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## TIDBITS® STOPS TO

### SMELL THE ROSES

by Kathy Wolfe

Roses are red, violets are blue... This week, in commemoration of National Rose Month and National Red Rose Day on June 12th, Tidbits presents these facts about the "Queen of Flowers."

- There are more than 300 species of roses along with tens of thousands cultivated varieties and hybrids. Some are shrubs or bushes, while others climb or trail.
- Roses require a lot of water to produce blossoms - nearly 3.4 gallons (13 liters) for just one flower.
- The world's oldest living rose can be found growing on the wall of Germany's Hildesheim Cathedral. this 1,000-year-old dog rose bush grows on a column of the cathedral to a height of 33 feet (10 m). It's a tough bush, as it survived being hit by Allied bombers during World War II, and continues to blossom.
- More than 250,000 people in South America are employed in the rose business About 54% of Ecuador's land is planted in roses, and 25% of all the roses sold in the U.S. come from there. About 4 billion cut flower roses are sold every year in America, with 80% of those coming from Ecuador and Columbia.
- Roses are also big business in Zambia in south-central Africa where more than 80% of cultivated land is in roses.

(go to page 2 to find out more)

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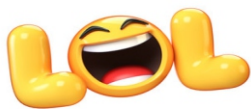
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**A: Buds!**

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## ROSES

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• The various colors of roses symbolize different things. It's no surprise that red roses signify love and romance, while yellow roses represent friendship. White roses are a symbol of purity, spirituality, and innocence, and are often favored for weddings, but also for funeral arrangements. Orange roses denote optimism, happiness, and happiness, and wishes for success, making them a wise option for a graduation bouquet. Pink roses indicate feminine elegance and sophistication.

• do you think you've seen a black rose? If so, you're mistaken as there are no roses that are black in color. There is one, the Black Rose of Turkey, or Turkish Halfeti rose, that appears pitch-black, but in reality is a very dark reddish-crimson color.

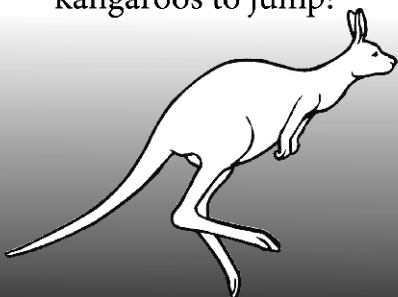
• Rose breeders frequently name their hybrids after celebrities, such as the Elizabeth Taylor rose, which is a bright pink tea rose. The Barbra Streisand rose is a lavender flower with a citrusy scent, while the Julia Child rose is butter yellow and smells like licorice. Former First Lady Laura Bush asked for a rose with colors of orange and cinnamon to reflect the sunset of her Texas home. Of the tens of thousands of hybrids, many are named after historical figures such as Empress Josephine, Leonardo da Vinci, Marie Curie, Mozart, and Anne Boleyn. The Claude Monet rose, named after the famous French impressionist painter has large stripey yellow and pink blossoms.

• It took rose breeder David Austin 15 years to create the Sweet Juliet rose, a bloom with about 70 large peach petals and a deep apricot center and a fragrance of sweet vanilla. It cost Austin about \$5 million to produce the variety, succeeding in 2006. The Juliet is considered the world's most expensive rose.

(more flower facts on page 3)

# Fun Fact

When compared side to side, Australia is wider than the moon: With an east to west diameter of about 4,000 kilometers, Australia bests the moon's approximately 3,400-kilometer diameter. That's plenty of room for kangaroos to jump!



Source: The European Space Agency

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1. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym URL stand for?
2. MOVIES: What is the name of the ghost that haunts the girls' bathroom at Hogwarts ("Harry Potter" series)?
3. HISTORY: Which decisive battle ended the Revolutionary War?
4. LITERATURE: What is the pseudonym of the author Eric Arthur Blair?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which of the national parks is the most visited in the United States?
6. TELEVISION: Which medical series is based at Princeton Plainsboro Teaching Hospital?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Denmark?
8. U.S. STATES: In which state is Glacier National Park located?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first vice president to die in office?
10. SCIENCE: What are the elements like neon, helium and radon called?

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 11**

**TIDBITS**

**NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE**

The War of the Roses was a series of English civil wars which took place from 1455 to 1487. The House of Lancaster and the House of York battled over control of the English throne, both claiming control through descent from the sons of Edward III. The House of York was represented by a white rose, while the House of Lancaster used a red rose as their symbol.

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(cont. from page 2)

Breeders tried for decades to create a blue rose, but found it impossible due to rose petals lacking the enzyme needed for blue pigment. Success was finally achieved in 2009 through genetic engineering, by implanting the gene that synthesizes the blue pigment Delphinidin. Accomplished in Japan, the rose was named "Applause." Prior to that, blue roses could only be created by artificially coloring white roses.

• The record for the largest rose ever bred belongs to the Nikita K. Rulhoksofski rose, bred at a California farm. This pink rose blossom measured approximately 33 inches (84 cm) in diameter with a stem 6 feet (1.8 m) long.

• When in Tombstone, Arizona, take the time to view the world's largest rosebush, the Lady Banks, a white rose that came from Scotland, was planted just a few blocks from the community's OK Corral in 1885 at a hotel/boarding house during the silver mining boom. This mammoth bush covers 9,000 square feet with a trunk that measures 12 feet (3.67 m) around.

• roses are more than just a beautiful flower. Their petals are edible and are used in many Indian and Chinese dishes and as flavoring in jams and jellies and vinaigrette salad dressing. Because they are rich in antioxidants, rose petals make a great natural skin cleanser when dried petals are made into paste of water and a touch of raw honey. A rose petal concoction can soothe a sore throat, too. It's made by packing fresh rose petals into a jar and pouring in honey almost to the top of the jar, then stirring to coat. The mixture must set for at least six weeks, followed by straining out the petals. A spoonful of the blend is then stirred into hot tea.

• In late summer or early autumn after the blossoms have been pollinated and the rosebud falls off, roses have a berry-shaped fruit called rose hips that are orange, red, dark purple, or black in color. These can be used to create a nutritious tea rich in Vitamins C, A, E, and B-complex, along with calcium, iron, magnesium, potassium, zinc, and other essential minerals. Studies have shown that rose hips help regulate the blood sugar level of the body, reduce the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis, lower cholesterol, boost the immune system, and increase circulation

• If you plan to utilize rose petals and rose hips, remember that one should never use those that come from a florist, as they frequently use pesticides on the flowers that are not approved for food.

• Tiny glands on the petals of roses produce a fragrant oil that is used in perfumes. It's a tedious process that requires an enormous amount of roses. In fact, it takes more than 2,000 roses to produce just one gram of oil.

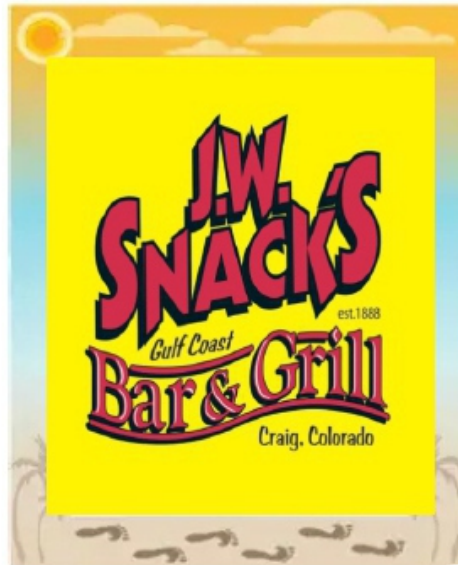
• In 1986, while standing in the White House's Rose Garden, President Ronald Reagan officially declared the rose the national flower of the United States, per Senate Joint Resolution 159. Part of his address read, "More often than any other flower, we hold the rose dear as the symbol of life, love and devotion, of beauty and eternity." The states of Georgia, Iowa, New York, and North Dakota, and the Canadian province of Alberta all have a variety of rose as their state flower.

• Only three flowers are mentioned in the Bible - the rose, the lily, and camphire (henna).

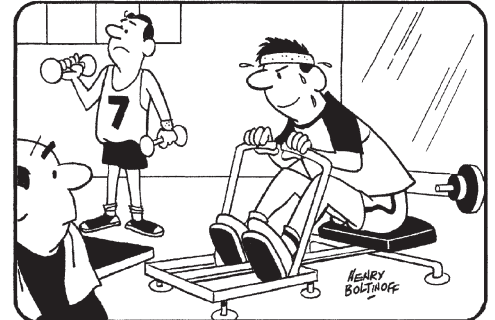
## TIDBITS Laughs!

**Q:** What did the gardener say when he was asked why there were no roses in the public garden outside of the library?

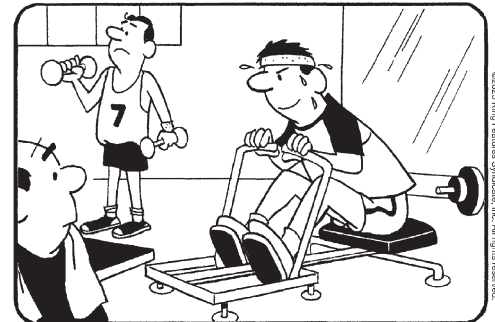
**A:** "Sorry, I just haven't botany."



## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Stripe on sock is missing. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Towel is longer. 5. Hair is different. 6. Number on shirt is smaller.

## Amber Waves

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# SPORTS STORIES



Most of us are familiar with the fast-paced game of hockey when teams attempt to score points by shooting the puck into the opponent's net. But what about hockey that is played underwater? This week, *Tid-bits* dives into the facts about this rather obscure sport.

\*During the 1950s, the British Navy came up with an idea to keep their divers in shape during the winter and to improve their efforts underwater. They called the exercise Octopush, based on the teams of eight players each, "octo-," and pushing of a puck with a small shuffleboard stick called a "pusher." The game expanded beyond the Navy when the Southsea Sub-Aqua Club introduced competition among civilians. (Today's rules allow six swimmers in the playing area at a time.)

\*Played at the bottom of a swimming pool, the game requires skills in snorkeling, free-diving, and, of course, hockey regulations. However, unlike ice hockey, underwater hockey has very limited contact with other players.

\*The puck, called the "squid," is plastic to ensure a smooth glide across the pool's playing surface, but is weighted with lead in order to sink to the bottom of the pool. It weighs between 2.9 and 3.3 lbs. (1.3 to 1.5 kg). The stick measures no more than 3.9 inches x 2.0 inches by 13.8 inches (100 mm x 50 mm x 350 mm).

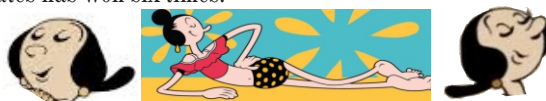
\*The goals are referred to as "gulleys" and measure 9.8 feet (3 m) wide, and are situated at opposite ends of the pool bottom.

\*The game consists of two halves, fifteen minutes each, and a three minute half time break, when teams switch ends.

\*Those players waiting to be substituted into play use snorkels that enable them to observe the game's progress and the position of the puck without having to lift their head from the water. They must wait outside the playing area and keep their position on the pool's surface. During actual play, team members are not allowed to use breathing devices, and must hold their breath. They do wear diving masks that cover the eyes and nose, since this allows more vision than standard swim goggles. Fins are also part of the game's equipment, as is a protective glove worn to protect the hands from abrasion from the pool's bottom.

\*Penalties are incurred when a player uses the stick against something other than the puck or by moving or stopping the puck with something other than the stick. Players are not allowed to block another player's movement and strike or hook an opponent's stick, a penalty known as "hacking."

\*The first official competition took place in 1955, with the founding Southsea team taking the tournament win. That team remains highly ranked, triumphing in 20 out of 52 national championships. Underwater hockey came to North America in 1962, when it was introduced to Vancouver by an Australian scuba diving instructor. Underwater hockey is now played worldwide in 30 countries, with the first world championships held in Canada in 1980. The majority of championships have been won by Australia, with 27, and New Zealand, with 24. The United States has won six times.



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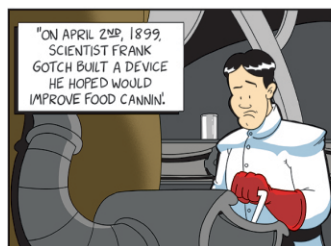
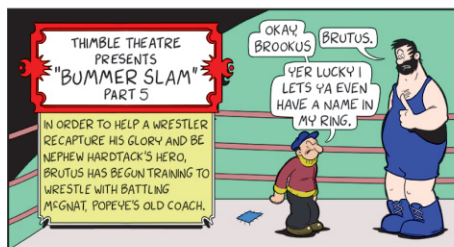
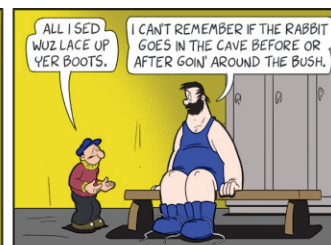
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A body's circadian rhythm is its natural 24-hour clock, by which the body's systems are regulated. This internal clock keeps the body functioning on a healthy wake/sleep cycle. It tells the body when to sleep and when to wake up. A healthy rhythm is maintained by following a regular schedule, keeping the bedtime and wake time consistent, and getting seven to nine hours of sleep at night. Since the rhythm can be affected by the amount of light, shift workers can experience abrupt changes in the timing of sleep which can disturb the circadian cycle.

Are you sleep deprived? Falling asleep should take 10 to 15 minutes. If it takes you less than five minutes, there's a good chance you're sleep-deprived. Sixteen hours straight without sleep decreases performance by as much as blood alcohol level of 0.5%. Lack of sleep for over 48 hours usually leads to hallucinations. Those who sleep an average of less than six hours per night have an estimated 13% higher mortality risk.

\*Need a nap? More than 80% of adults have napped at least 10 minutes in the past three months. About 7% of adults nap every day, with the average nap about an hour.

\*About 10-15% of people suffer from chronic insomnia, which is defined by its persistence over multiple months. Nearly 75% of those over 65 have insomnia, with women about 40% more likely to have insomnia than men. All kinds of factors can contribute to it - physical or mental illness, shift work, stress and diet and exercise habits.

\*Research indicates that the average adult spends 3.5 hours on social media before bed every night, with 88% reporting lost sleep due to binge-watching TV. The blue light from screens disrupts the ability to fall asleep.

\*Pandiculating is the medical term for yawning. Why do we yawn? At one time it was thought that it was to draw more oxygen into the lungs, but today it's believed that it is the result of expelling excess carbon dioxide in the blood. It actually results in improved circulation. A short period of apnea (cessation of breathing) usually follows a good yawn. The average yawn lasts about 6 seconds.

\*About 70% of people talk in their sleep on a regular basis.



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About one-third of a person's life is spent sleeping. This week, *Tidbits* wakes up these facts about the importance of a good night's sleep.

\* The average adult needs at least seven hours of sleep for optimum health. About one third of adults don't meet this requirement. During sleep, the body repairs and maintains the body's processes and improves energy levels. Chronic inadequate sleep can contribute to anxiety, depression, irritability, difficulty thinking clearly, and poor performance. Seven hours or more of sleep helps regulate blood sugar. Those who get less have an increased risk of Type 2 diabetes because of an increase in the body's resistance to insulin, which results in too much sugar in the bloodstream.

\*Adequate sleep supports heart health. As the body sleeps, heart rate slows down and blood pressure decreases, giving the system a chance to rest. When blood pressure remains high because of a lack of quality sleep, there is an increase in the risk of heart disease. Lack of sleep takes a toll in good judgement. Less than five hours a night is associated with riskier-than-normal behavior.





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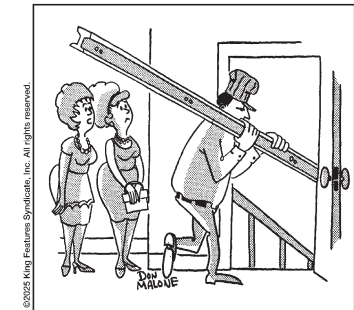
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**TODAY'S WORD**

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"When Andy said he was building a  
\_\_\_\_\_ set in the  
cellar, I had no idea ..."

### KNIGHT MOVES

I	T	E
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A	L	U

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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### STICKELERS (sic)

by Terry Stickels

Here's a "trickledown" puzzle. The rules are simple; you merely change one letter on each line to make a new word and continue until you reach the final word.

EXAMPLE: COAT

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\_\_\_\_\_  
VASE

ANS: COAT  
COST  
CAST  
CASE  
VASE

Now, try this one.  
Remember, there may be more than one answer.

STORM  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CHASE

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**ALL PUZZLE & QUIZ ANSWERS  
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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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1. Name the recording artist born David Goldstein. Hint: He also writes musicals and has penned songs for the Drifters, Dolly Parton and several others.
2. Which Creedence Clearwater Revival song was used in the film "The Big Chill"?
3. "With a Little Help From My Friends" was released on which Beatles album?
4. Who wrote and released "It Might as Well Rain Until September"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Each day I live, I want to be a day to give the best of me."

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 9**

## 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. Make amends       | ___ T ___ | Solitary             | ___ L ___ |
| 2. Narrow one's eyes | ___ N ___ | Use a water pistol   | ___ R ___ |
| 3. Cake maker        | ___ A ___ | Chopper dude         | ___ I ___ |
| 4. Necklace ornament | L ___     | Spaceship            | R ___     |
| 5. Very pale         | ___ H ___ | Colorado tree        | ___ P ___ |
| 6. Interfere         | ___ E ___ | Center               | ___ I ___ |
| 7. Cook lightly      | ___ T ___ | Gravy                | ___ C ___ |
| 8. Take it easy      | ___ X ___ | Certain running race | ___ Y ___ |
| 9. Shrink            | ___ W ___ | Blanket              | ___ V ___ |
| 10. Fasten           | ___ H ___ | Invalidate           | ___ K ___ |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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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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## 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.

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**TACRUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's a time to expect the unexpected. So, don't be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Taking a different tack on a work project might rankle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate with a fun-filled weekend!

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you're in a high, positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you'll soon forget your own discomfort.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you social Lions to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws, and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential!

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. Meanwhile, a colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A recent flurry of activity leaves you in need of a little breathing space, and you'd be wise to take it. In other news, close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's a good time to look into a training program or college course you've been considering. You might have a good place to use these sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 18) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. Your might want to start checking out summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

**AQUARIUS** (January 19 to February 18) Making progress often comes by fits and starts. But at least you're moving straight ahead with no backsliding! You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember, it's always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go. You're considered to be the rock in many of your relationships.

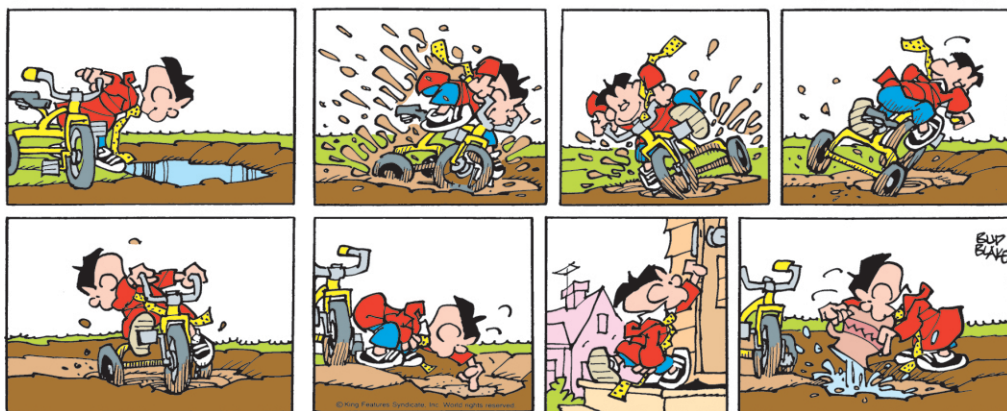
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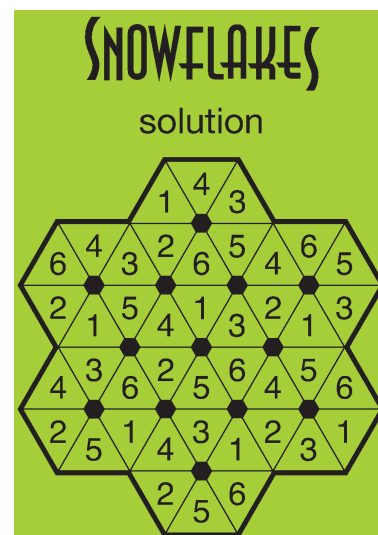
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\*On June 2, 1997, U.S. Army veteran Timothy McVeigh was convicted on 15 counts of murder and conspiracy for his role two years earlier in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

\*On June 3, 1956, authorities in Santa Cruz, California, put the city in the national spotlight by declaring a complete ban on rock and roll at public gatherings, labeling the music "detrimental to both the health and morals of our youth and community" after a policeman at a dance party the night before described the teen crowd as "engaged in suggestive, stimulating and tantalizing motions induced by the provocative rhythms of an all-negro band."

\*On June 4, 1940, 22-year-old Carson McCullers' debut novel, "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter," about misfits in a Georgia mill town, was published to widespread acclaim.

\*On June 5, 1888, President Grover Cleveland vetoed a bill that would have given a widow's pension to Johanna Loewinger, whose husband had passed away 14 years after being discharged from the army. Because he died by suicide and not from a disability caused by his military service, her request was denied.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

**Answer**

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\*On June 6, 2002, a high-energy upper atmosphere explosion now known as the Eastern Mediterranean Event, similar in power to a small atomic bomb, occurred over the Mediterranean Sea between Libya and Crete when a small, undetected asteroid disintegrated while approaching Earth. There were concerns that if the explosion had occurred closer to Pakistan or India, it could have sparked a nuclear war between the countries, as they were engaged in a standoff at the time.

\*On June 7, 1968, just two days after the assassination of Democratic presidential hopeful Robert F. Kennedy, Fred Rogers, the popular host of the children's public television show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," dedicated an episode to explaining the tragedy to his young audience.

On June 8, 1191, King Richard I of England arrived in Acre, Israel, beginning the Third Crusade, an attempt co-led by France's King Philip II and Emperor Frederick Barbarossa to reconquer the Holy Land following Jerusalem's capture by the Ayyubid sultan Saladin in 1187.

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**Answers**

1. Rupert Holmes, of "Pina Colada" fame.
2. "Bad Moon Rising," in 1983. Other songs featured on the sound track included "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "Joy to the World" and "The Tracks of My Tears."
3. "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," in 1967. It ranked No. 311 on the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time list. Joe Cocker released a cover a year later.
4. Carole King, in 1962.
5. "One Moment in Time," by Whitney Houston, in 1988. It was written as a promotion for the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics. The song charted around the globe, topping charts in the U.K., West Germany and the U.S.

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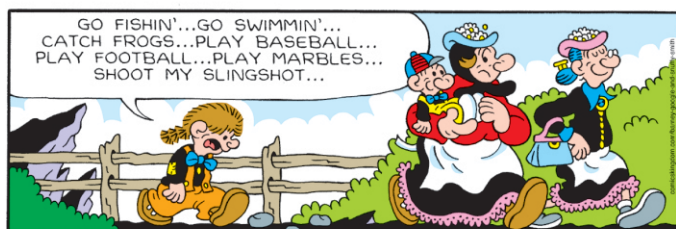
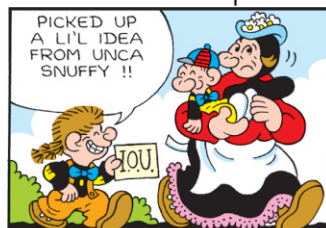
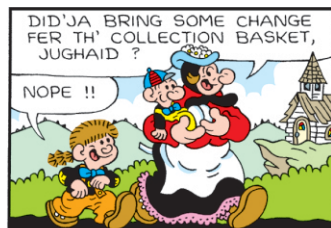
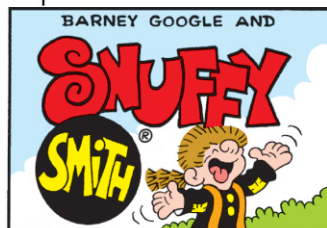
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"Bring a distinctive towel to a pool party so that you will know where your towel is. You can make an extra large towel by sewing two smaller towels together, too." ~U.A. in New York

"For a really fun take on kebabs, use fruit instead of meat. The kids especially love fruit on a stick. If you have some neat cookie cutters, you can score planks of watermelon and make shapes." ~M.M. in Michigan

"To keep ants from invading your patio, draw a thick line of chalk as a boundary. The ants will not like to cross the chalk line and will leave your patio party alone.

"Set out wasp attractors at the far reaches of your yard so that the wasps will be busy out there and not attacking your guests." ~ T.C. in South Carolina

"Use a muffin tin on the table to serve condiments from. For larger portions (like lettuce, onion slices, maybe pickle spears) you can set a cup down in the muffin well.

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## CryptoQuip

answer

Name given to a cellphone service corporation located in Birmingham's state: Mobile Alabama.

## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Morale 2. Deport;
3. Entice; 4. Pester

Today's Word

**STEREO**

## CryptoQuote

answer

I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book. — Groucho Marx

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## American Glassware

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**This blue vase was made in the early 20th century with techniques from the early days of American glass-making.**

Its two handles, decorative glass blobs called lily pads, and the threading around its neck were applied by hand. The vase's medium blue color is also faithful to the earlier glass traditions. It is still recognizable as a 20th century piece; for one thing, Clevenger Brothers glass is usually heavier than pieces made in the 1700s and 1800s. The brothers' intent was not to create forgeries of valuable antique glassware but to continue the traditions of their glass-making forebears

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**Q:** I have a set with a perfume bottle, compact and lipstick tube made of pearl. They are in a case that reads "Le Kid Paris" inside. What's its value?

**A:** "Le Kid" was created by the Marcel Franck perfume company in Paris in 1926. It was the first purse sized perfume atomizer. Individual Le Kid perfume bottles are worth about \$50 to \$120. Many dealers who sell jewelry also deal in items like perfume bottles and compacts. There are also collectors who specialize in perfume bottles, like the International Perfume Bottle Association. (IPBA).

**TIP:** Never put silverware and stainless-steel flatware in the dishwasher basket together. The stainless can damage the silver.

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### Stickelers Answer

Figures B and E cannot be folded into cubes.



### ANSWERS

1. Uniform resource locator.
2. Moaning Myrtle.
3. The Battle of Yorktown.
4. George Orwell.
5. Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
6. "House, M.D."
7. Copenhagen.
8. Montana.
9. George Clinton.
10. Noble gases.



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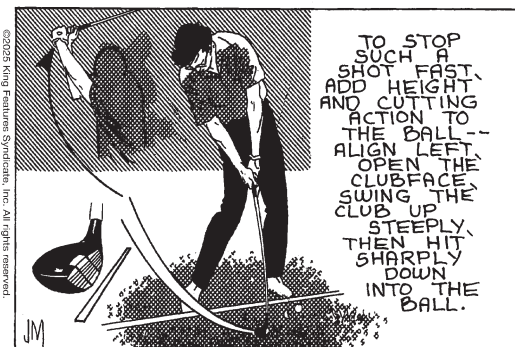
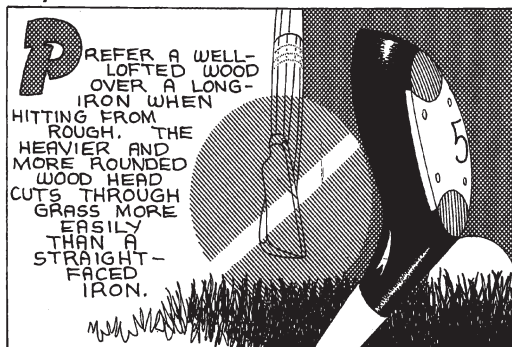
- 6/1 National Cancer Survivors Day
- 6/2 National Gun Violence Awareness Day
- 6/3 World Bicycle Day
- 6/4 National Tailors Day
- 6/5 Hot Air Balloon Day
- 6/6 YMCA Day
- 6/7 World Food Safety Day


**May 25th, 2025**

## Even Exchange answers

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Solve, Salve   | 6. Ravine, Raving |
| 2. Pester, Poster | 7. Basic, Basin   |
| 3. Track, Trace   | 8. Vanity, Sanity |
| 4. Bliss, Bless   | 9. Nearly, Nearby |
| 5. Summer, Simmer | 10. Boost, Boast  |

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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Eve's man
- 5 Agt.'s take
- 8 Summit
- 12 C&W artist McEntire
- 13 Geological period
- 14 Linguist Chomsky
- 15 Magnificence
- 17 Leslie Caron role
- 18 Next in line
- 19 Business goal
- 21 Poetic contraction
- 22 Feudal laborer
- 23 Rx writers
- 26 Actor McKellen
- 28 Cardio-boxing routine
- 31 Nest egg choices
- 33 Vat
- 35 Foolproof
- 36 Picture puzzle
- 38 Diner order
- 40 "Awesome, dude!"
- 41 Muscat's land
- 43 Summer mo.
- 45 Spud
- 47 Scan again
- 51 Help a hood
- 52 French title
- 54 Go sightseeing

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| 55 " — you sleeping?"  | 5 Views slyly              | 27 Gist              |
| 56 Mrs. Nick Charles   | 6 French vineyard          | 29 Bikini half       |
| 57 Antitoxins          | 7 Infield covers           | 30 British ref. work |
| 58 Susan of "L.A. Law" | 8 Long-haired cats         | 32 Java neighbor     |
| 59 "Shoo!"             | 9 Hairdresser              | 34 Total non-sense   |
|                        | 10 Creche trio             | 37 Perched           |
|                        | 11 Send forth              | 39 Calendar abbr.    |
|                        | 16 Roman 602               | 42 Wanderer          |
|                        | 20 Pensioned (Abbr.)       | 44 Big smiles        |
|                        | 23 Soviet space station    | 45 Bits of butter    |
|                        | 24 Dad on "Black-ish"      | 46 Reed instrument   |
|                        | 25 1942 Hitchcock thriller | 48 Fair-hiring org.  |
|                        |                            | 49 Mystique          |
|                        |                            | 50 "Phooey!"         |
|                        |                            | 53 Mine material     |

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