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DONNA ERICKSON'S BEST BITES

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By Donna Erickson

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Make an Easy Zucchini Soup the Hit of the Season

“Go pick anything that’s bigger than your arm!” says Becca Newhouse, as 4-year-old son Ellis grabs a bucket and scampers off to the zucchini patch in their family garden. “If he sees a veggie that’s too ripe, he chucks it over the fence to the chickens,” she adds with a smile.

Becca knows firsthand that when kids dig in and help in the garden, the experience informs their eating habits. “Ellis actually asked for beets for lunch recently, a food he wouldn’t touch if he saw them in the grocery store. He eats handfuls of flavorful lettuce, although he still hesitates on the chard,” she admits.

When zucchini are in abundance, the nutritious squash will go from their plot to their plates in tempting presentations, whether they’re grilled, baked, boiled, sauteed, or hiding in a home-baked bread.

Even if you haven’t “grown your own,” you can provide a hands-on learning experience with your kids by taking a weekend jaunt to designated pick-your-own farms and orchards. Or bike together to an urban farmer’s market and check out the colorful displays. When you do, bring home plenty of zucchini and try this mild zucchini soup. Since you don’t have to peel this vegetable, the recipe goes together in minutes.

EASY ZUCCHINI SOUP

Makes 6-8 servings

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, roughly chopped
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 5-6 medium-size zucchini (about 2 1/4 pounds)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons nutmeg
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 cup half-and-half

Let your school-age child wash the zucchini and cut it into 1-inch chunks with a butter knife on a cutting board. Be sure that the ends are trimmed off.

Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large soup pot. Add onion and cook until the onions are soft but not brown, about 5 minutes.

Add stock and zucchini. The broth should just cover the chunks. Add nutmeg and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Lower heat and simmer until zucchini is very soft, about 12-15 minutes.



Use an immersion hand blender to blend the ingredients. Or let soup cool (important!) and process in batches in a blender or food processor until smooth. Return the soup to the pot.

Stir in half-and-half, season with more salt if you wish, and heat through. Serve in a mug or soup bowl with a sandwich and fresh fruit on the side.

Cook’s Note: The soup freezes well.

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

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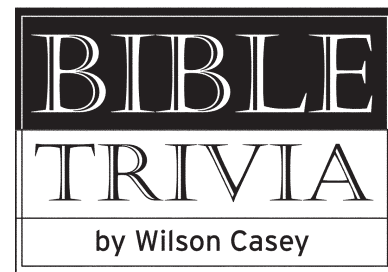
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BIBLE TRIVIA

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By Wilson Casey



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

2. Which king wanted to see miracles when the arrested Jesus was before him? *Pilate, Shishak, Herod, Solomon*

3. From Judges 3, who was the left-handed Benjamite who killed Eglon? *Geshem, Agag, Ehud, Joram*

4. How many beasts rising out of the sea did Daniel have a dream about? *4, 7, 13, 20*

5. From Judges 1:6, which king had his thumbs and toes cut off? *David, Adoni-Bezek, Josiah, Herod*

6. Whose biblical name meant "messenger"? *Aaron, Moses, Samuel, Malachi*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Herod, 3) Ehud, 4) Four, 5) Adoni-Bezek, 6) Malachi

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

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By Steve Becker

EAST SELLS A BILL OF GOODS

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q J 8

♥ Q 5

♦ A Q 10 9 3

♣ K 4 2

WEST

♠ 3

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 8 7 5 4

♣ 10 9 7 5

EAST

♠ K 9 7 6

♥ 8 6 2

♦ 6 2

♣ Q J 8 6

SOUTH

♠ A 10 5 4 2

♥ J 10 7 4

♦ K J

♣ A 3

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — king of hearts.

It may sometimes be necessary to misrepresent your hand to partner in order to achieve a particular goal. This is especially true on defense when a situation arises where you can afford to mislead partner without causing your side any injury.

Here is a typical case. Assume you're East and partner leads the king of hearts against four spades. You can tell from the bidding that declarer will almost surely make the contract with

normal play. The most you can hope to score on defense are two hearts and a trump trick, since South must have the diamond king and the two black aces for his opening bid.

But you shouldn't be willing to concede the contract without putting up a fight. You might be able to throw a scare into declarer that will cause him to lose a trick he would not ordinarily lose.

So, with this in mind, you play the eight of hearts on West's king and the two when he continues with the ace. By playing the 8-2 in this fashion, you indicate that you would like partner to lead another heart.

When West continues with the three, South, who has observed your high-low, is very likely to conclude that you asked for the suit to be continued because you started with a doubleton heart. Since he has no good reason to doubt this, he is apt to ruff with dummy's jack of trump -- and if he does, you've got him!

When you follow suit to the third heart, South will realize he's been had, but it's then too late for him to do anything about it. Regardless of how he continues, he cannot prevent you from scoring two trump tricks, and the seemingly certain contract goes down the drain.

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by Steve Becker



by Dana Jackson

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

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By Dana Jackson

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Photo Caption: Michael Douglas and

Catherine Zeta-Jones

Q. Has Catherine Zeta-Jones retired from acting? Also, has she ever starred in anything with her husband, Michael Douglas? — *R.B.*

A. While Catherine Zeta-Jones' level of stardom isn't as high as it was during the earlier part of her career, when she starred in movies like "The Mask of Zorro" and "Chicago" (the latter of which she won an Oscar for), she's still acting — a lot. She currently plays Morticia Addams in the Netflix series "Wednesday," and right before this, she starred in two short-lived shows: "National Treasure: Edge of History" on Disney+ and "Prodigal Son" on Fox.

If you missed it, be sure to check out her portrayal of the late, great film star Olivia de Havilland in the TV miniseries "Feud" (on Hulu), opposite Jessica Lange's Joan Crawford. Even though she wasn't nominated for an Emmy, it's a series that's worth watching for its fabulous depiction of an on-set rivalry during Hollywood's Golden Age.

Also, Zeta-Jones isn't slowing down anytime soon. She's co-starring with Sir Anthony Hopkins in the upcoming movie "A Visit to Grandpa's," which takes place in her native Wales, and you can currently catch her in the new Amazon Prime Video series "Kill Jackie."

As for her hubby, Michael Douglas, they both starred in the Oscar-nominated film "Traffic" in 2000, but didn't share any scenes together. They actually had met two years earlier at a film festival and tied the knot a month before "Traffic" premiered.

Q. When's the new season of "The Last of Us" coming out? I'm still upset that Pedro Pascal isn't in it anymore. He's my favorite actor. — *H.S.*

A. While the third season of the hit HBO series "The Last of Us" was renewed back in April 2025, like most cable and streaming series these days, there can be years between a new set of episodes. According to HBO's CEO Casey Bloys, we do know that the magical year will be 2027 — but not before then.

Recently, it was announced that the



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Michael Douglas and
Catherine Zeta-Jones

great John Goodman ("The Righteous Gemstones") has joined the cast, along with two new actors — Laura Bailey and Ian Alexander — who incidentally did voice work for the video-game version of "The Last of Us."

Q. I thought Ben Stiller's daughter was really good in "The Comeback." Is she going to be in anything else soon? — *M.G.*

A. Ben Stiller grew up with two hilarious actor parents — Anne Meara and Jerry Stiller, who formed their own comedy duo. The funny genes are strong in their family and in Ben's wife, Christine Taylor ("The Brady Bunch Movie"). So, it's no wonder that their daughter, Ella Stiller, appears to be a natural as well. She played Lisa Kudrow's accident-prone assistant in the HBO series "The Comeback" and also had a recurring role in "And Just Like That ..."

Next up for Ella is the CBS legal drama series "Cupertino," where she'll be a series regular alongside Mike Colter ("Luke Cage") and Busy Philipps ("GirlsSeva").

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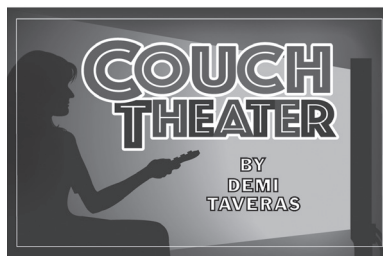
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Photo Caption: From left, Arturo Castro,

Jessica Biel, John Cena, Teyonah Parris and

Sam Richardson star in “Matchbox: The
Movie.”



“Spider-Man: Brand New Day” (PG-13) — The fourth installment in Tom Holland’s “Spider-Man” film series is finally out to rent on Oct. 6 after its legendary run in theaters, where it became the third-highest-grossing film of all time! (Luckily, Marvel isn’t holding back with on-demand streaming of the film, like Universal is with Christopher Nolan’s “The Odyssey.”) Zendaya (“The Odyssey”) and Jacob Batalon (“The Wrecking Crew”) are back in their roles from the previous three films, while Jon Berthal’s Punisher makes his first appearance in the series. More newcomers include Florence Pugh (“Thunderbolts”), who joins the cast as her MCU character Yelena Belova, and Sadie Sink (“Stranger Things”) makes her debut in the MCU as Jean Grey. The film picks up four years after Dr. Strange’s spell wipes Peter’s (Holland) existence off the face of the planet. (Amazon Prime Video)

“Animals” (R) — After teaming up with his longtime buddy Matt Damon for action-thriller film “The Rip,” Ben Affleck is back on Netflix with this crime thriller, co-starring Kerry Washington (“Wake Up Dead Man”) and Gillian Anderson (“The Julia Set”). “Animals” follows Los Angeles mayoral candidate Mark Kimball (Affleck), whose son suddenly gets kidnapped during his political campaign. The kidnapper demands a ransom, but with all his money spent on his campaign, Mark is forced to resort to more dangerous methods of getting his child back. In turn, amid the chaos, secrets from his and his wife’s past emerge that they never expected to come to light. Steven Yeun (“The Rip”) and Adriana Paz (“A Mouthful of Ash”) round out the rest of the cast. Stream it on Oct. 9! (Netflix)

“Avatar: Seven Havens” (TV-PG) — If you have any Zillennials in your home, you know the chokehold that “Avatar: The Last Airbender” still has on them. It’s long regarded as one of the best animated fantasy series of all time and introduced us to beloved characters like Aang, Katara, Zuko, Appa and more. Shortly after the original “Avatar” series ended, a sequel series, “The Legend of Korra,” aired from 2012 to 2014. Now, 12 years later, a third series is set to premiere on Oct. 9, following Korra’s Avatar successor, Pavi, who’s also a reincarnation of Korra. Taking place 225 years after “Korra,” Pavi and her twin sister, Nisha, team up to save the Seven Havens before an apocalyptic event destroys their world. (Paramount+)



Courtesy of Apple TV

From left, Arturo Castro, Jessica Biel, John Cena, Teyonah Parris and Sam Richardson star in “Matchbox: The Movie.”

“Matchbox: The Movie” (PG-13) — After the \$1 billion feat that “Barbie” (2023) achieved in theaters, Mattel had no choice but to wonder, “What if we made movies about every iconic toy we have?” However, because “Masters of the Universe” bombed, they decided to go for a streaming-only release for this action-comedy film based on the Matchbox toy cars. John Cena (“Coyote vs. Acme”) leads the film as spy and former soldier Sean Walker, who reconnects with the childhood friends he used to play cars with. But while they’re at the bar, the entire group gets drugged and kidnapped by a group of criminals who are searching for a nuclear warhead; and even though his past almost gets his old friends killed, they decide to help Sean in an attempt to steal the bomb and clear their names. Check it out on Oct. 9. (Apple TV)

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DIVAS ON A DIME

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By Patti Diamond

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PHOTO CAPTION: Ground beef, with protein-rich TVP and beans, becomes a filling for burritos, casseroles or sweet potatoes.



A Pound of Beef, a Little TVP and Dinner to Spare

There's a kindness in opening the freezer at 5:30 and finding that someone has already started dinner. Even better when that someone was you, when you had a skillet out and enough energy to chop an onion.

This Tex Mex beef and bean filling is worth making once and doubly worth making twice. It can become burritos tonight, sweet potatoes next week and a pot of chili on a day when the question "What's for dinner?" feels like a personal attack.

The trick in this Tex Mex filling is TVP, or textured vegetable protein. It takes on the flavors of the skillet and adds protein while helping stretch one pound of beef into about 5 cups of filling.

My family's favorite is the filling spooned over baked sweet potatoes with cheese and green onions. The sweet potatoes and savory filling are wonderful together.

If you have freezer space, double it and set half aside for future you. I use frozen chopped peppers and onions; one 16-ounce bag is just right when I double the recipe.

SUNDAY SUPPER STARTER: TEX MEX BEEF AND BEAN FILLING

Yield: About 5 cups, enough for 6 generously filled burritos
Total Time: 35 mins.

*1/2 cup beef broth or bouillon
1/2 cup dry TVP (textured vegetable protein)
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups mixed onion and bell peppers, chopped
1 pound ground beef (80/20 blend)
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 tablespoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika, chipotle powder or ancho chili powder
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 (15-ounce) can black, kidney or pinto beans, drained
1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chiles, undrained
Salt and pepper, to taste*



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Ground beef, with protein-rich TVP and beans, becomes a filling for burritos, casseroles or sweet potatoes.

Heat the broth until steaming. Stir in the TVP and let stand for 5 minutes, or until the broth is absorbed. Set aside.

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and peppers and cook until softened and beginning to turn golden, about 5 minutes.

Add the ground beef and break it into small pieces. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the beef is no longer pink and reaches 160 F. Do not drain.

Stir in the tomato paste and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in the cumin, chili powder, brown sugar, paprika or chili powder, and oregano. Cook for about 30 seconds, until fragrant.

Add the rehydrated TVP, beans and tomatoes with their juices. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until the mixture is thick enough to mound on a spoon, about 8 to 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. If it becomes too dry, add a splash of broth or water.

TO FREEZE AND REHEAT

Divide the filling into portions sized for your household. Refrigerate or freeze within 2 hours of cooking. For best quality, plan to use them within 2 to 3 months. Refrigerated portions should be used within 3 to 4 days.

Thaw overnight in the refrigerator, then reheat in a covered skillet over medium-low heat, stirring and adding water or broth if needed. You can also reheat a frozen portion in a covered skillet over low heat, stirring as it loosens. Heat the filling throughout to 165 F.

That's enough for six generously filled burritos, but burritos are only the beginning. Spoon it over rice, tuck it into stuffed peppers or turn it into soup, chili or an enchilada casserole.

It's the sort of dinner that makes everyone think we had a plan all along. Because we did.

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FLASHBACK

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By Mick Harper

1. Which singer provided the sound track for the 1989 movie “When Harry Met Sally”?

2. Which duo wrote and released “So Sad”?

3. What was the name of the camp in Allan Sherman’s “Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh!”?

4. What was the name of the bridge in “Ode to Billie Joe”?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “You drove me, nearly drove me out of my head, While you never shed a tear, Remember, I remember all that you said.”

Answers

1. Harry Connick Jr. He covered big band standards such as “Love Is Here to Stay” and “Stompin’ at the Savoy.” The soundtrack climbed the Traditional Jazz chart to reach No. 1 while Connick netted a Grammy for Best Jazz Male Vocal Performance.

2. The Everly Brothers, in 1960. The song has been covered by several others over the years, including Emmylou Harris and Connie Smith.

3. Camp Granada, in 1963. It won a Grammy and was added to the United States National Recording Registry.

4. Tallahatchie Bridge.

5. “Cry Me a River,” by Julie London, in 1955. London’s version was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2001. Others have released covers, including Joe Cocker and Michael Bublé.

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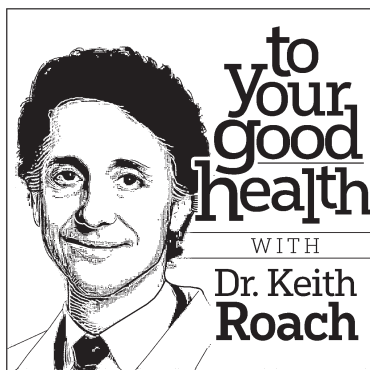
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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

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By Dr. Keith Roach



Frequent MRIs and Cancer Surveillance Cause Patient Anxiety

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm writing to seek your perspective on a diagnosis that has caused me significant anxiety. A recent incidental finding on an MRI, followed by an endoscopic ultrasound, revealed a cluster of several small cysts (3-7 mm) in my pancreas. They're suspected to be branch-duct intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasms (IPMNs). My main pancreatic duct is mildly enlarged.

My doctors have recommended an MRI/MRCP with and without contrast in six months, followed by ongoing monitoring every six months to two years. I've been told that IPMNs are precancerous but usually don't progress to cancer. The thought of frequent, lengthy MRIs and long-term cancer surveillance is overwhelming.

Is this intense level of monitoring truly necessary for cysts that are this small, or is it overly aggressive? Are there any safe alternatives such as shorter, non-contrast scans to help me manage the burden of testing? I'd deeply appreciate any guidance you can provide on how to balance medical safety with peace of mind.
— J.D.

ANSWER: As you say, IPMNs can progress to pancreatic cancer, which is why your doctors want to keep a careful eye on them. There are several guidelines on the management of these cysts. The main risk factor in a person developing cancer is the size of the cyst; however, a dilated main pancreatic duct is also a worrisome feature, according to the guidelines.

Because of the dilated duct, the risk for developing cancer in the next five years is about 10%. Even though this means

that 90% of the time you won't develop cancer, doctors can find and potentially cure one person for every 10 people who agree to a careful follow-up.

CT scans aren't as accurate and have the downside of ionizing radiation. I do understand that MRIs do take a long time (and can be very noisy), but your risk is high enough that I'd add my recommendation to your doctors' to get the follow-up scans.

You should also get CA19-9 blood testing. If the main pancreatic duct enlarges over time (by more than 2 mm per year), then it's time to consult a surgeon. It's your body and your choice; however, an MRI is a time-consuming but safe way of checking the stability of these cysts.

DR. ROACH WRITES: A recent column on vertigo led many readers to question whether the reader had Meniere's disease, rather than benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV). The information provided wasn't enough to be sure, but the reader noted that a BPPV diagnosis had been confirmed.

There are several ways that a clinician can help separate these two diagnoses. In people with BPPV, vertigo is usually triggered by a change in head position; whereas with Meniere's, vertigo is spontaneous. Attacks last for seconds to at most 1 minute in BPPV, but with Meniere's, they can last anywhere from 20 minutes up to 12 hours.

In addition, Meniere's disease causes hearing loss, which isn't always noticed by the patient. Tinnitus and a sense of fullness in the ear are common with Meniere's. Maneuvers that are done by clinicians in the office can also help separate the conditions.

People can also have both BPPV and Meniere's, which complicates things. When I'm not certain, I often order audiology testing or send my patient to an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of vertigo. Another reader wrote in to tell me that I should've mentioned that neurologists and ENT physicians often have expertise in managing cases of dizziness, if the problem can't be solved by the primary physician. Receiving the right diagnosis is essential to getting the right treatment.

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

- “Apply petroleum jelly to the panes of your windows before painting the trim. This works better than masking tape in many ways. It is easily removed, and even large paint flecks come right off.” — P.S. in Illinois

- For easy-cleanup pancakes, use a turkey baster to “squirt” the batter in the frying pan. No drips, and it usually results in a pretty good circle, too!

- When you are able to pick up extra meat at a great price, you want to be sure that while it’s frozen, it maintains its best taste. Use this tip to vacuum seal your meat without any special equipment! Add meat pieces to a plastic, zipper-top bag. Fill a large pot several inches deep with water. Seal the bag, but leave an inch or so unsealed. As you lower the bag into the water (zipper top up) the air will escape through the unsealed portion. When no air remains, seal the bag and then remove from the water.

- “Have you tried this single-serving blender hack using a mason jar? Most standard size blender blades can be screwed on to a pint Mason jar. If you’re one of the lucky ones, you can make single servings of smoothies to blend and go.” — T.U. in South Carolina

- “Baby have diaper rash? One of the best remedies is ‘air time’ — that is, letting baby go without a diaper for a bit. Another simple soother is a baking soda bath. Try adding 2-4 tablespoons of baking soda to Junior’s bathwater.” — J.C. via email

- After you’ve cooked your chicken whole, remove the meat and throw the bones and remaining carcass in the slow cooker with 3-4 cups of water. Let it cook on low for several hours for a spectacularly flavorful broth.

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HOLLYWOOD

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(Upcoming in “The Exorcist: Martyrs”)

HOLLYWOOD — **Scarlett Johansson**, 41, is one of the most successful actresses of our time. She is obviously a super heroine and makes a good deal of her estimated \$3.3-billion fortune from starring in super-hero movies such as “Iron Man 2,” “The Avengers” franchise, the “Captain America” franchise, “Thor,” “Captain Marvel,” and “Jurassic World Rebirth.”

Now Johansson’s joining “The Exorcist” franchise for “The Exorcist: Martyrs,” co-starring **Chiwetel Ejiofor**, **Carla Gugino**, **John Leguizamo**, **Diane Lane** and **Lawrence Fishburne**. It’s set to open in March 2027. The film’s director **Mike Flanagan** has an obsession with scary films, having directed **Stephen King’s** “Doctor Sleep” (2019). His psychological horror “Oculus” (2013) cost \$5 million and earned \$44.4 million in box-office grosses, and his supernatural horror “Ouija: Origin of Evil” (2016) cost \$12 million cost and grossed \$85 million. He also directed “The Life of Chuck” (2024), a fantasy drama, which earned \$21.4 million.

Additionally, Flanagan’s \$40-million body-horror film “Clayface,” with **Tom Rhys Harries**, opens on Oct. 23. Meanwhile, Johansson’s upcoming in another super-hero franchise for “The Batman: Part II,” with **Robert Pattinson**, **Jeffrey Wright**, **Colin Farrell** and **Charles Dance**. It’s set for a February 2028 release. She’s becoming more famous than that other Scarlett ... O’Hara!

Timothee Chalamet is so under **Kylie Jenner’s** spell that he’s laid off making any films. His last on-camera shoot was “Dune: Part Three,” which was completed in November 2025. While he makes cow eyes at Jenner, **Austin Butler’s** cranking out “Enemies” with **Jeremy Allen White**. **Glen Powell’s** completed the comedy “The Comeback King” for a February 2027 release, as well as “The Great Beyond” for an October 2027 release.

Jake Gyllenhaal finished the supernatural thriller “Remain” for a February 2027 release, “Road House 2” with **Dave Bautista**, and the comedy “Honeymoon with Harry” with **Kevin Costner**, **Rita Ora** and **Shaggy**.

Henry Cavill’s completed “Voltron” with **Sterling K. Brown** and **Rita Ora**, which is set to release next year. He’s also completed the “Highlander” reboot with **Russell Crowe**, **Dave Bautista**, **Djimon Hounsou** and **Jere-**



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Scarlett Johansson (Upcoming in “The Exorcist: Martyrs”)

my Irons. (No release date yet.)

Chris Hemsworth’s full speed ahead with five upcoming films. The first is “Avengers: Doomsday” on Dec. 18. Then there’s “Stuntnuts: The Movie” with **Sam Rockwell** and **John Cena**. Next up are “Subversion” with **Lily James** and **Michael Pena**; the crime thriller “Kockroach” with **Taron Egerton**; and finally “Extraction 3” with **Idris Elba** and **Pierce Brosnan** for Netflix.

Oh, yes, **Chris Evans** will be back as Captain America in “Doomsday.” Not to be left out is **Chris Pratt** (who was shown no “Mercy” in his latest film that only grossed \$54.7 million of its \$60-million cost). He has completed Apple TV’s “Way of the Warrior Kid,” which drops on Nov. 20. He’s also set to voice Garfield again in the sequel to 2024’s “The Garfield Movie,” which grossed \$257.2 million.

Nicole Kidman’s completed her 77th film — the horror epic “The Young People” with **Johnny Knoxville** and **Heather Graham**. Unfortunately, her 76th film “Practical Magic 2,” co-starring **Sandra Bullock**, **Diane Wiest**, **Stockard Channing** and **Lee Pace**, didn’t fare too well, only recouping \$93.7 million of its \$75 million budget so far. But this won’t slow Kidman down — she’s an expert at Cruise control, and before we know it, she’ll hit her 80th film!

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KOVELS ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING

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By Terry and Kim Kovel

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PHOTO CAPTION: Happy Halloween! Time to
raise a toast to all things spooky.

Memento Mori

What could be creepier than drinking out of a skull? Porcelain manufacturers in Germany have been making skull-shaped steins for hundreds of years. The one pictured here, which sold for \$343 at Fox Auctions, was created by Ernst Bohne Sohne. This company started as a decorating studio in 1848 and was taken over by Geb-ruder Heubach, famous for their porcelain dolls, about 1919.

As popular as skull steins were, they were traditionally meant for a different occasion than Halloween and carried a meaning that was more moralistic than morbid. Notice that the skull rests on a book, a common design. They were graduation gifts for students, and not just medical students. They were a form of memento mori, a reminder that, because death comes for everyone, it is important to live a life of virtue — or, in this case, to take the opportunity to celebrate when you can.

Like most skull-on-book signs, the book is marked “Gaudeamus Igitur,” from a popular graduation song whose line “Gaudeamus igitur, juvenes dum sumus” translates to “Let us rejoice while we are young.” While it’s especially appropriate for graduation ceremonies, the idea of “rejoicing while we’re young” isn’t out of place on Halloween. It sounds like a pretty good way to describe trick-or-treating.

Q: My aunt was in the army in the 1940s and traveled the world her whole life. She picked up two dolls in the 1950s or so, and I have them today. They are dressed in traditional clothing from around the world and are about 12 inches tall and in good condition. Can you tell me more about them?

A: Dolls dressed in folk costumes were popular souvenirs in the mid-20th century. Many American service members, like your aunt, picked them

up in Europe as souvenirs for family back home. Many companies throughout Europe made dolls like these, and the most famous ones can be recognized by their distinctive styles and materials, like Lenci (Italy) and Ravca (France), which made cloth dolls, and Gura (Germany), which used composition or plastic.

Unfortunately, many dollmakers worked in similar styles, and mid-century European dolls were not always marked so it can be hard to identify a maker. Even if you can’t find a maker, collectors are interested in dolls like yours. There are many resources available for collectors, including print and online identification guides; clubs like the United Federation of Doll Clubs (ufdc.org), and doll auctions like Frasher’s and Theriault’s. Without a known maker, your dolls are probably worth

about \$50 or less. A doll club, auction, or dealer may help you find more specific information and a more accurate price.

TIP: Be careful where you put a fresh pumpkin or gourd at Halloween or Thanksgiving. Put a plastic liner underneath it. A rotting pumpkin will permanently stain wood or marble.

CURRENT PRICES

Halloween, candy bucket, witch, round, orange and black, molded face, black handle, plastic, Topstone, 1960s, 7 inches, \$40.

Costume, Spider-Man, mask, suit, box, Ben Cooper, 1973, medium, \$150.

Blenko, jack-o’-lantern, orange glass, applied features, white eyes, nose and eyebrow, red mouth, disc top with stem, 12 x 8 inches, \$840.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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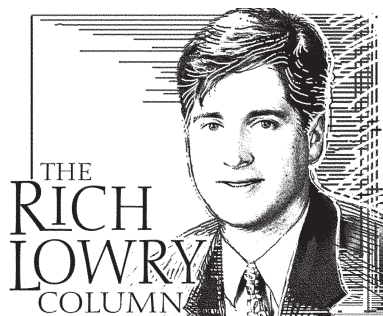


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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN**

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By Rich Lowry



The revolt against tariffs

In 2016, Donald Trump's support for tariffs helped propel him to a shocking electoral victory. In 2026, his tariff policy may help tank Republicans in the midterms. This turnabout counts as a surprise of Trump's second term, and an unwelcome one for the president and his party.

During his political ascent in 2015-2016, Trump exploited issues where there was a disconnect between popular and elite opinion, and trade was prominent among them. His protectionism — expressed in pungent and excoriating terms — poached traditional Democratic ideological territory and appealed to the working-class voters that allowed him to crash the traditional Democratic "Blue Wall" states. In sheer political terms, what could go wrong? Well, nothing — until he got his way.

It turns out that Liberation Day was the beginning of the end for any appreciable political support for his tariff policy. The assumption has usually been that the politics of tariffs favor protectionism — the benefits are very visible and focused for specific sectors and businesses, so they will be highly committed to maintaining them, while the costs are widely dispersed among people who won't care so much.

The logic here has been turned on its head, though. The costs felt by all the people with no direct stake in protectionism are tanking support for the tariffs. On top of this, there's the fact that Trump won the second time promising to reduce prices, whereas import duties increase them. The Yale Budget Lab estimates the costs to households as about \$1,000 a year. The shambolic and arbitrary rollout of the tariffs, as well as the dubious legal basis for many of them, hasn't helped, either.

According to a poll that the libertarian Cato Institute conducted with Morning Consult, 74% of Americans say the

tariffs increased the prices they pay, including 66% of Republicans. Fifty-three percent of the public says that the tariffs have weakened the economy, and 49% say they have hurt their quality of life. Regarding the latest trade spat with Canada, a Politico/Public First poll found that 56% of Americans think the tariffs against Canada were "wrong." According to a CBS/YouGov survey, people prefer a candidate who opposes Trump's tariffs over one who supports them, by 26 points.

Democratic Senate candidates are promising to reverse Trump's tariffs, even the card-carrying protectionist Sherrod Brown is critical. And some Republican candidates in states with lots of trade with Canada have dissented from the trade war with Our Friendly Neighbor to the North.

The Midwest is a trouble spot for the GOP in the midterms, and it's not hard to understand why. China cut its purchases of U.S. farm products in retaliation for Trump's tariffs, and the farm sector has been slammed. Exports of wheat, cotton, beef and pork to China plummeted last year, and overall agricultural exports to China fell by 66%.

When you layer on top of this the price of diesel fuel jumping 80% and fertilizer increasing 15% because of the Iran war, it's a formula for a revolt. The tariffs have led to a tangle a little more than a month before the election. Trying to address complaints about high grocery prices, the administration wants to relent on beef tariffs to help consumers, but farmers — hurt by other tariffs — are balking at a measure that will reduce prices at a time when they are struggling.

One way or another, someone is going to be unhappy. Even if Trump's theory of the tariffs is correct — that higher import duties will lead to re-industrialization — the policy involves immediate disruption and increased costs in exchange for a protectionism-driven build-out that will take years to be fully achieved.

Long before then — indeed, by January — an opposition congressional majority hostile to the president and his tariffs may be entrenched in Washington. In politics, it's often "careful what you wish for," especially if it involves higher prices on an inflation-fatigued public.

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Moments in time

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MOMENTS IN TIME

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• On **Oct. 19, 1216**, England's King John (younger brother to Richard the Lionhearted) died of dysentery at Newark Castle during a civil war with his barons and was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Henry III, just over a week later. The boy was crowned with a simple golden band belonging to his mother because the royal crown had been lost.

• On **Oct. 20, 1910**, the cork-centered baseball, invented and patented by Benjamin F. Shibe, executive director and part owner of the Philadelphia Athletics, made its debut in the World Series between the Athletics and the Chicago Cubs.

• On **Oct. 21, 1867**, the Medicine Lodge Treaty was signed. Consisting of three treaties following talks attended by more than 5,000 prominent chiefs and warriors near Medicine Lodge, Kansas, its aim was to bring peace by relocating Native Americans to reservations in Indian Territory.

• On **Oct. 22, 2018**, actress Selma Blair revealed that she'd been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. In her book "Mean Baby: A Memoir of Growing Up," Blair recounted how the announcement by doctors, after years of incorrectly attributed symptoms, "felt like giving birth" and gave her an overwhelming sense of relief.

• On **Oct. 23, 1947**, Gerty and Carl Cori became the first spouses to win a joint Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, for their discovery of how the body breaks down, builds up and stores glycogen as an energy source.

• On **Oct. 24, 1901**, her 63rd birthday, widowed American schoolteacher Annie Edson Taylor became the first person to survive a plunge over Niagara Falls in a barrel, accompanied by her lucky heart-shaped pillow. Sadly, while she wrote a memoir and briefly earned money talking about her experience, she ended up dying penniless and in poor health at age 82.

• On **Oct. 25, 1920**, Greece's King Alexander died at age 27 from wounds he received after a Barbary macaque attacked and bit him several times a few weeks earlier, as he walked on the grounds outside the castle with his dog. The monkey had first gone after the dog, and the king had stepped in to separate the animals.



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PAW'S CORNER

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By Sam Mazotta

Training a dog to be nonreactive

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My 1-year-old, mixed breed rescue dog "Shelly" barks at every noise and tries to lunge away from me when he sees another dog. He's skittish around certain people, and can be unpredictable when more than a few people are in the house — sometimes he's relaxed, sometimes he barks furiously. I know he needs more than basic obedience training, but where do I start? — Jethro H., Dallas

DEAR JETHRO: Talk to Shelly's veterinarian first. They can recommend specific professional training, socialization techniques, and can also prescribe medication to calm your dog. A calm dog is easier to work with, so any training will be more effective.

With rescue dogs, it can be difficult to imagine what their life was like before they ended up at a shelter. The shelter experience itself can be stressful. Building a daily routine for Shelly — always feeding, walking and training at the same time — helps reassure him that you are not abandoning him. He's part of your family and always will be.

Keep working on basic commands while you research trainers in your area. Keep a notebook (or the note app on your phone) with you and write down Shelly's behaviors during specific events, like encountering another dog, other people or wildlife. Note what situations trigger reactivity, and avoid those setups until they can be addressed in training.

One-on-one training costs more, but may be the best option at first so that Shelly gets constant attention and correction. After each training session, reinforce the new commands by working with your dog every day. Commit to continual reinforcement for the rest of Shelly's life.

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

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THE POD REPORT

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“One of the greatest advantages of podcasting is that listening is passive — we can listen while we do other things.” — Jaimi Ryan

Looking for a new podcast to add to your listening library? These five shows are new and noteworthy and could be the next “Serial,” the next “SmartLess,” or simply your personal favorite:

History: “Yasha” — This new podcast is based on the true story of an 11-year-old boy who fled his home in Belarus with his family, as the Nazis invaded it during World War II. Live through his harrowing story, which was composed of a six-year journey across thousands of miles. He was caught between Hitler’s advancing forces, lived in an abandoned circus, and later did hard labor during a harsh winter. These stories and more were relayed decades later to Yasha’s grandson, who saved the audio recordings of his grandpa’s story, which led to this incredible podcast. (YashaShow.com)

Music Commentary: “Light Box” — Mark Henry Phillips is a well-known composer who wrote the score for the groundbreaking podcast “Serial” and many others. One night, however, he realized that he could type “a few words into an AI music generator, and it did his job better than he ever could.” In the second episode, Phillips goes inside the world of songwriting camps, meets

hitmakers Mickey Shiloh and David Phelan, and asks why these successful songwriters need to use AI — and admit it? (LightBoxPodcast.com)

Documentary: “Unquiet Realities” — This four-part limited series arrives just in time for spooky season. Hosted by a cool, unaffected dude who goes by the name of Winchester, this podcast guides you through creepy tales, including a lake in Mississippi with “a shape under the water you can’t quite track,” lights in the sky that “don’t behave like they’re supposed to,” and footprints that “don’t belong to anything you were taught to believe in.” (RedCircle.com)

True Crime: “Not Just A Terrible Story” — It seems like every week, there’s a story on the news about a teacher who’s being accused of having an improper relationship with a student. This podcast tells the story from one student’s perspective — Stacie Love — who ended up marrying the “cool” teacher from her school just five years after her sophomore year. In 2005, a knock on the door would change everything. But it’d take two decades before Stacie gained the healthy perspective she has now to recognize the grooming that some educators use to snare their prey. (TerribleStory.Substack.com)

Comedy: “OMG Obsessed” — Actress Zosia Mamet (“Girls”) invites guests on her new podcast to share their unapologetic hyperfixations, with everything from the flavor of Ben & Jerry’s ice cream they can’t stop ingesting to their favorite television show. Learn how Karan Soni (“Deadpool”) was so obsessed with the teen-drama series “The OC” that he “moved across the world to California” and made his mother call him “Seth,” who was the character played by actor Adam Brody on the show. Now that’s obsessed! (LemonadaMedia.com)

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SALOME'S STARS

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**EDITORS: These horoscopes are for use the
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An upcoming trip could create some problems with your schedule, unless you tie up as many loose ends as possible before you head out the door. Ask a friend or colleague to help you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Being eager to start a new project is fine. However, moving ahead without knowing what will actually be expected of you could cause a problem down the line. Ask some questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting through some recent challenges in good shape might give you a false sense of security. Don't relax your guard. You need to be prepared for what else could happen.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still advised, even though you think you're as prepared as you need to be. Keep in mind that change is in your aspect, and you should expect the unexpected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's gift of persuasion helps you get your points across, even to some of your most-negative naysayers in the workplace. Meanwhile, an old friend might seek you out for some advice.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Being sure of your convictions is fine, but leave some room for dissenting opinions. You might learn something that could help you avoid a possible problem later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting good legal advice on what your rights actually are is the first step toward resolving a pesky problem so that it doesn't reemerge at a later date. Good luck!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Longtime relationships work well this week, whether they're personal or professional. It's also a good time to invite new friends and colleagues into your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to conduct research and uncover compelling facts that can back you up on your new venture when you most need it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Change is an important factor in your aspect this week and could affect something that you might have thought was immune to any sort of adjustment or "alteration."

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Being asked to share someone's deeply personal confidence might be flattering, but accepting could be unwise. Decline gracefully but firmly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) As wise as you are, you could still be misled by someone who seems to be sincere but might not be. Take more time to assess the situation before making any commitments.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to face challenges that others might try to avoid, and by so doing, you set an example of courage for all.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Keep an eye on grocery prices

If you've done your grocery shopping at the same store for a long time, believing that they have the best prices in town, it might be time to revisit that thought. I just discovered that the big box store where I've shopped isn't the lower cost choice I thought it was.

I discovered this when looking at the website of the store to check availability of an item and then looked at the websites for the two other stores in town. I was shocked to see that my store was much higher in price on several of the items on my regular list. I don't know when this happened, but now that I know.

It looks like we're going to have to keep a constant eye on pricing to keep as many of our dollars as we can. Here are a few suggestions:

Compare the websites for all the stores near you. Make a little chart of the items you normally buy and see who really is the cheapest. Check your list every month.

When you do go, shop from a list. Don't let yourself be tempted to impulsively buy extra items unless you spot a great deal on an end-of-aisle display and can stock up a bit.

Try the store brands. In many cases store brands are actually made in brand name facilities.

Sign up for loyalty cards. The rewards from those can add up. Sometimes you'll get coupons sent via email.

Buy in bulk, if it makes financial sense to do that. And, if it makes sense, make large batches of meals you can freeze. Do the math.

And (although many of us don't like to do it) use the food bank. Let them give you what they will, and fill in the blanks with your own shopping.

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SPORTS QUIZ

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By Ryan A. Berenz

1. Which Brooklyn Dodgers catcher suffered a broken neck and paralysis in a 1958 auto accident that ended his Hall of Fame career?

2. In 2012, Australia's Rhein Gibson set a Guinness World Record for the lowest 18-hole round of golf with what score?

3. Which team selected UC Berkeley quarterback Steve Bartkowski with the first overall pick in the 1975 NFL Draft?

4. In 1939, Australian tennis player Adrian Quist developed which athletic shoe that is still in production?

5. Who has two NBA record streaks - 157 (2014-16) and 268 (2018-23) - of regular-season games with a 3-point shot made?

6. Toni Sailer, who swept all three alpine skiing events at the 1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo Winter Olympics, competed for which country?

7. Name the IndyCar driver who won the inaugural editions of the Java House Grand Prix of Arlington in Texas and the Freedom 250 Grand Prix in Washington, D.C., in 2026?

Answers

1. Roy Campanella.

2. 55 (16 under par).

3. The Atlanta Falcons.

4. The Dunlop Volley.

5. Stephen Curry, Golden State Warriors.

6. Austria.

7. Kyle Kirkwood.

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By Lucie Winborne

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

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By Lucie Winborne

- In ancient Egyptian mummification, onions were sometimes used to fill body cavities, even serving on occasion as false eyes.

- About 90% of all harvested olives are turned into olive oil.

- Fijian war chief Ratu Udre Udre holds the rather dubious distinction of being the most active cannibal in recorded history, with a reported consumption of between 872 and 999 people during his lifetime.

- Teenagers naturally experience a biological shift that causes them to fall asleep later than adults.

- The red poinsettia originated in Mexico and is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States ambassador to Mexico in the early 19th century.

- Shells and stones on the ritual blades used by the Aztecs symbolized the faces of the gods for which the hearts of sacrificed individuals were intended, with such rituals claiming between 10,000-15,000 people per year.

- Sheep only have teeth in their lower jaw and use a hard upper palate to break down food.

- Every second, the sun delivers about 173,000 terawatts of energy to Earth, which is more than 10,000 times the amount of power used by humans.

- Although English is the country's most widely spoken language, the United States has never designated an official language at the federal level, though some states have at their level.

- The video game industry consistently brings in more money than Hollywood.

- Long before the Nazis adopted it, the swastika was an ancient religious symbol associated with good fortune, spirituality and prosperity. Versions of it have appeared across India, China, Greece and other ancient civilizations for centuries.

- Basketball shorts were short until 1984, when Michael Jordan petitioned the NBA for longer ones.

Thought for the Day: "Civilizations should be measured by the degree of diversity attained and the degree of unity retained." — *W.H. Auden*

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**Here's what to watch and
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ON NOW: "The Kardashians"
(Season 8) — Hulu

ON NOW: "Oasis: Don't Look Back
in Anger" (Documentary) — Hulu

ON NOW: "War" (Season 1) — HBO
Max

14-Oct: "Love Is Blind" (Season 11)
— Netflix

14-Oct: "Love of Your Life" (R) —
Prime Video

15-Oct: "Hollywood Arts" (Season
1) — Netflix

15-Oct: "Crystal Lake" (Season 1)
— Peacock

15-Oct: "The Diplomat" (Season 4)
— Netflix

16-Oct: "Tulsa King" (Season 4) —
Paramount+

16-Oct: "Norm: The Tale of Norm
Macdonald" (Documentary) —
Netflix

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TOP TEN MOVIES

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1. **Avengers: Endgame**
(PG-13) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans
2. **Resident Evil**
(R) Austin Abrams, Zach Cherry
3. **Heart of the Beast**
(PG-13) Brad Pitt, J.K. Simmons
4. **Primetime**
(R) Robert Pattinson, Merritt Wever
5. **Forgotten Island**
(PG) H.E.R., Liza Soberano
6. **Practical Magic 2**
(PG-13) Sandra Bullock, Dianne Wiest
7. **Spider-Man: Brand New Day**
(PG-13) Tom Holland, Zendaya
8. **The Odyssey**
(R) Matt Damon, Tom Holland
9. **Coyote vs. Acme**
(PG) Will Forte, Lana Condor
10. **Daniel and the Fiery Furnace**
(PG-13) Mena Massoud, Elijah Alexander

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TRIVIA TEST

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By Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Invisible Man"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Topkapi Palace located?
3. ASTRONOMY: How long is a year on the planet Mars?
4. MOVIES: What is the name of the sea witch in the animated film "The Little Mermaid"?
5. ANATOMY: What is the average lifespan of a red blood cell?
6. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMI?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the three secondary colors in traditional color theory?
8. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features the Bluth family?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of jellyfish commonly called?
10. GAMES: How many squares are on a checkerboard?

Trivia answers

1. H.G. Wells.
2. Istanbul, Turkey.
3. 687 Earth days.
4. Ursula.
5. 120 days.
6. 2,001.
7. Orange, green and purple.
8. "Arrested Development."
9. A smack.
10. 64.

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VETERANS POST

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By Freddy Groves



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Insurance premium holiday

Here's an early holiday gift for 457,000 veterans — three months of no payments due on their life insurance policies.

Those veterans who have policies under the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program (VGLI) will not have to make their payments in November, December and January, freeing up that cash over the holidays.

The policies under the VGLI program can be a good deal and carry over after a veteran leaves the service, as long as they keep making the payments.

The policies themselves range from \$10,000 to \$500,000. Here are two examples of the monthly premium amounts: A \$200,000 policy for a 30-year-old veteran is \$16 and a \$250,000 policy for a 55-year-old veteran is \$125 per month.

Are you eligible for VGLI? There are varying requirements, but at the top of the list is whether you had Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) while you were active duty AND you're within one year and 120 days of being released from an active duty period that ran for 31 days or more. Then if you sign up within 240 days, you don't have to prove you're in good health. After that 240 days, you need to prove it.

Check the complete details at www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility/vgli for information on eligibility, premiums, changing beneficiaries and more.

For all the information on the premium holiday, see www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/vgli_premium_holiday_faqs.asp. It covers important facts like how to handle it if you have auto pay for the premium or if the payments come out of your disability compensation pay. If you've paid in advance you'll have the opportunity to get a refund or have a credit applied to your account. One note: You won't be eligible for the premium holiday if either you cancel your coverage or it lapses on or before Oct. 31, 2026.

Keep an eye on your mail and email for notification about the premium holiday.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 44:24-26

Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression? We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground. Rise up and help us; rescue us because of your unfailing love.

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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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Answers



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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: **T** equals **M**

VYEJ TZSYJ OQA EUUATG ZU
JYG REXQKZJG NYQNQBEJG
NEICO QR NEXG-CVGBBZIS
CVEKRU? JQQJUZZG JKQBBU.

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CryptoQuip

answer

What might you assume is
the favorite chocolate
candy of cave-dwelling
dwarfs? Tootsie Trolls.

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.

DVQBNGIOR GBSV B ABM IP
GIJWETL QGV DIRQ QOXQG
ET QGV JVBRQ RNBZV.
— IORIT RZIQQ ZBOW

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CryptoQuote answer

Metaphors have a way of
holding the most truth
in the least space.
— Orson Scott Card

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. Recluse	H _ _ _ _ _	Sesame Street frog	K _ _ _ _ _
2. Translucent	_ _ _ _ R	Luster	_ _ _ _ N
3. Detonate	_ L _ _ _	Monster	_ E _ _ _
4. Wisconsin's animal	_ _ D _ _ _	Grocery store worker	_ _ G _ _ _
5. Bullwinkle	_ _ O _ _	Rat's smaller cousin	_ _ U _ _
6. Georgia's fruit	_ _ A _ _	Roost	_ _ R _ _
7. Thirsty fabric	_ E _ _ _	Linger	_ A _ _ _
8. Slapstick, e.g.	_ _ _ _ D _	Attractive	_ _ _ _ L _
9. Closet accessory	_ A _ _ _	Appetite	_ U _ _ _
10. Ditch	T _ _ _ _	Parisian language	F _ _ _ _

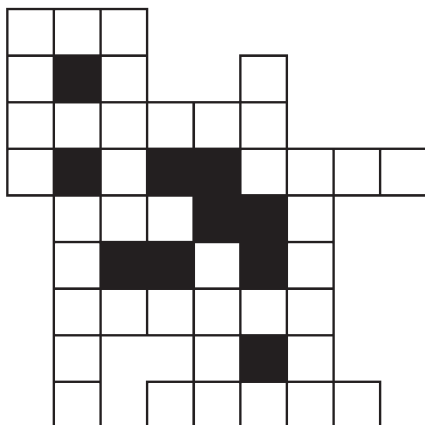
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Even Exchange answers

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Hermit, Kermit | 6. Peach, Perch |
| 2. Sheer, Sheen | 7. Terry, Tarry |
| 3. Blast, Beast | 8. Comedy, Comely |
| 4. Badger, Bagger | 9. Hanger, Hunger |
| 5. Moose, Mouse | 10. Trench, French |



YMG
LANTIE
AYGNT
♥ ELSA
RINAUT
♥ LPA
UMNE
♥ PEMLA
♥ ETN
RYSTUE
REPGU
RMPI



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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™

A cliché

B	A	S	I	C

- Cable subscription option
- Gelatin
- Dog’s portion?
- Agricultural output
- Everyday writing
- Narrative device

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

B	A	S	I	C
A	S	P	I	C
S	C	R	A	P
C	R	O	P	S
P	R	O	S	E
T	R	O	P	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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	+		-		= 4			
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	+		+		= 11			
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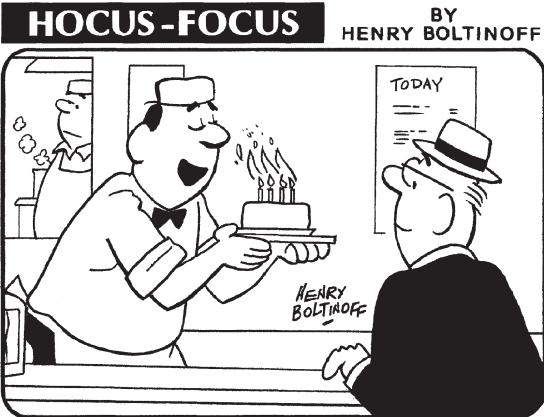
Go Figure!

answers

2	+	8	-	6	= 4
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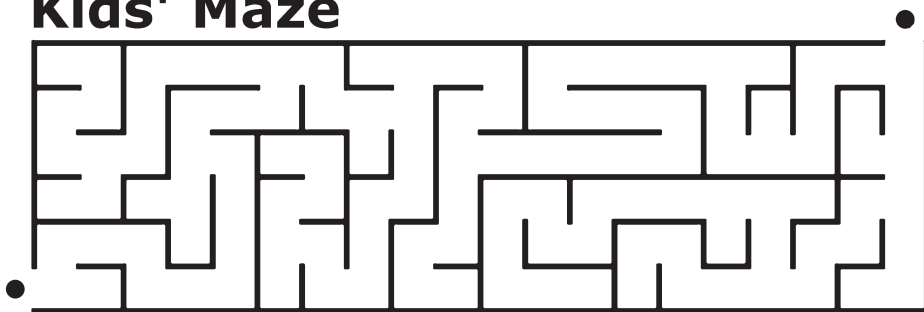
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Word is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Sleeve is different. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Back of stool is added. 6. Mouth is different.

Kids' Maze



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Kids' Maze Solution



KNIGHT MOVES

A	V	I
T		V
I	C	Y

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

A	V	I
4	1	6
T		V
7		3
I	C	Y
2	5	8

VIVACITY

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Use a squeegee
5 ACLU concerns
8 Oodles
12 Valhalla VIP
13 — Jima
14 Slightly
15 Reveals by accident
17 California valley
18 LAX and JFK overseer
19 Bad spell
20 Playful sea critter
21 Young bloke
22 Used to be
23 Skewered Thai recipe
26 Beach robes
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32 Barrett or Jaffe
33 Pond floater

- 35 Unclothed
36 Long lunch?
37 Tier
38 Teapot feature
41 Binge
42 Hiatus
45 Galley gear
46 Legendary gossip columnist
48 Vicinity
49 Soul, to Sartre
50 Eager
51 Drudge
52 PX patrons
53 Trawler gear

DOWN

- 1 Wild canine
2 Concept
3 Pocket bread
4 Em halves
5 Ticked off
6 Candy sold in twos
7 Soak (up)
8 Breaking point
9 Final notice
10 Clock reading
11 Swizzle
16 Horse-drawn carriage
20 Klutz
21 Revolving tray
22 Witty one
23 Bando of baseball
24 "Exodus" hero
25 Up to
26 Massachusetts cape
27 Fine, to NASA
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40 Sweet sandwich
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42 Donate
43 Bickering
44 Profs' degrees
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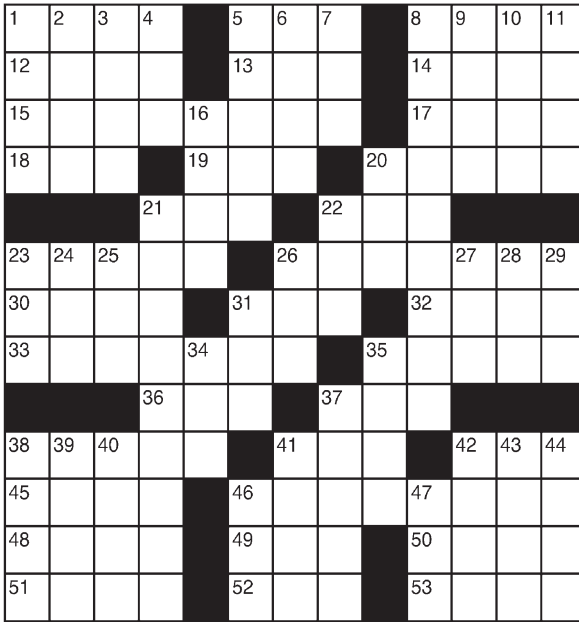
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F	A	A			H	E	X		O	T	T	E
					L	A	D		W	A	S	
S	A	T	A	Y		C	A	F	T	A	N	S
A	R	I	Z		C	O	G		R	O	N	A
L	I	L	Y	P	A	D		N	A	K	E	D
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S	P	O	U	T		J	A	G		G	A	P
O	A	R	S		L	I	Z	S	M	I	T	H
A	R	E	A		A	M	E		A	V	I	D
P	E	O	N		G	I	S		N	E	T	S

MAGIC MAZE ● ANIMALS FOUND IN THE SAHARA

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

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

Baboon	Gerbil	Hyena	Ravens
Cobras	Grogs	Jackal	Snails
Crocodiles	Guinea fowl	Mongoose	Weasel
Eagle owls	Hedgehog	Oryx	

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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 DID CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DO ON HIS BIRTHDAY?

HABITS	___	BAITS		VETOES	___	STEVE
RODEOS	___	ODORS		HALVES	___	SHAVE
				MADDER	___	DREAM
STRUNG	___	URNS		ALPINE	___	PLAIN
CARHOP	___	PARCH		REGARD	___	GRADE
ASPECT	___	SPACE				

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

HABITS	H	BAITS
RODEOS	E	ODORS
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HALVES	L	SHAVE
MADDER	D	DREAM
ALPINE	E	PLAIN
REGARD	R	GRADE



"For gosh sakes, don't forget to bring back
some _____!"

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!

Mull _____
ENDROP
Shine _____ _____
SHIPLO _____ _____ _____ _____
Bore _____ _____
CREEPI _____ _____ _____ _____
Deli _____ _____
MAILAS _____ _____ _____ _____

TODAY'S WORD

SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Ponder; 2. Polish
3. Pierce; 4. Salami

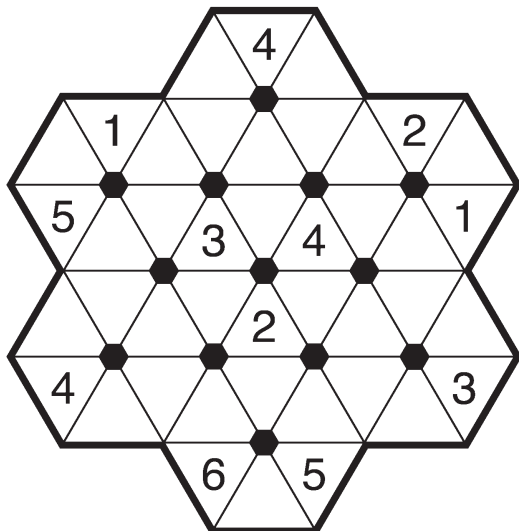
Today's Word

ASPIRINS

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.



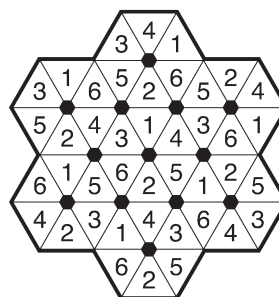
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

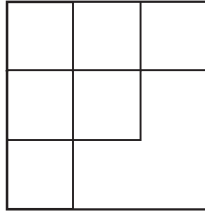
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SNOWFLAKES

solution



What is the fewest number of square sheets of paper of any size that can be placed over each other to form the pattern below? Consider the sheets to be transparent.



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Stickelers Answer

Four sheets.
Number 4 is the largest square, on which the other squares are placed.

1		4
	2	
4		3

Weekly SUDOKU

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

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Super Crossword JOURNALISTIC SET

- ACROSS
- 1 Principal part of a ship's rigging
- 9 Glucose and dextrose
- 15 Want greatly
- 20 Phrase before a memoir co-author
- 21 Result of iron deficiency
- 22 Opponent
- 23 Question to someone barking orders
- 26 Wriggly fish
- 27 Extinct bird
- 28 Swerving billiards shot
- 29 Teeny
- 30 Suspenseful NFL periods
- 33 CIA worker
- 35 PC fixer, e.g.
- 37 "Hey, amigo"
- 39 Highest price customers are amenable to paying
- 47 "Less filling" Miller beer
- 48 Prefix similar to "equi-"
- 49 Vaccination fluids
- 50 Neighbor of Monterey Park, Calif.
- 51 Connections
- 53 Maximum
- 56 Rustic hotel
- 58 Lean- (simple huts)
- 59 Time to steel oneself and power through
- 66 Congregated
- 67 Goes past the time limit
- 68 Cold shoulder preventer?
- 69 A humidifier moistens it
- 71 Suddenly blazing stars
- 73 Pungent salad veggie
- 77 Lhasa (small dogs)
- 80 Official assisting a referee
- 83 "Rapa- (1994 Esai Morales film)
- 84 Classic Maurice Sendak book
- 89 Cabinet dept. focused on homes
- 90 "— culpa"
- 91 Wedge for filling a gap
- 92 Show fatigue reflexively
- 93 Mother on "Bewitched"
- 97 Aruba, e.g.
- 100 Steal from
- 102 Medicine bottle
- 104 Jesus' words after "My God, my God," in Matthew
- 109 "You bet!" in Baja
- 110 Favorite cereal of a "silly rabbit"
- 111 "I'm — loss for words"
- 112 Pub barrel
- 113 "La-la" lead-in
- 116 "Jay — Garage"
- 119 Best draft status
- 121 Business mag
- 123 Response upon hearing about an astonishing feat
- 130 "Aida," e.g.
- 131 Dogs from Japan
- 132 They often get mashed
- 133 Stopwatch button
- 134 Despot ruler
- 135 They begin this puzzle's long answers
- 2 Fire residue
- 3 Figure skater Midori
- 4 Central point
- 5 Superlatively sneaky
- 6 University on Long Island
- 7 "— be an honor"
- 8 Put freight in
- 9 Less happy
- 10 Opens with a key
- 11 "Well, I'll be!"
- 12 Radio toggle letters
- 13 Actress Hayworth
- 14 Gives a quick greeting
- 15 Disney villainess De Vil
- 16 Chest bone
- 17 State boldly
- 18 Rose holder
- 19 Otherwise
- 24 — bene
- 25 "— Mio"
- 30 Hooting bird
- 31 Toward there
- 32 Feeling of fullness
- 34 Sycophantic guys
- 36 Bray syllable
- 38 Crunches tone them
- 40 High schooler, e.g.
- 41 Some rock band synth-sizers
- 42 Calc prereq
- 43 Subsidies
- 44 Caesar's final reproach
- 45 Bump on —
- 46 Unduly quick
- 52 Zebra feature
- 54 Shortly
- 55 Resort town near Rome
- 57 High degree
- 59 H-bomb, e.g.
- 60 "Lummox" author Fannie
- 61 "A Town Like Alice" author Shute
- 62 Large pianos
- 63 Clingy wrap
- 64 Like a banjo's sound
- 65 On in years
- 70 Bern's river
- 72 Comic Rogan
- 74 Very shortly
- 75 "Smith" is the commonest one in the United States
- 76 Hasten
- 78 Resistance unit
- 79 Understand the point
- 81 Bake, as an egg
- 82 Brunch cocktail
- 84 "Close call!"
- 85 "Come again?"
- 86 Water swirl
- 87 Do laundry
- 88 Goalie's goal
- 94 Elle King's "Ex's & —"
- 95 Lambastes
- 96 Valuable trait
- 98 Auction unit
- 99 Former Volkswagen seven-seater
- 101 "Freedom" singer Jon
- 103 Shin's place
- 105 Soldier's steel helmet
- 106 Best in quality
- 107 Yaks, e.g.
- 108 Wichita site
- 113 Thunder god
- 114 Lasso, e.g.
- 115 Stupefies
- 117 Tasting of wood, as wine
- 118 Move a bit
- 120 Session with a dr., e.g.
- 122 — Field (Mrs. Met's home)
- 124 Deep anger
- 125 Greek vowel
- 126 "La-la" lead-in
- 127 Fight like Ali
- 128 Actor Ayres
- 129 Snaky letter

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Super Crossword

Answers

M	A	I	N	S	A	I	L		S	U	G	A	R	S		C	R	A	V	E
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R	E	S	E	T		T	Y	R	A	N	T		T	H	E	S	I	X	W	S

Micro Crossword By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Fragrant flower or its color
6 Grammy-winning “Same Ole Love” singer Baker
7 Take things the wrong way?
8 Bridge guardian of folklore
9 Low digit

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
	9			

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Down

- 1 With 5-Down, bartender’s late-night shout
2 Emcee’s spiel
3 Use, as a fainting couch
4 “___ of Two Cities”
5 See 1-Down

Micro Crossword

Answer

L	I	L	A	C
A	N	I	T	A
S	T	E	A	L
T	R	O	L	L
	O	N	E	

MINI SUDOKU

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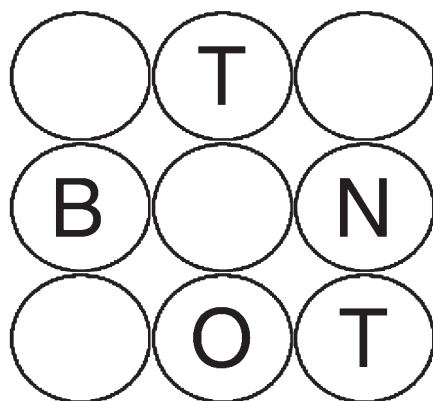
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6,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

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
TOMBSTONE



Pillbugs



These creatures are not insects; they are actually tiny crustaceans that have adapted to living on land. They have gills, and are closely related to lobsters, shrimp, and crayfish. They are usually less than ½ an inch long and are dark grey with seven pairs of legs. They can roll into a ball when disturbed, hence their common name “roly-polies.” They are experts at converting decaying organic matter, so you can gently relocate them to your compost pile.

– Brenda Weaver

Source: missouribotanicalgarden.org

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Fun Fact

Philadelphia's Fairmount Park Commission distributed the first U.S. license plates in 1900, in the form of leather tags.

In the last few years, specialty license plate design options number in the thousands, reflecting all kinds of interests.

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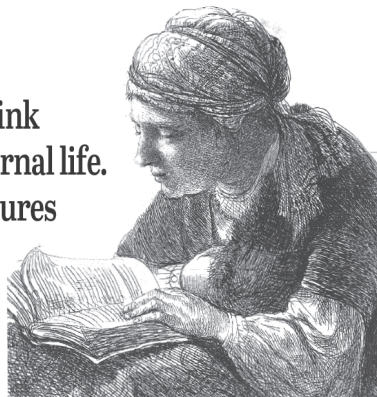


THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about Me...

JOHN 5:39

“Woman Reading” by Rembrandt (1634)



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Americanisms



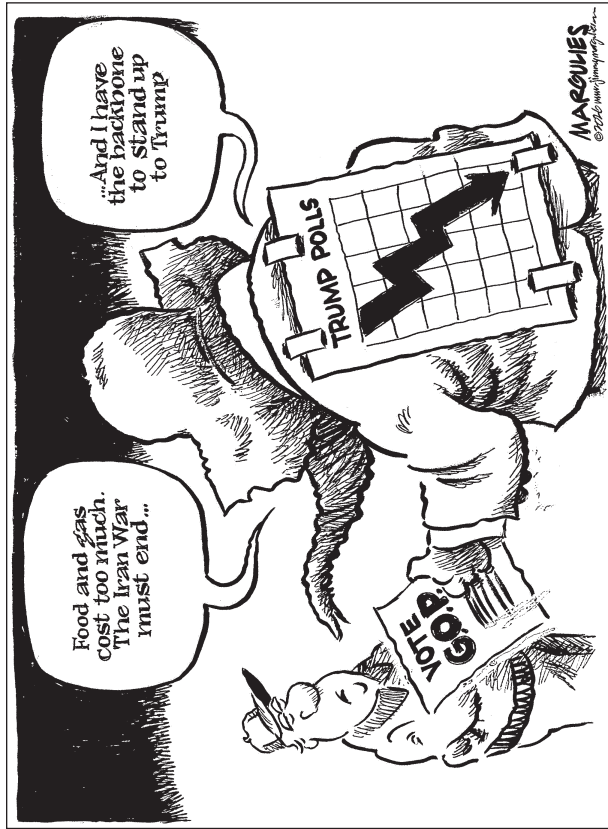
“Heart is what separates the good from the great.”

— Michael Jordan

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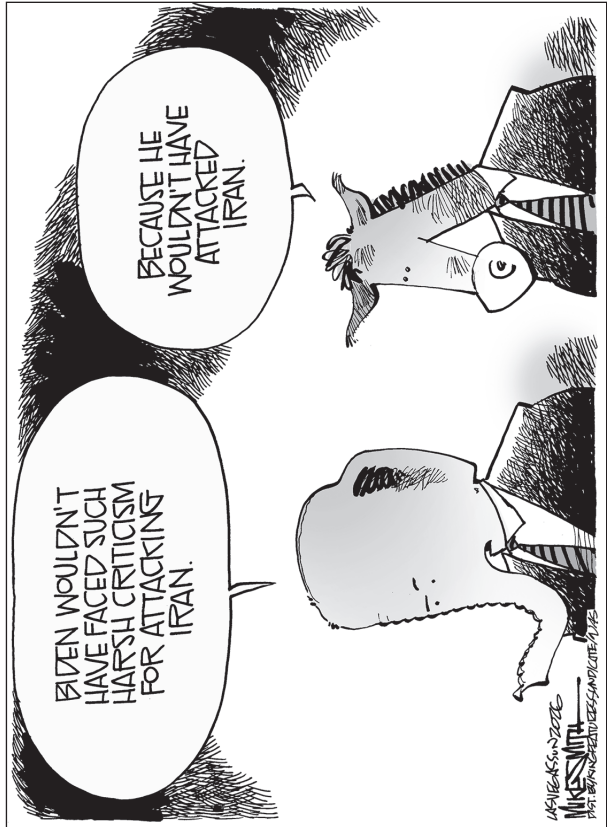
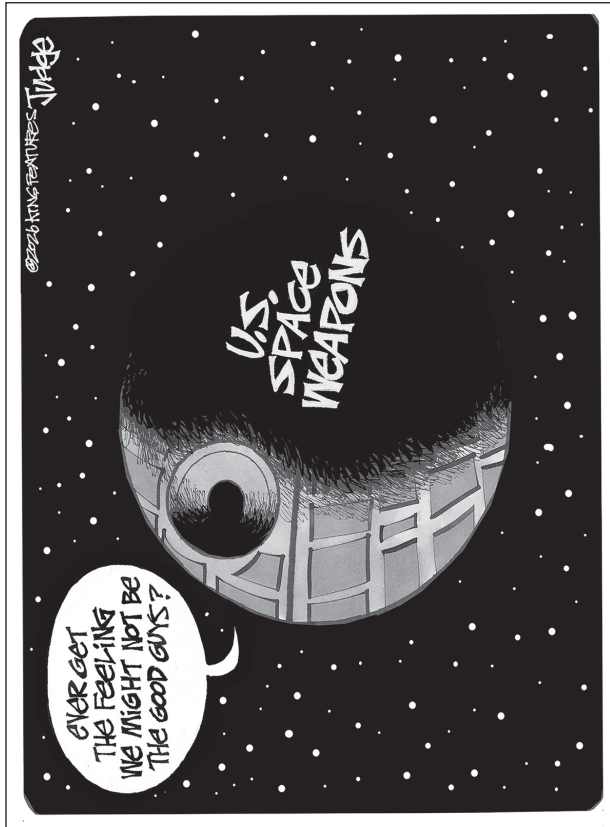
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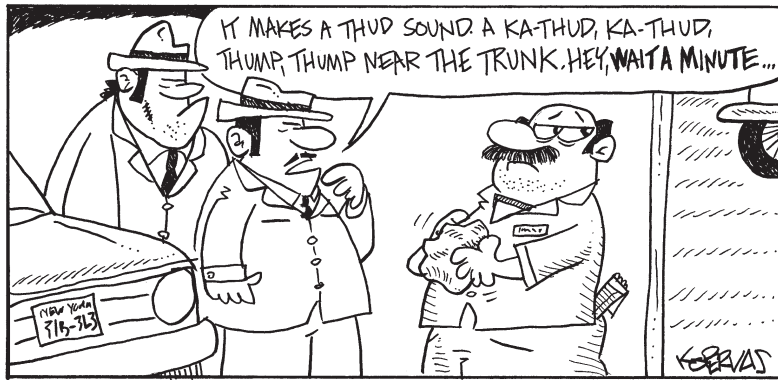
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by Gary Kopervas

Out on a Limb

BIG MIKE THE
MOB GUY TAKES
HIS CAR IN
FOR REPAIRS

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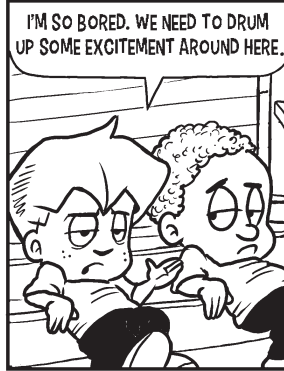
Amber Waves

I GIVE UP. I THINK WE'VE DONE
JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THERE
IS TO DO AROUND HERE.

I'M SO BORED. WE NEED TO DRUM
UP SOME EXCITEMENT AROUND HERE.

MOM, I SAY YOU STOP FIDDLING
ABOUT, GO GET YOUR WALLET
AND TAKE US TO TOWN PRONTO.

OK, TOO MUCH
EXCITEMENT!!



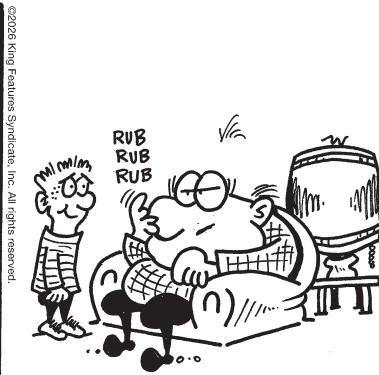
by Jeff Pickering

The Spats

GRANDPA, WHAT'S
YOUR FAVORITE
ROCK GROUP?

RUB
RUB
RUB

MOUNT
RUSHMORE!!



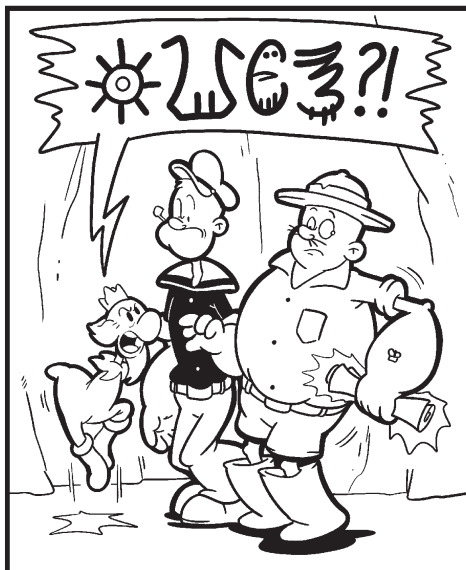
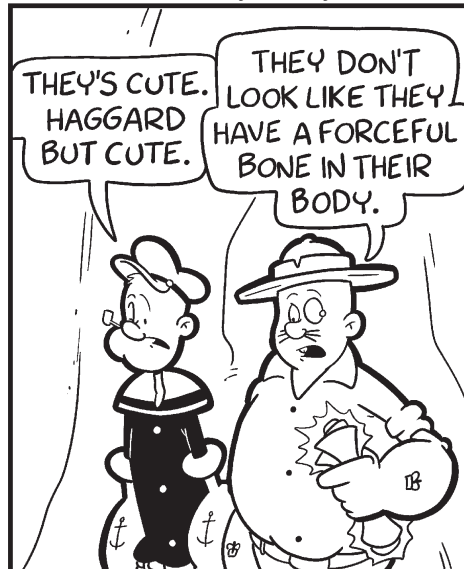
Just Like Cats & Dogs

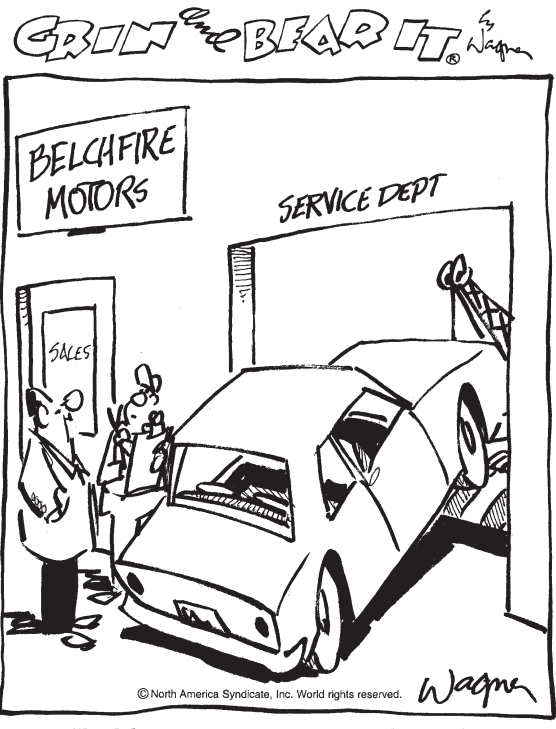
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OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Milholland

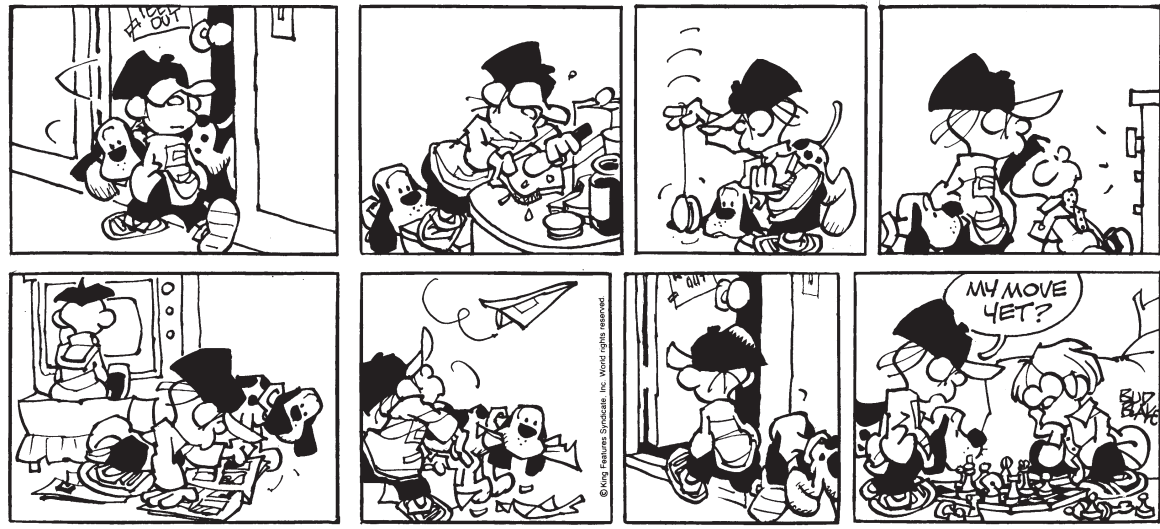




"It drives great! How does it tow?"

 TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

SO, I READ THAT CATS DO CUTE, PRECOCIOUS THINGS TO GET HUMANS TO FEED THEM, LIKE BAT AT THEIR FACE AS THEY SLEEP.

WELL, I'M HUNGRY... AND I'M SORT OF SIMILAR TO A CAT.

YOU HIT ME WITH A TOASTER WHILE I WAS ASLEEP!

IT'S NOT MY FAULT YOU'RE UNCIVILIZED AND DON'T HAVE A WAFFLE IRON!

GREAT NEWS!

I MADE CONTACT WITH MR. KATZENJAMMER'S FAMILY AND SET UP HIS RETURN!

GREAT, YOU GOT EVERYONE SEA HAG'S SISTERTM KIDNAPPED BACK TO THEIR HOMES OR INTO NEW LIVES BUT ME, WHO'S STUCK WEARIN' TODDLER CLOTHING AND UNABLE TO BUY CIGARS.

TRUST ME. IF EUGENE COULD SEND YOU AWAY, HE WOULD.

AIN'T YOUR DOG-THING MAGIC? CAN'T HE SEND ME BACK HOME?

I HATE THIS! I WANT TO BE SOMEWHERE I BELONG! WITH OTHERS LIKE ME!

NOT YOU WEIRD, FURLESS ABOMINATIONS! IT'S NOT FAIR!

AWW, MR. JACK. IT'S OKAY. I THINK I KNOW JUST WHERE YOU CAN RESTART YOUR LIFE.

IT'S NOT GONNA PAN OUT, MISS. FOR A ZOO TO WORK, THE ANIMALS NEED TO BE LIKABLE.

WHAT SORTA OUTFIT IS THIS?! THEY MISPELLED MY NAME. WHY WOULD THEY CALL ME "MR. SNACK"?

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FLASH GORDON

PALE ARDEN

FLASH GORDON

9/19 BY JIM KEEFE

...FLASH MAKES HIS ESCAPE!

TURNING ON THAT DEVICE WAS JUST THE BREAK I NEEDED.

THANKS.

NO... PROBLEM?

YOU'RE LIABLE TO BE IN AS MUCH TROUBLE AS I AM. YOU'D BETTER COME WITH ME.

HANG ON!

THE MONSTER... IT'S GONE!

AND SO IS GORDON!

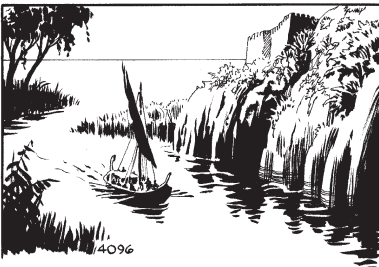
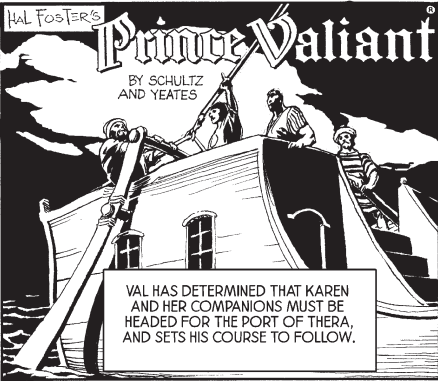
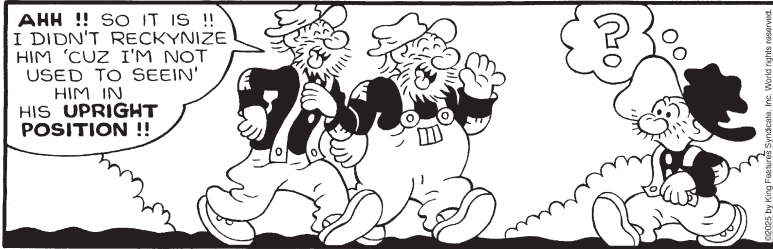
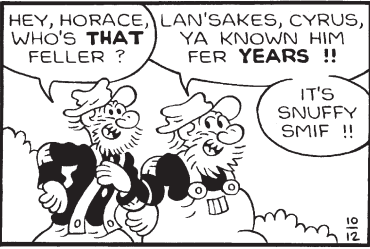
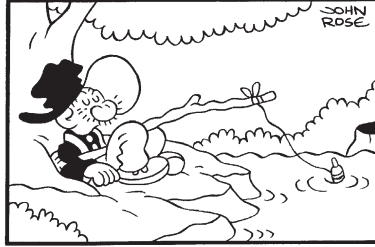
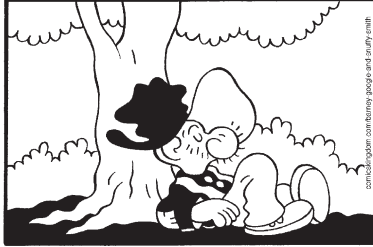
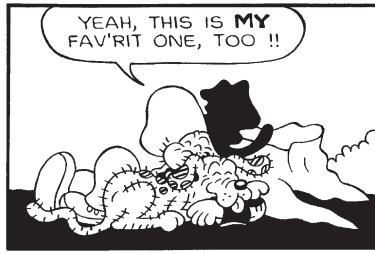
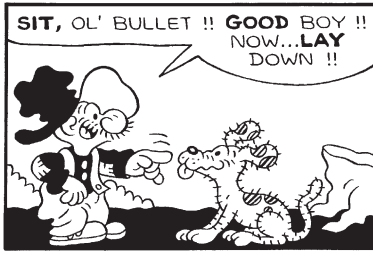
NEXT: THIEF IN THE NIGHT!

AS THE POLICE ARE MOMENTARILY DISTRACTED BY THE MONSTROUS HOLOGRAM THAT TOWERS BEFORE THEM...

CALL FOR BACKUP!

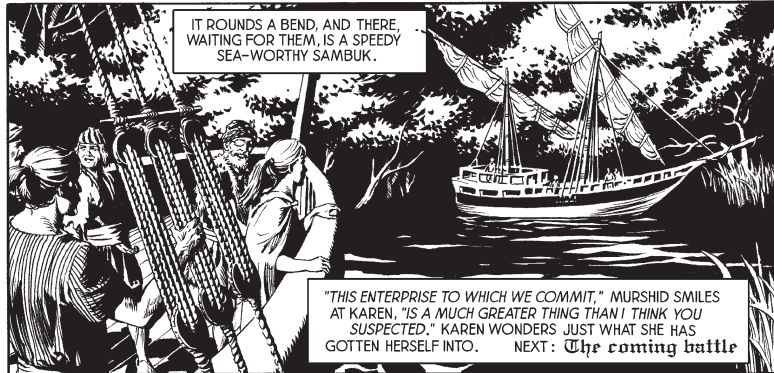
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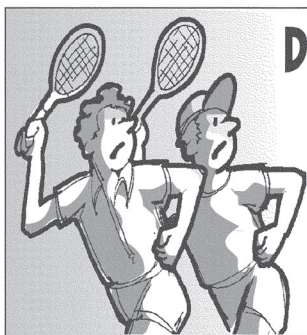


KAREN GULPS HARD AND AGREES TO THEIR
PLAN. THEY PULL PAST THE ISLAND'S PORT TO
A MARSHY SEA CREEK. THE SAILS ARE LOWERED
AND THE VESSEL IS ROWED UPSTREAM.

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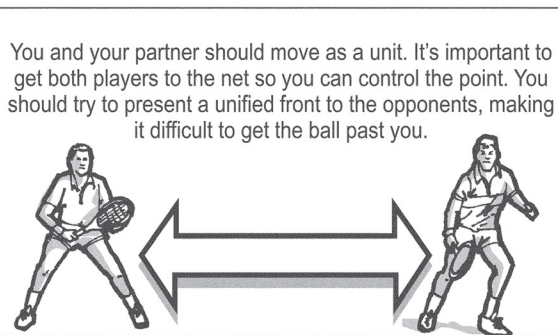
STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS



DOUBLES BASICS

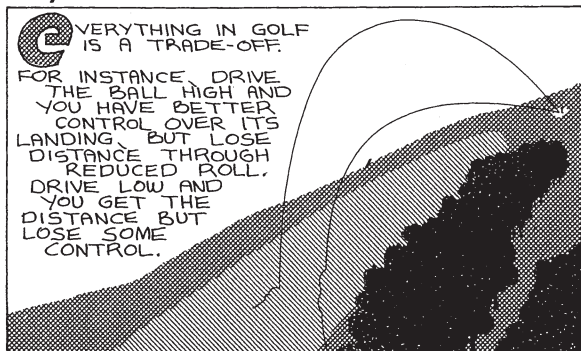
Teamwork is important in doubles. For instance, if there is a lob over your head, both of you don't have to run after it. One of you can call for it, and the other can get into position to continue play. Communication is important to play well together.

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You and your partner should move as a unit. It's important to get both players to the net so you can control the point. You should try to present a unified front to the opponents, making it difficult to get the ball past you.

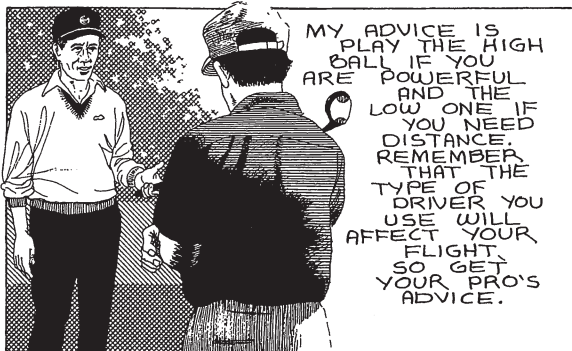
Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



EVERYTHING IN GOLF IS A TRADE-OFF.

FOR INSTANCE, DRIVE THE BALL HIGH AND YOU HAVE BETTER CONTROL OVER ITS LANDING, BUT LOSE DISTANCE THROUGH REDUCED ROLL. DRIVE LOW AND YOU GET THE DISTANCE BUT LOSE SOME CONTROL.

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MY ADVICE IS PLAY THE HIGH BALL IF YOU ARE POWERFUL AND THE LOW ONE IF YOU NEED DISTANCE. REMEMBER, THAT THE TYPE OF DRIVER YOU USE WILL AFFECT YOUR FLIGHT, SO GET YOUR PRO'S ADVICE.