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TIDBITS® DECODES PHRASES

by Janet Spencer

We don't know who put the cat in the bag, spilled the beans, hit below the belt, or got ants in their pants, but here's a few possible explanations of possible explanations of confusing idioms and phrases.

PHRASES

* In the 1920s, carnivals featured games that tested strength, talent, or coordination. A common prize was a cigar. If the player came close to winning the game without actually winning it, he was "close but no cigar."

* If pirates wanted to sail close to a ship they wished to plunder, they might run up a flag of the country the target ship was from, indicating peace. Once the battle was started, the "false flag" would be taken down and the real flag would be run up the flagpole as they revealed their "true colors."

* When World War II started, the biggest bombs weighed 500 lbs. They were ineffective, so a 4,000-lb bomb was developed, called the "blockbuster" because it could destroy an entire city block. Today, a "blockbuster" is anything that has a major impact.

* During World War II, fighter pilots received a chain of ammunition for their machine guns that was nine yards long. If they emptied their entire magazine into a single target, they gave it "the whole nine yards."

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PHRASES

(cont. from Front Cover)

*When sailing, the wind can come from behind, or from in front. When it comes from behind, it's easy to sail because the big sails are full and only small adjustments to the little sails need to be made. It's easy to sail in whatever direction needed. This is called "sailing large." But when the wind comes from the front, it's hard to maneuver because the large sails are flapping and the small sails must constantly be adjusted. it's hard to control the direction of the ship. This is called sailing "by the wind."

* The phrase "by and large" means a ship handles well both when the wind is from the rear and from the front. In modern terms, it means something similar: "Jack is a good manager by and large" means Jack can handle things whatever the situation. Similarly, to be "at large" means something is free to travel wherever they want: "The escaped criminals remain at large" or "Mr. Smith works as an artist at large."

* In 1715, the British Government passed the "Riot Act" which gave public officials the right to arrest people gathered in groups of 12 or more. An authority would "read the Riot Act" to the group, and if they failed to disperse, they were subject to arrest or removal by force.

* There are many theories on where the phrase "It's raining cats and dogs" originated. However, the one that seems to make the most sense is that it's a mistranslation of the Greek phrase "cata doxa," which means "beyond belief." It's easy to see how someone not fluent in Greek might mistake "It's raining cata doxa" for "It's raining cats and dogs."

* It's interesting to note that other countries have similar sayings. In Sweden it's "raining little devils." In Norway, it's raining she-trolls." In Denmark, it's "raining shoemaker's apprentices."

* In the 1800s, hat made from felt were popular. Hat makers had to use mercury when forming the hats, and would inhale mercury vapor and get mercury on their skin. Soon their hands would begin to shake and they would undergo weird personality changes, eventually becoming "mad as a hatter" because of the toxic effects of mercury poisoning.

* There was a satirical magazine in Britain in the late 1800s called "Judy." In the January 3rd issue of 1877, it ran a short story. In the story, a Scrooge-like miser visits his cousin Clara for Christmas. He is shocked to be served "cold turkey" for every single meal during his visit, and is insulted that no hot meals are provided. When he returns home, he strikes Clara from his will and cuts the relationship with her off "cold turkey."

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PANEL 1: NOTHING LIKE A SWEET TREAT TO BRIGHTEN A DARK DAY, HUM? (Man) / YEAH, THANKS (Woman) / HEY, OLIVE! (Man)

PANEL 2: UGH, NOT NOW, BLUTO. (Man) / WHAT'S THE MATTER? (Woman) / YOU TOO BUSY BABYSITTING? (Man)

PANEL 3: DUDE, TAKE A HINT AND SHOVE OFF. (Man) / WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT? (Woman) / SHRIMP. (Man)

PANEL 4: I AM ALREADY HAVING A BAD DAY. (Man) / AND I JUST WANNA EAT MY ICE CREAM IN PEACE. (Woman) / GET. LOST. (Man)

PANEL 5: WELL, YOU MAY NOT HAVE GHOST SIGHT (Woman) / BUT YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT SCARING OFF JERKS! (Man) / MEH. (Woman)

JUNE 15TH, 2025 PUZZLE ANSWERS

— KNIGHT MOVES —

Answer

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E	N	E

SKELETON

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Ornate 2. Purse;
3. Actual; 4. Shame

Today's Word
CRASH

CryptoQuip

answer

I heard that actor Mark was buying a New York hockey team and calling them the Buffalo Sabres.

Americanisms

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— Jennifer Williamson

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PHRASES

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* As medicine began to advance in the 1800s, medical students needed skeletons to study, which were in short supply. It became lucrative for graverobbers to snatch recently buried bodies, which were then reduced to their skeletal remains for use by medical schools. These ill-gotten remains were hidden away out of sight and became "skeletons in the closet."

* At race tracks, overly eager horses would often break from the starting line before the race began, leading to jockeys being admonished to "hold your horses."

* A cat-o-nine tail was a fearsome whip with nine lashes used in the British army and navy. It got its name because the whip's marks resembled a cat's scratches. It was often referred to simply as "the cat." If someone were to be punished with lashes from the cat-o-nine, the person wielding the whip would need plenty of room for the wind-up and delivery. They would need enough room "to swing a cat."

* The phrase "blood is thicker than water" is usually thought to mean that people related to each other through their bloodline have an unbreakable bond."

Actually, the phrase indicates that soldiers completely unrelated to each other would be bonded by the blood shed during battle. They would become "blood brothers" and be closer than brothers whose only bond was sharing "water" in the womb. A bond sealed by blood on the battlefield is stronger than the bonds of birth.

* After the Civil War, African American men were granted the right to vote. White southerners were not in favor of this. Therefore, they passed various "Jim Crow" rules. One of them stated that men were only allowed to vote if their grandfathers had also voted, thereby excluding every black voter. Today, a "grandfather clause" is used to allow individuals to follow old rules even after new laws or regulations have been implemented.

* In the late 1800s, when vaudeville was becoming popular, the cheapest seat in the theater were the ones high up in the balcony. Often, peanuts were sold in the lobby as an inexpensive snack. If patrons were unhappy with what was happening on the stage, they might throw peanuts towards the stage while shouting and booing. This became known as the "peanut gallery."

* If food is so hot that escaping steam is causing a whistling noise, it's "piping hot."

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Even Exchange answers

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Daisy, Daily | 6. Dream, Dread |
| 2. Barber, Berber | 7. Oddest, Oldest |
| 3. Nibble, Nimble | 8. Edsel, Easel |
| 4. Mercy, Merry | 9. Maude, Mauve |
| 5. Alice, Alike | 10. Paddle, Puddle |

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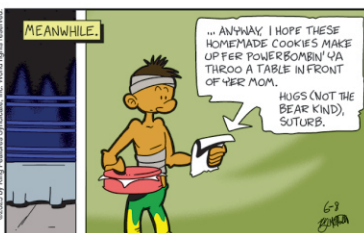
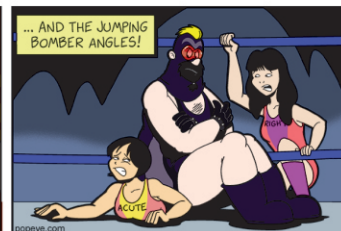
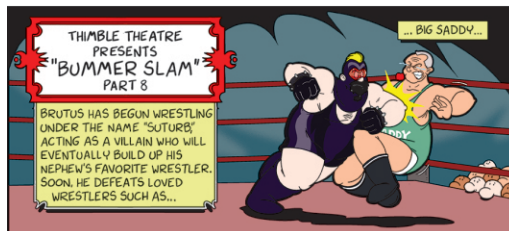
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"Since at least the Middle Ages, philosophers have dreamed of curing natural languages of their flaws by constructing entirely new idioms according to orderly, logical principles."

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SPORTS STORIES



**HARLEM
GLOBETROTTERS**

* The Harlem globetrotters were actually formed on the south side of Chicago. In 1926, a group of young men who had previously played on their high school team decided to get together to play for an American Legion basketball team that barnstormed all around the Midwest. The following year, they named themselves the Savoy Big Five and secured a regular gig playing as pre-dance entertainment at Chicago's newly opened Savoy Ballroom. However, 1928, several players left after a pay dispute and formed a new team, calling themselves the Globe Trotters. They began a new barnstorming tour of the Midwest.

* They picked the shortest member of their team (and the only white dude) to be their manager. Abe Saperstein from North Chicago dubbed them the Harlem Globetrotters because he wanted audiences to think the team had traveled hundreds of miles. Harlem was undergoing a renaissance at the time, so the name was hip. Also, he wanted to make it clear that the team was all-black. Not until 1968 did the team actually play a game in Harlem. Abe was one of only 3 white players that ever played on the team.

* The Globetrotters didn't start to incorporate ball tricks and dribbling exhibitions into their games until the late 1930s when they added comedy, flashy ball-handling tricks, theatrical routines and corny comedy skits into their games. They became known as "the clown princes of basketball."

* Still, however, they were top-notch basketball players. They

won the prestigious World Professional Basketball Tournament in 1940, they defeated the all-white Minneapolis Lakers, who were champions of the all-white National Basketball League, forerunner of the National Basketball Association (NBA).

The next year, they beat the Lakers again.

* The Harlem Globetrotters were one of the first all-black basketball teams to achieve national and international prominence during an era of segregation in the United States.

* When the NBA first formed in 1949, they were having trouble attracting audiences. Meanwhile, the Globetrotters were selling out with their comedic approach to the game. The NBA began inviting the Globetrotters to double-headers. As the NBA grew in stature, it could pay higher salaries than the Globetrotters could, and eventually began to siphon players away from the Globetrotters.

* In 1950 the Globetrotters' Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton became the first African American to sign a contract with an NBA team by inking a deal with the New York Knicks, along with Earl "The Big Cat" Lloyd (Washington Capitals) and

Chuck Cooper (Boston Celtics). Wilt Chamberlain played for the Globetrotters for a year in 1959 before moving on to a long career with the NBA. He was the first Globetrotter to have his number retired.

* In 1946, Boid Buie joined the Harlem Globetrotters and played with them for nine years in spite of having only one arm.

* In 1985 Lynette Woodard became the first of many female players to join the Harlem Globetrotters, breaking barriers in the male-dominated world of professional basketball.

* By the time the 2023 NBA season rolled around, over 70% of NBA players were African American.

* Today, the Harlem Globetrotters have performed in over 120 countries. They hold numerous world records, including the longest basketball shot made blindfolded, the most blindfolded basketball slam dunks in one minute, most half-court shots made in one hour, most basketball bounces between the legs in one minute (360) and most basketball bounces in one minute (762).



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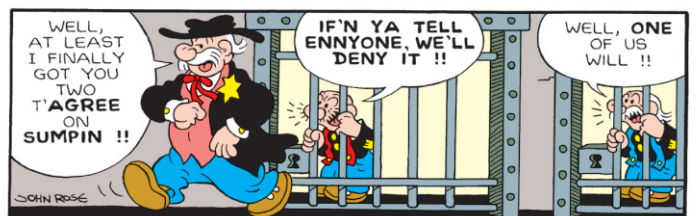
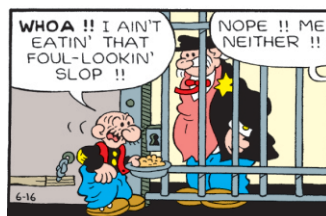
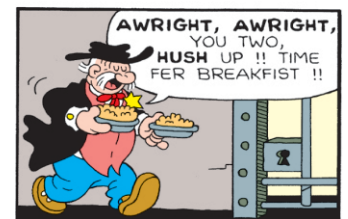
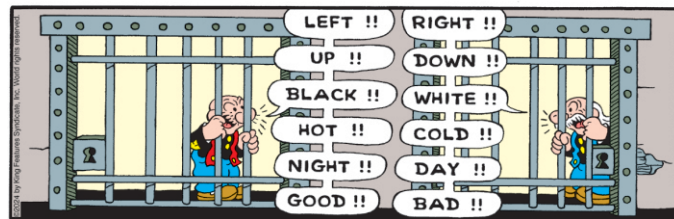
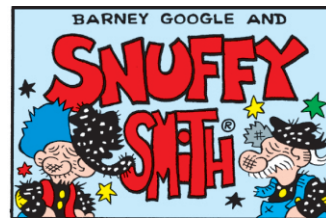
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The Greek god Apollo was usually depicted wearing a crown of laurel leaves. The ancient Greeks awarded laurel crowns to esteemed citizens. A "laureate" was anyone bedecked with honor. But sometimes they would "rest on their laurels" by becoming overly satisfied with past triumphs.



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"JAWS" The Movie

* Jaws Director Steven Spielberg named the mechanical shark "Bruce" after his lawyer. Three mechanical "Bruces" were made, each with specialized functions. Each cost about \$250,000. Throughout the movie, Bruce (the shark) has 4 minutes of screen time.

* Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, was used for most of the filming because even 12 miles out to sea, the sandy bottom is only 30 feet deep. This way, the mechanical shark Bruce was able to function, while shore was too far in the distance to see.

* The average summer tourist population of Martha's Vineyard before the film was released was around 5,000 people. After it came out,

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Dismay **RAE**ED _____

Flurry _____

TUGS _____

Drop _____

PLUMS _____

Restrict _____

SCORNE _____

TODAY'S WORD _____

ANSWER IN JUNE 29TH ISSUE

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* The Orca was a 29-foot trawler that had to carry the weight of around 20 cast and crew members at any given time. For key shots, the boat had to rock as if being struck by a massive shark from below. To do this, there was a speedboat with a rope attached to it that ran underneath the Orca's hull and hooked to the other side. It would be gunned at full speed, causing the boat to rock violently and knocking everyone off their feet, which was the desired effect. After doing that several times, a hole broke open in the Orca's hull. With safety boats rushing in and Spielberg hollering, "Get the actors off the boat!" the Orca sunk in approximately three and a half minutes.

* The head of the sound department, now up to his knees in water, hollered, "Screw the actors, save the sound department!" as he held his microphone above the rising water. The film camera was underwater, so the film was thought to be ruined. However, somebody pointed out that film is developed in a saline solution so maybe the salt water wasn't damaging after all. The film was rushed to a New York film lab, where technicians managed to save all of it.

* When composer John Williams first played the film score for Steven Spielberg, he laughed and said, "That's funny, John, really; but what did you really have in mind for the theme of Jaws?" The slow menacing theme for the approach of the shark is now one of the most recognizable bits of movie music.

* Peter Benchley wrote the novel "Jaws" that the film is based on. He has a cameo in the movie, playing a reporter on the beach.

* Over 67 million people in the U.S. saw this film when it was first released in the summer of 1975, which amounts to about one-third of the population of the U.S. at the time.

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NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

The word 'brand' comes from the old Anglo-Saxon word which meant "burn." An article that had just been pulled out of the forge was said to be "brand-new."



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the summer population skyrocketed to 15,000.

* Local residents were paid \$64 to scream, cry, and run across the beach as extras.

* Spielberg shot about 25% of the film from water level to make viewer feel as if they were treading water.

* Quint's boat, which is the boat being used to hunt the shark, is named "Orca." Orcas, also known as killer whales, are the only known predators of great white sharks.

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The movie became the highest-grossing film of all time up to that point and was only knocked out of that top slot with the 1977 release of the first "Star Wars" movie.

* Both the novel and the film misrepresented sharks as being blood-thirsty man-eaters when in reality they shy from human contact. Following the release of the movie, shark hunting surged, decimating shark populations. Both Peter Benchley and Steven Spielberg regretted this.

* After filming was over, Steven Spielberg said, "My next picture will be on dry land. There won't even be a bathroom scene." His next movie was "Close Encounters of The Third Kind" which actually had several bathroom scenes.



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1. AD SLOGANS: Which retail chain urges customers to "Expect More. Pay Less"?
2. MATH: What is an obelus?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the last to own slaves?
4. LITERATURE: Author Ian Fleming's Jamaican estate has the same name as which James Bond movie?
5. TELEVISION: How many seasons of "Wheel of Fortune" did Pat Sajak host?
6. SCIENCE: What are cordyceps?
7. MOVIES: Which actor/comedian/filmmaker made his film debut in the movie "Donnie Darko"?
8. ACRONYMS: What does the acronym BBC stand for?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only bird that can fly backward?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is a mirepoix?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 8



Friendly Finnish football fans find fun in fall sports besides football. For example, of all the outdoor sports (including fishing on frosty mornings), they enjoy fencing, even though it is an off-season activity and is held indoors. Fun for all!

How many times does the letter "F" appear in the above paragraph?

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KNIGHT MOVES

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A	E	A

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***FIVE SPOT, KNIGHT MOVES AND STICKELERS**
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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. What relief pitcher, known for his blazing fastball, thick glasses and intimidating wildness, was a member of the New York Yankees' 1958 World Series championship team?
2. Ron Howard directed what 20123 biographical film that depicted the 1976 Formula 1 season rivalry between drivers Niki Lauda and James Hunt?
3. Business Y. Charles "Chet" Soda was a founding partner and the first general manager of what original American Football League franchise?
4. In the 1990s and 2000s, what baked goods did Oswego State Lakers hockey fans traditionally throw on the ice after the team scored against the rival the SUNY Plattsburgh Cardinals?
5. Marathon runner Rebecca Cheptegei, who died from injuries sustained in a violent attack in September 2024, weeks earlier competed for what country in the Paris Summer Olympics?
6. Between brothers Charles and Ed O'Bannon, who scored more points for the UCLA Bruins in their 89-78 win over Arkansas in the 1995 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament championship game?
7. What member of the Super Bowl XX champion Chicago Bears was ejected from a 2001 Chicago Cubs game after he criticized the home plate umpire over the Wrigley Field public address system?

SPORTS QUIZ Answers on Back Cover



Rock Roll

1. Who wrote and released "We've Got Tonight:"?
2. Which group performs in costume such as cowboy, soldier, construction worker, police officer and Indian chief?
3. Baron von Richthofen was immortalized in which Royal Guardsmen songs?
4. Which group released "Cloud Nine"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric:
"Guess mine is not the first heart broken, My eyes are not the first to cry."

FLASHBACK TRIVIA Answers on Page 11

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: A equals C

YWBFJ JNNFXDE GLDIWSUJ
WDBO WY YWWI JSAG LJ
AGNIILP, AWBCO, CPXN LDI
YNUL: AGNNJN-CNEELPJ.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Family and friends rally around you as you confront an unexpected challenge. Some plans will have to be changed until all the fuss and fluster settle down.

TACRUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creative gifts find new outlets for expression this week. Someone (a Libra, perhaps) has ideas that you might find surprisingly appealing. Pay attention!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll soon be able to restart your delayed travel plans. In addition, a financial matter you thought was closed could suddenly reopen. Be prepared to take swift, decisive action.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A romantic relationship takes an unexpected turn. You might be confused about how to react. It's best not to be rushed into a decision that you're not ready to make.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Don't let your pride stand in the way of resolving an emotionally painful situation. This is a good time to deal with it and let the healing finally begin.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem that you've been handling so well suddenly spins out of control. Don't panic. You can rely on your good sense to help you restore order.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Wearing rose-colored glasses won't solve a thorny personal situation. You need to take a hard look at what's happening, then act according to the facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Weigh all your options carefully before making any decisions you've been putting off. Then go ahead and plan a weekend of family fun!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While personal and financial situations continue to improve, some setbacks might occur. But they're only temporary, so hang in there.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters dominate the week. Health problems raise concern but soon prove to be less serious than you had feared. Things start easing up by the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Most situations are calmer now, both at home and on the job. But there's still a chance that a co-worker will set off another round of unpleasantness.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's no need to fish for compliments from an admirer who can't say enough nice things about you. Meanwhile, the holiday weekend bodes well for family gatherings.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to compete, both on a personal and sporting level, and you hate to settle for anything less than excellence.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Kris Kristofferson	6/22/1936
June Carter Cash	6/23/1929
Jeff Beck	6/24/1944
June Lockhart	6/25/1925
Michael Vick	6/26/1980
Helen Keller	6/27/1880
John Cusack	6/28/1956

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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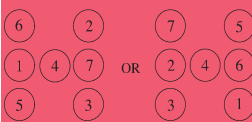
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| 2. Oasis attraction | ___ T ___ | Place a bet | ___ G ___ |
| 3. Thread | ___ T ___ | Planting season | ___ P ___ |
| 4. Pavlova act | ___ A ___ | Ammunition | ___ U ___ |
| 5. Within reach | ___ N ___ | Laurel's partner | ___ R ___ |
| 6. Knee or elbow | ___ N ___ | Roof beam | ___ S ___ |
| 7. Customer | ___ N ___ | Walk a beat | ___ L ___ |
| 8. Runway walker | M ___ | Swiss song | Y ___ |
| 9. Of late | ___ C ___ | Confess | ___ P ___ |
| 10. Gold digger | ___ N ___ | Skinflint | ___ S ___ |

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Trivia test
by Fifi Rodriguez

ANSWERS

- AD SLOGANS - Target.
- MATH - The division sign.
- U.S. PRESIDENTS - Ulysses Grant.
- LITERATURE - "Golden Eye".
- TELEVISION - 41.
- SCIENCE - A type of fungus or mushroom.
- MOVIES - Seth Rogan.
- ACRONYMS - British Broadcasting Corp.
- ANIMAL KINGDOM - Hummingbird.
- FOOD & DRINK - A recipe base of onion, celery and carrots.

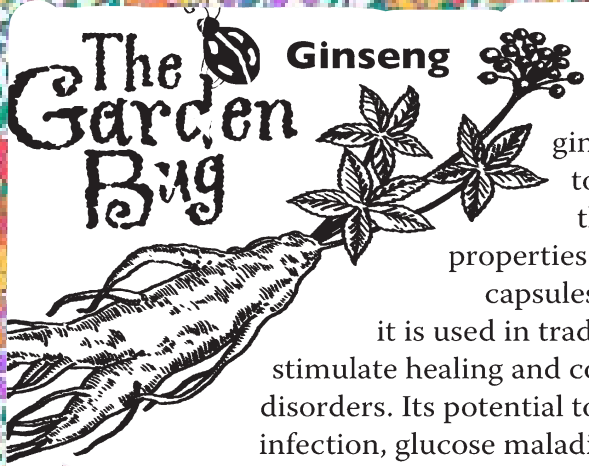
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The Garden Bug

Ginseng

The root of this plant contains ginsenosides, thought to be responsible for the herb's medicinal properties. Made into tablets, capsules, extracts and teas, it is used in traditional medicine to stimulate healing and control various body disorders. Its potential to treat chronic lung infection, glucose maladies and Alzheimer's is being studied. - Brenda Weaver

Source: The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine
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* On June 23, 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes patented the first QWERTY typewriter, the first version of which he constructed using an old table, a circular piece of glass, a telegraph key and piano wire.

* On June 24, 2021, 98 people died when a 12-story , beachfront condominium collapsed in Surfside, Florida, near Miami. Engineers believed the cause of the disaster was a structural column or concrete slab giving way, and workers eventually cleared more than 18 million pounds of rubble from the site.

* On June 25, 1947, Anne Frank's diary account of her life in hiding during the Holocaust was first published, under the title "Het Achterhuis: Dagboekbrieven 14 Juni 1942 - Augustus 1944." After reading it her father confessed that the book revealed a side of his daughter he had never known, saying that he "had no idea of the depth of her thoughts and feelings."

* On June 26, 1974, a pack of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit chewing gum became the first grocery item scanned with a Universal Product Code, or UPC, at a supermarket in Troy, Ohio.

* On June 27, 1922, the American Library Association (ALA) awarded the first Newbery Medal, honoring the year's best children's book to "The Story of Mankind" by Hendrik Willem van Loon.

* On June 28, 1904, Helen Keller, who'd been left deaf and blind since an illness at just 19 months old, graduated cum laude from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a bachelor's degree. Later, she would also become the first woman to be awarded an honorary degree from Harvard University.

* On June 29, 2003, Katharine Hepburn, a four-time Academy Award winner for Best Actress and one of Hollywood's great screen legends, died of natural causes at the age of 96, at her home in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. In 1999, the American Film Institute had named her the greatest female actress in the history of American cinema, and after her death, the lights on Broadway were dimmed for an hour to mark her passing.

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A: I guess it's time to hit the hay!



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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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* J.D. of Massachusetts writes: Mix 1/2 cup vinegar and a chamomile tea bag in a pan of medium hot water. Let cool slightly and soak feet for up to 10 minutes. Follow up with foot powder or deodorant.

* Cucumber is a speedy diuretic. Try snacking on slices of it for a cool treat. Or deseed slices and slip a few in your glass of cold water.

* If you keep a couple of crackers in your sugar jar, they will keep the sugar from caking.

* "When we go to the doctor with our youngest, we bring a few crayons. She will lie down on the exam table paper, and we draw her outline. Then she can fill in her face and other details. This usually calms her while she is waiting. The doctor even has used the outline to talk about her body to her." ~ E.S. in Georgia

* Boost your metabolism by drinking green tea hot or cold. Try it over ice with honey and sprig of mint.

* "In older houses, you might have a problem with cracking drywall when trying to hang pictures. You can solve this by placing a bit of clear tape over the spot where you are going to drive in a nail. It goes right in. If you are nailing into wood, you can drag your nail through some soap (bar soap is fine) before striking and it does the same thing, keep the wood from splitting." ~ P.K. in New Jersey

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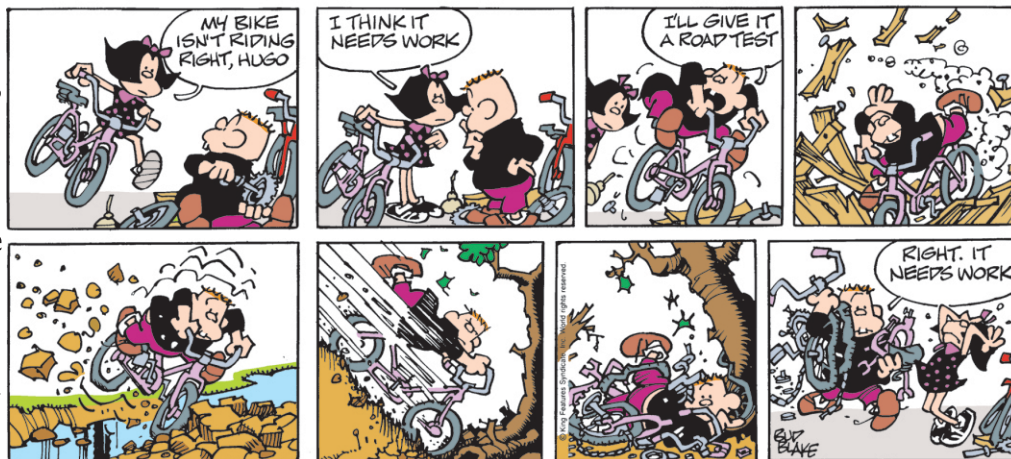
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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* The longest road in the United Arab Emirates is the Sheikh Zayed Road. It stretches more than 300 miles, from Abu Dhabi through Dubai, and is home to Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world.

* Americans spend more than a year of their lives flipping channels.

* Jazz musician Louis Armstrong wore a Star of David necklace even though he wasn't Jewish. Armstrong grew up in severe poverty but found a loving second home with the Jewish Kamofsky family, who employed him in the family business. In their honor, he decided to wear a Star of David for the rest of his life.

* From 1869 until her death in 1906, Susan B. Anthony petitioned Congress annually for a women's suffrage amendment.

* Students, take note: Studies have found that comfortable clothing can have a strong effect on academic performance, with a correlation between formal/uncomfortable clothing worn during exams and lower than expected grades.

* The wood frog can hold its urine for up to eight months.

* Piet Mondrian's abstract masterpiece "New York City I" hung upside down in a museum for 77 years before experts finally noticed the error. However, they opted to keep it in that position for fear of damaging the piece.

* The TV series "30 Rock" was known for its fast-paced writing. In 2014, one reporter calculated that there was an average of 7.44 jokes per minute.

* In 1998, a Georgia student was suspended for wearing a Pepsi shirt to "Coke in Education Day."

* Tobacco use kills more people than the total number killed by AIDS, alcohol, motor vehicles, homicide, illegal drugs and suicide combined. Thought for the Day: "Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings. ~ William Arthur Ward

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American Aesthetic

Identify the designer of an antique and it will usually sell for more. Sometimes an attribution is enough. This Aesthetic Movement table with ebonized finish, incised gilt decoration and flower panels sold for an impressive \$6,144 at Neal Auction. While you can't dismiss its visual appeal - after all, it was made during the Aesthetic Movement of the late 19th century, the time of "art for art's sake" - its attribution to New York firm Kimbel & Cabus was probably a factor in its selling. The Kimbel & Cabus firm was active from 1862 to 1882 and famous for exhibiting their furniture at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876. The ebonized table is typical of their designs, with its dark finish, elaborate gilt and incising, sturdy square shape and nature-inspired decoration. Very little information about the firm survives. They marked their furniture with paper labels that have worn away over time, so the only way to identify their furniture is to match it to the pictures in their one surviving trade catalog. That is why this table is attributed to them, not confirmed. Because they are so difficult to identify, Kimbel & Cabus furniture pieces are extremely rare and therefore valuable.



The maker of this decorated table is believed to be Kimbel & Cabus, an important furniture company in the American Aesthetic Movement

There is plenty of folklore surrounding the name "witch ball." Some say it is because witches can use them as divination tools; others say they offer protection from witches' spells and evil spirits. Yet another story claims that they were originally called "watch balls" because you could see their surroundings reflected in the glass. They are also called gazing balls. They are made in many different colors and patterns; glassblowers may have made them as whimsies, which were pieces made in their spare time to practice techniques, use up glass remnants or give as gifts. Like many 19th-century glass forms, they experienced a revival in the 1920s and '30s. Antique witch balls sell for about \$100 to \$350. The value is higher if you can identify a maker and narrow down the year it was made.

TIP: Watch out for fake Bakelite jewelry being made in Taiwan and other Asian areas. The new plastic is heavier than old Bakelite, and if held under water, it smells very different from old Bakelite. Metal pins or decorations are riveted to old Bakelite but glued to new fakes.

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Quilt, applique, Sunbonnet Sue, multicolor figures, embroidered animals, hand stitched, crib, 47 x 57 inches, \$50.

Auto, gas pump globe, Texaco, flat top, eight-sided, alternating flat and ridged faces, green stars on flat faces, milk glass, 9 1/2 x 8 inches, \$660.

Toy, tug of war, two platforms on wheels, each with three children, bobs back and forth, windup, Einfalt, Germany, 9 inches, \$1,920.

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Holidays & Observances This Week

6/22	Mirth Day
6/23	Let It Go Day
6/24	Celebration of the Senses Day
6/25	Take Your Dog to Work Day
6/26	National Descendants Day
6/27	Decide to be Married Day
6/28	National Columnists' Day

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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1. Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band in 1978. Because it was his mother's favorite song. Seger always includes it in live concerts in memory of her.
2. The Village People. The group's "Y.M.C.A." designated a "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant" song and was added to the National Recording Registry in 2020. It was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame that same year.
3. "Snoopy vs. the Red Baron" in 1966 and "Snoopy's Christmas" in 1967. Von Richthofen, aka the Red Baron, was a German Air Force flying ace during World War I.
4. The Temptations, in 1968.
5. "Hopelessly Devoted to You," by Olivia Newton-John, in 1978, in the film "Grease." The song received an Oscar nomination for Best Original Song and topped charts in numerous countries around the globe.

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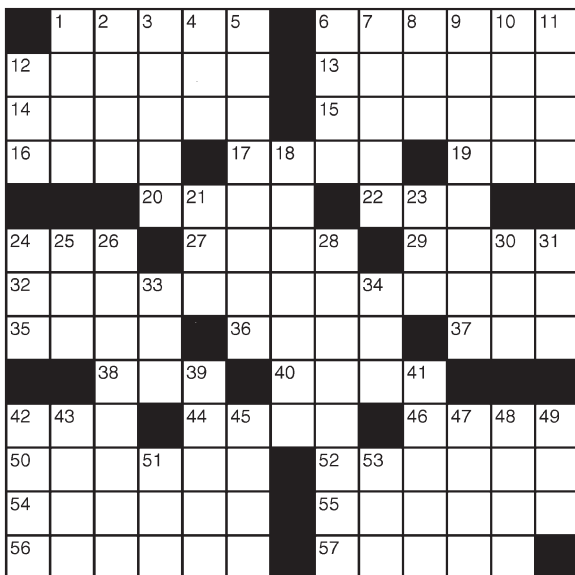


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- 6 Sidesteps
- 12 Net defender
- 13 Swiss metropolis
- 14 "The Joy Luck Club" author
- 15 Porter
- 16 Cuban money
- 17 Dspot
- 19 Mormon church, for short
- 20 "Shoo!"
- 22 Hot tub
- 24 Egyptian cobra
- 27 Curved molding
- 29 Ethereal
- 32 2002 Aerosmith single
- 35 Lamb alias
- 36 Salt formula
- 37 "Mayday!"
- 38 "Ain't — Sweet" (classic song)
- 40 Memorandum
- 42 Halloween
- 44 "Star Wars" actor
- 46 Bulletproof garment
- 50 Enter



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| 56 Off the hook | 12 Hiatus | 42 Folklore monster |
| 57 Indulgent nana, e.g. | 18 Pop rocker Gwen | 43 Cajole |
| | 21 Lettuce variety | 45 Abolitionist |
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| | 24 Mature | 48 Crystal gazer |
| | 25 Part of RSVP | 49 Poetic contraction |
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- 1 Not all
- 2 Methods
- 3 Choir members
- 4 Ms. Farrow
- 5 Military headquarters
- 6 Taj Mahal city
- 7 Swerves
- 8 Finale

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1. Ryne Duren.
2. "Rush."
3. The Oakland Raiders
4. Bagels
5. Uganda
6. Ed, with 30 points (Charles scored 11).
7. Steve McMichael

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by Gary Kopervas

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