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DONNA ERICKSON'S BEST BITES
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By Donna Erickson

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Make a Cool Summer Pudding From England

While the 2026 FIFA World Cup was in full swing on screens across the United States and the world, I loved how the cameras put viewers like us in the middle of the action, especially for the third-place playoff match between France and England. Amid all the excitement of England winning the high-scoring match, I began to get curious about local English food.

I decided to make a cultural experience at home and created a taste of London by preparing an old English late-summer dessert called "Summer Pudding." For the Brits, the word "pudding" ("pud" for short) actually means "dessert," and this fun recipe from across the pond can become a memorable finale to an August dinner. It's full of fresh berries, and the easy prep doesn't require any baking, so the kitchen stays cool. It's a great use for day-old bread, too!

Kids love to take part in the easy prep, so gather the ingredients and enjoy this fresh, beautiful dessert while it's still summer.

ENGLISH SUMMER PUDDING

Makes 6-8 servings

- 16 slices of day-old firm white bread without preservatives
- 6 cups assorted berries such as blueberries, blackberries, raspberries and strawberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice

— Whipped cream

In a saucepan, combine berries, sugar and lemon juice. Stir over medium heat until berries release their juices, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and drain berries over a bowl, reserving the juice.

Line the inside of a 5- to 6-cup bowl with plastic wrap. Trim and discard crusts from the bread and cut slices diagonally into 4 pieces. Dip each triangle into the juice, then arrange on the bottom and in a continuous pattern around the inside of the bowl to create a pinwheel effect. Fill any gaps with more bread, saving some for the next step.

Fill the bread-lined bowl almost to the top with the drained berries. Place a single layer of the remaining bread on top of the berries to create a cover. Spoon remaining juice evenly over the top.



Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, then set a small plate on top that fits inside the bowl. Set a heavy 2-pound can on the plate to provide weight. Refrigerate overnight.

To serve, remove the can, plate and plastic wrap, and carefully invert the colorful molded pudding onto a serving plate. Remove the plastic wrap liner. Slice into wedges with a large spoon and serve with a dollop of whipped cream.

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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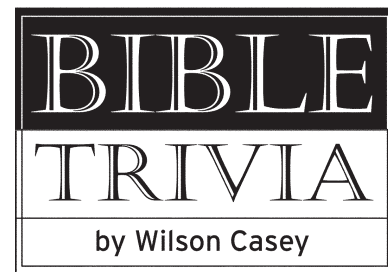
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BIBLE TRIVIA

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By Wilson Casey



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

2. From John 3, who came to Jesus under the cover of night? *Elijah, Amos, Nicodemus, Mesha*

3. What do the seven stars represent in Revelation 1:20? *Continents, Angels, Seas, Fruits*

4. From Psalms 68, with what are the dove's feathers covered? *Manna, Gold, Leaves, Blood*

5. How many people did Jesus Himself baptize? *0, 1, Dozens, Hundreds*

6. Who wrote the book of Galatians? *Paul, Peter, Isaac, Luke*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Nicodemus, 3) Angels, 4) Gold, 5) Zero, 6) Paul

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

THE BIDDING POINTS THE WAY

West dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 9 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ K 9 8 2
♣ A 4 3

WEST

♠ Q J 10 5 2
♥ A J 10
♦ 5 3
♣ K J 7

EAST

♠ 8 7 6 3
♥ 9 8 6 5 4
♦ —
♣ 10 9 8 6

SOUTH

♠ A
♥ K 2
♦ A Q J 10 7 6 4
♣ Q 5 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dble	3 ♠	6 ♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead — queen of spades.

Let's say you reach six diamonds doubled on the bidding shown and West leads a spade. When dummy comes down, it occurs to you that North's takeout double was just a tad light, but you concentrate instead on how to play the hand.

At first glance, it seems you must lose a heart and a club and go down one. But when you give it some more thought, you realize you actually have an excellent chance for the slam. West

must have the ace of hearts and king of clubs for his bids, and if he also started with the ten of spades to go with the Q-J indicated by his opening lead, you're a virtual shoo-in for the contract.

So, you win the spade with the ace and lead the heart deuce. West can't afford to go up with the ace — you'd have 12 tricks if he did — so he plays the ten. You win with the queen, discard your king of hearts on the king of spades and ruff a heart.

Next you lead a low trump to the eight, ruff dummy's last heart, continue with a low trump to the nine and lead the nine of spades. But instead of ruffing, you discard a club!

West wins the spade with the ten but is helpless. If he returns a spade or a heart (if he has one), you can ruff in dummy and discard another club. If he returns a low club instead, you let it roll around to your queen. Either way, you make the slam.

As the cards lie, declarer can also make the slam after the queen of hearts wins at trick two by keeping the king of hearts and discarding a club on the king of spades, then running all his remaining trumps and conceding a heart to West's ace. But as this would involve guessing what West's last three cards are, the suggested line of play is preferred.

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by Steve Becker



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CELEBRITY EXTRA

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Photo Caption: Academy-Award-winning
director Christopher Nolan ("The Odyssey")

Q. What's up next for director Christopher Nolan? I feel like he can't really top himself after such epic masterpieces like "Oppenheimer" and "The Odyssey," right? —A.G.

A. It's hard to top the year that Christopher Nolan had in 2023, where he took home Academy Awards for Best Picture and Best Director for "Oppenheimer." However, he's already generating Oscar buzz for his most recent feat, "The Odyssey," which is the first feature film to be entirely shot on IMAX 70 mm cameras.

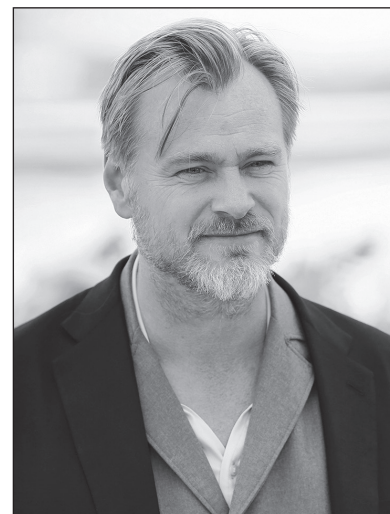
The man deserves a rest, however. In fact, he's publicly stated that fans will have to wait at least three years after the release of this summer's "The Odyssey" before seeing his name on the big screen again. Rumor has it that he'd love to direct a horror movie. He's also admitted that a comedy would be the ultimate challenge for him.

Q. What happened to the "Supergirl" movie? I think I missed it in theaters. Was it not a big hit? —C.A.

A. Yes, unfortunately, "Supergirl" came and went at the box office and is considered a bomb. This is surprising since the movie was predicted to be a hit after its much-talked-about teaser scene during the credits of the extremely successful "Superman" movie a year earlier. "Supergirl" also starred Milly Alcock of the hit HBO series "House of the Dragon," so it was assumed that her TV audience would follow her to DC. But this didn't happen either apparently.

"Supergirl" had an uphill battle to climb with its \$170 million production budget and \$120 marketing budget, as well as it being released during the ultra-competitive summer movie season. Its release was followed by the release of two other family-friendly flicks: Universal's "Minions & Monsters" and Disney's live-action "Moana." It probably didn't help that Supergirl was portrayed as intoxicated during the infamous teaser trailer from last year.

According to Variety writer Rebecca Rubin, "a movie on the scale of 'Supergirl' would need to earn at least \$375 million to break even because theater owners get to keep about half



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Academy-Award-winning
director Christopher Nolan
("The Odyssey")

of box-office returns." In comparison, 2025's "Superman" eventually earned \$618 million globally, and its upcoming sequel, "Man of Tomorrow," is expected to be a surefire hit.

Q. What ever happened to the actress who played the hilarious, awkward teen Sue on "The Middle"? Wasn't she supposed to have her own show? —L.B.

A. Yes, actress Eden Sher, who played lovable, dorky teen Sue Heck on the ABC sitcom, was supposed to star in her own spin-off of "The Middle" when it ended in 2018. She even shot a pilot for the sitcom. It was tentatively titled "Sue Sue in the City," where a now-adult Sue had relocated from small-town Indiana to Chicago.

Sher's still acting and doing voiceover work. She had a guest-starring role on the recent reboot of "Night Court" and appeared in the Christmas movie "A Keller Christmas Vacation." She also hosts a rewatch podcast of "The Middle," titled "Middling with Eden and Brock." (Her co-host is actor Brock Ciarrelli, who played Sue's ex-beau in the sitcom.)

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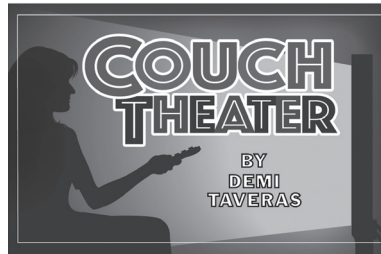
COUCH THEATER

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By Demi Taveras

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Photo Caption: Halle Bailey, left, and Rege-
Jean Page star in “You, Me & Tuscany.”



“The Shards” (TV-MA) — Teen drama lovers, you continue to be fed this year, and this latest thriller series hails from none other than creator Ryan Murphy (“The Beauty”) and screenwriter Bret Easton Ellis (“American Psycho”). This series is based on Ellis’ semi-autobiographical novel from 2023 and takes place in 1981 Los Angeles. Igby Rigney (“Devil in Disguise: John Wayne Gacy”) lands his first main role in a TV series as he plays 17-year-old Ellis during his senior year of prep school. He feels like he’s on top of the world with his girlfriend and group of friends, until the arrival of a new student named Robert (Homer Gere) shakes up their dynamic. Simultaneous with Robert’s arrival is the unexpected presence of a serial killer named the Trawler, who begins abducting people across the city. The first two episodes premiere on Aug. 5. (Hulu)

“The Devil’s Mouth” (PG-13) — Speaking of teen dramas, this survival thriller film features a cast with a couple of actors who got their big breaks in one! Lana Condor (“To All the Boys”) and Gavin Casalegno (“The Summer I Turned Pretty”) star alongside Kathryn Newton (“Ready or Not 2”) as a group of friends who wish to have one last adventure together in Thailand before graduating from college. So, the friends decide to sign up for a guided swim tour through a cave system called The Devil’s Mouth. All is well upon entering the cave, until they probe deeper into the cave and discover a deadly bull shark. With it out for blood, these amateur cave dwellers will have to play the longest waiting game of their lives to see if they can escape this hell in one piece. Out now. (Amazon Prime Video)

“You, Me & Tuscany” (PG-13) — Halle Bailey (“The Color Purple”) and Rege-Jean Page (“Black Bag”) lead this oh-so-romantic comedy film premiering on Aug. 7. Bailey plays Anna, a young chef who put her culinary aspirations on hold after the death of her mother. After spending the night with an Italian man named Matteo (Lorenzo de Moor), who mistakenly tells her about his empty villa in Tuscany, Anna impulsively decides to fly to Tuscany and stay in Matteo’s villa without his knowledge. Once there, she immediately gets caught by his relatives and, to save face, states that she’s Matteo’s fiancée. While this appeases his family momentarily, she also encounters Matteo’s cousin, Michael (Page), and feels an intense romantic connection with him. Talk about trouble in Tuscany! (Peacock)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

Halle Bailey, left, and Rege-Jean Page star in “You, Me & Tuscany.”

“Alley Cats” (TV-MA) — This British adult-animated series comes from the mind of Ricky Gervais (“The Office”), which we all should know by now is a perverse and hysterical place. The series follows a gang of feral cats, led by a large orange cat named Gus (Gervais), as they spend their time frolicking in alleys, neighborhoods, cemeteries and parking lots. While these cats do ordinary cat things like play-fight, scratch up furniture, and jump on people, they also ponder their existence and what it really means to be a beautiful ball of fluff in such a dangerous world. The six-episode series premieres on Aug. 7. (Netflix)

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DIVAS ON A DIME

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By Patti Diamond

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PHOTO CAPTION: This silky Italian dessert looks like you fussed. Panna cotta is happy to

keep your secret.



The Easiest Elegant Dessert You'll Make All Summer

The first time I saw panna cotta, I wasn't entirely sure what I was looking at.

There on the plate was this perfectly smooth, glossy little dessert. It wasn't pudding. It wasn't custard. It certainly didn't look like gelatin. Then I took a bite.

If Jell-O and vanilla ice cream had a love child, this would be it. And I would eat it.

Panna cotta is one of those desserts that looks far more sophisticated than it is. The name is Italian for "cooked cream," which is a wonderfully straightforward description of something that tastes so luxurious.

At its simplest, panna cotta is cream, sugar and gelatin, usually flavored with vanilla. Unlike traditional custard, there are no eggs to temper and no water bath to deal with. Gelatin does the structural work, setting the cream just enough that it holds its shape while remaining soft, silky and impossibly creamy.

And in the middle of summer, that's exactly the sort of dessert we want.

Panna cotta is made ahead and served thoroughly chilled, so there's no last-minute cooking when the kitchen already feels like the surface of Mercury. Make it in individual ramekins, glasses or little jars, refrigerate until set, then dress it up just before serving.

Fresh berries are lovely, but don't stop there. Top it with a fruit compote,

drizzle with chocolate or caramel, scatter shaved chocolate across the top or add peaches, mango, pineapple or passion fruit. A little citrus adds brightness to all that glorious cream.

Best of all, panna cotta has that rare culinary superpower: It makes people think you've done considerably more work than you actually have. And that's divine.

PANNA COTTA

Yield: 4 to 6 Servings

Total Time: 4 hours 20 mins.

1 1/2 cups cold whole milk

1 envelope (1/4 ounce) unflavored gelatin

1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

1/3 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest, optional

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla bean paste with seeds (or 2 teaspoons vanilla extract)

For serving: Fresh peaches, berries, cherries and/or mint leaves, optional



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Bloom the gelatin: Pour the cold milk into a medium saucepan. Sprinkle the gelatin evenly over the surface, then whisk to combine. Let stand 5 minutes. The gelatin will swell and the milk may look curdled. Don't panic; it's supposed to look like that.

Place the saucepan over medium-low heat and whisk gently until the gelatin has completely dissolved and the mixture looks like milk again. (milk = no lumps.)

Do not allow the mixture to simmer or boil; excessive heat can weaken gelatin's setting power.

Add the cream, sugar, lemon zest and salt. Warm gently, stirring, until the sugar has completely dissolved. Do not boil.

Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla bean paste or extract. Let stand 10 minutes to allow the flavors to mingle.

Pour the mixture into a large bowl or measuring pitcher, preferably clear if using vanilla bean paste. Refrigerate, uncovered, for about 1 hour, stirring well after 30 and 45 minutes and scraping down the sides. This allows the mixture to thicken slightly so all those lovely vanilla seeds stay suspended instead of staging a mass migration to the bottom.

After about 1 hour, the panna cotta should have the consistency of heavy cream, and the vanilla seeds should remain suspended after stirring.

Divide evenly among serving glasses or ramekins. Refrigerate at least 4 hours, or preferably overnight, until set.

Top with fresh fruit and mint, if desired.

Serve it after dinner on the patio, perhaps with a glass of prosecco, and for a few glorious minutes you can pretend you're spending a summer evening in Italy.

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FLASHBACK

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By Mick Harper

1. Name the singer-songwriter who penned "Me and Bobby McGee."

2. The Dovells made the Bristol Stomp famous. Name the other dance they created that was seen in the 1988 film "Hairspray."

3. Who wrote and released "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" in 1974?

4. Name the first Village People song to reach No. 1.

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "If I gave you time to change my mind, I'd find a way to leave the past behind."

Answers

1. Kris Kristofferson. Janis Joplin's version (recorded just days before her death) topped the charts when it was released posthumously in 1971.

2. The Continental, with the 1962 song "Do the New Continental."

3. Elton John. He cowrote with Bernie Taupin, as he did with several other of his songs, including "I Guess That's Why They Call It the Blues," "Crocodile Rock" and "Candle in the Wind."

4. "San Francisco (You've Got Me)" in 1977 on the U.S. dance chart. But it was "Y.M.C.A." that topped the charts around the globe.

5. "Reason To Believe," by Tim Hardin, in 1965. The song became famous with Rod Stewart's cover in 1971. It's been covered by several others, including Peter, Paul and Mary.

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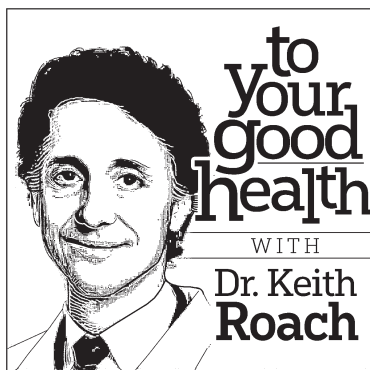
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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

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By Dr. Keith Roach



'Tumor Seeding' Very Rarely Occurs During Biopsies

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column on prostate biopsies. I'm not a doctor, but I'd advise against them. My boyfriend got a biopsy in 2012, which I believe caused his cancer to spread beyond his prostate into his bones. He died three years later in 2015.

Think about this: A needle is inserted to extract cells so that they can be tested. When the needle is pulled out with its open end, and cancer is present, cells in the needle can then come out of the open end, causing cancer to spread throughout the prostate. It may be rare, but this is documented (called tumor seeding). — *B.S.*

ANSWER: I must disagree with you in the strongest possible terms. A biopsy is an essential piece of information to know how to treat a patient. Over decades and tens of millions of biopsies, there have been 42 total cases of seeding that were reported worldwide from the needle tract. This extremely rare event shouldn't prevent a man from understanding what the best treatment of his prostate cancer will be. Other studies haven't shown an association between a biopsy and a subsequent spread of the disease.

I'm very sorry about your boyfriend, but given the slow growth rate of prostate cancer, it's likely your boyfriend had prostate cancer that spread to his bones years before the biopsy was done.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read about a new weight-loss drug that is still

in its clinical trials. It's called retatrutide, and it may have the ability to reduce body weight by as much as 28% over a relatively short period of time. What are some of the dangers of losing weight too quickly? — *B.G.*

ANSWER: I also read the initial studies on retatrutide, and I'm very impressed with the results. The level of weight loss that was seen is in the range of what's expected with bariatric surgery. It acts similar to semaglutide (Wegovy) by stimulating the GLP-1 receptor, but like tirzepatide (Zepbound), it also stimulates the GIP receptor.

Unlike either of these drugs, it also acts on a third receptor called glucagon, and this combined action has shown remarkable results, with nearly two-thirds of study subjects no longer being classified as obese while on the drug.

You're wise to ask about the side effects of so much weight loss at one time. Regardless of the underlying reason for the weight loss, there's the potential for harm whether you lose weight through medications, surgery, or careful adherence to diet and exercise. Gallstones are common during rapid weight loss, and some experts use medication to prevent them.

Bone mass can also be lost by both men and women during weight loss. Making sure that a person gets enough protein and vitamin D can reduce this, and people who are at risk (such as those who had low bone mass to begin with) may be recommended medications to prevent the progression to osteoporosis.

We've seen loss of muscle mass with the existing GLP-1 drugs. To some extent, this is because a person no longer carts around so much weight. Regular exercise, especially weight lifting, and adequate protein intake can help reduce muscle loss as well.

When eating only a few amount of calories to lose weight, a person needs to be careful that they get all the micronutrients they need. I recommend working with a registered dietician or nutritionist to avoid deficiencies.

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



- “I have a pair of pants I wear to garden in. The knees wore out, naturally, and I went to sew patches on the knees. I left the top of the patch open, and when needed I slip a piece of foam rubber in the knee. Magical knee pads!” — R.E. in Oregon

- Are you great behind the lens of your camera and love animals? Consider donating your time to your local animal shelter as a pet photographer. Showing Mittens and Fido off to their best advantage can mean the difference in finding a forever home. Check with your local rescue organizations, too!

- To clean your tarnished silver jewelry, simply line a tray or shallow bowl with aluminum foil, lay the pieces on the foil and fill with a hot water and detergent solution (NOT bleach-containing). You may also use baking soda and hot water. Swish and allow the tarnish to transfer to the foil. Use a soft cloth to dry.

- “If your windshield or back window fogs over, try this trick, borrowed from the bathroom: Spread regular shaving cream over the window and wipe clean with a cloth. Buff off any streaks with newspaper. This will last a good while!” — P.P. in South Carolina

- Now is the time to tighten your cane-bottomed chairs. Flip the chair over, then soak the cane with hot water and allow it to dry fully in the sun.

- “If your plastic wrap gets sticky, place it in the refrigerator. You can even store it there to keep it easy to unroll.” — L.K. in Arizona

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HOLLYWOOD

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PHOTO CAPTION: Sam Neill (1947-2026) as

Dr. Alan Grant in "Jurassic Park" (1993)

HOLLYWOOD — All the times I met **Sam Neill**, I found him to be one of the warmest, friendliest movie stars anyone could hope to meet. At the time of his passing on July 13 at 78, he'd beat blood cancer with chemotherapy and CAR-T cell therapy, which prolonged his life, and he was deemed cancer-free! But he'd been experiencing health issues due to his compromised immune system, which then lead to pneumonia. He was separated from his wife of 28 years, **Noriko Watanabe**. (They had four children and eight grandchildren.)

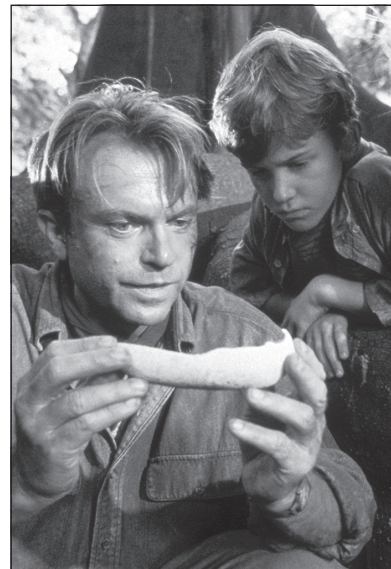
He made 88 films, including two "Jurassic Park" films in 1993 and 2001, as well as "Jurassic World Dominion" in 2022. He also starred in two upcoming films that are set for release. The first is "Godzilla x Kong: Supernova" with **Kaitlyn Dever**, **Dan Stevens**, **Jack O'Connell**, **Matthew Modine** and **Delroy Lindo** (opening in theaters in March 2027). The second is the Philippine rom-com "The Last Resort" with **Daisy Ridley**, **Jo Koy** and **Tia Carrere** (hitting screens in 2027 as well).

Leonardo DiCaprio has completed **Martin Scorsese's** gothic psychological drama "What Happens at Night," opposite **Jennifer Lawrence**, **Mads Mikkelsen** and **Patricia Clarkson**. He's now set to shoot director **Michael Mann's** "Heat 2" in November.

Mann, who gave us the "Miami Vice" series in 1984, is the consummate director of crime films. "Heat" (1995) starred **Val Kilmer**, and DiCaprio is stepping into Kilmer's role of Chris Shiherlis. **Christian Bale** will play Vincent Hanna, a role that was originated by **Al Pacino**.

"Heat" cost \$160 million but only grossed \$187.4 million. Amazon must be confident that the theatrical release, as well as its release on streamer Amazon Prime Video, will make it profitable.

The ever-busy **Robert Pattinson** has recently completed four films. "The Odyssey" opened on July 17, while the crime thriller "Primetime," co-starring **Merritt Wever** and **Anna Faris**, is due later this year. "Dune: Part Three" opens on Dec. 18, and the heist film



Courtesy of Universal Studios

Sam Neill (1947-2026) as Dr. Alan Grant in "Jurassic Park" (1993)

"Here Comes the Flood," co-starring **Denzel Washington** and **Daisy Edgar-Jones**, is set to release on Netflix later this year.

Not to mention "The Batman: Part II," which was supposed to open in October 2027 but has now been shifted to February 2028.

Emily Blunt segued from the \$689.4 million grosses of "The Devil Wears Prada 2" into "Disclosure Day," which surly disappointed **Steven Spielberg** with its \$239.3 million grosses against its \$115 million cost. (It barely broke even.) Blunt has just finished shooting Netflix's romantic drama "Walk the Blue Fields," opposite **Andrew Scott**. Now she's jumping into the final installment of her own box-office-busting franchise — "A Quiet Place Part III."

Cillian Murphy, **Jack O'Connell** and **Jason Clarke** have already filmed their parts, but Blunt's scenes were delayed due to her "Prada 2" press tour. "A Quiet Place Part III" is set to open in July 2027. It's like the old Hollywood star system — when your husband is **John Krasinski**, who's producing and directing the film, he'll undoubtedly have to wait until you're available; these are the blunt facts!

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KOVELS ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING

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By Terry and Kim Kovel

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PHOTO CAPTION: Fauvist artist Maurice de Vlaminck brought his use of bright colors, simple shapes, and free brush strokes to ceramics as well as canvases.

Fauvism Art

Maurice de Vlaminck (1876-1958), born in Paris, was one of the painters who exhibited at the 1905 Salon d'Automne, considered the beginning of the Fauvism art movement. The name "Fauvism" came from a critic's negative reaction to the exhibition, insulting the paintings on display as the work of "wild beasts" ("fauves" in French).

Fauvism was characterized by the use of highly saturated color, abstracted shapes, and loose brushwork, a marked departure from the naturalistic, representational styles that dominated the art world at the time. Although de Vlaminck's fame never quite reached the heights of fellow Fauvists like Henri Matisse, he had considerable success at exhibitions. Art dealer Ambroise Vollard, known for taking risks on avant-garde artists, bought his entire stock of paintings in 1906 and introduced him to ceramist Andre Metthey.

De Vlaminck and Metthey enjoyed a fruitful collaboration for several years, producing about 300 pieces together. De Vlaminck painted the decorations on the ceramics. While the subject matter is different — most of de Vlaminck's best-known paintings are scenic, but his ceramics often feature flowers, like the vase pictured here — the vibrant colors and simple shapes that characterize his work are clearly visible. This vase sold for \$1,905 at Fairfield Auction. Considering that oil on canvas paintings by de Vlaminck can sell for about \$20,000, it's arguably a bargain.

Q: I found some old black-and-white photographs of famous musicians in my basement. The names of the musicians are printed underneath the picture. I have Louis Armstrong, Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, and Muddy Waters. Can you help me find out how much they are worth?

A: Photographs of famous musicians like the ones you listed have been widely reproduced. You said the pictures have the musicians' names printed on them, so check for



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other information, like the photographer's name, copyright date, publisher, or edition number. These will help you determine the values of the photographs. If they are originals, they could be very valuable, and you may want to contact an auction house that sells photographs or celebrity memorabilia for more information. If they are copies, they are probably worth fairly little; about \$10 to \$20 each.

TIP: Don't put a runner or a vase on your wooden table if it is in sunlight. Eventually the finish will fade around the ornaments and leave a shadow of the items on the wood.

CURRENT PRICES

Toy, set, Aero Circus, two airplanes, lead blimp, tower pieces, instructions, box, Newton, 16 inches, \$265.

Medical, cabinet, apothecary, wood, overhanging top, 55 compartments, gilt character labels, metal mounts, shaped base, Chinese, 37 1/2 x 40 inches, \$510.

Print, Japanese, Katsushika Hokusai, The Great Wave, frame, 18 x 22 inches, \$895.

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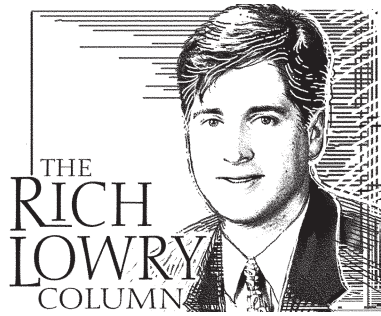
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

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By Rich Lowry



The preposterous case against the new defense bill

Congress has been known to slip indefensible special-interest provisions into large must-pass bills when no one is looking. What it has never done before is use such sleight of hand to hand over control of the U.S. military to a foreign country. But that's what we're told is on the verge of happening on Capitol Hill.

The House just passed the National Defense Authorization Act, a sprawling \$1.15 trillion bill that supposedly includes a provision buried in it "merging" the U.S. and Israeli militaries.

This provision, known as Section 219, has united some of the most fervent anti-Israel conspiracy theorists on the right and the left in denouncing the alleged betrayal of America, from Marjorie Taylor Greene to AOC, from Tucker Carlson to Cenk Uygur.

AOC has warned that the provision "is an existential threat to American sovereignty and democracy." Marjorie Taylor Greene has said anyone who voted for the bill "sold out the American people to a foreign country." Tucker Carlson wants literal treason trials.

So what is the substance of Section 219? Legislation often has obfuscatory titles, but this provision is deemed, with admirable clarity, the United States-Israel Defense Technology Cooperation Initiative. It calls for the secretary of defense to designate "an executive agent" to coordinate between the U.S. and Israel on "bilateral defense technology research, development, testing, evaluation, integration and industrial cooperation." The Pentagon will come up with a plan for such cooperation and report back to Congress.

That's it. There is nothing about merging the general staffs of the U.S. military and the IDF; nothing about creating a joint office where Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and his Israeli counterpart, Israel Katz, work togeth-

er; nothing about giving Bibi Netanyahu partial control of CENTCOM.

That the United States would want a close working relationship with Israel on military technology is hardly surprising. Israel is one of the world's most innovative societies and, given its precarious security environment, has become a leader in advanced defense technologies.

That a nefarious interpretation of the bill has gotten some traction underlines how any preposterous lie, so long as it's about Israel, gets a hearing these days. Like many conspiracy theories, this one depends on a dark view of American society. We are allegedly so corrupt that we are handing control of our military to a foreign country without any senior military leaders or officials in an "America First" administration lodging a complaint. No wonder Tucker Carlson wants the kind of tribunals that attended the end of World War II.

At the first Nuremberg Trials, Wilhelm Keitel was found guilty of crimes against humanity and hanged; at the second Nuremberg Trials, Mike Johnson will be found guilty of supporting mutually beneficial technology sharing between allies — means of execution yet to be determined.

One perversity here is that Netanyahu conceives of the technological cooperation as a substitute for the U.S. military aid that he supports phasing out. In other words, enemies of Israel oppose U.S. military aid, and when a constructive plan is offered for how to go about ending it, they oppose that, too, as an Israeli plot.

Another perversity is that the U.S. should want a very close relationship with Israel on missile defense, an area where Israel excels and that, as we've seen in the Ukraine and Iran wars, is crucial to modern warfare. And yet, the same people who portray themselves as zealously protective of the U.S. national interest want us to turn our back on a source of technological advance.

Israel naturally fits in the Western alliance, but nations ultimately pursue their selfish interests. If we spurn the Jewish state out of irrational animus, it will inevitably look elsewhere and perhaps build a stronger relationship with China. Then we will surely be told by the critics now obsessed with ending the U.S.-Israel relationship that Israel has shown its true colors and deserves even more of our scorn.

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 **Aug. 17, 1579**, Francois, Duke of Alencon and Anjou, visited Queen Elizabeth I of England with the design of winning her hand in marriage — the only suitor to court her in person. He was 23 and Elizabeth 45. Though they became quite close, the queen's subjects heartily disapproved of the idea of a French king, and two years later Elizabeth declined the proposal with what appears to have been genuine regret. She remained single for the rest of her life.

• On **Aug. 18, 1826**, Scottish explorer Alexander Gordon Laing made his way across the Sahara and became the first European to reach the fabled trading city of Timbuktu. Merely weeks after leaving it, he was murdered in his sleep by his own Arab escorts.

• On **Aug. 19, 1914**, Elmer Rice's courtroom drama "On Trial" debuted at New York City's Candler Theatre. It ran for 365 performances and became famous for pioneering the use of the cinematic "flashback" and reverse chronology on stage.

• On **Aug. 20, 1957**, the U.S. Air Force's ultra-high balloon flight Project Manhigh broke the existing altitude record by reaching 101,516 feet over Minnesota and South Dakota with physician and scientist David G. Simons in an aluminum capsule suspended from a helium balloon. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for the achievement.

• On **Aug. 21, 1980**, the animal-rights organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) was incorporated in a basement office in Takoma Park, Maryland.

• On **Aug. 22, 1992**, FBI sniper Lon Horiuchi, while aiming at a fleeing suspect, shot and killed Vicki Weaver during an 11-day siege at her home at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Weaver was unarmed and holding her infant daughter behind the door of her cabin. Horiuchi was initially charged with manslaughter but the charges were dismissed.

• On **Aug. 23, 2018**, the discovery of a bone from a 90,000-year-old hybrid human, half Neanderthal, half Denisovan and thought to be a girl of at least 13 years old, from Anuy River, Siberia, was published in Nature magazine.



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PAW'S CORNER

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By Sam Mazotta

Itchy allergies have this hound howling

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My 2-year-old Bassett Hound, "Harlan," is allergic to something, but we aren't sure what it is. He's got hot spots, especially on his stomach and hind quarters, and he's broken the skin in some places from scratching and biting. Our veterinarian says to treat him for fleas and has prescribed an antibiotic for the scratches. I'm wondering if there is more going on. What do you recommend? — Jake S. in Wheeling, West Virginia

DEAR JAKE: I'm sorry to hear that Harlan is suffering. Allergies can be a real pain, and finding the source can take time.

Eliminating fleas and treating the sores and hot spots is the first step in the process of determining what is causing a pet's allergic reaction. If Harlan responds well to this treatment and has no further problems, that's great. If he doesn't, the next move is to gradually rule out other potential allergens until the culprit is found.

Dogs and cats can have histamine reactions — redness, swelling, sneezing, itching — to three primary culprits: fleas, food and environment. Some very effective flea treatments have been developed over the past several years, so this is the easiest allergy to treat. Food and environmental allergies are tougher.

I'll address food allergies in my next column. This week, what I recommend for pet owners who are dealing with the itching, hot spots and general misery of an allergy, is to contact their vet and follow their instructions on treatment. Reduce dust and pollen inside the home by vacuuming frequently. Treat all your furry pets for fleas, if you haven't done so yet.

And get out your notebook. You'll need to write down your pet's reaction, behaviors and symptoms to start forming a picture of the allergies they may have.

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:

New and Noteworthy

Summer's almost over (although my thermostat doesn't acknowledge this fact), but July and August have introduced us to several new podcasts. It's time to catch up with what's new and downloadable before a dozen more podcasts are launched this fall:

"Better in Person with Stephen Dubner"

— What makes this one-on-one interview podcast different? The host, journalist/author Stephen Dubner ("Freakonomics"), invites his guests into his home "for a kind of conversation that's hard to find — curious, free-wheeling, even profound." They talk, play, eat and drink, which leads to "less interview" and "more shared discovery." Launched just this past July, "Better in Person" has already featured a wide variety of guests, including stand-up comic/mental health advocate Gary Gulman, executive chef Hillary Sterling, and Danish architect Bjarke Ingels. (Freakonomics.com)

"Intimacy Coordinator" — Actor Joel Kim Booster ("Scrubs") has reformatted his podcast "Bad Dates," allowing him to explore more stories of love, sex and relationships with some of his favorite guests — as well as new ones! Guests include fellow podcasters Bowen Yang and Matt Rogers in an episode titled "Sharing Culture," where they discuss the shows, movies and games that "double as relationship litmus tests." In another episode called "Partner Checklists," Booster is joined by three comedians

who share their observations on dating red flags, despite having a firm set of standards on how to avoid them. (SmartLess.com)

"Government That Doesn't Suck" — The government gets a bad rap, but professors Greg Jackson and Lindsey Cormack are gathering "the sharpest thinkers to reveal the real-world impact of the American government, one episode at a time." When it's not trying to divide us, the government's responsible for necessary matters like our roads and other infrastructure. In the premiere episode called "We the Founders," we're treated to a refresher course on the United States Constitution — and how it was intended to "insure domestic tranquility" and "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." (PAVEstudios.com)

Don't Forget These Gems

"Interesting Jobs the Podcast"

— Host Tiffany Babb has a list of interesting jobs herself. In addition to podcasting, she's a poet, a culture critic, and a comic book reviewer. She's selected a wide variety of guests to kick off her new podcast about fascinating occupations. There's the hot dog vendor from Wrigley Field, the president of the Avian Conservation Center in South Carolina, and book designer Katie Klimowicz (just to name a fascinating few). (RSS.com)

"Jackass the Podcast"

— Coinciding with the release of their movie "Jackass: Best and Last," Johnny Knoxville and director Jeff Tremaine relive all the hilariously dangerous stunts they've filmed now that they're safely behind a microphone. Guests include members of the original "Jackass" cast, behind-the-scenes crew, and TV and film execs. Reminisce with Knoxville about the time he broke a plate over director Spike Jonze's head, or how fellow stunt performer Steve-O got fired from a carnival and stalked his way into the group. (ART19.com)

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SALOME'S STARS

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EDITORS: These horoscopes are for use the
week of AUG. 10, 2026.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone who knows you to be courageous and generous asks for help in getting through a crisis. Be prepared for some difficulties, but be assured that you'll overcome them.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Music and merriment dominate at this time. Go ahead and have fun — you've earned it! Meanwhile, don't be surprised if a Leo is there to share the good times with you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Believe in yourself, and your intrepid nature will win out over any lingering timidity that has you wavering over taking a new job. Then go out and celebrate!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Forget about people who are ungrateful despite all that you've done for them. Reward yourself for being the fine person you are. Buy something wonderful and have fun!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone you thought had the same warm feelings for you as you do for them suddenly turns cool. Don't press for an explanation now; this will come later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A new path opens as you work your way through a difficult problem. Friends and family will be there to walk with you. Things begin to get brighter soon.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your need for stability is evident as you face some unsettling choices. Weigh the pros and cons of each on a one-by-one basis until you know enough to make a decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A family situation continues to tax your patience, but it's soon resolved. Stay with it. Meanwhile, someone is waiting for you to follow up on some promises.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A long-awaited career move finally gets started. Meanwhile, a family member's health problem causes some concern, but a doctor has a reassuring diagnosis.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A personal relationship will continue to be tense and troubled, until you surprise everyone by making a rare (for you!) first move to smooth things over.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Most folks perceive you as a serious, no-nonsense type. But surprise them by revealing the fun-loving side of yourself. Meanwhile, an Aries has romantic ideas!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new relationship grows stronger, but don't be pushed into a commitment before you feel like you're ready. It's better to tread water than to dive in over your head.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for balancing fun and function. You also have a deep sense of loyalty that makes you a wonderful friend.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

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By Matilda Charles

The danger of old cookware

When I was expecting a large crowd I needed to pull out all of my old cookware and see if I had enough pieces.

Yes, I had enough pieces. No, I didn't just wash them up and start cooking. Some of the pots and pans were so old I was concerned about PFAS, PFOA and PTFE and whether my cookware was manufactured when use of those chemicals was common.

I went online, and boy, did I learn some things.

The label on my supposedly "free of PFOA" pans doesn't necessarily mean they're safe, because other chemicals could be present. It's the same with "free of PTFE," the nonstick compound used in pots and pans.

The reason: PFOA and PTFE are only two of 9,000 different PFAS chemicals.

To explain: PFAS is called a "forever chemical" because it takes nearly forever to break down in the environment and in our bodies. Long-term use can lead to serious health complications.

PFOA is where the age of some of my cookware became a problem. PFOA is now illegal to use in the manufacture of cookware and has been since 2015. A pan will be especially problematic if it has scratches or is used on high heat.

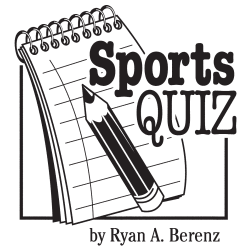
PTFE, on the other hand, is still used. It's the compound that makes our pans nonstick — and it's unregulated. And, when you heat PTFE, you get PFAS and toxic fumes.

So what do we do (other than panic) when we clearly need to replace our kitchen cookware with something that's safe to use?

If we want to change our cookware, we need to be certain we purchase pieces that really are PTFE-free and PFAS-free. Best bets are stainless steel, titanium (no coating) and ceramic-coated pieces. Be sure to research each one you consider.

To get up to speed on these chemicals before you shop, see LeafScore.com, DefendOurHealth.org, MayoClinic.org or Cancer.org.

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SPORTS QUIZ

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By Ryan A. Berenz

1. In January 1958, Cincinnati Bearcats college basketball star Oscar Robertson scored 56 points in a 118-54 rout and singlehandedly outscored which team?

2. In what year did the NFL establish the rule that made it illegal to grab the facemask of any opposing player?

3. Which two American men won singles titles at the two Australian Open tennis tournaments held in 1977?

4. In June 2026, which Milwaukee Brewers hurler delivered a fastball at 105.5 mph, the fastest ever recorded by a starting pitcher in Major League Baseball history?

5. Name the Georgia Bulldogs quarterback who threw four touchdowns and ran for two more in the team's 65-7 rout of the TCU Horned Frogs in the 2023 College Football Playoff national championship game.

6. What was the home arena for the San Jose Sharks during their first two NHL seasons from 1991-93?

7. Rudolf Dassler Schuhfabrik, an athletic shoe company founded in Germany in 1948, evolved into which world-famous sportswear brand?

Answers

1. The Seton Hall Pirates.

2. 1962 (previously, it was legal to grab only the ball carrier's mask).

3. Roscoe Tanner and Vitas Gerulaitis.

4. Jacob Misiorowski.

5. Stetson Bennett IV.

6. The Cow Palace in Daly City, California.

7. Puma.

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By Lucie Winborne

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

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- First cousins may marry in Utah, but only after age 65.

- The first Star Trek series was originally marketed as "Wagon Train to the Stars," after the popular 1957 western TV series "Wagon Train."

- To cut down on high pollution levels, car owners in San Jose, Costa Rica, are prohibited from driving into the city one day out of the week. That day corresponds to the last number on their car's license plate.

- Chickens can see color better than humans.

- Simply thinking about sex can trigger sneezing in some people. Scientists think this may be due to crossed nerve signals in the automatic nervous system.

- Los Angeles has more museums than any other city in the world.

- The sun is actually white. It appears yellow from Earth because our atmosphere tints it that hue.

- Cats don't have a sweet tooth. A genetic mutation prevents our feline friends from tasting sweetness, making them indifferent to sugary foods.

- After pornography, ancestry websites are the most commonly visited on the internet.

- In 1955, Vietnamese Prime Minister Ngo Dinh Diem printed his ballots on red paper, which the Vietnamese consider a very lucky color, and the ballots for his opponent on green paper, which is considered just the opposite. (He won, but not because of color.)

- Being in love and being high on cocaine activate the same portions of the brain.

- When psychologist Timothy Leary entered prison in 1971, he knew how to answer the psychology tests given to inmates because he'd helped design some of the questions. He then manipulated the answers to get a gardening job, which he used to escape.

- The U.S. Supreme Court has its own police force.

Thought for the Day: "You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind." — *Joyce Meyer*

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**Here's what to watch and
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ON NOW: "The Shards" (Limited Series) — Hulu

10-Aug: "Kim's Convenience" (Seasons 1-5) — Peacock

11-Aug: "Dana White's Contender Series" (Season 10) — Paramount+

11-Aug: "Rory Scovel: Show Must Go On" (Comedy Special) — Netflix

12-Aug: "Reacher" (Season 4) — Prime Video

13-Aug: "MLB Field of Dreams: Phillies vs. Twins" (Live Sports Event) — Netflix

13-Aug: "Tires" (Season 3) — Netflix

14-Aug: "Camp Rock 3" (TV-G) — Disney+

14-Aug: "Don't Say Good Luck" (PG-13) — Netflix

16-Aug: "Lanterns" (Season 1) — HBO Max

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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. **Hadestown: The Musical**
(NR) Reeve Carney, André De Shields
4. **Toy Story 5**
(PG) Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
5. **Minions & Monsters**
(PG) Pierre Coffin, Trey Parker
6. **Evil Dead Burn**
(R) Souheila Yacoub, Tandi Wright
7. **The Invite**
(R) Seth Rogen, Olivia Wilde
8. **Young Washington**
(PG-13) William Franklyn-Miller, Mary-Louise Parker
9. **Motor City**
(R) Alan Ritchson, Ben Foster
10. **Obsession**
(R) Michael Johnston, Inde Navarrette

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TRIVIA TEST

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By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries border Argentina?
2. GAMES: What is a perfect score in a bowling game?
3. TELEVISION: In the animated series "Family Guy," what kind of creature is often fighting with Peter?
4. COMICS: What is the name of Batman's butler?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What ingredient gives the Greek liquor ouzo its distinctive taste?
6. LITERATURE: What are the names of Nancy Drew's best friends in the detective novel series?
7. MOVIES: What brand-name underwear does Marty McFly have in the movie "Back to the Future"?
8. SCIENCE: What is the Prime Meridian?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park?
10. ASTRONOMY: What is the largest moon of Saturn?

Answers

1. Five: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil
2. 300.
3. Ernie, the giant chicken.
4. Alfred Pennyworth.
5. Anise.
6. Bess and George.
7. Calvin Klein.
8. An imaginary line at 0-degree longitude.
9. New Mexico.
10. Titan.

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by Freddy Groves

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VETERANS POST

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By Freddy Groves

Confusion over payment for non-VA medical care

Let's hear it for whistleblowers, especially when big money is involved, and most especially when some of that money should have gone into the pockets of veterans.

Specifically, starting in 2001, non-VA medical providers and veterans had 90 days to file for reimbursement for veterans who had sought emergency care. Then in 2022 the Cleland-Dole Act added the requirement that non-VA providers submit payment requests within 180 days for providing nonemergency care. However, there was no mention of veterans having that same 180-day time limit to file for reimbursement, or any time limit at all.

The VA continued, however, to apply the original 90-day payment limit.

Enter the VA Office of Inspector General because of the whistleblower. When asked, the VA identified 78,000 claims — to the tune of \$373 million — that had been denied because they didn't meet the 90-day limit. And no, they hadn't reviewed those 78,000 denied claims. Apparently there was confusion due to the fact that the law was written to give non-VA providers that 180 days, but not veterans.

Further confusion (or so it was said) arose because it wasn't clear whether the 90-day filing period should begin on the date of discharge, the date of a veteran's death during emergency treatment or the date it became clear that a third-party payer would not cover the claim. The VA sought clarification from the policy department ... and promptly dropped the ball, not pursuing answers.

The VA began processing those claims, leaving it to the individual claims processors to decide whether they would use the 90- or 180-day limitation.

If you need to get emergency care at a non-VA medical facility, there are some rules you need to know so it will be paid for. You can read the info at www.va.gov/resources/getting-emergency-care-at-non-va-facilities so you'll know what you should do in an emergency. For example, going to urgent care doesn't count. And someone needs to tell the VA within 72 hours that you've had a medical emergency. You can notify the VA at 844-724-7842.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 44:1-2

We have heard it with our ears, O God; our ancestors have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago. With your hand you drove out the nations and planted our ancestors; you crushed the peoples and made our ancestors flourish.

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down and diagonally.

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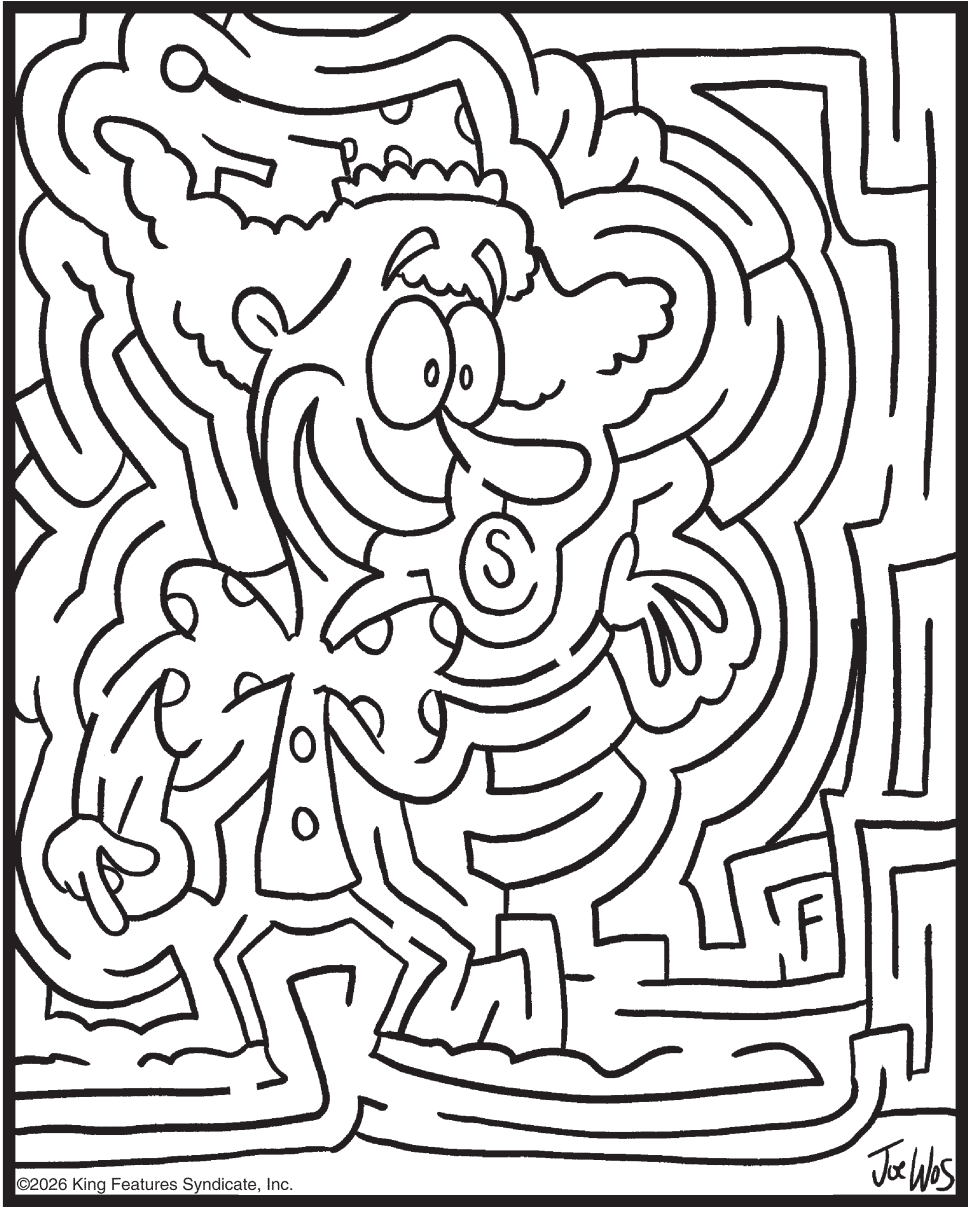
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

F	D	S	E	L	P	O	E	P	A
L	P	I	D	H	A	N	D	N	U
O	L	H	D	E	X	W	C	O	N
U	A	E	A	N	H	E	H	O	G
R	N	A	Y	A	S	S	V	A	E
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X	S	G	R	N	D	T	O	L	D
L	O	N	G	S	E	H	T	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: **G** equals **R**

VL NZPGP QPGP S OVBRY
GPEVHV BRY HGBRO LBRXCPC
AD BXP BL NZP APSNEPY,
QBREC NZPD AP EPXXBXVNPY?

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CryptoQuip answer

If there were a pious
religious group founded
by one of the Beatles,
would they be Lennonites?

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.

DAB PUQPLDPNB MY KMFJLN
UPE PLU LJNAD JO DAPD EMR
BPFL BLMRNA DM HPE DAB
UMWDMF KABL EMR TFBPX
UMKL. — OHBPXBF RLXLMKL

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CryptoQuote answer

The advantage of working day and night is that you earn enough to pay the doctor when you break down. — Speaker Unknown

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. Artist's stand	__ A __ __ __	Ford's flop	__ D __ __ __
2. Film star Marlon	__ __ __ __ __ O	Applejack	__ __ __ __ __ Y
3. Bills of fare	M __ __ __ __	Goddess of love	V __ __ __ __
4. Vault over	__ __ R __ __ __	Football meeting	__ __ D __ __ __
5. Ire	__ N __ __ __	Boring tool	__ U __ __ __
6. Horse cubicle	__ __ A __ __	Motionless	__ __ I __ __
7. Bugs Bunny's treat	C __ __ __ __ __	Talking bird	P __ __ __ __ __
8. Barnyard baby	__ __ I __ __	Inspect	__ __ E __ __
9. Nanny	__ __ T __ __ __	Sibling	__ __ S __ __ __
10. English nobleman	__ __ R __ __	Twirler's stick	__ __ T __ __

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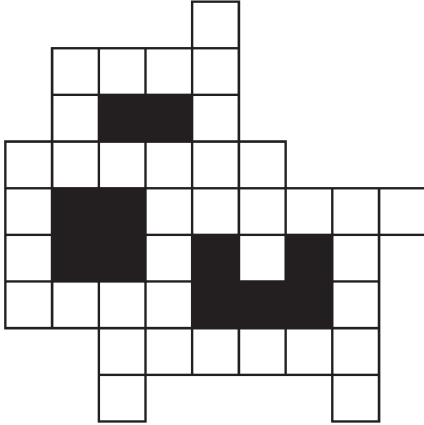
Even Exchange

answers

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Easel, Edsel | 6. Stall, Still |
| 2. Brando, Brandy | 7. Carrot, Parrot |
| 3. Menus, Venus | 8. Chick, Check |
| 4. Hurdle, Huddle | 9. Sitter, Sister |
| 5. Anger, Auger | 10. Baron, Baton |

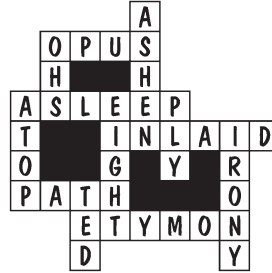


ETD
NADILI
HANSE
PTAO
YOMENT
LYP
♥ PSUO
HETIG
OSH
♥ SEAPLE
RYNIO
AHPT



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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.



Five Spot™

Decisions, decisions

C	O	U	L	D

Is able

Relating to a certain noble

Added something unexpected

Figure skate component

Move slowly

Wishy-washy commitment

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

C	O	U	L	D
D	U	C	A	L
L	A	C	E	D
B	L	A	D	E
A	M	B	L	E
M	A	Y	B	E

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.

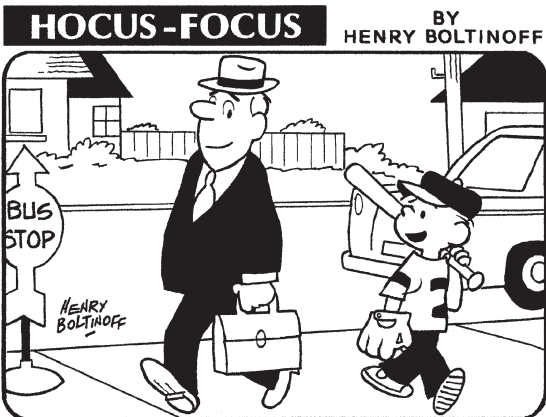
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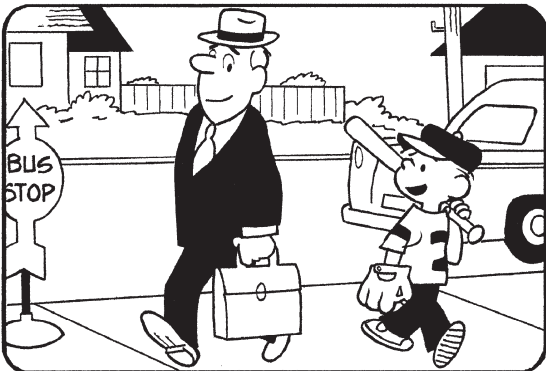
Go Figure!

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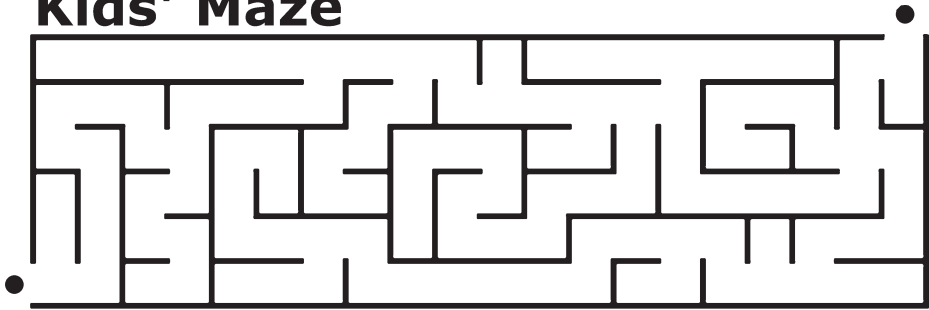
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Line in sidewalk is moved. 2. Window sill is missing. 3. Rear car window is smaller. 4. House window is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Briefcase is larger.

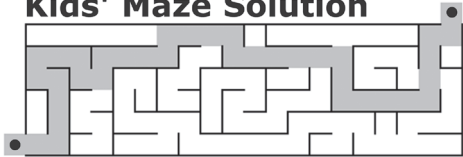
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Kids' Maze



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Kids' Maze Solution



KNIGHT MOVES

B	U	U
C		S
S	M	C

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

B ₇	U ₂	U ₅
C ₄		S ₈
S ₁	M ₆	C ₃

SUCCUMBS

King Crossword

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— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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				L	C	D		A	P	I	A	R
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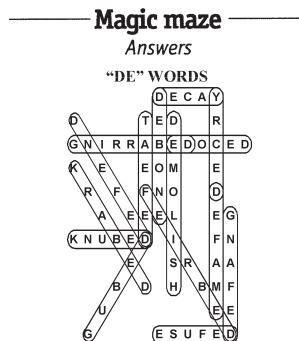
MAGIC MAZE ● “DE” WORDS

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NKDIFDATEDXVRTQ
OMGNIRRABEDOCED
JHKFECAEOMYWEUR
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XVTRAQEEELOMEGK
IHKNUBEDFDIBBFNZ
YTSORFEDWSRVAAT
RQONLBKDIHHBMFF
DCAZUXWVUSRQEEEO
NMKGJIHFESUFEDDE

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

Debar	Debug	Decry	Defend
Debarring	Debunk	Defame	Defuse
Debone	Decay	Defang	Demolish
Debrief	Decode	Defeat	

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene
Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO YOU CALL FLOWERS THAT ARE ALWAYS TARDY?

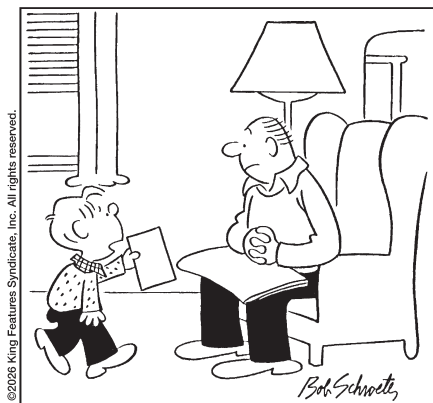
SPIRAL	___	PAIRS	BROWSE	___	SWORE
DASHES	___	SHEDS	GALLON	___	ALONG
PILOTS	___	SPOIL	POSIES	___	SPIES
COURSE	___	SCOUR	COBRAS	___	CRABS
			MARGIN	___	GRAIN
			BUSHEL	___	BLUSH
			CASPER	___	SPACE
			SQUEAK	___	QUAKE

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

SPIRAL	L	PAIRS
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BUSHEL	E	BLUSH
CASPER	R	SPACE
SQUEAK	S	QUAKE



"Bad news, Dad — my grades are pretty awful,
but at least that shows that I'm not
_____."

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!

Avoid
EGHED

Quench
EATS

Lovely
SCINCE

Follow
ALIRT

TODAY'S WORD

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Hedge; 2. Sate
3. Scenic; 4. Trail

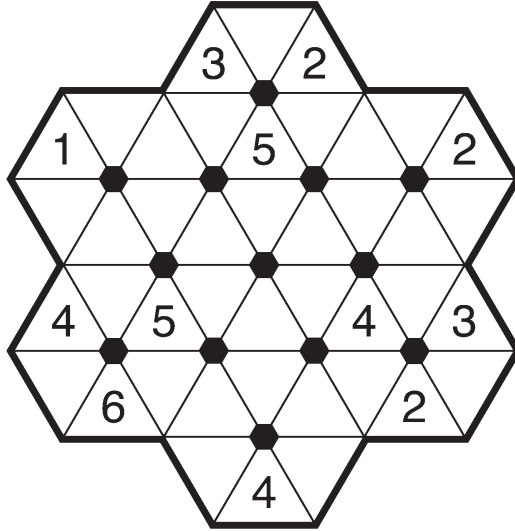
Today's Word

CHEATING

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.



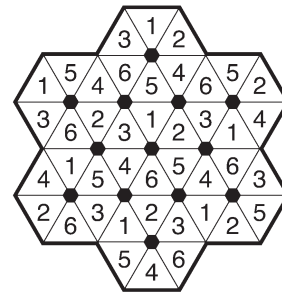
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SNOWFLAKES

solution





**From west to east, which U.S. states
touch Canada land to land (that is,
with no lake or river separating the
two borders)?**

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Stickelers Answer

The U.S. states are Washington, Idaho,
Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, New
York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

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

Super Crossword

ODD DUCKS

ACROSS

- 1 Arctic footwear item
 9 Triaging concern
 15 "Rope- —" (All ring tactic)
 20 Study of forces acting on mechanisms
 21 Twinkled
 22 Adversary
 23 Brief seconds
 24 Diane plays her role flawlessly?
 26 See
 61-Across
 27 Dandy dudes
 28 On guard
 29 Foxx amuses his audience?
 34 Flock babies
 37 Droop
 39 Phone button abbr.
 40 Special span
 41 Granola snack option
 43 Flood preventer
 44 Muscles called "guns"
 47 Paul acts in a serious film?
 50 Military pupils
 52 One of a pair of sense organs
 53 Expiators
 54 Elmer greatly anticipates catching Bugs Bunny?
 57 Favored ones
 60 "Hence ..."
 61 With
 26-Across, maker of Tater Tots
 62 Philadelphia's La —
 University
 63 WWII battle city in France
 64 Adaptable truck, in brief
 65 Christ, in Cremona
 67 Oldham fashions clothes?
 70 Cheer shouts
 74 Court org.
 76 "Look at Me" novelist
 Jennifer
 77 Bunk
 79 Gunk
 80 "ATM" rapper
 83 Small warbler
 84 Wynonna puts out her first album?
 86 Orchestrate
 88 Miracle- —
 90 Brown ermines
 91 Roger describes a news event?
 96 "C'mon, quit it!"
 98 "It's all clear"
 99 Lightning source, informally
 100 TV "Science Guy" Bill
 102 Put in a juicer
 103 One of a pair of sense organs
 104 Cultural spirit
 105 Billy steps off his ship?
 109 Plow inventor John
 111 Swiss mounts
 112 "— had it!"
 113 Jason bounces the basketball?
 117 Kitchen tools
 122 Architect Jones
 123 — d' (head-waiter)
 124 Cubic — (fake diamond)
 125 De Mille the dancer
 126 Less than retail
 127 How this puzzle's nine longest answers are viewed?
 2 Writer Anaïs
 3 Carry- — (flight totes)
 4 Sweaty, say
 5 Straitlaced
 6 Indian tongue
 7 Scale's span
 8 Road curve
 9 Certain
 opening for a bolt
 10 Elated bliss
 11 Gives help
 12 German link
 13 Rx request
 14 Suffix with lime or Gator
 15 Seed casings
 16 Belly flop, say
 17 Unusually big
 18 People eating meals, e.g.
 19 High trains
 25 Maze-running rodent
 27 Mrs., in Berlin
 29 Burglarize
 30 Gourmet
 31 Tenths of centuries
 32 "Judge —" (Stallone film)
 33 Slip up
 34 Piece of mail: Abbr.
 35 Court org.
 36 Mothers, informally
 38 Undercoat for an oil painting
 42 Skilled sorts
 43 Evening eats
 45 People who are hoofing it
 46 Rock layers
 48 — Moines
 49 Perfectly
 51 Song for one
 54 Hazy stuff
 55 Not as young
 56 Pigeon perch, maybe
 58 Yale for whom Yale is named
 59 "I swear —!"
 63 Capitol fig.
 64 No longer bothered by
 66 Remove the cargo from
 68 Hazard
 69 Motions "yes"
 71 "Equus" actress Jenny
 72 Time in a Jacuzzi, e.g.
 73 "Rescue us!"
 75 Road curve
 78 "The Lady" star Michelle
 80 Farr or Foxx
 81 Fighting for change
 82 Called for a pizza, say
 83 Like Cardiff natives
 84 Write hastily
 85 City in Iraq
 87 Go- — (no idler)
 89 Climbing roses
 92 "Am — blame?"
 93 Refusals
 94 Cuts off
 95 Pink Floyd's Barrett
 97 Evening hrs.
 101 Add while proofing
 104 Paul who published many math papers
 106 Surprise win
 107 Tennis legend Chris
 108 Park seat
 110 Threshold
 111 Counter-tenor
 113 Rio carmaker
 114 "— bad boy!"
 115 Slugging club
 116 Razor brand
 117 Israeli weapon
 118 College org. of sisters
 119 Suffix with opal
 120 Tell fibs
 121 Mournful

DOWN

- 1 Do the slopes

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Micro Crossword By Elizabeth C. Gorski

- Across
- 1 Spring meltdowns
- 6 “Whoopee!”
- 7 They may be placed on a property
- 8 Montana, to Pierre
- 9 Fabric flaws

- Down
- 1 Perry who directed Netflix’s 2024 war drama “The Six Triple Eight”
- 2 Port-au-Prince’s nation

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

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- 3 “You’re in ____ of trouble!”
- 4 Customs
- 5 ABBA hit single of 1975

Micro Crossword Answer

T	H	A	W	S
Y	A	H	O	O
L	I	E	N	S
E	T	A	T	
R	I	P	S	

MINI SUDOKU

					4
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4			6		
					3
5		6			
				2	

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

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MINI SUDOKU

Answer

1	5	2	3	6	4
6	3	4	2	1	5
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2	6	5	1	4	3
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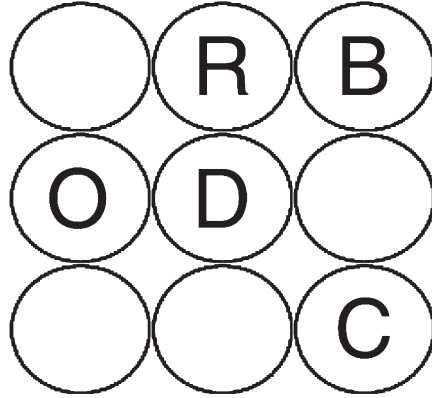
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, 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.

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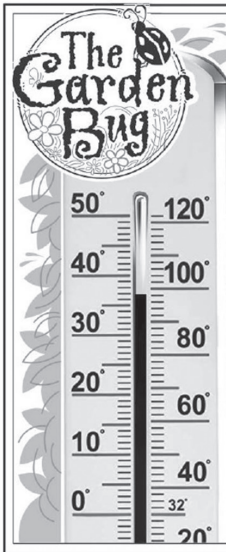
WORD SPIRAL



Word Spiral
Answer
BACKBOARD

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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Heat stress in plants

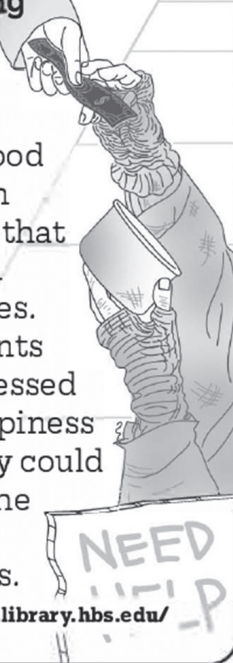
If the temperatures in your area are staying higher than normal, it's tempting to water your outdoor plants more often than you usually do to protect them from the heat. But this may not be helpful! Heat stress is not the same as drought, and too much water in the soil can cause fungal diseases and root rot. It may be more prudent to refresh your mulch. A three-inch-thick layer over the root zone can insulate the roots against the heat and help retain moisture in the soil longer.

— Brenda Weaver
Source: theprudentgarden.com

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Fun Fact

A study by Harvard Business School found that **giving** to other people lifted the giver's mood more than spending that money on themselves. Participants also expressed more happiness when they could witness the receiver's happiness.



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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises. He boasts about the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord. In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

Psalm 10: 2-4



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Americanisms



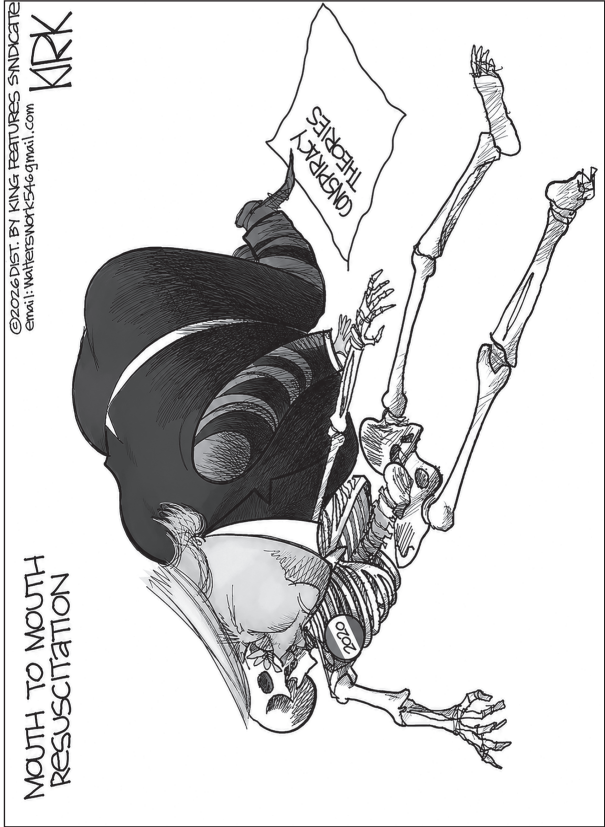
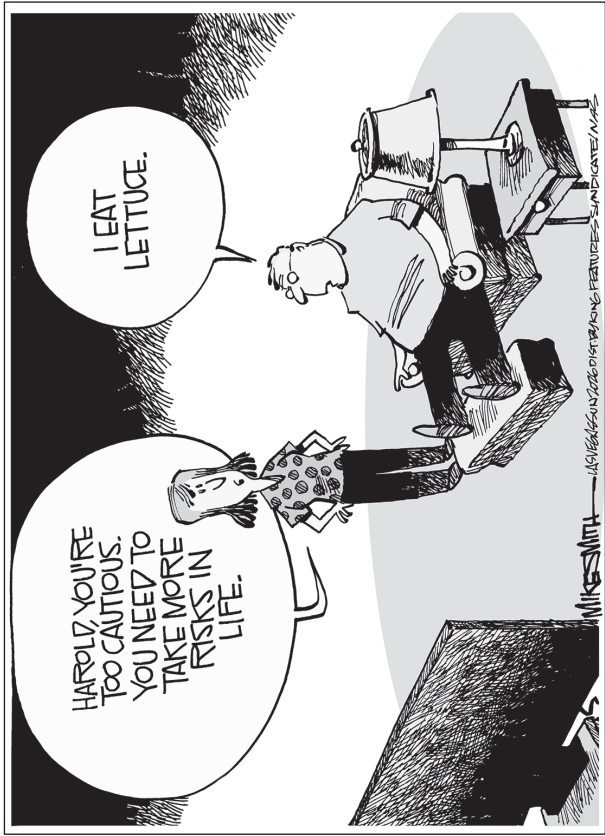
"We all have to play as a team to make the world a better place."

— Magic Johnson

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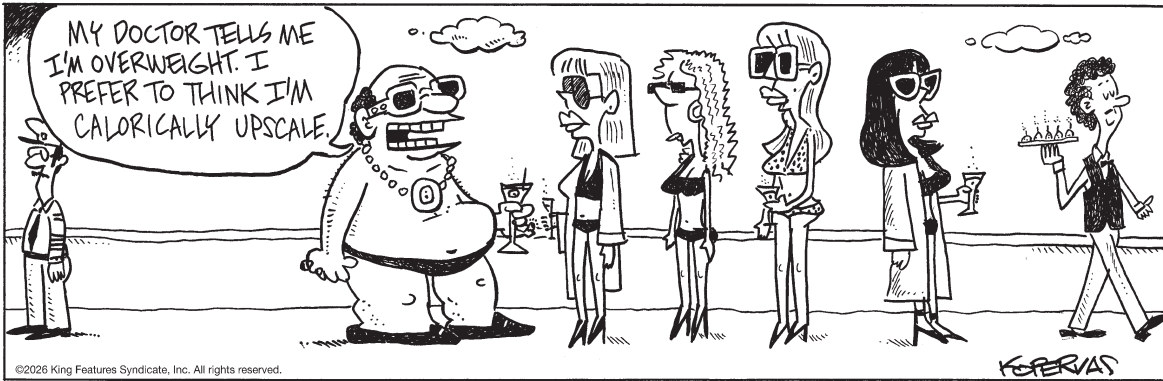
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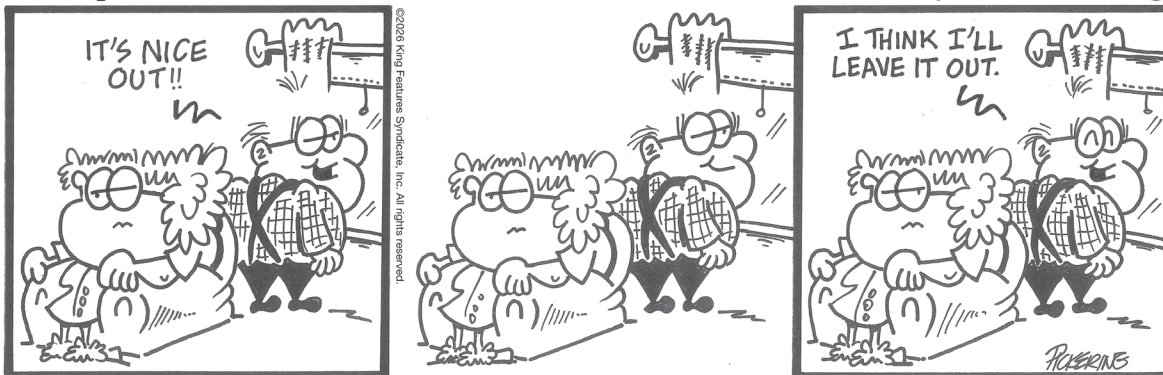
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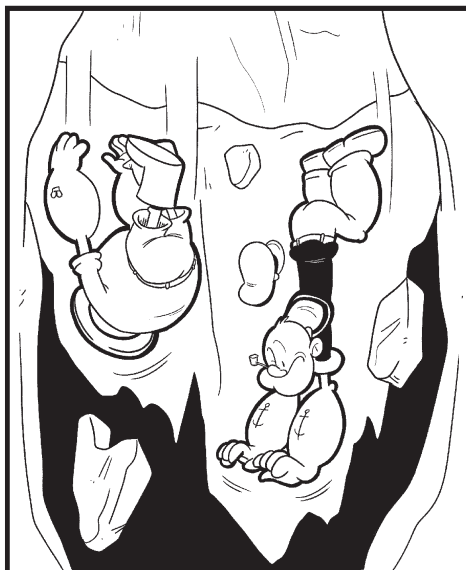
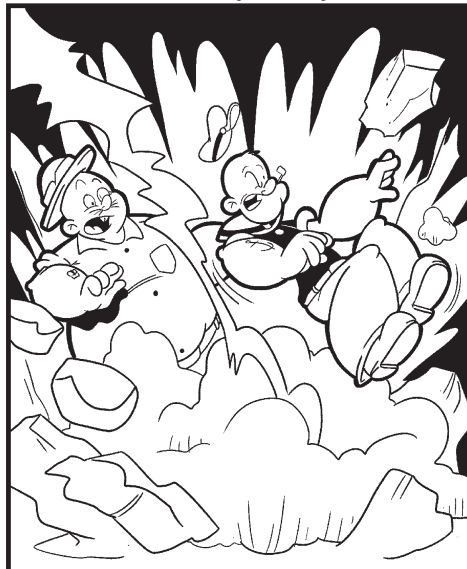
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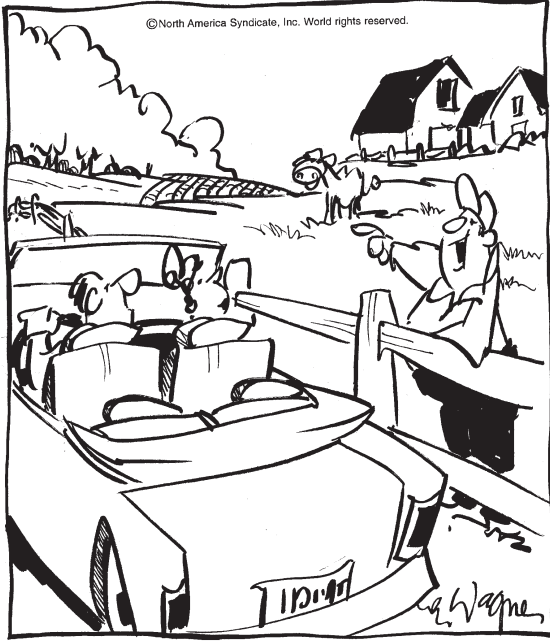


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GRIN and BEAR IT ^{Wagner}

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"It's about three gallons thataway."

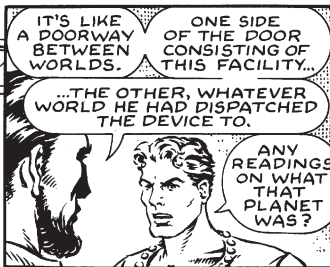
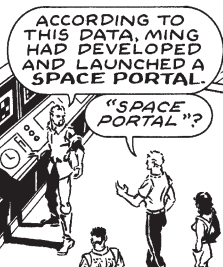
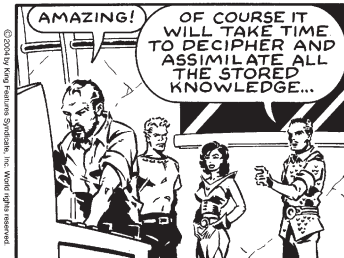
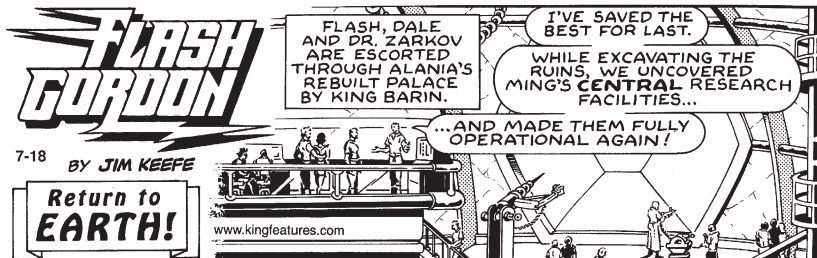
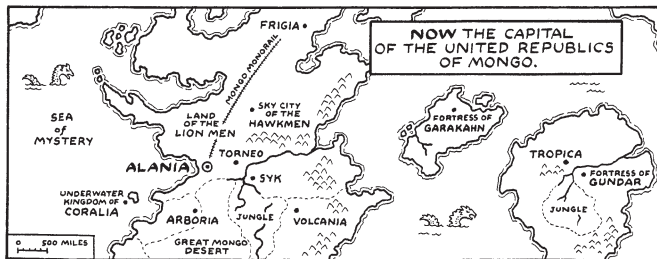
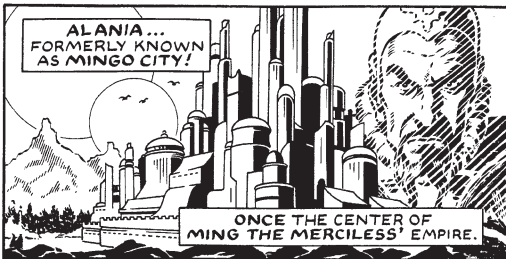
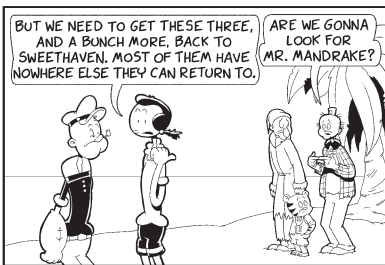
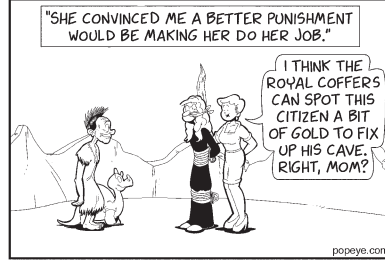
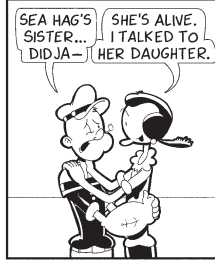
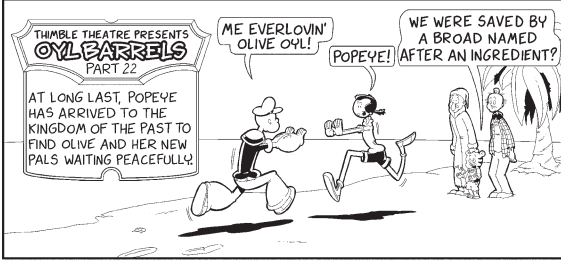
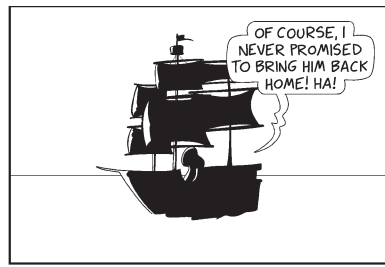
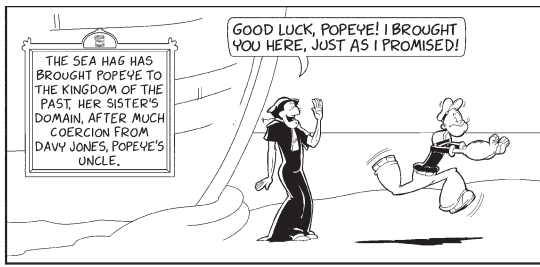
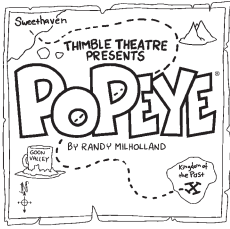
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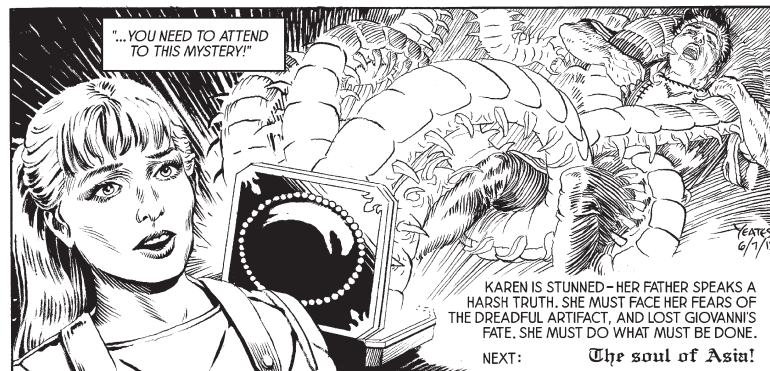
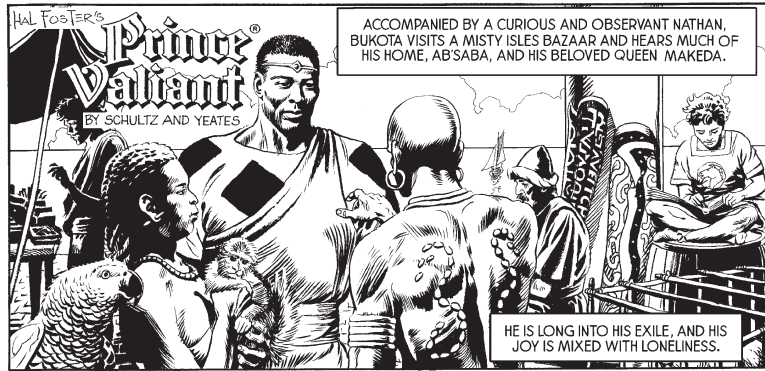
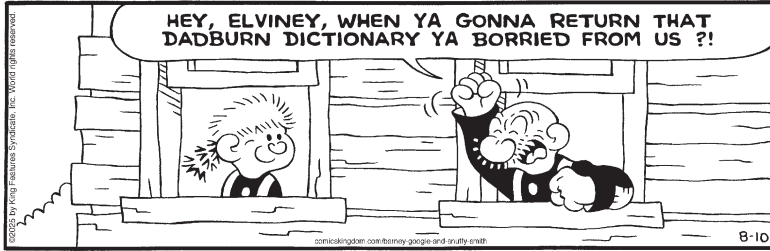
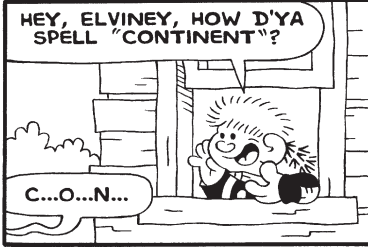
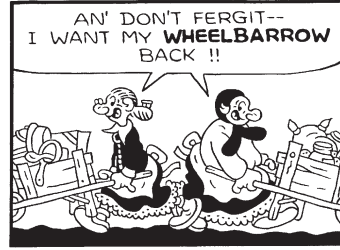
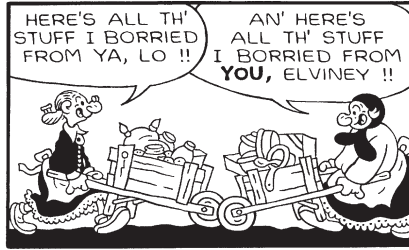
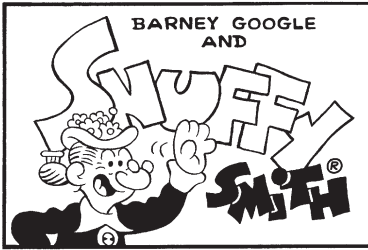
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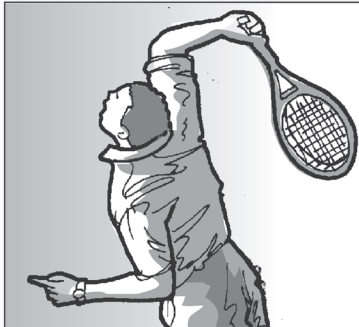
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STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS



SERVICE MOTION

In order to get all the power possible on your serve, try to bring your racket back behind your back before you hit.

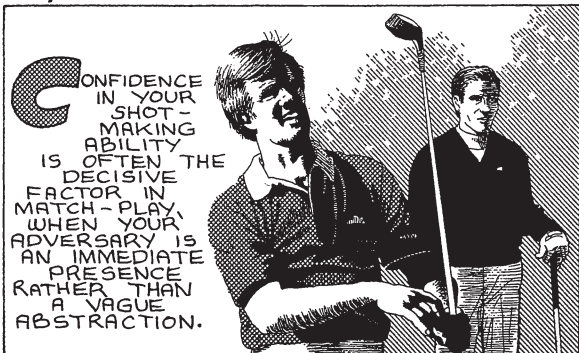
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You should think in terms of uncoiling and snapping up toward the ball as you swing forward – trying to whip through the ball.



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