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TIDBITS BRINGS YOU SOME NO-NO'S



by Kathy Wolfe

Tidbits says "no-, no-, no-" this week as we investigate an assortment of words beginning with those letters.

* In 1842, when Father Edward Sorin arrived at the site of the future Notre Dame campus in northern Indiana, there was one building, a 44' x 2"4' log cabin which had been built as a mission to the Potawatomi Indians. The University of Notre Dame opened in November, 1842, an all-male institution with Sorin as the first president. Its official title was The University of Notre Dame du Lac, which translates "Our Lady of the Lake." The first degrees were awarded in 1849. Today the main campus covers 1,261 acres with about 170 buildings and athletic fields located around two main lakes. It's not easy to get into Notre Dame - their acceptance rate is less than 10% of their class. Students planning to attend can expect tuition costs exceeding $68,000 a year, excluding housing and books. The total jumps to over $89,000 with those additions.

* The month of November has its roots in the Latin for "nine." So if November means "nine," why is it the 11th month? In the early Roman



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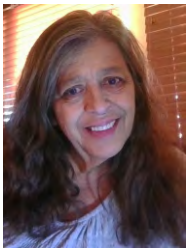


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Editor's Note of the Week



Salutations! Well, another edition is in the books (with no help from my computer or printer as they seem to have had a communication issue! They are however, are learning to talk to each other, so hopefully things will go smoother this week.

In the meantime, I would like to be able to include some positive local stories in the paper so it has a "local flair and feel". If you know of any human interest stories, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with the information so that it can be included in the next edition. Some examples would be a student who performs above normal either academically or in sports, a member of the community who does something or is doing something above and beyond the norm, etc. Any help you give me on coming up with these kind of stories would be greatly appreciated! I can be reached at 970-629-1443 or by email at mreed@nwcotidbits.com. Until next time, keep on keepin on!

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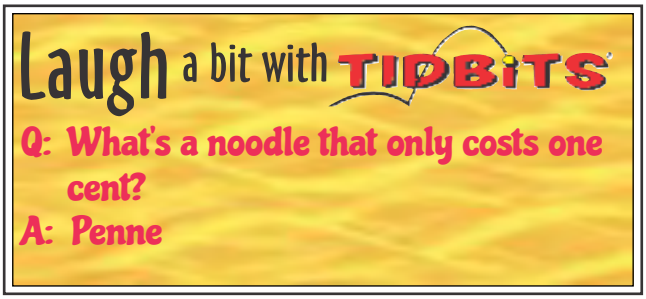
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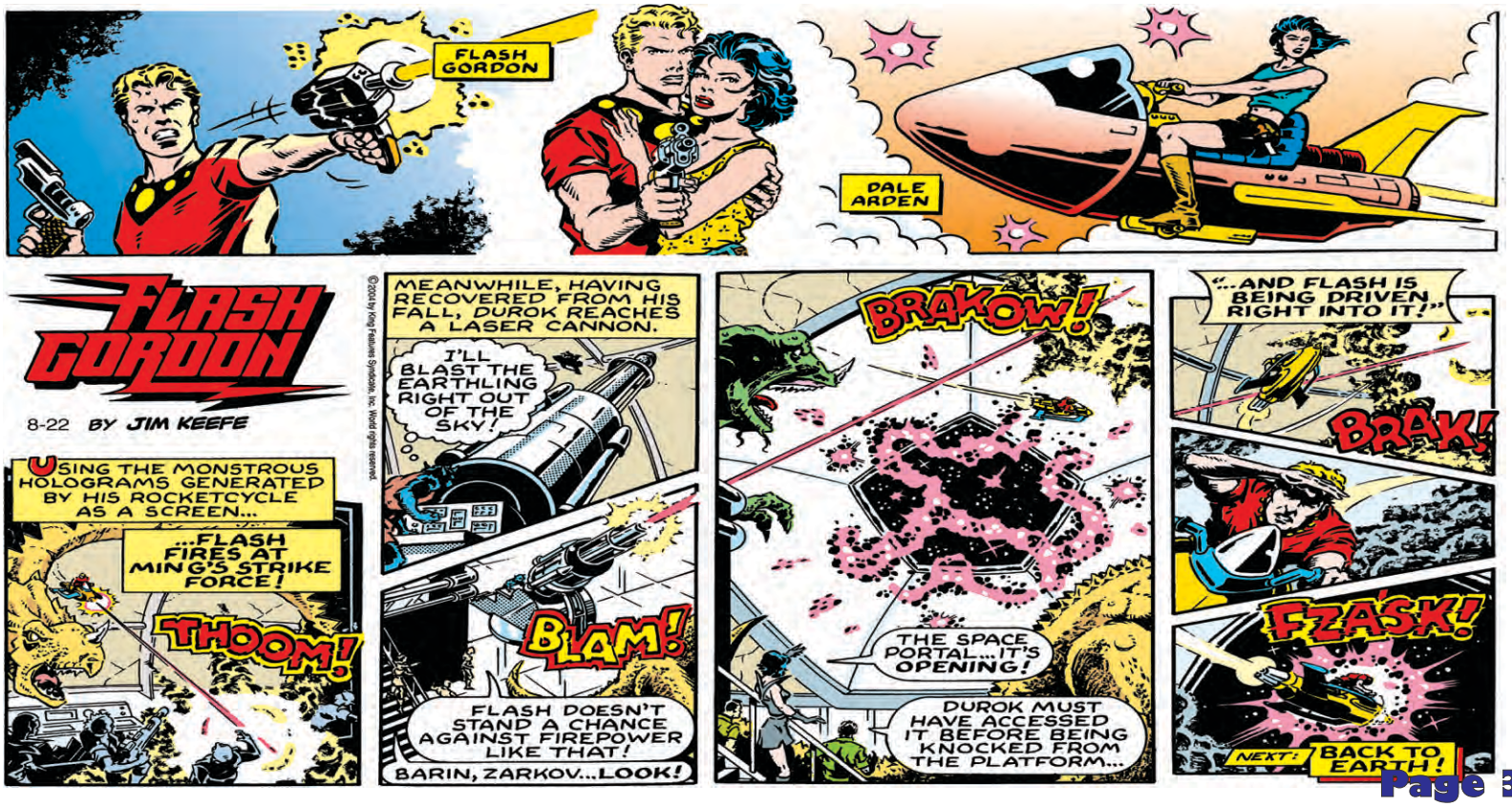
*A "nom de plume" is a pen name or pseudonym used by a writer in place of his/her real name. Many famous authors have employed nom de plumes, including one of the more famous ones, Samuel Clemens who wrote under the name of Mark Twain. Charles Dodgson penned "Alice in Wonderland" with the pseudonym Lewis Carroll. Did you know that four novels were published by Richard Bachman, who was really Stephen King? Founding father Benjamin Franklin used some unusual pen names including Alice Addertongue, Polly Baker, Martha Careful, Anthony Afterwit, Celia Shortface, and Richard Saunders. Suspense thriller author Dean Koontz has used 11 different names to write his stories including Brian Coffey, Deanna Dwyer, Leigh Nichols, and Owen West. The three Bronte sisters used nom de plumes for their novels because they feared that written works by women would not be accepted by publishers. Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre* was published under her pen name Currer Bell. Emily's famous novel, *Wuthering Heights,* was released with the author as Ellis Bell, and Anne used Acton Bell as a pen name for her novel *Agnes Grey.* All three of the sisters' books were published in 1847.

* A member of the Wedgwood pottery family, Ralph Wedgwood, was also an inventor, and in 1806, he obtained a patent for a very useful device, the noctograph, a frame that used a stylus, horizontal rows of wires, and an early form of carbon paper to help blind individuals to write in straight lines. Wedgwood himself developed the carbon paper in order to create duplicate paper documents









NO-NO'S



(cont. from page 3)

* How many meanings can one word have? The word "noisette" can refer to a small piece of lean meat, such as lamb, veal, or filet and also to a chocolate made with hazelnuts. Noisette is also a variety of fragrant garden roses, white, crimson, or purple. It's the label for a rich espresso coffee made with steamed milk, as well as a type of Hollandaise sauce made with brown butter.
* The Chevy Nova was debuted in 1962 and was produced until 1979, and then again from 1985 to 1988. In 1962, it was introduced as the Chevy II, with the name Nova used just for the lineup of top models. In 1969, all models became known as the Nova. In 1962, the base model was priced around $2,000. In 1970, the price was $2,200, unless the car had the SS package, with upgrades that raised the price to over $3,000. The Nova was replaced by the Chevrolet Citation in 1980, but the Nova was back in 1985 for another three years.
* Nostradamus was a 16-century French astrologer and physician who became famus for his many predictions.
* In 1555, he published a collection of 942 poems that supposedly predicted future events, including end-of-the-world prophecies. Many folks claim that Nostradamus predicted the rise of Adolph Hitler, the atomic bomb, the JFK assassination, the death of Princess Diana, the September attacks on the World Trade Center, and the 2020 corona virus pandemic. Yet his predictions were about general types of events that might occur frequently throughout history, and critics say they are written in a vague manner that could correspond to many events. His time frame for the end of the world is the year 3797.
* What a difference one alphabet letter can make! If a person is "nobby," he/she is considered fashionable, chic, and elegant, and is a person from the upper echelon. Change that to "noddy," and the person is a fool or a simpleton.
* The field of nosology has nothing to do with the nose, but rather with the classification of diseases. This branch of medicine deals with the cause, effect, and symptoms of diseases, as well as how it progresses, along with the organ system to which they apply. The word is derived from the Latin *noso-* , which means "disease."
* John Nordstrom arrived in the United States in 1887 at age 16. He had just $5 in his pocket, so began his way west working on railroads, in mines, lumber camps, and shipyards. After a stint of gold mining in Alaska's Klondike, he came to Seattle with $13,000, where he and a partner opened a shoe store on Pike Street in 1901. That single shoe store grew into the Nordstrom's empire, which today, consists of 400 high-end department stores.
* If a person is a novice, he/she is a beginner, perhaps entering a profession with no prior experience. The Latin word *novicius* is the foundation of the word meaning "newly arrived, inexperienced." It also refers to a person who has entered a religious order but is still on probation, and has not yet taken any vows.
*Those who wander from place to place do so for different reasons. Referred to as "nomads," it might be for hunting, for grazing livestock, or working as a trader. The word "nomad" has its roots in the Latin word *nomas*, which translates "wandering shepherd."



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NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

Over 60 of Theodor Geisel's books were published under his non de plume of Dr. Seuss, including Cat in the Hat, Horton Hears a Who!, and Green Eggs and Ham. Another 14 books were written under the name of Theo LeSieg, which was Geisel's name spelled backwards.













TOYS & GAMES

TROLLS

This week, *Tidbits* remembers trolls, those dolls that were "so ugly, they're cute."

* Back in the late 1950s, a Danish woodcutter named Thomas Dam created a new doll based on the trolls of old Scandanavian folklore. Dam had originally been a baker, but when the local flour factory folded, he lost his source of income and grabbed any work he could find including fishing and shoveling snow for cash. Each evening, Dam brainstormed about any employment he could find, carving wood figurines as he sat in front of the fire and thought.

* As entertainment for his children, Dam carved whimsical little creatures based on his native legends. At the urging of his wife, Dam packed up a bundle of his creations and set out for the city of Aalborg with a plan to knock on doors. He called his hand-carved figurines "Dam dolls," and within a short time, he had sold out his entire load.

* Dam's break came in 1956 when a Swedish department store commissioned him to carve a large sculpture of Santa Claus for their window display. After finishing the Santa, Dam sculpted tiny Christmas elves, which would pave the way for troll dolls. The store was bombarded with requests for the dolls, and Dam worked day and night to create his detailed, labor- intensive dolls, completely selling out before Christmas.

* Demand was high for the little dolls, and Dam realized there was no way he could keep up. He opened a factory he named it Dam Things Establishment, and made the switch to dolls of soft rubber molded in gypsum casts, stuffed with feathers, adding furry stand-up hair, and marketed them as "good luck trolls" In 1961, he switched to PVC plastic for dolls of various sizes.

* In the early 1960's Good Luck Trolls hit the United States and became a huge toy fad. They were high-quality dolls with sheep wool hair and glass eyes, with prices ranging from 65 cents to $5.95. Advertisements dubbed them "Wishniks," and promoted rubbing trolls' hair for good luck. During troll dolls' peak, sales exceeded $100,000 per month. Sales in 1964 alone in the U.S. exceeded one million dolls, necessitating Dam's purchase of Iceland's entire harvest of sheepskin for the trolls' unique hair. Merchandise followed, including troll village playsets, with homes furnished in "troll decor." During the 1960s "hippie era," troll dolls' hair was adapted to psychedelic, Day-Glo hair.

* The popularity of troll dolls waned in the U.S. in the 1970s, but the Dam company never stopped production, as they continued to be very popular in Denmark. Trolls experienced a strong resurgence in the late 1980s, with dolls having a variety of facial expressions, distinguishing them from the originals. In the 90s, there were cartoon specials and three DreamWorks animated films. In 1991, the new trolls were named Toy of the Year.

* Thomas Dam didn't live to see the revival of his invention, succumbing to cancer in 1989. His original troll dolls are considered collector's items, and eve London's Victoria and Albert Museum has a troll doll in their collection.

*Retired psychiatric nurse Sherry Groom got her first troll doll at age five. Today Ms. Groom is the Guinness world record holder for her collection of 8,130 dolls, housed in the Troll Hole, a museum she opened in Alliance, Ohio.

* Although we think of troll dolls as cute, cuddly creations, in mythology, they were dangerous creatures who lived in gloomy forests, caves, and underneath bridges. They threatened people and demanded tolls for crossing roads and bridges.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Paper on desk is missing. 3. Desk is not as wide. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Tie is different. 6. Blinds are higher.

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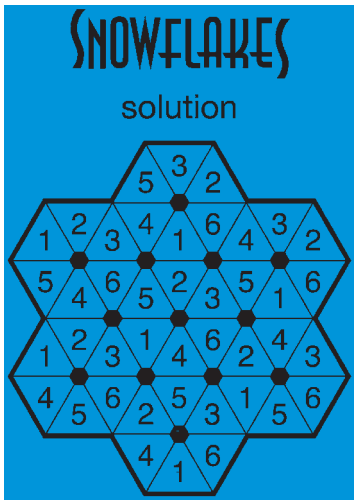
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"I find by my calculations, which are according to revealed inspiration, that the sword of death is now approaching us, in the shape of pestilence, war more horrible than has been known in three lifetimes, and famine."

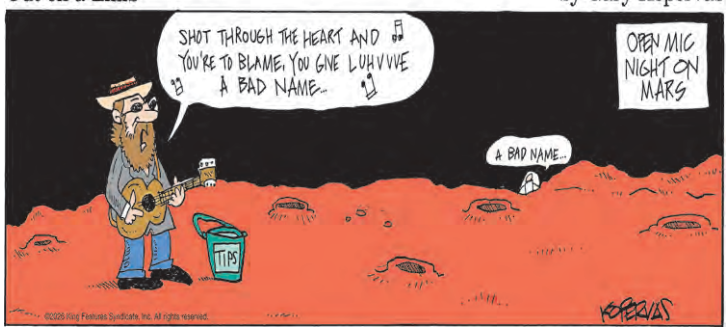
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September 13th Answer





Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas





ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like a sudden setback in your plans. But keep your headstrong Arian temperament in check and wait for explanations. Things will begin to clear up by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Enjoy the respite from your recent hectic schedule. But be ready to plunge into a new round of social activities. A new contact holds much potential for the future.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A trusted colleague has news that could change your perception of a current workplace situation. What had seemed unfair might prove to be highly favorable after all.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to watch what you say and how you say it. What you assert as honesty, others might perceive as crabbiness. Be patient. This difficult period clears up later on this month.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Royalness needs time away from the limelight to catch up on things, from tidying up your nest to making calls that you've put off. You'll be back in the center of things.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Honesty is the best policy, of course. But you'll do better at achieving your goals if you can be less aggressive and more circumspect in how you phrase your comments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain your balance in confusing situations continues to work for you. Stay on the steady course, one step at a time. The weekend shows improvement.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your indecisiveness could simply be your keen Scorpian sense warning you to be wary of making a commitment. Take this time to do a more thorough investigation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21). Good news. New information comes your way to help you make a more informed decision on how to deal with an opportunity that has opened up for you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce your self-confidence by acknowledging the good qualities about yourself. A lull in your social life ends by next week. Have fun!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to let some recently pent-up emotions flow more freely. Why not start by letting the people you care for know how you really feel about them?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Resist offers, no matter how well-intentioned, to help with a personal decision. Only you know what must be done, and you have the emotional strength to follow through on your plans.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for getting things done efficiently. Your practical approach in life helps you to turn any challenges that you face into satisfying successes.

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Fun Fact

Before the year 1900, the most popular early soda drinks were ginger ale, ice cream soda, root beer, Dr Pepper, Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola. Dr Pepper was the first brand-name soda, invented in 1885 by Charles Aderton.

Sources: www.thoughtco.com, www.historyofsoftdrinks.com

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THIS WEEK'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Sophia Loren	09/20/34
Stephen King	09/21/47
Joan Jett	09/22/58
Bruce Springsteen	09/23/49
Nia Vardalos	09/24/62
Will Smith	09/25/68
Serena Williams	09/26/81

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WEIRD AIR BNB'S



Looking for a unique way to spend your vacation? This week, *Tidbits* travels to some unusual AirBNB's that could add some zest to your holiday break.

* "In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit...it was a hobbit-hold, and that means comfort." The Wee Nook isn't tucked in the underground of Middle Earth, as it was in J.R.R. Tolkien's book, but rather in the Tennessee woods. This cozy spot has a living roof and edible plants, farm animals, trails, and a pond, but with the comforts of a large living space, kitchen and bathroom. Bilbo Baggins would have loved it!

* If you're a Beatles fan, add The Yellow Submarine AirBNB to your bucket list. It's a metal vessel reminiscent of the 1968 animated musical film inspired by the music of the Fab Four. However, this Yellow Submarine isn't home to Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, but rather a 6-bed accommodation in the woods near Marton, New Zealand. It's decorated with a nautical theme, including a brass diving helmet, brass clock, and steam engine, as well as a collection of Beatles memorabilia. A New Zealand couple constructed the submarine at a cost of about $20,000 out of recycled materials, such as an old grain silo, milking shed, and spa bath, adding 20 portholes for a peek outside. To their notable credit, relatives of John Lennon have stayed in the Yellow Submarine.

* Maybe the Flintstones are more your style. The Owl Hill House in Pownal, Vermont offers an AirBNB strikingly similar to the home of the famed Bedrock family. A group of sculptors created the residence carved of stone in the 1980s with hand-plastered walls and built-in furniture.

* How abouta trip to the Nut House? No, not the insane asylum, but an Air BnB that may well be the world's largest acorn. Located in Aubrey, Texas, The Nut House is suspended iup in the trees on 15 acres of land, offering fishing, hiking, and campfires.

* Maybe it's always been your dream to own a bookstore. The Open Book, located in the small town of Wigtown, Scotland, affords you just that privilege. For a week or two, you can run the charming shop (with the help of volunteers) while staying in the private apartment above. Guests are free to set their own hours, to change window displays, and schedule events such as author readings, tea parties, wine tastings, trivia night, and live music sessions.



* You wouldn't think that urban Atlanta, Georgia, would be the place for a magical treehouse, yet just nine minutes from downtown, located in lush woods, the Intown Treehouse welcomes folks to a suite of three separate rooms connected by rope bridges, all supported by seven towering Southern Short-Leaf Pine trees.

The oldest tree is a 165-year-old pine nicknamed the "Old Man." The sitting room is furnished with antiques and artifacts, and the bedroom features a roll-out bed that can be positioned inside or outside under the stars overlooking a stream and two waterfalls. If it sounds like a great get-away, keep in mind that this popular spot is booked out two years in advance.

* A Cold War experience is offered in at least two locations, one in a former nuclear missile silo base near Altus, Oklahoma. Twelve sites were built in a ring during the early 1960s, in operation from 1962 through 1965 around the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis, assigned to the 577th Strategic Missile Squadron. Roswell, New Mexico, also offers a missile base and bunker AirBnB, with the underground launch control center as an apartment and a tunnel leading to the silo 180 feet (55 m) underground.

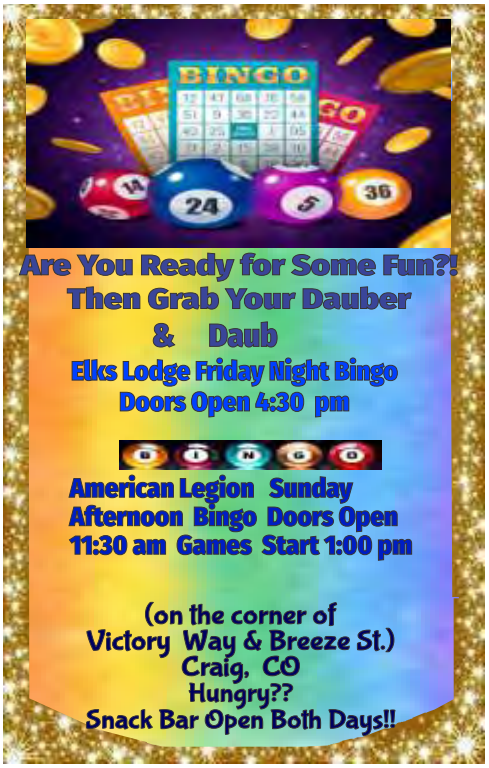
Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps



September 13th Answer

CryptoQuip
answer

The petition was presented with the strongest protestors at the top. It's in dissenting order.



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Dental floss option

Like walking through a cloud

To dispatch someone biblically

Runs out of steam

Where Bilbo Baggins lived

Straight from the farm

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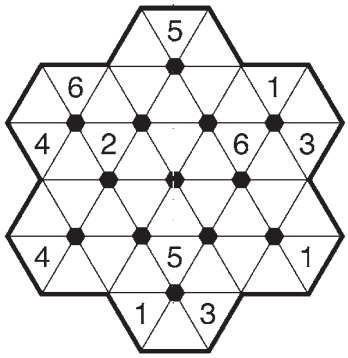
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Snowflakes

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Almost	_ _ _ _ L _	At hand	_ _ _ _ B _
2. Stubble	_ E _ _ _	Get on a ship	_ O _ _ _
3. Schedule	R _ _ _ _ _	Wanted ad	P _ _ _ _ _
4. Desert mammal	_ _ _ _ L	Minor acting part	_ _ _ _ O
5. Thrill	_ _ A _ _	Select few	_ _ I _ _
6. Detection device	_ _ _ S _ _	Junior's dad	_ _ _ I _ _
7. Gander and gosling	G _ _ _ _	Actress Witherspoon	R _ _ _ _
8. Royal abode	_ _ _ _ C _	Roof of the mouth	_ _ _ _ T _
9. Bread ingredient	_ _ _ U _	Rug location	_ _ _ O _
10. Company strategy	_ _ _ _ _ Y	Law enforcement	_ _ _ _ _ E

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

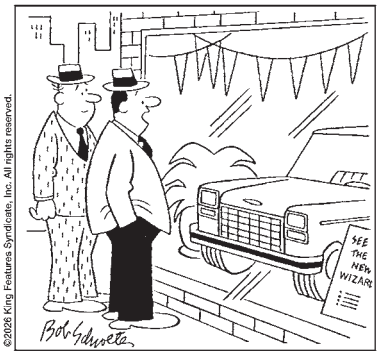
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"Now there's a car everyone can afford — providing the entire _____ pays for it!"

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!

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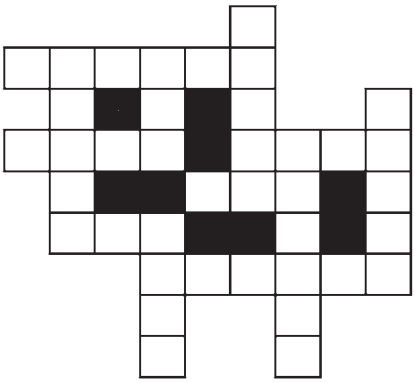


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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ **RATHE** becomes **HATER**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



STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

Here's a "trickledown" puzzle. The rules are simple; you merely change one letter on each line to make a new word and continue until you reach the final word.

EXAMPLE: COAT	ANS: COAT
	COST
	CAST
	CASE
VASE	VASE

Now, try this one. Remember, there may be more than one answer.

TRACK
_____
_____
_____
_____
GLIDE

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KNIGHT MOVES

R	L	F
T		M
P	O	A

Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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WORD SPIRAL

	I	
E	E	
M		I

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

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **P** equals **S**

PWAZGQH PTAAL WELQLEAP LXQL, TXAB ZEBPKCAV, ZQKPA SEHMP LE PWAQM CEFA SFQBMHJ: ZQBVGV JQCP.

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KOVELS
Antiques & Collecting



Swatow Porcelain

Collectors often categorize types of East Asian porcelain by region or place name. For example, within the broad category of Chinese export porcelions, you have Canton and Nanking, both of whichare blue and white with scenic but it is more distinctive. It often has a more rustic look than other types of Chinese porcelain, with a coarse texture and gritty base. Designs have a looser, freehand look, and color fields often spread slightly past their outlines. It can be blue and white, but it can also be seen in other colors, like red, green, turquoise, and sometimes yellow. Many designs and patterns exist, including landscapes, animals, and mythcal creatures.

The Swatow dish shown here, which sold for $322 at Turner Auctions + Appraisals, has a popular pattern in turquoise and red, with a split pagoda in the center and oval vignettes alternating with blocks of seal script. It dates back to about the 17th century, which was believed to be the peak of Swatow ware production. The script on this dish may be entirely decorative, without an intended meaning. Swatow porcelain was made to export, its prospective buyers were not expected to be able to read Chinese characters. Some known examples have Arabic lettering. Others depict European ships. Designs like those indicate where the pieces were meant to be sold. Experts consider the name "Swatow ware" a misnomer. Historical and archaeological evidence indicate that the porcelain was made in Zhangzhou, an-other Chinese port city.

Swatow porcelain can be recognized by its rustic look.



* * *

Q: I have a black-and-white photo that my father took when we visited New York City in 1954. It was at a theatre showing King Kong and Abbot and Costello. There is a large King Kong figure outside the theatre. Is it worth anything?

A: It may be. Even if your father isn't a known photographer, "found photographs" of everyday subjects taken by amateurs have sold as art since the 1990x. You may want to contact an antique dealer in your area. Some antiquarian book dealers buy and sell antique photographs, too. Because of the subject of your photograph, the subject of your photograph, it may also interest movie memorabilia collectors.They would probably give you the best price. Look for a dealer or auction house that sells classic movie posters or other memorabilia.

* * *

TIP: Maroon and yellowish chrome-green colors were never used to decorate porcelain during the 18th century.

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Current Prices

Toy, car, coupe, Fire Department, Siren Fire Chief, red, yellow lettering, black tires, Marx, 16 inchesl, $240.

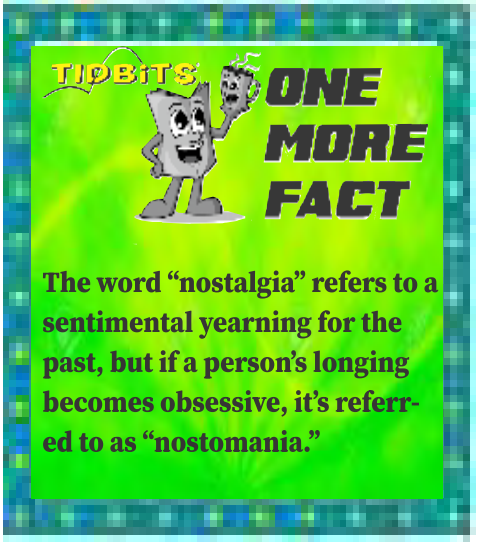
Bookends, Prometheus, figural, kneeling figure, holding dish with flaming torch on shoulders, bronze, square base, art deco, 15 1/2 inches, $515.

Lantern, paper, multicolor scene, red characters on reverse, hand painted, wrought iron stays, brass collar, collapses, Chinese, 42 inches, $905.

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TIDBITS Laughs!

A Danish person will not be nostalgic about old Beatles songs, but a Norwegian wood.







September 13th Puzzle Answer

Stickelers Answer
These words are called "contronyms." Each of these words can have an opposite or contradictory meaning.

Word Spiral Answer
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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Some Los Angeles businesses famous for their amusing names include the Spearmint Rhino strip club, the Oops!-Sushi restaurant, the Trashy Lingerie store, an emporium called Wacko/Soap Plant.
* The most accurate way to determine a bear's age is to count the rings in a cross section of its tooth root under a microscope.
* Uranus' 98 degree axial tilt causes it to spin completely on its side while orbiting the sun.
* Google did an experiment with M&Ms at their headquarters. When they put the candy in containers instead of out in the open, people ate 3 million fewer pieces within one month's time.
* Prior to the invention of baking soda, cooks used fresh snow to make their pancakes fluffy, as it contains small amounts of ammonia that react with batter to rise.
* Approximately 50 million people worldwide suffer from stuttering.
* In 1907, when Australian swimmer Annette Kellerman wore a one-piece suit in Boston that revealed her arms and legs, she was arrested for indecent exposure.
* One of the most deadly airplane accidents actually happened on the ground in 1977, when two fully loaded planes collided head-on in the middle of the runway on Tenerife Island, killng more than 500 people.
* Four out of 10 workplace dating relationships result in marriage.
* The largest bacterium in the world is about the size of an eyelash and can be picked up with a pair of tweezers.
* Richard Nixon won thousands of dollars in poker while stationed in Green Island during World War II, which he later used to fund his first run for political office.

Thought for the Day: "Sports for me is when a guy walks off the court, and you really can't tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way."
~ Jim Courier

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Paper on desk is missing. 3. Desk is not as wide. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Tie is different. 6. Blinds are higher.

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* Line junk drawers in the kitchen or bathroom with inexpensive sheets of cork board. Things don't slide around as much, and you can even use pushpins or finishing nails lightly inserted into the cork to make custom compartments in the drawers so things like pens don't roll around.
* "If your eyeglass screws tend to come loose, just unscrew, brush clear nail polish over the threads and rescrew tightly. As the polish dries (in seconds), it will form a tighter bond." -- I.D. in Oregon
* Shaving cream can be used as a spot cleaner for most carpets. Simply dab a bit of the cream into the stained area, scrape off any excess and wipe away dirt with a clean, damp washcloth.
* Ways to remove gum from your child's hair: laundry pretreatment rubbed in with the fingers; ice cubes to harden the gum so that it can be picked out in chunks; and good, old-fashioned peanut butter and a comb.
* This one is an oldie, but a preschool goodie, from L.R. in Washington: "Use wide rubber bands around a drinking glass for children. It will provide a little non-slip protection, especially if the glass is filled with a cold drink. The rubber band is reusable, and you can write the child's name on the band with a ball point pen in order to identify his or her cup!"
* How do you keep cats away from your plants in the garden? One reader suggests strips of tin foil. Another mothballs (which can be toxic, so use carefully and follow all safety instructions).

Send your tips to: Now Here's a Tip
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September 13th Answer

Even Exchange
answers

1. Flush, Blush	6. Taylor, Tailor
2. Single, Mingle	7. Limbs, Limbo
3. Charm, Chart	8. Lyndon, London
4. Export, Expert	9. Globe, Glove
5. Giant, Grant	10. Stone, Atone



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2. What was the Oldsmobile equivalent of the Chevy Nova?

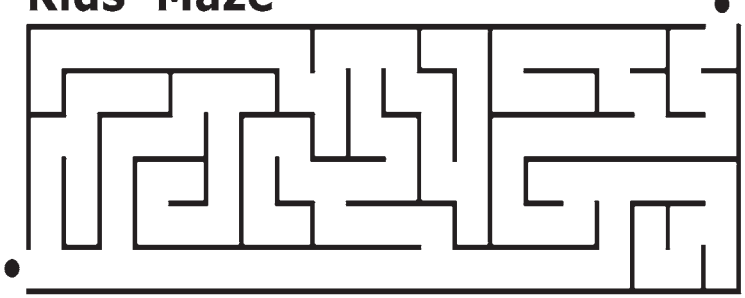
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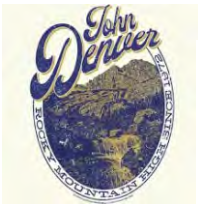
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Kids' Maze



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





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



















Quiz BITS ANSWERS

1. Nonpartisan
2. The Oldsmobile Omega

VETERAN'S ★POST★

by Freddy Groves

Requesting Records is Easier Now

Requesting your records from the VA used to be a nightmare requiring you to wade through text and instructions that were difficult to understand.

FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests required you to understand the layout of government agencies and know in advance who specifically had the information you sought before you even started your request. Too often your request for one type of information could end up in a pile in the wrong office, which meant delays.

Now the whole process has been redesigned and requests that go astray have been reduced by 90%, which helps everyone from office staff who handle all the requests to the veterans who are waiting on their information. Everybody, in various departments across the VA, participated in creating the new request page to be sure it works well for all.

If you need to make a records or FOIA request, go to department.va.gov/foia. Scroll down the page and read the sample info for each VA department. Each has a long list of types of information you can get from that department. For example, if you want to know about home loans, click on the submit button for Veterans Benefits Administration. If you need to replace medals or a DD214, click on the submit button for Military Service Records and Next of Kin Requests.

There is a note on the page: "Submitting a FOIA request to obtain personal records could delay overall processing." Instead, locate the appropriate department on the page and use the link provided.

Additionally, at the bottom of the page is a drop-down menu of sample questions you might be asking, like "How do I appeal my FOIA response if I disagree with the results?" or "How do I get an employment verification from the VA?"

If you need it, there's a button called "Learn About Whistleblower Protection." The link goes to department.va.gov/accountability. Or call the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection at 855-429-6669.

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Holidays & Observances This Week

09/20	Yom Kippur
09/21	International Day of Peace
09/22	World Rhino Day
09/23	International Day of Sign Language
09/24	World Maritime Day"
09/25	World Lung Day
09/26	Johnny Appleseed Day



Go Figure!

answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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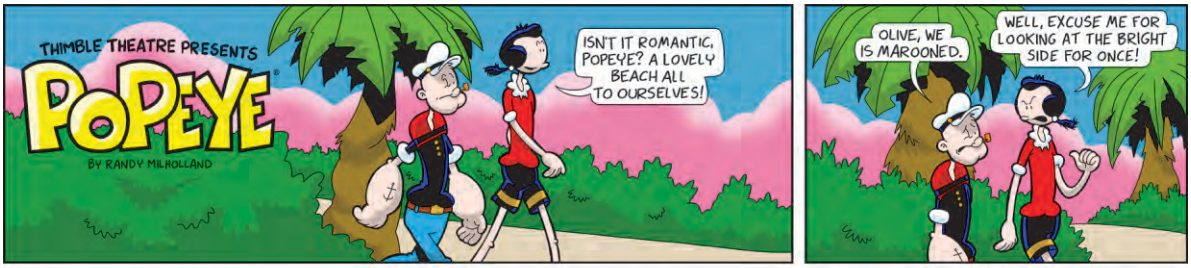
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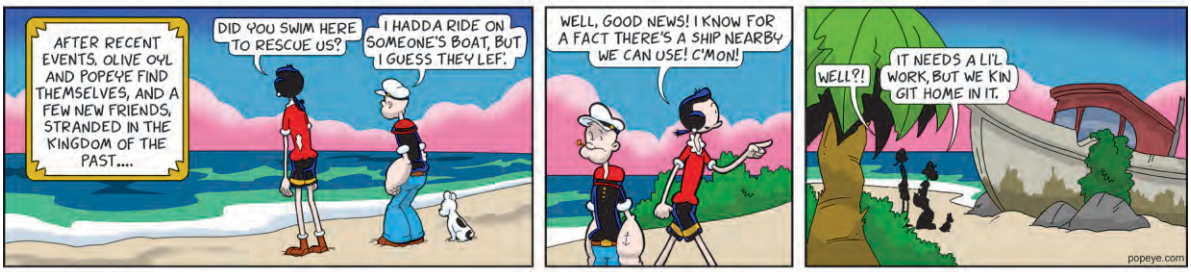
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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Loneliness

I don't think I've ever actually heard someone say the words "I'm lonely." But I heard it today, and it hit me hard. The words were spoken by a very elderly woman to her daughter.

The scene was the long checkout line at the store. The pair, the woman and her daughter, were ahead of me in line, and the mother was chatting with two people who were ahead of them. When the first couple checked out and left, the daughter quietly chastised her mother, saying, "You don't need to talk to people you don't even know," to which the mother replied, "I'm lonely."

The daughter could have had any number of replies. She could have said she'd be staying with her mother for the rest of the day. She could have mention-ed an event at the senior center.

She could have invited her mother to dinner. But what she said was, "Let's just get you home."

I could easily picture how it would go: The daughter would take her mother home, unpack the groceries and leave. This exchange was the saddest thing I've witnessed in a long time.

There are any number of ways to combat loneliness, but all of them require making an effort to change the situation. That elderly woman instinctively knew one of the steps to fight loneliness and she bravely acted on it: Talk to people around you, even if it's just briefly in a grocery checkout line.I would hope she also knows, despite the daughter's restrictive attitude, that having a routine of calling or meeting with others is a good way to stay connected, as well as volunteering or taking a class.

A lesson for everyone: If an elderly person starts chatting with you in a grocery line, engage and talk to them. You might be the only person they talk to all week.

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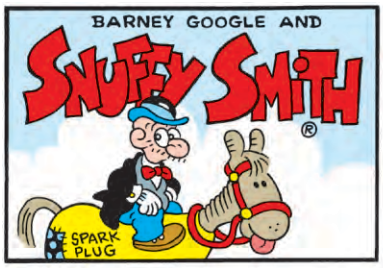


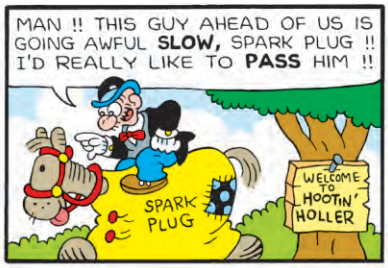
"It doesn't get any better than this ... unfortunately."

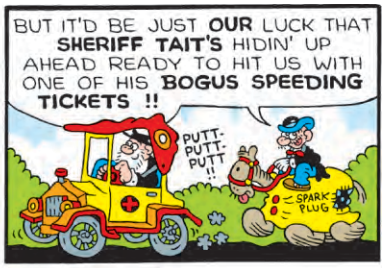


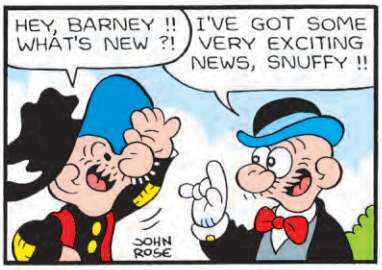


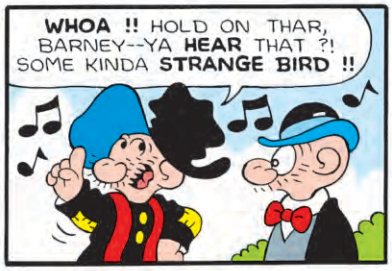




















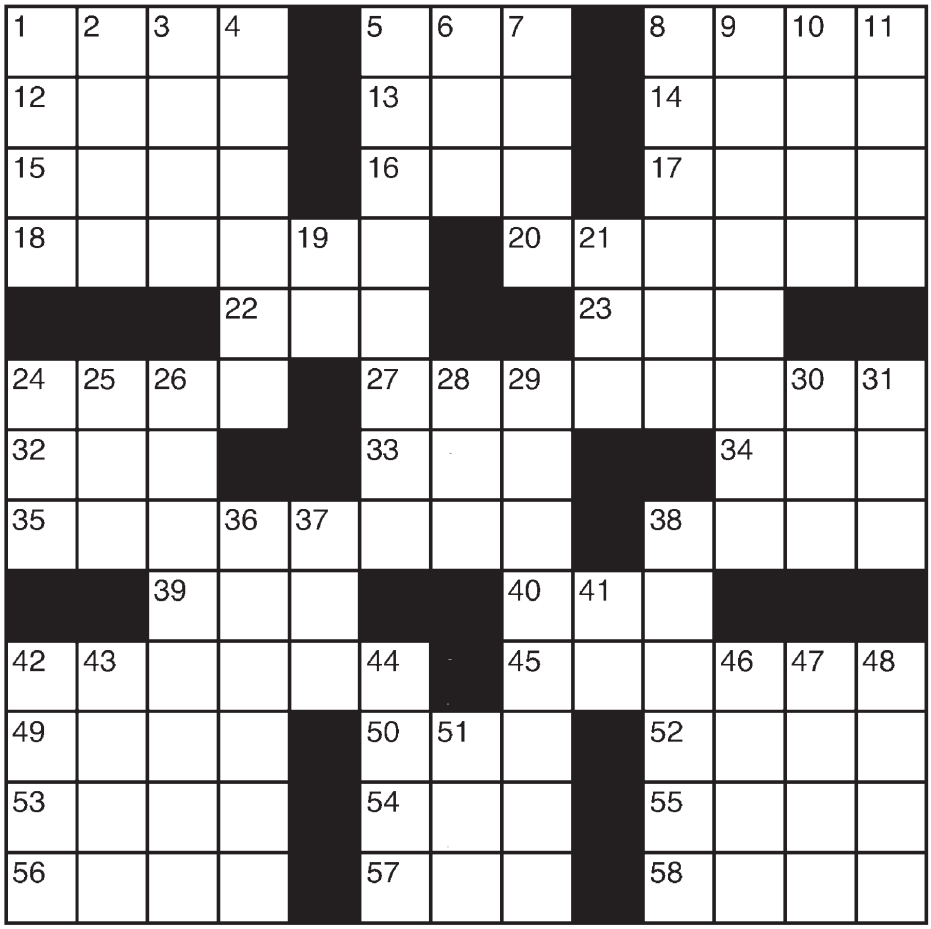
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Tom Holland, Zendaya
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Will Forte, Lana Condor
3. The Odyssey (R)
Matt Damon, Tom Holland
4. Insidious: Out of the Further (PG-13)
Amelia Eve, Island Austin
5. The Dog Stars (R)
Jacob Elordi, Margaret Qualley
6. Buddy (R)
Cristin Milioti, Delaney Quinn
7. PAW Patrol: The Dino Movie (PG)
Carter Young, Mckenna Grace
8. The End of Oak Street (PG-13)
Anne Hathaway, Ewan McGregor
9. Mutiny (R)
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ACROSS

1 Grass clump
5 Pampering, for short
8 Bay Area force, briefly
12 Beige
13 Taunting laugh
14 ____ Minor
15 Airline to Tel Aviv
16 Greek vowel
17 Endure
18 Lustrous fabrics
20 Ascribe
22 Soda
23 Abysm al
24 Fairy tale figures
27 Surname of Judas
32 Terre Haute sch.
33 From __ to Z
34 Ruckus
35 Element No, 78
38 Recognized
42 More like Unger
45 Signed over
49 China setting
50 Here (Fr,)
52 Mani counterpart
53 Not naked
54 Darjeeling, e.g.
55 "____ to differ!"
56 Earth tones
57 Buddhist sect
58 Metal boxes

DOWN

1 Golf props
2 Golden State sch.
3 Dorm alternative
4 Dutch exports
5 Actor
6 Long. crosser
7 Spiced drink
8 Inferior
9 Follower of Sugmund's methods
10 Jr.-year exam
11 Challenge
19 Rejection
21 CEO's degree, maybe
24 Trendy
25 Visual communication syst.
26 Protector
28 "Rugrats" dad
29 Late-night host usually
30 Poetic tribute
31 AAA job
36 Three-note chords
37 British verb ending
38 "Consider this a gift
41 Old pronoun
42 Diplomacy
43 "La___ Bonita
44 Cracker name
46 Mazar of "Younger"
47 Idyllic place
48 Uses a shovel
51 Bee follower

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