

OVER  
4 MILLION  
Readers Weekly  
Nationwide

January 26th,  
2023

# TIDBITS

**FREE!**

Of N.W. Colorado

The Neatest Little Paper Ever Read

Volume 25  
Issue 05

Published by MMR Enterprises Ltd., 2794 County Road 174, Craig, CO 81625, 970-629-1443

**RIGHT WAY  
DRIVER'S EDUCATION  
ACADEMY**

<p><b>CDL Training Services Offered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ELDT Certification</b></li> <li>• <b>FMCSA Certification Preparation Courses for Classes A, B, &amp; C Commercial Licenses</b></li> <li>• <b>3rd Party Final Driving Test</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Drivers Certification Services Offered For:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1st Time Students</b></li> <li>• <b>Driver Reinstatements</b></li> <li>• <b>30 Hr. Online or Classroom Courses</b></li> <li>• <b>6 Hr. Driving Course with Instructor</b></li> <li>• <b>Colorado State Permit Testing &amp; Final Driving Testing</b></li> </ul>
---	--

**970-824-7669**

Visit our website: [www.rightwaydriversed.com](http://www.rightwaydriversed.com)

Find & Like Us On:

## TIPBITS CELEBRATES SOME

### NFL GREATS

By Kathy Wolfe

Super Bowl LIX is just around the corner, scheduled for February 9 at New Orleans' Caesars Superdome, the largest fixed dome stadium in the world. This week, Tidbits pays tribute to some of the greatest football players of all time with some on and off field facts. Former Chicago Bear Dick Butkus had an interesting way of strengthening his legs in preparation for games - he pushed a car up and down the street! During his nine-year Bears career, he was invited to eight Pro Bowls. At 6 feet, 3 inches (1.91 m) tall, weighing 245 lbs (111 kg), Butkus was a force to be reckoned with. It's no wonder he was so "solid" - he weighed 13lbs.6 oz. (6.1 kg) at birth! As a teen, he worked as a mover for four years. The NFL Network named him the most feared tackler of all time. Post-career, he became a broadcaster and actor, appearing in dozens of films and TV series. His football injuries took their toll on Butkus. One knee was replaced with a metal unit and another surgery left him with one leg 1.5 inches (3.8 cm) shorter than the other, which created distress in his hips, back, and neck. Spinal nerve damage caused trouble with his walking, and he also lost strength in his hands. He also underwent quintuple bypass surgery. Yet "The Enforcer," as he was frequently called, led a busy life until he passed at age 80 in 2023.

(turn the page for more on football's best)



**HERE TO FLOOR YOU**

**TLC  
CARPET ONE  
FLOOR & HOME**

ROOM by ROOM

RELAXED

1620 W VICTORY WAY  
CRAIG, CO 81625  
970-824-4945

Laugh a bit with **TIPBITS**

Who is considered the NFL's greatest player of all time?

A. Brett Favre - (red guess) B. Tom Brady

**TIPBITS**  
OF N.W. COLORADO

Published by MMR Enterprises Ltd.

2794 County Rd. 174  
Craig, CO 81625  
fax: (970) 629-1443

**Michelle Reed**  
Owner/Publisher

WANT TO PUBLISH A  
TIDBITS IN YOUR AREA?

We provide the opportunity for success!  
Call 1.800.523.3096 (US)

[www.tidbitsweekly.com](http://www.tidbitsweekly.com)

Find, Like, & Follow Us On

Antiquing & Thrifting is the ORIGINAL RECYCLING!

Barely SPENT  
consignment

ON LINE TRADING

970-824-7665

468 Ranney St  
Craig, CO

Greater than

Think you or your small business can't afford health benefits? Think Again!

Full Service Assistance Since 2003!

We work with all major insurance carriers, and then some!

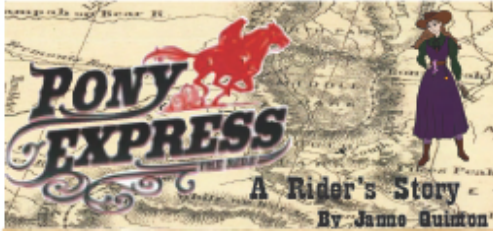
Medicare Questions - We do that too!

Direct Phone 303-944-7604      [www.alps4ins.com](http://www.alps4ins.com)









**Part 15**

May 28, 1869

5:00 a.m.

Another sleepless night. Annie is supposed to be ready to head out today. But I can't leave Lucasville now! I've lost Dr. Mathers' briefcase and the secret item inside. Well, I didn't lose it, it was stolen. Someone went into my room in the inn and took it. I locked the door and can't sleep now. Who would have done such a thing? And how did they get the opportunity to steal it?

10:00 a.m.

Breakfast was normal, but I couldn't look Dr. Mathers in eye. How am I gonna tell him about my mistake? I am taking notes to start trying to figure out who took the briefcase, but I cannot let anyone know what I'm up to. I need to think of a reason to stick around even though Annie is right as rain. One thing I know is that whoever took it wasn't chopping wood with us yesterday. No one left the group or went into the inn.

9:45 p.m.

Today I spoke with two people, the innkeeper and Dr. Mathers. The innkeeper told me only people stayin' in the rooms were allowed upstairs. I asked Dr. Mathers if anyone in town was bothering him lately. He told me about a man named Hank who came to him complaining about back problems and got angry when he wouldn't write up whiskey as the cure.

Notes:

Hank - angry at Dr. Mathers. Find out where he stays. Only paying patrons allowed upstairs at the inn. The thief was not part of the wood chopping group.

Off to try and sleep.



January 19th, 2024

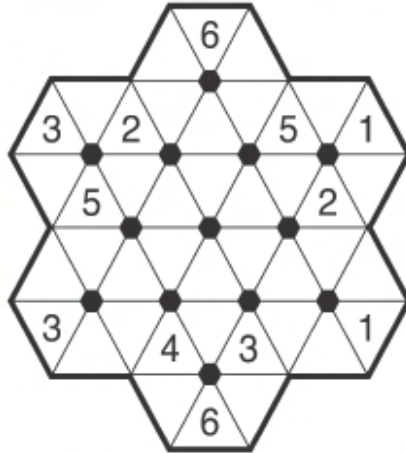
**Stickelers Answer**

The answer is 2) P - 649.

**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

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

Answer in February 2nd Issue

**SPORTS STORIES**



In honor of the Super Bowl, *Kidbits* invites you to visit Canton, Ohio, the home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In 1961, the community of Canton, Ohio, went all out to ensure that their city would be chosen as the site of the proposed Hall of Fame. They promoted the fact that the NFL was founded there in September, 1930, although at that time it was called the American Professional Football Association. The community instituted a fundraiser that collected almost \$400,000 (\$3.1 million in today's dollars) toward the construction.

Canton was awarded the site and groundbreaking ceremonies took place on August 11, 1962. The Hall of Fame opened to the public on September 7, 1963. The original building was just two rooms containing 19,000 square feet of space. Seven years later, construction began on the first expansion, one that would cost \$620,000 and open in May, 1971. This expansion increased the Hall to 34,000 square feet with the addition of one more room. 1977 brought another expansion project with a price tag of \$1.2 million. The gift shop and library were enlarged, and the theater size was doubled, an addition that brought the size of the Hall to 50,500 square feet, more than 2.5 times its original size. The building remained as such until 1993, when a \$9.2 million expansion added a fifth room, increasing the size to 82,307 square feet.

The inaugural class of inductees, a group of 17 players and executives, was announced in January 1963. It included Red Grange, who started with the Chicago Bears in 1925 and finished his playing career with the team in 1934, before serving as their coach from 1935 to 1937. Curly Lambeau, co-founder, player, and coach for the Green Bay Packers, and coach of the Chicago Cardinals and Washington Redskins, was also honored, along with Jim Thorpe and eight other players.

The Hall's Gallery is home to a bronze bust of each member. Touch-screen kiosks communicate bios, photos, and videos of each. The Lamar Hunt Super Bowl Gallery contains the history of the event from Super Bowl I to the present. Championship rings from all the winners are on display. The Lombardi Trophy, the trophy awarded to the winner each year, is on display periodically during the NFL season. It's appropriately named for Packers coach Vince Lombardi, who led the team to victory in the first two Super Bowl games.

The selection committee is 50 people, and is comprised largely of media members. The committee meets each year at the time and location of the Super Bowl. Each city with a current NFL team is allowed a representative from the local media. Cities with more than one franchise send a representative for each. Between two and four new members are inducted every year.

As of 2024, there are 378 members of the NFL Hall of Fame. The Chicago Bears have the most inductees, with 39, Green Bay follows with 34, and the Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Pittsburgh Steelers, and Washington Commanders, each have 32. All 32 active NFL teams have at least one player in the Hall.

The Hall of Fame isn't just for football players. Honorees include players, coaches, officials, owners, photographers, and even office personnel and groundskeepers - all of those who have made a significant contribution to the game. In order to be nominated for the Hall of Fame, a player or coach must be retired for at least five years. Other contributors can be voted in at anytime.

**Hatten Enterprises 24-7**  
**Towing and Recovery**  
**970-824-7669**  
 After Hours Telephone  
**970-620-1902**

- Light, Medium & Heavy Duty Towing
- Jump Starts
- Lockouts
- Roadside Assistance & Transportation



# OLIVE OYL



©2024 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved. 1/13



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and messages, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

**TACRUS** (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull's eyes can usually discern what's fact from what's faux, an upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions; some of them might even work for you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up an old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to any lingering questions.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be causing a vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave a project, ask for a meeting where you can get things out in the open.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit; instead, take time for relaxation with someone very special.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices during the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) All your hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you'd hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Great ride up.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems, but avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

**DISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until the end of the month, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle some pesky personal problems.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times. You're a very reliable person.

© 2024 King Features Synd, Inc.



January 19th, 2024

## Puzzles4Kids Answer

How did the snow globe feel after hearing a scary story?

A bit shaken up.



Great American Food

Dine In & Carry Out  
Open Daily For Breakfast & Lunch  
5 a.m. to 2 p.m.

970-824-1764

337 W. Victory Way  
Craig, CO

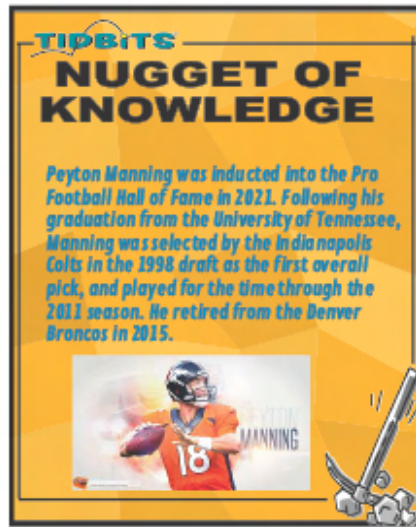
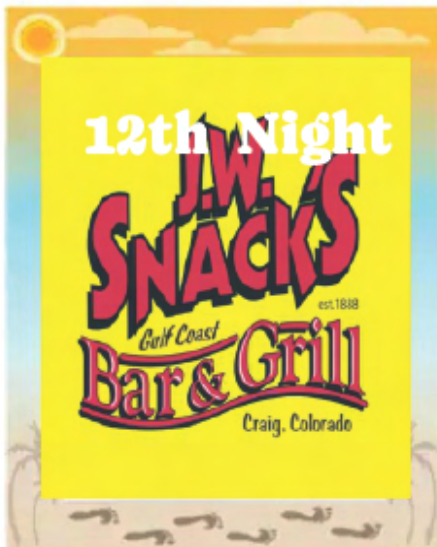
### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS



Wayne Gretzky	1/26/61
Bridget Fonda	1/27/64
Elijah Wood	1/28/81
Oprah Winfrey	1/29/54
Christian Bale	1/30/74
Justin Timberlake	1/31/81
Ronda Rousey	2/1/87

TIPBITS





- \* On Jan. 27, 1906, Norwegian speed skater Rudolf Gundersen set an impressive world record in a 500-meter speed skating event in Davos, Switzerland, completing the distance in just 44.8 seconds.
- \* On Jan. 28, 1917, a maid named Carmelita Torres objected to the chemical delousing frequently given to Mexicans crossing into the U.S. by initially refusing to leave the trolley carrying her and other immigrant workers, then hurling whatever she and her fellow riders could find at American authorities in what became known as the Bath Riots, which lasted through the following day.
- \* On Jan. 29, 1958, one of Hollywood's most enduring marriages began in Las Vegas, Nevada, when actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward tied the knot. The union lasted until Newman's death from lung cancer in 2008, at the age of 83.
- \* On Jan. 30, 1835, Andrew Jackson experienced the dubious distinction of being the first American president to be the victim of an assassination attempt. He clubbed the attacker, Richard Lawrence, several times with his cane and escaped angry but unscathed, thanks to both of Lawrence's guns misfiring, and Lawrence spent the rest of his days in a mental institution.
- \* On Jan. 31, 1945, Private Eddie Slovik was shot and killed by a 12-man firing squad in eastern France, making him the first American soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion.



- \* On Feb. 1, 2003, the Space Shuttle Columbia broke up while entering Earth's atmosphere over Texas, killing all seven crew members. Strangely, worms used in a study by the crew, that were stored in a canister aboard the shuttle, did survive.
- \* On Feb. 2, 1897, inventor and businessman Alfred Cralle, a porter at the Markell Brothers drugstore in Pittsburgh, patented the first ice cream scoop, which he called the "ice-cream mold and disher." The Pittsburgh Press reported that the scoop could serve up '40 to 50 dishes of ice cream in a minute,' while avoiding 'the soiling of the hands.' Cralle was the first Black man in Pittsburgh to receive his own patent.

© 2025 King Features Synd, Inc.





**PUZZLE  
&  
QUIZ TIME**



**ALL PUZZLE & QUIZ ANSWERS  
WILL BE IN THE NEXT WEEK  
ISSUE UNLESS OTHERWISE  
NOTED!**

**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!



"I hope that paint will be dry by \_\_\_\_\_"

Divine

BUSMILE

Notice

GRADER

Steal

PARTIE

Slight

HINT

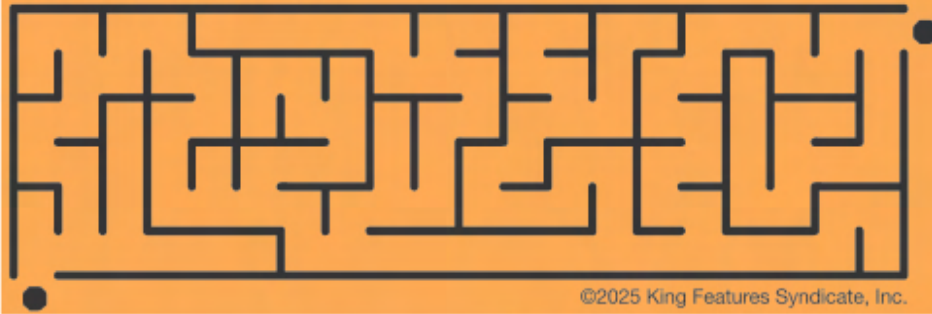
**TODAY'S WORD**



Thank you for being a friend.

Joe Wals

**Kids' Maze**



©2025 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

**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.

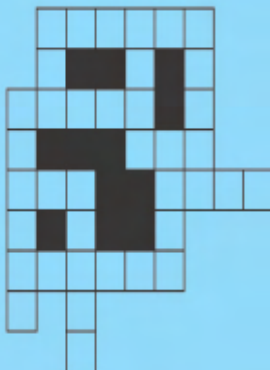
Clue: F equals N

UQS ZLVFA EQCBW'G BLLGS  
CFECGLN HXWS QCG AVHG  
JNSUUZ GLNS. C ULBW QCH  
"UQCG ULLUQ GOXBB JXGG."

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

**FEAR  
KNIGHT**  
By: rj johnson  
DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- ♥ LPA
- LITMLE
- TMROS
- EMNO
- MANPLA
- ♥ EEW
- ♥ ELMA
- ETMOT
- ♥ OMT
- EPUNIS
- ♥ ASPEL
- RWMO



©2024 King Features Syndicate. All rights reserved.

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.

**BINGO**

**Are You Ready for Some Fun??  
Then Grab Your Dauber  
&  
Get 'er Done!!**

**Friday Night**  
Elks Lodge Bingo  
Doors Open 4:30 pm  
Games Start 6:30 pm

**Sunday Afternoon**  
American Legion Bingo  
Doors Open 11:30 am  
Games Start 1:00 pm

**Hungry?  
Get your  
munch on  
at the  
Concession Stand  
Both Days!!**

**44 W Victory Way  
(on the corner of Victory Way & Breese St.)  
Craig CO**

**Puzzles4Kids** by Helene Hovanec

**CRISSCROSS – WHAT'S ON YOUR DESK?**

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.

3 Letters  
INK  
KEY  
PEN

4 Letters  
DISK  
GLUE  
LAMP  
LOCK  
PLUG  
TAPE

5 Letters  
LIGHT  
PAPER  
PHONE  
PLANT

6 Letters  
CRAYON  
ERASER  
FOLDER  
LAPTOP  
PENCIL

7 Letters  
STENCIL

8 Letters  
NOTEBOOK  
TEXTBOOK

© 2025 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.



**"Insurance Made Real Through Relationship"**

JOHN HUBERT  
INSURANCE AGENCY

Your One Stop Shop  
for all of  
Your Insurance Needs  
Including:



Call Us Today For  
Your  
Quote  
303-222-0285

- ✓ Life
- ✓ Business
- ✓ Home
- ✓ Mobile/Mfg. Home
- ✓ Modular Home
- ✓ Auto
- ✓ Motorcycle
- ✓ ATVs
- ✓ Watercraft
- ✓ Trailers

**PUZZLE  
&  
QUIZ TIME**



**ALL PUZZLE & QUIZ ANSWERS  
WILL BE IN THE NEXT WEEK  
ISSUE UNLESS OTHERWISE  
NOTED!**

**MAGIC MAZE ● — DROP**

S Q N J G C D Z W T Q N K T H  
D A X U R H P M J G N D N A X  
V H S Q N O K I F D A I P X V  
T Q E O M C J H F C M A A Y W  
T U E A R O P W N R L J R R H  
F E D G R L R B E Z K C A B X  
V T K R A A Q P O D M L C K H  
I H F R E T P O C I L E H G D  
B Z Y T A E L I A M W M U G V  
T R Q O P M N O N L K O T I H  
F D C A Z X W V V U C N E Y E

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: DROP FROM THE EYE

Back	Eye	Lemon	Peppermint
Chocolate	Gum	Mail	Rain
Cough	Hear a pin	Market	Voltage
Dew	Helicopter	Parachute	

©2025 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

**KNIGHT MOVES**

D	Y	E
N		U
S	D	L

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.

© 2025 King Features Syndicate



**Weekly SUDOKU**

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

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!

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

**Even Exchange** by Donna Pettman

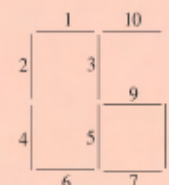
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                     |           |                   |           |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Twirler's stick  | ___ T ___ | Royal title       | ___ R ___ |
| 2. Toss hay         | P ___     | Trench            | D ___     |
| 3. Unopened         | ___ D     | Clothes room      | ___ T     |
| 4. Picture holder   | ___ R ___ | Blaze             | ___ L ___ |
| 5. Older            | M ___     | Countryside       | N ___     |
| 6. Metal worker     | ___ E ___ | Laura Ingalls     | ___ I ___ |
| 7. Press, TV, et al | ___ A     | Doctor            | ___ C     |
| 8. Make changes     | ___ S     | Resuscitate       | ___ V     |
| 9. Vision           | S ___     | After dark        | N ___     |
| 10. Vanna or Betty  | ___ H ___ | Take pen to paper | ___ R ___ |

©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

**STICKELERS** (pic.)  
Terry Stickels

Can you create just two squares from the figure below by moving only one line and without leaving any leftover lines?



©2025 King Features Syndicate



# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- \* In Switzerland, it is illegal to mow a front lawn while dressed as Elvis Presley.
- \* Have a yen for learning about things that go bump in the night? You can get a Ph.D in parapsychology at the University of Edinburgh.
- \* Red Bull energy drink was originally called Red Water Buffalo.
- \* There was a Russian game show that would have you steal a car, and if you didn't get caught by the police within 35 minutes, you'd win the car. Otherwise, you would be arrested.
- \* Benjamin Franklin invented a mechanical arm for reaching books on high shelves.
- \* When English Romantic poet William Blake was only 4 years old he claimed to see God through a window. Throughout the rest of his life, Blake said he often communed with angels, and he incorporated these visions into his art.
- \* Sulfhemoglobinemia is a condition that causes a person to develop green blood.
- \* Translated literally, the Japanese words for wrist and ankle are "hand neck" and "foot neck."
- \* In 2015, two brothers from Spain attempted to sell a fake portrait by Francisco de Goya to a sheikh for a cool 1.5 million euros, only to discover that he'd paid them in photocopied money. The pair were arrested when they tried to deposit their ill-gotten gains in a Geneva bank.
- \* A study done by the University of Glasgow found that dogs appear to prefer reggae and soft rock over other genres of music.
- \* The first mention of the word "pizza" was in a Latin text written in southern Italy in 997 CE.
- \* The eponymous character in Dolly Parton's hit song "Jolene" was based on a bank teller who flirted mercilessly with Dolly's husband.

\* \* \*

Thought for the Day: "It ain't what they call you, it's what you answer to." -- W.C. Fields

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.



**Wick's Wood**  
Steve Wick  
Wood Delivery &  
Handyman Services

Leave a message at  
**970-756-4501**

January 19th, 2024

**King Crossword**  
Answers  
Solution time: 23 mins.

H	E	D	Y	Z	A	G	B	A	S	H	
T	R	I	O	I	S	O	A	S	H	E	
T	I	N	G	P	E	T	I	T	I	O	N
P	E	T	U	N	I	A	S	H	A	D	S
		R	A	T	E	N	E				
B	U	T	T	E	P	E	T	R	I	F	Y
O	S	U	Y	A	K	P	O	E			
P	E	T	I	T	E	S	F	L	O	P	S
		V	E	T	B	I	O				
E	V	I	T	A	P	E	T	N	A	M	E
P	E	T	U	L	A	N	T	E	M	I	L
P	R	O	B	N	I	T	R	O	L	L	
S	Y	N	E	N	N	E	S	R	A	S	

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Philippe

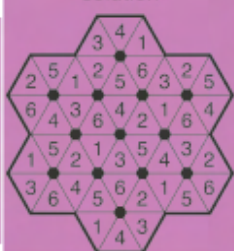
GIVE ME A BREAK. YOU ACTUALLY WANT ME TO PICK SOMETHING GOOD FOR ME IN A GAS STATION? WELL, THIS ONE DOES SAY "SWEET GOODNESS" ON IT.



January 19th, 2024

## SNOWFLAKES

solution



## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Rage
2. Enigma;
3. Scowl;
4. Bedlam

Today's Word

**LEDGE**



**TIDBITS**  
Laughs!

Did you know it's against the league rules for an NFL player to own a pet duck? It's considered a personal foul!




Coaches felt Johnny Unitas was just too skinny to play football. The 6 ft., 1 in (1.85 m) Pennsylvania native longed to play for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, but after rejection for the team, he attended the University of Louisville. Out of college, he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers, but the team released him before the season began, and Unitas, now married with children, went to work in construction, playing football on the weekends for a local semi-pro team for \$6 a game. In 1956, when Unitas was 23, he was invited for a workout with the Baltimore Colts. He had to borrow money for the gas but it ended well when the Colts signed Unitas as backup quarterback for the season for \$7,000. He was MVP in 1959, 1964, and 1967, played in the Pro Bowl 10 teams over the course of his 18 seasons, and helped the Colts to win four championship titles. His record of most consecutive games with a touchdown pass (47 games) held for 52 years until surpassed by Drew Brees in 2012. Being a football great had its drawbacks for Unitas, who played football before heavy padding and other safety features were introduced. An elbow injury led to almost total loss of the use of his right hand, as well as a finger and thumb disfigured from being broken repeatedly. He filed for bankruptcy in 1991 due to a failed business venture.

Emmitt Smith retired in 2004, but he still holds the NFL record for all-time leader in rushing yards with 18,355, as well as the record for career rushing touchdowns with 164. Smith was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the first round of the 1990 draft. In 1993, he became the only running back to win a Super Bowl championship, NFL MVP, NFL rushing crown, and Super Bowl MVP all in the same season.

Walter Payton was certainly a well-rounded high school student, playing baseball, participating in the Boy Scouts, serving at his church, playing drums in the marching band, and singing in the choir. When the football coach tried to recruit Payton for the team, Payton only agreed if he would be allowed to continue in Band. After a college career at Mississippi Jacks on State University, Payton was drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1975, where he remained for 13 seasons, playing in nearly 200 games. During a 1976 game against the Vikings, Payton broke the record for the most rushing yards in a single game, with 275, along with a touchdown, all of this accomplished with a 101-degree fever and a brutal case of the flu. Payton disliked the practice of touchdown celebrations in the end zone, and after scoring, he quietly handed the ball to his teammates or the official. During his post career ventures, including a sports radio show and ownership of a restaurant, Payton's health began to fail and he was diagnosed with kidney failure and bile duct cancer. He passed away in 1999 at the age of 46.

When John Elway retired after a 16-year career with the Denver Broncos, he had the most victories by a starting quarterback. Yet he was almost a New York Yankee, selected by the MLB team in the second round of the 1981 draft, and played for a Yankees affiliate during the summer of 1982, receiving \$150,000 for his efforts. He had already been selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 1979 MLB draft, but opted to play football for Stanford University. He made his debut with the Broncos in 1983.





- \* If you're expecting your first child, heed this bit of advice: Assemble and otherwise try out complicated items right away, while you have the time to learn how to work them. New dad Dan had a heck of a time trying to load bags into his brand-new Diaper Genie in the middle of the night.
- \* Bloodstains on clothing can be really tough to treat. The best way to get a bloodstain out of clothing is by dousing the stain with hydrogen peroxide and washing immediately as usual.
- \* "I love to refinish and paint furniture pieces and wood crafts. I always check my local recycling center for small amounts of "recycled" paint. Usually, someone has gotten rid of good paint, and the people at the recycling center are happy to have it used." -- B.B. in Virginia
- \* Toothpaste works well as a silver polish. Wet your silver, plop a little non-gel toothpaste on it and rub gently with a damp, clean rag. Rinse well with a separate rag, and buff dry. Then just step back and let it shine.
- \* If you've ever oversalted soup, don't worry; here's a great tip to recover your meal. Just cut a single potato into several large slices. Add them to the soup, and they will soak up the extra salt. Remove before serving.
- \* S.W. of South Carolina has this tip to share: "If you can't seem to keep track of your keys, make an extra set for those mornings when you are running late and can't spare the time to look for them. It has saved me a lot of stress, for sure."

Send your tips to: **Now Here's a Tip**  
 628 Virginia Drive  
 Orlando, FL 32803  
 © 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

## The Garden Bug

**Hugelkultur** is a traditional European gardening practice whereby fallen branches, logs and other woody debris are put into a pit, covered with compost, and then with a growing medium into which a garden is planted. The buried wood acts like a sponge for moisture as it decays, and also provides nutrients for the soil, which are tapped into by the growing plants. The vertical building up of the pile maximizes space. This method dramatically reduces the need for irrigation.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: <https://www.almanac.com/what-hugelkultur-ultimate-raised-bed>

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

## top ten

### Busiest U.S. Airports

1. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta, GA
2. Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport, Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
3. Denver International Airport, Denver, CO
4. Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles, CA
5. O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL
6. John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, NY
7. Orlando International Airport, Orlando, FL
8. Harry Reid International Airport, Las Vegas, NV
9. Charlotte Douglas International Airport, Charlotte, NC
10. Miami International Airport, Miami, FL

Source: [WorldAtlas.com](http://WorldAtlas.com)

© 2025 by King Features Syndicate, Inc.  
 World rights reserved.



1. Which 1984 film featured "The Heat Is On"?
2. Name the only James Bond film theme song to ever top the charts.
3. Which Helen Reddy song is about a young girl who lives her life listening to the radio and creating imaginary lovers?
4. Name the artists who were killed in the Iowa plane crash in 1959.
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I realize the best part of love is the thinnest slice, And it don't count for much, but I'm not lettin' go."

Answers

1. "Beverly Hills Cop" The song was later used as a theme song for the Miami Heat basketball team in 1988.
2. "A View to a Kill," by Duran Duran in 1985. The song was later nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song. It lost out to Lionel Richie's "Say You, Say Me" for "White Nights."
3. "Angie Baby," in 1974. The strange storyline of the song has left many wondering what really happened to her "secret lover."
4. Buddy Holly, "The Big Bopper" (J.P. Richardson) and Ritchie Valens.
5. "Lost in Love," by Air Supply in 1979. The song has been used in the film "Private Lessons" and in a "Family Guy" episode.

© 2025 King Features Syndicate



**January 19th, 2024**

— KNIGHT MOVES —  
 Answer

Z	P	I
L	E	E
P	N	E

ZEPPELIN

A Market that offers Gifts, Home Decor, **ANTIQUES**,  
 Boutique Clothing, Bath & Body Products, Specialty Foods  
 and an **EVENT SPACE** to gather with family & friends .

Gathered Grace

MARKETPLACE

466 Yampa Avenue. Craig, CO. 1-970-326-7581



## TIDBITS OF NORTHWEST COLORADO IS HERE FOR YOU!

*We are always on the lookout for businesses to become part of our paper and family of advertisers and here are the advantages for you by working with us!*

Print advertising may seem old school, but in reality it is still a very viable way of keeping your business visible at very affordable rates! Here are some of the benefits:

- ✓ Tangible & Lasting Impact
- ✓ Credibility & Trust
- ✓ Increased Engagement
- ✓ Flexibility in Design
- ✓ Highly Targeted Audience
- ✓ Brand Recognition
- ✓ Less Competition
- ✓ No Ad Blockers
- ✓ Focused Attention
- ✓ Sensory Experience

### So Why Choose Tidbits?

- **Tangibility and Lasting Impact** as a nationwide publication for many years!
- **Targeted Reach & Niche Audience** Reach as an entertainment newspaper our audience is very diverse as Tidbits offers a entertaining break from the every day news.
- **Credibility & Trustworthiness** because we are nationwide.
- **No Ad Blocking!** But we recognize that we need to have a digital presence, so with Tidbits of NW Colorado you not only have a print ad but digital exposure via the NW Colorado Tidbits website!
- **When you choose Tidbits, you are getting a tremendous value for your advertising dollar as you're getting a marketing package not just an ad in the newspaper**

We recognize that in order to make an informed decision on how to utilize your advertising dollar, you must have all the information pertinent and necessary. We're confident that once you see this, you'll give Tidbits a try. Ads prices start at \$85/month (\$21.25/week ~ you can't even buy a hamburger and fries for that!)

So why wait? Call or email Michelle at: 970-629-1443 or [mreed@nwcotidbits.com](mailto:mreed@nwcotidbits.com) to get started today growing your business!

## Holidays & Observances This Week

- 1/26 World Leprosy Day
- 1/27 Holocaust Memorial Day
- 1/28 National Pediatrician Day
- 1/29 Chinese New Year
- 1/30 Croissant Day
- 1/31 National Toboggan Day
- 2/1 Robinson Crusoe Day

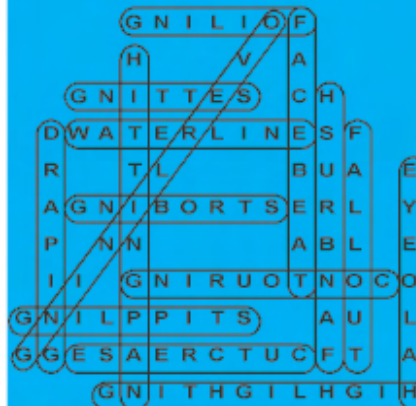
## January 19th, 2024

### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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

### MAKEUP TERMS



## Even Exchange

### answers

1. Lender, Leader
2. Amble, Ample
3. Marvin, Margin
4. Prone, Prong
5. Major, Mayor
6. Career, Careen
7. Ellis, Elvis
8. Scram, Scrap
9. Globe, Glove
10. Cooper, Cooler



## When the Punishment Does Not Fit the Crime

I had to read the sentence three times before I understood that it really did say what I thought it did: A Department of Veterans Affairs nurse stole pain drugs from dying patients and got a slap on the wrist.

The name was familiar, and I realized that yes, I'd written about this nurse earlier this year when she pleaded guilty to diverting the drugs.

I said at the time that the maximum possible sentence of four years was way too short for the crimes. Specifically, this nurse would take the pain drugs intended for patients in intensive care and only give a partial dose. She would take the rest of the dose herself and falsify the medical records. She did this to one patient alone 19 times in nine days. She even volunteered to care for a certain patient so she could steal his drugs.

The three drugs in question were hydromorphone (which is two to eight times stronger than morphine), fentanyl (which is 50-100 times more potent than morphine and heroin) and oxycodone -- all high-power medications for serious pain. Can you imagine being the patient who needed the pain relief and didn't get it?

As someone who once had surgery that required morphine afterward for pain control, I can't imagine the horror of experiencing pain and not getting relief from medication that your doctor has ordered ... because the nurse is stealing it.

And I said at the time, four possible years in prison for these crimes would not be enough.

But now she's finally been sentenced, and what did she get for punishment? Two years of probation. And that's what I had to read three times, because surely it didn't really say that -- except it did. And of that two years, the first six months will be home confinement.

I wish someone would explain to me how hanging out at home for a few months and then being on probation is anywhere near the right punishment for these crimes.

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

COME CHECK OUT OUR WIDE SELECTION OF SMOKING ACCESSORIES & OTHER CURIOSITIES

LOCATED AT THE OLD SEASONED BRISKET BUILDING

# THE Y-NOT SHOP

*Smoke Shop & Other Curiosities*

1740 E HWY 40 CRAIG, CO 81625  
(970) 439-0785

More than just a smoke shop!





**Animal Hide**

Snails have a lot of negative associations. Their slow movement makes them a symbol of laziness and inefficiency. They are garden pests, eating plants and oozing slime. And yet they often appear in decorative arts, like this miniature brass figure that sold for \$51 at an auction by The Benefit Shop Foundations. Its shell is decorated with colorful glass "jewels," a popular adornment on brass in the Victorian era.



The beauty and geometry of snail shells has captured artists' minds for thousands of years. The image of the "lazy" snail is often reinterpreted to have themes of patience and perseverance. Remember, slow and steady wins the race.

\*\*\*

**Q:** I have a couple of old scores and cannot find any info on them. Just wondering if they might have any value over the typical \$5 to \$10. They are: a music score/transcript titled "The Miners Dream of Home" sung by Leo Dryden and dated 1892 and "Cavalleria Rusticana – Potpourri for Pianoforte" by Pietro Mascagni. The only date I can see on it is 1846 but that could be an "originating" date, as opposed to a printing date.

**A:** One of the major reasons for collecting sheet music, and therefore one of the most important factors in its value, is the cover art. Generally, the smaller the picture on the title page, the older the sheet music. Full pictures were used by the 1870s. Color pictures were introduced in the 1840s, but most 19th-century sheet music had black-and-white cover art. Cover art can also add to the sheet music's crossover appeal, which increases the value. For example, sheet music with a picture of a car on the cover will also appeal to automobile collectors. A picture of a political figure or event will appeal to political collectors, and so on. To help date your sheet music, check the size. Before 1917, most sheet music was printed on 13 1/2 x 10 1/2-inch pages. After 1920, 12 x 9 inches became the standard size.

Be careful, though: some older sheet music was cut to a smaller size. This lowers its value. "The Miner's Dream of Home" was an English music hall song that Leo Dryden and Will Godwin wrote in 1891. Dryden was the first to perform it, and he first recorded it in 1898. Since then, it has been performed as a music hall song, folk song or New Year's song by many other artists. Cavalleria Rusticana, Pietro Mascagni's most famous opera, premiered in 1890. Advertising posters and prints of scenes from the opera have sold for about \$50 and up at recent auctions, so the sheet music may have a similar value.

\*\*\*

**TIP:** Don't put wood, paper or textiles near heating vents or fireplaces. Heat will harm them.

\*\*\*

**CURRENT PRICES**

Auto, pegboard, Milton Test Equipment, race car graphic at top, For Better Performance, red, white and black, 48 x 24 inches, \$190.

Toy, train, locomotive, sit and ride, Lightning Express, gray, black, red, handlebars, bell, pressed steel, Marx, 27 inches, \$390.

Clock, wall, Gustavian, two-train movement, giltwood, caduceus finial, two cornucopia, round dial, rampant griffin supports, carved base, shell pendant, signed, Hans Westman, c. 1800, Sweden, 39 x 27 1/2 inches, \$2,270.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit:

[www.Kovels.com](http://www.Kovels.com)

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

**Americanisms**



"Men are like steel. When They lose their temper, they lose their worth."  
— Chuck Norris

© 2025 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

**TIPBITS QUOTE**

"Dick Butts is a special kind of brute whose particular talent is mashing runners into curious shapes."

— Dan Jenkins  
"Sports Illustrated"

**GRIN and BEAR IT**



"What's this about you refusing to be released into my custody?"

**Guard Yourself Against AI Tricks**



by Matilda Charles

The year is off to a roaring start when it comes to scams. To hear the experts tell it, we have AI to thank for a lot of it. AI, or artificial intelligence, is enhancing some of the scams that were already out there and creating more as the technology increases.

Our goal: to get through 2025 without losing a single dollar to the crooks.

Last month the FBI put out an alert focusing on scams created by artificial intelligence and ways to protect ourselves.

- ❖ AI-generated text creates fake social media profiles, emails, websites and texts that push financial frauds like investment and romance schemes to trick us into sending money or disclosing personal information.
  - ❖ AI-generated pictures can include fake driver's licenses or credentials for fake law enforcement. As an indication of how low they'll go, AI can even create fake pictures of natural disasters that tug at our heartstrings and convince us to open our wallets and send money.
  - ❖ AI-generated audio can impersonate public figures or our loved ones and, again, the purpose is to make us believe something ... and open our wallets.
- It's the same with AI-generated videos: to make us believe something is real when it isn't.

No. 1 on the FBI's list of ways to protect ourselves is to have a secret word or phrase with family so we can verify our identity. As always, if you're suspicious about a call you receive, hang up. Don't send anyone you don't know any cash or gift cards. Don't post your photos online. If they're online now, take them down. As a start in staying safe from AI, search online for "how to spot AI text" so you can learn to recognize it. Then look for images and audio. Get up to speed on the different ways AI can fool you. Sadly, we need to be wary at all times now.

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

**Ancestors Treasures**  
Consignment, Antiques & Specialty Shops  
[ancestortreasurescass@gmail.com](mailto:ancestortreasurescass@gmail.com)  
(970) 620-4289

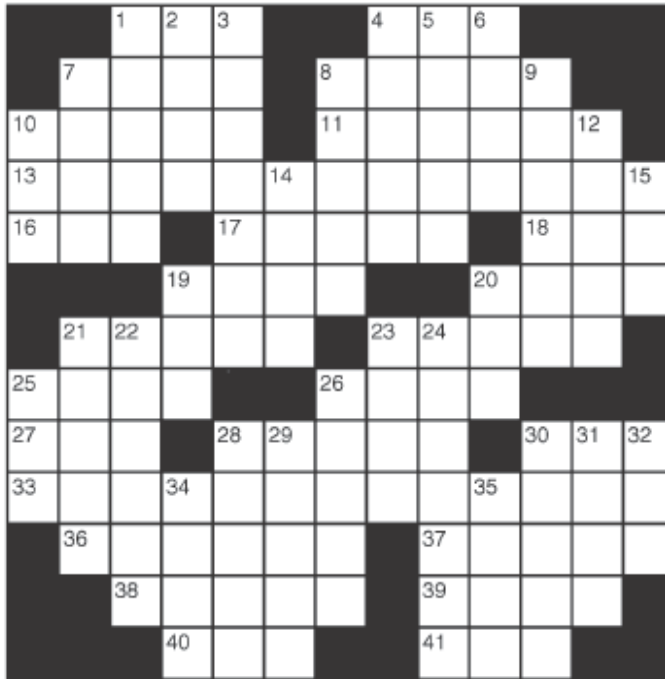
**Now That the Holidays are Over and You Took Care of Gifts for Your Family and Friends, It's Time to Treat Yourself -- You Deserve It! So Stop In Cause We Have Just What You Want!**



# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Kitten's cry
- 4 Bit of advice
- 7 Prop for Sherlock
- 8 Vice President Burr
- 10 Ancient Greek region
- 11 Future ferns
- 13 Mental agility
- 16 Rds.
- 17 Pitchers
- 18 Stickum
- 19 Unpaid TV ads
- 20 Close
- 21 Revue segments
- 23 Lover's meeting



- 25 Smack a baseball
- 26 1982 sci-fi film
- 27 Signing need
- 28 "— of One's Own"
- 30 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 33 Burger King, for one
- 36 Kilt pattern
- 37 Lubricated
- 38 Canary snacks

- 39 Hosp. scans
- 40 Triage ctrs.
- 41 Salty expanse

## DOWN

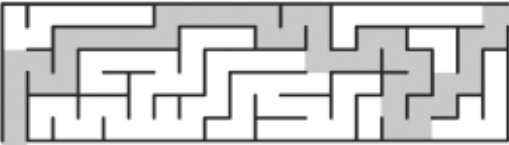
- 1 Short skirts
- 2 Grand tale
- 3 Least strong
- 4 Piglike mammal
- 5 Golf clubs
- 6 Beans go-with
- 7 Sulk
- 8 Campfire leftovers
- 9 Stallion sounds
- 10 Mensa stats
- 12 Animal's nose
- 14 "Jabberwocky" starter
- 15 Inherited
- 19 Peach center
- 20 Wd. from Roget
- 21 Hard work
- 22 Sunflower State
- 23 Walked (on)

- 24 Date movies, for short
- 25 Beach lotion letters
- 26 Animated figures
- 28 Pursuing
- 29 Highways
- 30 Sasha's sister
- 31 Alliances
- 32 Moreover
- 34 Sloth's home
- 35 Employ

Answer in February 2nd Issue

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

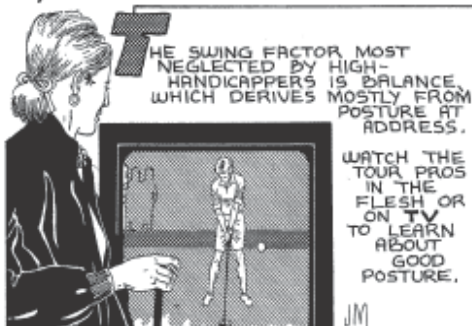
## Kids' Maze Solution



January 19th, 2024



## Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



**T**HE SWING FACTOR MOST NEGLECTED BY HIGH-HANDICAPPERS IS BALANCE, WHICH DERIVES MOSTLY FROM POSTURE AT ADDRESS.

WATCH THE TOUR PROS IN THE FLESH OR ON TV TO LEARN ABOUT GOOD POSTURE.



YOUR TOP OBJECTIVE IS TO BE RELAXED BUT "SPRINGY" OVER THE BALL.

ACHIEVE THAT BY DISTRIBUTING YOUR WEIGHT EVENLY, FLEXING YOUR KNEES SLIGHTLY, BENDING FROM YOUR HIPS WITH YOUR BACK STRAIGHT, AND KEEPING YOUR CHIN UP.

## CryptoQuip answer

What teal-colored barrier might some police be wrapping around a crime scene? Cordon blue.

## COPIES OF TOBBITS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT

- |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| *WYMAN MUSEUM               | *Y NOT SHOP             |
| *OP BAR + GRILL             | *JUW SHACKS             |
| *WATTEN ENTERPRISES         | *SMOKER FRIENDLY        |
| *GATHERED GRACE MARKETPLACE | *RS CREATIONS           |
| *CRAIG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  | *BANK OF THE SAN JUAN   |
| *GINO'S PIZZERIA            | *LUBE PLUS              |
| *COOL WATER GRILL           | *OCEAN PEARL RESTAURANT |
| *BARELY SPENT CONSIGNMENTS  | *AME TIRE               |
| *RIZZLIN' PICKLE            | *CRAIG FAMILY DENTAL    |
| *DARK HORSE LIQUOR          | *LOADOUT LIQUORS        |
| *CRAIG STORAGE              | *BLACK DIAMOND AUTO     |
| *VICTORY MOTORS             | *SOUTH BEACH FLEA MKT   |
| *HAMPTON INN                | *QUALITY INN            |

## TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS

1. Jerry Rice
2. Walter Payton and Joe Montana
3. San Diego Chargers
4. Joe Montana
5. Steve Young



1. **Mufasa: The Lion King** (PG) Aaron Pierre, Kelvin Harrison Jr.
2. **Sonic the Hedgehog 3** (PG) Jim Carrey, Ben Schwartz
3. **Nosferatu** (R) Lily-Rose Depp, Nicholas Hoult
4. **Moana 2** (PG) Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson
5. **Wicked** (PG) Cynthia Erivo, Ariana Grande
6. **A Complete Unknown** (R) Timothée Chalamet, Edward Norton
7. **Babygirl** (R) Nicole Kidman, Harris Dickinson
8. **Gladiator II** (R) Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington
9. **Homestead** (PG-13) Dawn Olivieri, Neal McDonough
10. **The Fire Inside** (PG-13) Ryan Destiny, Brian Tyree Henry

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.