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TIDBITS CROONS TRAGIC SONGS

By Janet Spencer

Many songs, happy as they sound, familiar as they are, have stories of sadness behind them. Come along with tidbits as we sing & sniffle.

THE SADDEST SONGS

*Ray Kovic fought in Vietnam and came home from the war in a wheelchair. After suffering the societal insults shared by most Vietnam vets, Kovic wrote a book in 1976 with a strong anti-war slant called "Born on the Fourth of July." The book was later made into a movie starring Tom Cruise as Kovic.

*In 1980, Bruce Springsteen read Kovic's book. He later coincidentally met the author, who was staying at the same hotel. They fell into conversation, and Kovic invited Springsteen to accompany him to the local veteran's center. There, Springsteen heard heart-wrenching stories, many of which sprang from the raw treatment vets were afforded soldiers when they returned. *This visit inspired him to write "Born in the USA." Many think this song is an American anthem, but it is not. The lyrics outline the shameful treatment of vets and mourn the loss of those who never made it home: "Got in a little hometown jam / So they put a rifle in my hands / Sent me off to a foreign land / To go and kill the yellow man."

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TRAGIC SONGS (cont. from Front Cover)

*After Glen Campbell received a diagnosis of Alzheimer's, he wrote a song called "I'm Not Gonna Miss You" as a way of saying farewell to his wife, Kim, whom he married in 1982. He knew that, eventually, he would forget who she was, and he wanted to say goodbye while he still could. It was the last song he ever recorded. It appeared on his final album, "Adios" in 2017, and was also featured in a documentary about his life, filmed during his final tour, entitled "I'll Be Me." The song was nominated for Best Original Song at the 87th Academy Awards. During the ceremony, the song was performed by Tim McGraw. It also won the Grammy Award for Best Country Song: "You're the last person I will love / You're the last face I will recall / And best of all / I'm not gonna miss you." Glen Campbell died on August 8, 2017.

*Brian May, guitarist for the band Queen, wrote a song called "The Show Must Go On." At the time, the members of the band knew that Freddie Mercury was dying of AIDS and didn't have much time left. When he presented the song to Freddie, May feared that the song would be too strenuous for Freddie to handle because there were quite a few high notes involved, and Freddie could barely stand up. Freddie took several swigs of vodka and nailed the song. It was the final track on the album "Innuendo" released in 1991. The accompanying video featured clips from the band's history. Freddie died a few months after the album came out. The band assembled one more album following his death. "Made In Heaven" released in 1995. In a poll asking people what song they would like played at their funeral, "The Show Must Go On" was at the top of the list: My soul is painted like the wings of butterflies / Fairy tales of yesterday will grow but never die / I can fly, my friends / The show must go on."

*Ray Davies, lead singer and songwriter for the English band The Kinks, penned a memorable song in 1982 called "Come Dancing." The happy tune had a sad story behind it. One of Davies' older sisters married a Canadian and moved to Canada. She returned home to London to visit the family when Ray was 13 years old. She bought him a guitar he had begged for as a birthday gift. That night, she went out dancing. However, she had a weak heart due to a childhood bout with rheumatic fever. She suffered a heart attack and died on the ballroom floor. Ray Davies memorialized her with this song: "Come dancing / That's how they did it when I was just a kid / And when they said 'come dancing' / My sister always did."

*Noted songwriter Irving Berlin was Jewish and never celebrated Christmas. Nevertheless, he was called upon to write a Christmas song for the 1942 movie "Holiday Inn" starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. He drew from a deeply buried sense of tragedy to write a wistful and melancholy tune. His son, Irving Berlin Junior, died at the age of three weeks on Christmas Day in 1928. Berlin and his wife visited the grave every Christmas day while everyone around them was celebrating the holiday.

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Irving Berlin wanted to write a song to express what Christmas meant to a child who never had the chance to experience it. The result was "(I'm Dreaming of a) White Christmas." The heartfelt rendition of the song, sung by Bing Crosby, was a smash hit. Berlin won his first and only Oscar for Best Original Song for this tune. The song holds the record for the best-selling Christmas song and the best-selling single of all time. It's now been recorded by more artists than any other song in the history of the recording industry.

*Robert Plant was the lead singer of Led Zeppelin. He was also a father. In 1972, his son, Karac, was born. The band was on tour in 1977. They were backstage preparing for a show when Plant received a phone call from his wife, saying that Karac was terribly ill with a stomach infection. Two hours later he got the news that his son had died. Plant flew home. The tour was canceled. A year later, the band recorded the album "In Through the Out Door" which contained the song "All of My Love." This was a moving tribute to his son: "Ours is the fire, all the warmth we can find / He is a feather in the wind."

*When Scottish singer Lewis Capaldi was a child, his family was shattered by the news of his aunt's suicide. He watched his mother grieve the loss of her sister and never forgot the pain of wondering if there was something they could have done. The tragic event inspired the song, "Before You Go" which he wrote in 2019 as a testament to the emotional aftermath of suicide: "So, before you go / Was there something I could've said to make you heart beat better / If only I'd have known you had a storm to weather." His album "Divinely Uninspired to a Hellish Extent" included the song and it climbed to #1 on the Scottish and English Singles Charts in 2020.

*David Gates was the lead singer for Bread. Their breakout album, released in 1970, was the first of seven consecutive albums to go gold in the U.S. One of those albums, "Baby, I'm-a Want You" included a song called "Everything I Own." Gates wrote this as he mourned the fact that his father, who died in 1963, never got to see how successful he became: "I would give anything I own / I'd give up my life, my heart, my home / I would give everything I own / Just to have you back again."

Holidays & Observances This Week

- 3/2 Read Across America Day
- 3/3 I Want You To Be Happy Day
- 3/4 Courageous Followers Day
- 3/5 National Salesperson's Day
- 3/6 National Dentists Day
- 3/7 National Cereal Day
- 3/8 Middle Name Pride Day

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

MERGED	M	GREED
LADIES	A	SLIDE
ALERTS	R	LEAST
PERMIT	T	PRIME
RADISH	H	RAIDS
PLEASE	A	SLEEP

OWNERS	W	SNORE
SATURN	A	URNS
MISTER	S	TIMER
THEIRS	H	TRIES
RUSTIC	I	CRUST
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SENATE	N	TEASE



Americanisms

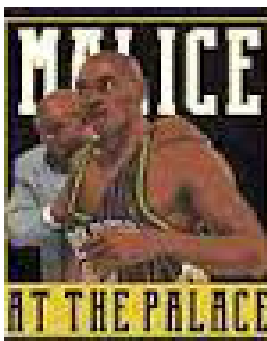


"Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

— Maya Angelou

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Sports Stories



"Malice at the Palace" was the name given to the most notorious NBA brawl in history.

The Indiana Pacers were facing the Detroit Pistons on Nov. 19, 2004, at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

There were only 45.9 seconds left in the final quarter of the game. The Pacers were leading 97-82.

Pistons center Ben Wallace went in for a layup shot. Immediately behind him, Pacers small forward Ron Artest pushed him. Wallace, furious, turned around and shoved Artest in return. The two players began to fight. Their team members rushed in to intervene. Many scuffles like this happen during moments of high tension, and at first, coaches were not particularly concerned as they usually only last a few moments.

Officials halted the game while they gathered to decide what penalties to hand out before the game resumed. Artest, trying to calm himself, lay down on the scorer's table. As he lay there, Ben Wallace threw a towel at him. Artest leaped to his feet, only to be held back by coaches and fellow teammates. Just then, a fan in the stands named John Green hit Artest in the chest with a Diet Coke thrown from several rows up. Artest charged into the stands and grabbed the wrong guy, Michael Ryan, blaming him. Pacers players charged into the crowd. More drinks were thrown, and more punches landed.

There were only three men on security detail, none of whom were prepared to quell an all-out brawl, and they were quickly overwhelmed. Coaches and other officials were unable to break up the melee. Fans streamed out of the stands and onto the court as the fight spread. Someone called the police.

Several fans were ruthless about inciting violence. One, Charlie Haddad, was well-known to security for frequently causing trouble. In fact, he had been asked to leave the arena earlier that night, but the eviction was never carried out. Haddad openly declared that he "wanted to fight an NBA player so he could sue for compensation." This was his chance, and he went in swinging.



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Eventually, police officers swarmed the arena, threatening to arrest anyone who would not leave. Announcers ordered the arena cleared. Referees ended the game with 45.9 seconds remaining and awarded the Pacers with a 97-82 win.

Pistons fans booed the Pacers as security escorted them from the court, throwing beverages, popcorn, and chairs as they walked to the locker room. Police entered the locker room to make arrests, but the team surrounded Artest, rushing him onto the bus.

Nine spectators were injured, and two were taken to the hospital.

NBA officials announced the following day that nine players would be suspended. Artest was suspended for the rest of the 2004-05 season, which cost him over \$5 million.

Ben Wallace was suspended for six games and lost out on \$400,000.

After reviewing videos, Green and Haddad were banned, and their season tickets were revoked. Green spent 30 days in jail. Years later, John Green admitted he had thrown the drink at Artest after making a \$50 bet with Michael Ryan that he couldn't hit Artest. Artest charged Ryan because he had his hands up to celebrate winning the bet. Tayshaun Prince of the Pistons was the only player on both teams who never left the bench during the entire incident.

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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1. What team did Basketball Hall of Famer Al McGuire lead to an NCAA championship in his final season as head coach in 1977?
2. Brazilian footballer Ricardo Izecson dos Santos Leite, winner of the 2007 Ballon d'Or, was commonly known by what name?
3. Name the brothers who played together on the NHL's Chicago Black Hawks for eight seasons from 1964-72.
4. What Washington placekicker led the NFL in scoring in 1991 with 149 points, more than the 143 points scored by the entire Indianapolis Colts team that season?
5. Women's Basketball Hall of Famer Jennifer Azzi won an NCAA championship in 1990 as a member of what team?
6. Who became the first U.S. women's figure skater since Alissa Czisny in 2010 to win the ISU Grand Prix Final when she accomplished the feat in December 2024?
7. The Patrick Mannelly Award, founded in 2019, is presented annually to the best U.S. college football player at what position?

Answers

1. The Marquette University Warriors.
2. Kaka.
3. Bobby and Dennis Hull.
4. Chip Lohmiller.
5. The Stanford University Cardinals.
6. Amber Glenn.
7. Long snapper.

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PROFESSIONS

The word “trade” as in “a tradesman” or “learn a trade” or “go to trade school” comes from the Old English “traden” meaning “to tread” meaning the path a person takes as their profession.

The word “profession” comes from the fact that people used to “profess an oath” to join a religious order or a trade guild.

A male goat was called a “boc” in Dutch. That name turned into “buck” meaning a male deer and also “bok” meaning an antelope found in Africa. In France, a “boucher” was a tradesman who dealt in goat meat. Today, a butcher deals in all meats.

A baker of course is someone who bakes, but in German, a female baker was called a “bakster” which became the surname “Baxter.” Similarly, a female brewer was a “Brewster.”

The Latin word “candere” meaning “to shine” is the root of many of our modern words. First is “candle.” Then there’s “incandescent” meaning “to glow with heat.” The related Latin word “candidus” meant “white.” “Candidates” running for office in ancient Roman times wore white robes. The words “candid” and “candor” also spring from this Latin root.

A “smith” is anyone who works with metals. A “blacksmith” works with dark-colored metals such as iron, as opposed to a silversmith, goldsmith or even a coppersmith.

The Latin “carpentum” mean “cart” and a carpenter was a person who constructed carts or carriages.

The German surname “Zimmermann” means carpenter because “zimmer” means “timber” so a “timber man” is a person who works with wood.

The Latin word “mango” had nothing to do with the tropical fruit. Instead, it referred to a trader. From Latin it morphed into the English word “monger.”

Different types of mongers included fish mongers, cheese mongers, iron mongers, and others. Today we also have war mongers, gossip mongers, rumor mongers, and fear mongers.

The Latin word “grossarius” referred to anyone who sold things in large quantities. Today we’d refer to someone who sells in bulk as a wholesaler. The Latin word turned into the French “grossier” and then into English as “grocer.”

The French word “tailleur” meant broadly “one who cuts.” It gave us the word “tailor” but originally in French there were stone tailors (masons), wood tailors (lumberjacks), and dress tailors.

A milliner is a hat maker, and the word harkens back to Italy, where the city of Milan became the European headquarters for garment making, including hats.

A farrier is someone who shoes horses. The horseshoes are made of iron. The Latin word for iron “ferro” is the root of “ferrous” indicating any metal which contains iron, just as “non-ferrous” means any metal that does not have iron.

The trade of weaver comes from the old Germanic word “webh” from which we also get web and weft. Someone whose name is Weber had a weaver in their past, and a female weaver was called a Webster.

A collier was a “coler” or “coaler,” someone who either mined coal or made charcoal.

A cooper, referring to someone who made barrels, comes from the Latin “cupa” meaning cask, vat, or tub. The same root word gives us the chicken coop.

THIS WEEK'S
CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Eddie Money	3/2/1949
Ira Glass	3/3/1959
Rick Perry	3/4/1950
Penn Jillette	3/5/1955
Michelangelo	3/6/1475
Brian Cranston	3/7/1956
Freddie Prinze Jr.	3/8/1976

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1. Canopy 2. Ascend;
3. Arouse; 4. Treat

Today's Word
TODAY



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try to say as little as possible about the work you're doing through the end of the month. Then you can make your announcement and accept your well deserved plaudits.



Taurus (April 20 to May 20) A more difficult challenge than you expected emerges early in the week. But with your strong Taurian determination, you should be able to deal with it successfully by week's end.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Before you act on your “feelings” about an upcoming decision, it might be wise to do a little fact-checking first. You could be very much surprised by what you don't find.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A recent workplace success can open some doors that were previously closed to you. On a personal level, expect to receive some important news from a longtime friend and colleague.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Put your wounded pride aside and do what you must to heal a misunderstanding before it can take a potentially irreversible turn and leave you regretting the loss of a good friend.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to kick a less-than active life into high gear or rebuild an out-dated Rolodex file is to throw one of your well-organized get-togethers for friends and associates.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting out of an obligation you didn't really want to take on can be tricky. An honest explanation of the circumstances can help. Next time, pay more attention to your usually keen instincts.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Use your Scorpion logic to push for a no-nonsense approach to a perplexing situation. This could help keep present and potential problems from creating more confusion.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend's problem might take more time than you wish to give. But staying with it once again proves the depth of your Sagittarian friendship and loyalty.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat can benefit from an extra dose of self-confidence to unsettle your detractors, giving you the advantage of putting on a strong presentation of your position.



QUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to ask a friend or relative for advice on an ongoing personal matter. But be careful not to give away information that you might later wish you had kept secret.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Use the weekend for a creativity break to help restore your spiritual energy. Once this is done, you'll be back and more than ready to tackle whatever challenge you need to face.

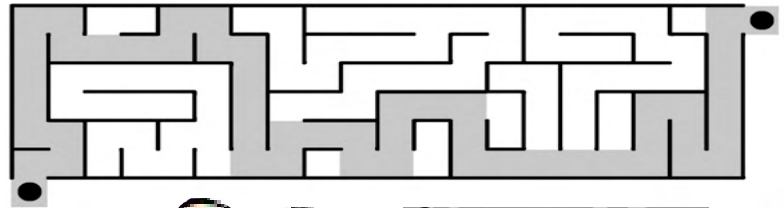


BORN THIS WEEK: You get great joy out of creating beautiful things and sharing them with others who appreciate them.



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Kids' Maze Solution



OLIVE OYL



* On March 3, 1877, Rutherford B. Hayes was sworn in as the 19th president of the United States in the Red Room of the White House. Two days later he was again inaugurated, but this time in a public ceremony.

* On March 4, 2004, Mianne Bagger, a golfer from Denmark, earned a place in sports history at the Women's Australian Open as the first transgender athlete to compete in a professional golf tournament, noting to reporters that it took a while to overcome the anxiety associated with the feat: "I don't know where my swing was.....I was pretty numb the first seven holes.

I couldn't really feel much below my shoulders."

* On March 5, 1839, "Jane Eyre" author Charlotte Bronte declined a marriage proposal from the Reverend Henry Nussey, informing him that he would find her "romantic and eccentric" and not practical enough to be a clergyman's wife.

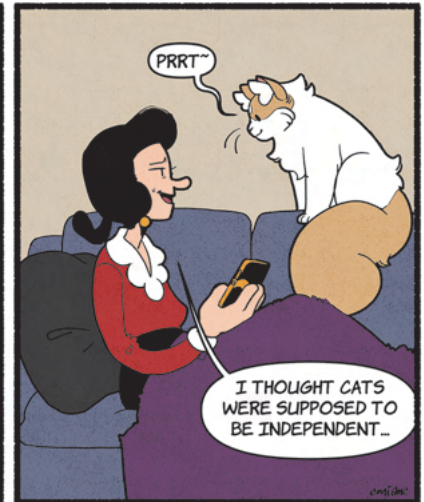
* On March 6, 1475, Michelangelo Buonarroti, considered by many the greatest of the Italian Renaissance artists, was born in Caprese. The son of a government administrator, he became an artist's apprentice at age 13. He would go on to master painting, sculpture and architecture, becoming best known for masterpieces like "David" and his ceiling frescoes in the Sistine Chapel.

* On March 7, 2002, the defense rested in the trial of Andrea Yates, a 37-year-old Texas woman who murdered her five young children by drowning them in a bathtub. Less than a week later she was convicted and sentenced to life in prison, but the conviction was later reversed on the grounds of insanity. In 2006, she was committed to state mental hospital in Texas, where she remains today.

* On March 8, 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew members lost contact with air control, less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur, then veered off course and disappeared. Most of the plane and all on board were never recovered.

* On March 9, 1979, the 26 Major League Baseball teams were ordered by MLB commissioner Bowie Kuhn to allow equal access to all reporters, regardless of their sex.

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from BRACE to GRAPE in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

BRACE

GRAPE

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Answer on Back Cover

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Most people in America use at least seven trees each year, through wood, paper and other types of products that use trees. That is over 2 trillion trees throughout the course of the year. Each American uses around 680 pounds of paper each year, and most people just throw it away instead of recycling it for further use. 2000 pounds of recycled paper can actually help to save 17 trees, over 350 gallons of oil, and a lot of landfill space.

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by Helene
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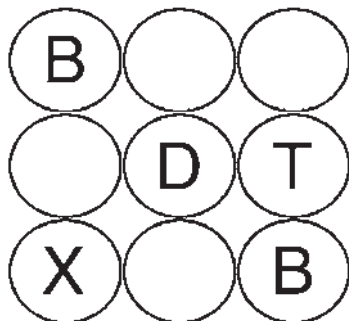
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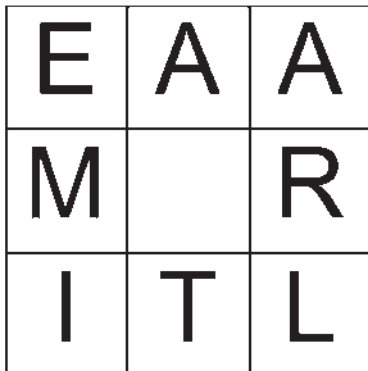
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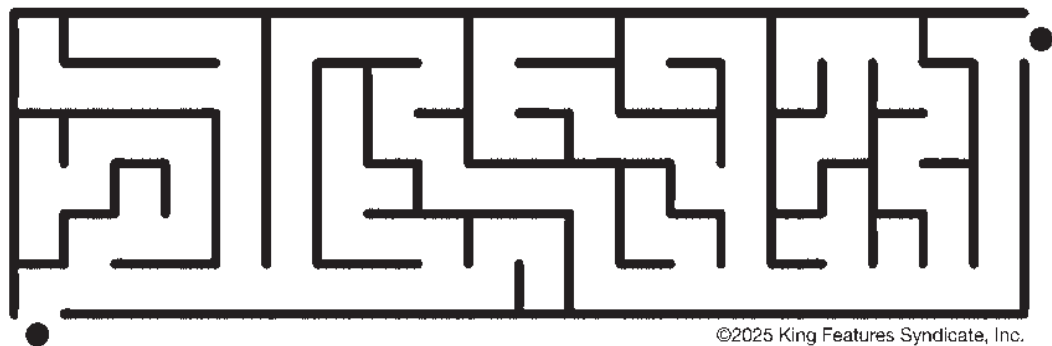
KNIGHT MOVES



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Kids' Maze



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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used
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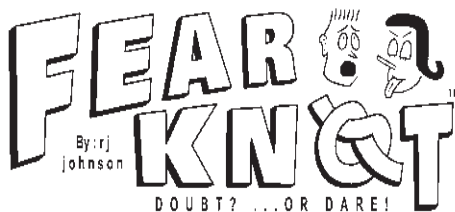
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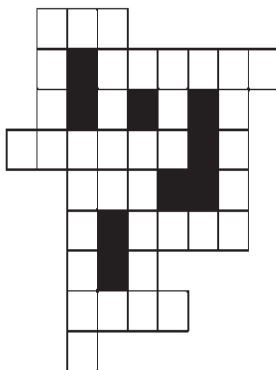
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word
(ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from
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STICKELERS®

by Terry Stickels

How many cubes of any size are contained in this stack? All rows and columns run to completion unless you actually see them end.



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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.

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|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Recliner or folding | _ _ A _ _ | Church musical group | _ _ O _ _ |
| 2. Applied glue | _ _ _ _ _ | D Neutral color | _ _ _ _ _ L |
| 3. Foolishness | _ O _ _ _ | Equine female | _ I _ _ _ |
| 4. Wedding location | _ _ _ A _ | Modify | _ _ _ E _ |
| 5. Household servant | _ _ _ L _ | Toast topping | _ _ _ T _ |
| 6. Gladden | _ _ A _ _ | Choice | _ _ I _ _ |
| 7. Purple fruit | _ _ P _ _ | Mealtime prayer | _ _ C _ _ |
| 8. Stripe | _ _ _ _ _ | K Small river | _ _ _ _ M |
| 9. Military time out | _ _ _ V _ | Renter's agreement | _ _ _ S _ |
| 10. Car bumper | F _ _ _ _ | Banker | L _ _ _ _ |

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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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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

*In Israel, the movie title "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" was translated as "It's Raining Falafel."

*The Latte Index, which was developed by The Wall Street Journal, compares the price of a tall Starbucks latte in dozens of cities around the globe to estimate which currencies are overvalued and undervalued.

*While Finland refers to itself as the "Land of 1,000 Lakes," it actually contains 188,000.

*Gucci manufactured a pair of jeans named the Gucci Genius Jeans that sold for an astonishing \$3,134.

*In 1859, America was swept by a moral panic over young people playing....too much chess.

*Eighty-five percent of Vakkaru Island in the Maldives is made up of fish feces.

*After Thomas Edison was confined to a wheelchair in his last years, his good friend Henry Ford bought one as well so the two could have wheelchair races around their adjoining Florida estates.

*Fifteen minutes of shivering from cold temperatures can be the metabolic equivalent of one hour of exercise.

*At the age of 104, a fellow by the name of Jack Reynolds became the oldest known person to get a tattoo. He followed that up by becoming at age 105, the oldest person to ride on a roller coaster.

*St. Nicholas is the patron saint of penitent murderers.

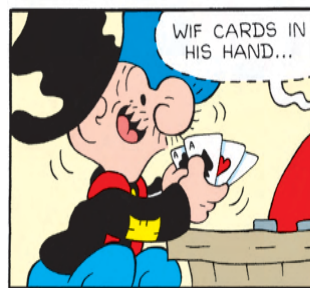
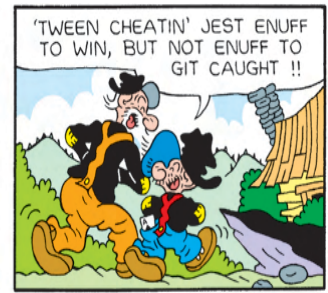
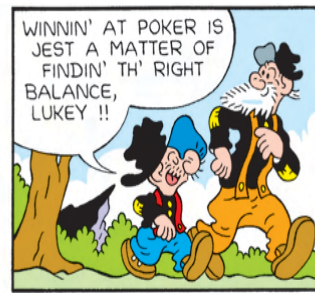
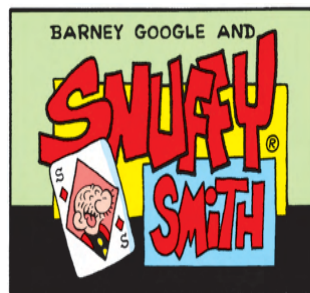
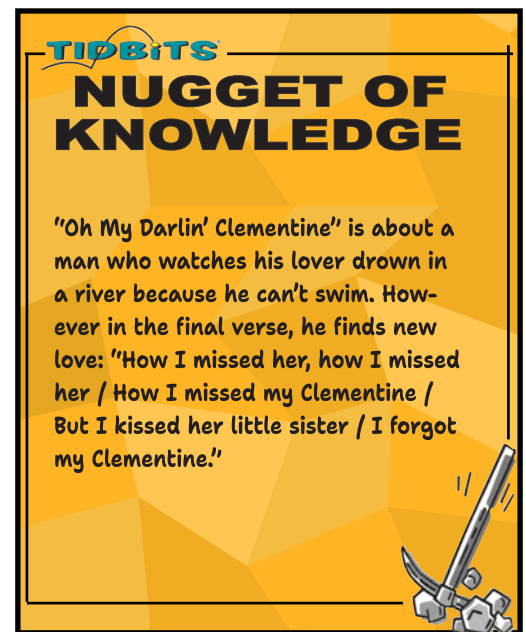
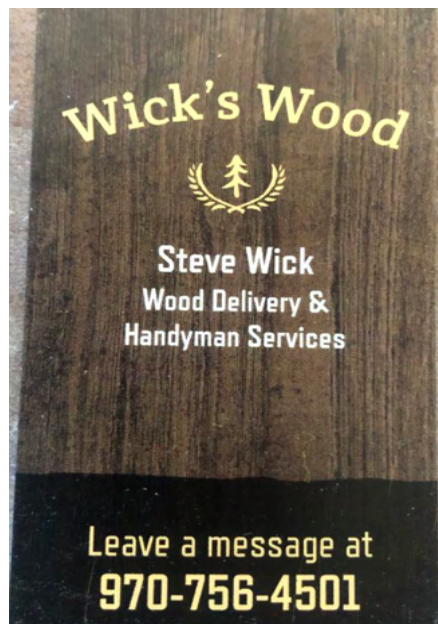
*America's first female state senator was a Mormon polygamist who not only ran against, but defeated, her husband.

*In 2009, an Italian neurosurgeon had a heart attack in the middle of performing surgery. He powered through it when he realized his patient wouldn't recover if he stopped. Half an hour after finishing the surgery, the dedicated doctor had an angioplasty.

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Thought for the Day: "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life. ~Victor Hugo

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CryptoQuip

answer

That cute, tiny tyke could barely walk yet, but he was getting around on foot to the best of his stability.

Even Exchange

answers

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Clever, Clover | 6. Utter, Otter |
| 2. Marsh, March | 7. Bravo, Brave |
| 3. Snitch, Stitch | 8. Sensor, Senior |
| 4. Poster, Roster | 9. Peppy, Puppy |
| 5. Audit, Audio | 10. Humble, Tumble |

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*"We are always prompted to choose strong passwords, but a random collection of letters, numbers and special symbols can be hard to remember. I make a strong password by using a coded phrase, like 'My three boys are number one,' which might be 'MY3boysR#1.' Just thought I'd share my trick, but not my password! ~R.W. in Iowa

*Use secure networks to transfer data. When out and about, if you are using free Wi-Fi hotspots, choose ones that encrypt data. You can check the web address and look for a padlock icon, or addresses that begin with https:// - The "S" means secure.

*"Sign out of all accounts when you are using someone else's computer. I can't tell you how often I have used the computers at the library and went to sign into my webmail only to find that the previous user's email comes up. Navigating away from a page usually doesn't work, closing the browser sometimes doesn't work, but logging off ALWAYS works. The same for shopping sites, like Amazon. If you don't log off, because these sites use "cookies" to remember you, someone could potentially use your account!" ~M.L. in Florida

*Lock your device! Just as you wouldn't leave your door unlocked, so too should you not leave your phone unlocked, particularly if you have applications on your smartphone that can easily access-ed. Lock it up, and be smart.

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The Garden Bug

How to air-dry your roses

1. Strip leaves from the stem, leaving the flower. Cut stems no shorter than six inches. Remove from sunlight after cutting.
2. Secure the bottom of the stems to a hanger so that they hang upside down to dry. Find a dark, dry area with good circulation, such as an attic or unused closet, and leave flowers to hang there for two to three weeks until completely dry.
3. When dry, spray with unscented hairspray for protection.

— Brenda Weaver
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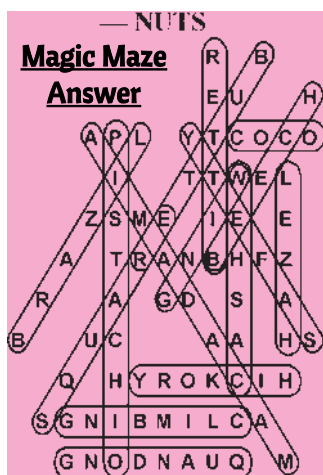
1. Who was the first to record "This Time I'm in it for Love"?
2. Name the trio that released "Candida."
3. Which artist was a regular on a daytime soap opera at the same time he had a song hit the top of the charts?
4. Name the only No. 1 song by Spandau Ballet.
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I can't help it, I can't help it, if I cry, I remember that you said goodbye."

ANSWERS

1. Austin Roberts, in 1976, followed by a Play-er cover in 1977. Roberts was best known for "Rocky" in 1975.
2. Tony Orlando and Dawn, in 1970. The song charted around the world, was covered by several others and was even recorded in foreign languages.
3. Rick Springfield. He had a role on "General Hospital" and released "Jessie's Girl" in 1981. He later won a Grammy Award for Best Male Rock Vocal Performance.
4. "True," in 1983.
5. "In Dreams," by Roy Orbison, in 1963. Penned by Orbison himself, the song ended up on the Rolling Stone "500 Greatest Songs of All Time." While on tour with the Beatles, Orbison got 15 calls for encore while the Beatles cooled their heels backstage.

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TIDBITS QUOTE

"Where words fail, music speaks."
~Hans Christian Andersen



Create Your Own Veterans Legacy Memorial Page

The Department of Veterans Affairs has just expanded the use of the Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) - the online digital platform dedicated to the memory of veterans who have passed away.

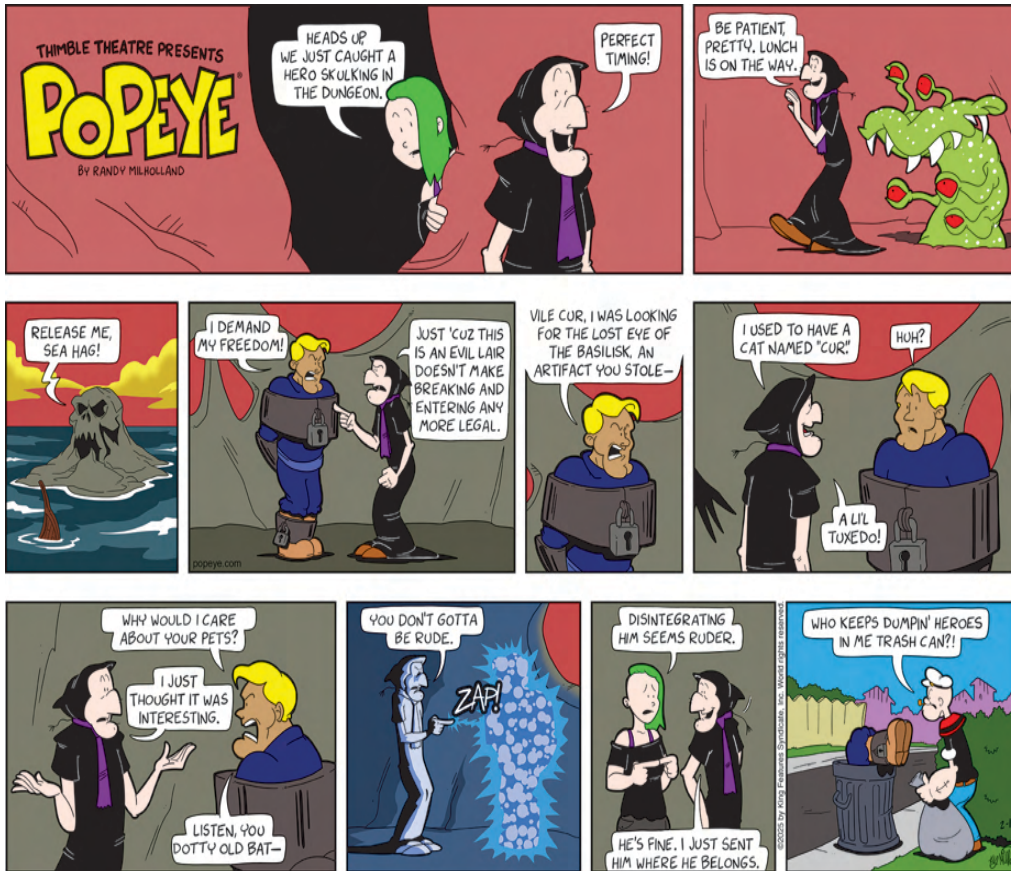
Until now, a page for veteran was created, usually by family, after that veteran died. Now the new feature - "Your Story, Your Legacy" - means that living veterans can create their own page, to be activated after their death.

This is great addition to the project, especially for veterans who have no family who would create the page. The veteran can submit all the information in advance and have it just the way he or she wants. The VLM will hold the information until they're notified of the death and burial.

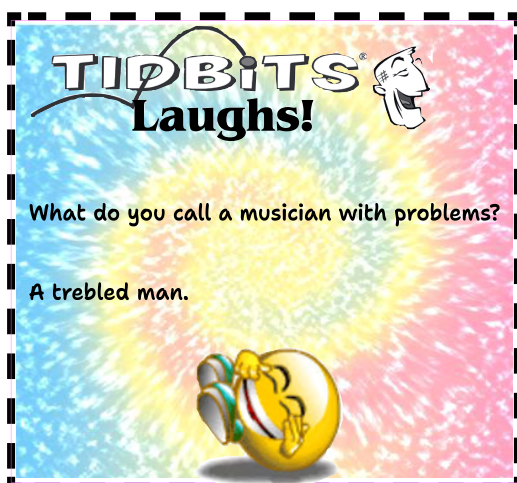
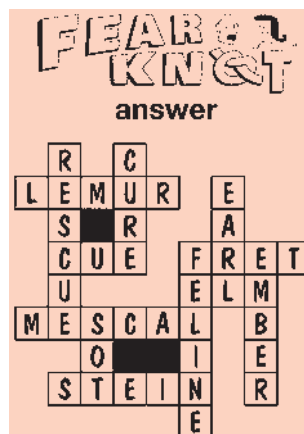
There is one caveat: The veteran needs to have approval for pre-need eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery.

Have you seen the Memorial? At this point there are 10 million Legacy pages. (The VLM automatically creates a generic page when there is a burial in a VA national cemetery.) Go online to www.vlm.com.va.gov and explore the various ways the memorial pages have been done. Standard information includes the dates of birth and death, rank and branch of service, decorations, plus the location of burial (including a satellite photo of the location) and a photo of the marker. But you'll also find a variety of ways that veterans have been memorialized by additions from friends and family, with photos, bio, historical documents, stories and more. You can create your page any way you'd like - after you've been approved for burial in a national cemetery.

For pre-need approval for burial you'll need several documents, including DD-214, and the completed application VA Form 40-10007. (Download the form at va.gov/find-forms/aboutform-40-10007.) If you need help with the paperwork, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117. For more information about the creation of your Legacy page, see vlm.com.va.gov/living-veteranhome or call them at 866-245-1490.



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Stickelers Answer

The scrambled word is TRIGONOMETRY.

Magic Lanterns

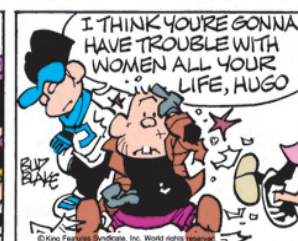
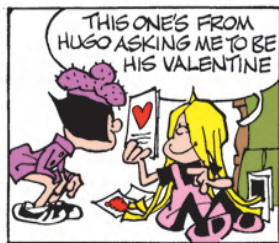
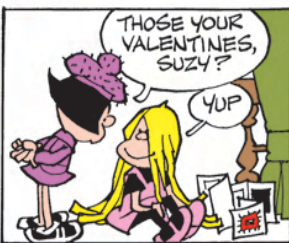
According to author Arthur C. Clarke, "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic." Look at magic lanterns, which even have "magic" in their name. They were used in Europe by the 1650s. Traveling showmen used them to apparently conjure ghosts and demons out of thin air to the shock and amusement of their audiences. Of course, these apparitions were projected by candlelight through the lantern's lens.

Oil and gas lamps replaced the candle, and glass slides projected colorful images instead of shadows. By the mid-1800s, the magic lantern had a new name: the stereopticon. Some manufacturers called them sciop-ticons, arguably putting even more emphasis on the scientific aspects.

One sciop-ticon model, patented by the Pettibone Manufacturing Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1888, was known as the "Peacock," thanks to the revolving discs holding the painted glass slides, which resembled a peacock's fanned-out tail. This Peacock sciop-ticon sold at Donley Auctions for \$1,845. By the time this style of sciop-ticon appeared, popular subjects for slides included famous stories, his-

Q: Can you tell me about what I call a "foot stool"? It belonged to my grandparents born 1883 and died 1969. After their death, it went to my aunt and after her death, I inherited it in 2008. I have no idea when it was purchased and have recovered it. There are no markings on it and no damage. The solid wood cylinder is 4 inches wide, 14 inches in circumference and 13 inches long.

TIGER



It stands 9 inches tall with four 6-inch feet at an angle, and with two 3-inch-long knobs at each end to make it about 20 inches long total. Everyone who sees it remarks how interesting it is!

A: Your foot stool sounds like a gout stool. Gout is a form of arthritis that can cause joint pain, especially in the ankles and toes. In the 18th and 19th centuries, there were several styles of gout stools, designed to deep weight off the feet and relieve the pain. Some were made like miniature rockers. Yours sounds like a "rolling pin" type, so-called because of its shape. Some of them had features like a rotating cylinder to massage the foot or ankle, or adjustable legs to get the stool to the right height for different users. Some are still made today. Antique gout stools by un-



known makers usually sell for under \$100.

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TIP: Never laminate a paper collectible, whether it's a document, photo, letter, press pass, cut autograph, or baseball card. Lamination is permanent and permanently decreases value.

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CURRENT PRICES

Box, candle, mahogany, slide lid, two notches at front, lower drawer, dovetail construction, late 1800s, 6 x 11 inches, \$65.

Sandwich glass, toy, flat iron, figural, amethyst, wheel molded, factory polished, c. 1860, 1 1/4 inches, \$285.

Rug, Grenfell, pictorial, three Canada geese, flying, pine trees, shaded orange ground, label, c. 1925, 26 1/2 x 40 inches, \$1,375.

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Going Back To Work?

A small recent survey revealed that 51% of the retired senior respondents are considering going back to work, also known as "un-retiring." The reason, of course, won't be a great surprise: They need to go back to work because the cost of everything is going up. The amount of money they're trying to earn is \$500 per month on average.

To be considered before you rush into un-retirement:

- If you're collecting Social Security and are under full retirement age, your benefit amount might be reduced while you're earning that extra income. After you reach full retirement age, you'll be able to work and not have your benefit amount reduced.

- Your full retirement age depends on your month and year of birth. See the charts on the Social Security website (www.ssa.gov) to determine your full retirement age.

- If you've been retired, consider if you're ready to make that adjustment to your life that returning to work would bring. It might make the difference between seeking a part-time job as opposed to working full time.

- If you plan on going back to work and need to provide a resume, don't use a resume you created years ago. Have a resume service do it for you, if possible.

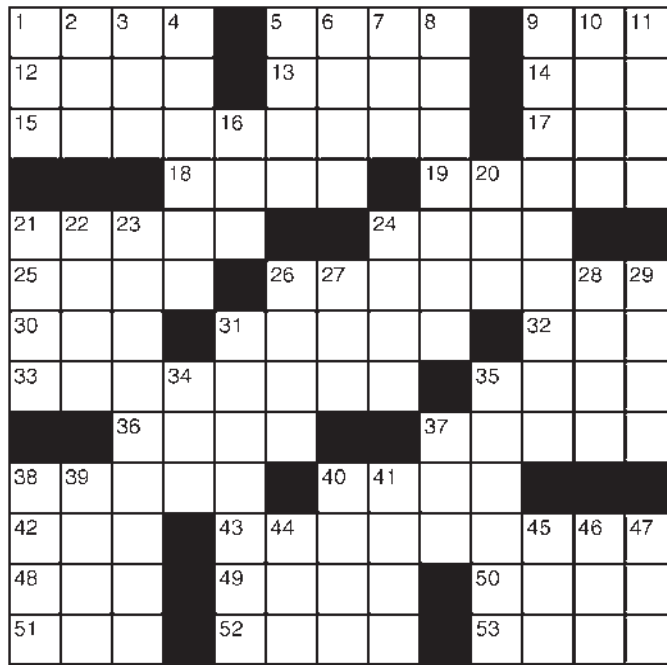
- If you do it yourself, don't list everything you've ever done. Go back a maximum of 15 years and don't detail your work history with every date. Instead, go for broad categories such as your experience, qualifications, skills and accomplishments in previous jobs. If you're especially skilled with technology, be sure to say so. Leave out the dates of any degrees and awards.

For ideas and hints, search online for "resumes for retirees. Look at the National Council on Aging (www.ncoa.org) for their resume writing guide and AARP (aarp.org) for information on writing a resume after the age of 50.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Actress Hatcher
5 Slender
9 Venomous viper
12 — Bator
13 Director Wertmuller
14 Cutesy- —
15 Beau
17 "Nova" aier
18 Oodles
19 Media mogul Winfrey
21 Brother of Moses
24 Concerning
25 Large amount
26 Novelty dance at a wedding
30 Pampering, for short
31 Sri —
32 Tokyo's historic name
33 Quarantines
35 L-Q bridge
36 Baseball leg-end Willie
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42 Flamenco cheer
43 Exceed
48 — -Manuel Miranda
49 Clump of grass

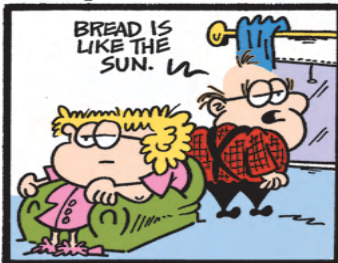


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53 Sciences' partner
9 Collar, as a suspect
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22 Shakespeare title starter
23 Advise
24 Pen fluids
26 Cave crea- tures
27 French article
28 Air freshener target
29 Vatican VIP
31 Infant's outfit
34 Napkin's perch
35 Green tea variety
37 — de deux
38 Bridge fee
39 Director Kazan
40 Ump's ruling
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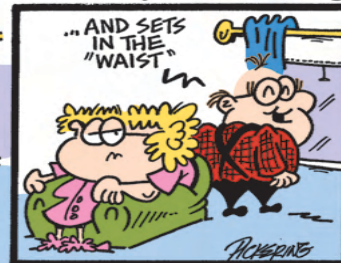
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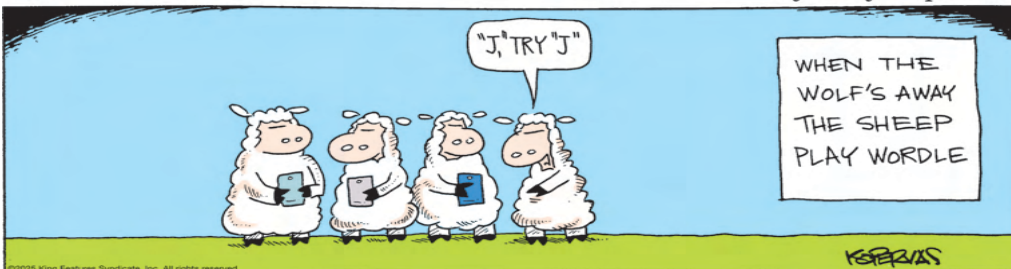
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| *GINO'S PIZZERIA | *BANK OF THE SAN JUAN |
| *COOL WATER GRILL | *LUBE PLUS |
| *BARELY SPENT CONSIGNMENTS | *OCEAN PEARL RESTAURANT |
| *SIZZLIN' PICKLE | *A+E TIRE |
| *DARK HORSE LIQUOR | *CRAIG FAMILY DENTAL |
| *CRAIG STORAGE | *LOADOUT LIQUORS |
| *VICTORY MOTORS | *BLACK DIAMOND AUTO |
| *HAMPTON INN | *SOUTH BEACH FLEA MKT |
| | *QUALITY INN |

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KNIGHT MOVES

Answer



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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WORD LADDER

Answer

BRACE, BRAVE, CRAVE, CRATE, GRATE, GRAPE

Fun Fact

Ladybugs are known for their reddish coloring with black spots, but they can also be yellow, orange, brown or pink with black spots. These vivid markings are a kind of warning, since ladybugs can emit very foul liquid from their leg joints! It's a defense against their predators such as birds, small mammals, assassin bugs, stink bugs and spiders.

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