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TIDBITS HAS FACTS ABOUT MONEY

By Kathy Wolfe

This week, Tidbits digs deep into out these facts on money!

There are several words that designate the notion of money. Because the first and oldest form of money was cattle, sheep, and camels, each head of livestock was called a "caput," which is Latin for "head." Someone with lots of livestock had an abundance of "caput," which evolved into "capital." Because the Romans used salt as a form of currency, the word "salary" developed from "sal," which translates to "salt" in Latin. In ancient Rome, coins were produced in the temple of Juno Moneta. Our words "money" and "mint" take their name from this goddess of women and marriage. The Portuguese called their coins "caixa," pronounced "cash-a," where we derive our word "cash." The word "cent" has its origins in the Latin, "centum," translating "hundredth part." In addition to livestock, the ancients used cocoa beans, grain, animal skins, feathers, tobacco, bird claws, and bear teeth as forms of currency.

About 37 million banknotes are printed every day, about half of these being \$1 bills. Paper money is printed by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing at two locations, Washington, D.C. and Fort Worth, Texas. These two facilities combined use an extraordinary 9.7 tons of ink every day. The ink's ingredients are top secret as a measure to prevent counterfeiting. Despite their name, the bills aren't paper at all, but rather 25% linen and 75% cotton, since paper would fall apart easily. Red and blue synthetic fibers of different lengths are randomly scattered in the bills to make counterfeiting more difficult. The "paper" for the bills has been produced by a Massachusetts company, Crane Currency, for more than 145 years. It's illegal for anyone besides the Bureau to possess this paper.

The engravers who produce the images on paper currency are trained for nearly 15 years in order to gain the precision necessary for creating the detailed lines, dots, and dashes, and the ability to illustrate and cut the image into the plate backwards.

Why do we call paper currency "greenbacks"? Prior to the Civil War, America's official currency was gold and silver coins. Privately-owned banks issued their own paper banknotes, redeemable only at their facility.

(turn the page and read on!)

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A: A waterfront!

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If a bank failed, the money was worthless. but were reduced in size to the current 6.14 x 2.61 inches (15.6 x 6.6 cm). As a result of the war, the United States was suffering extreme financial strain, and Congress approved printing paper money to pay for the war efforts. "Demand Notes" were printed with green ink on the back to distinguish them from the private issues.

The green ink also made the bills nearly impossible to counterfeit. The term "greenback" was used to set the government-issued money apart.

The size of paper currency changed in 1929. Prior to that year, bills measured 7.38 x 3.13 inches (18.7 x 7.95 cm).

The first time the words "In God We Trust" appeared on currency was on the 1957 \$1 Silver Certificates. Federal Reserve notes followed in 1963. The \$10,000 bill was the largest ever in circulation. The last printing of this denomination was in 1945. Although a \$100,000 bill was printed, it was never in circulation, and was only used for official government work within the Department of the Treasury. The bills currently in production are \$1, \$2, \$10, \$20, 50, and \$100. America's first mint was established in 1792 in Philadelphia, then the nation's capital, on the site of an abandoned whiskey distillery. The mint produced its first coins the following March. Today, in its fourth location, the Philadelphia mint, now the largest mint in the world, has the ability to produce upwards of 1.8 million coins per hour, 32 million coins a day, 13.5 billion coins every year. The facility also produces military and government medals and awards.

From 1793 to 1837, pennies were made from pure copper. That changed to 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc, which remained until 1857. Zinc content was increased when copper was needed for various war efforts. Tin was removed in 1962, making the content 95% copper and 5% zinc, in place until 1982, when the penny became a copper-plated zinc coin, with just 2.5% copper and 97.5% zinc. Since the U.S. Mint began producing pennies, more than 300 billion pennies have been minted. It costs 2.41 cents to make a penny.

Although today's U.S. Secret Service is tasked with protecting the President, when it was first created in 1865, its purpose was to fight counterfeiting, which was a significant problem during the Civil War. Between one-third and one-half of all U.S. paper currency was counterfeit.

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MONEY
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Why are there ridges on the edge of quarters and dimes? Decades ago, when coins were created from precious metals, the ridges were instituted to prevent people from scraping off the edges and selling the valuable metal. A quarter has 119 grooves around its edge, while a dime has 118. The life expectancy of a \$1 bill is about 18 months. A \$5 bill lasts two years, a \$10 bill three years, and a \$20 bill four years. The \$50 and \$100 bills usually last nine years. Worn bills are shredded and recycled. The shingles on your roof quite possibly contain shredded currency as do the fireplace logs you use to start a fire. About 95% of the bills printed each day are to replace worn bills already in circulation.

It is a federal law that no living person can appear on U.S. currency. The law has been in place since 1866, when Congress stated that it was improper and unpatriotic for the likeness of living people to be placed on money. If a President is to be considered for inclusion on currency, he/she must be dead for at least two years.

A little over half the total gold held by the U.S. Government is stored in Fort Knox, Kentucky at the U.S. Bullion Depository. Fort Knox itself is an army post located next door to the depository. This fortified vault building was built in 1936 and has a torch and drill resistant door that is 21 inches (53 cm) thick, and weighs 28 tons. The door is set on a 100-hour time lock, which can only be opened by members of the staff who dial separate combinations. The depository is home to about 147 million ounces (4,580 tons) of gold bullion. Fort Knox and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York hold 7.5% of all gold ever refined. The New York Fed holds 7,000 tons of gold, about 507,000 gold bars.

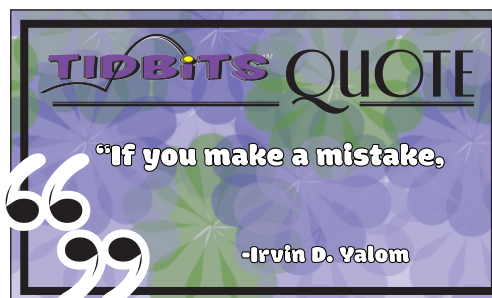


1. Who had a hit with "Spanish Harlem"?
2. Name the band that released "Black Night."
3. Who wrote and released "How Deep Is Your Love"?
4. Which group released "I Count the Tears"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "My love must be a kind of blind love, I can't see anyone but you."

Answers

1. Ben E. King, in 1960. The song was King's first solo hit after he left The Drifters. It was used as a b-side to "First Taste of Love," but climbed to the Top Ten chart and has made it to the list of "500 Greatest Songs of All Time."
2. Deep Purple, in 1970.
3. The Bee Gees, in 1977. It was included in the film "Saturday Night Fever" starring John Travolta, one of three Bee Gees songs used.
4. The Drifters, in 1960. The song went to No. 6 on the R&B chart and was released on the group's "Save the Last Dance for Me" album.
5. "I Only Have Eyes For You," most notably by The Flamingos in 1959. The song was written in 1934 for the film "Dames," and has been released by numerous artists over the years, including Art Garfunkel and The Lettermen.

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Even Exchange
answers

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Patch, Parch | 6. Blanch, Branch |
| 2. Lofty, Lefty | 7. Later, Lager |
| 3. Scour, Scout | 8. Thread, Threat |
| 4. Walter, Halter | 9. Carbon, Carton |
| 5. Mitten, Kitten | 10. Adapt, Adopt |

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



top ten

MOST EXPENSIVE MOBILE PHONES, 2024

1. Falcon Supernova iPhone 6 Pink Diamond - \$48.5 million
2. iPhone 5 Black Diamond - \$15 million
3. Stuart Hughes iPhone 4S Elite Gold - \$9.4 million
4. Stuart Hughes iPhone 4 Diamond Rose - \$8 million
5. Goldstriker iPhone 3Gs Supreme - \$3.2 million
6. iPhone 3G Kings Button - \$2.5 million
7. Diamond Crypto Smartphone - \$1.3 million
8. Goldvish Le Million - \$1 million
9. Gresso Luxor Las Vegas Jackpot - \$1 million
10. Goldvish Revolution - \$488,150

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What makes a person intelligent - heredity, education, an aptitude for learning? This week, *Tidbits* probes the 5 factors that influence a person's "brainpower."

The word "intelligence" has its roots in the Latin language, with the word "intelligere" translating "to comprehend or perceive."

What is intelligence? A simple definition is "the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills." It's the capacity for reasoning, planning, and critical thinking. But it also encompasses learning from experience, making sense of things, and figuring out what to do.

In 1905, psychologist Alfred Binet and physician Theodore Simon developed the IQ (intelligence quotient) test, not as a measure of intelligence, but rather for the purpose of identifying children in need of extra educational assistance. Their test focused on attention, memory, and problem solving skills and their scale became the basis for IQ tests still used today. IQ tests are useful in identifying learning disabilities such as dyslexia and ADHD.

There's much more to intelligence than "booksmarts." While genetics have some bearing on intelligence, it is also influenced by social skills, practical skills, perseverance, emotions, and creativity, all of which contribute considerably to a person's development and well-being. While testing supplies an estimate of cognitive abilities, such as logical reasoning, verbal comprehension, spatial reasoning, problem solving, and mathematical aptitude, an IQ test does not measure emotional intelligence. It cannot interpret an individual's ability to manage their emotions or empathize with those of another. The average IQ score is about 100, with most people falling into that range. Those above 130 are deemed highly gifted, while those scores below 70 indicating an impairment or developmental delay. Scores are calculated by comparing a person's performance with those within the same age category.

How a person performs on a test is not necessarily an indication of their intelligence. Many people have test anxiety and experience a high level of stress during an exam that negatively impacts their performance, keeping them from achieving their best result.

IQ is linked with positive life outcomes, such as health, job performance, and income. Those with higher IQs seem to cope with traumatic events more easily, and are less likely to develop PTSD.

Can you improve your intelligence? Indeed, you can! IQ is not fixed and can be developed and improved through education, training, and stimulating life experiences. Cognitive abilities can be expanded by learning new skills, reading, and engaging in problem-solving exercises. Research indicates that exercise, especially moderate to vigorous cardiovascular exercise, can help improve cognition in the areas of memory, reasoning, and processing.

Does a larger brain contribute to greater intelligence? If Albert Einstein's brain is any indication, the answer is no. When the genius died in 1955 in Princeton, New Jersey, his brain was removed, photographed, measured, studied, and preserved. The size of his brain was at the low end of average at 1230 grams, but the parietal lobes (those associated with mathematical, visual, and spatial cognition) were 15% wider than normal. These lobes are normally separated by a deep groove that divides the parietal cortex. There was no such groove in Einstein's brain, which suggests that this contributed to increased connectivity between the lobes, creating extraordinary mathematical and spatial abilities.

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CryptoQuip answer

I have a snazzy new grizzly-shaped area rug, but I keep avoiding it. It's a bear to walk on.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your bold approach to a difficult situation turns a doubter into a supporter. Be aware, though, that you still need to dig for facts to build an even stronger case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Distractions continue to nibble at your available time. Turn them off and concentrate on setting your sights on your goal. Progress might be slow, but it is steady.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity opens up in a new field. You might not feel that it's for you, but check it out anyway. You could be surprised; you might be able to adjust to its requirements.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A new work environment presents some difficult choices. Best advice: Be ready to defend your decisions while still keeping your mind open to suggested alternatives.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Don't let your Leonine pride continue to jeopardize a cherished relationship. You've already taken too long to make that apology. Do it now before it's too late.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend needs assistance but fears that you might want to know more than they are prepared to reveal. Provide help without probing into the situation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You face an important personal decision that could affect a family member. Have a full, frank, no-holds-barred discussion with them before you act.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to think over the choices that have suddenly emerged in your life. Don't be rushed into making a decision until all the facts are known.

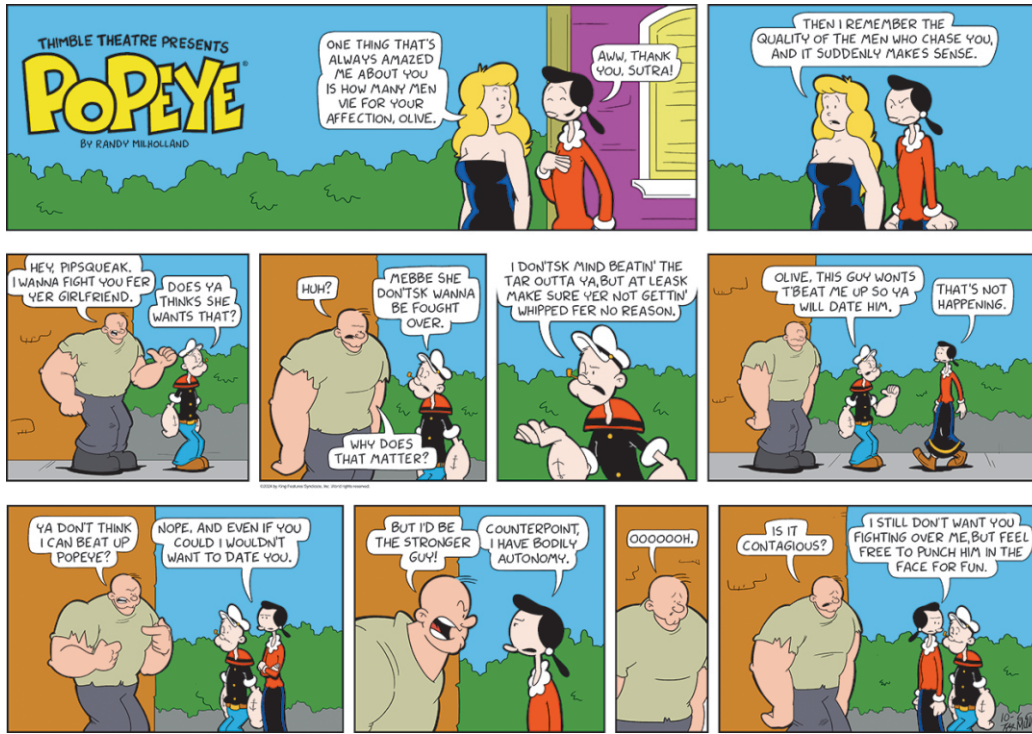
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone might be trying to gain your trust for their own advantage. Be wary: A seemingly friendly smile might be an exercise in teeth-baring.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A situation that emerged earlier can no longer be ignored. You need to deal with it now so that it won't interfere with more important considerations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A job situation presents some problems. Deal with them one by one, and they'll soon vanish. Meanwhile, in your personal life, a Libra would like to know your intentions.

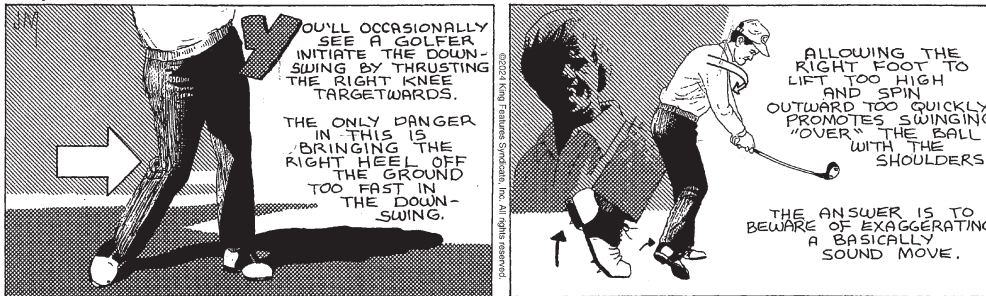
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Let your partner know how you feel about your stalled relationship. A delay will result in your swimming around in circles and going nowhere.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your high energy level allows you to take on and complete more projects than most. You are also an inspired and inspiring teacher.



- * On Oct. 21, 1861, Union troops suffered a crushing defeat at the Battle of Ball's Bluff in Virginia, the second major engagement of the Civil War, which produced the conflict's first martyr and led to the creation of a Congressional committee to monitor the conduct of the war.
 - * On Oct. 22, 1797, the first parachute jump of note was made by Andre-Jacques Garnerin from a hydrogen balloon 3,200 feet above Paris.
 - * On Oct. 23, 1998, Dr. Barnett Slepian was shot to death inside his home in Amherst, New York, by anti-abortion radical James Charles Kopp. His killing marked the fifth straight year that an abortion-providing doctor in up-state New York and Canada became the victim of a sniper attack. Kopp, whose defense argued that he only intended to wound Slepian, was convicted of second degree murder in 2003.
 - * On Oct. 24, 1969, movie star Richard Burton dazzled his wife, actress Elizabeth Taylor, with a 69-carat Cartier diamond ring costing a cool \$1.5 million after she responded to his allegation that her hands were large and ugly by saying that he'd better buy her the ring to make them look smaller and more attractive. In 1979, the now-divorced Taylor put the ring up for auction and it sold for \$3 million.
 - * On Oct. 25, 1980, AC/DC earned their first pop Top 40 hit with "You Shook Me All Night Long." It remains their most popular single.
 - * On Oct. 26, 1921, President Warren G. Harding delivered a speech in Birmingham, Alabama, condemning lynchings, committed mainly by white supremacists against Black Americans in the Deep South and elsewhere. The previous year, the NAACP had reported that such crimes claimed, on average, the lives of two African Americans each week.
 - * On Oct. 27, 1659, William Robinson and Marmaduke Stevenson, two Quakers who'd emigrated from England in 1656 to escape religious persecution, were executed in the Massachusetts Bay Colony for their religious beliefs. The men had violated a law passed by the Massachusetts General Court the year before that banned Quakers from the colony under penalty of death.
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THIS WEEK'S
**CELEBRITY
BIRTHDAYS**

Snoop Dogg	10/20/71
Judge Judy	10/21/42
Jeff Goldblum	10/22/52
Ryan Reynolds	10/23/76
Kevin Kline	10/24/47
Katy Perry	10/25/84
Keith Urban	10/26/67

TIPBITS

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Elegant; 2. Prance;
3. Yearn; 4. Futile

Today's Word

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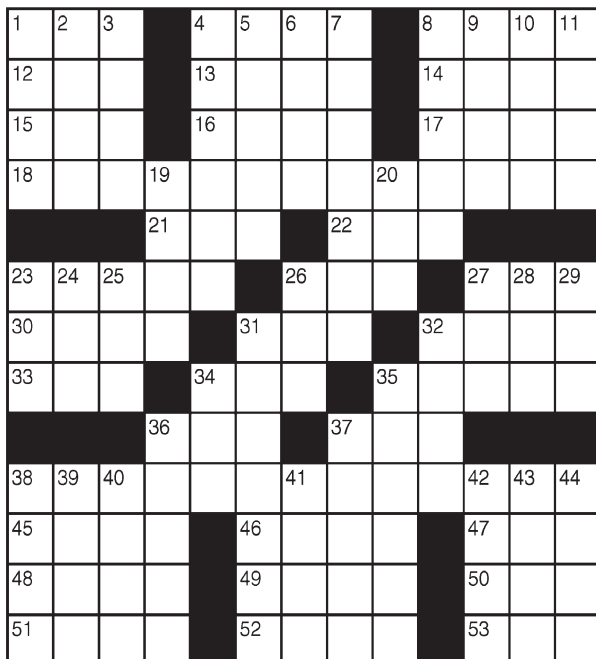
King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Kapow!"
4 Makes a choice
8 Release money
12 Actress Merkel
13 Boyfriend
14 Celestial bear
15 MSNBC rival
16 Lawman Wyatt
17 Some HDTVs
18 James Caan's role in "The God-father"
21 Shoe width
22 Aachen article
23 Tire pattern
26 LBJ's successor
27 Faux —
30 Shower bar?
31 Chart format
32 Shed
33 Cauldron
34 Hit show letters
35 Symbol of freshness
36 HBO rival
37 Serena, to Venus
- 38 Grammy-winning
Shawn Colvin song
45 Exotic berry
46 Eventful periods
47 Actor
Harrison
48 Brisk pace
49 Vogue rival
50 Microwave
51 Curly cabbage
52 Ken or Barbie
53 Oklahoma tribe
- 10 "This — outrage!"
11 Zap with a beam
19 Tide variety
20 Author Yutang
23 Recipe abbr.
24 Kanga's kid
25 Have dinner
26 Carnival city
27 Luau dish
28 Gore and Pacino
29 Farm pen
31 "Continue!"
32 Prepare potatoes
34 Bashful
35 Truck fuel
36 Marsh bird
37 Lowercase
38 Bag
39 Pac-12 team
40 Hammer target
41 Woody's son
42 Rice-shaped pasta
43 Vegan's no-no
44 Big fair, for short

DOWN

- 1 Tampa Bay team, for short
2 — Domini
3 "Death in Venice" author
4 Heeded
5 Quiet partner?
6 Tropical tuber
7 Paramount
8 President
Martin Van —
9 Not pizzicato



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KNIGHT MOVES

O	R	E
G		V
E	C	A

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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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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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: O equals L

HGDV QFRBDQ MFJD RO HPLG
F KMGDJD LT CQPJCQFJ GPK
MTJDWX OFBLVDB, PL HFK F
CTTQ-GFBWX OQFV.

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STICKERS

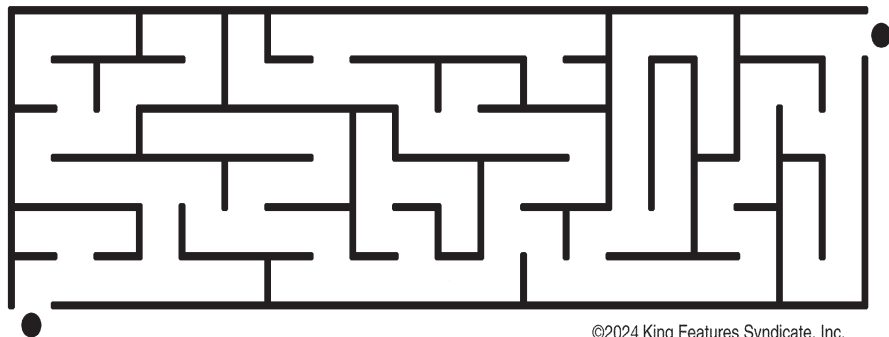
by Terry Stickers

There are 10 names of U.S. presidents hidden in the figure below — vertically, horizontally and diagonally.
Can you find them?

D	D	J	A	P	L	T	R
L	R	E	V	O	O	H	N
E	O	C	E	L	I	C	O
I	F	E	H	K	A	W	S
F	M	O	N	R	O	E	K
R	N	O	T	N	I	L	C
A	A	E	T	A	F	T	A
G	R	E	A	G	A	N	J

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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.

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Depart | ___ _ _ V _ | Rental agreement | ___ _ _ S _ |
| 2. Perry Mason's job | L _ _ _ _ | Twain character | S _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Lure | ___ _ _ C _ | All-inclusive | ___ _ _ R _ |
| 4. Lead the way | ___ _ _ D _ | Pretext | ___ _ _ S _ |
| 5. Carpeting option | _ E _ _ _ | Men's hair stylist | _ A _ _ _ |
| 6. Afternoon tea cake | _ _ O _ _ | Play division | _ _ E _ _ |
| 7. Not asleep | _ _ _ K _ | Conscious of | _ _ _ R _ |
| 8. Prom dress | _ _ _ _ L | Configure | _ _ _ _ T |
| 9. Rah! Rah! Rah! | C _ _ _ _ | Gossamer | S _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Chef's garment | _ P _ _ _ | Ohio city | _ K _ _ _ |

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FUN & GAMES

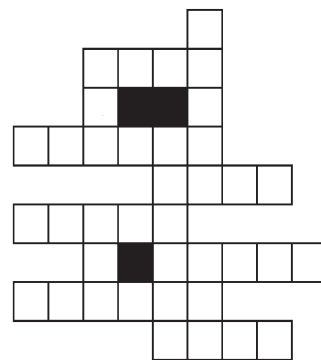
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FEAR KNOT

By : rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- PLI
AFRACE
♥ LENIA
♥ TAMO
XIRPEE
ARO
NYEV
LEXMY
PTE
OFRAME
ARPOE
APLO



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.

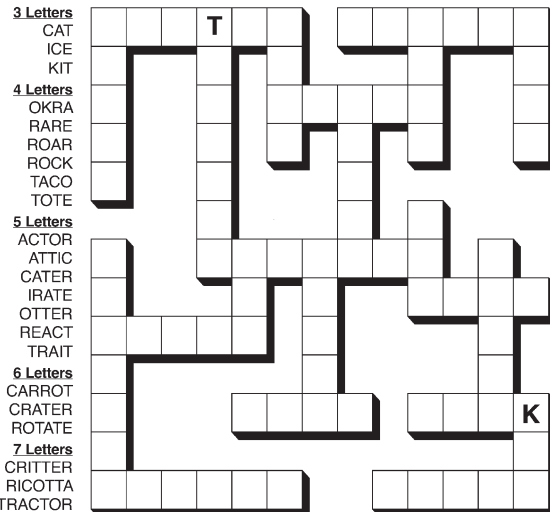
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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – TRICK OR TREAT*

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

*All words are formed from the letters in TRICK OR TREAT



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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- | | | |
|--------|---------|-----|
| Acute | ___ _ _ | ___ |
| HARPS | ___ _ _ | ___ |
| Mince | ___ _ _ | ___ |
| GATER | ___ _ _ | ___ |
| Hinder | ___ _ _ | ___ |
| MISTEY | ___ _ _ | ___ |
| Growl | ___ _ _ | ___ |
| LUMBER | ___ _ _ | ___ |

TODAY'S WORD



"They're _____ — I can't wait to see
the expression on my husband's face!"

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The Garden Bug Autumn garden tasks

- Gather seeds from your spent plantings; collect all dead and dying foliage.
- Compost any plant waste that is not diseased. If burning is permitted in your community, this will be an effective way to dispose of diseased plants.
- The autumn leaf fall can suffocate a lawn (especially any newly-established ones) if not often raked up.
- Planting cover crops, or spreading mulch over bare soil, can help prevent soil erosion over the winter. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.thespruce.com, wayne.ces.ncsu.edu

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * Alcohol is considered a performance-enhancing drug in most shooting sports, as it calms your body down and allows you to shoot straighter.
- * The universe has a color, but it's not what you might think. Researchers at Johns Hopkins University took the average of light from over 200,000 galaxies. It turns out the universe is, on average, kind of beige. They named the shade "cosmic latte."
- * In a 2008 survey of British teens, 58% of the respondents believed Sherlock Holmes was a real person, while 20% said that Winston Churchill was not.
- * When asked if her husband Abe had any hobbies, Mary Todd Lincoln responded, "Cats."
- * Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt once sneaked out out of a White House event, commandeered an airplane, and went on a joyride to Baltimore.
- * The Karni Mata Temple in Deshnoke, India, is home to 20,000 rats who are believed to be descended from an incarnation of the Hindu goddess Durga.
- * According to NASA, it possibly rains glass on the planet known as HD 189733b.
- * The first baseball caps were made from straws and worn by the New York Knickerbockers in 1849. A few years afterward, the first merino wool baseball caps were put into circulation.
- * Some traditions hold that walking backward while wearing your clothes inside out will allow you to see a witch on Halloween.
- * In ancient Rome, lemons were used as an antidote to all poisons.
- * One of the world's largest stockpiles of nuclear weapons is located at a U.S. Navy base near Seattle, which is partially defended by trained dolphins.
- * The highest mileage on a single car is over 3 million miles.

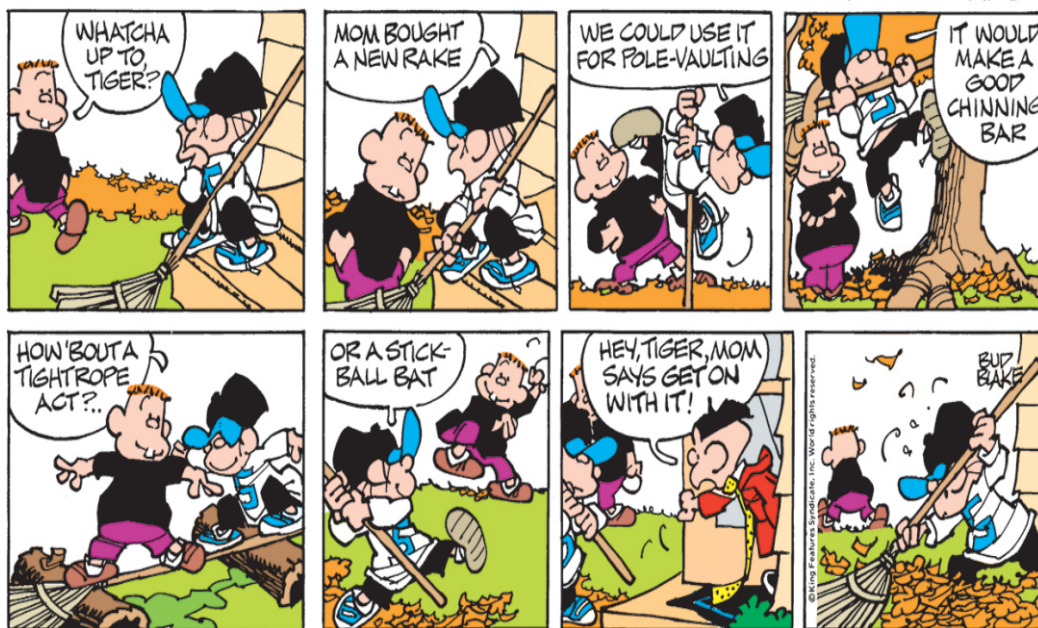
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Thought for the Day: "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." -- Maya Angelou

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In their first year of printing stamps, the BEP printed upwards of 2.1 billion stamps. In 2005

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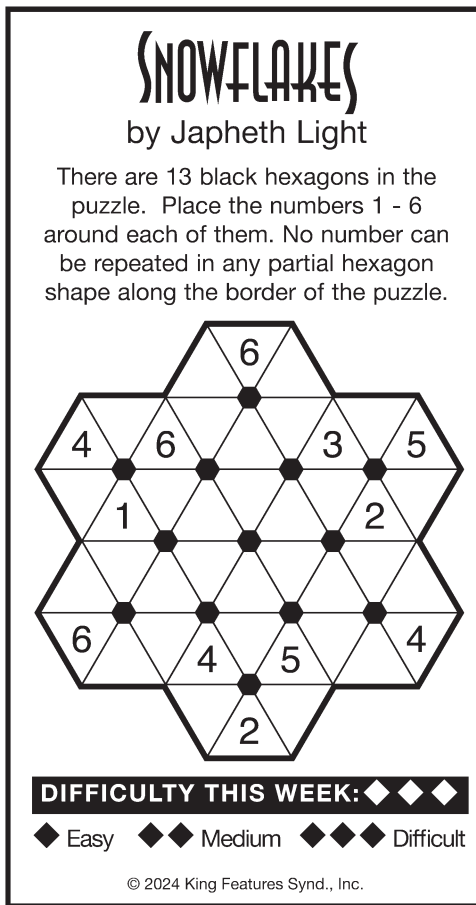


1. MOVIES: Where was "The Lord of the Rings" filmed?
2. TELEVISION: What is the setting for the animated series "South Park"?
3. SCIENCE: What is the most abundant element in the Earth's crust?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president proclaimed June 14 to be Flag Day?
5. MATH: Which letter is contained in every odd number when it is spelled out?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Both the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn pass through which country?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of porcupines called?
8. MUSIC: Which British singer/songwriter helped create many songs on "The Lion King" soundtrack?
9. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who wrote the line about fall, "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers"?
10. LITERATURE: Which children's book features a fictional world where it is always winter but never Christmas?

Answers

1. New Zealand.
2. Colorado.
3. Oxygen (46%).
4. Woodrow Wilson.
5. E.
6. Brazil
7. A prickles
8. Elton John
9. Lucy Maud Montgomery "Anne of Green Gables"
10. "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"

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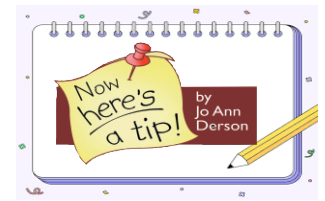


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Puzzles4Kids

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RACING	C	GRAIN
TAILOR	O	TRAIL
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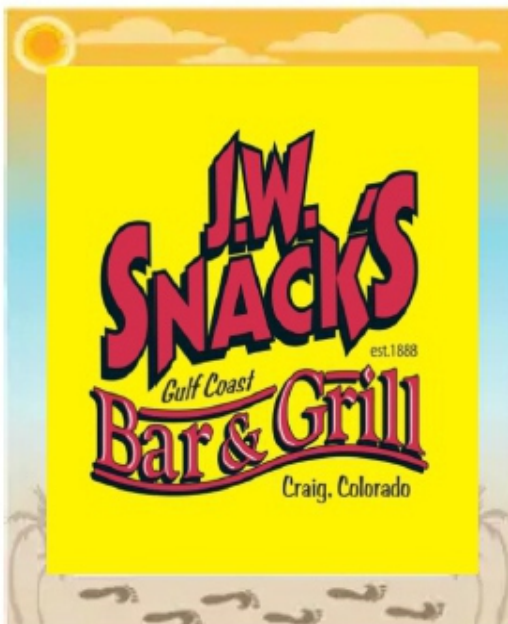


- * There are many uses for empty Tic Tac containers. Here are three: Wrap with pretty paper and use as a tiny vase for a single-stem flower. Or, separate small scrapbooking supplies in them. Last, thread two needles with a length of thread -- one white and one black. Poke the needles through a small square of paper and wrap the thread around the paper. Slip into the container for a travel sewing kit.
- * "Need your nails to dry in a hurry? You can use the cool setting on your hair dryer. It works really fast!" -- L.E. in Georgia
- * To get a couple more days out of your cat litter, clean the box out and mix in a cup of baking soda.
- * Remove mildew from plastic shower curtains by spraying them with a mix of bleach and water, or just toss them in the washing machine with your next load of towels.
- * "We have a playground, and the kids argue about who made what mess and who should clean up which toys. We made a cleaning schedule for the room, having one or two children per day responsible to clean up at the end of the day. It was a rough start, but the kids have learned to clean up as they go rather than leave a big mess for someone else. (Pay back is not kind.)" -- A Mom, via email
- * If your vacuum has a paper filter, spray it with your fave perfume or essential oil. It will blow into the air as you vacuum, leaving behind a pleasant scent.

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Puzzle Mugs

Collecting ceramics may be seen as traditional, even old-fashioned, but there is plenty of room for eccentricity. This puzzle mug by George E. Ohr is an unusual piece by an unconventional artist. There are holes in its sides; if you try to fill it and drink from it like an ordinary mug, the liquid spills out -- probably onto you. Puzzle mugs usually have a hollow portion, often in the handle, that works like a drinking straw. The trick is to know which holes to cover and which to drink from.



A puzzle mug is a fitting piece for Georg Ohr, who had a flair for the unusual. Ohr, known as "the Mad Potter of Biloxi," was born in 1857 and started working on his own as a potter in 1883. He made his pottery from very thin clay in twisted, folded shapes, glazed in rich colors. Ohr loved self-promotion and considered himself "the best potter in America," but sold little of his pottery and faded into obscurity. As if making up for lost time, Ohr's pottery now sells for high prices. This mug sold for \$2,250 at a Rago auction.

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Q: I have this odd \$20 bill with markings and I don't know who to take it to for a value that I can trust. Can you please help me with this?

A: The markings on your bill look like part of the word "TELLER" "TELLER." They are probably from a teller stamp. When bank tellers bundle bills together to go into the vault, they wrap the bundle with a paper strap, then stamp the strap and add their initials to verify that they counted the bundle. Your bill was probably on top of a bundle where the teller's stamp slipped and partly missed the strap. On one hand, this does not make the bill rare or worth more. On the other hand, it is still legal tender and can be spent like any valid \$20 bill. We would recommend taking the bill to a bank to verify this. They will probably exchange it for a clean bill.

TIP: To be collectible, trunks must be in good condition. Refinishing destroys the trunk's value as an antique. Trunks in poor condition can be refinished to be attractive and useful as pieces of furniture, but they will no longer be of interest to serious trunk collectors.

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CURRENT PRICES

Quilt, patchwork, Birds in the Air, multicolor triangle blocks, cream ground, 73 x 80 inches, \$85.

Doorstop, two dogs, Scottish Terrier, sitting, leaning to side, cast iron, oblong base, 5 1/2 x 8 inches, \$120.

Advertising, inkwell, Western Electric Company, figural, bell shaped, blue glass, 3 1/2 x 3 inches, \$130.

Lamp, art nouveau, tulip shade, green and pink glass petals, figural base, woman with raised arms, draped gown, c. 1900, 18 inches, \$540.

Dinnerware, Wee Modern, cup, two handles, stylized animals, table with flowerpot on reverse, child's, Eva Zeisel, Goss China Co., c. 1953, 3 1/2 x 5 inches, \$1,200.

Tool, chest, top handle, hinged side, folds open, fitted interior, drawers, door, compartments, painted brown, with tools, 1800s, 29 1/2 x 17 inches, \$2,520.

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Holidays & Observances This Week

10/20 National Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day
10/21 Lung Health Day
10/22 National Tex Mex Day
10/23 TV Talk Show Host Day
10/24 United Nations Day
10/25 St. Crispin's Day



Americanisms



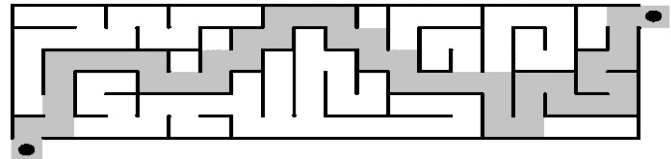
"In October, a maple tree
before your window lights
up your room like a great
lamp."

— John Burroughs

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Kids' Maze Solution



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— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Reaching Out

The holidays will be here soon, and not all of us will do well with getting through that time of the year. Whether it's the pressures of the social aspects of the season or financial worries or we're just not feelin' it, sometimes it's all just a bit much. But we're not alone. The Department of Veterans Affairs has a website loaded with resources to help with all kinds of concerns. Go to www.va.gov/REACH/challenges and scroll down to view the categories, such as life transitions, health challenges, feelings of depression and many more. Select up to three statements that describe what you're going through (examples are "I don't care about the things I used to care about" and "I don't have anyone I can ask for help"), then click the "All Done" button at the bottom.

What you get is a page of resources tailor-made for you. Start working your way through all of them. The bottom line is that if you need support, the help is there. You're not alone. Sometimes the VA does things perfectly, and this website of resources is one of those.

On the flip side of the coin, perhaps you're doing extremely well and want to connect with fellow veterans who might need a bit of help. Buddy Check is a program that connects veterans. You'll take some short peer-to-peer training (a 34-minute video) and then pledge to reach out to 10 veterans. Although there is an official Buddy Check Week, there is no reason you can't reach out at other times of the year -- especially now with the holidays coming up.

Check out Together We Served, a.k.a. the Buddy Finder (www.togetherweserved.com), to hunt for veterans you served with, and reconnect with them. At this writing, the site has over 2 million veterans who've registered their profiles to make contact with other veterans. Together We Served also has a Facebook page, as well as an app on Google Play and the App Store.

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FEAR KNIGHT answer

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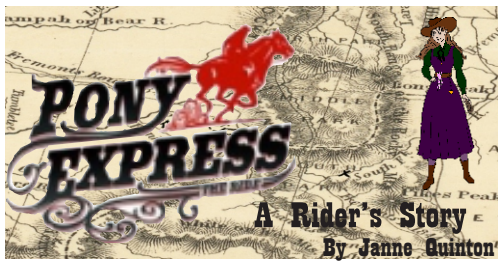
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Part 6

May 10, 1860

9:45 a.m.

We've been movin' at a steady pace. and between you and me, I am one tired gal! Annie and I are hitching up for the day to rest. Comin' at the trail with fresh bones will better than tryin' a cross through these mountains without it!

2:00 p.m.

I went off searchin' for a place to camp tonight and found amazing stones, similar to the ones up in Slabtown off in the creek. They shine real bright but ain't gold, that's for sure.

7:15 p.m.

I had no clue they had caves all the way out in these parts. You think mountains are just big hills, but they have plenty of hidden beauties in them!

9:35 p.m.

A great day spent doing absolutely nothing but enjoying this beautiful place. Everyone oughta do this at least once in their lives.

May 11, 1860

5:20 a.m.

Woke up to rain and a chill in the air! Winds blowin', Annie and I are gonna get out onto the trail in hopes of outrunning the weather. Something tells me keepin' everything dry might be a losin' battle!

6:45 a.m.

Can't see much ahead, can't see much behind. This storm is having us running in circles. I know we've passed this tree already!

7:20 a.m.

I see more lights and hear lots of sounds. Yellin? Or is it singing bandits from a man at the saloon. The whole delivery is at risk! I'm in no fighting shape with this rain!



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KNIGHT MOVES
Answer

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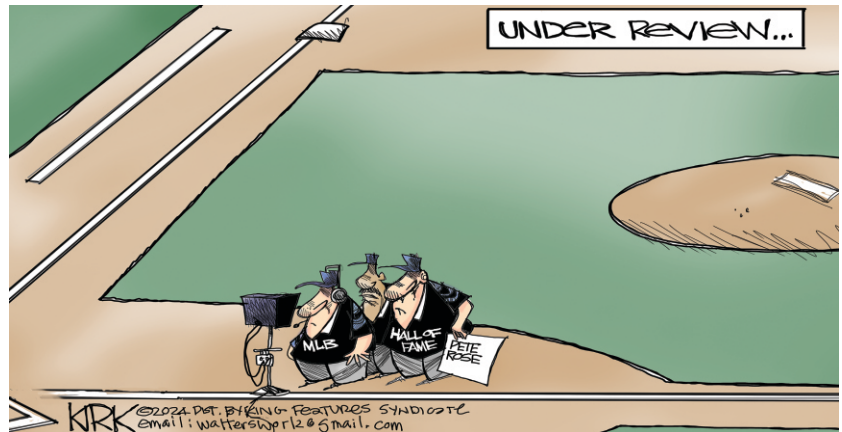


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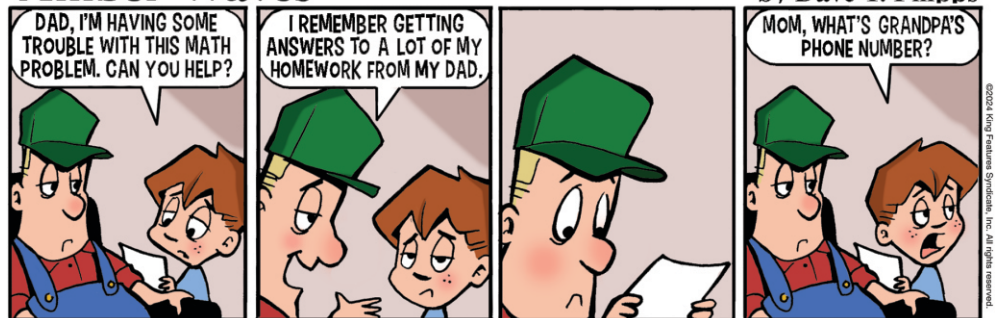
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