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AUTUMN**
By Kathy Wolfe

This week, Tidbits extends a hearty welcome to Fall with these facts focused on the Autumn season.

The word "Autumn" has its roots in the Latin language, with the word "autumnus" meaning "harvest." In the 17th century, "Fall" came into use, perhaps as a counterpart to "Spring." The days of Autumn become shorter because of the Earth's tilt away from the sun. Earth's axial tilt causes the sun's angle of incidence, (that angel formed by rays of sunlight hitting the Earth), to shift, resulting in longer nights.

The autumnal equinox falls around September 22 in the Northern Hemisphere, denoting the official beginning of Autumn. On the day of the equinox, the length of day and night is almost equal, (the day is about seven minutes longer), and the sun is exactly above the equator. The term comes from two Latin words, "aequus," meaning "equal" and "nox," translating "night."

Northern Lights activity increases during the nights of Fall, making the aurora borealis more visible around the time of around the time of the equinox. The cause is related to the way the magnetic fields of both the sun and the Earth work in conjunction with the sun/Earth geometry. Fall isn't the only time it occurs - the Northern Lights phenomenon increases at the time of the Spring Equinox as well.

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A: He was outstanding in his field!



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Autumn is the time when the leaves on the trees change to a dazzling display of reds, oranges, and yellows. As the daylight decreases and the leaves receive less sunlight, they stop producing chlorophyll, that green pigment responsible for vivid green color. The dramatic fall colors are actually the leaves' normal shades - chlorophyll causes them to turn green, masking their real colors. When the leaves turn brown, they're dead, no longer receiving any nutrients.

Halloween has its roots in Samhain, an ancient Celtic Autumn festival. The festival was a time of feasting and celebrating the harvest and the last day of the Celtic calendar. The Celts wore masks because that believed that ghosts wandered the Earth on Halloween, and the masks prevented them from being mistaken for spirits. Halloween takes its name from the Old English term "All Hallow's Eve," the day before All Saints' Day, November 1, during which Christians honored all the saints of the Church. November 2 became known as All Souls' Day, which honored all the faithful departed.

Some individuals have a fear of Halloween, a condition known as Samhainophobia, after the Celtic pagan festival.

The Jewish festival of Sukkot begins on the 15th day of the first month of the Jewish year, five days after Yom Kippur. October 16, 2024 marks the beginnings of these seven days of celebration also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, marking the end of harvest time. During this festival, temporary huts are constructed and covered with foliage, where the Jews will dwell and eat meals throughout the week of Sukkot. This dwelling, or booth, is known as a sukkah. It's a time of thanksgiving, commemorating the miraculous protection God provided for the Jews when they were escaping Egyptian slavery.

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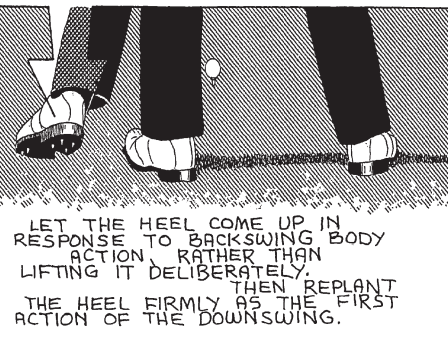
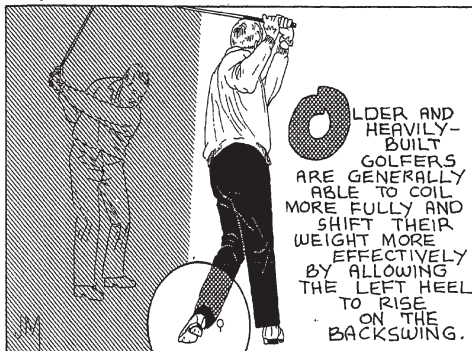
NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

National Vehophobia Awareness Day is observed on October 17, with the intention of raising awareness of motor vehicle operation safety.

Vehophobia is the fear of driving, an intense anxiety when participating in vehicle traffic. The number one cause of vehophobia is traffic accidents, and this observance was in fact founded by a woman who had loved driving, but after a crash with a utility truck, developed a dread of it.



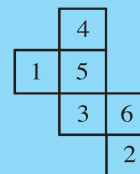
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September 29th

Stickelers Answer

With the numbers placed as shown on the diagram to the right, the opposite sides each will add up to seven when the cube is reformed.



Puzzles4Kids Answer

How do you make seven even?
 You just take the "S" away!

Autumn

(cont. from from page 2)

Daylight Savings Time ends this year on November 3. DST was first put into practice in the United States in 1918, when the Standard Time Act was observed for seven months during World War I. It was observed with the idea of adding more daylight hours to conserve energy. DST was instigated once again during World War II. Following the war, local authorities had the option of whether to implement until 1966, when the Uniform Time Act standardized the practice. The idea of setting clocks ahead one hour during the summer months to make better use of daylight hours was put into action for the first time by a Canadian city, Port Arthur, Ontario, in 1908. The idea had been proposed by New Zealand entomologist George Hudson in 1895. Hudson worked at the post office during the day, but wanted extra daylight hours to collect insects.

Although the idea behind DST is electricity savings, research has found that it leads to a savings of just 0.3%. It's opposed by many farmers, whose hours are set by the sun, citing the fact that the milking schedule of dairy cows does not change. Research also indicates that DST adversely affects human health, with an increased risk of heart attack, stroke, susceptibility to illness, seasonal depression, and a disruption to the body's circadian rhythms. There have also been reports of an increase in traffic accidents and workplace injuries linked with the time switch.

October 7 has been designated National Forgiveness Day, a day to release grudges and thoughts of revenge. Studies indicate that practicing forgiveness can have significant health benefits, such as lower levels of depression, anxiety, and hostility, a reduction in substance abuse, a higher self-esteem, and overall greater life satisfaction. Although forgiving a person who has wronged you is not an easy task, Harvard professors tell us that "forgiveness is not erasure. Rather, it's about changing your reaction to those memories."

Fall is the best time to harvest grapes for winemaking. This season brings the perfect conditions for the best quality of wine. All spring and summer, the vines soak up sunlight and nutrients. With the cooler temperatures of the fall, the grapes have their final ripening spurt as sugar content increases and acidity decreases. Grapes that are harvested too early may have a lack of proper sugar content, and the wine will lack body and flavor. Those harvested too late might have excessive sugar levels. The cooler temps also slow down the fermentation process, enabling vintners to have greater control over the process.

Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of November, but in Canada, Thanksgiving is observed on the second Monday of October. Canada's first Thanksgiving pre-dated the American one - the Canadians' first special meal was in 1578 when an English explorer, Martin Frobisher, and his crew offered thanks to God for granting them safe passage to what is now the Canadian territory of Nunavut, an area that stretches across the northern Canadian Arctic.

It's likely that their feast was held aboard a ship anchored there, well ahead of the American colonists' celebration in 1621.

Prior to 1957, the date of Canada's Thanksgiving had been moved several times, including from mid-April and November. On January 31, 1957, the Canadian Parliament declared that the day would be the second Monday of October going forth.



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Travel plans could be interrupted by the reemergence of a workplace problem that was never quite fully resolved. Deal with it at once, then take off on a well-deserved trip.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Aspects favor cultural activities for sensuous Bovines. Attend a concert or an art show. Better yet, create something yourself (a poem, perhaps?), and dedicate it to someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Respect any doubts you might now be feeling about a new situation. They could be reflecting your inner awareness that some essential information might be missing. Check it out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's important to start the new week with as clean of a slate as possible. Either complete all those unfinished tasks, or pass them on to others who would be more than happy to take them on.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to cut down on expenses and tame the urge to splurge. Applying some financial discipline now could help the Big Cat ride out a possible monetary crunch later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Money matters are dominant this week. Recheck your accounts and make sure they're up-to-date. Also, pay more attention to personal issues before they become major problems.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might be tempted to employ the same tactics as your adversary, but this could backfire. Better to use the same balanced approach that has worked for you before and could work again.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A changing workplace environment could stir up confusion as well as apprehension. Best to ignore the rumors and get the facts. You could find that the changes bring positive elements.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Communication is easier this week, as people are ready and eager to hear what you have to say. Also, check for possible technical problems before you start a new project.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Aspects favor change for the usually traditional Goat. Opening your mind to possibilities you had ignored could lead you to make decisions you once considered improbable.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Making personal as well as professional adjustments to changing conditions might be easier with more information explaining the hows and the whys of the situations in question.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With a growing tide of positive reactions to buoy your confidence, this could be the right time to put the finishing touches on your new project and get it well and truly launched.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for setting an example of quiet, calm reasoning in the midst of chaotic conditions.
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Love it or hate it, pumpkin spice has become an undeniable part of Fall. Tidbits invites you to sit back and enjoy your pumpkin spice latte while you peruse this information.

The word "pumpkin" has its origins in the Greek language, from their word "pepon" meaning "large melon." Pumpkins originally came from Central America, where they're known as "calabaza." All parts of the pumpkin - the flowers, seeds, and flesh - are edible and are an excellent source of beta-carotene, Vitamin A, and potassium. Pumpkins are 92% water. There are upwards of 45 different varieties of pumpkins.

In the mid-1980s, Starbucks' added a seasonal drink to their holiday menu, the eggnog latte. A few years later, the success of the eggnog drink led to another addition, the peppermint mocha latte, contributing to a very successful season for the Seattle coffee giant.



In 2003, the company's product manager, Peter Dukes sought to add another winner to their seasonal lineup. His team considered four options - chocolate-caramel, orange-and-spice, cinnamon streusel, and pumpkin spice.

The company used a blend of the spices traditionally used in a pumpkin pie, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, allspice, and cloves. In the Fall of 2003, the pumpkin spice latte debuted on a trial basis in 100 Starbucks outlets in Vancouver, British Columbia, and Washington, D.C. Within the very first week of the market testing, Dukes "knew we had a winner." But it wasn't until the following Fall that it could be found nationwide. (cont. on pg. 5)



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MOST DANGEROUS CITIES IN THE WORLD BY HOMICIDE RATE: 2024

1. Colima, Mexico
2. Ciudad Obregon, Mexico
3. Port-au-Prince, Haiti
4. Zamora, Mexico
5. Manzanillo, Mexico
6. Tijuana, Mexico
7. Zacatecas, Mexico
8. Guayaquil, Ecuador
9. Mandela Bay, South Africa
10. Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

Source: WorldAtlas.com



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Although the name of the drink was pumpkin spice, the lattes contained no actual pumpkin, only the spices found in the pie. However, in 2015, the company changed the recipe, including pumpkin and removing artificial colors. The new recipe included a pumpkin pie-flavored syrup concocted from sugar, condensed skim milk, and pumpkin puree.

In 2007, Dunkin' Donuts got on the pumpkin spice bandwagon, introducing their version of lattes, iced coffee, cold brew, frozen coffee, and other espresso drinks. In 2012, they made their blend available in K-Cups. Pumpkin spice coffee is far from the only item available in this trendy flavor. Pumpkin spice Oreos are on the grocer's shelves in the Fall, sandwich cookies made with a golden wafer cookie rather than the traditional chocolate and stuffed with pumpkin filling. Pumpkin spice Cheerios are offered for a limited time each year, mixing whole grain oats with natural pumpkin flavor, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves. For those who top their holiday sweet potatoes with marshmallows, Jet-Puffed manufactures marshmallows that not only have the flavor, they're shaped like miniature pumpkins.

Those who want their home to smell like their favorite flavor choose pumpkin spice candles and air fresheners. Some folks love it so much, there's even a pumpkin spice phone case, a shock-absorbent protector emblazoned with the phrase "Pumpkin spice & everything nice." For those who want to share the flavor with their pets, there are pumpkin spice dog treats. Pancake mix, muffin mix, coffee creamer, pancake syrup, popcorn seasoning, Jelly Belly jelly beans, Twinkies, M&Ms, and even Peeps have all joined the pumpkin spice craze. Brewers brew pumpkin spice beer and distillers produce pumpkin spice whiskey for customers' Autumn gatherings.

If the pumpkin spice trend has grabbed you, be sure to celebrate National Pumpkin Day on October 26.

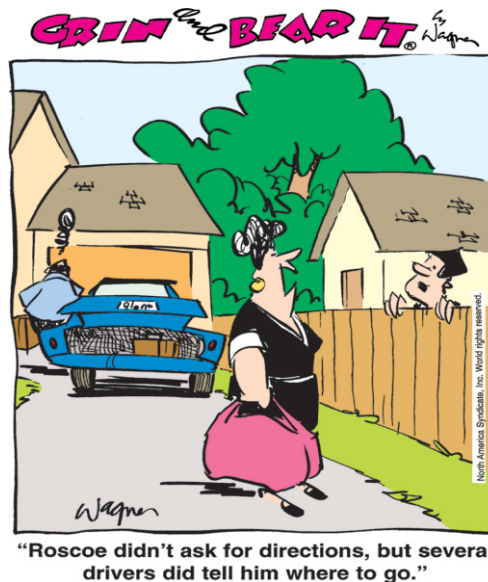
1. What religious observance falls during Spring in the Northern Hemisphere and during Fall in the Southern Hemisphere?
 2. When is Autumn in the Southern Hemisphere?
 3. What day of remembrance is celebrated in Mexico on November 2?
 4. What country started the tradition of pumpkin carving?
 5. What was Christopher Columbus' native country?

Answers on Back Cover

September 29th

Even Exchange answers

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Horse, House | 6. Grown, Groan |
| 2. Absent, Assent | 7. Wiggle, Giggle |
| 3. Deluge, Delude | 8. Minor, Miner |
| 4. Hardy, Handy | 9. Lessen, Lesson |
| 5. Sprint, Spring | 10. Stern, Stein |



* On Oct. 7, 1985, Lynette Woodard, who captained the gold medal winning U.S. Olympic women's basketball team in 1984, had the great distinction of becoming the first female player for the Harlem Globetrotters, remarking that she "got chills" when she heard the news. She beat out nine other finalists for the honor.

* On Oct. 8, 2009, two people died of heat stroke and more than a dozen others had to be hospitalized for dehydration and other medical issues following a botched sweat lodge ceremony near Sedona, Arizona, at a five day re-O treat run by motivational speaker and author James Arthur Ray. A third participant died nine days later

* On Oct. 9, 1942, Chicago bootlegger Roger "The Terrible" Touhy escaped from Stateville Prison in Illinois by scaling the guard tower. Framed for kidnapping by his bootlegging rivals, with the aid of corrupt Chicago officials, Touhy was serving a 99-year sentence for a crime he didn't commit and was recaptured a couple of months later, but released in 1959, then murdered by unknown assailants after just three weeks of freedom.

* On Oct. 10, 1845, the United States Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Maryland, with 50 midshipmen students and seven professors. Its curriculum included mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English natural philosophy, and French.

* On Oct. 11, 1975, law professors William Jefferson Clinton and Hillary Rodham married in their living room in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Only family and close friends were in attendance.

* On Oct. 12, 2011, India successfully launched the Megha-Tropiques satellite into space to exclusively study monsoon patterns. The satellite was made with France's help and would share its data with organizations in Europe and America.

* On Oct. 13, 1975, country singer Charlie Rich shocked viewers of the CMA Awards by setting the envelope announcing John Denver's win for Entertainer of the Year on fire with a lighter. By his own admission, "The Silver Fox" was on a combination of prescription pain medication and gin and tonics. But whatever the reason for his act, he was blacklisted from the show for the rest of his career.

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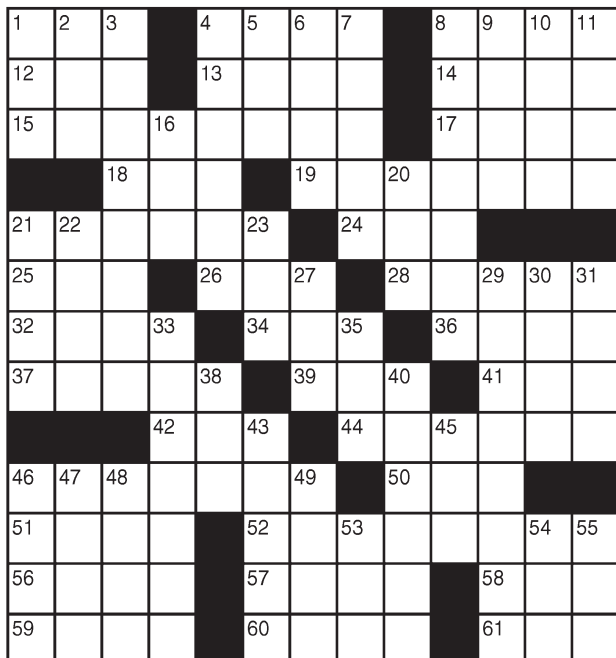
King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Peron of Argentina
4 Siestas
8 First light
12 Bud
13 — Major
14 Actor Morales
15 German shepherd
17 Teen hangout
18 Resistance unit
19 Church topper
21 British party
24 Louvre treasures
25 Khan title
26 The "G" of LGBTQ
28 Doesn't buy
32 Clothing store section
34 Gender
36 Stratagem
37 Green sauce
39 Teeny
41 Shriver of tennis
42 Rainbow shape
- 44 A Karamazov brother
46 Stew flavorer
50 Chi follower
51 Genesis brother
52 Music school concerts
56 Only
57 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
58 Pool unit
59 Contain
60 Commanded
61 Messy room
- 10 Humpty's perch
11 Egyptian river
16 Sashimi fish
20 Goof up
21 Pack (down)
22 Curved molding
23 Airline to Sweden
27 Evergreen type
29 Wedding
30 Despot
31 Big rig
33 Bought time
35 Deleted
38 Tram load
40 Realm
43 Ersatz chocolate
45 Follower (Suff.)
46 Wild party
47 "Peek- —!"
48 Holler
49 Disaster aid gp.
53 Scoundrel
54 Long. crosser
55 CIA operative

DOWN

- 1 Clean air org.
2 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
3 Losers
4 Eggnog sprinkling
5 "Entourage" agent
6 Unpaid TV ads
7 Dasher's boss
8 Agriculture goddess
9 Pronto



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KNIGHT MOVES

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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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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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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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: R equals W

RVFZ YVHFIA REGDN YHEYAHD X

NAIUHKJA JEZV NES CEEN FWN

ZVA UEIZ EC F JGI HKNA?

SHAXVEGWN CFHA.

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STICKERS
by Terry Stickels

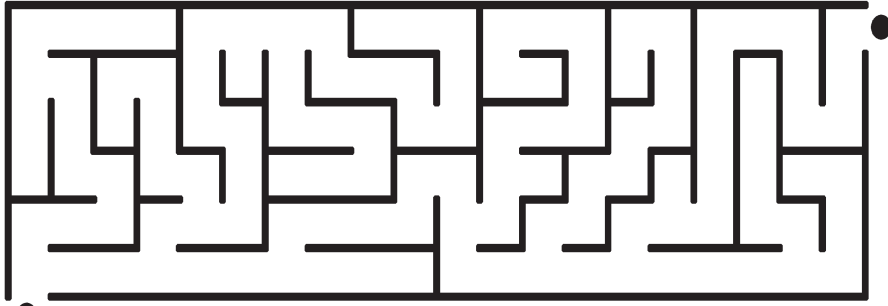
Here's a brain-twister:

If it were three hours later than it is now,
it would be twice as long until midnight
as it would be if it were four hours later.


What time is it now?

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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. Sitcom butler	___ R ___	Midday meal	___ N ___
2. Bowler's goal	___ K ___	Do your utmost	___ V ___
3. Timepiece	___ C ___	Dracula's mantle	___ A ___
4. Pinball hangout	___ D ___	Obscure	___ N ___
5. ___ Potter	___ A ___	Get a move on	___ U ___
6. Boring tool	___ U ___	Irritation	___ N ___
7. Feeling well again	___ E ___	Pancake topping	___ U ___
8. King's chair	___ E ___	Multitude	___ G ___
9. British title	B ___	Brother of Moses	A ___
10. Corn	___ Z ___	Augusta's location	___ N ___

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Bloom

PROBERS

Avoid

CHEWES

Strong

DUSTRY

Berserk

MOKA

TODAY'S WORD

"Thank you, but I've already discovered the secret of taking the drudgery out of _____"

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By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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♥ **SIKR**

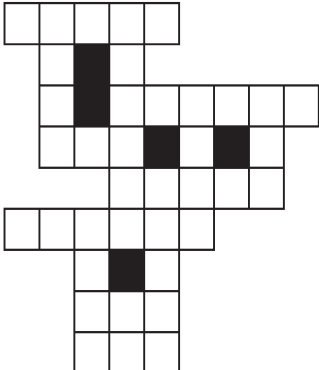
♥ **TECID**

♥ **ONS**

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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.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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

I P X E P Z P V N B L F T F W F O F W F O ?

Z P V K V T U U B L F U I F " T " B X B Z !

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Scams Are Getting Worse

The scams against seniors are getting worse, if that's even possible, and the thieves are becoming sneakier and more creative by the minute. We have to up our game to stay one step ahead of them and not fall victim.

It bears reviewing the typical scams. While some of these might seem to be repeats of scams that have already gone on for years, the differences are in the tactics the thieves are using.

*Romance scams -- If you have a new online friend you've never met and they ask for money, it's a scam.

*Computer repair -- You might get a pop-up message saying your computer has a virus and that you need to give them access to fix it. It's a scam.

*Grandparent scams -- You'll get a call that is allegedly from your grandchild who is in jail and needs bail money. It's most likely a scam. Before something like this ever happens, create a code word you can use with family members as proof of who they are. A scammer won't know that secret word.

*The government -- This one is all about fear, and you're made to think the IRS or the police are after you unless you send a payment, or that your Social Security number has been suspended. It's a scam.

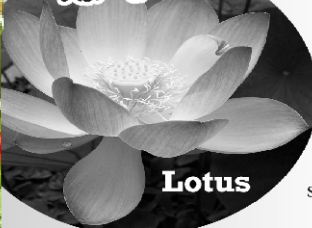
*Banks and account fraud -- This one is also about fear when you're told someone is trying to get into your account. Hang up. Call the bank and ask if they're looking for you. It's likely a scam.

Nowadays, you might not want to answer the phone if you don't recognize the number. If it's a real call and someone needs you, they'll leave a message.

Do an online search for "scams against seniors 2024" and learn all you can about the dozens of types of scams out there. The list is growing.

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The Garden Bug



Lotus

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The lotus flower was sacred in many ancient cultures as a symbol of blessings and the renewal of life. The plants grow in the flood plains of slow-moving rivers and deltas, and can drop many seeds every year. While some seeds sprout quickly or are eaten by wildlife, the remaining seeds can stay dormant a long time within the sediment, even if it dries out completely. When water levels are renewed, the dormant seeds spring to life from the sediment and put on a magnificent display.

— Brenda Weaver

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

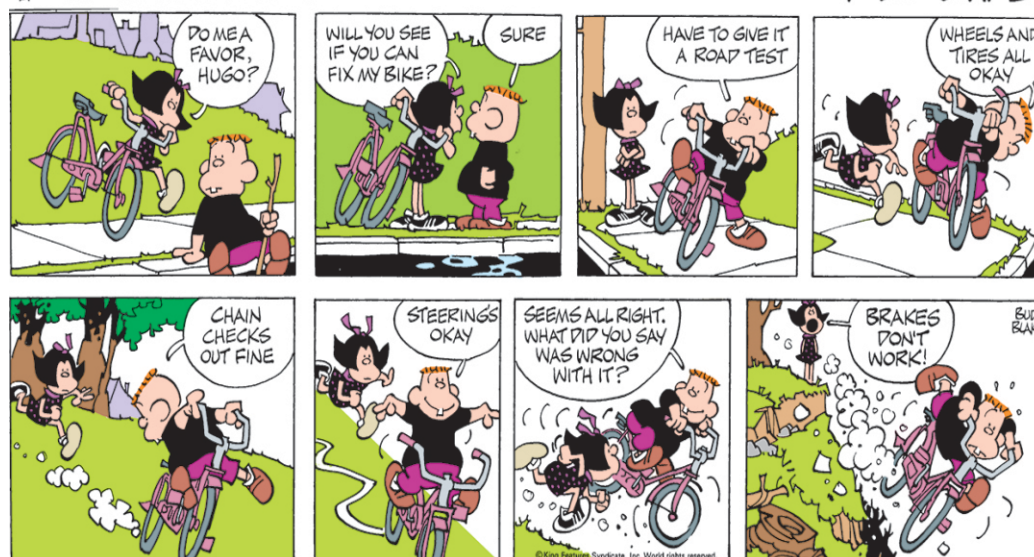
- * Octopus wrestling was a popular sport in the 1960s. A diver would fight an octopus in shallow water and drag it to the surface.
- * After an online vote in 2011, Toyota announced that the official plural of Prius is Prii.
- * Each spacecraft sent to Mars is scrubbed and inspected before dispatch as part of a strict planetary protection protocol meant to prevent contamination from Earth.
- * *Ophiocordyceps unilateralis*, a parasitic fungus, effectively turns ants into zombies. The fungus compels the ant to bite onto the underside of a low-hanging leaf, where it dies, and the fungus then sends a fruiting body out through the ant's head to disseminate spores.
- * Geckos can turn the stickiness of their feet on and off at will.
- * And speaking of feet, during World War II, the United States began rationing shoes. Citizens were allowed three pairs.
- * When Leonardo DiCaprio smashed his hand on the dinner table in "Django Unchained," he accidentally crushed a small stemmed glass with his palm and really began to bleed. He ignored it, stayed in character, and continued with the scene. Quentin Tarantino was so impressed that he used this take in the final print, and when he called cut, the room erupted in a standing ovation.
- * Though they are often used as vegetables in cooking, eggplants are botanically classified as berries.
- * Charles Richard Drew was a Black physician who developed blood banks for military personnel during World War II. He quit working for the Red Cross after he learned that the military separated blood donations by race.
- * The Dr. Seuss classic children's tale "Green Eggs and Ham" was banned in China from 1965 to 1991 for its "portrayal of early Marxism."



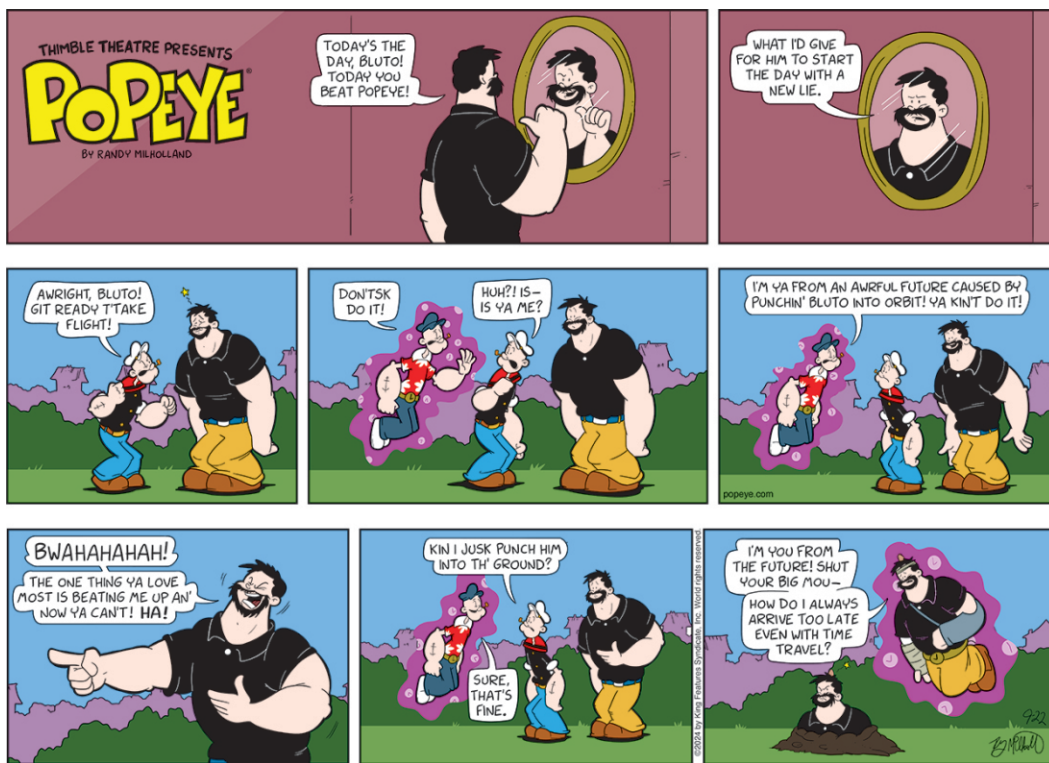
Thought for the Day: "A good example has twice the value of good advice." -- Albert Schweitzer

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TIGER



by BUD BLAKE



* With holidays on the way, money is getting tight in my household. This is a fun, creative way to save a bit of cash: Plan a no-spend weekend every month, where you don't spend any money on your activities. Challenge your children to help you plan it or take turns finding activities.

* "To keep my sharp kitchen scissors in the kitchen, I tied a long piece of yarn to the handle and attached it to the handle of the drawer that I keep them in. Now, those scissors get used in the kitchen, or nowhere!" -- J.J. in Florida

* Remove scuff marks from hard-surface floors (wood, linoleum, tile) with a clean tennis ball. If your floor has many scuffs, you can poke a hole in the tennis ball and insert it on the top of your broom handle. When you hit a scuff, flip your broom over and rub. Most come off right away!

* "Buy pretty dishtowels and tablecloths on clearance and clip them on curtain rods for a quick window treatment." -- T.C. in Texas

* This is a great, natural solution for tightening your facial pores, and it feels wonderful on tired skin, too. Start by brewing a cup of rosehip tea and pouring it into an ice-cube tray to freeze. When it's all frozen, take out a cube. Wrap it inside of a washcloth, and wet just the spot where the cube is. Then rub it over your face.

* "My kids use rewards charts for chores and good behavior, etc. I used to get some little toys at the dollar store for rewards, but I ended up at the local thrift store one day and noticed that there was plenty of nice small toys that were actually cheaper than at the dollar store! Plus, these nice things are getting one more use, and that's good for the environment, too!" -- A.K. in Pennsylvania

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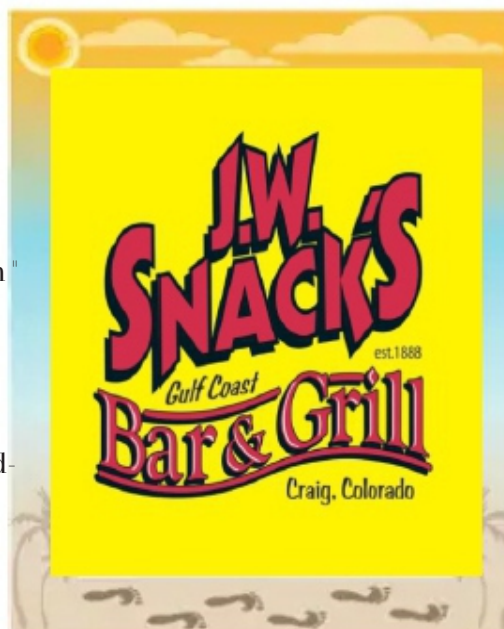
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1. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The Hawkeye State?
2. MOVIES: What are the bad guys called in "Transformers"?
3. MYTHOLOGY: What happens to people when Medusa turns her gaze on them?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of crocodiles in the water called?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in bouillabaisse (stew)?
6. ASTRONOMY: How old is our Sun?
7. TELEVISION: Where does Walter White live in "Breaking Bad"?
8. LITERATURE: The character named Ichabod Crane appears in which 19th-century story?
9. MEDICAL: What is a common name for onychocryptosis?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Nova Scotia?

Answers

1. Iowa.
 2. Decepticons.
 3. They turn to stone.
 4. A float.
 5. Seafood.
 6. About 4.6 billion years old.
 7. Albuquerque, New Mexico.
 8. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."
 9. Ingrown toenail.
 10. Halifax.
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September 29th

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Berate; 2. Change;
3. Limber; 4. Bother

Today's Word
HEALTH

CryptoQuip

answer

What would you call a group of certain small flatfish that start a company together?
Co-flounders.

— KNIGHT MOVES —

Answer

E	N	S
T		M
T	N	U

STUNTMEN

A crossword puzzle grid with some letters filled in. The grid is 10 columns wide and 10 rows high. The filled letters are: Row 1: M, I, S, T; Row 2: A, T; Row 3: N, E, E; Row 4: I, L, F; Row 5: S, A, F, A, R, I; Row 6: S, A, C, S; Row 7: F, I, C, H, E, R; Row 8: E, I, A, I; Row 9: T, A, L, O, N. The empty cells are black.

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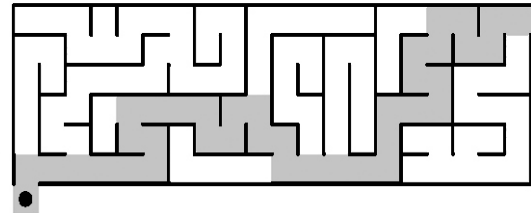
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September 15th

Kids' Maze Solution



Empty Alcohol Bottle in the Pocket?

A big thumbs-up to the whistle blower who ratted out a Department of Veterans Affairs surgeon who was carrying an empty alcohol bottle. Specifically, the bottle fell out of the scrubs in the surgical locker room.

The report by the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) is scary to read when it concerns somebody who is going to carve up human bodies with scalpels. The surgeon was reported and, no, just being in possession of an alcohol bottle doesn't specifically mean the surgeon was drinking on the job. But really, do you know anyone who carries around an empty alcohol bottle in their pocket who wasn't drinking? When nothing was done immediately, a whistle-blower called the state licensing board as well as the OIG.

Meanwhile, the surgeon was transferred to a different medical function -- ordering prescriptions -- away from direct patient care and was told to keep away from patients. The head of the facility believed that placing medication orders did not constitute patient care, so it would be OK.

Except it was learned that the surgeon didn't understand "stay away from patients" and did contact a surgical patient -- and was transferred again to a different function.

The OIG's opinion was that yes, prescribing medications did constitute direct patient care, and finally the facility leader decided to go for suspension of the surgeon.

The OIG report is a lengthy exploration of how those in charge can take steps while not understanding the rules and, oh, by the way, the hospital indicated that the surgeon didn't actually treat any patients while banned from doing so. Except the OIG discovered paperwork that indicated the surgeon did indeed perform surgery on the same day that an empty alcohol bottle fell out of the pocket of the scrubs. When asked why they didn't report the multiple problems with patient care they witnessed at the surgeon's hands, staff indicated that they feared retaliation.

It took 11 months, but the facility leaders eventually canceled the surgeon's facility privileges while patients were potentially at risk the whole time.

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

Ask Barney Dear Barney, I need advice

WHAT'S TH' BEST PIECE'A ADVICE YA EVER GOT, BARNEY?

WELL, THAT'S AN EASY ONE !!

"YOU SHOULD ENTER THAT HORSE IN A RACE !!"

SPARK PLUG

STORM'S A-COMIN', BARLOW !! I'D HURRY ON HOME IF I'N I WUZ YOU !!

IF I WANT ADVICE FROM YOU TWO TURNIP-HAIDS I'LL ASK FER IT !!

RRRUMBLE!!

K-RACK!!

GZZT!!

SHOULD US TWO TURNIP-HAIDS GO HELP HIM OR WAIT FOR HIM TO ASK US?

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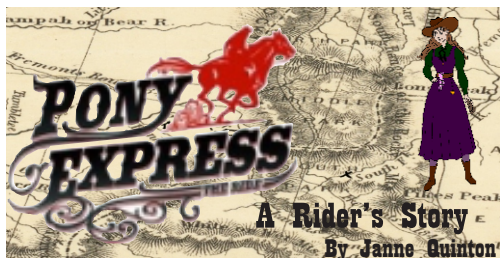
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Part 4

May 6th, 1860
4:45 am

I've awoken before the lights up ahead. Gonna make our way to scope out what's goin' on over yonder. I tied the haul back on Annie but covered it with my quilt to make it look like nothin' but gear. I'm not scared - well, maybe just a lil bit.

7:20 am

Great news! Not bandits, but friends! I met a man named Abe Lee this mornin' and he told me this place he stumbled upon has gold! He's callin' this land Slabtown. Already a whole mess of people layin' homestead here. He is hoping for big things for this place. Thinkin' of posting up camp here for the day to see what it's all about.

9:35 pm

I found gold! Learned how to use a pan, and a fleck of gold is now mine! Gonna try for more to pay for a cot tonight. Abe Lee said his is thinkin' may a thousand people will be here one day. Could you imagine?

May 7th, 1860
8:45 am

Was panning with new friends 'til one. They gave me breakfast, stocked my supplies and helped with my map a bit. Abe's pal had come up the route near South Park and knows of a few more unmarked waterways and harsh terrain. I told him I will inform my boss about their settlement and I may just be back with deliveries for 'em! For now, it's back on the trail So long Slabtown! Only a few more days to Como!



TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS

1. Easter
2. From March to May
3. The Day of the Dead
4. Ireland
5. Italy



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: LOST AND — DEPARTMENT

Agriculture	Labor	Publicity	Transit
Commerce	Parts	Sales	Treasury
Fire	Personnel	Sanitation	War
History	Physics	Shoe	

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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

NICK DUBAY:
UNCERTIFIED
LIFE COACH

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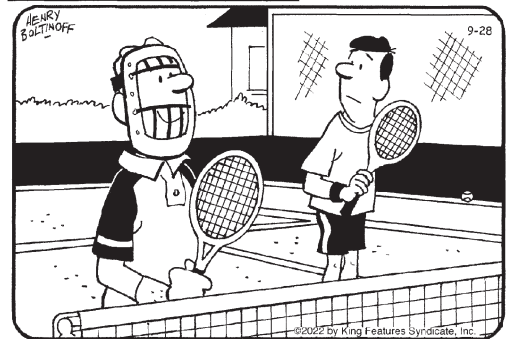
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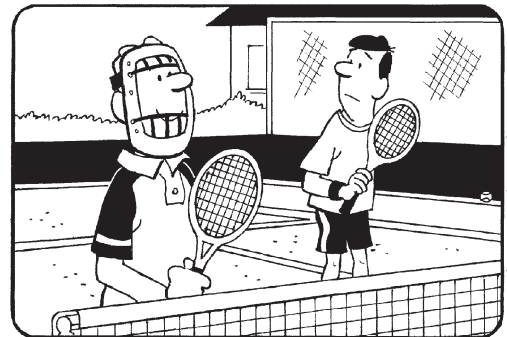
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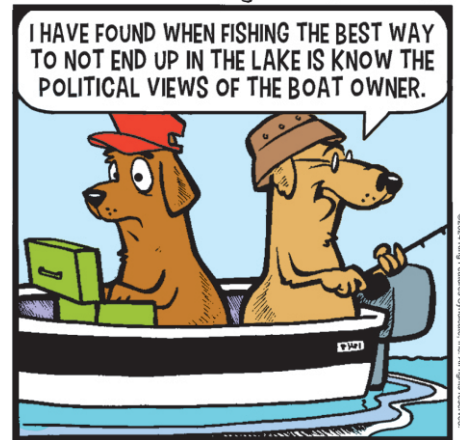
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Ball is moved. 3. Whistband is missing. 4. Facemask is different. 5. Fence is not as high. 6. Hedge is lower.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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