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TIDBITS ASKS WHERE IN THE WORLD?

by Kathy Wolfe

How much do you know about world geography? This week, Tidbits tours the world to bring you unusual facts about a variety of sites.

* The most populous metropolitan area in the world is Tokyo, with a population exceeding 14 million in the city itself, and a total of 37 million in the surrounding area, about 6,000 people per 0.4 square mile (1 square kilometer). The Mumbai, India metro area residents number nearly 22 million.

* Speaking of population, there's an island in Japan famous for its large number of cats. Aoshima, or "Cat Island," has a ratio of ten-to-one of cats over people. The felines were first brought to the island to control rodents on the sardine fishing boats, and began to reproduce in large numbers.

* In order to stand on the northernmost point in the continental U.S., you'll have to travel to Minnesota. The Northwest Angle, nicknamed the "Top of the Nation," is the only point of the lower 48 that lies north of the 49th parallel. But to get to the Northwest Angle you have to cross into Canada, as it's surrounded by water and Canadian land on all sides. How about the continental U.S.'s southernmost point? That's Key West, Florida, where you'll find a buoy with the declaration "90 miles to Cuba" inscribed on it, although Cuba is actually 94 miles (151 km) south.

* The world's highest permanent settlement is La Rinconada, Peru

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Editor's Note of the Week



Greetings! Well, here we are, another summer almost over and fall is in the air. As we move into the fall and of course winter seasons, I would like to convey my sincere gratitude and thanks to all of the advertisers, distributors and of course the readers for supporting Tidbits because you make the paper possible! That being said,

there are changes that we are making to make Tidbits more enjoyable for everyone as well as creating more advertising opportunities so that no one will have to be put on a waiting list to have their ad inserted in the paper. I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to submit any ideas for content in the paper that you would like to see as well as thoughts on any improvement that would make the paper a better read. Please email your thoughts to myself at mreed@nwcotidbits.com or call 970-629-1443. I look forward to hearing from you! In the mean time, keep reading and take care!

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WHERE IN THE WORLD?

(cont. from Front Cover)

* The world's highest permanent settlement is La Rinconada, Peru, nestled in the Andes Mountains at 16,732 feet (5,100 m). The economy of the town, with a population of around 20,000, is based on nearly gold mines. It's not the greatest place to live, with a high crime rate, so high that it is called "the lawless city of Peru." It's the site of poverty, alcoholism, prostitution, human trafficking, and murder. There are no plumbing or sanitation systems in La Rinconada. About 25% of the population suffers from hypoxia, a condition where the body is deprived of adequate oxygen, leading to lack of muscle coordination, fatigue, numbness, confusion, hallucinations, and severe headaches.

* London's Westminster Abbey has been the site of 40 coronations of British monarchs since the first, William the Conqueror, was crowned in 1066 and the most recent, King Charles, in 2023.

Sixteen royal weddings have been held in the Abbey since 1100 when Henry I married Matilda of Scotland. Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, wedding, and funeral were all held there. Her grandson, Prince William married Catherine Middleton in the Abbey in 2011. More than 3,300 people are buried in Westminster Abbey, including 30 royals, scientists, politicians, writers, musicians, and aristocrats. Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, and Stephen Hawking are all interred there, as are Geoffrey Chaucer, Rudyard Kipling, and Charles Dickens.

* If you want to see the world's largest rock, you will need to travel to the Outback of Western Australia. Here lies Mt. Augustus, which covers an area of 11,860 acres, with a height of 2,350 feet (717 m). There are two rather treacherous trails to the top, with a climb up and back taking about five hours.

* There's a lot of mystery surrounding the Bermuda Triangle and the urban legend of vanished aircraft and ships.

The Triangle is a 500,000-sq.-mile (1.3 million sq. km) area in the Atlantic Ocean with three points as its imaginary boundary - Miami, Florida, Bermuda and San Juan, Puerto Rico. No one gave the area much thought until the December, 1945 disappearance of five U.S. Navy torpedo bombers and their 14 crew members which took off from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and were never seen again. In March, 1948, a fishing boat carrying three men disappeared followed by an Airborne Transport DC-3 charter flight seven months later and a passenger airplane in January, 1949. The area wasn't referred to as "Bermuda Triangle" until 1964 magazine article, sparking a rash of stories about the mystery. The most recent unexplained casualties of the Bermuda Triangle took place in 2023, when a private jet vanished in January, a 700-ft. (213-m) cargo ship disappeared in February, and a Cessna 402 jet went missing, all without a trace. In the last 100 years, an estimated 50 vessels and 20 aircraft have vanished in the Bermuda Triangle.



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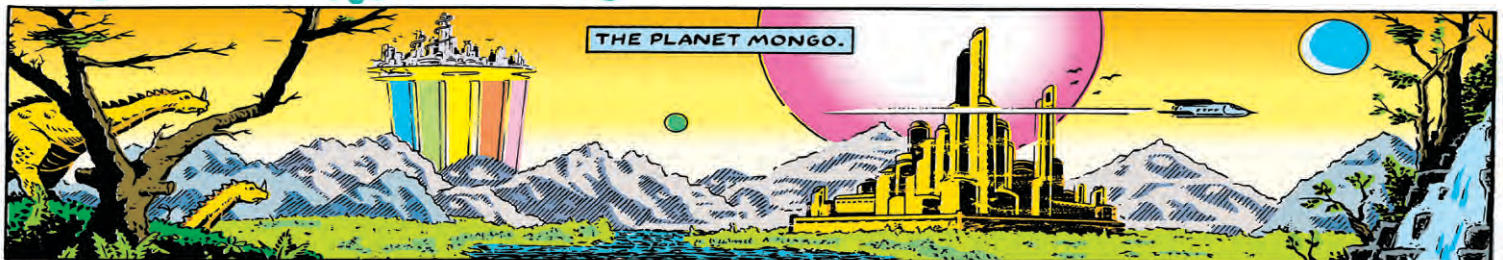
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Geography Teacher: Not with that latitude!"



FLASH GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE

8-8

MING THE MERCILESS HAS RETURNED!

DUROK, ESTABLISH THE LINK BETWEEN THIS CHAMBER AND THE SPACE PORTAL SENT TO EARTH.

AND THEN WHAT? YOU CAN'T CONQUER A WORLD WITH ONLY A HANDFUL OF MEN!

IS YOUR WHOLE RACE AS DIM-WITTED AS YOURSELF?

MING BUILT THIS FACILITY FAR BENEATH THE PALACE FOR A REASON...

...UNDERNEATH US LIES THE CAVERN OF THE GORKONS!

BY TAO!

"GORKONS"??

AS DUROK FLIPS A SWITCH ON HIS ROCKETCYCLE, A HOLOGRAM SUDDENLY FILLS THE CHAMBER.

THE CARNAGE THEY'LL WREAK UPON YOUR UNSUSPECTING LITTLE PLANET WILL BE APOCALYPTIC!

DUROK, ENOUGH TALK. ACCESS THE SPACE PORTAL!

NEXT: PRELUDE TO DISASTER!



WHERE IN THE WORLD?

(cont. from page 3)

* Venezuela is home to the world's tallest waterfall, Angel Falls, with a height of 3,212 feet (979 meters), three times the height of Paris' Eiffel Tower, and 15 times higher than Niagara Falls. Located in the country's Canaima National Park, it is accessible only by air, with no overland route to the Falls. Although we call it Angel Falls, the indigenous tribes living in the area have named it Kerepakupai Meru, translating "waterfall of the deepest place." An American gold prospector, Jinnie Angel, was probably the non-indigenous person to discover the Falls while flying in the area in 1933, looking for an ore bed. He and his crew landed the plane on the summit of a nearby mountain where the wheels became submerged in deep mud.



The group hiked out of the area for 11 days, and when Jimmie's discovery was made public, the Falls were named after him. The plane remained marooned until 1970. It wasn't until 1990 that the Venezuelan government allowed tourists to Angel Falls.

* Most folks know that Los Angeles is known as the City of Angels. How about these other city nicknames? If you're visiting the City of Fountains, you're in Kansas Kansas City, Missouri, home to more than 200 fountains. Some cities have adopted fruity monikers such as Atlanta, Georgia (The Big Peach), Honolulu (The Big Pineapple), and Salem, Oregon (The Cherry City). Who wouldn't want to stop in Des Moines, Iowa, a city known as Niceville, USA?

* Although the Philippines is made up of more than 7,600 islands, it's by no means the country with the most islands. You might not guess that this honor belongs to Sweden, which has more than 267,000 islands, although only about 1,000 are inhabited. Sweden's neighbor, Norway, is in second place with 239,000, with 200 of those inhabited.

TIPBITS

NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

When we think of a desert, we think hot! But the world's largest desert is Antarctica, covering an area of 5.5 million square miles (14 million sq. km), where average temperatures can dip to -94 degrees F (-70 C). The classification of "desert" depends, not on temperature, but on average annual precipitation of less than 10 inches (25 cm) along with sparse vegetation. North Africa's Sahara Desert is the largest hot desert, covering 3.6 million square miles (9.2 million sq. km).



Fun Fact

Roughly 270 million people play soccer worldwide (about 4% of the world's population), and billions of people support it as fans.

More than 200 of the world's countries have organized leagues, amateur clubs, and casual recreational matches regularly.



Source:
www.britannica.com



Kenner

Kenner might not be around anymore, but the company left a tremendous legacy of some of our favorite toys. This week, Tidbits remembers this company's significant contributions to the industry.

* Three Ohio brothers were responsible for the founding of Kenner, Albert, Phillip, and Joseph Steiner. The trio had a background in plastics and stepped into the toy business in 1946. Rather than naming the company after themselves, they chose the name of the street where their original Cincinnati corporate were located.

* The Steiners launched the company with the introduction of the "Bubble-Matic," a toy gun that blew bubbles, an assortment of craft kits, and "Bouncing Putty." The Girder and Panel construction building set was a hit in 1957, but it was the Give-A-Show Projector presented in 1959 that firmly cemented Kenner as a major leader in the toys industry. Images were projected onto a wall via a bright light bulb with a slot through which users fed a strip of film.

* The year 1963 brought Kenner's "Easy-Bake Oven," which enabled kids to bake real cakes and cookies in an oven heated by two 100-watt incandescent light bulbs. The oven was available in pale yellow or turquoise and sold for \$15.95. It included pans, pre-packaged mixes, a pretend stovetop, and a carrying handle. The oven was an immediate success, with upwards of 500,000 units sold during the first year.

* The Spirograph debuted in 1966, a geometric drawing device with plastic rings and gear teeth on the inside and outside of the rings. Holes in the gear-wheels provided for a ball-point pen to spin the wheels around the ring. Invented by a British engineer, Denys Fisher, Spirograph was first marketed as a tool for graphic designers and draftsmen. It found its way to the children's market, and sold more than 30 million units in the first decade.

* Kenner's Baby Alive was 1973's Number One baby doll of the year. More than 9 million of these dolls have been sold since the introduction. The 13" - high Stretch Armstrong figure, which could be stretched up to four feet, was launched in 1976.

* It was Kenner's production of action figures that really contributed to their success. They obtained one of the first television merchandise licenses in 1975 and created a set of action figures from the popular "Six Million Dollar Man" series. The acquisition of the licensing of "Star Wars" merchandise was a monumental achievement for Kenner. The company produced playsets for the film trilogy from 1977 through 1985. DC Comics' Super Powers collection of action figures was produced from 1984 to 1986, followed up by "Ghostbusters" figures, Batman's Dark Knight Collection in 1990, and "Jurassic Park" in 1993.

* From 1988 to 2001, Kenner produced their "Starting Lineup" brand, a series of sports action collectibles, including stars from baseball, football, basketball, hockey, auto racing, boxing, and golf.

* Over the years, Kenner experienced several ownership changes. Through the various mergers Play-Doh, Strawberry Shortcake, Lionel Trains, and Care Bears were all part of the Kenner line.

* In 1966, the cereal manufacturer General Mills acquired Kenner, and in 1987, the line was sold to Tonka, which was in turn sold to Hasbro in 1991. Hasbro closed the Kenner offices in 2000, removed the name from packaging, and the name of Kenner withdrew into history.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Glass is larger. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Bow tie is missing. 4. Mug is reversed. 5. Arm is longer. 6. Label is missing.

August 30th Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

6	1	7	8	9	2	4	5	3
2	5	9	3	7	4	6	1	8
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Go Figure!

answers

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TIDBITS QUOTE

"God created War so that Americans would learn Geography"
~ Mark Twain



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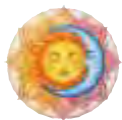
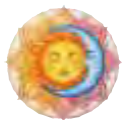


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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) As tensions ease on the home front, you can once again focus on changes in workplace. Early difficulties are soon worked out. Stability returns as adjustments are made.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new romance tests the unattached Bovine's patience to the limit. But Venus still rules the Taurean heart so expect to find yourself trying hard to make this relationship work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to consider home-related purchases. But shop around for the best price, whether it's a new house for the family or a new hose for the garden.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A contentious family member seems intent on creating problems. Best advice: Avoid stepping in until you know more about the origins of this domestic disagreement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A recent job-related move proves to be far more successful than you could've imagined. Look for continued beneficial fallout. Even your critics have something nice to say!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Ease up and stop driving yourself to finish a certain project on a deadline that's no longer realistic. Your superiors will be open to requests for an extension. Ask for it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You should soon be hearing some positive feedback on a recent business move. Meanwhile, an old family problem recurs, but this time, you'll know how to handle it better.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprising statements shed light on the problem that caused a once warm relationship to cool off. Use this newly won knowledge to help turn things around.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your spiritual side is especially strong at this time. Let yourself be guided by it into deeper contemplation of aspects about platoon of aspects about yourself that you'd like to understand better.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your merrier aspect continues to dominate and attract folks who rarely see this side of you. Some serious new romancing could develop out of all this cheeriness.

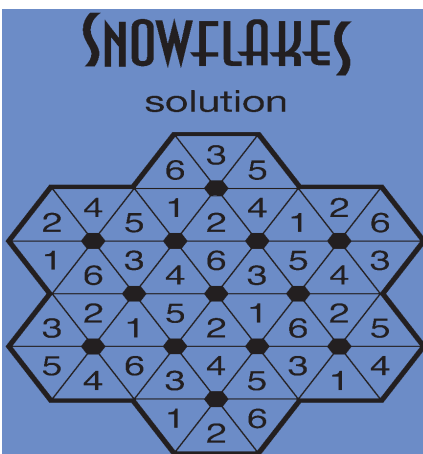
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're always concerned about the well-being of others. It's time that you put some of this concern into your own health situation, especially where it involves nutrition.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Just when you thought your life had finally stabilized, along comes another change that needs to be addressed. Someone you trust can help you deal with it successfully.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sixth sense when it comes to finding people who need help long before they think of asking for it. And you're right there to provide it!



August 30th answer



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THIS WEEK'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Jane Curtin	09/06/47
Corbin Bimson	09/07/54
Pink	09/08/79
Adam Sandler	09/09/66
Colin Firth	09/10/60
Harry Connick Jr.	09/11/67
Jennifer Hudson	09/12/81

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POPCORN



Tidbits invites you to celebrate National Popcorn Days September 11-13 with these details about one of our favorite snacks.

* Most of the popcorn consumed across the globe is grown in the United States, so it makes sense that Americans eat more popcorn than any other country, about 17 billion quarts a year, enough to fill the Empire State Building 18 times. The state of Nebraska is the leading producer - about 250 million lbs. every year, about 25% of the nation's total crop.

* Popcorn is an ancient snack, with evidence found in Peru dating it to 4700 B.C. In 1948, several ears of popcorn were discovered in a cave in Mexico, believed to be close to 5,000 years old. Another Mexican find, a popcorn headdress, was found in a 1,700-year-old funeral urn. Popcorn garlands and headdresses were common in ancient Aztecs ceremonies when young women would perform a "popcorn dance."

* Why does popcorn pop? Each kernel contains about 13.5% moisture, and when heated, steam is created, causing the kernel to explode. The best temperature for popping corn is around 400 degrees F. The kernel will pop at about 350 degrees, from 20 to 50 times its original size. Kernels can pop up to 3 feet in three feet in the air.

* Every batch of popcorn contains at least a few unpopped kernels we call "old maids."

Why didn't they pop? The kernels didn't contain enough moisture to produce an explosion or the outer hull was damaged so that the steam leaked out little by little rather than with a pop. Quality popcorn should have less than 2% old maids. It's because of the moisture in the kernel that unpopped popcorn shouldn't be kept in the refrigerator. The frig dries out the moisture in the kernels resulting in lots of old maids. A cool, dry cupboard is the best storage place. Quality popcorn should have less than 2% old maids.

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* The world's largest popcorn ball was created by the folks of Sac City, Iowa in June, 2016. The ball stands 8 feet tall, and weighs 9,370 lbs. (4,248 kg). It required 2,300 pounds of locally-grown popcorn kernels.

* The weekend after Labor Day draws crowds of upwards of 250,000 to Marion, Ohio, for the Marion Popcorn Festival, an annual event since 1981. The city of 36,000 hosts country stars and rock legends, along with a parade, popcorn cooking contest, a car show, a 5K race, and an invitation to visit the world's only popcorn museum to view meticulously restored popcorn wagons and peanut roasters.

* Thanks to Percy Spencer, we have microwave popcorn. While working at Raytheon, a U.S. Department of Defense contractor, this physicist and electrical engineer was building magnetrons, a high-power vacuum tube, and noticed that a candy bar in his pocket melted. He experimented with popcorn kernels, which did indeed pop when exposed to the magnetrons, creating the world's first microwave popcorn.

* The first commercially-produced microwave oven available in 1947, was a contraption that was 6 feet tall, weighed 750 lbs., and cost \$5,000 (about \$73,000 in today's dollars).

* Indiana-born Orville Redenbacher began growing popcorn in 1919 at the age of 12. As a teen, he sold popcorn on the family farm from the back of his car. He was 63 years old when he founded the Orville Redenbacher's Gourmet Popping Corn Company in 1970 and within a few years had secured one-third of the popcorn market.

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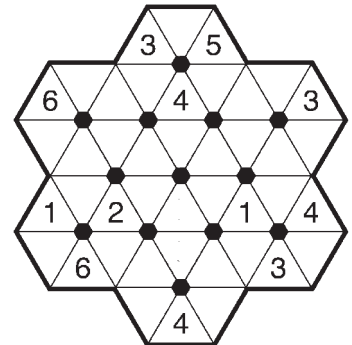
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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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. Tasteless | ___ L ___ | Trademark | ___ R ___ |
| 2. Offer evidence | ___ ___ V ___ | Investigation | ___ ___ B ___ |
| 3. Curious George | M ___ | Pack animal | D ___ |
| 4. Stretch | ___ ___ H | Respond | ___ ___ T |
| 5. Shudder | ___ H ___ | Wood splinter | ___ L ___ |
| 6. Greek capital | ___ ___ S | Goddess of wisdom | ___ ___ A |
| 7. Hunky dory | ___ W ___ | Use one's nose | ___ M ___ |
| 8. Commuter boat | F ___ | Seinfeld or Springer | J ___ |
| 9. Hooting primate | ___ B ___ | Actor Mel | ___ S ___ |
| 10. Out of funds | ___ O ___ | Decelerate | ___ A ___ |

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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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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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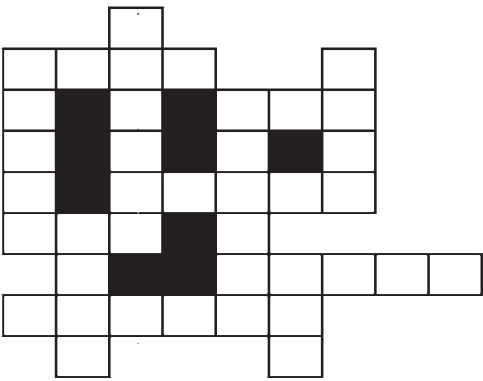
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By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

GEG
UGFARL
OLAFO
♥ ETNR
♥ GWOLBE
♥ ELE
♥ REOG
AGDEL
OEF
DACLER
♥ RECTU
♥ LBGO



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

WORD SPIRAL

I

A

E

R

B

Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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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: W equals L

UXHMIMNVWB CXBW OXIOBT UH
U KHUHV MQ MQ UQ MCCVLVUW
WVQB NBHJBBQ HJM LMXQHSVBK:
NMSTBS OBHSMW.

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Match the country on the left with its former name on the right:

1. Myanmar

2. Sri Lanka

3. Bangladesh

4. Thailand

5. Iran

a. East Pakistan

b. Siam

c. Persia

d. Burma

e. Ceylon

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KNIGHT MOVES

G	L	R
O		N
I	G	W

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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Iridescent Glass

Arthur J. Nash worked for the Thomas Webb & Sons art glass factory in his native England, but didn't do his best, most innovative work until he came to America. His glass-making expertise made him a perfect fit for the Tiffany Glass & Decorating Company, founded in 1892. Although Louis Comfort Tiffany achieved fame as a glass designer, he did not make his own glass. Nash established Tiffany Furnaces in Corona, New York, where he created the formula for the company's famous Favrite iridescent glass. Like many glassmakers, Nash's work was a family affair, his sons followed in his footsteps. One of his sons, Leslie, is said to have been the only other person who knew the Favrite glass formula. Another son, Arthur Douglas, took over Tiffany Furnaces in 1919. After Tiffany Furnaces closed, he started the A. Douglas Nash Corporation. His wares included glass. The flower-shaped vase shown here, which sold for \$300 at gold color and Nash glass. Even if it resembles Tiffany glass or the iridescent glass made by many other companies at the time, it is definitely Nash's work, it has his signature. His company closed in 1931, but Arthur Douglas continued making glass. The Libbey Glass Company hired him to create its luxury glassware lines.



This iridescent glass vase was made by Arthur Douglas Nash, whose father created the famous Favrite glass for Tiffany Studios.

sold for \$300 at gold color and Nash glass. Even

* * *

Q. I am curious about an old children's pedal bike shaped like the Road Runner from "Loone Tunes." It has three wheels and is marked "Hedstrom Corp., Bedford PA." What can you tell me about it, and what is it worth?

A. The Hedstrom Corp. was founded in Ashland, Ohio in 1914 to make balloons. They expanded into plastic toys making balls by 1923 and riding toys by 1936. Their Bedford, Pennsylvania plant opened in 1966 and closed in 2004. It made blow-molded toys. Hedstrom is still operating today in Ashland as a division of Ball, Bounce & Sport, Inc. making children's plastic and inflatable toys with licensed characters. There was a Hedstrom bicycle company in Massachusetts that was apparently not related. We have not found a specific date of manufacture for your Road Runner tricycle, but it is very rare and desirable to collectors of "Looney Tunes" toys. One sold on line for \$400 some years ago.

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TIP: Don't use ammonia to clean glass if it is decorated or iridescent. Wash it in warm water with mild dish washing liquid or soap.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * Women lie more than men in their online dating profiles.
- * Many quilts made by military soldiers were known as "convalescent quilts," since they made them while recuperating from wounds received in the line of duty.
- * Nuclear rain from the Chernobyl disaster fell as far west as Ireland.
- * The word LEGO comes from the first two letters of the Danish words "leg" and "godt," or "play well."
- * More than half a million pet owners world-wide have chosen to implant their pets with "neuticles," which are testicular implants for a neutered pet.
- * Egyptian butchers wore high heels to keep their feet free of blood and debris on the floor.
- * Early in her career, model Gisele Bundchen was told she'd never achieve success without cosmetic surgery to decrease her nose size. She refused and later had the last laugh by becoming one of the most highly paid models in history.
- * It is thought that 80% of the world's gold is still in the ground.
- * While screening around 2 million airline passengers per day, TSA officers are accustomed to confiscating items such as full water bottles and too-large toiletries, but their more astonishing finds include grenades, cannonballs and even a samurai sword.
- * The fear of vegetables is called "lathanophobia."
- * Actor Daniel Craig, as a reward for playing James Bond, can choose any Aston Martin from the factory for the rest of his life.
- * All organ donations will inevitably fail, since transplanted organs "scar" over time, which eventually renders them unusable.
- * In 2019, Forbes named Kylie Jenner the world's youngest self-made billionaire at age 21.
- * Around 400 B.C., the Greek inventor Archytas of Tarentum built an early "robot" -- a wooden pigeon that flew on a steam-powered arm.

Thought for the Day: "Don't find fault, find a remedy." -- Henry Ford

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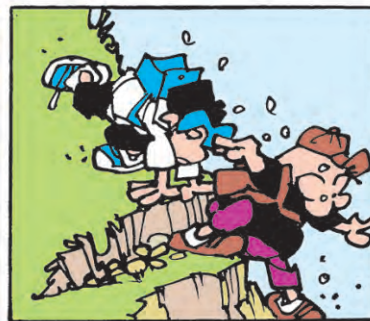
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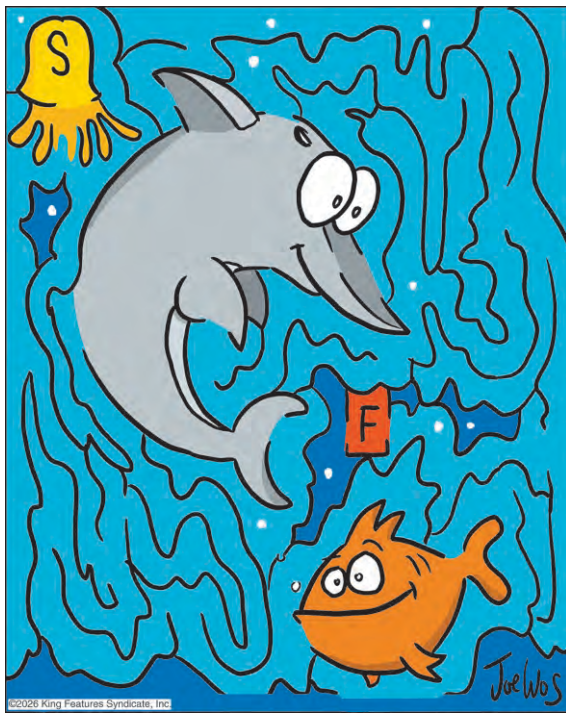
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Laughs!

The bank robber pulled out a gun and pointed it at the teller, shoutingm "Give me all your money or you're Geography!" The confused teller said, "Don't you mean to say, 'or you're History?'" to which the robber replied, "Don't change the subject!"

 **TIGER**

by BUD BLAKE





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"The combination of one part warm water and three parts baking soda makes a great paste for removing rust spots. Simply use an old toothbrush in a circular motion to smear in the paste and wipe away rust." -- C.B. in Alaska

Having trouble starting that backyard charcoal grill? Maybe you just need to head for the snack table. Potato chips and nacho tortilla chips (like Doritos) will burn bright and hot enough to cook your dinner, and certainly well enough to give your charcoal a great start.

- * Make a floating noodle cooler for your pool with this easy trick: You'll need a plastic container, a bungee cord or length of rope that will wrap around the container and a pool noodle cut into four pieces, no longer than the sides of the container. Run the cord or rope through the noodle pieces, line noodle pieces along sides of container, and secure rope or cord tightly an inch or so lower than the container's lip. Toss in pool, fill with drinks and ice, and enjoy.
- * Recycling one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.
- * Small lids from plastic margarine containers can be used as a burgerpatty size guide. And if you have more than a few around, you can use them to separate patties for the freezer. They make it easy to grab one or two patties for the grill right from the freezer. Otherwise, I find that I must defrost several that are stuck together."

-- P.W. in Indiana

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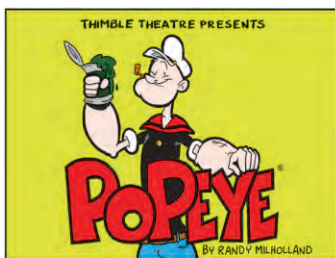
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August 30th puzzle answers

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T	A	C	K	S	
C	A	K	E	S	
S	C	A	R	E	
C	R	E	A	M	
F	R	A	M	E	

MINI SUDOKU					
Answer					
3	6	1	5	2	4
5	4	2	6	1	3
6	2	3	4	5	1
4	1	5	3	6	2
1	3	6	2	4	5
2	5	4	1	3	6

FEAR & KNOT									
answer									
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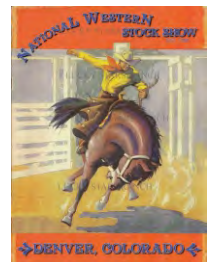


Celebrate Colorado's 150th Birthday With These Fun & Interesting Facts About the Centennial State!



Idaho Springs
COLORADO

- * Song: "Where the Columbines Grow" by A.J. Flynn & "Rocky Mountain High" by John Denver.
- * Motto: "Nothing without Providence" ("Nil sine Numine") Numine is Latin for any divinity, god or goddess.
- * Fossil/Dinosaur: Stegosaurus - They lived here 150 million years ago and the very first stegosaurus fossil was found in Colorado in 1876.
- * First Official Burro Race: In 1949 from Leadville to Fairplay, 21.9 miles, over Mosquito Pass with 13,185 feet of elevation. Melvin Sutton won \$500.
- * Anasazi's inhabited Mesa Verde in C.E. 1000-1300.
- * Mesa Verde National Park - First national park in Colorado, established on June 29, 1906.
- * Between 1763 and 1848, Colorado belonged in varying proportions to France, Spain, Mexico and the Republic of Texas.
- * On February 28, 1861, when Colorado Territory was created, the present boundaries were established and have remained unchanged to the present time.
- * Gold was discovered in Idaho Springs (near Denver) on January 7, 1859.
- * 1st U.S. gold and silver coins minted at the Denver Mint in 1906.
- * Women received the right to vote in 1893.
- * Colorado is the only state in history to turn down the Olympics. Denver was supposed to host the 1976 Olympics. 62% of all state voters chose at almost the last minute not to host the Olympics, because of the cost, pollution and population boom it would have on the State of Colorado and the City of Denver.
- * The world's largest flattop mountain is in Grand Mesa.
- * In Fruita, the town folk celebrate "Mike the Headless Chicken Day." Seems that a farmer named L.A. Olsen cut off Mike's head on September 10, 1945 in anticipation of a chicken dinner - and Mike lived for another 4 years without a head.
- * The Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad has been in continuous operation since 1881. The line was constructed primarily to haul mine ores, both gold and silver, from the San Juan Mountains. The Railroad continues to provide year round train service and has appeared in more than a dozen movies including "How the West was Won" (1963) and "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969).
- * Leadville is the highest incorporated city in the United States at 10,430 ft. above sea level. Because there was lots of "silver" named towns at the time, the founding fathers suggested Leadville.
- * Hundreds of thousands of valentines are re-mailed each year from Loveland.
- * Fountain has the distinction of being the United States' millennium city because it best symbolizes the overall composition of America. Fountain is the most accurate representation of the American "melting pot." Fountain was chosen after a Queens College sociologist crunched Census Bureau statistics in an effort to find the one city in the country that best represented the population make-up of the United States.
- * Dove Creek is the "Pinto Bean" capital of the World.
- * The world's first rodeo was held on July 4th, 1869 in Deer Trail.
- * Every year Denver hosts The World's largest Rodeo, the National Western Stock Show.
- * "Beulah Red" is the name of the red marble that gives the Colorado State Capital its distinctive splendor. Cutting, polishing, and installing the marble in the Capital took six years, from 1894 to 1900. All of the "Beulah Red" marble in the world went into the Capital. It cannot be replaced, at any price.
- * The 13th step of the state capital building in Denver is exactly 1 mile high above sea level.
- * Denver lays claim to the invention of the Cheeseburger. The trademark for the name Cheeseburger was awarded in 1935 to Louis Ballast.
- * Colfax Avenue in Denver is the longest continuous street in America.
- * Colorado has more microbreweries per capita than any other state.



KNIGHT MOVES
Answer

L 4	C 1	E 6
R 7		U 3
R 2	L 5	S 8

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VETERAN'S ★POST★ by Freddy Groves

Veterans On the Road Again

The government is calling on veterans to consider careers in commercial trucking with the creation of the Freedom Haulers initiative, a new effort to help veterans move into civilian driving jobs. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), with its military driver program, is making it easy for experienced veteran drivers to get a commercial driver's license (CDL). In many cases you can get a waiver on both the skills and knowledge tests. A few facts: Every state is part of the veteran skills-test waiver program and all have specific requirements. Seven additional states just joined the Even Exchange program, which allows qualified veterans with certain military driving experience to waive the knowledge test. Eligibility: If you had a military driver's license for at least two years, with no suspensions or disqualifications, you can qualify if you apply within two years of leaving that position. (It used to be 12 months, but with the Freedom Haulers initiative, that's been extended.) Benefits: Depending on the employer, jobs may offer travel, flexible hours, good pay, health and life insurance, and more. For more information, see www.fmcsa.dot.gov/militarydriverprograms. Check out the Even Exchange program at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/even-exchange-program. There you'll find a MOS list with the qualifying military occupations that can waive the knowledge test.

What if you didn't have a driving job during your active duty period and your MOS doesn't cover you for an automatic CDL? The GI Bill may cover up to 100% of commercial driver's license tuition at approved schools, depending on your eligibility and the program. In some cases that might include a housing allowance. If you're starting from scratch (no military driving training) and want to go the GI Bill route, pick your school carefully. Federal regulators have recently removed or taken action against hundreds of CDL training providers that failed to meet requirements. Before enrolling, verify that the program is approved for your VA education benefits. Call the VA Education Call Center at 888-442-4551 (888-GIBILL-1) to verify a school's eligibility.

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Holidays & Observances This Week

09/06	Bowling League Day
09/07	Labor Day (U.S.)
09/08	International Literacy Day
09/09	National Teddy Bear Day
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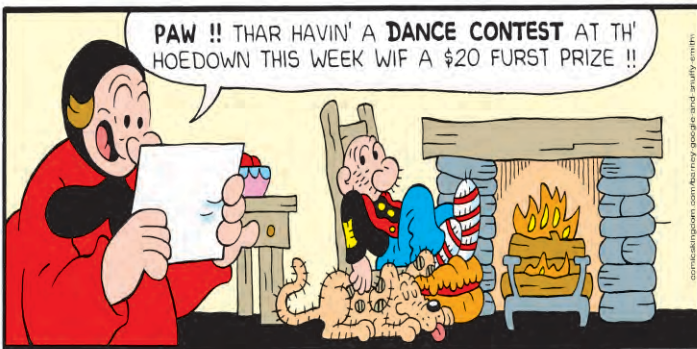
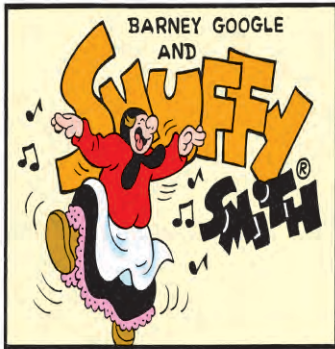
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Getting Ready for Winter

Good Tips!



We might be having heat waves now, but before we know it, the weather will turn and winter will be on its way. There are several steps we can take to get ahead and be ready before cold weather arrives.

Take care of draft control. Not only will we be more comfortable without cold air creeping into our homes, but our heating bills will be lower if the furnace isn't working so hard. Windows can have caulking or window stripping applied, or you can buy those insulation film kits. Buy your supplies now before everyone else has the same idea, and schedule someone to help you. Right after Labor Day is a good time to get the windows sealed.

Consider how many times you lost power last year and be ready for that. Bring in a supply of batteries for flashlights. Put them in your lights now so you're ready the minute the power goes out the first time. Have someone help you put new batteries in your smoke detector, if it hasn't been done in a while.

Make your list of three to four days' worth of food for emergencies such as storms when it's just not safe to go out, and start shopping for those items now. Put a jug of ice melt or cat litter on your list if your area is likely to get snow and ice.

Does your furnace need an annual inspection? Does your vehicle need anti-freeze and new windshield wipers? But we can't forget the fun stuff for those cold days! A stack of books for cold afternoons, a few small craft kits, ideas for a story to be written during the annual November novel writing month (nanowrimo2.com), several exercise videos for seniors on YouTube, recipes to try, new songs to learn on the piano or guitar ... the list is only limited by your imagination!

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OLIVE OYL



August 30th Puzzle Answers,

Stickelers Answer

The answer is 9. Keep adding the digits together until you get a single digit.

$$8 + 9 + 1 = 18$$

$$1 + 8 = 9$$

Even Exchange answers

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Alter, After | 6. Lodger, Logger |
| 2. Remote, Remove | 7. Floor, Flood |
| 3. Gloss, Glass | 8. Packer, Pucker |
| 4. Chase, Chose | 9. Fable, Table |
| 5. Barney, Barley | 10. Stroll, Scroll |

SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Sensor; 2. Mature
3. Gospel; 4. Scion

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Word Spiral
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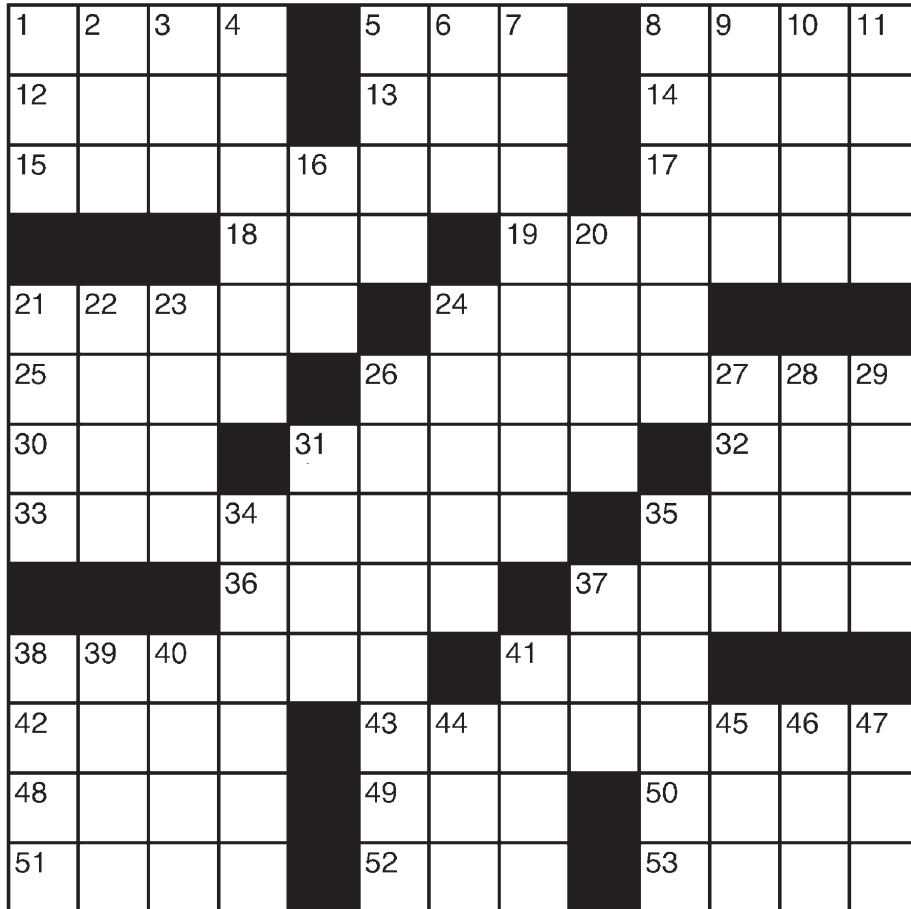
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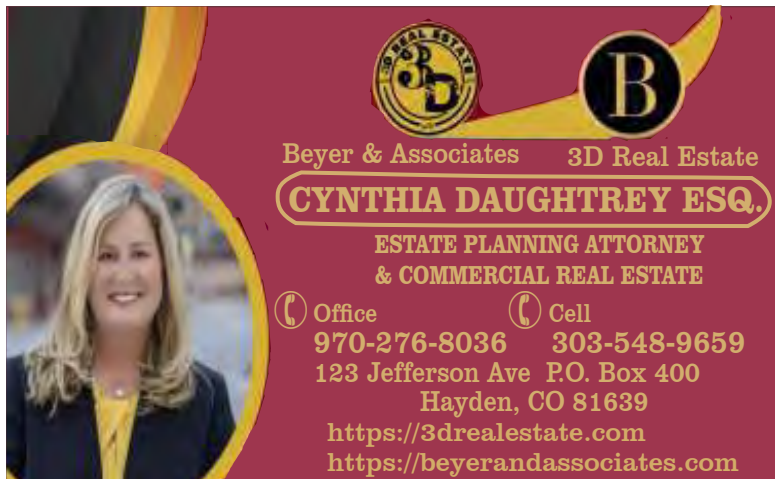
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ACROSS

- 1 Doves' Home
5 Coach
Parseghian
8 Beach crawler
12 Pizza cooker
13 Greyhound vehicle
14 ____ Martin (cognac)
15 Bread sellers
17 Sheltered
18 Hogwash
19 Thespians
21 Sheriff's Star
24 Hold sway
25 Jealousy
26 Stalks for soups
30 Finale
31 Give it a go
32 Man-mouse link
33 Sets of prayer beads
35 Big gulp
36 Eyeglass frames
37 Lake flock
38 Hoi —
- 41 Enjoy aspen
42 Mayberry young 'un
43 Officials with seals
48 Ivy in Philly
49 Literary collection
50 Corporate symbol
51 Perimeter
52 Actress Myrna
53 Winter blanket
- 16 Caviar base
20 "Pinocchio" fish
21 "Cheers" order
22 Part of A.D.
23 Film formats
24 Point ____ Peninsula
26 Record holder?
27 "The Music Man" setting
28 Ireland
29 Droops
31 Small combo
34 Dahl of films
35 Marble cake patterns
37 Reggae relative
38 Vatican leader
39 Pundit's piece
40 TV journalist Lisa
41 Remain
44 Lennon's partner
45 Charged bit
46 Conceit
47 Plant seeds

DOWN

- 1 Corn core
2 Eggs
3 Shatner's "____" War
4 Vigor
5 Slightly
6 Regret
7 Military attacks
8 Moon cavity
9 Move, in Realtor lingo
10 P. of U.S.A.
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