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By Janet Spencer

Come along with Tidbits as we ponder the wonders of space!

GALAXIES & STARS

*It's estimated the Milky Way galaxy has between 200 and 400 billion stars. There may be 2 billion earth-type planets orbiting those stars capable of sustaining life.

*In the observable universe, astronomers estimate there at least 2 trillion galaxies.

*If Earth were shrunk to the size of an ice cube, it would equal the density of a black hole. If the Sun were condensed into the density of a black hole, it's diameter of 865,000 miles (1,392,000 km) would be shrunk to just 1.8 miles (3 km) wide.

*The Sun does not have the mass necessary to become a black hole. star needs to be about 20 times bigger than the Sun to become a black hole. Instead, our Sun will become a red giant when its fuel is expended.

*In space, there's no sound because there is no atmosphere to carry sound waves.

*The average temperature in the void of space is about -518 F (-270.45 C).

*The space between galaxies is not completely empty but averages one atom per cubic meter.

PLANETS & MOONS

*Of the 9,113 official geographical features on the Moon, just over 95% are craters, and just under 5% are other features consisting mainly of mountains and valleys.


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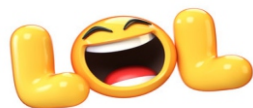
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Go Figure!

answers

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*Neptune has 16 moons. The largest of them, Titan, is half again as big as our Moon, and is the 2nd biggest moon in the solar system after Jupiter's Ganymede. Titan's atmosphere is made of nitrogen and methane. The surface has mountains, dunes, rivers, deltas, lakes and seas of liquid methane and ethane. There are distinct seasons. It's more similar to Earth than anything else in our solar system.

*Which planet is the coldest? That would be Uranus, the 7th planet, an ice giant. Although Neptune, also an ice giant, is the 8th planet and even farther from the Sun Neptune has more methane in its atmosphere than Uranus does. Methane keeps the heat in. The coldest temperature ever recorded on Uranus was -371.56°F (-224.2°C).

*Which is the hottest planet? Venus is the hottest because its atmosphere is composed of about 96% carbon dioxide and 3.5% nitrogen, which creates a strong greenhouse effect.

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Temperatures reach 863 °F (462 °C). Venus is also closer to the sun.

*Venus is the second brightest object in the night sky. The Moon is the only thing that's brighter.

*Atmospheric pressure on Venus is 92 times greater than Earth's. For a human standing on the surface of Venus, the pressure would equal standing near the bottom of the ocean. *It takes 243 Earth days for Venus to spin on its axis just once to complete a single day, yet it takes only 225 Earth days to orbit the Sun completely. This means a year on Venus is shorter than a day.

*Which planet has the shortest day? Gas giant Jupiter's day is 9 hours and 55 minutes, yet its year lasts 11.8 Earth years.

*Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system and is the 5th planet from the Sun. It is 2.5 times more massive than all the other planets in the solar system combined. Because it is made primarily of gasses it is known as a "gas giant."

*The Great Red Spot is a storm that has been raging continuously since it was first spotted in 1831. No one knows what makes Jupiter's Great Red Spot red.

*Jupiter's atmosphere is the solar system's largest planetary atmosphere. It is composed of hydrogen (90%) and helium (10%), in roughly the same proportions found in the Sun.

*Olympus Mons, a volcano on Mars, stands 13.2 miles (21.2 km) high. That's nearly three times taller than Mount Everest, Earth's highest peak. It's the biggest volcano in the solar system. (cont. on page 3)

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EARTH FACTS

*if you could sort all the elements on Earth into piles of material, you'd get 32.1% iron, 30.1% oxygen, 15.1% silicon, and 13.9% magnesium. Together those four elements comprise 91.2% of the Earth's makeup. The other 8.8% is made of the other 114 elements.

*Most of Earth's iron is located in its molten core, which is why the planet has a magnetic field. The center of Earth is 88% iron.

*47% of the Earth's crust consists of oxygen, mostly combined with other elements.

*Earth doesn't take 24 hours to rotate on its axis. It's actually 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4 seconds.

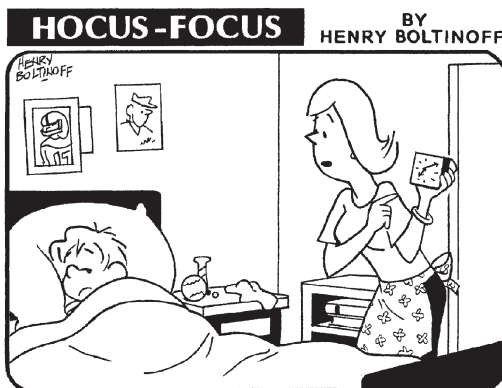
SPACECRAFT

*The Russians were the first to launch a spacecraft, Sputnik, in 1957. The U.S. was the second country with the Explorer I in 1958. Who was third? Canada with Alouette I in 1962. "Alouette" is French for "lark."

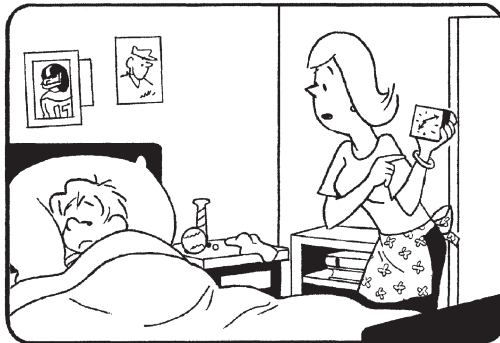
*The International Space Station sees 15 sunsets and 15 sunrises every 24 hours as it orbits the planet. It takes about 90 minutes to orbit the planet once, traveling at the rate of 17,500 mph (28,163 km/h).

*It cost more to make the movie "Gravity" starring George Clooney and Sandra Bullock, than India spent on its Mars space orbiter Mangalyaan, with the movie's budget running \$100 million and the space orbiter costing only \$75 million.

The movie was released on August 28, 2013. The Mangalyaan was launched on November 5, 2013, and the mission successfully entered Mars orbit on September 24, 2014.



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



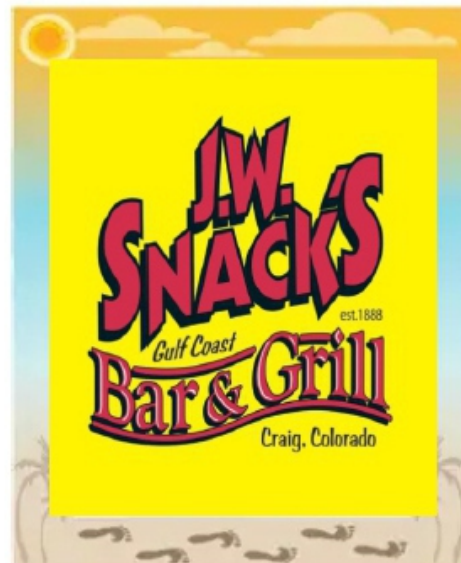
Differences: 1. Apron is shorter. 2. Bat is longer. 3. Bookcase is wider. 4. Picture is different. 5. Hand is longer. 6. Bracelet is moved.



*India was the 4th nation to reach Mars orbit after the U.S., the USSR, and China. The name Mangalyaan is Sanskrit meaning "Mars Craft." It was India's first interplanetary expedition. It took 298 days to travel from Earth to Mars after spending a month orbiting Earth. It remained in Mars orbit for over seven years before communications died and could not be revived.

*Spacecraft have visited all the planets in our solar system.

*The dividing line between the end of Earth's atmosphere and the beginning of space is not a clear demarcation, but is generally considered to be 60 miles (100 km) above sea level. The division is called the Karman line after the Hungarian aerospace engineer who calculated the height at which airplanes would be unable to fly and spacecraft would be required.



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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Pardon 2. Allure;
3. Abide; 4. Allot

Today's Word
LOADED

- MOVIES: What is the name of Han Solo's ship in the "Star Wars" series?
- TELEVISION: What is Ray Barone's job on the sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond"?
- U.S. STATES: The Baltimore Ravens' name is a nod to which past famous resident?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called "alliumphobia"?
- LITERATURE: Who created the fictional character Lord Peter Wimsey?
- GAMES: Which chess piece can't move in a straight line?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby mouse called?
- SCIENCE: What does the acronym RNA stand for?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to wear contact lenses?
- ASTRONOMY: Which constellation contains Polaris, the North Star?

ANSWERS ON BACK COVER

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SPORTS STORIES

5TH DOWN FIASCO

*One of the most memorable blunders in college football history was caused by not just a single referee but by the entire officiating crew who simultaneously messed up together.

*It was October 6, 1990 and the Colorado Buffaloes were up against the Missouri Tigers in a Big Eight game in front of 46,856 fans.

*In football, a team is allowed four plays called downs to move the ball ten yards toward their goal line. If they are successful, they are awarded four more tries. If, after four attempts, the team has not scored or gained ten yards, the other team gets the ball. No team is allowed five attempts. In this game, Colorado was given a 5th consecutive down.

*With less than 3 minutes to go, Colorado took possession of the ball on their own 3-yard line. Colorado was trailing Missouri 31-27.

*On the 1st down, Colorado's Johnson spiked the ball to stop the clock. On the next play, with the down marker accurately indicating 2nd down, Eric Bieniemy rushed the line but was stopped just short of the goal line. Just then, several things happened.

* On the next play, supposedly the 4th down, but actually the 5th, Johnson appeared to cross the goal line to score the game-winning goal. It was hard to see if the ball really crossed the line due to the pile-up. Regardless, Colorado fans swarmed the field in victory.

*Finally, Louderback and his officiating crew realized their mistake, and conferred to decide their course of action. Radio and TV announcers noticed that Colorado had scored with the help of an extra play. After a long consultation, officials announced the decision: the touchdown counted, giving Colorado a 33-31 lead. Colorado was awarded the standard extra point, which they flubbed.

*Colorado football coach Bill McCartney did little to soothe the controversy and refused, when asked, to forfeit the game.

*Missouri appealed to the Big Eight, arguing that since the game-winning touchdown had come on a play that should have never been run, Missouri should be declared the winner 31-27. The commissioner rebuffed the plea, saying it was "not a correctable error." Colorado's win would stand. The only fallout was that Louderback and his officiating crew were suspended for a week.

*Colorado won the championship that year, though their win was under a cloud, and the history books have an asterisk next to the score. Meanwhile, Missouri ended the season with a record of 4-7.





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*Colorado called its 3rd and final timeout. Referee J.C. Louderback went to discuss whether or not they still had a timeout left, and an argument ensued until it was determined that they were allowed a last timeout. This distracted Louderback.

*Just at that moment, a fan in the stands had a heart attack. The people holding the down marker chain were preoccupied with the EMTs giving CPR to the fallen fan, who unfortunately succumbed.

*Because of these distractions, the down marker was never flipped to indicate it was now the 3rd down.

*For the 3rd down, now marked as the 2nd down, Bieniemy made another run but was stopped just short of the goal line. Thinking it was now the 3rd down, Johnson spiked the ball to stop the clock with two seconds left in the game. Had he known it was actually the 4th down, he never would have done that.

TIDBITS QUOTE

"The Universe is under no obligation to make sense to you."

~ Neil deGrasse Tyson

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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: F equals B

SLWY IXCYS AT L BYKKQJTSY
UYOCXBY BTOQTOLAXTS
KTBLAYG XS FXOWXSJLW'U
UALAY: WTFXY LKFLWL.

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- *The emu cannot walk backward.
- *The hummingbird is the only bird that can fly backward.
- *Flamingoes can only eat with their heads up-side down.
- *The eyes of an ostrich are the size of billiard balls, the largest eyes in the bird world.
- *All clownfish are born male, but can turn female. Once female, they cannot revert to male.
- *Termites never sleep.
- *A newborn panda is about the size of a mouse.
- *Some species of snails have hair-like protrusions on their shells, which helps them grip slippery surfaces.
- *A human has around 8,000 taste buds, but a dog has only 1,500.
- *The tongue of a giraffe is black.
- *Squirrel teeth never stop growing.
- *Buzzards urinate on their legs to sterilize them from germs they may have picked up while hanging out with animal carcasses.
- *Quahog clams are thought to be one of the planet's longest-lived species. Specimens collected from the ocean have been estimated to be 500 years old.
- *Crocodiles have a stronger bite force than any other animal.
- *Komodo dragons can lay fertile eggs without ever having interacted with a male.
- *The mammal with the most teeth is the giant armadillo of South America, with 74.
- *The duck-billed platypus has no nipples. Instead, milk oozes from the skin.
- *When caterpillars enter the chrysalis phase, their entire body first turns into a liquid soup, which then reforms into the butterfly. When they emerge as a butterfly, they retain all their memories from their life as a caterpillar.

- *A snake called the inland taipan has the most potent venom on the planet, which is capable of killing about 290 humans with a single bite. It lives in the desert regions of Australia. Most deaths result from snakes kept in captivity.
- *The chemical compound used to make fake banana flavoring is the same compound honey bees use as an alarm pheromone.
- *All halibut are male until they reach 45 inches (114 cm) in length. Then they all become female.
- *Bears can make a sound similar to purring.
- *Butterflies taste with their feet.
- *Sharks evolved before dinosaurs, before trees, and before the rings of Saturn.



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- *A group of squid is traditionally called a "shoal." However, there has been a movement to rename a group of squid a "squad."
- *Whale milk has such a high level of fat - up to 50% - that it has the consistency of toothpaste. This allows it to shoot into the baby whale's mouth without dissolving in the water.
- *Dolphins get high off of pufferfish venom.
- *Kangaroos cannot move backward.
- *Woodcocks and owls are the slowest flyers.
- *Snails may have up to 14,000 tiny teeth on their tongues.
- *The trunk of an elephant has more muscles than are contained in an entire human body.
- *Cuttlefish can change color as fast as a human can blink.
- *The animal with the densest hair is the sea otter, which has up to 25,000 hairs per square inch. An adult otter may have more than a billion hairs on its body.

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NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

A year on Earth isn't 365 days. It's actually 365.2564 days. It's this extra .2564 days that creates the need for leap years. That's why we tack on an extra day in February every year that is divisible by 4 (2024, 2028) or divisible by 100 (1900, 2100) or divisible by 400 (1600, 2000).



Fun Fact



Skateboards originally came out of surf culture. Initially, the term used for the outdoor activity was "sidewalk surfing." Most of the pioneer skaters made their own gear using wood planks and old iron skate wheels. The first commercial skateboards hit the market around 1957.

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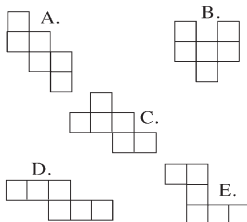
Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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STICKELERS (sic)

by Terry Stickels

Which two figures below cannot be folded into cubes?



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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!

Resolve

MOALER

Exile

PETDRO

Tempt

TEENCI

Bother

PREEST

TODAY'S WORD



**ALL PUZZLE & QUIZ ANSWERS
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1. Who released "Hey There Lonely Boy"?
2. A cover of which Kinks song gave Kirsty MacColl her biggest success?
3. Who released "There's a Moon Out Tonight"?
4. Which artist wrote and released "Careless Whisper"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "If the sky above you should turn dark and full of clouds, and that old north wind should begin to blow..."



**ANSWERS ON
BACK COVER**



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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2		14		1		
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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

Y HYSI ABXBTYMYCS TBVD
BIWQUAYSK. BTBVD AYZB
MCZBGCID AWVSM CS ANB
MBA, Y KC YSAC ANB
CANBV VCCZ USI VBUI U
GCCJ. - KVCWQNC ZUVP

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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. Unravel a mystery | ___ O ___ | Soothing lotion | ___ A ___ |
| 2. Irritate | ___ E ___ | Movie ad on paper | ___ O ___ |
| 3. Footpath | ___ K | Just a smidgeon | ___ E |
| 4. Nirvana | ___ I | Consecrate | ___ E |
| 5. Beach season | ___ U | Cook slowly | ___ I |
| 6. Gulch | ___ E | Uncontrollable | ___ G |
| 7. Rudimentary | ___ C | Sink | ___ N |
| 8. Makeup table | V ___ | Mental well-being | S ___ |
| 9. Almost | ___ L | Very close | ___ B |
| 10. Jump-start | ___ O | Blow your own horn | ___ A |

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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: ♦♦♦

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you might prefer to move forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

TACRUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention, but you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Meanwhile, someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder! You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting down could help get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle a sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether or not to go with it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But is also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about a decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help you resolve your doubts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things can finally calm down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You keep an open mind on most matters, making you the confidante of choice for people who need your honest counsel.

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Stickelers Answer

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

Americanisms



"Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush."

— Doug Larson

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THIS WEEK'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Ralph Waldo Emerson	5/25/1803
John Wayne	5/26/1907
Wild Bill Hickok	5/27/1837
Marcus Rabio	1/28/1975
Bob Hope	5/29/1903
Wynonna Judd	5/30/1964
Clint Eastwood	5/31/1925

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By: **Keslin**

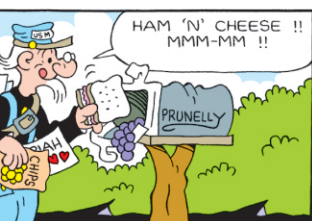
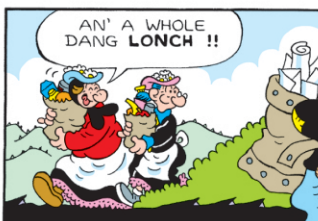
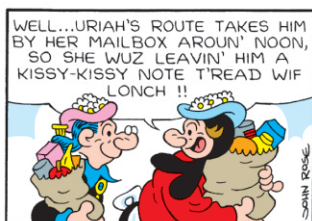
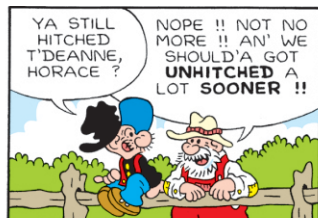
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On May 26, 1897, Bram Stoker's now iconic horror novel "Dracula" went on sale in London. Stoker's editors had deleted the 101 pages from his manuscript and altered the text to seem less "real," since there just so happened to be a serial killer known as Jack the Ripper on the loose in the city at that time.

On May 27, 1949, the unemployed, 22-year-old model-actress Marilyn Monroe earned \$50 for posing nude for a Los Angeles photographer against a red velvet backdrop. Though it became the most famous calendar photo in history, she never earned another cent from the picture, as she had signed away all her rights to it in a release form.

On May 28, 2005, Carl Edward Roland, who was wanted by police in connection with the murder of his ex-girlfriend Jennifer Gonzalez, was removed from a crane perched 18 stories above a construction site in Atlanta, where he'd spent three days. After his capture, he was eventually found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

On May 29, 2014, transgender actor and advocate Laverne Cox appeared on the cover of TIME for its story "The Transgender Tipping Point," following a public backlash over the magazine's exclusion of Cox from its 100 most influential people reader's poll the previous month.

On May 30, 1993, after being stalled for four days by a blizzard 4,000 feet below the summit, Joni Phelps became the first blind climber to reach the top of Denali, North America's tallest mountain. She was guided by her twin sons.

The Garden Bug

Bristlecone pines, known for their long life spans, live in harsh conditions high in the mountains of California, Nevada and Colorado. The oldest one known is nicknamed Methuselah (after the longest-lived person in the Bible), and is located in a remote area of the Inyo National Forest in California. Known as "extremophiles," these trees grow very slowly; their wood is very dense and resinous, and resistant to insects. Often only a strip of living tissue connects the roots to a handful of live branches. - Brenda Weaver

Very old trees

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On May 31, 1977, the song "God Save the Queen" by the British punk band the Sex Pistols was banned from the radio by the BBC. Three decades after its release, lead singer Johnny Rotten aptly remarked, "There are not many songs written over baked beans at the breakfast table that went on to divide a nation and force a change in popular culture."

On June 1, 1494, Friar John Cor distilled Scotland's first whiskey at Lindores Abbey under a commission from King James IV to turn eight bolls of malt into "aqua vitae," or "water of life."

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| 2. Plato, Pluto | 7. Amber, Ember |
| 3. Timer, Tamer | 8. Recipe, Recite |
| 4. Mortar, Mortal | 9. Copper, Cooper |
| 5. Wendy, Windy | 10. Thick, Think |

CryptoQuote answer

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. — Native American proverb



*Great ways to remove stuck labels: nail polish remover (NOT for use on plastics), WD-40 oil, soaking in hot water, rubbing alcohol.

*"Do you love burgers? Here's a great thing our family does that saves money and is very handy: When ground beef goes on sale, we buy a large quantity and pre-make many burger patties, seasoned and shaped just as we like them. Then we separate them with butcher's paper cut into squares. We put them in stacks, into empty bread bags to store in the freezer. When we are getting ready to cook out, the patties don't have to be all the way defrosted; just put on the grill and cooked up!" ~ A.J. in Florida

*"It's easy to make custom art for your walls. If you find an image that you like, or have a great digital photo, simply take it to a copy shop and have it printed in a large format. Then you can frame it and hang it on your wall. Now I can enjoy all my grandbabies pictures." ~A.F. in Mississippi

*"When shopping for printers these days, make sure you take a peek at the cost of replacement cartridges. Some are more expensive than others, and your use could make a printer that looks like a great deal a not-so-great deal. Be sure to do your homework!" ~ W. L. in Washington
It's worth a reminder now that picnic and barbecue season is in full force:

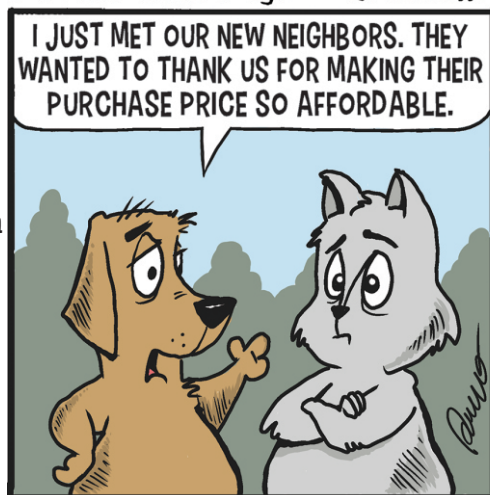
*The best tablecloths, especially on a windy day, are fitted single sheets. Simply fit the sheet over a standard picnic table and it's in place and ready. The elastic at the corners keeps it from flying away. You can look at thrift and discount stores for fun patterns or just plain colors!

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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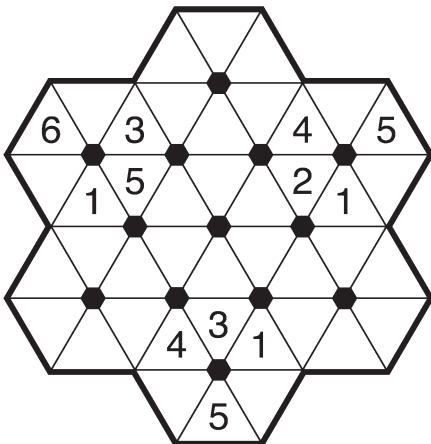
Holidays & Observances This Week

- 5/25 National Missing Children's Day**
5/26 Sorry Day
5/27 Cellophane Tape Day
5/28 International Hamburger Day
5/29 Learn About Composting Day
5/30 National Mint Julep Day
5/31 National Smile Day

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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ANSWER IN JUNE 1ST ISSUE

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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	SAP	SLIDES		
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LAWN	ELM	GMAN		
OMEGA		KATNISS		
DISCOS		TRI		
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BEEES		LUG	HULA	
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Spatterware

Spatterware and spongeware pottery are often grouped together, with the names used interchangeably. While they look similar, with color applied in patches of tiny dots instead of brush strokes, they are different techniques. As the names suggest, spatterware was made by spattering paint with a brush or stick or by blowing it through a tube, and spongeware features paint dabbed onto the pottery with a sponge or cloth.



This mug features more colors than most spatterware pottery. That adds to its appeal — and its value.

Spatterware and spongeware were made in England in the late 1700s, and in Scotland by the 1800s. The most famous pieces were made in Staffordshire in the early 1800s and exported to America.

Collectors look for bright colors and designs reminiscent of folk art. Some popular designs have a picture, often a flower, house or animal in the

center of a plate and a spattered or sponged border. Others are entirely spattered or sponged in stripes or concentric circles.

Multicolored spatterware is often called "rainbow," even if it has only two colors.

With five colors in slightly slanted vertical lines, this mug

deal — and value. lives up to the name. It sold at Conestoga Auction Company for \$1,062. Its unusual design and multitude of colors make it a rare design and very appealing to buyers, even with minor damage like a chip along the edge.

Q: I have a small painted opal glass box. Can you tell me anything about it?

A: Glass boxes like yours are often called dresser boxes, trinket boxes, powder jars, vanity jars and other names. As their names suggest, they were kept on dressing tables to store small items like jewelry, trinkets, hairpins or cosmetics. They usually had gilt metal fittings; some, like yours, had feet to match. They commonly were used in the late 19th to early 20th centuries. This was the age of art glass. Glass-making factories in Europe and North America experimented with new colors, finishes and decoration methods. Opalescent, or opal glass, which has a blush-white or off-white color and slightly iridescent finish, was made by adding a heat-reactive chemical to the glass while it was molded, then reheating it. Hand painted designs, usually flowers, outdoor scenes or figures in old-fashioned dress were favored decorations on finished glass pieces. So were raised enamel patterns. Boxes like yours tend to sell for between \$50 and \$100.

* * *

Check the base for a mark; they are usually worth more if you can identify a maker.

TIP: cups are best stored by hanging them on cup hooks. Stacking cups inside each other can cause chipping.

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Bank, building, yellow, green roof, brick chimney,
Savings Bank, hand painted, tin, 5 1/2 inches, \$510.

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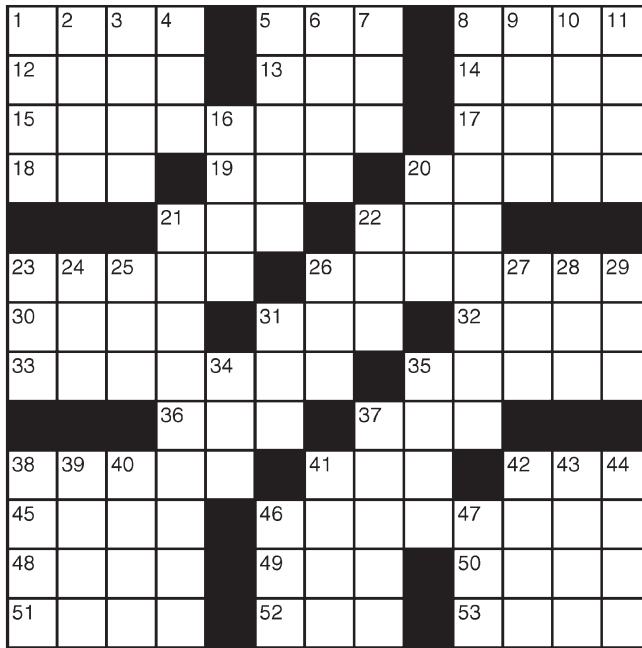
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ACROSS

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- 5 Do sums
- 8 Gym pads
- 12 Bruins' sch.
- 13 Cattle call
- 14 Modern money
- 15 Tall, thin person
- 17 Bickering
- 18 Sound from a hot wok
- 19 Small bill
- 20 Elitists
- 21 Warm-up run
- 22 "Top Gun" target
- 23 Fall flower
- 26 "Hamilton" or "Rent"
- 30 Old money of Rome
- 31 Weir
- 32 Tiers
- 33 Not generic
- 35 Flaxen, as hair
- 36 Stitch
- 37 Hosp. workers
- 38 Smiles broadly
- 41 Bikini half
- 42 Solidify
- 45 "The Wire" actor Idris
- 46 Tilt towards
- 48 Region (Abbr.)
- 49 Kreskin's claim

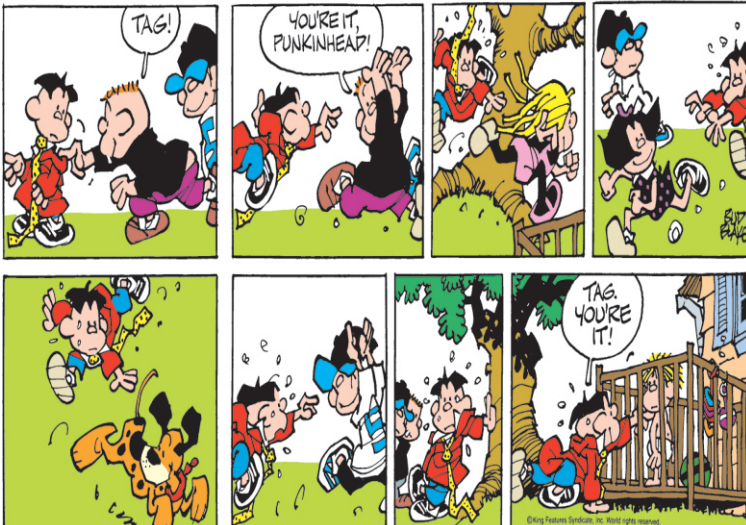


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| 53 Sch. supporters | short | 37 Cover with cloth |
| | 11 Lushes | 38 Wagers |
| | 16 Indigent | 39 Power co. supply |
| DOWN | 20 Venus, to | 40 "East of Eden" girl |
| 1 Long lunches? | Serena | 41 Optimum |
| 2 High cards | 21 "Hacks" actress | 42 Bitty biter |
| 3 Regrettably | 22 Silent | 43 Sicilian spouter |
| 4 Prohibit | 23 Cleric's tunic | 44 Privation |
| 5 Surrounded by | 24 Navy address | 46 French article |
| 6 Hand (out) | 25 — -la-la | 47 AOL, for one |
| 7 Anonymous | 26 Frenzied | |
| Jane | 27 Bill's partner | |
| 8 2004 Lindsay Lohan movie | 28 Bristle | |
| | 29 Leary's drug | |

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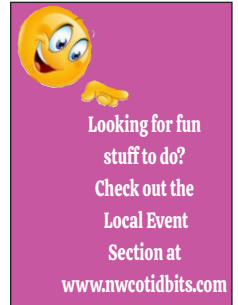
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by BUD BLAKE



Answers

1. Millennium Falcon.
 2. Sportswriter.
 3. Edgar Allen Poe, who wrote the poem "The Raven."
 4. Fear of garlic.
 5. Dorothy L. Sayers.
 6. Knight.
 7. A pinky or pup.
 8. Ribonucleic Acid.
 9. Lyndon Johnson.
 10. Ursa Minor (The Little Dipper).
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