

## Americanisms



"At the beach — time you enjoyed wasting is not wasted."

— T.S. Eliot

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## TIDBITS® HEARS



STORIES  
BEHIND  
SONGS

by Janet Spencer

Come along with Tidbits as we learn the stories behind famous songs!

### SOME STORIES

\* A seaside town on the coast of the Isle of Wight is a tourist hotspot. Paul McCartney's cousin owned a pub there. A ticket to Ryde was literally a British Railways ticket to the resort town. The Lennon/McCartney song "Ticket to Ride" became the Beatles' third #1 hit in the U.S. and appeared on their 1965 album "Help!" "She said that living with me / Is bringing her down, yeah / For she would never be free / When I was around / Ah, she's got a ticket to ride / And she don't care."

\* "Blinded by the Light" was an exercise by Bruce Springsteen, who needed more songs for his 1973 album "Greetings From Asbury Park, N.J." He sat down with a rhyming guide to see how many rhymes he could fit into a nonsensical song: "Madman drummers bummers and Indians in the summer with a teenage diplomat / In the dumps with the mumps as the adolescent pumps his way into his hat / With a boulder on my shoulder feelin' kinda older I tripped the merry-go-round / With this very displeasing sneezing and wheezing the calliope crashed to the ground." The song didn't do much for Springsteen, but Manfred Mann's Earth Band turned it into a hit, reaching #1 in 1977.

\* Porter Wagoner was the star of "The Porter Wagoner Show" from 1960 until 1981.

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# STORIES BEHIND SONGS

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In 1967, Wagoner asked a friend of his named Dolly Parton to co-host the show. She and Wagoner opened every show with a duet.

\* By 1974, Parton wanted to break away from Porter Wagoner in order to move into her own spotlight. Wagoner didn't want her to go. Dolly Parton penned a song and sang a heartfelt version to Wagoner just before she quit.

\* The song, "I Will Always Love You" was her tribute to him, expressing how deeply she appreciated all he had done for her over the years while also underscoring the fact that they would no longer be together. The song appeared on her 1974 album "Jolene."

\* While the song was a solid commercial success for Dolly, Whitney Houston's version made for the 1992 movie "The Bodyguard" stayed at the top of the charts for an astonishing 14 weeks, becoming the best-selling single of all time for a female solo artist, and winning her a Grammy.

\* Interestingly enough, Elvis Presley had expressed interest in recording the song, but the contract Dolly was asked to sign gave away too much. She refused, while her friends call her crazy. She later said that after the Whitney Houston hit, she earned enough that she could have purchased Graceland with the profits of the song she wrote for Porter: "If I should stay / I would only be in your way / So I'll go, but I know / I'll think of you every step of the way / And I will always love you."

\* Paul Simon was sitting in a Chinese restaurant looking at the menu when one item caught his eye.

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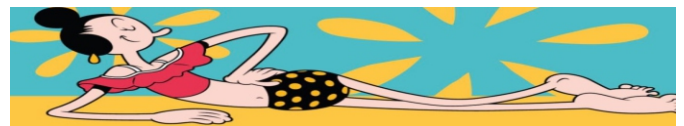
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The dish was called "mother and child reunion" and consisted of chicken served with eggs. The phrase stuck in his head and turned into a song: "No, I would not give you false hope / On this strange and mournful day / But the mother and child reunion / Is only a motion away."

\* Sisters Ann and Nancy Wilson set up a rock band called Heart in Seattle in 1973. The band grew in popularity with hit songs such as "Magic Man" "Dreamboat Annie" and "Dog & Butterfly."

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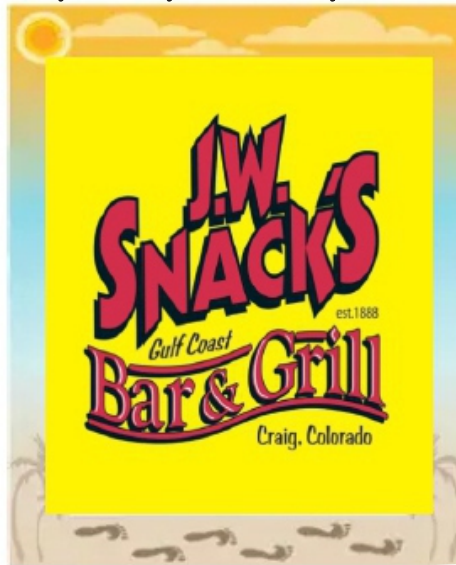
STORIES  
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” They signed to a record label and were well on their way to mega-success. Then some head honcho at their record label thought they could sell more records if only they could drum up some drama surrounding the band. They ran a full-page advertisement featuring Ann and Nancy in a suggestive pose, with a caption implying they were lovers. The duo, blindsided by this betrayal, were furious, and their fury inspired their next big hit. They quit their label immediately, signed with a different label, and released their next album in 1977 featuring their hard-driving revenge song, “Barracuda.” “You lying so low in the weeds / I bet you gonna ambush me / You’d have me down, down, down on my knees / Now wouldn’t you, Barracuda.”

\*Mike Reid and Allen Shamblin were a song-writing team in Nashville when their attention turned to a news clipping. The article recounted a recent trial where a man was being prosecuted for getting drunk and shooting up his ex-girlfriend’s car. The judge asked the defendant, “Did you learn anything from this experience?” He answered, “I learned, Your Honor, that you can’t make a woman love you if she don’t.”

This inspiration resulted in the melancholy ballad “I Can’t Make You Love Me (If You Don’t)” which turned out to be a major hit for Bonnie Raitt in 1991: “Cause I can’t make you love me if you don’t / You can’t make your heart feel somethin’ it won’t / Here in the dark, in these final hours / I will lay down my heart and I’ll feel the power / But you won’t, no you won’t / ‘Cause I can’t make you love me, if you don’t.”

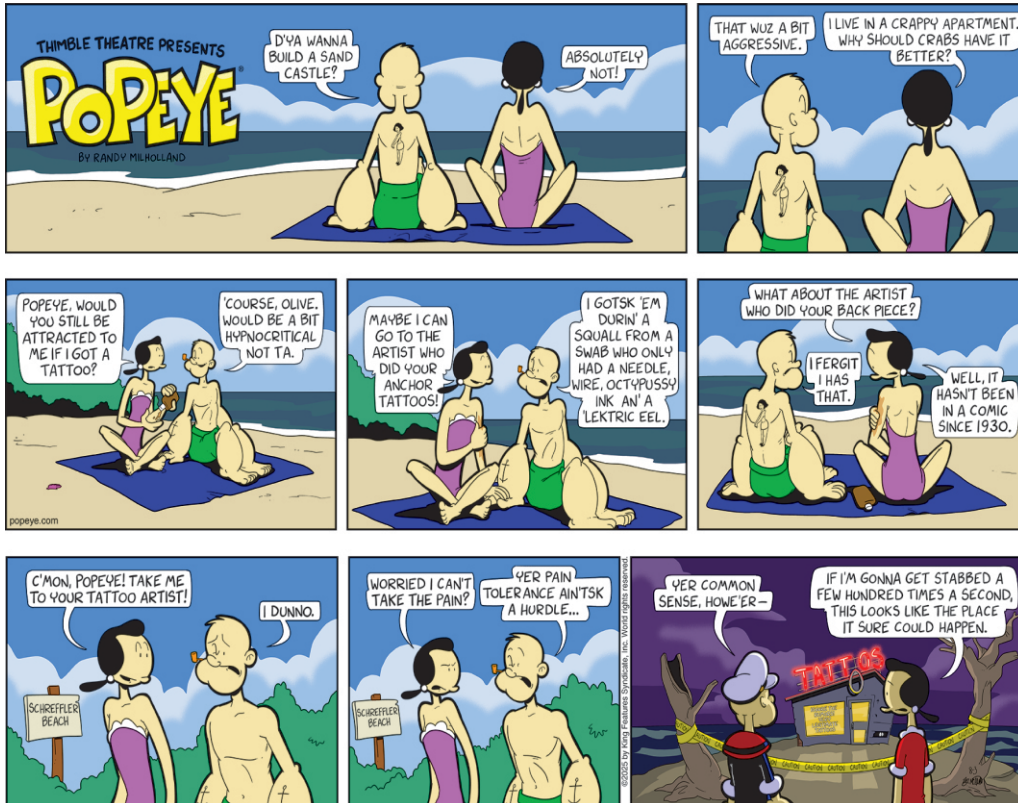
\* “Nothing Compares 2 U” was a huge hit for Sinéad O’Connor, recorded for her album “I Do Not Want What I Haven’t Got” and becoming the top song of 1990. The tune is a heart-rending ballad of love and loss, of grief, abandonment, and longing. “It’s been seven hours and fifteen days / Since you took your love away.”



The song was actually written by Prince in 1985 when his favorite housekeeper had to quit her job working for Prince in order to attend to her ailing mother.

\* On December 4, 1971, the rock band Deep Purple was in Switzerland getting ready to record some songs. That night, Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Inventions were playing at a local casino. Toward the end of the concert, an idiot with a flare gun thought it would be fun to fire off a shot. The flare hit the wooden roof of the casino and set the building on fire. Everyone evacuated successfully, and members of Deep Purple sat in a nearby restaurant watching the conflagration. Smoke from the fire settled on the surface of Lake Geneva, inspiring a song whose opening riff is the first thing aspiring guitarists learn: “Smoke on the Water / And Fire in the Sky.”

\* In 1986, Eric Clapton and his then girlfriend, Italian actress Lory Del Santo, welcomed a son named Conor into their lives. Although the relationship with the mother ended, Clapton had a close relationship with the boy. One spring day, Clapton was on his way to pick up the child for a father-son day at the zoo when he received a chilling phone call from Del Santo: A workman had left a window open following some maintenance work. Conor had climbed out of an open window and fallen 53 stories to his death. Crushed with grief, Clapton turned to music for solace. The song, called “Tears In Heaven” was released later that year, winning three Grammys: “Would you know my name / If I saw you in heaven?”



## 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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## SPORTS STORIES

### BANNED FOR LIFE

\* Cyclist Lance Armstrong came back from a cancer diagnosis to win seven Tour de France titles between 1998 and 2005. However, he was accused not only of doping, but of being the ringleader of "the most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that the sport has ever seen" according to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency investigation in 2012. After a teammate came forward with enough evidence to make the case, Armstrong chose not to contest the charges. He subsequently received a lifetime ban, and was stripped of his titles. Armstrong later admitted to doping and paid a \$5 million fine.

\* Luis Resto was born in Puerto Rico in 1955 and moved to the Bronx when he was nine where he took up boxing. By 1975, he was winning championships. He went pro and rose to the rank of 10th in the world.

\* All that changed in 1983 when he went up against undefeated Billy Collins at Madison Square Garden. By the end of the match, Collins' face was badly battered. When Collins' father went to congratulate Resto on his win, he shook hands with Resto and noted that his boxing glove seemed oddly off. He immediately demanded that Resto's boxing gloves be impounded. Examination showed that Resto had removed the padding from gloves and replaced it with chalk. He had wrapped his hands with gauze soaked in plaster which hardened into a cast.

\* Collins ended up with a torn iris, which permanently blurred his vision and ended his boxing career. Not only were Resto and trainer banned from boxing, but Resto was convicted of assault, serving over 2 years in prison.

He later admitted he and his trainer conspired to win due to large bets placed on the match.

\* Joseph Jackson, now remembered as "Shoeless Joe," was an American outfielder whose .356 career batting average is the fourth highest in the history of Major League Baseball. He got his nickname for running the bases in his stocking feet due to blisters caused by a new pair of cleats. He was outfielder for the White Sox when his team lost the 1919 World Series to the Cincinnati Reds. Afterward, Jackson and 7 other White Sox teammates were accused of bribes of \$5,000 each (equal to \$91,000 today) for throwing the Series. A grand jury convened in 1920 found no clear evidence; the case was dismissed. However, the Commissioner of Baseball placed lifetime bans on all 8 accused players. Shoeless Joe protested his innocence until his death in 1951.

Decades after his death, the ban was rescinded, and his records were entered into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

\* Danny Almonte was born in the Dominican Republic but moved to New York city with his family in 2000. His dad encouraged Danny to play on the local Little League team. He was a superior pitcher, throwing a no-hitter in 2001 that sent his team to the Little League World Series. There, he threw another Little League W

\* At the time, for a 12-year-old the Little League W

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"Honestly, Harry, I think you  
 \_\_\_\_\_ that pooch too much."

Answer in August 24th Issue

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**GRUPE** \_\_\_\_\_

Grant  
**TEMPRI** \_\_\_\_\_

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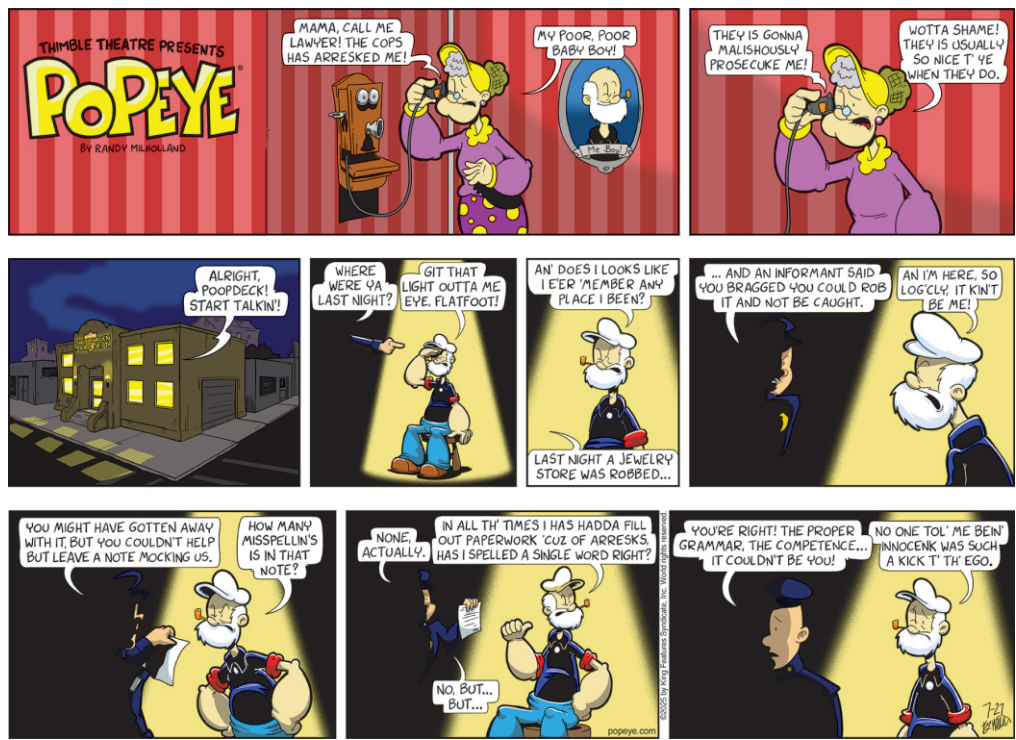


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- \* The number one is the only number with its letters in reverse alphabetical order.
- \* In the word forty, the letters are arranged in alphabetical order.
- \* The number 4 is the only number that has the same number of letters as the number itself.
- \* When writing numbers out, you'll get to "thousand" before you find a number that has the letter "A" in it.
- \* All odd numbers when spelled out contain the letter "E."
- \* The word "hundred" comes from the old Norse "hundrath," which actually meant 120.
- \* Zero is the only number without a Roman numeral equivalent.
- \* numbers on opposite sides of dice always add to seven.
- \* A prime number is a whole number that is divisible only by itself and 1.
- \* neither zero nor one are prime numbers. The smallest prime number is 2 and that's the only time you'll ever find a prime number that ends in 2. The same is true for the prime number 5; no other prime number ends in a five. All prime numbers above 5 end in one, three, seven, or nine.
- \* The largest prime number ever discovered (by a computer has over 23 million digits.
- \* If you ask someone to name their favorite number between one and a hundred, almost ten percent of the time they will choose seven.
- \* In Thailand, the word for the number five sounds like "hah" so teenagers texting each other will write "555" in the same way Americans write "LOL."
- \* The value of pi has been configured to over 200 trillion decimal points.



- \* The word for four sounds similar to the word for death in many Asian languages. Many Asian hotels and high-rises skip the number four altogether, in the same way that American high-rise buildings skip the 13th floor, considering it bad luck.
- \* The number nine in Japanese sounds like their word for torture or suffering and is considered unlucky because of that.
- \* A "score" as in "four score and seven years ago" is twenty.

- \* A standard Rubik's cube can be arranged in 43 quintillion different combinations. However, regardless of how it's arranged, it can always be solved in 20 moves or less by someone who knows what they are doing.
- \* Jeremy Harper of Alabama holds the Guinness World Record for counting to one million. He live-streamed the entire process, which took him 89 days. He spent 16 hours per day counting out loud, while 8 hours were spent eating and sleeping. He started the project on June 18, 2007, and finished on September 14. In the process, he raised over \$10,000 for his favorite charity.
- \* The Fibonacci sequence is a series of numbers where each number is the sum of the two numbers that came before. For example: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, etc. It's named after Leonardo Fibonacci, a mathematician from Tuscany, Italy.
- \* For every multiple of 9 up to 50, if you add the digits, it equals 9. Example:  $9 \times 50 = 450$  and the sum of the numbers in 450 = 9.
- \* A single 17-inch pizza offers more pizza than two 12-inch pizzas.
- \* The numbers on a roulette wheel add up to 666.

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**Q: Why did the pianist keep banging his head against the keys?**

**A: He was playing by ear!**







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1. MOVIES: Who is Luke and Leia's mother in the "Star Wars" movies?
2. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Suriname is on which continent?
3. HISTORY: Which 5th-century conqueror was known as "the Scourge of God"?
4. TELEVISION: Who is the creator of the quirky sitcom "Community"?
5. ANATOMY: What kind of blood vessels carry blood away from the heart?
6. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, who turned everything he touched into gold?
7. U.S. STATES: Which state was the 50th and last to join the union?
8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "A Clockwork Orange"?
9. FOOD & DRINK: Which vegetable is used to make baba ganoush?
10. CHEMISTRY: What is the common name for acetic acid?

**Trivia Test Answers on Page 11**

## KNIGHT MOVES

Z	S	N
E		A
H	I	S

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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Answer in the August 23rd Issue

**August 10th, 2025**  
Knight Moves,  
Sticklers,  
Go Figure,  
& Cryptoquip  
Answers

— KNIGHT MOVES —  
Answer

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GLOSSING

**Sticklers Answer**  
The answer is "witchcraft."

**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
Narrow connecting waterway that's becoming even narrower month by month:  
A recessive strait.

Go Figure!  
answers

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**STICKELERS** (sick)  
by Terry Stickels

Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 1. fusillade | a. denounce harshly   |
| 2. epicure   | b. wretched, miserable  |
| 3. cicatrix  | c. new tissue that forms over a wound and later leaves a scar |
| 4. squalid   | d. a person dedicated to sensual enjoyment                    |
| 5. objurgate | e. a general discharge or outpouring                          |

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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1. Name the owner of the Boston Red Sox who infamously sold Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees in 1920.
2. In motorsports, what does the acronym HANS stand for?
3. In June 2025, autonomous humanoid robots from Tsinghua University's THU robotics team defeated China Agricultural University's Mountain Sea Team's robots in what sport?
4. Who did the Charlotte Hornets select 11th overall in the 2018 NBA Draft and then immediately trade to the Los Angeles Clippers?
5. Unicycling acrobat Rong "Krystal" Niu, a fixture at pro basketball halftime shows, is better known by what stage name?
6. In 2024, Amit Patel pleaded guilty to stealing \$22 million from what NFL franchise while employed with the team?
7. What 1978 National League MVP died 29 days before being inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2025?

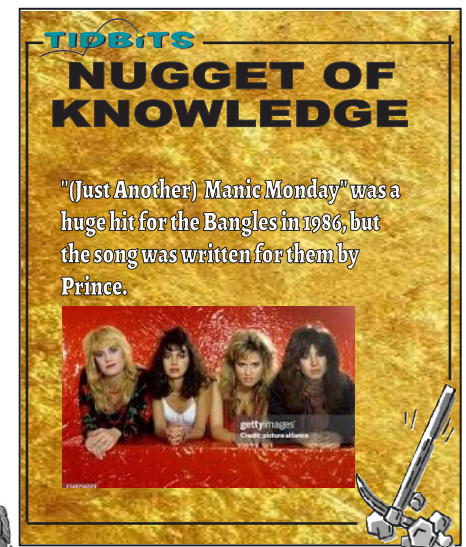
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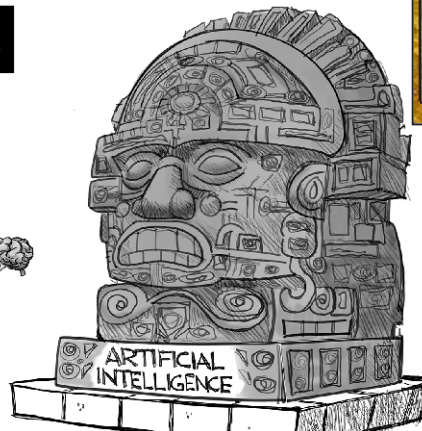
Rock & Roll

1. Which group released "Red Rubber Ball"?
2. Who had a hit with "A Rose and a Baby Ruth"?
3. Name the original group that released "Please Mr. Postman."
4. Which group did David Coverdale start in 1978?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "You tell me your best friend's world seems beautiful, but don't be fooled."

**Flashback Trivia Answers on Back Cover**



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## 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: X equals Y

MQKM XCTUO OTX VCZYD MC  
PJYDD JYKVVX DNKJMVX, DC  
H MCVP QHN "XCT'ZY AYYU  
K ZYJX UKMMX ACX!"

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A more harmonious aspect favors all relationships. Family ties with mates and children are strengthened. Libra is Cupid's choice to win the amorous Arian's heart.



**TACIRUS** (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bull is ready to take on fresh challenges. Expect some opposition as you plough up new ground, but supporters will outnumber detractors.



**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) An upcoming job change could mean uprooting your family to a far-distant location. Weigh all considerations carefully before making a decision one way or the other.



**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A long-standing problem is resolved by a mutually agreed upon compromise. You can now focus on getting the facts you'll need for a decision that you'll soon be asked to make.



**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat needs to be wary of what appears to be a golden investment opportunity. This "sure thing" could turn out to be nothing more than a sack of kitty litter.



**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You give of yourself generously to help others, but right now, you must allow people to help you. Confide your problems to family and trusted friends.



**BORN THIS WEEK:** You enjoy being fussed over, as befits your "royal" Leonine nature. You also have a strong loyalty to family and friends.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Relationships benefit from a strong harmonious aspect. Things also go more smoothly at work. Someone you thought you'd never see again asks for a reconciliation.



**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A minor distraction interferes with travel plans, but the delay is temporary. Meanwhile, expect to play peacemaker once again for feuding family members.



**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Keep positive momentum going on the home front. Arrange your schedule to spend more time with your family. You'll soon have news about a certain job



**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Control your possessive tendency that sometimes goads you into an unnecessary play of jealousy. You could be creating problems where none currently exist.



**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A new



**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) s that you discourage pre-you real- is the so don't



## SCRAMBLERS

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1. Purge
2. Permit;
3. Vapor;
4. Decent

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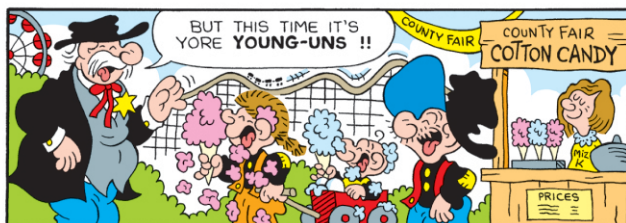
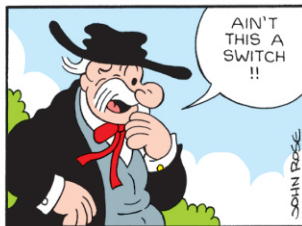
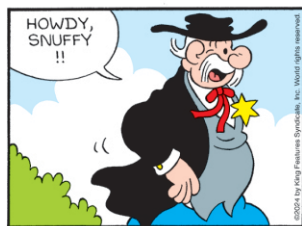
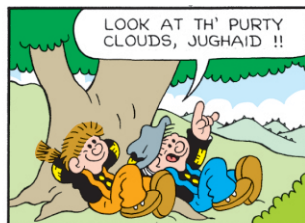
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## Even Exchange answers

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Ballet, Wallet | 6. Castle, Cattle  |
| 2. Spark, Shark   | 7. Wafer, Wager    |
| 3. Grand, Grant   | 8. Scott, Scout    |
| 4. Pitch, Pinch   | 9. House, Horse    |
| 5. Farmer, Former | 10. Kermit, Hermit |


### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Sean Penn	8 - 17 - 1960
Christian Slater	8 - 18 - 1969
Tipper Gore	8 - 19 - 1948
Al Roker	8 - 20 - 1954
Kenny Rogers	8 - 21 - 1938
Cindy Williams	8 - 22 - 1948
Shelley Long	8 - 23 - 1949

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**The Garden Bug**



**Tips for marigolds**

- Removing the fading blooms will prompt the marigold to produce more flowers rather than go into making seeds. Pinch or cut off the wilted flowers every few days.
- Sprinkle bone meal, which is rich in phosphorus, amongst your marigolds. Avoid fertilizers rich in nitrogen, as they promote more leaf growth.
- Getting the leaves and blooms wet can cause mildew or leaf spot, so water marigolds at the base and not from overhead. The best times to water marigolds in the summer are early morning or evening. — Brenda Weaver

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\* On Aug. 18, 1992, Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird retired at the age of 35, explaining that "the last couple of years have been very tough on me, on my back and on my body. It was very hard to deal with, day in and day out." He has remained involved with the NBA in other roles, however, to the present day.

\* On Aug. 19, 2011, the "West Memphis Three" - Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley were released from prison after serving 18 years for the murders of three young Arkansas boys, under the rarely used Alford plea, which allowed them to maintain their innocence while acknowledging that prosecutors still possessed sufficient evidence to convict them.

\* On Aug. 20, 2000, the peregrine falcon, known as the world's fastest bird for its speed of up to 200 mph, was removed from America's endangered species list after a little more than three decades. A ban on the pesticide DDT was widely credited for the bird's resurgence.

\* On Aug. 21, 1920, Christopher Robin Milne was born to author A.A. Milne and his wife, Daphne. The boy would later be immortalized in his father's books "Winnie-the-Pooh" and "The House at Pooh Corner."

\* On Aug. 22, 1962, French president Charles de Gaulle, along with his wife, survived one of several assassination attempts against him thanks to the superior suspension system of the presidential automobile, known as "La Deesse" (The Goddess), which allowed de Gaulle's chauffeur to accelerate out of a front-wheel skid to safety.

\* On Aug. 23, 1945, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Marcario Garcia was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Harry S. Truman, becoming the first Mexican national to receive it, for single-handedly clearing two German machine gun nests even after receiving multiple wounds.

\* On Aug. 24, 1814, an iconic portrait (actually a copy) of George Washington was removed from its frame at the White House to prevent its theft by British troops. Later, first lady Dolley Madison would take somewhat dramatic credit for supervising the act.

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## SCRAMBLERS

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1. Chore
2. Sonic;
3. Scribe;
4. Niche

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By Lucie Winborne

- \* A whale shark's spot pattern is as unique as a fingerprint.
- \* While working as a weatherman in Indianapolis, late-night talk show host David Letterman once congratulated a tropical storm for being upgraded to a hurricane.
- \* The estimated temperature at the sun's core is 27 million degrees Fahrenheit.
- \* The cash register, invented in 1870 by James Riitty, was originally dubbed "Ritty's Incorruptible Cashier" and was designed to keep the employees of his saloon from stealing from him.
- \* Kids and adults with autism are immune to the effect of observing someone else yawn.
- \* Since a Krispy Kreme donut contains 350 calories, and a 150-pound man can burn around 380 calories in 30 minutes, said fellow could burn off that quickie breakfast with a quarter-acre lawn mow - unless he simply preferred going to the gym.
- \* Target will let customers breast-feed anywhere in the store.
- \* Besides being the final resting place for many Hollywood celebrities, Forest Lawn in Southern California features a museum with rotating exhibits and special art, music and educational events.
- \* It is possible to make actual cheese with bacteria from foot sweat.
- \* And speaking of cheese, it's the most stolen food in the world.
- \* The previous record for the world's longest train was broken by the BHP Iron ore in 2001. Measuring 4.5 miles in length, it was made up of 682 wagons and required eight engines to run.
- \* Research has shown that throughout a sofa's life, it will host roughly 782 visitors.
- \* Actress Megan Mullally was fired from her role in "Finding Nemo" for refusing to reprise her high-pitched Karen Walker voice from the TV series "Will and Grace."
- \* Seventy percent of the dirt on your clothes is invisible.

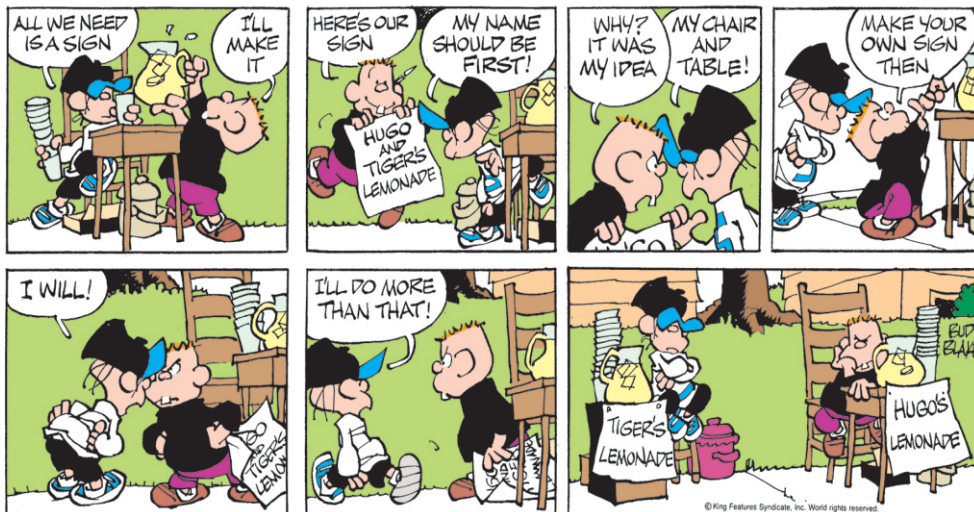
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Thought for the Day: "If you don't have wrinkles, you haven't laughed enough." ~ Phyllis Diller

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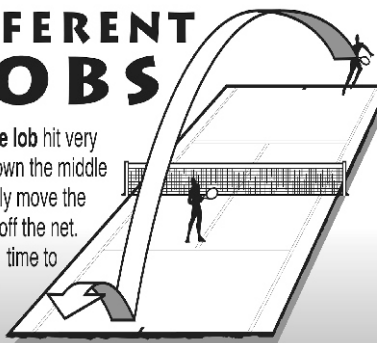
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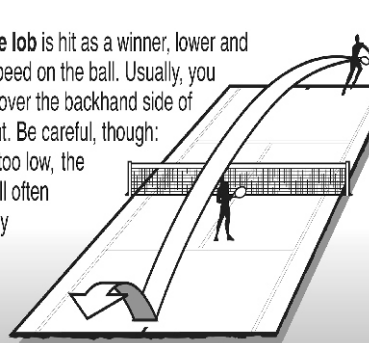
### STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

#### DIFFERENT LOBS

A **defensive lob** hit very high and down the middle will generally move the opponents off the net. It gives you time to recover for the next shot.



An **offensive lob** is hit as a winner, lower and with more speed on the ball. Usually, you should hit it over the backhand side of the opponent. Be careful, though: If this lob is too low, the opponent will often have an easy smash.



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## TIDBITS QUOTE

"Do I listen to pop music because I'm miserable or am I miserable because I listen to pop music?"

~John Cusack



### Pottery Reproductions

Keeping the past alive is part of the appeal of antiques. The most valuable, most desirable collectibles are original antiques, but reproductions can have their own interesting stories.

This figural vase by Henriot Quimper sold for \$42 at Richard Opfer Auctioneering, a low price compared to antique Quimper pottery. This style of pottery has been made in Quimper, France, since the late 1600s, but this vase is a 20th century reproduction made to sell at Colonial Williamsburg as a souvenir. The date of 1682 on its base is one of the details copied from the original piece of pottery in Colonial Williamsburg museum collection. It is called "Mr. Nobody" after a character from a popular play at the time.

The original piece was Belftware, a popular tin-glazed pottery usually decorated in blue and white. Quimper pottery has a similar tin glaze, and the potteries that originally made it in the 17th and 18th centuries have since merged into factories that are still operating today.



Henriot Quimper re-created a piece of pottery from the 1600s for collectors in the 20th century.

**TIP:** Don't put pottery or porcelain with crazed glaze in the dishwasher. It will crack even more.

### \*\*\* CURRENT PRICES

**Firefighting**, fire mark, cast iron, tree, green and red, textured ground, Mutual Insurance Co., Philadelphia, 11 x 7 1/2 inches, \$105.

**Toy**, dollhouse, two-story, three porches, side porches swing out to open sides, wallpapered rooms, balcony, two chimneys, lithographed paper on wood, Bliss, c.1900, 24 x 20 inches, \$150.

**Picture**, needlework, map of England, labeled, oval border, flowers, silk, frame, England, early 1800s, 28 x 25 1/2 inches, \$280.

**Cut glass**, goblet, cranberry to clear, thumbprint and diamond, teardrop stem, round foot, polished pontil, 6 inches, six pieces, \$370.

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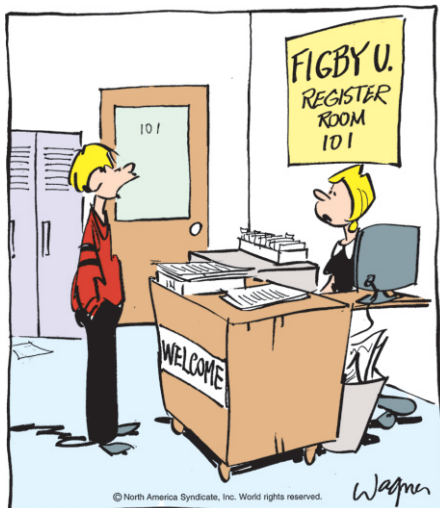
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**Q:** I have a kitchen table set that belonged to my mom. It is from the 1940s-1950s. The legs and frame are maple, as are the chairs. The top of the table, however, is metal which matches the maple in color and is expandable to make the table longer. She also has a matching maple hutch. Just wondering if this is worth pursuing.

**A:** The kitchen table of the mid-20th century served many purposes. It was used as a dining table, a food preparation area, a gathering place for family and friends, a work table and much more. Tabletops made from materials like metal or laminate, which were easier to clean than wood and more resistant to damage, became popular. People always like the look of wood, so finishes resembling wood were available. This kind of kitchen furniture was utilitarian and inexpensive. Furniture from the mid-20th century usually sells for low prices if it is not made by a major designer. Tables like your mom's sell for up to \$150. Similar kitchen hutches sell for about \$300. The entire set would sell for about \$600.

**GRIN and BEAR IT** by Wagner



"Do you have any classes for someone who already knows everything?"

### Holidays & Observances This Week

8 - 17	<b>Sandcastle Day</b>
8 - 18	<b>Bad Poetry Day</b>
8 - 19	<b>National Aviation Day</b>
8 - 20	<b>Children's Eye Health Month</b>
8 - 21	<b>Poet's Day</b>
8 - 22	<b>National Tooth Fairy Day</b>
8 - 23	<b>European Day of Remembrance</b>

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

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1. Padme Amidala.
2. South America.
3. Attila the Hun.
4. Dan Harmon.
5. Arteries.
6. King Midas.
7. Hawaii.
8. Anthony Burgess.
9. Eggplant.
10. Vinegar.

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### ANSWERS



1. Harry Frazee.
2. Head and Neck Support.
3. Soccer.
4. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander.
5. Red Panda.
6. The Jacksonville Jaguars.
7. Dave Parker.

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1. The Cyrkle, in 1966. It had been written by Paul Simon, of Simon & Garfunkel, surprising many because he was at the same time writing more serious songs with Art Garfunkel. Years later Simon said he'd written "Red Rubber Ball" for the cash advance he would get.
2. George Hamilton IV, in 1956. The song spent 20 weeks on the charts. (And yes, that's the Baby Ruth candy bar in the song.)
3. The Marvelettes, in 1961. it was not only the debut single for the group, but was the first Motown song to top the Hot 100 chart.
4. Whitesnake. Their big hit was "Here I Go Again."
5. "Everything Your Heart Desires" by Hall & Oates, in 1988. The song became the duo's last Top 10 hit. They inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2003.

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- \* Stuck zippers can be loosened with graphite powder or simply by tracing a pencil lead over the zipper.
- \* Got memorabilia? Use a reasonably sized plastic storage bin for each child. Include folders noting each school grade for art and important academic papers. It can be a very special collection that you can give to your child when he or she is an adult.
- \* According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, "each 12-ounce soft drink contains approximately ten teaspoons of sugar and 150 calories. Drinking just one can of soda a day increases a child's risk of obesity by 60%. "Talk to your children about making smart choices both in the lunch line and at the vending machines.
- \* Got a child going off to college? Before you leave campus, go together to the health center, and make sure your kid knows who to call/where to go for emergency or urgent care, both on campus and off. Not knowing can sometimes cause a delay in getting care, turning a bad situation worse.
- \* Returning to school can mean returning to sports after a summer hiatus. Be smart, and follow these guide lines from the American Academy of Pediatrics: Give yourself at least one recovery day off each week; be sure you are wearing the proper gear and that it's properly fitted; don't forget to cross-train (general exercises to strengthen you muscles and keep you flexible); take breaks and hydrate to avoid overheating; and have your coach reinforce the proper technique and safety rules.
- \* Keep cut veggies crunchy by lining a plastic or glass storage dish with coffee filters and then adding your cut vegetables, like carrot sticks and celery.

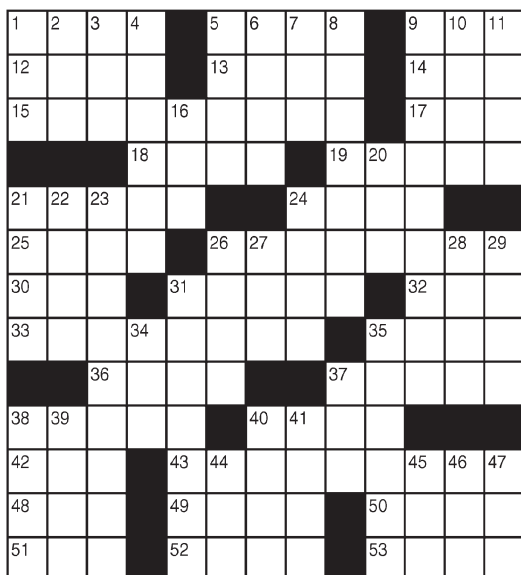
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### ACROSS

- 1 "Pygmalion" writer
- 5 Grocery
- 9 Blue
- 12 Actress Skye
- 13 From the U.S.
- 14 Swiss canton
- 15 Provisional
- 17 Erin Burnett's channel
- 18 Morsels
- 19 French school
- 21 Speed reader?
- 24 Swiss artist Paul
- 25 Borodin's "Prince —"
- 26 Remorseful
- 30 Hardly any
- 31 Loses color
- 32 Conk out
- 33 Octopus arm
- 35 Hair goops
- 36 Comic Jay
- 37 Ranch visitors
- 38 Salesperson's goal
- 40 Tiny amounts
- 42 Italian article
- 43 Able
- 48 Toss in
- 49 Historic times
- 50 Acknowledge
- 51 Coifs
- 52 First-rate



- 53 Actress Farmiga
- 10 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
- 29 Hardy heroine
- 31 Cure-all
- 34 Hanoi holiday
- 35 Composer Mahler
- 37 HST follower
- 38 Campus area
- 39 Nullify
- 40 IRS enforcer
- 41 Church section
- 44 Acapulco gold
- 45 Cain's mom
- 46 Neither mate
- 47 Former Delta rival

### DOWN

- 1 Perch
- 2 Garden tool
- 3 Raggedy doll
- 4 Luxury hotel amenity
- 5 Actor Dillon
- 6 "Lucky Jim" author
- 7 Speed (up)
- 8 Vine-supporting frame
- 9 Came after
- 11 Eat in style
- 16 Vacuum's lack
- 20 Even so
- 21 Falling-out
- 22 Pulitzer winner James
- 23 File transfers
- 24 Elbow counterpart
- 26 Designer Rabbane
- 27 Right angle
- 28 Cleopatra's river

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