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DONNA ERICKSON'S BEST BITES
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By Donna Erickson

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Prepare Mini Eggplant Pizzas the Italian Way

One of the joys of raising kids is making new friends with others who are also raising kids. When my three were preschoolers, I regularly met up with neighborhood moms at the bus stop in the morning or for ballgames at the park and story time at the library. As the kids grew, so did the friendships.

Six of us still make a point of getting together throughout the seasons to celebrate our birthdays. One recent gathering was particularly memorable. Instead of meeting at a restaurant, we donned aprons in one of our kitchens and huddled around the center island for a cooking lesson that was taught by my neighbor Cristina, an energetic mom from Italy.

"To an American eye, Italy might seem the same with pasta and pizza wherever you go," she began. "But for food lovers, it's a country waiting to be discovered! Each region has its unique flavors and cooking techniques. For example, the taste of a simple ricotta cheese can vary from place to place," she said.

As she shared her passion for Italian food, she emphasized that using fresh, seasonal ingredients is the key to tasty meals. This is when she showed us how to transform eggplant into a light side dish called Pizzette di melanzane, which is common in the Campania region that she's from. Like a pizza minus the crust, these mini eggplant pizzas are tasty and versatile!

Now that eggplants are plentiful in our markets, find Campania on a map, and have fun preparing this easy and authen-

tic Italian recipe with your kids!

MINI EGGPLANT PIZZAS (PIZZETTE DE MELANZANE)

Makes 8-10 mini pizzas

- 1 large eggplant, about 1 pound
- 3/4 cup tomato puree
- 4 cloves fresh garlic, chopped
- Salt to taste
- Dried oregano to taste
- 1 cup coarsely shredded mozzarella cheese, or a 4-ounce bag
- Parmigiano Reggiano (optional)

Here's the fun: Preheat the oven to 400 F. An adult should cut the eggplant into 1/2-inch-thick rounds. Arrange them on a lightly oiled baking sheet.

As if constructing mini pizzas, let kids spoon the tomato puree over each round. Scatter the garlic and oregano, sprinkle salt to taste, and top with mozzarella. Add Parmigiano Reggiano, if you wish.



Bake rounds in the oven for 25 minutes, or until mozzarella has melted completely and bubbles. Serve immediately as a light side dish with a summer pasta salad and other fresh vegetables.

As an alternative, Cristina suggests serving the mini pizzas cold in a sandwich.

Cook's Note: If your child's like her young daughter, omit the garlic until they develop a taste for it.

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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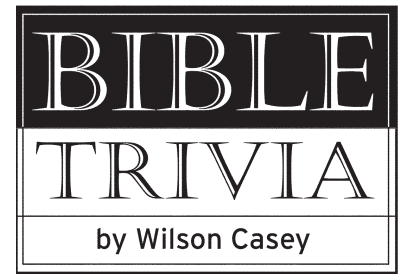
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BIBLE TRIVIA

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By Wilson Casey



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

2. When he had a vision, who said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean"? *Adam, Reuben, Samson, Peter*

3. From Acts 7, who was the first person martyred for his belief in Jesus Christ? *Apollos, John the Baptist, Jehu, Stephen*

4. Besides Jonah, which other prophet ministered in Nineveh? *Nathan, Paul, Nahum, Philip*

5. From 1 Kings 11, what was the number of wives of King Solomon? *3, 50, 100, 700*

6. What is Yiddish for a small package or parcel? *Mishna, Pesach, Peckel, Shiva*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Peter, 3) Stephen, 4) Nahum, 5) 700, 6) Peckel

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

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By Steve Becker

BASIC CARD-READING

West dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 9 7 4 2

♥ Q J 9

♦ Q 8

♣ J 6 2

WEST

♠ 5

♥ 10 8 6

♦ 10 7 3

♣ A K Q 10 8 3

EAST

♠ K 6

♥ K 5 3

♦ J 9 6 5 4 2

♣ 9 4

SOUTH

♠ Q J 10 8 3

♥ A 7 4 2

♦ A K

♣ 7 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
3 ♣	Pass	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠		

Opening lead — king of clubs.

The aim of an elimination play is to compel a defender -- when he is given the lead late in the play -- to make a return that costs his side a trick. Take this case where South is in four spades and West leads the K-Q-A of clubs, declarer ruffing the third club.

South leads the trump queen on which West plays the five. It would be wrong to finesse, considering West's three-club bid, because West would have opened one club, not three, had

he held the guarded king of spades and A-K-Q-10-8-3 of clubs.

So South goes up with the ace, hoping either to catch the singleton king or develop an endplay against East later on. After East follows low to the ace, South cashes the A-K of diamonds, eliminating that suit, and then leads a trump to put East on lead.

East is now endplayed. If he returns a diamond, South ruffs it in his hand, discarding the heart nine from dummy. A subsequent heart finesse brings home the contract. If East instead returns a heart at trick eight, South follows low, winning West's ten with dummy's jack, and takes a second heart finesse to make the contract.

Note that if South takes the trump finesse at trick four, he goes down one. East wins with the king and returns a trump, and East-West score a heart trick eventually, assuming they defend correctly.

Oddly enough, the contract can be defeated if East makes the extraordinary play of ruffing his partner's ace of clubs with the king of spades at trick three and returns a trump or a diamond. Declarer is helpless against this defense.

It just goes to show that it sometimes pays to trump partner's ace. The trick is to know when to do it.

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

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Photo Caption: Host of the 2026 Emmys

Mariska Hargitay ("Law & Order: SVU")

Q. When are the Emmy Awards, and who'll be hosting this year? I think Conan O'Brien should host them, like he does the Oscars.
— S.H.

A. While former late-night host turned podcaster Conan O'Brien has hosted the Primetime Emmy Awards by himself in both 2002 and 2006, he's pretty much locked in as the permanent host of the Oscars. This isn't a guarantee, but we're all assuming that he'll be back to host cinema's most prestigious awards show for the third year in a row.

In recent years, the Emmys have been hosted by comedian Nate Bargatze, father-son duo/"Schitt's Creek" stars Eugene and Dan Levy, and sitcom actor Anthony Anderson. Jimmy Kimmel has hosted three times, but there hasn't been a female solo host since actress Jane Lynch ("Only Murders in the Building") introduced presenters in 2011.

New York Knicks fanatic and "Law & Order: SVU" star Mariska Hargitay has been chosen by NBC to be this year's emcee when the ceremony airs live on Sept. 14, at 8 p.m. ET. However, a recent announcement stating that the live telecast would feature five fewer categories to make room for more musical performances and comedy sketches has the Hollywood community in an uproar.

Two of the categories that didn't make the cut are Supporting Actor and Supporting Actress in a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie. According to Variety, the two talents projected to win in these respective categories this year are David Harbour for "DTF St. Louis" and Constance Zimmer for "Love Story."

Q. Is it true that Robert Redford was supposed to star in "Yellowstone"? Was it the role that Kevin Costner played? — L.G.

A. Before "Yellowstone" found its home with Paramount, its creator Taylor Sheridan pitched the show to HBO. He suggested actor Kevin Costner in the lead role of John Dutton, but HBO wanted a "generational talent" of Robert Redford's stature, which Sheridan misunderstood to mean Robert Redford himself. According to the Hollywood Reporter, Sheridan personally visited Redford to make him an offer (which the



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Host of the 2026 Emmys Mariska Hargitay ("Law & Order: SVU")

legendary movie star accepted), only to have to rescind it when HBO clarified that they wanted someone of Redford's type but not age.

Costner went on to play Dutton for five seasons before departing the show. Meanwhile, Sheridan went on to dedicate the first episode of his most recent hit series "The Madison" to Redford, in what's felt to be a fitting tribute.

Q. Are they still going to do an American version of "The Traitors" with noncelebrities? If so, when and where will it air?
— C.C.

A. Yes, "The Traitors: New Blood" will launch its two-hour premiere episode on NBC on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 8 p.m. ET. This version featuring civilian contestants will also be hosted by Alan Cumming, the two-time Emmy-winning host of Peacock's "The Traitors." It'll be filmed at the Ardross Castle in the Scottish Highlands as well.

Twenty-two contestants, who were chosen from a nationwide search of more than 60,000 applicants, will compete for the \$250,000 prize — and what's sure to be a lucrative career on social media when it airs!

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com.

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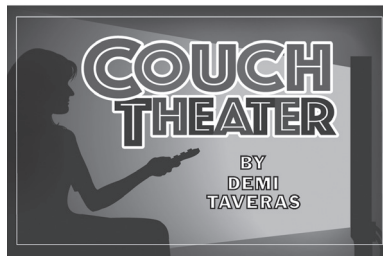
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By Demi Taveras

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Photo Caption: Mary Steenburgen, left, and
Jake Johnson star in “The Dink.”



“Disclosure Day” (PG-13) — Three-time Oscar-winning director Steven Spielberg’s (“The Fabelmans”) latest directorial feat is now available to rent, following a box-office stint that barely made double its \$115 million budget. Spielberg signed on Emily Blunt (“The Devil Wears Prada 2”) and Josh O’Connor (“Wake Up Dead Man”) to respectively play his lead actors in the film — an NBC meteorologist (Blunt) and a cybersecurity analyst (O’Connor), who join forces against the government to reveal the hard-kept secret of extraterrestrial life. Colin Firth (“Young Sherlock”) portrays a government contractor who attempts to stop the duo in their tracks, while Colman Domingo (“Euphoria”) takes on the role of another contractor who switches sides to become an advocate for disclosure. (Fandango)

“Supergirl” (PG-13) — Another recently released film that didn’t do so well in theaters will be available to rent starting on July 28. This superhero flick led by Milly Alcock (“House of the Dragon”) follows David Corenswet’s “Superman” as the second overall film within the new DC Universe. After Kara Zor-El, Superman’s cousin, gets sent to Earth by her father to avoid Kryptonite poisoning, she adopts a new life on Earth as Supergirl with her dog, Krypto. As Supergirl reaches her 23rd birthday and has a party bender on different planets, Superman’s concerned that she hasn’t yet fully adapted to her life and role on Earth. But perhaps an intergalactic adventure is exactly what Kara needs to appreciate where she’s been and where she’ll go in the future. (YouTube)

“The Dink” (PG-13) — Jake Johnson (“New Girl”) leads this new

sports-comedy film that is out now to stream — right on time for it to compete with Will Ferrell’s series “The Hawk” (which basically has the same plot but with golf!). “The Dink” follows a cocky, washed-up tennis pro Dusty Boyd (Johnson), who suffers a hand injury before a big duel. When his doctor prescribes pickleball as a strategy to ease back into tennis, Dusty’s very reluctant to grab a paddle and take his place alongside the older ladies on the court. But as he embarks on his pickleball journey, he also learns some important life lessons - undoubtedly thanks to his kind and wise teammate, Candace (Mary Steenburgen). Look out for former pro tennis players John McEnroe and Andy Roddick to make appearances throughout the film as well. (Apple TV)



Courtesy of Apple TV

Mary Steenburgen, left, and Jake Johnson star in “The Dink.”

“Ride or Die” (TV-MA) — This action-comedy series stars Octavia Spencer (“Smurfs”) and Hannah Waddingham (“The Woman in Cabin 10”) as two best friends who don’t really know much about each other. One friend, Debbie (Spencer), is the wife of a member of Parliament, while the other, Judith (Waddingham), is secretly a deadly assassin. While Judith usually keeps mum about her job, the two besties are forced to go on the run with mercenaries hot on their trail after a hit gone wrong. With no other options but to put her faith — and life — in Judith’s hands, Debbie succumbs to being an assassin’s accomplice, hoping that she’s still in one piece by the end of the mission. All eight episodes are out now to stream! (Amazon Prime Video)

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DIVAS ON A DIME

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PHOTO CAPTION: Rich, smoky romesco brings a taste of Spain to the table with roasted peppers, tomatoes, almonds, garlic and olive oil.



Spain's Best-Kept Kitchen Secret

Every country seems to have one sauce its cooks can't live without. Americans reach for ketchup, ranch dressing or barbecue sauce.

The Spanish have romesco.

Pronounced "roh-MESS-koh," romesco is one of Spain's most loved culinary secrets.

Rich, silky and smoky, romesco combines roasted red peppers, tomatoes, toasted almonds, garlic and olive oil into a sauce that's savory, a little tangy and just nutty enough to make everyday, ordinary chicken, fish or vegetables taste like they came from a neighborhood cafe overlooking the Mediterranean.

Romesco comes from Catalonia, in northeastern Spain, where it has been enjoyed for generations. Like many beloved traditional recipes, romesco grew out of everyday cooking using inexpensive pantry ingredients and whatever was available.

The ingredients are wonderfully humble. Some roasted red peppers, a handful of almonds, a few cloves of garlic, a splash of vinegar and some olive oil come together in minutes. It's the kind of recipe that tastes like you spent all afternoon cooking when, in reality, your food processor did most of the work.

Ask three Spanish cooks for a romesco recipe and you'll probably get three different answers. Some include tomatoes while others don't. Some use almonds, others prefer hazelnuts. The vinegar and spices

vary from kitchen to kitchen, but roasted peppers, garlic, olive oil and nuts remain the heart of nearly every version.

Purists and penny-pinchers (like me) will roast their own peppers and tomatoes, but good quality jarred roasted peppers and canned fire-roasted tomatoes work beautifully and save enough time to make romesco a realistic weeknight recipe. If sherry vinegar isn't available, red wine vinegar works beautifully.

To Roast Your Own Peppers and Tomatoes:

Preheat the broiler and line a baking sheet with foil. Arrange 3 to 4 medium whole tomatoes and two large red bell peppers on the baking sheet. Broil 2 to 4 minutes per side, turning as needed, until the skins are blackened and blistered all over. Transfer to a bowl and cover, or place in a covered container, for 10 minutes to steam. When cool enough to handle, peel away the skins. Remove the stems, cores and seeds from the peppers, and the cores from the tomatoes before using.



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Rich, smoky romesco brings a taste of Spain to the table with roasted peppers, tomatoes, almonds, garlic and olive oil.

EASY ROMESCO SAUCE

Yield: about 2 cups

Total Time: 25 mins.

2-3 garlic cloves, chopped

1 cup raw almonds, toasted

2 thick slices (roughly 2 ounces)

baguette or country-style bread, lightly toasted

1/4 cup flat leaf parsley, packed

1 teaspoon kosher salt, more to taste

1 teaspoon smoked paprika

1/2 to 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes, to taste, optional

1 (12 ounce) jar roasted red peppers, drained

1 (14 ounce) can fire-roasted tomatoes, well drained

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

Juice and zest of half a lemon

1 1/2 tablespoons sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar

Using a food processor fitted with the steel blade, give the garlic cloves a good chop, stop the machine and scrape down the sides. Next add the toasted almonds, bread, parsley, salt and smoked paprika and pepper flakes to the bowl and process into a paste.

Scrape down the sides of the bowl and add the roasted peppers and tomatoes. Process until smooth. With the machine running, slowly drizzle in the olive oil and vinegar, then add the lemon juice and zest. Process until smooth, adding more olive oil if needed to reach your desired consistency. Taste and adjust seasoning to your liking. Scrape into a bowl and serve.

Keep a batch of romesco in the refrigerator, and suddenly ordinary chicken, vegetables, eggs and sandwiches become anything but ordinary.

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FLASHBACK

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By Mick Harper

1. Both Frankie Avalon (in 1959) and Shocking Blue (in 1969) had different songs with the same title. What was that title?

2. Which artist had the best known version of "Snowbird"?

3. Name the singer who released "Don't Forget I Still Love You."

4. Who wrote and released "Leader of the Band"?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I hope this letter finds its way to you, Forgive me love for the shame I've put you through and all the tears."

Answers

1. "Venus." The Shocking Blue version topped the charts around the globe while Avalon saw his first No. 1 hit with the song.

2. Anne Murray, in 1970. It topped the adult contemporary chart in both Murray's native Canada and the U.S.

3. Bobbi Martin, in 1964. Martin was best known for her self-penned "For the Love of Him" in 1970.

4. Dan Fogelberg, in 1981.

5. "Indiana Wants Me," by R. Dean Taylor in 1970. Originally there was a siren at the beginning of the record and drivers were pulling over, thinking it was the police behind them. The record producer had to distribute copies to radio stations without the siren.

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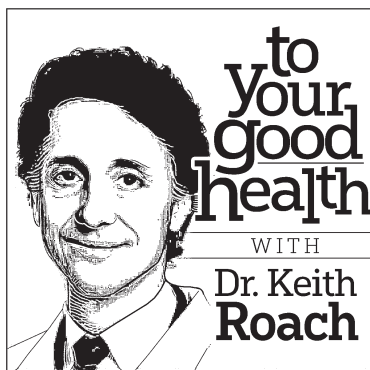
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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

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By Dr. Keith Roach



An Expensive Injection Is Indicated for Prostate Cancer Patient

DEAR DR. ROACH: About six years ago, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. I chose to have a high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU), which ultimately wasn't successful. I was told that surgery after an HIFU was a high-risk option, so I chose to have radiation therapy to reduce the surgical risk of side effects like incontinence.

Prior to the start of the treatments, I was given an injection of leuprolide, presumably to interfere with testosterone production. There's also an injection that's scheduled for a couple of months after the completion of the radiation. I asked if the second shot was necessary and didn't get a definite answer.

What's your opinion? Not to mention, the cost of the first shot was \$11,814, most of which was paid for by insurance. It's no wonder that insurance costs as much as it does. It can't possibly cost this much to manufacture the drug. — *E.B.*

ANSWER: I can't answer your question about whether leuprolide is necessary for you without knowing more about your type of prostate cancer. For men with high-risk prostate cancer, this hormone-blocking treatment significantly improves the possibility of a good outcome.

For men who are at a low risk or a "favorable intermediate" risk, testosterone-blocking drugs usually aren't recommended. I suspect that you have a less-favorable intermediate risk, where four to six months of testosterone-blocking treatment is usually given.

The insurance cost that you were quoted is a retail price, and insurance companies negotiate a price that's usually much lower. In fact, the charges that you see on a hospital bill have a limited relationship

with reality. There are also generic versions available for less than \$200. Finally, there's a pill (relugolix) that's cheaper and doesn't produce the pain of the shot. It may work slightly better and faster.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I hear there are benefits to taking turmeric for arthritis. Can you please tell me about it? — *F.R.*

ANSWER: Turmeric has shown benefit as a treatment for osteoarthritis — the kind that most people get as they age. It isn't a treatment for inflammatory arthritis, such as rheumatoid or psoriatic arthritis, which requires urgent treatment to prevent permanent joint damage. This discussion refers only to osteoarthritis.

Across many trials, turmeric has shown to have the equivalent effectiveness of traditional anti-inflammatory medicines, such as ibuprofen or diclofenac (Voltaren). It appears superior to acetaminophen (Tylenol), even in a trial that directly compared the two. Turmeric helped most people with pain, stiffness and activity.

Although there are side effects that are associated with turmeric, they're generally mild. The most common symptoms are gastrointestinal, especially diarrhea, but some people note nausea or an upset stomach. The risk of side effects isn't much different from people taking a placebo (inactive) pill, and turmeric has significantly fewer side effects than anti-inflammatory drugs (and even acetaminophen).

I found a single case report of liver failure that was thought to be attributable to turmeric. Turmeric has been used as a spice for millennia and is generally regarded as safe. The active ingredient in turmeric — curcumin — is often sold as a supplement, usually with another compound to improve its absorption such as piperine (an extract of black pepper).

For my patients who want to try a supplement for arthritis, I feel comfortable suggesting that they try turmeric or its extract, curcumin. In my opinion, at least a two-week trial is needed to see if there's a benefit or if there are any side effects. A pain diary before and after starting the medicine can help a person see if they're really receiving a benefit.

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

- “When I needed a new tire for my truck because I ran over a nail, the shop guy suggested I purchase a slightly used tire that was closer to the age and wear of the others. I spent less on the tire, and the tires will wear evenly. They’re always looking out for me!” — O.E. in Mississippi

- When baby’s teething, try this trick from a grandma: Wet a washcloth and put it in a zip-top baggie in the freezer. When frozen, let the baby chew on it. Its texture and temperature are soothing to little gums, and it can be rinsed and refrozen easily.

- For fresh oil stains, sprinkle with kitty litter and grind into the oil with your foot or a stiff brush. Then sweep up. Repeat as necessary.

- “Hardware stores sell special bladders that can be filled and put inside a toilet tank to take up space, allowing the toilet to use less water per flush. I use a brick. Same effect.” — C.L. in Kansas

- “Dusting shelves with lots of knick-knacks can be a real chore. Try slipping a knee-high stocking over the hose of your vacuum wand. You can get very close to the items on the shelf without sucking anything up but dust. If something did get sucked up, the stocking will catch it for you. This also works for toolboxes.” — W.U. in South Carolina

- “Over-the-door shoe racks are perfect for holding a variety of cleaning products and small canisters of wipes. I have everything I need at a glance on the back of the utility-room door. I even store batteries in various sizes there.” — A.A. in Colorado

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HOLLYWOOD

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HOLLYWOOD

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PHOTO CAPTION: John Goodman (Upcoming
in "Digger")

HOLLYWOOD — If you thought **John Goodman** was only a TV star because of "Roseanne" (1988-1997) and "The Conners" (2018-2025), you'd be wrong! Goodman, at 74, has appeared in 101 films and is featured in the upcoming **Tom Cruise** film "Digger," which opens on Oct. 2.

Goodman's currently in Australia, shooting under director **J.J. Abrams** for the horror film "Skeletons" with **Brie Larson** and **Kyle Gallner**. Larson recently completed the upcoming FX miniseries "Cry Wolf," about a social worker who's thrust into crisis when a mother's teenage daughter alleges abuse.

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, 54, is still one of the busiest actors in Hollywood. He'll follow the recent release of the live-action "Moana," which opened on July 10, with "Jumanji: Open World" (due on Christmas Day). He's also about to shoot the 11th and final "Fast & Furious" installment, which is appropriately titled "Forever Furious," for a March 2028 release. Johnson's a producer on the film as well.

Johnson was married to **Dany Garcia** from 1997-2008 and has been wed to **Lauren Hashian** since 2019. He's currently producing and starring in "Free Byrd" as a motorcycle stuntman with dementia who wants one last death-defying jump. Additionally, he'll star in "Lizard Music," which follows a young boy who stumbles upon a secret late-night TV show of musical lizards. Didn't we already have one of these — called "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" — for 10 films?

Four major movie stars have made it to and passed the 100 year mark! On June 28, the hilarious **Mel Brooks** hit 100. He was wed to **Frances Baum** from 1953-1962 and **Anne Bancroft** from 1964-2005. He's directed 11 films and acted in about 70 movies. He's won a Best Original Screenplay Oscar for "The Producers" (1967), four Emmys, three Grammys, three



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John Goodman
(Upcoming in "Digger")

Tony Awards, and two Writers Guild of America Awards.

Eva Marie Saint turned 102 on the Fourth of July. She won an Oscar for "On the Waterfront" (1954) and has been nominated for an Emmy five times, winning one for "People Like Us" (1990).

Lee Grant, who turns 101 on Oct. 31 (having been born on Halloween in 1925), is a four-time Oscar nominee and won for "Shampoo" (1975). She's been nominated for seven Emmys and won two for "Peyton Place" and "The Neon Ceiling."

Dick Van Dyke turns 101 on Dec. 13 and has made 60 films. He's starred in 158 episodes of "The Dick Van Dyke Show" (1971-74), 11 episodes of "Van Dyke and Company" (1976), 10 episodes of "The Van Dyke Show" (1988), and 178 episodes of "Diagnosis Murder" (co-starring his son, **Barry Van Dyke**, from 1993-2001). He's won six Emmys, a Tony and a Grammy.

All of these stars' best award is the fact that the Grim Reaper has lost their addresses!

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KOVELS ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING

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PHOTO CAPTION: Homemade rugs like this

penny rug have long been a favorite way to

keep fabric scraps from going to waste.

Homemade Rugs

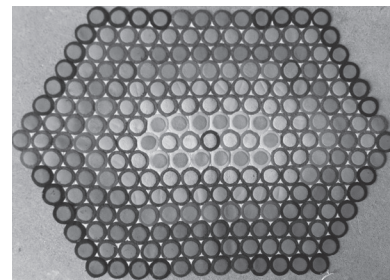
The environmentalist movement popularized the saying “Reduce, reuse, recycle” in the 1970s, but the sentiment goes back much farther than that. Historically, people avoided buying new items to save money, or simply because said new items were not as readily available to purchase as they are today. Reusing and recycling materials was done out of necessity, too, but the effect of saving resources remains the same. Rug making is one of the best examples.

Throughout the 19th century, American families had many ways of transforming fabric scraps into useful rugs. The earliest were tongue rugs, consisting of overlapping tongue-shaped scraps that completely covered a background. Button rugs, made from circles of fabric, let the background show. Penny rugs were also made from small, flat fabric circles, but, like tongue rugs, they completely cover the backing fabric.

Despite their name, penny rugs were rarely used as floor coverings; they were more likely to decorate a table, bed or mantel. Fabric scraps could also be made into pictorial hooked rugs, pulled through the backing with a hooked tool, or into braided or crocheted rugs. Rugs like these are still made by hobbyists today, and antique examples sell as folk art. This hand-sewn penny rug, probably made to be used on a table, sold for \$125 at Hyde Park Country Auctions.

Q: I am looking for assistance in appraising a rare antique 25-inch Handel table lamp. We also have several additional antique lamps and stained glass.

A: Handel lamps, made from about 1885 to 1933, are prized for decorative glass shades. They were made in several styles, including leaded glass reminiscent of Tiffany lamps, but their reverse-painted designs are the most distinctive. Handel lamps typically sell for high prices, usually more than \$500. Some sell for sever-



Homemade rugs like this penny rug have long been a favorite way to keep fabric scraps from going to waste.

al thousand dollars. The shade’s size, shape, design, and base material can affect the value.

Because Handel lamps are often very valuable, we recommend contacting a national auction house specializing in decorative arts. They can provide free appraisals or advice. They may also be able to provide information about your additional lamps and glass. If you get an appraisal from an auction house, you are not obligated to sell with them.

TIP: Natural dyes were used in early rugs, but the chemical aniline dyes aren’t new. They were used as early as 1870.

CURRENT PRICES

Clock, advertising, Dr. Pepper, Distinctively Different ..., red oval logo, chevron, wood grain style border, 10, 2, 4 bar indices, square, electric, 15 inches, \$120.

Furniture, stand, umbrella, Alfred Corneau, Rococo Revival, cast iron, pierced flower scrolls, figural supports, center plaque, Gornau Foundry, 31 x 28 inches, \$225.

Music, box, singing bird, two birds, dome cage, wind-up, Germany, early 1900s, 10 inches, \$310.

Basket, egg, oak, splint, rib woven, top handle, double woven rim, Mary Causby, 5 1/2 x 6 inches, \$2,050.

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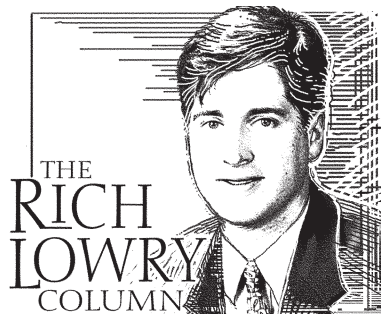
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

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By Rich Lowry



Workers of the world aren't uniting behind the DSA

What did the country ever do to white college graduates to make them feel so disaffected from its economic and political system? The wave of socialist victories in Democratic primaries is being driven by well-educated white voters who are more extreme than the rest of the Democratic coalition.

The latest evidence is a new poll in the closely watched Democratic primary for a Senate seat in Michigan. The AOC-endorsed, Israel-hating insurgent, Abdul El-Sayed, has had momentum, but is now narrowly trailing the establishment candidate, Haley Stevens. According to a Detroit News survey, Stevens is ahead by about seven points, with demographic advantages that are very telling.

Stevens, a goofy white lady, leads El-Sayed by a 3-to-1 margin among black voters. On the other hand, El-Sayed, a person of color fully vested in the left's Third Worldist agenda, leads among white voters, 51-39%. Stevens, a career apparatchik and politician, leads among non-college-educated voters, 56-34%, whereas El-Sayed, who has been endorsed by the Working Families Party, is ahead with college-educated voters, 48-41.

The respective strengths of the two candidates run against the grain of what you might expect in a race between a conventional Democrat and a radical, yet accord with what we've seen in campaign after campaign.

Socialists may imagine themselves the champions of people of color and of workers, but their movement is, by and large, most attractive to caucasian associate professors of sociology who think they haven't achieved the station in life that they deserve.

It's less a proletarian phenomenon than a project of frustrated Ph.D. candidates and medium-level professionals. Because many socialist candidates have immigrant backgrounds, it can be tempting to consider the movement as fundamentally a function of immigration, when that's not true.

A 2021 survey of DSA members

found that they were disproportionately white, at 85%, and disproportionately had college degrees (80%) or a higher degree (35%). This leaves them in a similar predicament to pioneering communists and socialists in Europe who talked up the prospect of a worker revolution, and then looked around the room and saw no workers, only intellectuals and activists like themselves.

The good news for DSA-aligned candidates is that college-educated white people are very reliable voters who can make a big difference in the kind of low-turnout primaries where anti-establishment, left-wing candidates thrive. A recent analysis in The New York Times noted that Zohran Mamdani-endorsed socialist Darializa Avila Chevalier defeated Rep. Adriano Espaillat in a marquee New York City congressional primary while winning high-education and higher-income areas; Espaillat, in contrast, won in majority-Hispanic and lower-income areas.

Another Mamdani pick, Brad Lander similarly wiped up in high-income and high-education areas while crushing Rep. Dan Goldman, whose strong performance in low-income parts of the district didn't save him. Socialistic economics may have appeal to working-class voters in theory, but the DSA couples its economics with extreme views on cultural issues that have very little appeal with non-college-educated voters. Tax the rich? Sure. Transcend the gender binary? No, thanks — whatever that means.

That the average black Democrat is more moderate and pragmatic than the average white Democrat may prove the ultimate check on whether an AOC-type candidate can claim the big prize of the Democratic presidential nomination in 2028. It's one thing to appeal to the so-called Commie Belt in New York City, the young, highly educated, diverse neighborhoods in Queens and Brooklyn that so strongly backed Zohran Mamdani; it's quite another to win over the older, religious African American voters in, say, South Carolina's I-95 Black Belt.

In the 2020 primaries, Bernie Sanders ran a campaign of great verve and ideological energy, while Joe Biden stumbled from one early setback to another — yet, black Democrats decided that the former vice president was the safer choice, and that was the end of Sanders. In short, the workers of the world may one day unite, but not behind a socialist vessel for the grievances of ideologically exotic, college-educated white people.

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Moments in time

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MOMENTS IN TIME

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• On **Aug. 10, 30 B.C.**, Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and the lover of Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, died by suicide — according to legend, by the bite of a poisonous snake — after her forces against Octavian, Rome's future first emperor, were defeated.

• On **Aug. 11, 1984**, President Ronald Reagan made a controversial quip while he tested a microphone prior to a scheduled radio address, saying, "My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes." His approval rating suffered a slight drop, but he went on to serve a second term.

• On **Aug. 12, 1964**, Charlie Wilson, part of the group responsible for the 1963 Great Train Robbery, one of the biggest thefts of its kind, escaped from the Winson Green Prison in Birmingham, England, with the aid of several men who broke into the facility for that express purpose. He was not recaptured until 1968.

• On **Aug. 13, 1995**, former New York Yankees star Mickey Mantle died of liver cancer in Dallas at the age of 63. At the time of his passing, he held many World Series records, including most home runs.

• On **Aug. 14, 1585**, England's Queen Elizabeth I refused sovereignty of the Netherlands to avoid a commitment to war with Spain, fearing financial losses and a dangerous precedent of supporting subjects in rebellion against their rightful monarch, Philip II of Spain.

• On **Aug. 15, 2021**, two weeks before American troops were set to officially withdraw from Afghanistan, Taliban leaders entered its capital, Kabul, and reclaimed power with little resistance. Video footage documented chaos during and after the withdrawal, including scenes of the Taliban celebrating with gunfire and frantic citizens chasing and clinging to departing American military planes.

• On **Aug. 16, 1942**, a Navy blimp flying over San Francisco Bay, searching for Japanese submarines, crash landed on a street in nearby Daly City. Though rescuers raced to the scene, they found only an empty ship, with no sign of its two pilots. Their disappearance remains unsolved.



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PAW'S CORNER

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By Sam Mazotta

Hot pavement is a danger to pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Walking around the farmer's market this weekend, I confronted several people who brought their dogs into the market despite clear signage saying pets aren't allowed. The reason for the sign is that the pavement is HOT! Summer temperatures regularly reach 90 to 100 degrees or more. All the dogs were limping and whining because the pads on their paws were burning! Please tell your readers to leave their pets at home and respect signs that say no pets. —
Jeremy C. in Denver

DEAR JEREMY: Absolutely! Folks, please know that pavement on a hot summer day is 40 to 50 degrees higher than the air temperature. On a hundred-degree day, pavement can reach 150 degrees Fahrenheit. In seconds, that kind of heat can cause second- and third-degree burns on a dog's paws.

Add to that the issue of ignoring "no pets" signs. The venue put up that sign for good reasons. Failure to respect that sign puts the pet owner at risk of footing the bill for any damage or injuries their dog might cause. Good pet owners respect the rules.

In the meantime, test the pavement before taking your dog out on it. Put your hand on the sidewalk or even your bare foot. If it's uncomfortably hot for you, it'll be just as bad for your dog.

Walk pets in the early morning or late in the evening. Inspect their paws after every walk for tender spots. If your dog's paws sustain a heat injury, stand them in cool water or place a cool, damp pad on each paw — don't use ice. Take them to the emergency vet if you see blisters or your dog is visibly limping.

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: Barley and Hops

International Beer Day is celebrated worldwide on the first Friday in August, and you don't even need to wait until 5 p.m.! These five podcasts are giving you permission to kick off the last month of summer with a brew of your choice — a craft beer, a best-selling favorite, or a home brew out of your neighbor's garage:

“Drink Beer, Think Beer With John Holl” — For more than two decades, John Holl has been covering the beer industry as a reporter and editor. He hosts three different beer podcasts, including this one, and has penned six books about the golden beverage that's loved by everyone — from fictional characters like Homer Simpson to former POTUS Barack Obama. Recent episodes of this weekly podcast discuss how lager's making a comeback and how brewers are incorporating tech into their process while still staying hands-on. (AllAboutBeer.com)

“Beer Guys Radio” — This weekly podcast celebrates all things craft beer, covering the brews, business, art, culture and science that goes into making your fermented favorites! Check out their episode titled “250 Years in American Beer,” where they share George Washington's actual home-brew recipe. Be sure to also listen to their annual episode from April, where they discuss the top 50 craft

breweries according to the Brewers Association. (BeerGuysRadio.com)

“The Beerists Craft Beer Podcast” — Looking for something more specific from your beer podcast, like reviews of five different craft beers each week? John Rubio and his co-hosts meet up each episode to personally taste, discuss and rate five beverages that are brewed from all over the world. Deemed “part beer appreciation, part drunken comedy,” this podcast is “the only beer podcast that the A.V. Club calls ‘consistently illuminating and amusing,’” according to its bio. Be sure to check out their annual “Blind Holiday Spectacular,” where they drink four unlabeled beers with “Santa's most devious elf” Andy Richter (“Conan” and “Dancing with the Stars”). (TheBeerists.com)

Don't Forget These Gems

“Beers & Bible” — There are several similarly titled podcasts (“From Beer to the Bible,” as well as “Bros, Bibles & Beer”), but the only one that can boast the clever tagline “Crushin' Brews and Flippin' Pews” is this one. Pals Anthony Kidd and Michael Richard combine their love of beer with their love of God, taking listeners through a book of the Bible verse by verse and how to apply it to everyday life. (PodcastAddict.com)

“A Woman's Brew” — Friends Joanne Love and Tori Powell, who are based in the United Kingdom, weave in their American connections with their love of travel to bring you stories from across the industry, as well as across the globe. Their “Bucket List Beer” episodes are arguably their most popular, building on a list that recently peaked with their review of Sam Adams' Utopias — an “extreme beer” in a unique, collectible bottle with a whopping ABV (alcohol by volume) of 30%! (AWomansBrewPodcast.Podbean.com)

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SALOME'S STARS

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EDITORS: These horoscopes are for use the
week of AUG. 3, 2026.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A strong social whirl brings a new round of good times to fun-loving Rams and Ewes! Cupid's also busy aiming arrows at single Lambs who are hoping for a heart-to-heart encounter.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A romantic incident could take a more serious turn if the Divine Bovine considers meeting Cupid's challenge. Meanwhile, a professional opportunity is also about to turn up!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A bit of hardheaded realism could be just what the Twins need at this emotionally challenged time. Face the facts as they are, not as you want them to be. Good luck!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Many opportunities open up, but you need to be aware of their actual pros and cons. Check them all out and make your choice from those that offer more of what you seek.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A more stable situation begins, allowing you to feel more secure about making important decisions. Meanwhile, be sure to meet your project deadlines so that you can move on to other things.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations! A new personal relationship thrives as you learn how to make room in your busy life for this wonderfully warm and exciting emotional experience.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A new contact opens some doors. This is the good news. But there's a caution involved: Be sure to protect your rights to your work before showing it to anyone.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A former colleague might seek to resume a working partnership. Ask yourself if you need it. If "yes," get more information. If "no," respectfully decline the request.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good times dominate your aspect. So, why not have a party to celebrate a loved one's success? And do invite a special person you want to get to know better!

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The shy side of the Sea Goat soon gives way to your more assertive self. This should help you when it comes time to speak up for yourself and your achievements.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new period of stability will help you deal with some recently reworked plans. Once you get your current tasks done, you can devote more time to personal matters.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things are finally much more stable these days, so you can restart the process of meeting your well-planned goals with fewer chances of interruption or delay.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love being the brightest light wherever you are, and people love basking in your warmth and charm!

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Just do ... something

“It’s never too late to start.” That’s the word from a health professor at a large university on the topic of health behaviors as we age. Specifically she was talking about habits we need to prioritize in our 60s and 70s. The long-term goal: to maintain mobility and our independence as we age further.

Here are two things they suggest:

Balance - Long-term studies show that seniors who can stand on one leg for 10 seconds or more had lower rates of mortality and falls.

Take a look at the Mayo Clinic site (www.mayoclinic.org). Do a search for “balance exercises” for good ideas on how to get the most out of this. Mayo recommends aiming for holding the balance position for 30 seconds. The biggest benefits are strengthening the legs, ankles and core.

Strength training - It was pointed out that it’s too easy to become weak as we age. Whether we follow the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services guidelines of getting 150 minutes of moderate aerobic exercise a week or we focus on simple at-home exercises combined with daily walking, we just need to do something.

When it comes to how many daily steps we do, that’s going to depend on what “expert source” we read, because they vary. But most agree that if you’ve been very sedentary, try to start with 3,000 to 4,000 steps per day and ease your way up to the 6,000 to 8,000 range. If that seems like too much in a day, break it down into groups of perhaps 10 to 15 minutes at a time. It’s not how many you do all at once; it’s how many you do in a day or a week. It all adds up.

If you’ve been very sedentary, consider checking YouTube for seated chair exercises. Remember, just do something!

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SPORTS QUIZ

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By Ryan A. Berenz

1. In 1980, who did Major League Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn present with lifetime passes to any major or minor league baseball game?

2. Which team was set to join the American Basketball Association in 1975, but played only three exhibition games before being expelled from the league due to financial woes?

3. He won a Super Bowl XXXVII ring as a running back for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. His son, a wide receiver from USC, was chosen by the Indianapolis Colts in the second round of the 2020 NFL Draft. Who are they?

4. Where was the 1942 Rose Bowl played after being relocated from California in the wake of the Pearl Harbor attack?

5. Name the Australian tennis player who won the 1987 Wimbledon gentlemen's singles championship.

6. In 1943, brothers Max, Doug and Reg Bentley played together on the same line for what NHL team?

7. Long-distance runner Emil Zatopek won three gold medals at the 1952 Helsinki Summer Olympics competing for what country?

Answers

1. The 52 hostages freed by Iran.

2. The Baltimore Claws.

3. Michael Pittman and Michael Pittman Jr.

4. Duke Stadium in Durham, North Carolina.

5. Pat Cash.

6. The Chicago Blackhawks.

7. Czechoslovakia.

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By Lucie Winborne

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

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By Lucie Winborne

- Masculine features are more attractive to a woman during her ovulation cycle, while softer, nurturing-looking features are preferred at other times.

- NBC's "Saturday Night Live" has won more Emmys than any other TV show.

- The verb "lynch" is generally believed to have originated with Virginia landowner Charles Lynch, who during the American Revolution conducted unauthorized trials and punishments outside the formal court system.

- According to Greek mythology, the Milky Way formed when the goddess Hera spilled milk across the night sky.

- The irresistible desire to steal books is known as bibliokleptomania.

- In the popular 18th-century "Flying Boy" experiment, English scientist Stephen Gray harmlessly electrified a boy suspended by silk cords, astonishing audiences as the boy's hair stood on end and sparks flew from his nose.

- Multiplication tables are also called the "Table of Pythagoras," after the Ionian Greek philosopher and mathematician.

- Chewbacca's voice in "Star Wars" was created by mixing the sounds of bears, lions, walruses and badgers.

- The University of Bologna, Italy, which was founded in 1088, is the oldest university in Europe. The term "university" was coined at its creation and it is still considered a leader in European university systems. Its notable alumni include Pope Innocent IX and Copernicus.

- The first acoustic guitars made hundreds of years ago had four, as opposed to six, strings.

- Doctors leave sponges and other medical devices inside of their patients about 6,000 times a year.

- Some critics theorize that zombies gnaw on humans because their warm flesh may have to do with a virus needing fresh DNA or some parasitic micro-organism that receives a form of nourishment from live blood cells.

Thought for the Day: "In nothing do men more nearly approach the gods than in giving health to men." — *Marcus Tullius Cicero*

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**Here's what to watch and
where to watch it for the week
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ON NOW: "Lioness" (Season 3) —
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ON NOW: "Obsession" (R) —
Peacock

5-Aug: "Ted Lasso" (Season 4) —
Apple TV

5-Aug: "Big Chicken: A Fast Food
Conspiracy" (Documentary) —
Netflix

5-Aug: "Sterling Point" (Season 1)
— Prime Video

5-Aug: "Let's Marry Harry" (Season
1) — Netflix

6-Aug: "Monsters of God"
(Docuseries) — HBO Max

6-Aug: "My Life with the Walter
Boys" (Season 3) — Netflix

7-Aug: "You, Me and Tuscany" (PG-
13) — Peacock

7-Aug: "Alley Cats" (Season 1) —
Netflix

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TOP TEN MOVIES

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1. **The Odyssey**
(R) Matt Damon, Tom Holland
2. **Moana**
(PG) Dwayne Johnson, Catherine Laga'aia
3. **Toy Story 5**
(PG) Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
4. **Minions & Monsters**
(PG) Pierre Coffin, Trey Parker
5. **Evil Dead Burn**
(R) Souheila Yacoub, Tandi Wright
6. **The Invite**
(R) Seth Rogen, Olivia Wilde
7. **Young Washington**
(PG-13) William Franklyn-Miller, Mary-Louise Parker
8. **Obsession**
(R) Michael Johnston, Inde Navarrette
9. **Supergirl**
(PG-13) Milly Alcock, David Corenswet
10. **Disclosure Day**
(PG-13) Emily Blunt, Josh O'Connor

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TRIVIA TEST

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By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GAMES: What is the goal space in the board game Candy Land?
2. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries and territories border Spain?
3. TELEVISION: What are Captain Picard's two favorite catchphrases in "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What is brioche?
5. CHEMISTRY: Which metal has the highest melting point?
6. LITERATURE: Who is credited as the author of "The Odyssey"?
7. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to Acadia National Park?
8. MOVIES: What is the name of Dottie's team in "A League of Their Own"?
9. COMICS: Who is the archenemy of the Fantastic Four?
10. SCIENCE: What is the thickest layer of Earth?

Answers

1. King Kandy's Castle.
2. Five — Portugal, France, Andorra, Morocco and the British territory of Gibraltar.
3. "Make it so" and "Engage."
4. A rich French bread.
5. Tungsten.
6. The poet Homer.
7. Maine.
8. The Rockford Peaches.
9. Doctor Doom.
10. The mantle.

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by Freddy Groves

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VETERANS POST

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By Freddy Groves

Applying for VA health care

I ran into a guy recently, a fellow veteran, who I hadn't talked to in years. And he was limping, badly. When I asked, he said he needed knee surgery and couldn't afford it.

I asked if he'd looked into VA health care, and he replied that he'd applied years ago and got nowhere with the VA, so he gave up.

Before we even left the store, I had my phone out and placed a call to the local VSO (veteran service officer). I got the two of them hooked up with an appointment and the VSO is going to walk my friend through all the paperwork.

It should not be this hard for a veteran to get health care.

A big problem is that many veterans tried to deal with the VA years ago, became frustrated and gave up, not realizing that things have changed.

If you were turned down for VA health care, apply again. The PACT Act has changed many things, including expanded locations for exposure to Agent Orange and two dozen new presumptive conditions. If you got hung up trying to get Community Care, try again. The rules are different now.

Or if you never had VA health care, sign up now. Go to the website (www.va.gov) and search for VA Form 10-10EZ. Check whether you're eligible for VA health care. Have your DD-214 handy and any other military paperwork you have. The online process takes about a half hour.

If you don't think you can handle the online application process yourself, look for a local VSO. See www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative. Or call the MyVA411 information line at 800-698-2411. They're open 24/7. You can also contact the American Legion near you or the DAV.

A VSO can do a lot of things for you: tell you about the benefits you're supposed to get, assemble documents, help with appeals and so much more.

Or call the benefits hotline at 877-222-8387 to ask about enrolling in VA health care by phone.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 43:5

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

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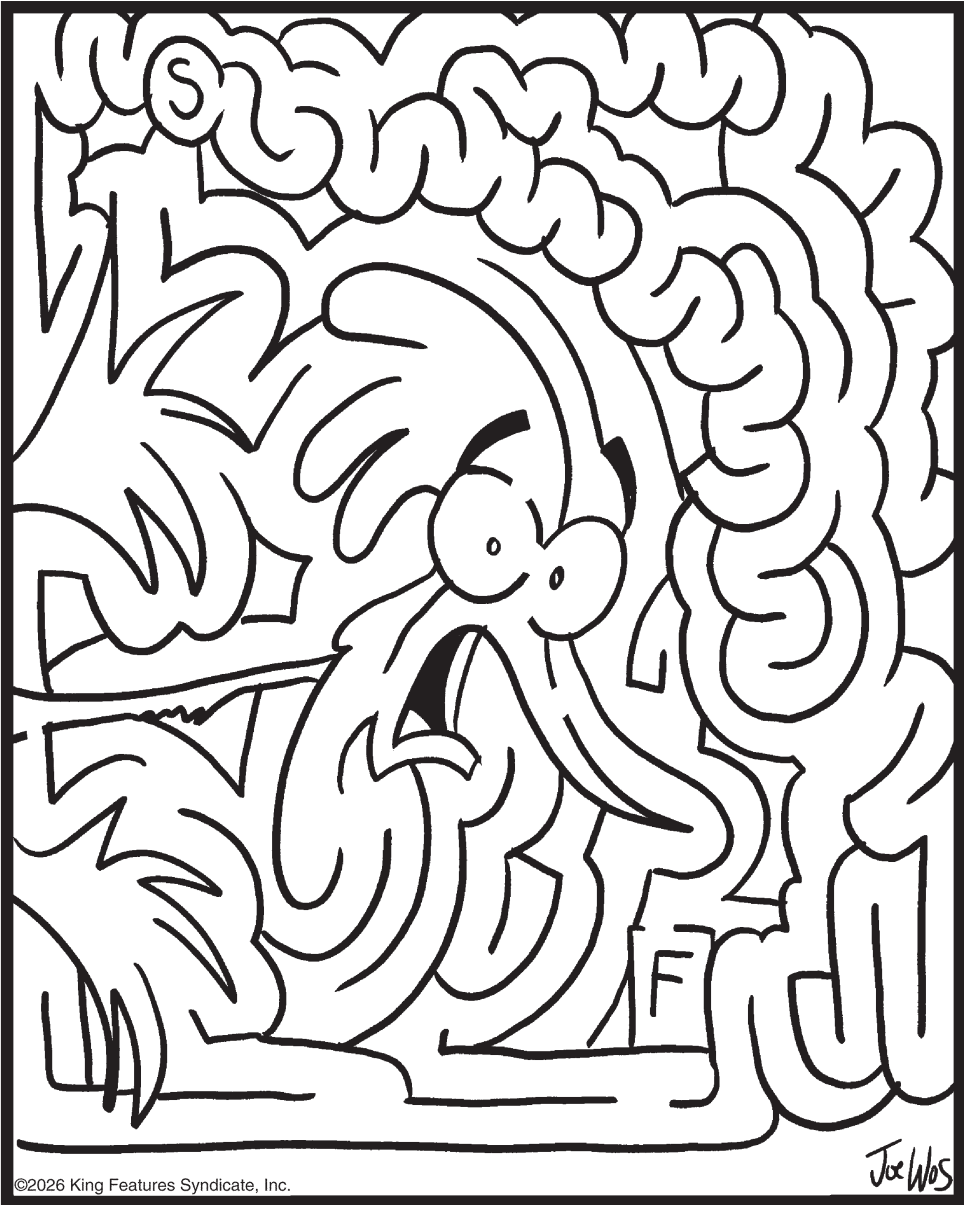
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A	O	K	N	N	G	E	S	R	B
R	P	D	C	A	T	T	L	U	U
E	E	A	W	R	V	U	I	T	J
H	S	H	C	H	O	C	U	S	B
T	H	P	K	S	Y	F	I	I	W
H	E	S	I	A	R	P	I	D	N
S	A	V	I	O	R	L	L	I	W

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 **L**

Y C W I P K Q C I D A B R W E E I C N
K U V A E N U I W U V Y N O V I C W I W O N
Q K X N U M D P K V M N C W X K U Q
R C K E S O N U ? M O W I I K I B S N .

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CryptoQuip answer

What might you call the insolent answers that are given by misbehaving children? Brattitude.

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.

UZKW VRMARMJ XEE ZTB
QXFU ZTXZ FKI NXM'Z AK
UKYBZTRMJ XMA VRMA XEE
ZTB QXFU ZTXZ FKI NXM.
— RUUX PXB

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CryptoQuote answer

Stop finding all the
ways that you can't do
something and find all
the ways that you can.
— Issa Rae

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. 4-leafed greenery	__ _ _ V _ _	Late-inning pitcher	__ _ _ S _ _
2. Drummer Starr	R _ _ _ _	Game of chance	B _ _ _ _
3. Cultivator	_ A _ _ _	More secure	_ I _ _ _
4. Chitchat	_ _ _ T _ _	Flag	_ _ _ N _ _
5. Graph	_ _ _ _ T	Bracelet bangle	_ _ _ _ M
6. Sugary	_ W _ _ _	Icy rain	_ L _ _ _
7. Nappy	_ _ A _ _	Ladle	_ _ P _ _
8. Flying baby bringer	_ _ _ _ K	Shop	_ _ _ _ E
9. By oneself	_ L _ _ _	Make amends	_ T _ _ _
10. Water voyage	C _ _ _ _	Black-and-blue mark	B _ _ _ _

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Even Exchange

answers

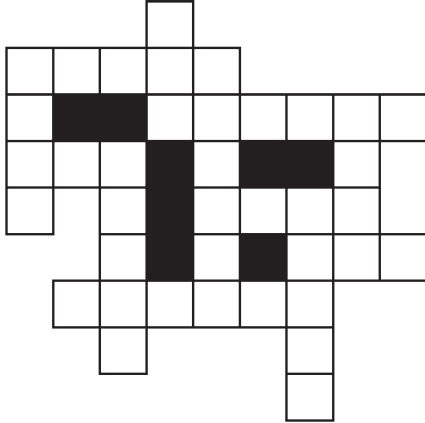
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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Clover, Closer | 6. Sweet, Sleet |
| 2. Ringo, Bingo | 7. Diaper, Dipper |
| 3. Farmer, Firmer | 8. Stork, Store |
| 4. Banter, Banner | 9. Alone, Atone |
| 5. Chart, Charm | 10. Cruise, Bruise |

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- ♥ WLA
- YEWLEA
- ♥ DEWNA
- ♥ TLHA
- YANCOR
- ♥ ARP
- ♥ ETLA
- ♥ RWEEH
- ♥ OWH
- UNPLET
- ♥ PLAYT
- ♥ HWT A

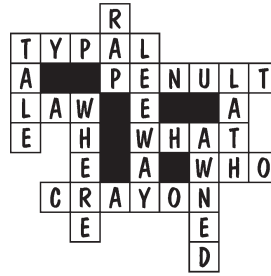


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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only **ONE** word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER**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

FEAR KNOT

answer



FiveSpot™

Atlantic escape

O	U	T	E	R

Most visible

Choir part

Saw wood

Pulls down

Noteworthy river

Puts away

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

O	U	T	E	R
T	E	N	O	R
S	N	O	R	E
E	A	R	N	S
S	N	A	K	E
B	A	N	K	S

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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	+			-		= 4		
+		+		-				
	-		÷		= 1			
÷		×		÷				
	+		-		= 5			
=		=		=				
17		42		1				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Go Figure!

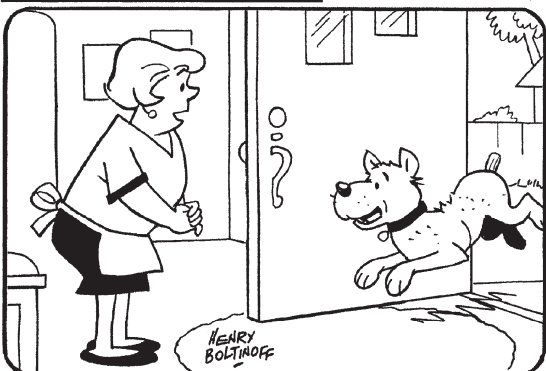
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÷		×		÷	
1	+	6	-	2	= 5
=		=		=	
17		42		1	

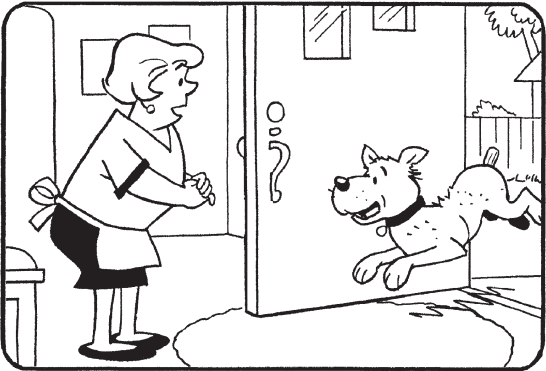
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



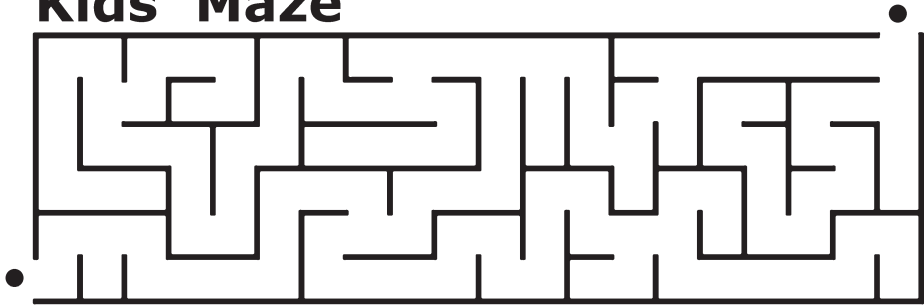
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Dog's leg is moved. 2. Woman's leg is moved. 3. Bush is reversed. 4. Arms are higher. 5. Dog's ear is different. 6. Fence has more boards.

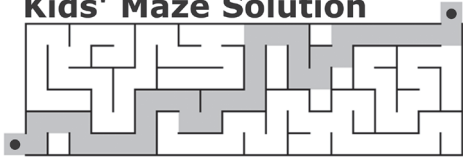
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Kids' Maze



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Kids' Maze Solution



KNIGHT MOVES

M	O	N
T		E
V	E	M

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

M ₅	O ₂	N ₇
T ₈		E ₄
V ₃	E ₆	M ₁

MOVEMENT

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Photo, for short
4 Senate staffer
8 Scoff
12 Rx overseer
13 Classic theaters
14 Bohemian
15 Tunes from Trinidad
17 Pinta's companion
18 MSN rival
19 Acapulco native
21 NAACP co-founder W.E.B.
24 Collection
25 — Cruz Kayne of "Barbie"
26 D.C. baseballer
28 Serious
32 Overlook
34 Inherited
36 "Little Caesar" role
37 Group spirit
39 Rug cleaner, briefly
41 Buddy
42 Felon's flight

- 44 Arctic shoe
46 Bitter orange liqueur
50 French monarch
51 Unsigned (Abbr.)
52 All-important
56 Male deer
57 Notes after "do"
58 Bird (Pref.)
59 Harboring a grudge
60 "I'm a klutz!"
61 Napkin's perch

DOWN

- 1 Cpl.'s subordinate
2 Wyo. neighbor
3 Utensil made from a gourd shell
4 Sturdy fabric
5 Billboards
6 Euclidean subj.
7 Relaxes
8 Custodian
9 Rocker
10 Sicilian volcano
11 Vanna's "Wheel of Fortune" colleague
16 "— -hoo!"
20 Crosses (out)
21 Title for Judi Dench
22 One
23 Droop
27 "Mazel —!"
29 Scripture-based
30 Beige
31 Castle
33 Singer
35 Knowles
38 Highland hat
40 Actress Jamie Lee
43 PC shortcut
45 Japanese pond carp
46 Mama — Elliot
47 Golden Rule word
48 Den noise
49 Black-and-white cookie
53 Little rascal
54 Hollywood's Gardner
55 Sass

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59					60					61		

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— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

P	I	C		P	A	G	E		J	E	E	R
F	D	A		O	D	E	A		A	R	T	Y
C	A	L	Y	P	S	O	S		N	I	N	A
		A	O	L		M	E	X	I	C	A	N
D	U	B	O	I	S		S	E	T			
A	N	A		N	A	T		S	O	B	E	R
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C	U	R	A	C	A	O		R	O	I		
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DOWN

— King Crossword —
Answers

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

MAGIC MAZE ● **WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH CHEESE**

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

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

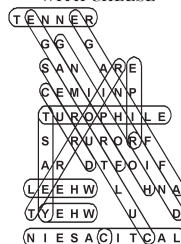
Affinage	Fromage	Rind	Wheel
Casein	Hooping	Ripe	Whey
Cultures	Lactic	Terroir	Yeast
Curd	Rennet	Turophile	

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Magic maze

Answers

WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH CHEESE



Puzzles4Kids

by Helene
Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – BIRD WATCHING

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

3 Letters

EMU
HEN
KEA

4 Letters

CROW
DOVE
IBIS
KITE
KIWI
LARK
NENE
RAIL
RHEA
TERN

5 Letters

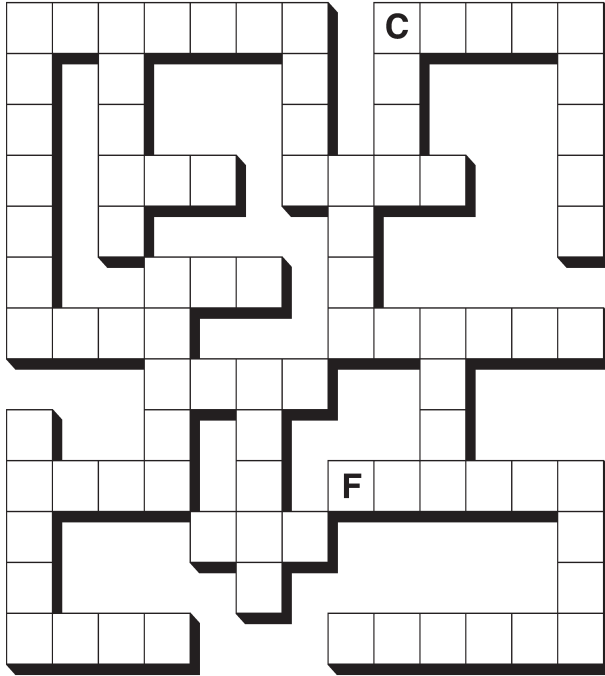
CRANE
EAGLE
EGRET
HERON
RAVEN
STORK

6 Letters

FALCON
ORIOLE
SHRIKE

7 Letters

BARN OWL
BUZZARD



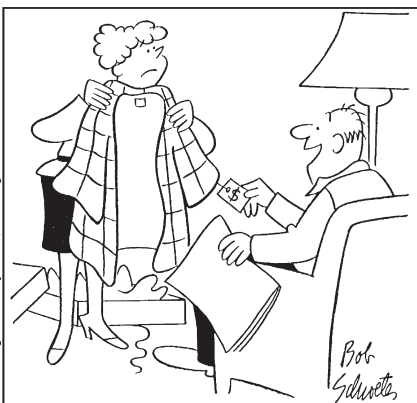
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Puzzles4Kids

Answer



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"It's _____ — I love it!"

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!

Meddle

SPOON

Seep

CHALE

Copy

ONCLE

Pile

PHEA

TODAY'S WORD

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Snoop; 2. Leach
3. Clone; 4. Heap

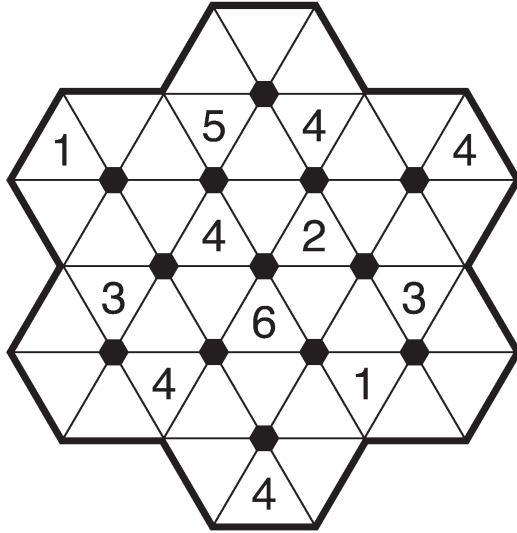
Today's Word

CHEAP

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.



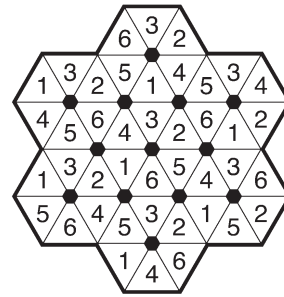
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ ◆

◆ Easy ◆ ◆ Medium ◆ ◆ ◆ Difficult

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SNOWFLAKES

solution





The East River in New York City is
officially known as a:

- a) vernal pool
- b) tidal strait
- c) rivulet
- d) lagoon

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Stickelers Answer

The answer is b) tidal strait.

Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

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

Super Crossword LEAVE AT THE END

ACROSS

- 1 Lambastes
7 Poppycock
15 Earth model
20 Larynx locale
21 Tango cousin
22 "Whoopie!"
23 Altered totally
24 For an extended period of time
26 Angry feeling
27 Prefix with chic or tour
29 Papas' mates
30 Grafton's "— for Evidence"
31 Video game in which players ride in skateparks and splash color around
38 Use a pew
39 "Dino" star Mineo
40 Filmmaker Perry
41 Feature of a carrot-top
43 Views more text, perhaps
46 Salamander
48 Make distress less painful
50 Hype (up)
53 Volcanic stuff
55 Large couch
56 Funnywoman Boosler
57 Whigs' rivals
60 Wane
63 "Devil Inside" rock band
65 Is completely harmless
70 Volcanic stuff
74 Enlarged
75 On terra —
76 Neighbor of Peru
79 Some dark breads
80 Exactly even division
83 Brilliant feat
85 Med. scan in a large tube
86 Pesto herbs
87 Mythical twin of Pollux
91 They go with oohs
95 Two after uno
97 Cove's cousin
98 Portable boat
102 Literary Leon
105 Covert movement
106 Like fatty tissue
108 New, in Italy
112 Atop, to bards
113 Yiddish cries of lament
115 Appetizer made with vegetable "hearts"
117 81-Down download
118 Guy who's a spin doc
120 Ring great Muhammad
121 Sinus-probing doc
122 Having paid to be freed from custody
128 Old dog star
131 Not reactive
132 Luminosity
133 Expunges
134 Pack-carrying beasts
135 Stopped from wobbling
136 What the last words of eight key answers in this puzzle are slangy synonyms of
6 Blade metal
7 Make a pick
8 Bathroom, in Bristol
9 "Honest" prez sulking
10 Golfing goal
11 Stuff making a big bang
12 Former NPR talk show host Diane
13 Domains
14 Hand-reading fortuneteller
15 Ob- — (delivery docs)
16 Time delay
17 "No kidding?"
18 Broth made by stewing
19 Vast periods
25 Old breakfast cereal brand
28 Things rolling in the aisle
32 Hankering
33 Mine find
34 IRA choices
35 "So that's your game!"
36 Lummoxes
37 Mambo great Puente
39 Japanese noodle
42 Match arbiter
44 Kinfolk: Abbr.
45 Stockholm is its cap.
47 Failed to be
49 Toe feature
50 In battle
51 Given to sulking
52 Puritanical type
54 Sly chuckle
58 Bits of land in la mer
59 Fielder Roush
61 Well-muscled
62 "I say!" sayer
64 Russian "no"
66 Cubes in miso soup
67 Give it a whirl
68 Dual radio designation
69 Decent
70 Indy circuits
71 Off-the-cuff
72 "Ta-da!"
73 Dilettantish
77 Prefix with pet or punk
78 D.C.'s home
81 Apple tablet
82 In shape
83 Trendy
84 Speechifiers
87 Bus. entities
88 Devices reproducing signatures
89 Spires
90 Ski lift type
92 Org. for docs
93 "Today" co-host Kotb
94 Move slightly
96 "The Fisher King" actress Mercedes
99 Rappers and poets, e.g.
100 Make a pick
101 French for "king"
103 Squid's squirt
104 Act litigiously
107 Climbed up
109 City in west Texas
110 Having more climbing plants
111 Best-suited
114 Anwar with a Peace Nobel
116 Greased up
117 Opera tune
118 Butter slices
119 Lymph bump
123 Sooner than, in poetry
124 Actress Vardalos
125 Sinful
126 Folk rocker DiFranco
127 Cola cubes
129 Exist
130 Devitalize

DOWN

- 1 Not lenient
2 Sundae topper
3 Difficult experience
4 Kinfolk: Abbr. in Bristol
5 "Dapper" guy

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Super Crossword

Answers

S	C	O	L	D	S		C	L	A	P	T	R	A	P		G	L	O	B
T	H	R	O	A	T		H	A	B	A	N	E	R	A		Y	A	H	O
R	E	D	O	N	E		O	V	E	R	T	H	E	L	O	N	G	R	U
I	R	E			E	C	O						M	A	M	A	S		E
C	R	A	Y	O	L	A	S		C	O	O	T	S	I	T		S	A	L
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Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Deserve
- 5 Narendra Modi is its 14th Prime Minister
- 6 Vodka brand, casually
- 7 Nonconformist
- 8 “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough” singer Diana

	1	2	3	4
5				
6				
7				
	8			

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Micro Crossword

Answer

	E	A	R	N
I	N	D	I	A
S	T	O	L	I
R	E	B	E	L
	R	O	S	S

Down

- 1 “Come on in!”
- 2 Marinated Filipino dish
- 3 Ticks off, but good
- 4 Tough as ____ (strong-willed)
- 5 Leb. neighbor

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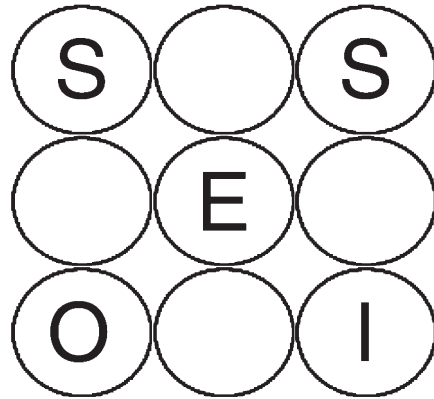
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, 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



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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Word Spiral
Answer
OBSESSIVE

Anoles

Both the native green anole (*Anolis carolinensis*) and the non-native brown anole (*Anolis sagrei*) are small lizards found in the southeastern parts of the United States. They compete for food sources by preying on many of the same insects, such as crickets, moths and flies.

A green anole can actually be either green or brown, and both species also have the distinctive pink-to-red dewlap they frequently display. However, brown anoles have more distinctive patterns on their skin. — Brenda Weaver

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www.nps.gov

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Fun Fact

The **most populous country** on earth is **India**, with over a billion and a half people. Its oldest continuously-inhabited city is Varanasi. Located in the north on the sacred river Ganges, it has a history dating back over 3,000 years.

Sources: www.worldometers.info
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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

— JOHN 19: 26,27

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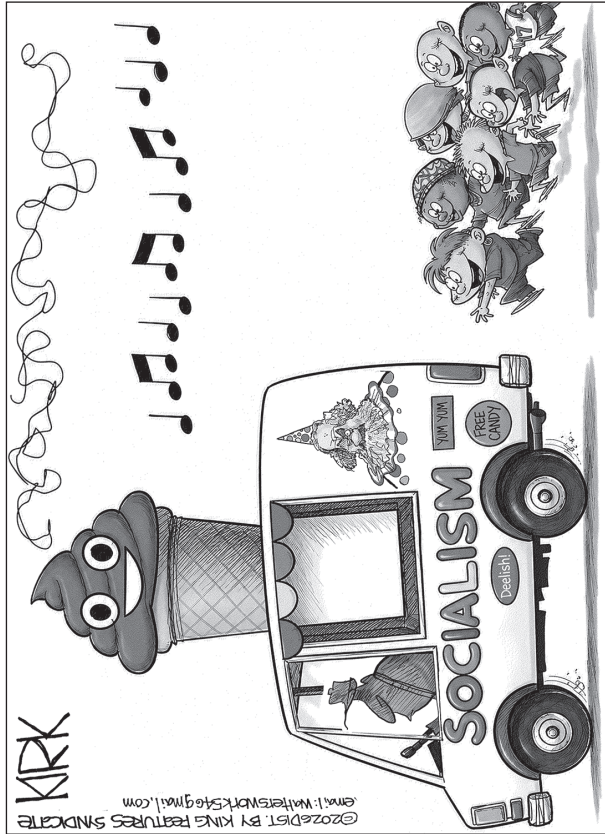
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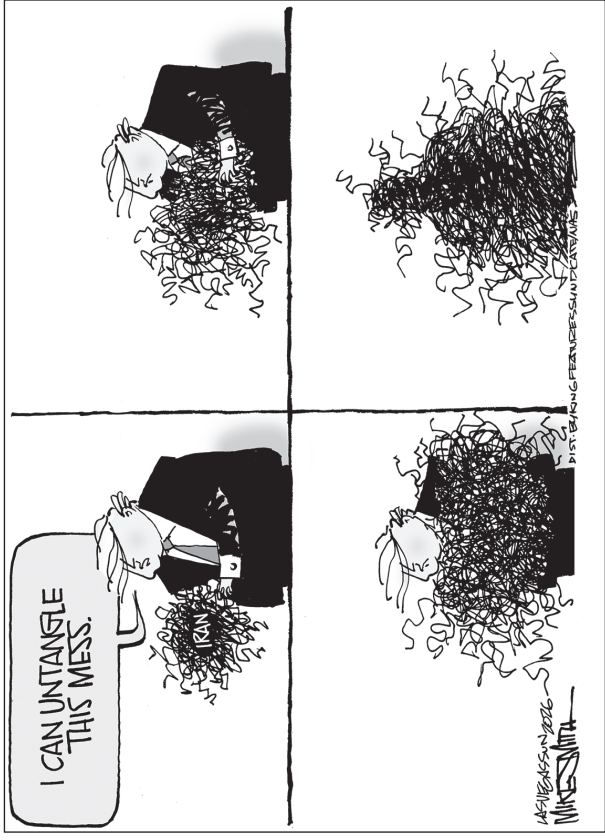
“Today’s headlines and history’s judgment are rarely the same.”
— Condoleezza Rice

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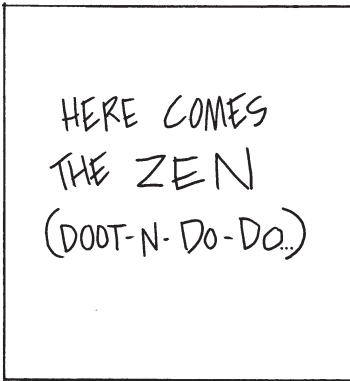
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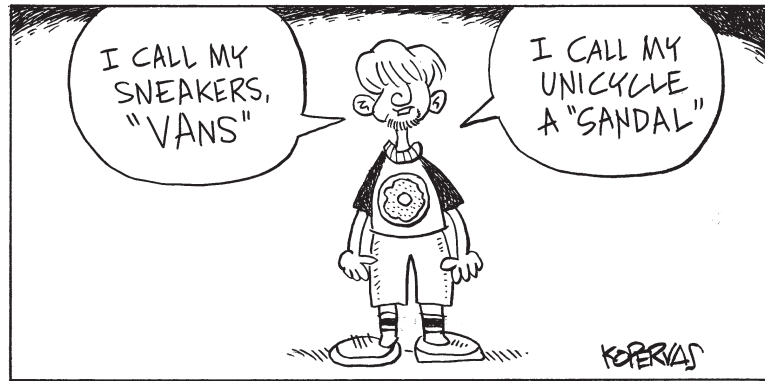


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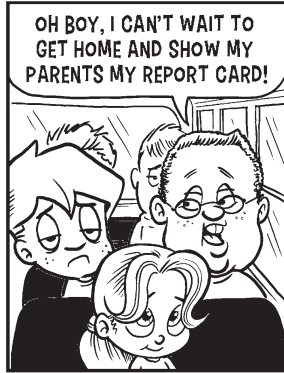
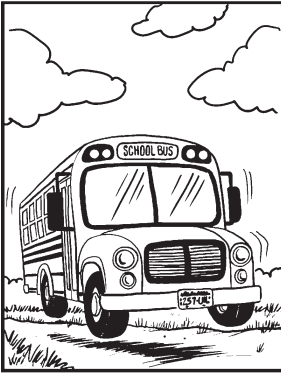


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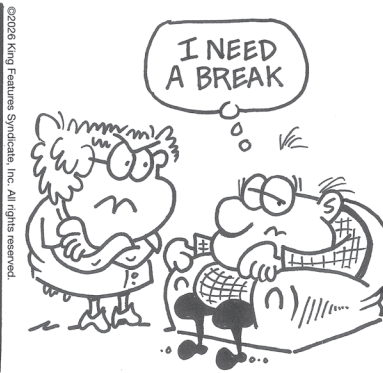
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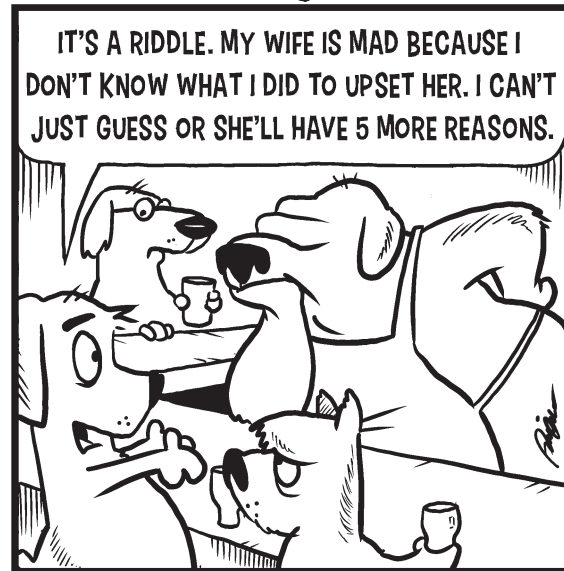
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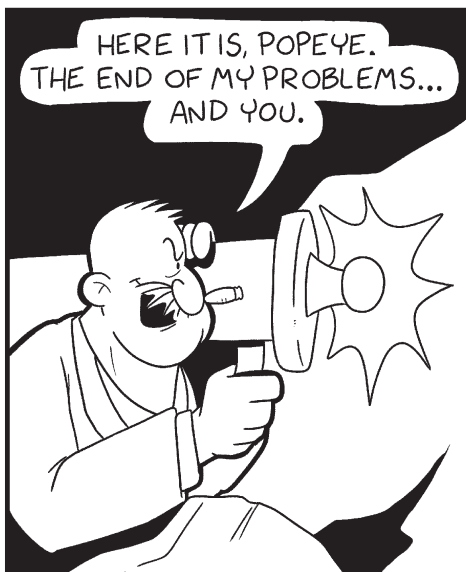
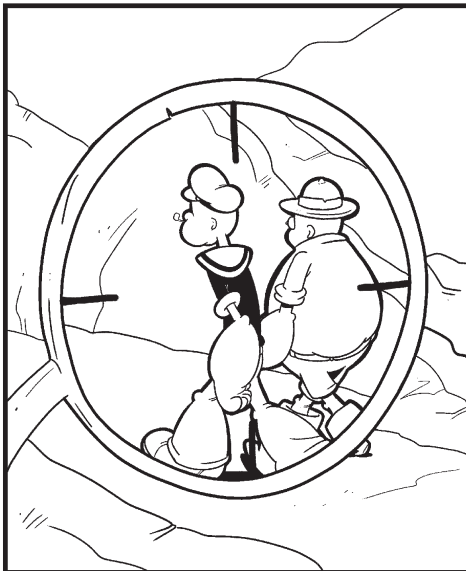
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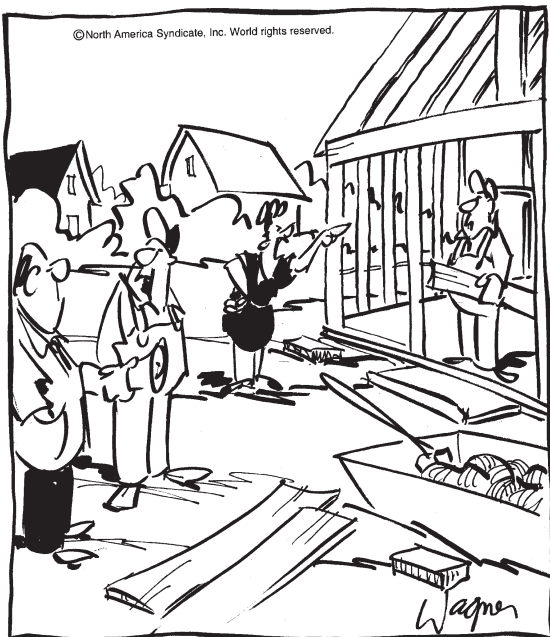
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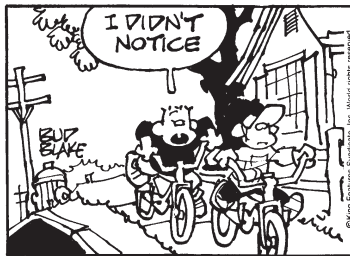
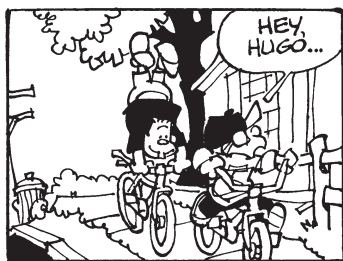
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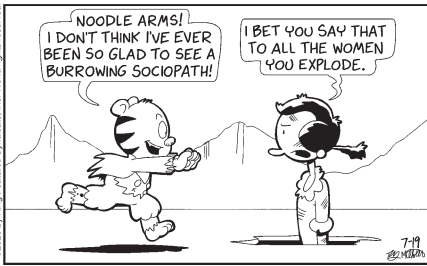
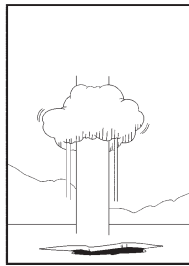
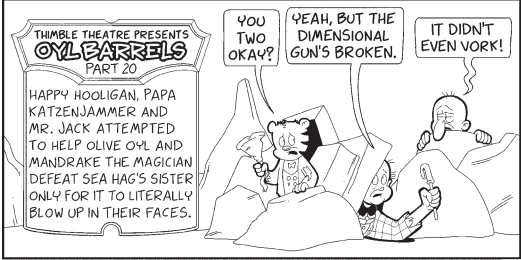
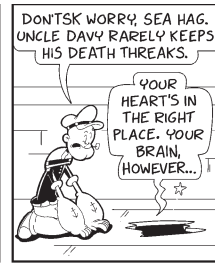
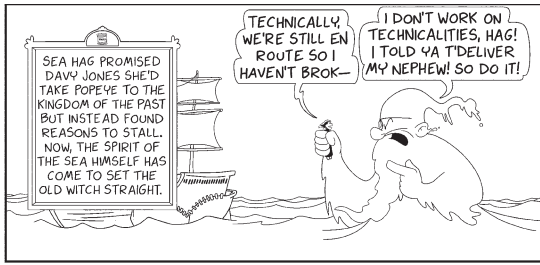
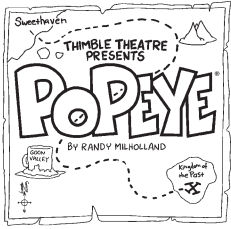
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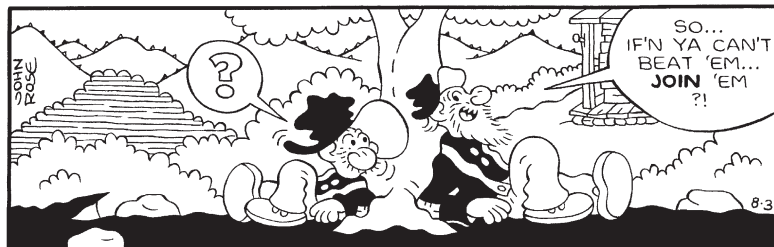
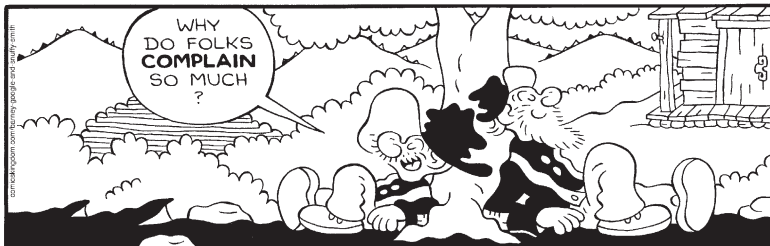
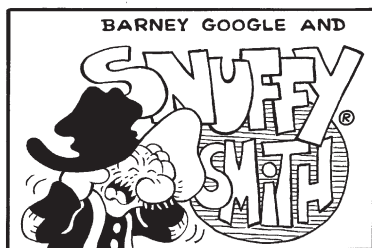
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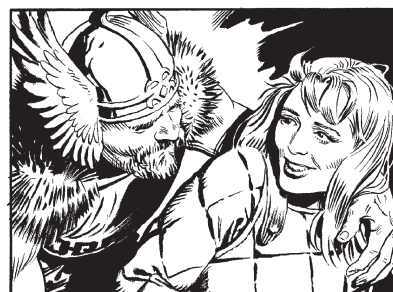
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VAL ARRANGES
FOR HIS DAUGHTER
TO SPAR WITH HER
UNSUSPECTING RIVAL,
ZULFA. VALETA, MADE
FIERCE WITH JEALOUSY,
IS STILL NO MATCH
FOR THE IMAZIGHEN.

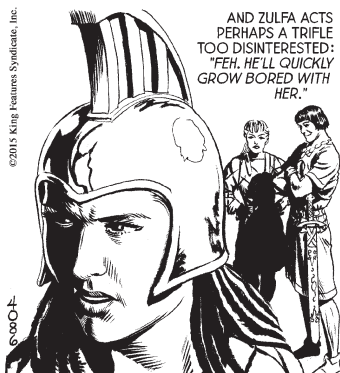
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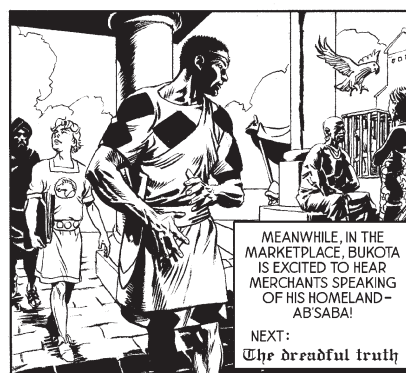
... BY THE UNFAIRNESS OF THE CONTEST, HE GALLANTLY
RUSHES TO THE DELICATE, TRAMPLED VALETA, AND SHE
MELTS INTO HIS ARMS, ABLE NOW TO DEPLOY THE
SKILLS AT WHICH SHE IS MOST ADEPT.



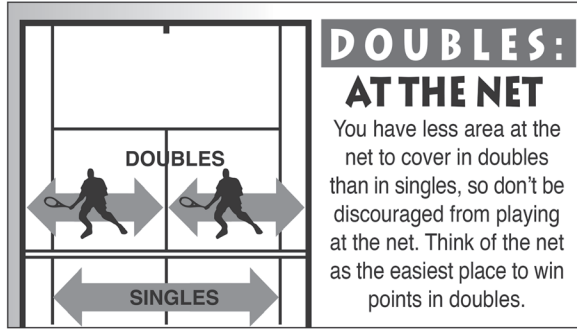
VAL IS SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS, BUT KAREN IS NOT
PLEASED: "YOU MAKE YOUR DAUGHTER A VICTIM? THAT
IS NOT HELPING HER!" VAL SMILES SMUGLY: "HARALDR
WOULD NOT HAVE NOTICED HER OTHERWISE."



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STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

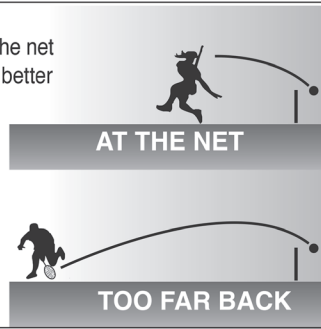


DOUBLES: AT THE NET

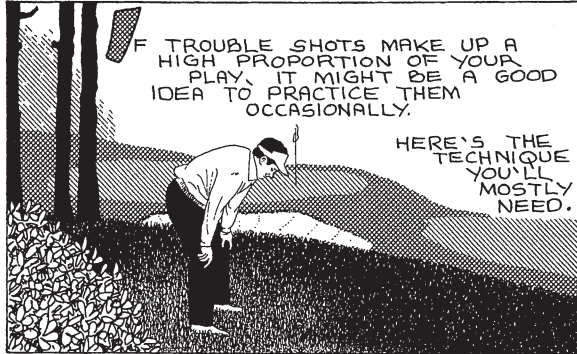
You have less area at the net to cover in doubles than in singles, so don't be discouraged from playing at the net. Think of the net as the easiest place to win points in doubles.

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It's important to move to the net in doubles since you can better control the point. At the net, you have more opportunity to hit down on the ball – increasing your chances of hitting a winner – while staying back means you often have to hit up on the ball.



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