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TIDBITS® LOOKS AT EXTRAORDINARY NAMES

by Janet Spencer

All across North America, you'll come across towns that have truly extraordinary names; names that make you say, "How did it get THAT name?" The truth of the matter, however, is that the weirdest names often have really simple explanations behind them. Come along with *Tidbits* as we discover the ordinary stories behind the extraordinary names!

Soddy Daisy

Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee, is a town of 13,000 people just north of the metropolis of Chattanooga. The name comes from joining two separate communities: Soddy likely comes from the owner of one of the area's first trading posts, William Soddy. It was a small town until it expanded when the Soddy Coal Company set up operations in the area.

The town grew until it bumped borders with the nearby berg of Daisy, named for the daughter of Thomas Parks, the vice president of a different coal company. The two towns were incorporated into a single city in 1969.

Incidentally, the word "Chattanooga" is thought to originate with the Cherokee phrase meaning "rock comes to a point," which may refer to nearby Lookout Mountain.

In Arizona, there's a spot where State Routes 85 and 86 meet at a Y-intersection. The community that sprang up there was simply referred to as "the Y" and later shortened to simply "Y." When the town of 120 wanted to incorporate, the Arizona Department of Transportation insisted that all towns had to have a name with at least three letter in it. That is why there is a town called Why. *(cont. on page 2)*

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The small community of Whynot, North Carolina, is located exactly 7 miles (11 km) west of the town of Jugtown Pottery. It received its name when, during a long argument at a town hall meeting over what the town should be called, one exhausted resident shouted, "Why not just call it 'Why Not' so we can all go home?"

The city of Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania (pop. 2,734) derived its name from the Welsh phrase "nant y glo" meaning literally "stream of coal" referring to a nearby creek that ran past several coal seams. Because of the easy access to surface coal, mining became big business here in the late 1800s as the advent of railroads boosted demand. The first coal mine to open was dubbed the "Nant Y Glo #1." By the 1940s, a tour guide to Pennsylvania described the town as, "a valley coal town wrapped in a mist of sulphurous gas." Things have improved since then.

When the railroad came through South Carolina in 1891, a landowner named John North donated 100 acres for a train depot and town site. The town was subsequently named North, South Carolina. About 700 people live there today. Meanwhile, the town of Due West, South Carolina (pop. 1,200) is likely a mispronunciation of "Dewitts," the name of a local family. North, South Carolina is southeast of Due West, South Carolina.

Zachary Taylor served as the 12th U.S. president from 1849 until his death by fever and digestive upset in 1850, when Millard Fillmore became the 13th president.



Taylor's nickname was "Old Rough and Ready," a moniker bestowed upon him due to his stoic behavior as a military general during the Mexican-American war. The California gold rush, which began with the discovery of gold in 1849, resulted in the formation of many upstart towns, most of which lasted only a few years. One that survived, however, was named "Rough and Ready" after President Taylor. Today it has a population of around 1,000 rough-and-ready citizens. Some of the original buildings from 1850 still stand, including the blacksmith shop, the town hall, and the toll house. The word "muscle" stems from the Latin root meaning "little mouse" because the flexing of some muscles resembles a mouse moving under the skin.

The homonym "mussel" indicates clam-like marine bivalve mollusks that attach to hard surfaces in intertidal areas. This word also springs from the same Latin word meaning "mouse" but the different spelling comes to us after being passed through the Dutch language.

In the northwest corner of Alabama, a town was founded on the banks of the Tennessee River. The river banks were loaded with mussels, which are delicious. Early settlers named the town "Muscle Shoals" because they were not good at spelling. Muscle Shoals, Alabama (pop. 15,000) is noted for its music studios which have turned out hits from Otis Redding, Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, Carrie Underwood, Rod Stewart, the Rolling Stones, George Michael, the Allman Brothers, Jimmy Buffet and others.

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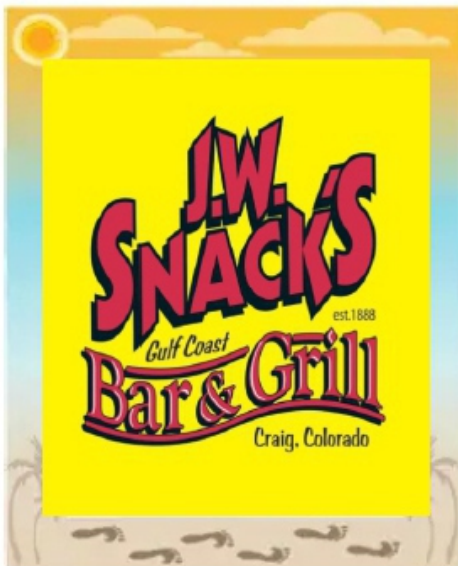
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2. What motorsports facility near Wendover, Utah has been used to set several land speed records and is on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places?
3. Benfica, Sporting CP, Boavista, Estoril and Vizela are soccer clubs competing in what European country?
4. Name the two clubs from the World Hockey Association (WHA) that did not join the NHL in the 1979 merger.
5. From 1995 - 2000 and 2002 - 2004, the Oakland Raiders had players with the first name of Napoleon. Who were they?
6. What basketball player has his No. 32 jersey retired by both the University of Connecticut Huskies and the Detroit Pistons?
7. Name the relief pitcher for the 2003 World Series champion Florida Marlins who was convicted of attempted murder for a 2005 incident in his native Venezuela.

Answers on Back Cover

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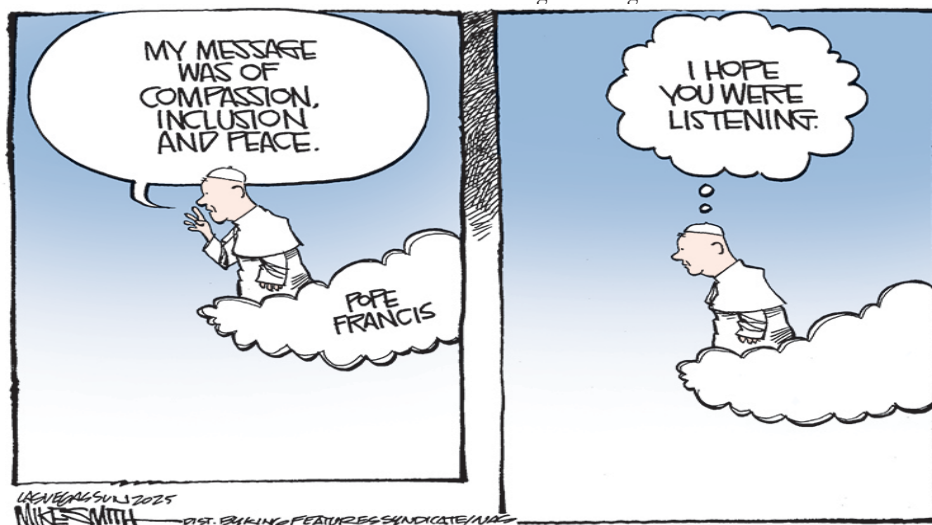
EXTRAORDINARY NAMES

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In 1905, an English writer named James Edward Preston Muddock published a dime novel. Inspired by a recent trip to the wild and wooly western regions of the U.S., Muddock wrote about a prospector who explores the bottom of a large lake in his submarine, making outlandish discoveries. Muddock was already a very popular and widely read author, having published dozens of detective novels, true crime stories, horror stories, as well as numerous history books, guidebooks, and his autobiography.

Muddock's book about the prospector was very popular and circulated widely across not only England but also the U.S. and Canada. The title of the tome was "The Sunless City: From the Papers and Diaries of the Late Josiah Flintabbatey Flonatin."

Meanwhile, in northern Manitoba, Canada, prospector Thomas Creighton who had recently read the book, discovered a rich copper deposit under the waters of a lake. Joking, he suggested to his companions that the great Josiah Flintabbatey flonatin must have been prospecting nearby. He thought the new location should be named after the great fictional adventurer. Everyone was amenable to the idea, though it was suggested that "Josiah Flintabbatey Flonatin" should be shortened. Today, Flin Flon, Manitoba, is a thriving mining town with a population of about 5,000. A statue of the great Flintabbatey Flonatin himself stands on a local corner, designed by cartoonist Al Capp ("Lil Abner"), erected in 1962, standing nearly 25 feet (7.5 m) tall, and constructed of the finest fiberglass that money can buy. Leading Tickle, Newfoundland, Canada comes from local slang where a "tickle" is a dangerous narrow straight leading to the sea.



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Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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SPORTS STORIES

A BELABORED POINT

Tennis matches are played until one of the players wins two sets out of three. The duration of each set usually takes around 30 minutes, sometimes an hour, and occasionally longer. So an average tennis match, consisting of two or three sets, usually lasts between two hours (minimum) and five hours (maximum). Today we will learn about the longest rally between points, which happened during the longest match in tennis history.

The first round of the \$50,000 Virginia Slims sponsored Ginny tournament was held at the Raintree Racquet Club in Richmond, Virginia. It was September 24, 1984.

Vicki Nelson (age 21) was ranked #93 in the world, and she was up against Jean Hepner (age 25) who was ranked #172. Nelson had won the first set, and this was the second set of the match. All of the rallies had been long ones. A local sports writer, amazed by the length of time passing between points, began counting the volleys.

Then the fateful rally began. No one knew the two players, so equally matched, would make history this day. All anyone knew was that it became an incredibly boring tennis game.

The spectators wandered away, perhaps grabbing a bite to eat, only to return to the stands to find absolutely nothing had changed. Eventually the stands emptied out completely, leaving only the officials, and the tenacious sports reporter, John Packett of the Richmond Times Dispatch, who continued to count each time the ball passed over the net. How many times did the ball pass over the net? 643. How long did that take? 29 minutes; the ball was crossing the net every 2.7 seconds. Who finally won the point? Nelson. Who won the match? Also Nelson. After the 29-minute rally ended, Hepner collapsed in exhaustion but rose again to continue the tied game. The set lasted another hour and 47 minutes. Nelson scored the final points, finally putting the match out of its misery. If Hepner had won the second set, they would have gone into the tie-breaking third set. The 643 shot rally set a record that still stands for the longest point ever played in a professional tennis match. We wouldn't know about the specific number of strokes if it hadn't been for resolute sports writer John Packett.

The match was not televised so there was no way to go back and count strokes after everyone realized history had been made.

The 29 minutes that elapsed between points also set a world record. The entire match, consisting of two sets, took 6 hours and 31 minutes, setting a third world record that stood for 20 years before being broken. Even then, that record was broken by a match that was played over the course of two days, leaving the Nelson-Hepner match retaining the record for the longest tennis match ever played in a single day.

Sports writer John Packett said, "It wasn't one of the highlights of my journalistic career."

Nelson turned 22 years old the day of the match but didn't celebrate because she had to play again the next day. The following day, she was shut out of the tournament. Hepner did not fare much better. Nelson earned \$775 in prize money; Hepner took home \$475.

Hepner made it to the 2nd round of the U.S.

Open in 1983, retiring from the sport soon after.

Nelson made it to the 4th round of the 1982 U.S. Open. She married a tennis coach and still dabbles in tennis but purely on a recreational basis.



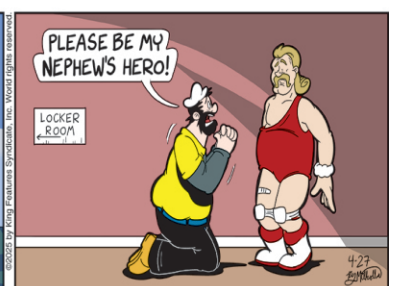
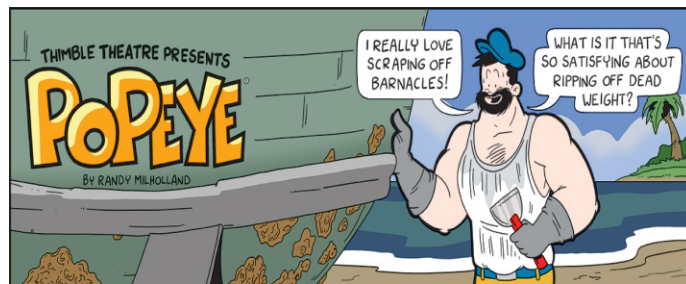
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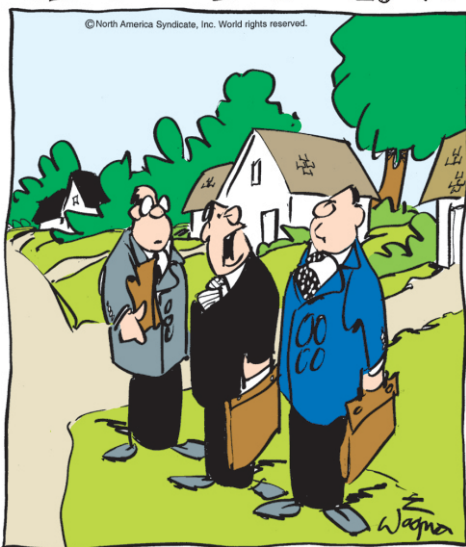
That evening, Reverend Walter Klempel went to the church early to light the furnace on a chilly evening, then returned home for dinner with his wife Eunice. Just as they were leaving for choir practice, their 18-month-old daughter Marilyn Ruth soiled her outfit. She needed a clean dress. This made them all late.

The choir director, Martha Paul insisted on punctuality. However, that evening her daughter, who served as the pianist, was extra tired and lay down after dinner for a nap before choir practice. She overslept, so she and her mother were both late for choir.

Choir member Herbert Kipf was in the middle of writing a letter, which he felt compelled to finish, and then ran by the post office to mail it, making him late for choir practice.

Ladona Vangerfrift was working on her math homework and wanted to finish a particularly difficult geometry problem before going to choir practice, so she ran late as well.

GRIN and BEAR IT *by Wagner*



"When we formed this carpool, I assumed one of us had a car!"

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Go Figure!

answers

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Lucille Jones was listening to a radio program about the life of ventriloquist Edgar Bergen. She wanted to hear the conclusion of the broadcast before joining the choir at the church, so she was late. She usually drove Dorothy Wood to practice, but Dorothy had to wait for Lucille to arrive to get her, so both of them were late.

Harvey Ahl was taking care of his two sons while his wife was away. He intended to take them to practice with him but got busy with things that made him late for choir practice.

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Mrs. Leonard Schuster and her daughter Susan needed to stop by Mrs. Schuster's mother's house on the way to choir practice to help her get ready for a missionary's meeting. The stop took longer than expected, causing them to be late for choir practice.

Joyce Black lived directly across the street from the church. She could easily have been on time for choir practice that night. However, it was a cold night and she was feeling lazy. She took her time putting on her heavy coat.

The minute Joyce Black stepped out of her front door, she saw the West Side Baptist Church explode into a fireball.

It was 7:25 in the evening. With a roar heard in every corner of Beatrice, the West Side Baptist Church blew up. The walls blasted outward, and the heavy wooden roof crashed straight down. The explosion forced a nearby radio station off the air, cut power to the town, and shattered windows all around. Later investigation showed that the church exploded due to a natural gas leak from an underground pipeline that ignited when it reached the church's furnace. Yet, for the first time in the history of the church, every single choir member had been late to choir practice.

One at a time, each one of the choir members arrived at the burning building in a panic, frantic to know who had been inside when the church blew up. Standing outside, as more and more church members arrived, they eventually realized the church had been completely empty. All of them had missed the explosion. All of them, for one reason or another, had been late to choir practice.

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Even Exchange answers

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| 1. March, Match | 6. Rivers, Rivera |
| 2. Quick, Quirk | 7. Brake, Broke |
| 3. Oliver, Sliver | 8. Greek, Green |
| 4. Glare, Glade | 9. Hurry, Harry |
| 5. Margin, Martin | 10. Banner, Banter |



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Weekly SUDOKU

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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.

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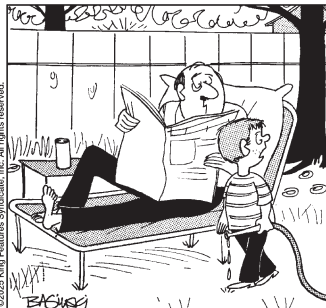
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Motive
ACUSE

TODAY'S WORD

STICKELERS (sic)

by Terry Stickels

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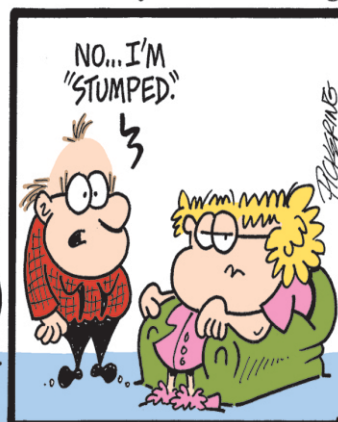
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1. Which artist wrote and released "You Are the Sunshine of My Life"?
2. Name the artist who was born Reginald Kenneth Dwight.
3. Who released the 1962 cover of "Ruby Baby"?
4. Which artist co-wrote and released "Running Scared"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I thought I could live without romance until you came to me. But now I know that I will go on loving you eternally."

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The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



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

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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. Consent to | — — — — W | Metallic mixture | — — — — Y |
| 2. A couple of times | — — — — C — | Hay bale string | — — — — N — |
| 3. O'Neal's "___ Moon" | — — — — P — | More ashen | — — — — L — |
| 4. Most peculiar | — D — — — — | First born | — L — — — — |
| 5. Curved out | — — — — — X | Carry goods | — — — — — Y |
| 6. Sugary | S — — — — — | Aviary sound | T — — — — — |
| 7. Mime Marceau | — — — — — C — | Phenomenon | — — — — — V — |
| 8. Clamor | — — — — — I — | Vikinglike | — — — — — R — |
| 9. Earth's neighbor | — — — — — U — | Flues | — — — — — T — |
| 10. Disclaimer | — — — — — V — | Food server | — — — — — T — |

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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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GTISGRX AYAPX JTU'G UAAH,
FEI ULI AYAPX JTU'G DPAAH.
- DTUHMS

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- TELEVISION: Which actor was nominated for an Emmy for the same character on three different sitcoms?
- MOVIES: Who was the first actor to refuse an Oscar award for Best Actor?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which modern city is in the shadow of the active volcano Mount Vesuvius?
- FOOD & DRINK: What gas is used to create seltzer water?
- SCIENCE: What is the center of an atom called?

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who are the six men who have made a career Grand Slam in pro golf?
- ANATOMY: What is the largest artery in the body?
- LITERATURE: For which category is the O. Henry Award given?
- ASTRONOMY: Which star system is nearest to our solar system?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have died in office

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Stickelers Answer

1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-e, 5-d

TIDBITS GOES LONG.....

In 1900, the state of Colorado wanted to formalize place names, so they distributed a form to be filled out by every town. One town hadn't yet agreed on a name, so they put "No Name" in the appropriate blank, meaning to make the decision at a later time. Government clerks took care of the rest, and it's been No Name, Colorado, ever since.

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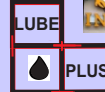
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Katharine Hepburn	5/12/1907
Stevie Wonder	5/13/1950
Kate Blanchette	5/14/1969
Eddy Arnold	5/15/1918
Henry Fonda	5/16/1905
Dennis Hopper	5/17/1936

TIDBITS



Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The cautious side of your usually adventurous nature stands you in good stead this week. Someone might, indeed, be trying to pull the wool over the Sheep's eyes.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Planetary alignment still causes unsettling situations. Consider delaying matters that aren't a priority until the weekend. Cheer up! The next such alignment isn't until 2028.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters take precedence. Spend more time with those close to you. A career move sounds promising, but ask for more facts before making a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your watchword this week is "tact"! While honesty is, of course, the best policy, it's best to temper your tendency toward bluntness with discretion.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Nothing pleases our Leos and Leonas more than to know they're admired, and this week, you'll be overwhelmed with compliments. Enjoy the adulation! You earned it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're making progress in your dealings with a troubled loved one. Continue to offer understanding and support. You'll soon see positive results.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Change is favored this week. You might want to reassess a situation that has become too demanding. Also, reconsider a job move that you rejected earlier.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A loved one returns after a long separation. At work, a decision is made that could lead to the changes you hoped for. The next step is up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to set things straight in your personal relationships. Some decisions might be difficult but necessary if you're to turn things around.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Cupid rules the Capricorn Goat's heart this week. It's a good time to start a new romance or reaffirm your commitment to your current beloved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel and entertainment are favored for the rest of the month. You earned this good time. Enjoy it with friends and family members!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you've been close to reveals a secret that could put this relationship at risk. Consider the full impact of the admission before making a decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of justice that sometimes makes you a mite too judgmental, but it also makes you a trusted, loyal friend.

* In 2010, a group of 15 monkeys escaped from a Japanese research institute by using trees to catapult themselves over a 17-foot-high electrical fence.

* Potato aphids will not mate if they detect a drop in air pressure.

* Casting for Quentin Tarantino's "Jackie Brown" was partly done by Jaki Brown, and Lee Daniels' "The Butler" was cast by Leah Daniels-Butler.

* It would only cost you in the neighborhood of \$140 per year to eat ramen for every meal.

* France is the most visited country in the world.

* Neurologists claim that every time you resist acting on your anger, you are actually rewiring your brain to be calmer and more loving.

* Leonardo da Vinci was the first person to observe the curvature of the human spine.

* During WWII, Winston Churchill wore a specially designed onesie that he called his "siren suit."

* Don Gorske earned a spot in the Guinness World Records in 2016 for the gastric feat of consuming his 28,788th Big Mac.

* While most parents do what they can to prevent or stop their babies from crying, in Japan a 400-year-old tradition holds that if a sumo wrestler can make your baby cry, it will live a healthy life. During a special ceremony, parents hand over their infants to wrestlers who bounce the tots and sometimes even roar in their faces to get the tears going.

* In 1923, a jockey suffered a fatal heart attack but his horse finished and won the race, making him the first and only jockey to win a race after death.

* Mike Tyson would KO sparring partners quickly so he could get home in time to watch "Tom & Jerry."

Thought for the Day: "Not all paths offer a vista. But every path offers a lesson." -- Toni Sorenson

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*There's been a lot of talk at my house about kitchen gadgets that do double duty, especially since I have made whipped cream for the first time -- in my coffee-maker! I have a French press that I rarely use, until now. Add heavy whipping cream and a bit of sugar to the pot, and use the screen to whip the cream by rapidly bringing it up and down. Magic!

*"I love to eat pancakes, but I don't have time to make them every morning. I make a very large batch on Sundays and reheat them through the week. In order to recreate that fresh from the pan crisp (which you don't get if you microwave them), I use my toaster." -- P.E. in Ohio

*"I have an extra coffeepot, which I brew a pot of hot water in. I use the water for both tea and instant oatmeal packets in the morning." -- M.S. in Nevada

*Ice-cube trays can be handy for freezing portions of foods. Try freezing individual servings of baby food. Or clean and snip fresh herbs from your garden. Fill the ice-cube tray with tablespoons of olive oil and tuck the herb snippings into the oil. Then freeze. Whatever you freeze can be popped out and stored in a zipper-top bag for quick access.

*"Here's my tip: Use a muffin pan to make big ice cubes for drinks." -- A.L. in Missouri

*Hashbrowns can be made on a waffle iron. Coat liberally with canola oil or butter-flavored nonstick spray, and add shredded potatoes and finely diced onion. Allow the iron to cook the potatoes to your desired level of crispness, and flip out both sides onto a plate. They will be both crisp and soft!

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From the day after it is 'full' to the day before it is 'new' again, plant flowering bulbs, biennial and perennial flowers, and vegetables that bear crops *below* ground. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.almanac.com, themicrogardener.com

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King Crossword
Answers

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On May 12, 1896, New York City passed America's first anti-spitting law in an effort to combat tuberculosis, imposing fines and even jail time on unruly protesters who demonstrated their discontent by expectorating on anti-spitting signs. By 1910, more than 2,500 arrests had been made.

On May 13, 1846, in response to a request by President James Polk, the U.S. Congress declared war on Mexico. The conflict, which ended two years later with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, eventually cost the lives of 11,300 American soldiers and resulted in the annexation of lands that became parts of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and Colorado.

On May 14, 1998, legendary crooner, actor and show business icon Frank Sinatra died of a heart attack in Los Angeles at the age 82.

A heartthrob who married four times and divorced three, Sinatra's career spanned more than five decades, including a notable comeback in the 1950s.

On May 15, 1948, 3-year-old June Devaney of Blackburn, England, was abducted from the hospital where she was recuperating from pneumonia.

After her body was found two hours later, the detective inspector assigned to the case ordered the fingerprinting of the more than 40,000 men residing in Blackburn, which took nearly three months but eventually led to the killer, who was executed later that year.

On May 16, 1975, Junko Tabei of Japan became the first woman to summit Mount Everest. she later gained further fame as the first woman to scale all Seven Summits, the tallest mountains on each continent.

On May 17, 2000, the final episode of "Beverly Hills, 90210" aired after 10 seasons.

On May 18, 2012, Facebook held its initial public offering (IPO) and raised \$16 billion.

It was the largest technology IPO in American history at the time and third largest IPO in the United States, after those of Visa and General Motors. When it went public, the social network was valued at \$104 billion and boasted some 900 million registered users around the world.

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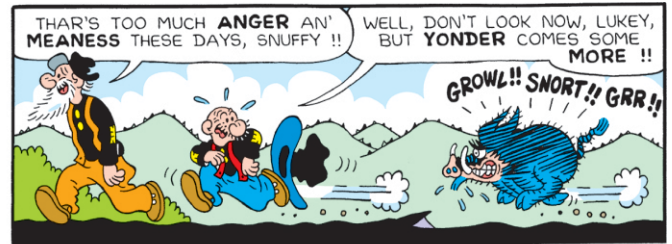
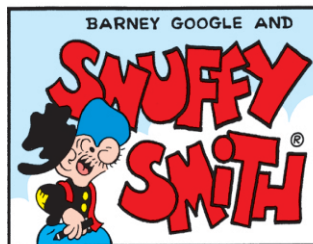
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Word Spiral Answer
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Garden Gnomes

This time of the year, many of us have gardens on our minds, whether plans involve planting, pruning or decorating. Garden gnomes are some of the most popular garden decorations, and have been since the 1800s. They were first made in Thuringia, Germany, a region known for its ceramics. In German folklore, gnomes were said to guard against evil and sometimes help with garden tasks like digging and weeding when no one was looking. In fairy tales, gnomes often guarded treasure. Today, garden gnomes are made from materials like concrete, resin or plastic.

Antique and vintage gnomes made of iron or pottery are more valuable. Bidders at Thomaston Place Auction Galleries brought this pottery gnome, whose pre-sale estimated value was \$200 to \$300, to a final price of \$2,875!



With his sharp dress sense & smiling face, who wouldn't invite a gnome like this one into their garden? The high selling price might be off-putting to most of us, though.

This one is a little atypical, which may have contributed to the price. While most gnomes have red caps, his is blue. "Germany" is impressed on the back, indicating he was made for export. The mark also offers clues to when the gnome was made, assuming he was exported to the United States.

After 1891, anything imported by the United States had to be marked with its country of origin. This mark usually included the words "Made In" after 1915. From the end of World War II to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, German products were marked for East or West Germany. So the gnome was probably made either in the early 20th century or toward the end.

Q: I recently found a teapot that is shaped like an old country cottage, and it is marked on the bottom as made in Occupied Japan. What does that mean, and could it be worth something?

A: "Occupied Japan" is the mark on ceramics, toys and other items made in Japan during the American occupation after World War II, about 1947 to 1952. There are collectors who specialize in Occupied Japan products. To them, the mark is the most important part; at antiques shows, Occupied Japan items are displayed upside down so the mark is immediately visible. Novelty ceramics like your teapot tend to sell for low prices. We have seen a similar teapot, along with a matching creamer, sell recently for about \$20. This style of teapot, shaped like a cottage, is sometimes called "cottage ware." We have seen it attributed to the Marutomu ceramics company.

TIP: When moving furniture, always tie drawers and doors in place. Use soft cloth tape.

CURRENT PRICES

Medical, eye chart, tumbling E, white lettering, black background, paper, offset lithograph, 20th century, 28 x 22 inches, \$190.

Paper, book, "Gilded Age: A Tale of ToDay," Mark Twain, brown leather covered boards, gilt lettering, 1st edition, American Publishing Company, F.G. Gilman, 1873, 8 3/4 x 6 1/4 inches, \$280.

Game, wheel, carnival, painted, yellow ring, numbers, four baluster shape spokes, alternating red and green stars, two-sided, 24 inches, \$385.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit:

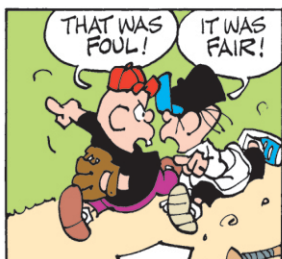
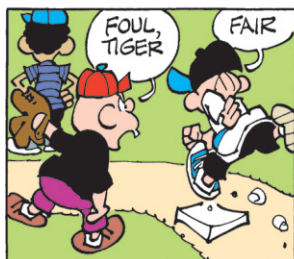
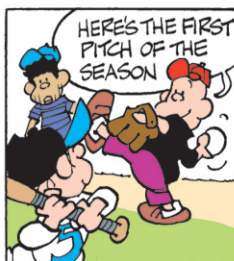
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What Shall They Call Us?

by Matilda Charles

Several years ago a big university decided that we should no longer be called seniors or elderly. Instead, we should be called "a person over 65" or maybe "older adult." They went so far as to direct students at the university to follow "various guidelines" to ensure thatwell what? That we're not insulted by being called seniors? That they're not inviting bias by calling us elderly?

What hooley.

The problem is that those guidelines don't all agree. While one says to avoid the label "elderly," another says it is "permitted in headlines due to space constraints." In other words, it's OK to use the offending word when it's more convenient?

Again, what hooley.

Scrolling around the internet I see that universities, institutes corporations and others are all copying off each other's paper and deciding that certain words ought to be banned when it comes to age. Instead of saying "a group of seniors," they want writers to insert a specific number, such as "persons 65 years and older."

Many of the style guides seem to be fixated on age 65, yet others suggest leaving the actual number out altogether if possible. It's safer that way.

I don't care if someone wants to call me a senior as long as they're willing to help me by reaching for the item on the high shelf at the grocery store,. I do care that nobody at the dealership tries to sell me an unnecessary service for my car just because I'm an older female. I do care that the guy at the cell phone store doesn't doubt me when I say that my phone battery is defective. I do care that my Social Security check is deposited on time.

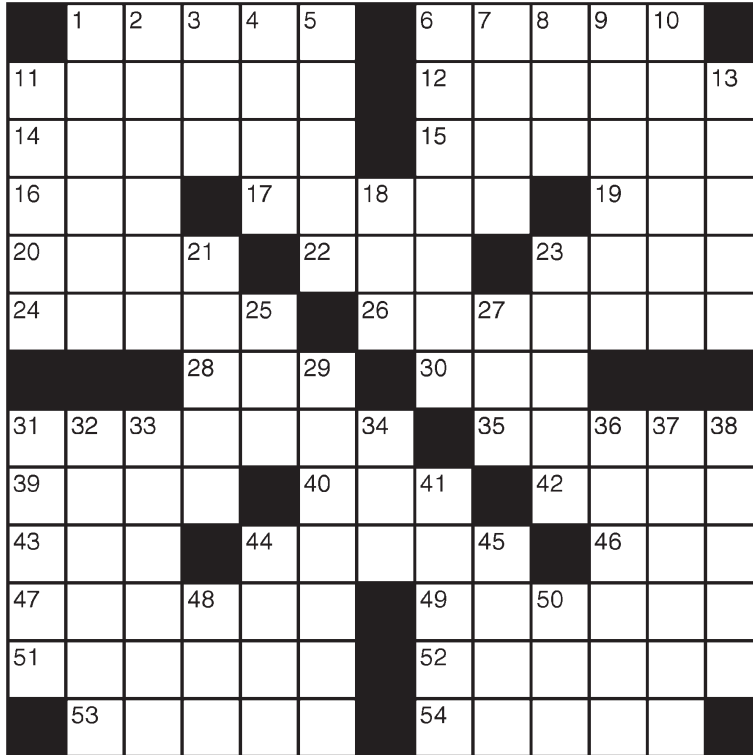
The Merriam Webster dictionary, bless their hearts, lists several definitions for "senior." I like the second one: a person with higher standing or rank.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 German sausage
- 6 Hoops great Curry
- 11 More minus-cule
- 12 Succeed
- 14 Ridiculous
- 15 Eventually
- 16 Bygone bird
- 17 Valleys
- 19 Pensioned (Abbr.)
- 20 Taking action
- 22 Label
- 23 Corrida bull
- 24 Tennis star Rafael
- 26 Dessert that jiggles
- 28 Violin tuner
- 30 Novelist Deighton
- 31 "The Peasant Dance" painter
- 35 Everglades wader
- 39 Give temporarily
- 40 Lumber unit
- 42 Wrestling style
- 43 "Nasty!"
- 44 Thread holder
- 46 Damage
- 47 South Carolina river



- 49 La Brea attraction
- 51 Oral
- 52 Moving vehicles?
- 53 Ceases
- 54 Garlic crusher
- 7 Catches some rays
- 8 Tolkien creature
- 9 Christie sleuth
- 10 Arm bones
- 11 Shakespeare's "— of Athens"
- 13 Rockies range
- 18 Trail the pack
- 21 Recorded
- 23 Zesty flavors
- 25 Pants part
- 27 Director Spike
- 29 Smooth writing implements
- 31 Ecstasy
- 32 Summaries
- 33 Detangle
- 34 Brit's restroom
- 36 Ado
- 37 Inbox fillers
- 38 Civil wrongs
- 41 Arose
- 44 Ooze
- 45 Cowardly Lion portrayer
- 48 Ring decision
- 50 Arctic explorer John

DOWN

- 1 Actress Ryder
- 2 Tacit
- 3 Estuary
- 4 Dispatch
- 5 Pick up the tab
- 6 Classic catalog giant

Answer in May 18th Issue

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Answers

1. Seattle Slew.
2. Bonneville Speedway (Bonneville Salt Flats Race Track).
3. Portugal.
4. The Birmingham Bulls and the Cincinnati Stingers.
5. Running back Napoleon Kaufman (1995-2000) and linebacker Napoleon Harris (2002-2004).
6. Richard "Rip" Hamilton.
7. Ugueth Urbina.



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Answers

1. Stevie Wonder, in 1973. The song won a Grammy Award for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance and was entered into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2002.
2. Elton John, now known as Sir Elton Hercules John after receiving a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1995. He was also knighted in 1998 for services to music.
3. Dion. The song reached No. 2 on the Hot 100 chart.
4. Roy Orbison, in 1961.
5. "I Want You, I Need You, I Love You," by Elvis Presley, in 1956. After 17 takes with no perfect version and being on deadline, the record company producer ended up splicing pieces of version 14 to pieces of version 17. No one could tell he'd done that.

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Answers

1. Kelsey Grammer for "Wings," "Cheers" and "Frasier."
2. George C. Scott, for "Patton."
3. Naples, Italy.
4. Carbon dioxide.
5. Nucleus.
6. Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy.
7. The aorta.
8. Short stories.
9. Alpha Centauri.
10. Eight.

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