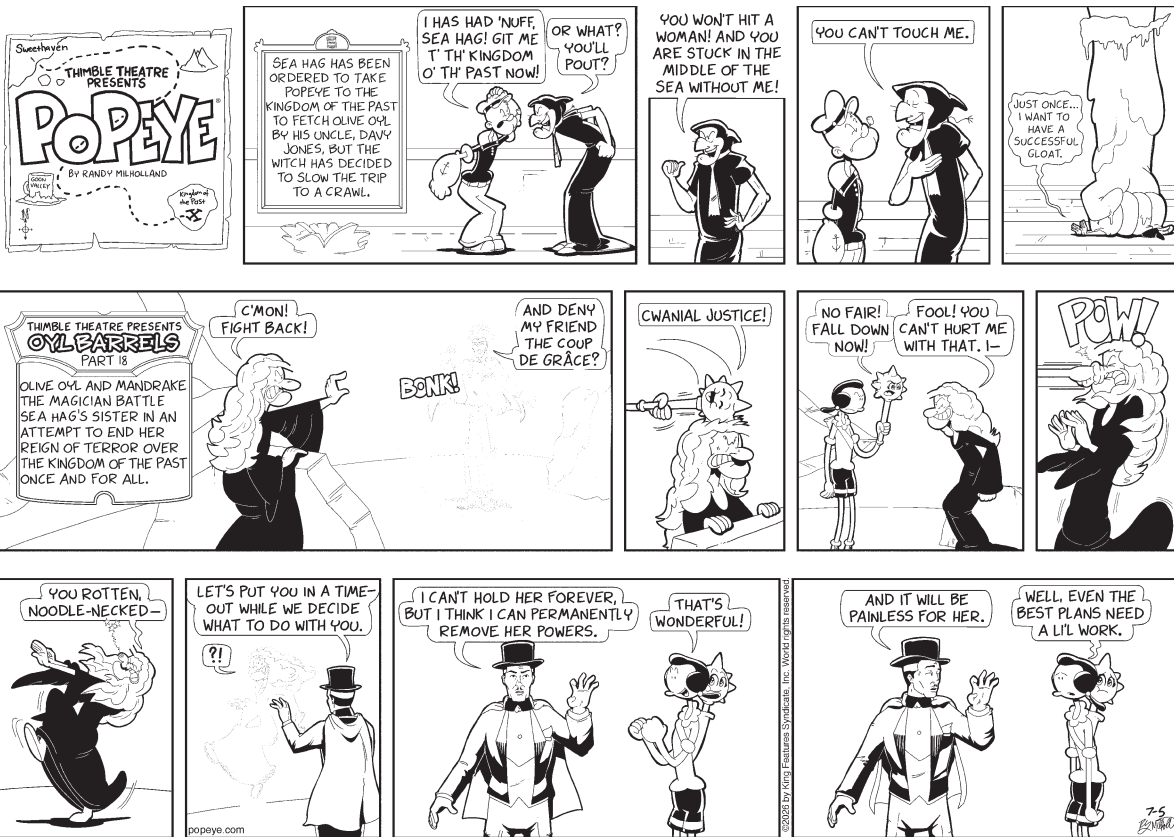
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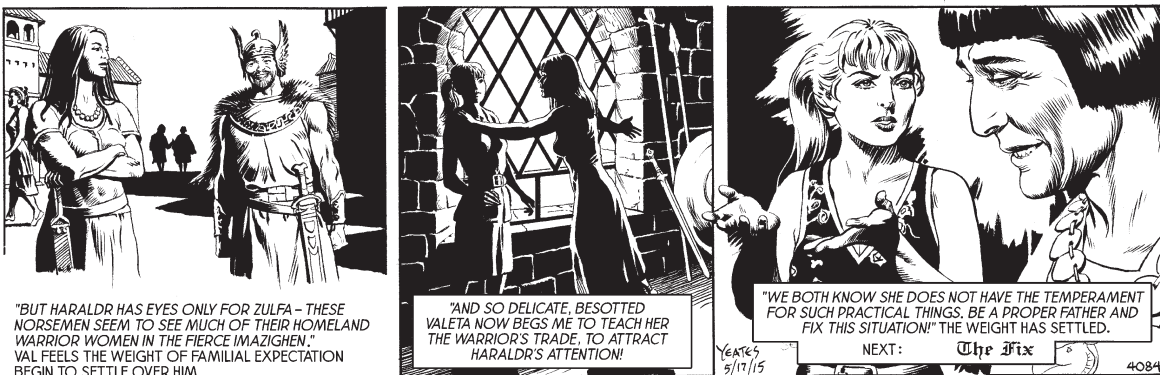
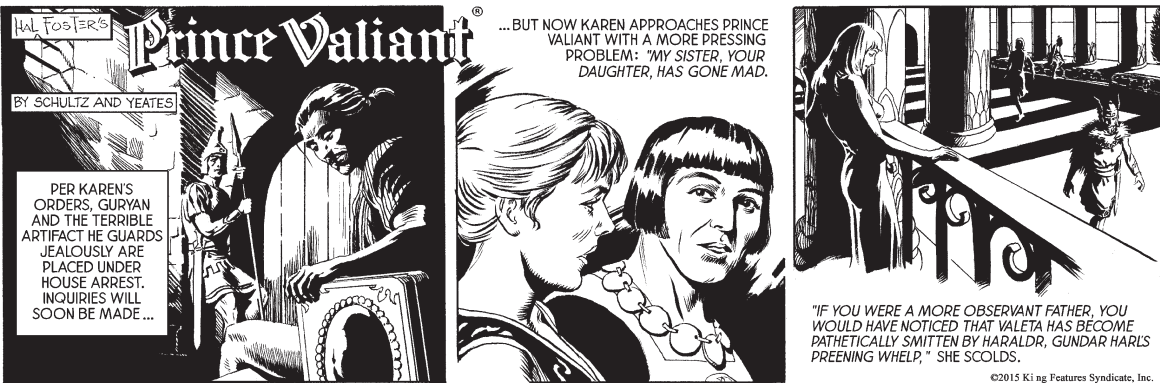
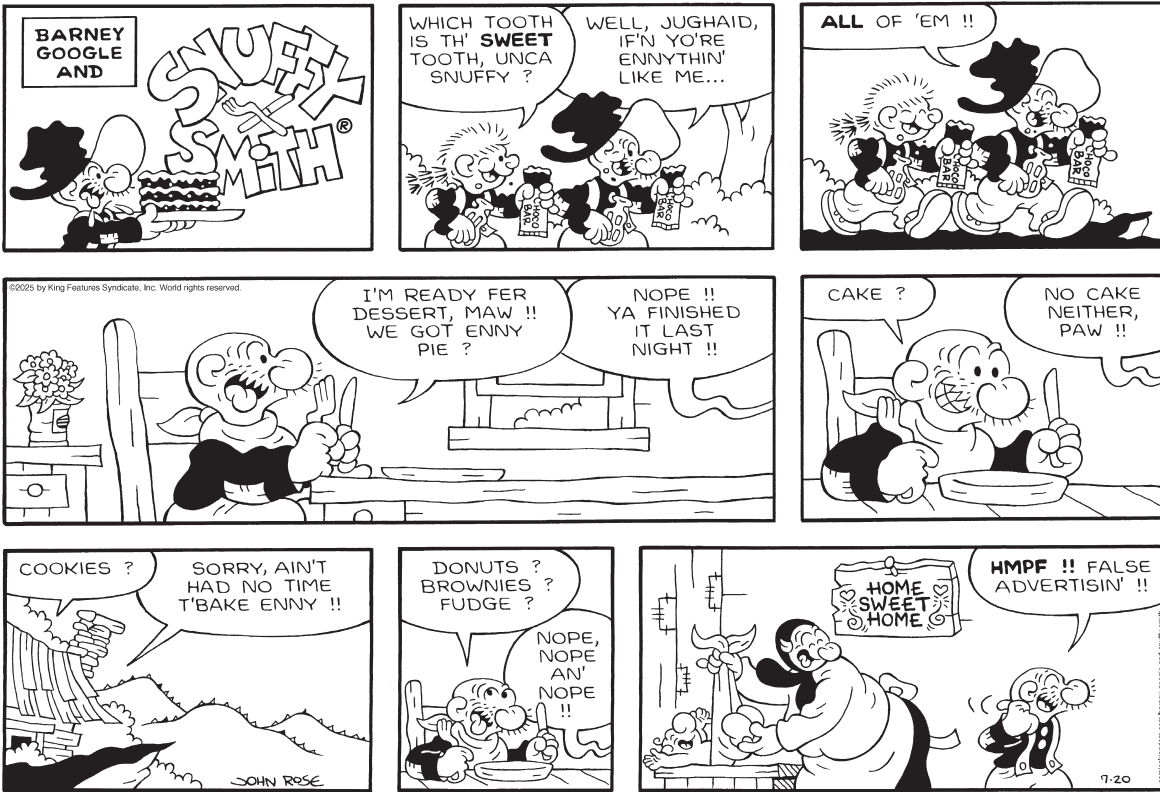
"Our once-in-a-lifetime offer has
been extended!"

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE







STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

RETURN GAME

When returning serve, you should have a target for your return, not just anywhere across the net. For instance, you might think, "If it comes to my backhand, I'm going to hit it crosscourt."



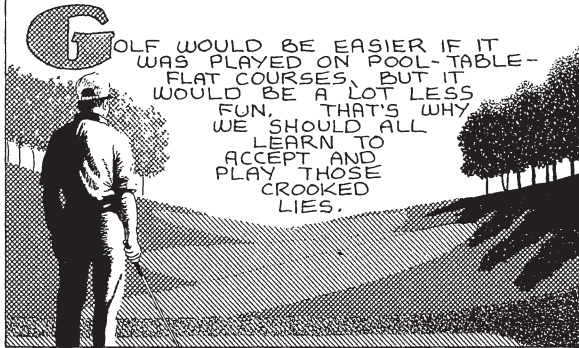
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Having a plan on where to hit the return should give you more confidence and allow you to create a consistent strategy.

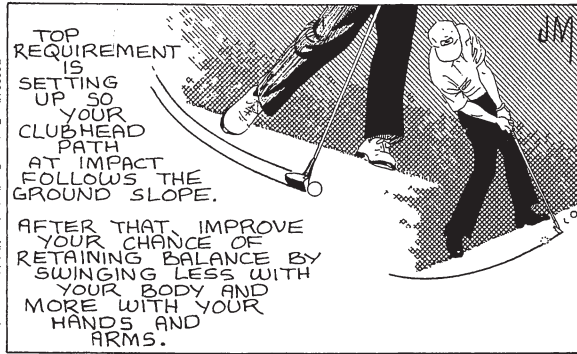


Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



GOLF WOULD BE EASIER IF IT WAS PLAYED ON POOL-TABLE-FLAT COURSES, BUT IT WOULD BE A LOT LESS FUN. THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO ACCEPT AND PLAY THOSE CROOKED LIES.

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TOP REQUIREMENT IS SETTING UP SO YOUR CLUBHEAD PATH AT IMPACT FOLLOWS THE GROUND SLOPE.

AFTER THAT, IMPROVE YOUR CHANCE OF RETAINING BALANCE BY SWINGING LESS WITH YOUR BODY AND MORE WITH YOUR HANDS AND ARMS.