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TIPBITS TRAVELS TO ALASKA

by Janet Spencer

* The name for Alaska comes from the Aleut word "alaxsxaq" meaning basically "where the waves meet the shore" referring to the mainland.

* In 1867, the \$7.2 million paid for "Seward's Folly" works out to about $\overline{2}$ per acre (36 today). It cost more money (\$7.39 million to pur- 🛂 chase the land for Central Park in New York City in the mid-1800s than it cost to purchase the entire state of Alaska.

* Alaska is the biggest state, so large that the next three biggest states - Texas, California, and Montana - would fit inside it with room to spare. If it were a country, it wold be the 17th largest country, ranking between Iran and Libya in size. Its size comprises about 20% of the total landmass of the U.S.

* In a quirk of geography, Alaska boasts the northernmost point in the U.S. as well as the easternmost and westernmost points in the U.S. This is due to the Aleutian Islands that stretch across the International Date Line.

* One-third of Alaska lies north of the Arctic Circle. There are over 100,000 glaciers in the state, covering around 5% of the state's total landmass. That's equal to the size of West Virginia. There are more glaciers here than anywhere else in the inhabited world.

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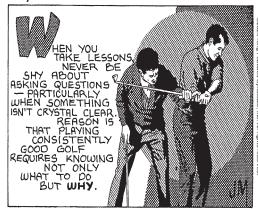
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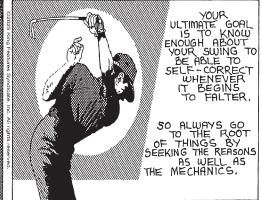
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- * The state has more coastline than the rest of the U.S. combined. Florida comes in second place, followed by California in third place.
- * There are 2,670 islands off the coast.
- * There are around 3 million lakes in the state. Only about 3,000 of them are named. Minnesota has only around 14,000 lakes.
- * Alaska is home to 80% of volcanoes in the U.S. and 10% of all volcanoes in the world. There are 130 in the state, and around 70 are potentially active. About 75% of the volcanic eruptions that have occurred in the U.S. over the last 200 years have happened in Alaska. Alaskans have experienced 240 eruptions since 1760 from 30 different volcanoes, averaging out to about one eruption per
- * It's the mst earthquake-prone state and one of the most seismically active regions in the world. It has more quakes than all other U.S. states combined. A quake in 1964 was the largest ever to hit the U.S. and the second largest in recorded history, registering 9.2 on the Richter Scale, exceeded only by ther 9.5 quake in Chile in 1960. A magnitude 7.0 earthquake occurs in Alaska almost every year, and a magnitude 8.0 or greater happens on average every 14 years.
- * At its closest point, Russia is only 55 miles (89 km) away across the Bering Strait. Alaska is closer to Moscow, Russia than it is to Washington, D.C. Flying out of Anchorage, it's an equal distance to fly to New York City, Tokyo, or Frankfurt, Germany. This makes Alaska an extremely valuable transportation hub.
- * The Northern Lights can be viewed an average of 243 nights of the year from Fairbanks throughout the winter but not in the summer when it doesn't get dark enough. (cont. on page 3)



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7-Oct: "Ozzy: No Escape from Now" (Documentary), Paramount+

9-Oct: "Victoria Beckham" (Docuseries), Netflix

9-Oct: "Vicious" (R), Paramount+ 9-Oct: "Boots" (Season 1), Netflix

9-Oct: "Saquon" (Documentary), Prime Video

10-Oct: "The Woman in Cabin 10" (R), Netflix

10-Oct: "The Last Frontier" (Season), AppleTV+

10-Oct: "Nouvelle Vague" (R), Netflix

12-Oct: "The Chair Company" (Season 1),

HBO Max

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ALASKA

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- * There is more public land here than in any other state. The federal government owns 61% of the land, with the state government owning an additional 24%. Fully 17% of the nation's national forest land is in Alaska.
- * Alaska sports 30 mountain ranges. The 400 mile long (644 km) Alaska Range is the 3rd highest range in the world, after the Himalayas and the Andes. This is the location of Mount Denali, the highest peak in the U.S., at 20,310 feet (6,190 m). In fact, out of the 20 highest peaks in the U.S. are in Alaska. Still, Alaska's mountains pale in comparison to the Himalayas. But consider this: Denali rises 17,000 feet (5.2 km) above the surrounding land, whereas Everest rises only 15,000 feet (4.6 km) above the valley.
- * The record low was recorded north of Fairbanks at -80 $^{\circ}$ F (-62.2 $^{\circ}$ C) in 1971. The record high was 100° F (37.8° C) in Fort Yukon in 1915. That's a spread of 180°F (100°C), bigger than any other state. Hawaii has the narrowest range with a difference of only 85° F between the high of 100° F (37.8° C) and the low of 15° F (-9.4° C).
- * Wrangell-St. Elias National Park is the largest national park in the U.S. at over 20,000 sq. mi.. It is larger than Switzerland.
- * Alaska has the lowest population density of any state, averaging 1.2 people per square mile. New Jersey is the most densely populated state, with an average of approximately 1,250 people per square mile. If the island of Manhattan had the same population density as Alaska, there would be only 16 people living there.
- * Alaska is not the state with the lowest population. That's Wyoming (588,000), followed by Vermont (648,000). Alaska ranks third with 740,000 residents.
- * About 291,000 people live in Anchorage, the largest city in the state. That amounts to about 40% of the state's population.
- * Juneau (pop. 31,500) is the only state capital accessible only by boat or plane. Mountains and waterways prevent road access.
- * When measured by city limits, Juneau is larger than the state of Rhode Island (3,255 sq. mi. vs. 1,034 sq. mi.) Even bigger is Sitka, which boasts the largest total area of any city in the U.S., with 4,811 sq. mi. (including water). The reason is that town founders want to include every last possible person, no matter how far they live from the city center. Jacksonville, Florida, boasts the largest city limits in the lower 48, spanning 840 sq. mi., including water.











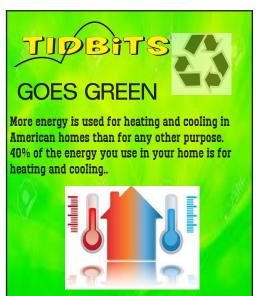


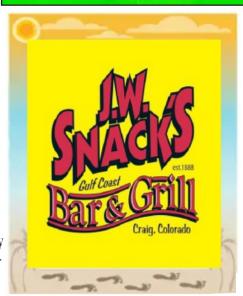














www.nwcotidbits.com The current population of Jacksonville is approx-

imately 971,000, whereas the population of Sitka is around 8,500. Los Angeles is tiny by comparison, at only 469 sq. mi. with 3.88 million people within that area.

- * Juneau is drizzly 60% of the time.
- * Alaska has as many airports as California does, even though it has only 2% of the population. 82% of Alaskan communities do not have road access but are only accessible by boat or plane. One out of every 78 residents has a pilot's license, six times higher than the rest of the country.
- * The state has a higher percentage of Native Americans than any other state, with nearly 20% of residents identifying as indigenous. The U.S. government recognizes 229 different tribes across the state, with about 180,000 tribal members statewide.
- * Alaska has the 6th highest cost of living in the U.S., coming in after Hawaii, Massachusetts, California, and Washington, D.C.



- * There are three similar games, known in the U.S. as rugby, soccer and football. However, outside of the U.S., the same three games are called rugby, football, and "American football." The term "soccer" is rarely used outside of the U.S. Why is this?
- * It all started with the British place name "Rocheberie" meaning "fortified place of a rook" referring to a crow. That name was simplified and turned into a town called Rugby. The students at the Rugby school developed a game involving a leather ball. Other schools throughout England developed similar games with similar balls, generally known as "football." However, it became difficult to set up competitions between schools because the rules and the balls differed from one school to another.
- * In 1863, an association was set up to establish the rules of the games so teams could play against each other. Two different games were established. One was called Rugby Football, and the other was called Association Football.
- * It was a fad at the time to end words with an "-er" such as header, footer, sporter. Rugby turned into "ruggers." "Association Football" became "assocer" and then shortened to "soccer." But just as "ruggers" was a slang term for rugby, "soccer" was merely a slang term for football. The proper term was always football.
- * Meanwhile, in the U.S., another game was invented, which the Americans called football. Along the way, Americans adopted the slang "soccer" for "British football." Today, Americans have rugby, football, and American football.
- * Soccer began when people started kicking around an inflated pig bladder. Then it was covered with leather. Charles Goodyear patented vulcanized rubber, and in 1855 he built the first soccer ball that used a rubber "balloon" instead of a bladder.
- * The official size and weight was standardized in 1872.

Mass production began with the founding of the English Football League in 1888, with slight modifications made when FIFA (the International Federation of Association Football) was established in 1904.

- * Through the years, the design improved. Initially, they consisted of 18 leather panels arranged in rows of three. Because leather absorbs water, they got soggy. Their quality depended on which part of the hide was used.
- * After World War II, synthetic paints prevented the ball from becoming water-logged. A new valve was invented so balls stayed inflated.
- * By 1951, soccer balls were white so spectators could follow the action.

In the 1980s, synthetics replaced leather.

Meanwhile, the style of the patches changed too. The 1970 World Cup in Mexico was the first to be broadcast live on TV. For the event, Adidas created a new style of ball patterned after the geodesic dome. The combination of 20 white hexagonal sections and 12 black pentagonal surfaces created a nearly perfect sphere that was easily visible to TV viewers. Today, manufacturers are experimenting with embedded microchips and even cameras.

* The popularity of soccer spread with the

* The popularity of soccer spread with the expansion of the British Empire. By the 1990s, it was the most popular sport in the world. Still, the only countries in the world that call the game "soccer" are those that also have football leagues: Canada, Ireland, Australia, and the U.S.







The Spats

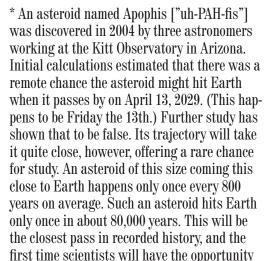




by Jeff Pickering







APOPHIIS: THE ASTEROID

as it approaches. * Apophis is shaped like a large potato, about 1,480 feet (450 m) long and 560 feet (170 m) wide. It rotates end-over-end around its short axis about once every 31 hours. It's equal in length to five football fields, making it as tall as the Eiffel Tower. It would fit inside the Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena, California.

Agency are sending out spacecraft to study it

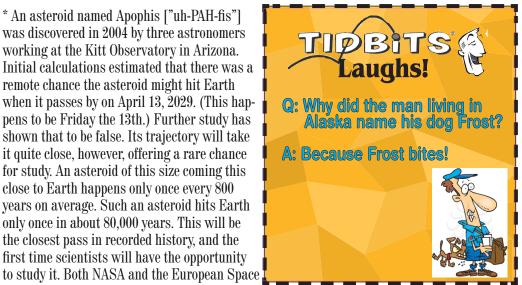
It's made out of a pretty solid chunk of nickel- and iron rich rock rather than ice, so it's dense. It's been circling through the solar system for as long as there has been a solar system, a leftover rock that was never incorporated into a planet or moon.

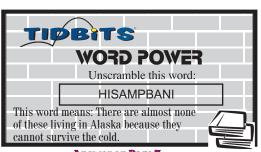
* Apophis will skim past Earth at a distance of about 19,600 miles (31,600 km) above the surface. This may sound like a lot, but it is actually close enough to whiz past the farthest ring of geostationary satellites that circle Earth in a fixed orbit about 21,750 miles (35,000 km) high. It's equal to 1/10th of the distance to the Moon, or five times the radius of Earth. In official astronomical terms, this is called a hair's breadth.

* Apophis will pass over the eastern hemisphere, visible to the naked eye for about an hour, looking like a fastmoving star. It will not be visible from the U.S.

* Once the existence of the asteroid was confirmed in 2004, the astronomers who discovered it were awarded the right to name it. In ancient Egyptian mythology, Apophis is the enemy of the sun god Ra. He dwells in eternal darkness and tries to swallow Ra every night. He brings chaos, opposing light and order throughout the cosmos, reigning over earthquakes, thunder, darkness, storms, and death. Apophis is generally considered to be the greatest force of evil in Egyptian theology. A bonus of the name was that two of the three astrono-

mers who discovered it were big fans of the show "Stargate" which features an alien villain also named Apophis, who persistently threatens to destroy civilization.





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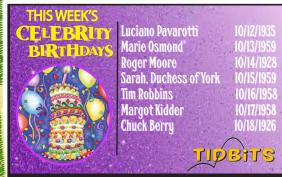
* Astronomers now know that the only chance Apophis has of hitting Earth is if another smaller asteroid were to bump it off its current course. What would happen if the asteroid did impact Earth? That would depend on its speed, its angle, and the location of the hit. If it hit the ocean, worldwide tsunamis would result. If it hit land, the crater would be perhaps 2.5 miles wide and half a mile deep. Aerosolized dust and vapor would cool the climate long enough to ruin harvests for several years. It would cause widespread destruction extending several hundred miles from the impact zone, shattering windows, triggering earthquakes, and igniting fires. Environmental destruction, social upheaval, and acid rain would be problematic, though not likely to end civilization, as the Egyptian god Apophis would prefer.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone from your past LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might welcome could arrive with welcome news concerning your future. Meanwhile, avoid taking

sides in a workplace confrontation until you have more facts to go on.

TACIRCIS (April 20 to May 20) A decision about a rel- SCORDIO (October 23 to November 21) There are still ationship could have longer-lasting consequences than you might imagine, so be sure of your facts before you act. A trusted friend can help.

66(DINI (May 21 to June 20) A strained relationship could be restored with more personal contact between the two of you. Letting others act as your go-between only adds to the ongoing estrangement.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) New facts could mean taking a new path toward a goal you've been hoping to reach. However, be sure that all your questions are answered before you undertake to shift directions.

you fine Felines to turn your attention to some important considerations such as your health, your job situation, and the status of important relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid making a DISCES (February 19 to March 20) Congratulations! quick decision about a matter that needs more study. Keep your mind open for possibilities, even if they don't seem plausible - at least not yet.

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the emphasis on openness in realtionships that mark this period. But it's a good idea to avoid sharing personal secrets with people you hardly know.

some questions that need to be asked and answered before you can feel confident enough to make a potentially life-changing decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Novemver 22 to December 21) Some lingering effects from a now largely resolved workplace confrontation could make things difficult for you. Act on this before it becomes serious.

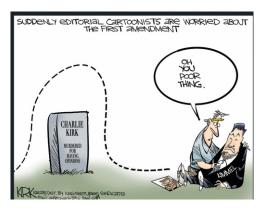
CADRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You feel like you're finally in control of your own life after months of making compromises and months of making compromises and concessions you never felt comfortable with. Congratulations!

160 (July 23 to August 22) This is a good week for all AJUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) No sooner do you decide to pass on one job offer than another suddenly turns up. This one might not. have everything you're looking for, but it's worth checking out.

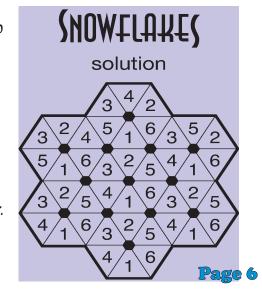
> With Jupiter's strong influence dominating this week, don't be surprised if you get some good news about a troubling financial matter.

BORN TDIS WEEK: You are usually kind and loving, but you can be highly critical of those who don't measure up to your high standards.





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* On Oct. 13, 1773, French astronomer Charles Messier discovered the first-known spiral galaxy and named it the Whirlpool Galaxy. It would be another three centuries before scientists confirmed that our own galaxy, the Milky Way, is also spiral shaped. On Oct. 14, 1977, pop singer, former beauty queen and spokesperson for Florida orange juice Anita Bryant was hit in the face with a pie by gay rights activist Tom Higgins while speaking at an Iowa event to promote her campaign to repeal anti-discrimination laws protecting LGBTQ people.

On Oct. 15, 1864, the world's first successful combat submarine, the H.L. Hunley, went down in Charleston Harbor during a demo run, killing its inventor and namesake along with seven crew members. The vessel was recovered and performed its only successful mission the following year when it sank the Yankee ship Housatonic, but sank again, taking its third ill-fated crew with it. Raised again in 2000, it is currently on exhibit in Charleston.

On Oct. 16, 1964, after conducting a successful nuclear test. China became the fifth nation with atomic bomb capability, after the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and France.

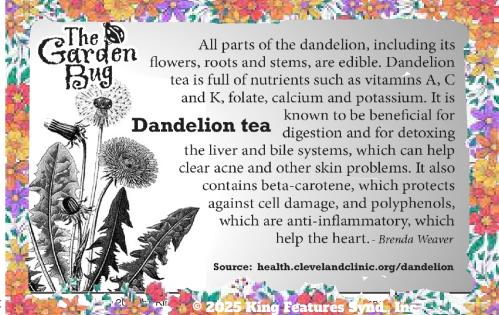
On Oct. 17, 1985, magicians Penn & Teller notably responded to "Late Night" host David Letterman's invitation to "surprise" him on their next appearance on his show by unleashing hundreds of cockroaches from a top hat onto his desk. While Letterman was unsurprisingly hardly pleased, he later admitted the stunt made "great TV."

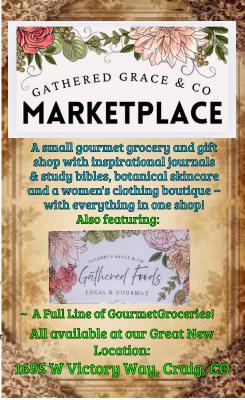
On Oct. 18, 1974, singer Al Green was attacked by his former girlfriend, Mary Woodson, in his Memphis home while taking a bath. Woodson dumped a pot of scalding grits on his back before retreating to a bedroom where she killed herself with Green's gun.

On Oct. 19, 1994, Jesse Timmendequas was charged with killing 7-yearold Megan Kanka in New Jersey. The crime inspired Megan's Law, a statute requiring that information about convicted sex felons be made available to the public. Versions of Megan's Law have been passed in many states since her death.

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Fun Fact

People may wonder, "What kind of black bird am I looking at?" The habitat you are observing provides important clues. If you see a small black bird in a cattail marsh. it's likely a red-winged blackbird. If you spot a larger, all-black bird in an urban park, it's probably an American crow or European starling.



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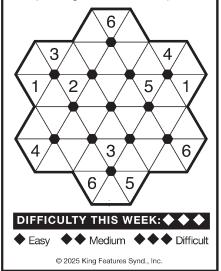




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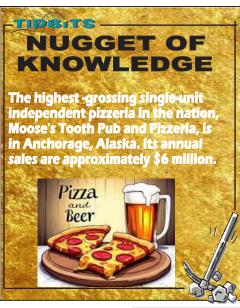
by Japheth Light

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.



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					Visibly shocked
					Trap
					Ancient script
					Sports wager
					Generalize numerically

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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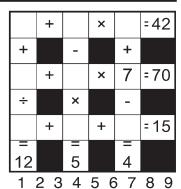
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆ ◆ Challenging ◆ ◆ ◆ HOO BOY! **Answer in the October 19th Issue**

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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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. Babysitter	N _	Mrs. Reagan	c _
2. Travolta movie	G	Pleat	C
3. The very edge	N _	Refreshing	s
4. Hardy's buddy	L	Supermodel Hutton	N
5. Echo	P	Cook in the microwave	H
6. Norris or Connors	_ H	Chicken coop sound	_ L
7. Perforate	c_	South Dakota capital	R_
8. Let down	L	Lawn cutter	M
9. French city		Hair divisions	T
10. Sweepstakes	_ A	Tousle one's feathers	U
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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.

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels



3. Tie is longer. 4. Hand is moved. 5. Player is moved. 6. Cap is Differences: 1. Bump on head is moved. 2. Mouth is different



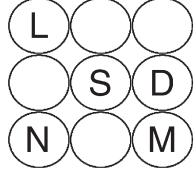
Can you unscramble the letters below to form a word?

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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! Mystery GEMANI Grim CARTIG Pick NOJAB Strong OUGHT "Just think, as soon as you get enough **TODAY'S WORD** money to buy a car, we can give up

SPIRAL



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. ©2025 King Features Syndicate

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

ANH ZTNG, ANH YNT'W OSXJ WN MJ ESPNHI, ANH CHIW OSXJ WN PSZJ ANHD PNWOJD STY ESWOJD VDNHY

NE ANH. - PJDAQ IWDJJV Answer in the October 19th Issue

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- * In a remote area of Colombia called Los Pinos, some students have to get to school on a zipline up to 800 meters long.
- * A teaspoon of a neutron star would weigh over a trillion tons.
- * Chock Full o' Nuts coffee does not contain nuts. It's named for a chain of nut stores that the founder converted into coffee shops.
- * During the Middle Iron Age, spears were placed into the graves of some young men. The reason isn't clear, but some think it may have been a military send-off similar to the modern 21-gun salute.
- * While worms make up the majority of their diet, robins won't mind if you leave out a dessert tray. In fact, they're partial to pastry dough, fruit cake and coconut cake.
- * In 1998, a Georgia student was suspended for wearing a Pepsi shirt to "Coke in Education Dav."
- * American cheese was invented in Switzerland in 1911 by Waltz Gerber and Fritz Stettler to lengthen the shelf life before being shipped overseas.
- * According to Guinness World Records, Veronica Seider's eyesight was so keen that she could recognize people from more than a mile away.
- * In 2010, a man became stranded for days near Wollaston Lake, Saskatchewan. With no way to call for help, he cut down four wooden power poles with an ax, causing an outage to the nearby community, and SaskPower sent a helicopter crew to investigate. They found the man and escorted him back to safety.
- * When Joel Burger married Ashley King in 2015, Burger King paid for the ceremony.
- * In India, escalators in Delhi metro stations feature "sari guards" to prevent women's long garments from getting trapped.

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Thought for the Day: "It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop." ~ Confucius © 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

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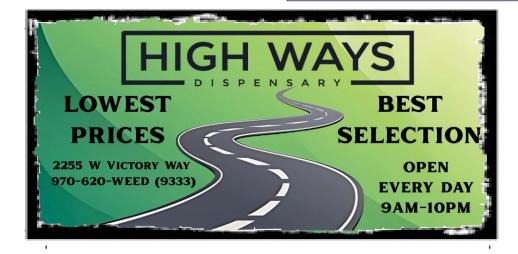
"John Muir, the famous naturalist, wrote in his journal that you should never go to Alaska as a a young manbecause you'll never be satisfied with any other place as long as you live. And there's a lot of truth to that." ~Tom Bodett







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- 1. Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba -The Movie - Infinity Castle (R) Zach Aguilar, Ryan Bartley
- 2. The Conjuring: Last Rites (R) Patrick Wilson, Vera Farmiga
- 3. Downtown Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG) Michelle Dockery, Joanne Froggatt
- 4. The Long Walk (R) Cooper Hoffman, David Jonsson
- 5. Toy Story (G) Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
- 6. Weapons (R) Julia Garner, Josh Brolin
- 7. Hamilton (PG-13) Lin-Manuel Miranda, Phillipa Soo
- 8. Freakier Friday (PG) Jamie Lee Curtis, Lindsay Lohan
- 9. Spinal Tap II: The End Continues (R) Christopher Guest, Michael McKean
- 10. The Sound of Music (G) Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer © 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.



Opal Glass

Crystal, amethyst, amber, emerald, ruby: Decorative glass is often made to capture the vivid color and intense sparkle of gemstones. It isn't limited to transparent stones, either. A type of opaque matte glass called opal glass or opaline became popular in Europe in the mid-19th century. Inspired by Venetian lattimo (milk glass) made since the 1500s and English Bristol glass of the 1700s, opal glass is a semi-opaque glass, usually white or a light color, with a slight iridescent that it is the only year that Mr. Appling sheen. Decorators found that it made a beautiful background for gilt or enamel de-

signs, like this blue opaline vase that sold at Alderfer Auction for \$307. The auction described the vase as "French style," and opaline was at its most popular in France in the mid-to late-1800s. About the same time, the opal gemstone experienced a resurgence in popularity.



Opal glass, also called opaline, shares the opacity pale color and iridescent shimmer of opal, the October birthstone

Believed to have magic powers and healing properties in ancient and medieval times, it was considered unlucky in the 1800s. One of the superstitions surrounding it is that, as the October birthstone, it brought bad luck to any wearer born in any other month. However, Queen Victoria, who was born in May, defied superstitions with her love of opals.

She wore opal jewelry, gave it as gifts and Snoopy, dancing, arms move, Woodstock, promoted the newly established Australian opal mines. By the art nouveau period 1965, 8 inches, \$60. of the late 1800s, opals were a favorite stone for jewelry. Perhaps this influenced the popularity of opal glass.

• I am wondering how much my 1932 • Luke Appling jersey might be worth. The interesting thing about this jersey is

• Luke Appling was a shortstop for the Chicago White Sox from 1930 to 1950.

He was inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1964. Game-worn jerseys are some of the most valuable items in sports collecting; recently, the jersey Babe Ruth wore for the 1932 World Series sold for \$24.1 million at Heritage Auctions, a record price for sports collectibles. Important factors include the jersey's age, condition, rarity and historical significance. If your jersey is a game-worn one, not a replica, it could be worth hundreds or thousands of dollars. An autographed Luke Appling White Sox jersey from 1947 sold for over \$4,000 in 2009, while a 1937 Luke Appling game-worn jersey sold for \$20,400 in 2017 at Heritage Auctions. Sports Collectors Digest (sportscollectorsdigest.com), owned by the same company as Kovels Antique Trader, has more specific information about sports

TIP: Do not wash or rinse gold-decorated glass with very hot water or strong soap. It will remove some of the gold.

CURRENT PRICES

Peanuts, wristwatch, stainless steel, red dial, numeral and bar indices, red band, windup,

Quilt, patchwork, pinwheel, yellow and red pinwheel blocks alternate with green blocks, wide red border, hand sewn, Pennsylvania, c. 1900, 76 x 79 inches, \$185.

Print, Ransom, Fletcher C., Yer Out, baseball scene, home plate, Christy Mathewson throwing out Honus Wagner, signed, frame, 22 x 26 inches, \$450.

wore the number 8 over his historic career. For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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collectibles.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Mutant; 2. Tingle;
- 3. Novice; 4. Demise

Today's Word

LISTENING





* "We are moving out of our apartment, as we finally found a home to purchase. With all the new projects, we're going to need our deposit back, so we want to leave the old place in tiptop shape.

* Here's a trick we learned: Tiny nail holes in drywall are instantly patched by rubbing a bar of soap across the surface." -S.G. in Arkansas

* Now is the time to have your heating systems checked over if you have not done so already. Before you start a fire in your fireplace, make sure you have your fireplace checked for cracks in the mortar joints. Very small cracks can start a fire in your home, as the flames can be sucked through the hole. While you are at it, have any creosote buildup cleaned out. Be safe AND warm this season!

* "Before I pluck my evebrows. I rub on a bit of my granddaughter's teething gel. She's done teething and doesn't need it anymore, but it works well for me. Be very careful to apply, let dry and wash your hands before touching your eye any further!" - M.L. in California

* "Most cake recipes ask you to grease and dust the cake pan for easier removal of the cake. To avoid unsightly flour marks on the outside of a cake, just dust the pan with a bit of your cake mix instead of using flour." - J.P. in Pennsylvania

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CryptoQuote

answer

The world is more malleable than you think and it's waiting for you to hammer it into shape. Bono



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*Got dogs? Here's a great recipe to get the smell of skunk out: Mix 1 quart hydrogen peroxide (3%), 1/4 cup baking soda and 1 teaspoon liquid soap. Mix well and bathe pet in this solution. rubbing it into coat and keeping it away from your dog's eyes. Cannot be mixed ahead, so keep the ingredients on hand if you have curious pups and skunks in the area.

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The House Veterans' **Affairs Committee**

The U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs has been busy. In a recent week they passed 14 veterans bills, all designed to help veterans and their families. Here are a few of the bills that passed out of the committee and are ready to go to the full House of Representatives. The Delivering Digitally to Our Veterans Act of 2025 is intended to improve outreach to benefits authorizing the VA to send digital messages to veterans instead of only paper mail for G.I. Bill updates. Not only does it save paper, but digital information arrives immediately. The Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act of 2025 is intended to expand access to health care in rural areas. One crucial component will allow health care staff to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine instead of requiring that a veteran appear in person for an appointment. The requirement was temporarily lifted during the pandemic, this bill seeks to make it permanent. The Women Veterans Cancer Care Coordination Act requires the designation or hiring of a coor-

direction of the coordinator, is required to coordinate between the various clinicians and cancer care providers, including community care. The Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship Opportunity Act allows veterans who are going for degrees in engineering, mathematics, technology, science, or health care to receive nine additional months of benefits (up to \$30,000).

dinator for each area. The care team, under the

The Service Member Residence Protection Act protects a veteran's home from squatters during periods of military service when the veteran is

Too many instances of squatters taking over empty homes have tied owners' hands due to local laws being ineffective. A long process is often necessary, involving the courts and legal eviction, to remove squatters. This amendment to the Service Members Civil Relief Act preempts those state laws.

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GOES LONG..

One of the biggest salmon ever caught was nabbed in the Kenai River in 1985 and weighed just over 97 lbs. (44 kg). That's about equal in weight to a typical American 6th grader. The normal weight is about 20 lbs. (9 kg).





- "The Bradu Bunch"?
- 2. U.S. CITIES: Which major U.S. city was called Yerba Buena until 1847?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Bryce Canyon National Park located?
- 4. HISTORY: Where did the Renaissance begin?
- 5. MOVIES: What is the nickname of the serial killer in "The Silence of the Lambs"?
- 6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the 20th president of the United States?
- 7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many amendments are in the United States' Bill of Rights?
- 8. ASTRONOMY: What type of galaxy is the Milky Way?
- 9. MUSIC: Which rock band sings the theme song to "The Big Bang Theory"?
- 10. LITERATURE: What is the last name of the family in "Little Women"?
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- 1. TELEVISION: What was the name of the dog on 1. Which artist wrote and released "Together
 - 2. Who released "We Are the Champions"?
 - 3. Alan O'Day is best known for which song?
 - 4. Which Beatle wrote and released "All Those Years Ago"?
 - 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I want you to tell me why you walked out on me, I'm so lonesome everyday."

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Even Exchange

- Chart, Charm
- Basil, Basin
- Health, Hearth
- Flake, Flame
- Borrow, Burrow
- Minor, Miner
- Wager, Eager
- Deduct, Deduce
- Parent, Patent
- Shore, Store

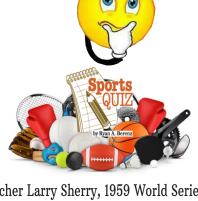








- DEAR INSTEAD'A A DEVIL AN' AN ANGEL, THEY WUZ SERIOUS,
- NOT ONLY ARE YA GONNA
 HAFTA START COMIN' T'**CHURCH**ON A REG'LAR BASIS, YO'RE
 GONNA ALSO HAFTA COME TO
 BINGO, CHOIR PRACTICE,
 PRAYER GROUP **AN'** SUNDAY
 SCHOOL !!



- 1. Pitcher Larry Sherry, 1959 World Series MVP, and his brother, catcher Norm Sherry, played together on what Major League Baseball team from 1959-62?
- 2. Woody Strode, who played for the NFL's Los Angeles Rams (1946) and the CFL's Calgary Stampeders (1948-49), received a Golden Globe Award nomination for his acting role in what 1960 gladiator movie?
- 3. What two-sport pro athlete played with the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers and San Francisco Warriors (1964-65), and Major League Baseball's Chicago White Sox (1967) and Minnesota Twins (1969-70)?
- 4. Julie Krone became the first female to win a Triple Crown race when she jockeyed what horse to victory at the 1993 Belmont Stakes?
- 5. Name the Ukrainian boxer who became the first undisputed world heavyweight champion in 24 years when he beat Tyson Fury in May 2024.
- 6. What is the nickname of the University of Delaware's athletic teams?
- 7. What multinational sports entertainment franchise was founded in 2000 by twin brothers Steve and Dave Jolliffe?
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1. What is Alaska's single biggest export? 2. Dutch Harbor, a port in the town of Unalaska in the Aleutian Islands, is the nation's top fishing port. In what state is the nation's 2nd busiest port?

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"Caught Stealing" (R) - The way Austin butler ("Eddington") continues building on his career with stand-

out leading roles is quickly pro pelling him into one of the top movie stars of our decade. Although his latest film has an in credible supporting cast (Zoe Kravitz, Regina King, Liev Schreiber and more!), Butler's performance as baseball-star-



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB From left, Liev Schreiber, **Austin Butler and Vincent** D'Onofrio star in "Caught Stealing."

turned-bartender Hank Thompson is pivotal in this vibrant crime thriller. Still carrying trauma from a car crash that injured him and killed his friend, Hank is a shell of who he once was as he battles an alcohol addiction and

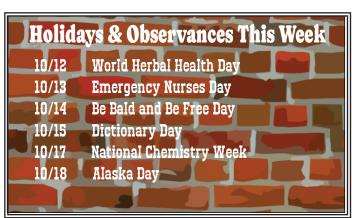
When his British punk neighbor, Russ (Matt Smith), abruptly leaves for London, he leaves Hank his cat to care for. Having to shuffle in between their apartments for the cat, Hank is then greeted by a pair of Russian mobsters who are looking for Russ and won't take "no" for an answer. The aftermath that ensues is chaos upon chaos that not a single viewer could predict. You can rent the film when it releases digitally on Sept.30 (Amazon Prime Video).

'Monster: The Ed Gein Story'' (TV-MA) - Ryan Murphy's "Monster" anthology series generated a large viewership (as Murphy's series always do) with its seasons about serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer and the murder case involving the Menendez brothers. His next season is gearing up for its premiere on Oct. 3, with eight episodes detailing the life of suspected serial killer Ed Gein. Charlie Hunnam ("Sons of Anarchy") portrays the killer who was nicknamed "The Butcher" of Plainfield, Wisconsin, in the 1950s. Laurie Metcalf ("Lady Bird") plays his mother, Augusta, who had a haunting effect on her son, while Tom Hollander ("The White Lotus") transforms into film director AlSome what surprising is the inclusion of pop singer Addison Rae in the cast; she landed her first TV role as teenager Evelyn Hartley. (Netflix)

"Weapons" (R) - This comedy-horror film, led by Josh Brolin ("Brothers") and horror aficionado Julia Garner 'Wolf Man"), pulled in \$264 million worldwide after a \$38 million cost, making it quite the success financially. It also received rave reviews from horror fans and film critics, so it might be the perfect watch for you if you're looking for something more terrifying than the other suggestions! The film follows a third-grade class of 17 children who go missing in a very eerie way. All the children escaped from their houses at exactly 2:17 a.m. and ran to an unknown destination, where they're nowhere to be found. The teacher of the third-grade class, Justine (Garner), becomes the primary suspect behind their disappearances. But when no evidence points to her, and the police prove to be lackluster, one of the parents, Archer (Brolin), starts conducting his own investigation. The story is told in a nonlinear way, leaving viewers to wonder if Justine and Archer will put the pieces together quickly enough to find and save the missing kids. Rent it now. (Fandango at Home)



















by Matilda Charles Yes, You Can Turn Off the News

Several months ago I took a "short" break from After a serious event, news stations will conwatching the daily news - except that break wasn't so short after all when I extended it to over a month.

Then, wanting to continue with the peace that same bad news over and over. came from not being hooked into the daily news cycles and media hysteria, I set my phone what's going on. If you're having trouble to send me alerts with short blurbs about important news. I could quickly scan the few lines of the alert, catch up and be done with it. That's worked well these past months. Except it doesn't keep people from calling me to ask if I've seen a certain piece of news or telling me to quickly turn on the television. The bigger the news, the more people who

I've advised more than one upset person to turn the television off and not turn it on again And, in case no one has ever told you, it really 2. Queen, in 1977, as the A-side to "We Will for an hour or two.

tinue to hash over the same initial information, even if they don't know anything new. 5. Oleksandr Usyk. Nothing good can come from hearing the

There's more to it than just keeping up with sleeping, if you're stressed all the time, if you're afraid or angry - all these things can be a result of watching too much of the news. If you have high blood pressure home monitor, keep track of it as a way to spot whether any spikes in your BP coincide with events you've watched on the news.

If you have a cellphone, there are several free news apps you can use that will alert you

is OK to just turn off the news.

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BUD BLAKE



















- 1. The Los Angeles Dodgers.
- 2. ?Spartacus.?
- 3. Cotton Nash.
- 4. Colonial Affair.
- 6. The Fightin? Blue Hens.
- 7. Topgolf.
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- 1. Singer-songwriter Buck Owens, in 1964. The song was later covered by several others, including Ray Charles, Emmylou Harris and Vince Gill.
- Rock You." The song, written by Freddie Mercury, is often played at sports arenas to celebrate home team wins.
- 3. "Undercover Angel," in 1977. But O'Day is mostly known for writing hits for other artists. Among many others, he penned "Angie Baby" for Helen Reddy.
- 4. George Harrison, in 1981. The lyrics were complete, but Harrison rewrote it as a tribute to John Lennon after Lennon was murdered in 1980.
- 5. "Walk Right Back," by The Everly Brothers, in 1961. The song was recorded before it was finished being written. Anxious to get it released, they sang the first verse twice.

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1.Tiger.

7. The first 10 amend-

2.San Francisco.

ments (of 27 to date).

3.Utah.

8. Spiral.

4.Florence, Italy.

Barenaked Ladies.

5.Buffalo Bill.

10. March.

6.James A. Garfield.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Frozen" character
- 5 Droop
- Aspiring atty.'s 50 PC key exam
- 12 Former Italian money
- 13 Beta Kappa
- 14 Off-roaders,
- for short 15 Grand tale
- 16 Trail the pack 17 Clench
- 18 Garden pavilion
- 20 "Reckon so"
- 22 Asian holiday
- 23 Busy insect 24 Dick Tracy's love
- 27 Russian horsemen
- "Breaking Bad" network
- 33 Ad -
- 34 Smack
- 35 Seller
- 38 Ballyhoo 39 Put on TV
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- 42 Oscar contenders
- 45 Roast hosts
- 49 Salt formula
- 52 Hardy cab-
- bage 53 Fed. workplace monitor
- 54 Fan's cry
- 55 Wicked
- 56 Unfavorable votes
- 57 Journalist Nellie
- 58 Coral formation

DOWN

- Couturier Cassini
- "Break My Heart" singer Dua
- 3 Calif. neighbor
- Diamond sides 4
- 5 Mottled
- "Caught ya!"
- 7 Leslie Caron role
- 8 California's -Beach

- 9 Spandex-like
- 10 Rara -
- 11 Recipe amts.
- 19 Exist
- 21 Petrol
- 24 Light touch
- 25 Big bird of Australia
- 26 Sore, as a throat
- 28 Odometer start
- 29 Like some owls
- 30 Half a ton
- 31 Fr. holy woman
- 36 Orchestral strings
- 37 Goof up
- 38 Website invad-
- 41 Downing Street VIP
- 42 Shortly
- 43 Juanita's home
- 44 Belgrade resident
- 46 Roof edge 47 Writer Wiesel
- 48 Ego
- 51 Pitcher Maglie

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Weekly SUDOKU **Answer**

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SOMEONE KNOWS

.. WONDERFUL NEWS.





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