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TIDBITS® SHOUTS THAT'S LOUD!

by Kathy Wolfe

Tidbits says "listen up" this week, as we bring you some loud facts!

*Loudness is measured in decibals, with human hearing ranging from zero to 140 dB. Any noise louder than 120 dB can immediately damage the tiny hair cells called stereocilia deep inside the ears that help turn sound vibrations from the air into what the brain perceives as sound.

*While sound intensity remains constant because of the physical properties of a sound wave, the perception of loudness is subjective and varies from person to person. A person with sensitive ears might find certain music too loud, but another might enjoy the blaring sound. Sound waves pass through the ear canal where they are changed to electrical signals that the brain interprets. Each individual has his/her own perception of what is loud.

*The leading cause of hearing loss isn't aging - it's noise. It's the world's second most prevalent health issue. About 17% of adults and 20% of teens ages 12 - 19 have permanent hearing damage due to noise. Thirty million people are exposed to harmful sound levels in the workplace every year, and 19% of those have hearing impairment. Sadly, hearing loss is irreversible.

*How loud are the everyday sounds we experience? Near total silence is 0 dB, while a whisper measures 15 dB. A quiet library registers at about 30 dB, while an office conversation is about 60 dB. This doesn't mean the office talk is twice as loud as the library - it's 1,000 times louder! This means that the sound of a jet engine at 120 dB is about 1,000,000,000,000 more powerful than near total silence. Your vacuum cleaner emits about 75 dB, while the lawn mower roars at around 95 dB. A jackhammer is at 100 dB, and a car horn registers at 110 dB. Gunshots and firecrackers measure 140 dB, which not only immediately damages hearing, it can actually cause physical pain.

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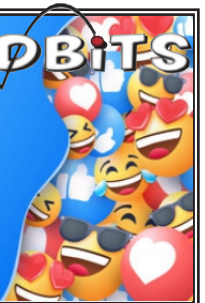
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*Who is more likely to experience hearing loss, men or women? In adults aged 20 to 69, men are almost twice as likely to have loss than women.

*How much is too much? It's not just about the decibel level, but also includes the amount of time and how often your ears are exposed to loud noise. OSHA recommends that workers not be exposed to a decibel level over 85 for more than eight hours.

*How else does noise affect a worker? Research indicates that employees exposed to conversations around them get distracted, affecting their ability to perform their duties. The sound of nearby conversations can diminish productivity by up to 66%.

*It's not just hearing that is affected by loud noises. Loud everyday sources have been linked to increased annoyance levels, stress, poor sleep, heart disease, and learning problems. Research indicates that noise around 70 dB can affect reading comprehension. One study found that kids in school only understand around 70% of the teacher's instructions when background noise is 65 dB.

*That normal conversation might be 60 dB, but yelling is much louder. The loudest human yell ever recorded was an ear-shattering 129 dB by a British teaching assistant named Jill Drake in 2000. After being proclaimed the winner, Drake said, "I knew I was loud, but not that loud!" Let's hope she doesn't use that level in the classroom!

*The barking of the average dog measures between 80 and 90 decibels. The loudest documented dog bark was produced by a golden retriever at an Australian event called Purina Bark in the Park. Charlie the retriever topped out at about 113 decibels. The sound of a group of barking dogs at a kennel can reach up to 115 dB.

*A rock concert typically measures around 120 dB. However, the volume at a 2009 KISS concert in Ottawa, Canada, in front of 32,000 fans, reached 136 dB, giving them the record for "loudest concert."

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In 1984, the heavy metal band Manowar topped out at 139 dB, but it wasn't during the concert itself, but rather during the pre-performance sound check, so while Manowar is the "loudest band," they didn't have the "loudest concert."

If you plan to attend a loud rock concert, choose one that will be outside. Decibel level is higher at an indoor venue because the sound's energy bounces around the space. And be prepared for a ringing in your ears and a temporary inability to hear properly after the concert. These after-effects are common. (read on page 3)



Fun Fact

"Carrier pigeons" have been used to relay written messages for thousands of years. As early as 3000 B.C., the Egyptians were using pigeons' "homing" skills by having them carry written texts across great distances. Once pigeons have established their connection to a particular location, their instinctual navigation remains sharp, and they can return home even from very far distances, traveling up to 600 miles in a single day.



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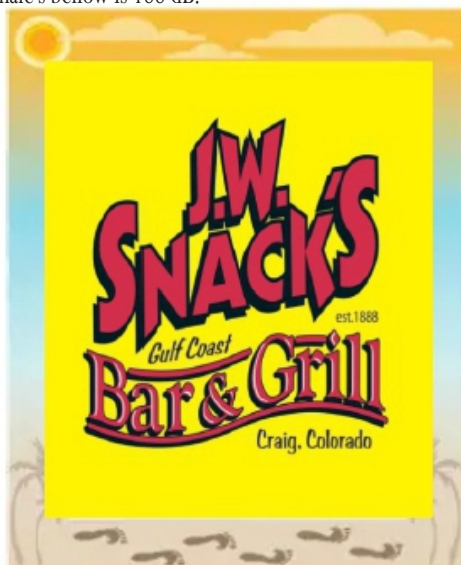
THAT'S LOUD!

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*About 10% of the U.S. adult population has reported experiencing tinnitus in the past year. Oddly enough, symptoms can improve by avoiding caffeine and alcohol.

*The loudest sound ever recorded in human history was the 1883 eruption of Krakatoa, a small volcano island between the islands of Java and Sumatra. This deadly eruption killed more than 36,000 people, triggering tsunamis that contributed to the high death toll. Although the eruption began in May of that year, its worst blast occurred in August, with an estimated decibel level of 310 dB. Ash was propelled 50 miles (80.5 km) into the air and the explosion was heard in Perth, Australia, 1,930 miles (3,110 km) away and on the Indian Ocean island of Rodrigues 3,000 miles (4,800 km) away. It compares to being in Boston and hearing a noise coming from Dublin, Ireland. Even 100 miles (160 km) from the blast, the loudness was 180 dB.

*The sperm whale is the loudest animal in the world with its vocalization registering at 230 dB. The blue whale's bellow is 188 dB.



*When it's time to choose the best hearing protection, check the package for the Noise Reduction Rating (NRR), a number assigned to represent the maximum number of decibels the device can reduce noise intensity. A pair of earplugs with an NRR of 25 will reduce noise by up to 25 dB.

*Some people have a condition known as misophonia. It's a malady that makes them angry or distressed when they hear ordinary sounds such as others' chewing or breathing.

Sticklers Answer

water WHEEL house
jack STRAW berry
broad CAST away
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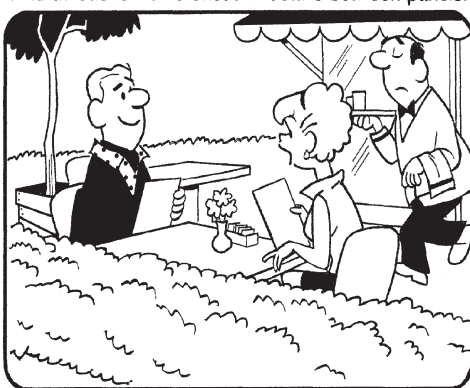


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Name tag is missing. 2. Chair is missing. 3. Vase is different. 4. Table is wider. 5. Planter is different. 6. Stripe is added to towel.

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Smart Devices

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Convenience versus safety - sometimes it's impossible to have both when it comes to tech devices.

There are more smart devices than we could have imagined 10 years ago, and every day brings something new.

We have smart door locks, thermostats, refrigerators, indoor and outdoor security cameras, televisions, cell phones, light bulbs, speakers and wall plugs.

Whether it's data breaches, surveillance, intrusions, hijack of your device or outright cyber attacks and theft of your information, smart devices can make you vulnerable if they are hacked. Take smart thermostats, for example.

Those smart gadgets track all kinds of things about you. Scariest of all is that they keep track of when you leave home and when you come back, information that a thief would like to have.

If you want a smart device, be sure you understand the downside and the risks. Keep the software updated, use strong passwords and understand the settings, especially on any device with a camera or microphone. Your smart television speakers could work in the reverse and capture the sounds in the room, for example. Before you buy a smart device, or to learn more about devices you might already have, go online to search for "dangers of smart devices."

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SPORTS STORIES

TUG OF WAR

Two teams pulling on opposite ends of a rope - that pretty much sums up the tug of war! This week, **Tidbits** pulls out the facts on this ancient test of strength.

*the tug of war is ancient sport, part of war games in Egypt, Greece, India, and China to train warriors. The Greeks called the sport "halkystinda," which translates "I pull through." Beginning in the 1500s, tug of war tournaments became popular in the formal gardens of the French and British. During the 1800s, sailors skilled in pulling lines to adjust sails engaged in tug of war contests.

*The goal of the tug of war team is to bring the rope in one direction while the opponents are pulling in the opposite direction. The rope has a center line and two markers equidistant from the center, and teams attempt to pull the other team's marker across the center line.

*In official competition, the markings are 13 feet (4 m) to either side of the center. The rope is about 4.3 inches (11 cm) in circumference. A line is marked on the ground and the rope's center line is directly above that line. Each team typically has eight members, and their total weight cannot exceed the maximum set for their weight category.

*Tug of war rules declare fouls for lowering one's elbow below the knee during a pull (called "locking") and for touching the ground for extended periods. It's a foul to pull the rope over the shoulders, as the rope is required to be under the arms.

*Of course, it takes mighty physical strength to participate in the contest, but the rhythm of the team members is just as important.

The team uses one member to act as the "driver," the one who harmonizes the team's traction power. The driver stands next to the team, moving up and down the line, barking out orders of when to pull and when to rest. Resting has its own term, "hanging," when team members will dig into the grass with boots, limiting the rope's movement. When it's time for the team to pull together, the driver shouts "Pull" and waves a hat or handkerchief.

*There are actual professional tug of war athletes. They are governed by the Tug of War International Federation, established in 1958, which boasts 53 member countries and holds worldwide competitions. Between 1900 and 1920, tug of war was part of the Olympic Games. After the 1920 Games, the International Olympic Committee eliminated 30 sports from the Olympics due to concerns that the Games were getting too large, and tug of war was cut.

*The two northern California communities of Stinson Beach and Bolinas are separated by an ocean channel that is the site of the annual Fourth of July tug of war competition. The two teams of 20 people each battle to pull their opponents across the channel and into the neighboring town. The event has occurred on the sandbar at the mouth of Bolinas Lagoon every year since the early 1970s.

*LeClaire, Iowa, and Port Byron, Illinois, have held a similar contest since 1987, except that the Mississippi River separates the teams. River boat traffic is shut down as teams of 20 tug on a 2,700-ft.-long (823 m), 680 lb. (308 kg) rope that stretches between the two towns



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2. MOVIES: What does the acronym stand for in movies about Marvel characters?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the short story "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"?
4. GAMES: How many cards are in a standard deck?
5. TELEVISION: On which sitcom did the character Harry the Hat appear?
6. BUSINESS: When did the first Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise open?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many Nobel prizes are awarded every year?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the shortest at 5 foot 4 inches tall?
9. ASTRONOMY: Who was the first woman to travel into space?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby platypus called?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 9

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Even Exchange

answers

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| 1. Allow, Alloy | 6. Sweet, Tweet |
| 2. Twice, Twine | 7. Marcel, Marvel |
| 3. Paper, Paler | 8. Noise, Norse |
| 4. Oddest, Oldest | 9. Venus, Vents |
| 5. Convex, Convey | 10. Waiver, Waiter |

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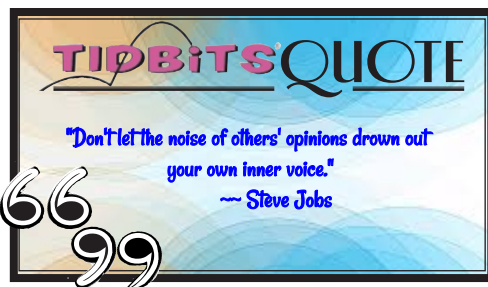
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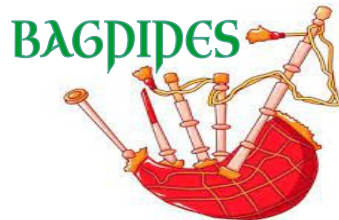
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You either love them or hate them! While some folks describe the shrill sound of the pipes as "a bag of strangled cats," others revere the music, claiming it brings them to tears. Listen up to these facts from *Tidbits* about bagpipes, which feature prominently on the list of most annoying instruments.

*The first bagpipes were made of the skin of small dead animals, such as goats or sheep. The carcass was cleaned out and turned inside out. The pipes, made from hollow stalks or bamboo, were sewn where the animal's neck and limbs used to be. Although most of today's bagpipes are made of synthetic material, plastic, and metal, some pipers hold on to tradition with skin bagpipes.

*There are many parts to a set of bagpipes, all connected to the bag. The chamber is the pipe that creates the melody. The pipers cover the holes in the pipe to produce different notes, similar to how a clarinet is played, except that the chamber can produce just nine notes. The drones, usually a set of three, are made from bamboo or wood and provide the constant pitch and tone of the instrument. The drones have small holes at the outer tips where air escapes. Varying tones are achieved by applying pressure to different areas of the bag. The blow-stick is the mouthpiece of the bagpipe which the piper uses to blow air into the bag. There must be constant air flowing into the bagpipes at all times. The chamber reed consists of two bamboo slivers, similar to the reed of an oboe.

*Outdoor decibel levels for bagpipes are about 110 dB, with indoor levels up to 116 dB. A single piper making music in the Scottish Highlands can be heard up to 10 miles (16 km) away.

Don't bother asking pipers to turn down the volume - bagpipes have no dynamics and the sound cannot be adjusted. To compensate pipers adjust the tempo or stretch out the tones.

*Although we might think that bagpipes are Scottish in origin, they actually have their history in several other places, including the Balkan countries, India, Libya, Sweden, Egypt, ancient Mesopotamia, and Italy. It's believed that the invading Romans brought the bagpipes to Scotland. It's believed that the Roman emperor Nero was a skilled piper. Although we've heard that Nero played the fiddle as Rome burned in 64 A.D., it's more likely it was pipes he was playing. Today, the country with the most bagpipers is New Zealand, not Scotland.

*Bagpipes have along history as war instruments on the battlefield.

Scottish pipers first marched troops into battle at the 1746 Battle of Culloden, where the Jacobite army was defeated by British troops. In the 1700s, many pipers were hanged for owning the instrument, as it was considered a war instrument. During World War I, more than 3,000 pipers marching the troops were killed, with the sound of the pipes making them easy targets. Several hundred pipers were killed during World War II.


*A Scottish police officer named Danny Fleming owns the world's largest bagpipes collection. His 105 different sets, some of which have gold, silver, and ivory settings, are valued at over \$150,000.

*Every year since 1947, the city of Glasgow, Scotland has hosted the World Pipe Band Championships. Several bands of pipers from all over the world compete for the title. The highest honor of Grade One was held by Scottish bands until 1987, when Canada's 78th Fraser Highlanders became the first overseas band to capture the title.

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NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

The louder the sound, the less time it takes for hearing damage. You'd have to run your 75-dB vacuum cleaner for about 8 hours before hearing would be affected. However, mowing the lawn with a 95-dB mower can cause damage within minutes.



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TODAY'S WORD

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

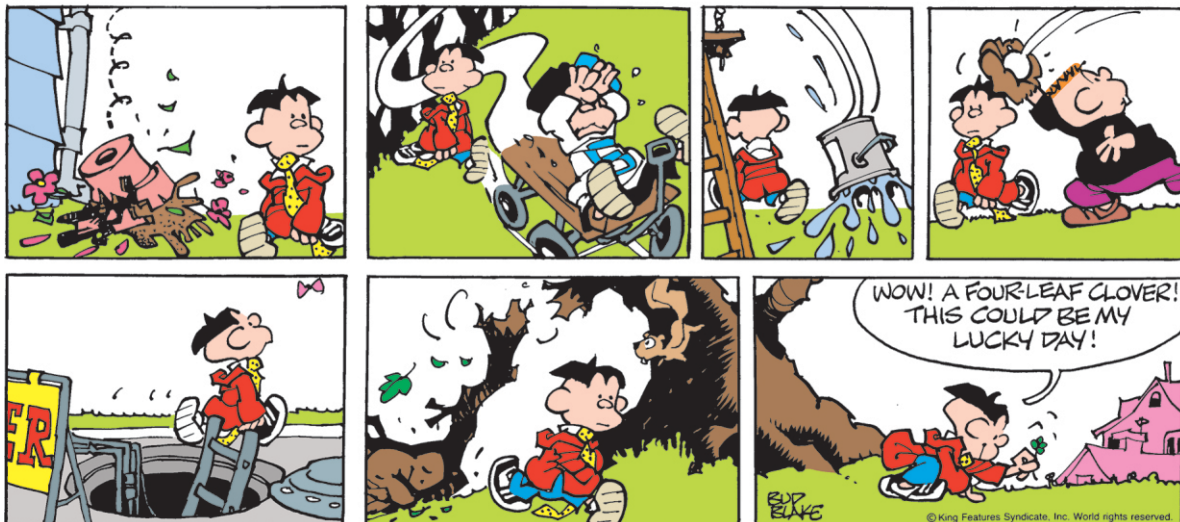
Try your luck at matching up the science on the left with the creatures studied on the right. (We added an extra one in the right column just to be tricky!)

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| 1. herpetology | a. insects |
| 2. cetology | b. legendary animals |
| 3. arachnology | c. snakes |
| 4. entomology | d. spiders, scorpions |
| 5. cryptozoology | e. bats |
| | f. whales, dolphins |

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TIGER

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**ALL PUZZLE & QUIZ ANSWERS
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

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| 1. Do away with | — — — — V — | Isolated and distant | — — — — T — |
| 2. Greek philosopher | — — A — — | Mickey Mouse's pet | — — U — — |
| 3. Stopwatch | — I — — — | Circus performer | — A — — — |
| 4. Bonding cement | — — — — — R | Corporeal | — — — — — L |
| 5. Peter Pan's friend | — E — — — | Breezy | — I — — — |
| 6. Twist one's ankle | — P — — — | Run through a sieve | — T — — — |
| 7. Fossil resin | A — — — — | Leftover charcoal | E — — — — |
| 8. Culinary instructions | — — — — P — | Read out loud | — — — — T — |
| 9. Penny metal | — — P — — | James Fenimore | — — O — — |
| 10. Dense | — — — C — | Ponder | — — — N — |

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1. Name the song in which the alarmed husband calls out to his wife, "Don't look, Ethel!"
2. Who wrote and released "Spinning Wheel"?
3. Which two artists released "Ebony and Ivory"?
4. Name the theme song for "American Gigolo."
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "The road is long with many a winding turn; That leads us to who knows where, who knows when."

ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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GOES LONG.....

When the 4th of July rolls around this year, be sure to wear hearing protection when enjoying the fireworks display. Fireworks register at 140 - 150 decibels, which can cause permanent hearing damage.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Untangling personal problems might take more time than the Impatient Lamb expected. But it's important to hang in there until all those knotty situations are straightened out.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You still need to work out last-minute snags in your dealings with a rival. Hold your ground despite a perceived lack of support. Things should turn around before you know it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's best not to delay preparing for an upcoming family event. The sooner you get things started, the better chance you have of finding potential problems and making needed changes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The romantic Moon Child might be reluctant to see the reality behind an "ideal" situation. But by midweek, the practical Crab emerges to help clear away the moonbeams.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although the Big Cat might be receptive to more "purr-suasion" to get you to agree to a workplace change, make sure that you can distinguish the fine line between facts and flattery.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your positive attitude in the workplace helps to get you noticed by the right people. Now go ahead and use some of this new self-confidence to help shore up a personal relationship.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you might still have to work out some problems with a business partner, things go more smoothly on the home front. Meanwhile, an investment opportunity might need more study.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Don't be reluctant to act on your suspicions. Even if others see nothing wrong, the astute Scorpio could sense an underlying problem that isn't always obvious on the surface.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new opportunity presents some obstacles that need to be dealt with as soon as possible. Delaying action in hopes that the problems will go away could be counterproductive.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend or family member's request might carry some hidden factors that could later create problems. Be sure you know all the facts before you make your decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A setback in implementing a plan could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Use the downtime to re-work your original concepts and see where changes could be made.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might not be consciously fishing for compliments, but admit it - won't you feel great when your efforts are noticed? Accept the praise gracefully. You've earned it!

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of beauty in your personal life extends to your efforts to protect and preserve the natural world around you.

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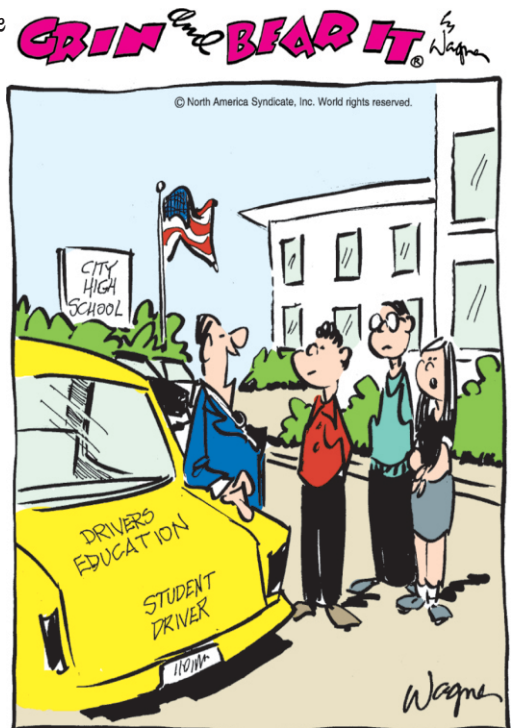
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THIS WEEK'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

George Strait	5/18/52
Lainey Wilson	5/19/92
Cher	5/20/46
Mr. T	5/21/52
Naomi Campbell	5/22/70
Drew Carey	5/23/58
Bob Dylan	5/24/51

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"Sure it has a sound system! ... It goes 'va-room, va-room.'"

May 4th, 2025

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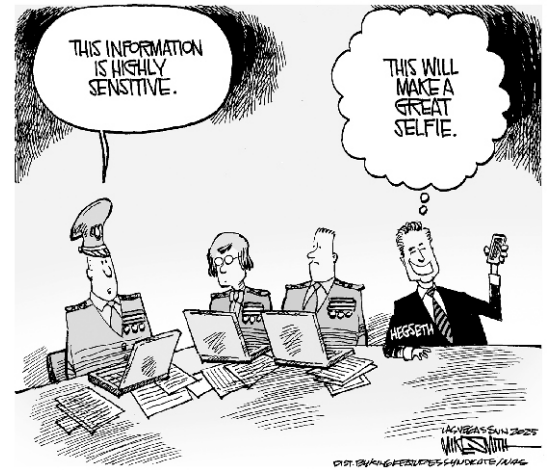
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*On May 19, 1536, Anne Boleyn, the unfortunate second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded at the Tower of London on charges including adultery, incest and conspiracy against the king, after just three years of marriage.

*On May 20, 1992, in an attempt to end the blight of graffiti vandalism, the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance banning the retail sale of spray paint and large markers within city limits, describing them as "weapons of terror."

*On May 21, 1758, 10-year-old Mary Campbell was abducted from her home in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, by members of the Lenape tribe and ended up becoming an icon of the French and Indian War.

At age 16, she was returned to a European settlement in the captive release orchestrated by Colonel Henry Bouquet at the conclusion of Pontiac's War.


*On May 22, 1802, Martha Dandridge Custis Washington, widow of President George Washington, died of a "severe fever" at her Mount Vernon home at the age of 70. Though she was a devoted wife, she did not entirely enjoy her role as "Lady Washington" and once confessed that she felt "more like a state prisoner than anything else."

*On May 23, 1979, rocker Tom Petty declared bankruptcy in an effort to free himself from his contract with Shelter Records.

*On May 24, 1964, a referee's call in the last minutes of a close soccer match between Peru and Argentina at the National Stadium in Lima, Peru, sparked a riot that resulted in the deaths of more than 300 fans. Another 500 people were injured.

*On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by Derek Chauvin, a white Minneapolis policeman who knelt on his neck for nearly 10 minutes. Floyd's death was recorded by bystanders and incited nationwide protests resulting in the imposition of curfews in more than 200 American cities and the activation of the National Guard throughout half the country. Chauvin was arrested on multiple charges and eventually sentenced to more than two decades in prison.

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The Garden Bug

Abutilon plants are commonly known as "flowering maples," as their leaves are thought to resemble maple leaves. These perennial shrubs like well-drained soil and sunny or partly shady locations. Their colorful, paper-lantern-like flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

— Brenda Weaver

"Fools' Gold" flowering maple Sources: www.plantdelights.com, www.ehow.com

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ANSWERS

1. Wyoming
2. Strategic Homeland Intervention Enforcement and Logistics Division.
3. James Thurber.
4. 52.
5. "Cheers."
6. 1952 in Salt Lake City, Utah.'
7. Six.
8. James Madison.
9. Valentina Tereshkova.
10. A platypup or puggle.



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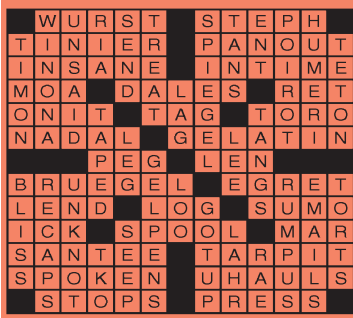
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Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.



*J.C. in Florida writes: "The one thing I might add (to your tips about preparing deviled eggs) is making sure the eggs are point down during storage so that the yolks are centered if stuffing." Great point! A little vinegar in the boiling water will help to keep egg in the shell if it cracks.

*"I love to put photos of family on the fridge. But I found that the photos were getting ruined from grease and moisture in the air. To get around that - and to really preserve them - I cleaned and laminated them. Afterward, I hot-glued little magnets to the backs, and now I can move them around to accommodate new photos. There are so many, and it gives me pleasure to look at them." C.R. in Oklahoma

*This is classic money-saving advice as well as safety advice. Lower your water heater temperature from 140 F to 120 F. You will save money on heating water, and you will reduce your risk of scalding from hot temperatures.

*"Add a cinnamon stick or softener sheet to your vacuum bag when you change it. While you clean, you will distribute the good smell throughout your home." - F.H. in Colorado

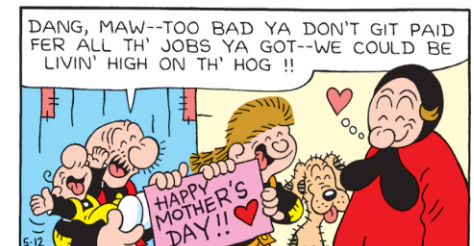
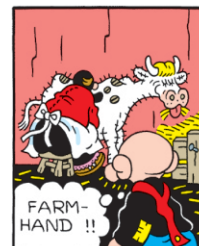
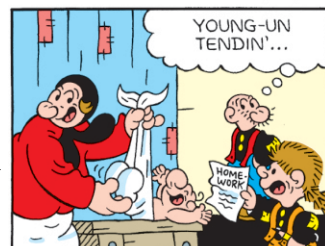
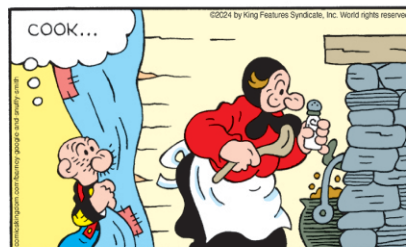
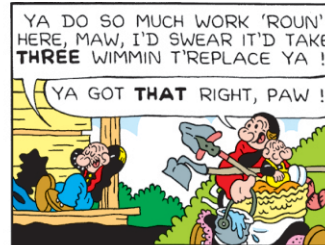
*Got a squeak in your hardwood floors? Dust a sprinkling of baby powder at the source of the squeak, and use a brush to get in the cracks. The powder can help to lubricate the boards and remove the squeak.

*If you need to clean stained plastic storage containers that you'll use again, do it with baking soda. Get the item wet, and use a liberal amount of baking soda as a scrub. it's abrasive but gentle, and super safe for food containers.

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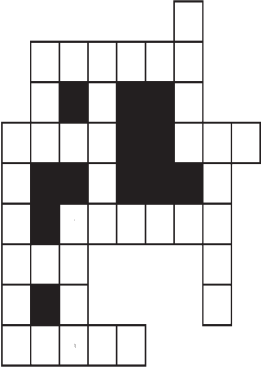
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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ANSWER IN MAY 25TH ISSUE



Safety Signs

The words "Stop, Look, Listen" might evoke song titles, childhood lessons or everyday common sense. The phrase comes from the 1800s; specifically, from the advent of railroads. Railroad travel was revolutionary, but, like most emerging technologies, brought new dangers along with its advantages. It quickly became clear that some safety measures had to be taken to avoid collisions at crossings. The first safety precautions were simple signs. Today, the familiar design is an X-shaped sign reading "Railroad Crossing" and usually accompanied by flashing lights and alarms. Earlier signs were different, like this cast-iron oval reminding its reader to "Stop Look Listen," which



"Stop, Look, Listen" It's always good advice, especially when there are train tracks nearby.

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+		+		+	
8	+	4	÷	3	= 4
÷		×		+	
9	-	2	×	5	= 35
=		=		=	
1		22		14	



ANSWERS

1. "The Streak," by Ray Stevens, in 1974. Astonishingly, this song about a streaker climbed international charts, including the U.S., the U.K., Australia, Ireland and Canada. "The Streak: was one of dozens of songs on the same topic that year.
2. David Clayton-Thomas of Blood, Sweat & Tears in 1969. The song won a Grammy for Best Instrumental Arrangement.
3. Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney, in 1982. Penned by McCartney, , it was his first time singing a duet with another artist.
4. "Call Me," by Blondie in 1980. The song topped the Hot 100 chart for six weeks.
5. "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother," originally by Kelly Gordon, in 1969. But it was the Hollies that made the song a hit. The song has been covered by numerous others, including Bill Medley and Neil Diamond.

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TIP: Clean out dirt and rust from an old iron piece by spraying it with oven cleaner. Put it in sealed bag for an hour or two, then rub the spray off with a nylon scouring pad.

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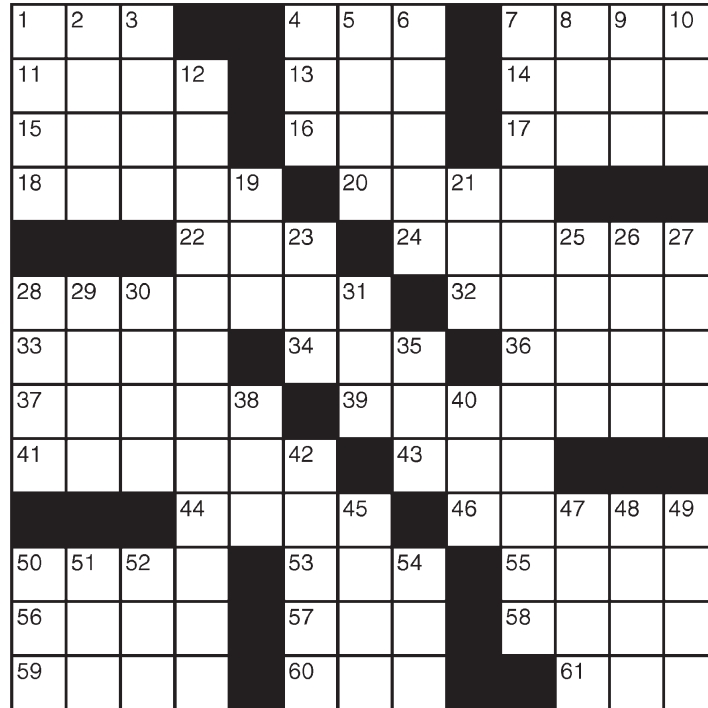


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Completely
4 Playwright
Levin
7 Done with
11 Secular
13 Collection
14 Water carrier
15 Airline to Tel
Aviv
16 ET's craft
17 Dutch cheese
18 Ersatz choco-
late
20 One-named
supermodel
22 Tree fluid
24 Trombone
parts
28 Grassy tract
32 January, to
Juan

- 33 Grassy area
34 Shade pro-
vider
36 FBI guy
37 Alpha's
opposite
39 "The Hunger
Games" hero-
ine
41 Dance clubs
43 Prefix with
athlete
44 Tom Joad, for
one
46 Urged (on)
50 Hive popula-
tion
53 Schlep
55 Luau dance



- 56 Vegetarian's
no-no
57 Mine material
58 Russian ruler
59 Saturates
60 Scale member
61 Blasting stick

DOWN

- 1 Sir Guinness
2 In — land
3 Deceitful per-
son
4 Terre Haute
sch.
5 Mortgage
again, for short
6 Molecule
parts

- 7 Exciting
Broadway
event
8 YouTube clip,
for short
9 Clean air org.
10 "The One I
Love" band
12 Loan applica-
tion fees
19 "Cheers" set-
ting
21 Pub order
23 Bakery pur-
chase
25 Singer Lovato
26 Historic peri-
ods
27 Male children

- 28 Trudge
29 Actor Malek
30 Dazzles
31 Caribou kin
35 Yoga pad
38 Fine, to NASA
40 Italian "three"
42 Farm towers
45 Franc replace-
ment
47 Sudden wind
48 Flair
49 Scurry
50 German auto
51 Shoe width
52 Have break-
fast
54 Solidify

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Answer in May 18th Issue

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phillips



Americanisms



"Mother is a verb.
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— Cheryl Lacey Donovan

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