

THE ROUNDUP



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President's Message

Friday night attendance for September was lighter than August but the dancers seemed to have fun.

On August 31st we had a full house that included dancers from the Country Hustlers Dance Club. Gary Clayton was our visiting D.J. for the night. He always brings a lot of energy with him.

Several BnB members attended the annual fundraiser dance held by Diana Ward for the San Bruno Senior Center. This is always an enjoyable event.

Jennifer Elling did an outstanding job in publishing her first issue of the Roundup. We welcome and need "roaming reporters" to submit articles for the Roundup. Articles are due by the 20th of each month. Please submit your articles to Jennifer at jennifer.elling@gmail.com.

I am happy to report that Dolores Meeks is on the road to recovery from her recent surgery. We were happy that she was able to come to Swiss Park and say "Hi" to her BnB friends.

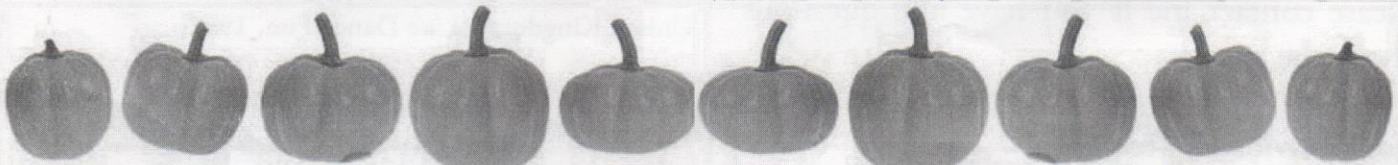
I am so thankful for the great support that we have received from our Bay Area D.J.s. Thanks go out to Evelyn & Denny, Neil Hale, John & Gina, Mike & Joyce, Diana Ward & Tina, Gary Clayton, Carole & Glenn, and Clint Qualls.

Keep on dancing,
Helen Davidson, President



Boots 'n' Buckles Monthly Dance Schedule

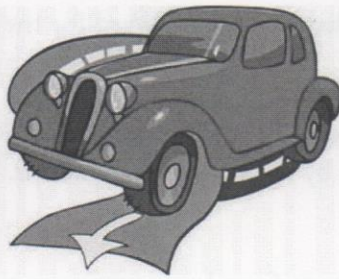
- October 5 - *with* Substitute DJs: Evelyn and Denny
- October 12 - *with* Substitute DJs: Diana Ward & Tina
- October 19 - Celebrate October Birthdays *with* Substitute DJs: Clint Qualls
Welcome Country Hustlers • Special Guest Instructor: Millie Dusha
- October 26 - Halloween Dance *with* Substitute DJs: Joyce and Mike Shannon



Laughter... the best medicine!

Senior Humor on... DRIVING:

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!" Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, crap, am I driving?"



Treasurer's Report August 2007

The August 2007 boots 'n' Buckles financial statements are on the website. Check them out at: www.bootsnbucklesdanceclub.com

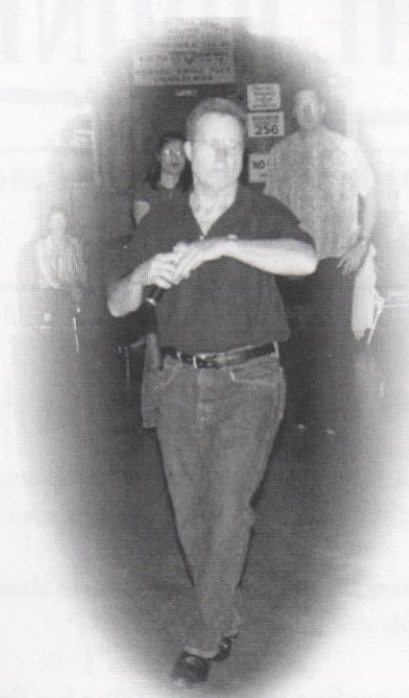
The club is operating with a year-to-date net dance income of \$409. Our current cash position includes a risk-free CD of \$9,255 and \$2,604 in cash and checking. The CD has earned \$189 interest in 2007.

The workshop expenses were \$1,699 vs \$2,865 in revenue for a profit of \$1,165.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the report.

Gary Davidson, Treasurer

~~~ Neil Hale Month ~~~



*Join us this month
as we celebrate the
dances of local
choreographer
Neil Hale.*

Neil was born in Washington D.C., where he attended school and worked as a musician in a Rhythm and Blues Band. He left the East Coast after completing college and headed West to California where he lived in several locations in the

Los Angeles area and in many different locations in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has lived in Nashville, Chicago, Minneapolis, Phoenix, and several locations in Florida, but has called the San Francisco Bay Area home for the past 15 years.

It was in 1982 that he met Charlotte Skeeters and began Country Western dancing at the South 40 club in Fremont and then at Swiss Park in Newark, California. Neil had no prior training in choreography or dancing but had an excellent instructor in C.W. Parker at the South 40 Club and later at Swiss Park. When C.W. left the Bay Area, Neil and Charlotte took over as instructors and shortly thereafter the Boot & Buckles Dance Club was formed. Neil deejays regularly for local dance clubs, but he also assists regional event directors with the dance and music programs of their events. He and Charlotte toured Australia in 1995. At this time he taught his world renowned choreography in many cities in Australia and cultivated new relationships that would be the beginning of a broad-based cultural exchange of dance and choreography for both countries. He and Charlotte also toured Europe in that year where they taught and exchanged choreography in France and the United Kingdom. {Line Dance Fun, 1996}

Learn more about Neil Hale at
www.dorisvolz.com/neilhale.htm

MEATBALL STROGANOFF

Meatballs

1 lb. Ground Meat
1 egg
1 sl. White Bread (Wet & squeezed out)
Salt, pepper, basil

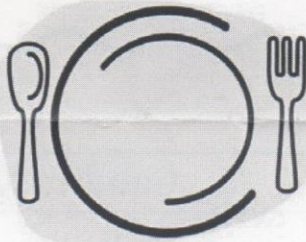
Gravy

1 can Muchrooms
1 can cream o mushroom soup
1/2 C Water
1 C Sour Cream

Mix meat, egg, bread & spices.
Make balls. Brown & drain.
Add soup, water & mushrooms.
Cover & simmer 25 min.
Remove from heat & stir in sour cream.

Serve over cooked wide noodles.

Note: Gravy can be doubled, if desired.



BIRTHDAYS!

Joyce Chiou • 10/3
Lorraine Kurtela • 10/3
Glenn Wiegand • 10/5
Fran Varady • 10/8
Jocelyn Liu • 10/20
Mike Hanson • 10/26



Members get into one Friday dance during the month of their birth for Free!
Check with the cashier when you arrive.

Other Bay Area Dances this Month...

Cactus Corners Dance

Friday October 5 • 7:30 - 10:30pm
The Grange • DJ: Clint Qualls

Country Quicksteppers - Rubber Duckies Reunion

Saturday October 6 • 7:30 - 10:30pm
Barrett Community Center • DJ: Gary Clayton

Country Hustlers

Saturday October 6 • 8:00 - 11:00pm
Livermore First Presbyterian Church • DJ: Clint Qualls

First Sunday Dance in San Bruno

Sunday October 7 • 1:00 - 4:00pm
San Bruno Senior Center • DJ: Diana Ward

Second Friday Dance

Friday October 12 • 7:30 - 10:30pm
Masonic Temple, Menlo Park • DJ: Jamie Hogan

Clint Country - Pinole

Friday October 12 • 7:30 - 10:30pm
Pinole Senior Center • DJ: Clint Qualls

Cactus Corners - Halloween/Hookers Ball

Saturday October 20 • 7:30 - 10:30pm
The Dance Connection, Livermore • DJ: Gary Clayton

Country Quicksteppers - Oktoberfest Dance

Saturday October 20 • 7:30 - 10:30pm
Community United Church of Christ • DJ: Neil Hale

Dancin' Shamrocks Fourth Saturday Dance

Saturday October 27 • 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Hyde Middle School • DJ: Joyce & Mike Shannon

Country Hustlers - 'Halloween Dance'

Saturday October 27 • 8:00 - 11:00pm
Danville Veteran's Hall • DJ: Evelyn and Denny



For information on local line dance classes/venues visit these web sites:

www.linedancefun.com

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bayarealinedancing/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Howdy everyone! Our 4th Annual Second Saturday Workshop and dance is coming up on November 10th!

A reminder that, as per the attached flier, the cost for the workshop and the dance is \$30 if postmarked on or before October 27th and \$35 after. Thanks to all of you who have signed up already!!! For those of you who haven't, you can register by picking up a flier at your local lesson or social venues.

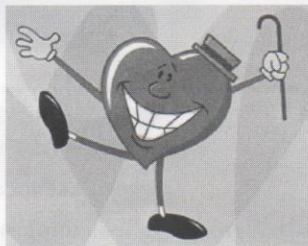
This year the workshop and dance are benefiting the Shelter Network. It is hard for us to imagine that there are many families in our own community - most of them working - who are homeless. Every year, Shelter Network provides safe housing and comprehensive support services for over 3,000 men, women and children. Their programs provide a safe place to stay, nutritious meals, and comprehensive services including one-on-one counseling, free licensed child care, as well as job and housing search assistance. More than 80% of families and single adults who complete their programs succeed in returning to permanent housing. This is truly an extraordinary organization! Their website is www.shelternetwork.org.

The workshop will be held once again at the Twin Pines Senior Center at 1223 Ralston Ave. in Belmont. We are grateful to announce that our instructors will be: John Bowen, Gary Clayton, Evelyn Khinoo and Clint Qualls!!!!

Last but not least, we will be going back to our original Treasures Raffle that was so successful and fun the first 2 years of this workshop! Dianne Keogh will once again be handling the raffle with "treasures" to be raffled off! We already have lots of great stuff including a Toshiba Personal DVD Player but we need lots more!!!! You can bring your "treasures" to dances to give to John or Gina or bring them the day of the workshop- whatever is easier for you. Raffle tickets will be \$1 for one, \$5 for 10 and \$20 for as tall as you are (or if you can grab Gary or Clint or some other tall dude- as tall as THEY ARE!) Please contact Dianne Keogh at 650-595-1590 for any questions about the raffle.

May you all be happy and well-

Gina & John
Heart Dance
650-359-7448



Second Saturday Charity 4th Annual Workshop & Dance November 10, 2007

Benefiting:

SHELTER NETWORK

Helping homeless families and individuals
get rapidly and permanently re-housed!

Presented by Heart Dance:
John Bowen & Gina Mello

Instructors:
John Bowen
Gary Clayton
Evelyn Khinoo
Clint Qualls

Workshop: Registration 12:30 / Workshop 1:00 - 4:30pm.
Dance: 6:30 - 10:30pm.

Twin Pines - 1223 Ralston Ave., Belmont

Workshop and Dance \$ 30 before 10/27 - \$ 35 after / Dance only \$ 10

Good To Know!

Some Things Your Doctor May Not Have Told You;

Did you know that ovarian cancer counts the same as breast cancer when doctors evaluate your risk for the disease? And did you know that female traits can be passed through the male to his daughters?

I did not know either of these facts until I was diagnosed with breast cancer this past May. My sister had had ovarian cancer and two of my father's nieces and possibly more of his relatives had breast cancer.

So, lots of doctor visits, two surgeries, and 6 weeks of radiation later, I am now cancer free.

Without Bill's prodding to get my yearly mammogram, I might be an entirely different statistic.

So, please, ladies get that yearly exam. Bill and I don't want to lose any friends.

Marie Parrish

Welcome to



Bay Meadows
R A C E C O U R S E

Trifecta, isn't that an interesting word. Do you know what it means? Well, neither did I until Sunday September 16 when I was invited to join a special group of Red Hat ladies to a trip to Bay Meadows. First time at a race track for me. Had no idea what to expect when I got there or what to do.

Guess we were all anxious to arrive because we got there before the doors opened. There we were in our red hats staring in the window chanting open, open, open. Not really. Once in, hand stamped, racing form in hand and up the stairs to the Turf Room we were met by our host for the day and shown to our table. There was the race track in full view with the betting windows a few steps away, buffet a few more steps further. Perfect.

Glass of wine in hand, it was time to decide which horse to pick in each of the 9 races. As I glanced at the names, I methodically selected my choices. For example, Rhythm Reality, I like to dance so why not? Lady Gemini, my husband is a Gemini, so of course, Private Wind, oops that would be TMI, Whiskey Lullaby, I do like brandy and so it went.

Now it's time to bet. Oh my, what now? There were 9 examples of wagering. What to do! So being the gambler that I am, I wagered \$2.00 per race, all to show. Wow, talk about taking chances. Ya, right. Each race was exciting and we all were yelling our horses, hopefully, toward a victory. Had first time luck and ended up with \$3.60 more than when I started. The 7th race was our group's race. We were able to watch the race right down in front by the track. We then had our picture taken with the winning jockey. Saw another group having their picture taken with the winning horse and kissed by the jockey. Asked why we didn't. Found out you have to be the owner of the winning horse. Darn, really would have preferred having our picture with the horse.

Back to our seats for the last two races and then headed for home. It was an enjoyable afternoon spent with some fun ladies. Thank you Helen, Joanne, Lee and Annie.

Oh yes, what is a Trifecta? It is a wager. To collect you must pick the first three horses to finish in the exact order they finish. Something you can always bring up when at a party and there is a lull in the conversation.

Carol Clark

Alaskan Cruise Update

Report from: John Bowen, Gina Mello, Millie and Ann

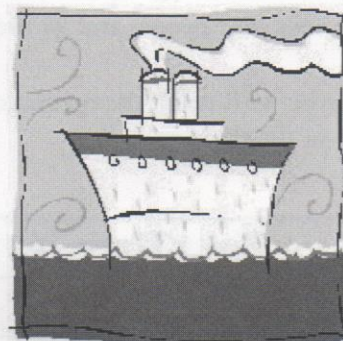
HOWDY to everyone,

If you were sitting on the fence and waiting for prices to drop or just waiting for a reason to jump on board, your ship has come in. (Sorry, I couldn't help myself.)

Our hard working and wonderful travel agent Rick Block has secured lower pricing for the cruise. Everyone who has already signed up will receive the same price reduction. Rick is having to redo a lot of paperwork, so please be patient with him.

These prices are only good thru Oct 30th, '07, so if you're interested, call Rick ASAP.

Please share this information with your cabinet mate(s) if they don't have email and other friends that may be interested in joining us on the



Category	Old Price	New Price	Change
11	\$1,558.00	\$1,392.49	\$165.51
9	\$1,598.00	\$1,422.49	\$175.51
7	\$1,743.00	\$1,682.49	\$60.51
6	\$1,768.00	\$1,702.49	\$65.51
2C	\$2,023.00	\$1,972.49	\$50.51
2B	\$2,033.00	\$1,982.49	\$50.51
CC	\$2,183.00	\$2,122.49	\$60.51

cruise.

Please note: 92 have signed up so far and at some point we will limit the number.

Contact information:

Rick Block • 888-578-7447 • rick@bestcruiseagency.com
John & Gina • 650-359-7448 • mel98bow@mindspring.com
Millie Dusha • 925-828-7143 • mddusha@hotmail.com
Ann Beadle • 925-449-2189 • abanndonllamas@yahoo.com



Visitors from San Luis Obispo



Once a year Joe & Freda Betschart visit our club and observe our line dancing. They live in San Luis Obispo and travel here for the Swiss Festival held by Swiss Park. They are very nice people and we welcome them each time.

Maybe we'll teach them a dance next time so they can join us on the floor.

First Time for Everything...

We all know how much Glenda Castain loves to dance. Her Fridays include driving home to Richmond from a full day's work in Foster City. Then down to Fremont for an evening of dancing only to drive back home to Richmond when the night is through. However, did you know she had never done the Hokey Pokey? That was until a few weeks ago and here is the proof.

Remember Glenda, "That's what it's all about!"

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Halloween Facts and Traditions

THE ORIGIN OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween's roots can be traced back to Celtic culture in Ireland. According to their "Druid" religion, November 1st was New Years' on their calendar. The celebration would begin on October 31st, and last into the following day. The spirits of all who died in the prior year, would rise up and roam the earth on this night.

This is an evil night when spirits roamed the streets and villages. Lord Samhain, the lord of Darkness, would arrive in search of the spirits to take them to the underworld.

Halloween as it is currently celebrated with costumes, trick or treating, and superstitions, takes much from this Druid Holiday.

ALL HALLOWS EVE

Halloween, was commonly referred to as "All Hollows" Eve. It originated from the pagan holiday honoring the dead. The Roman Catholic Church created All Saints Day (also called Hallomas) on November 1st to honor Saints and All Souls Day on November 2nd to honor and pray for the souls of the dead. These holidays were created by the church, in part to downplay the pagan holidays. Needless to say, it did not succeed. Halloween as we know it today, has grown from the ancient Druid Holiday. Along the way both fun, frights, and Satanic twists have been added to the mix.

PUMPKIN'S ROOTS

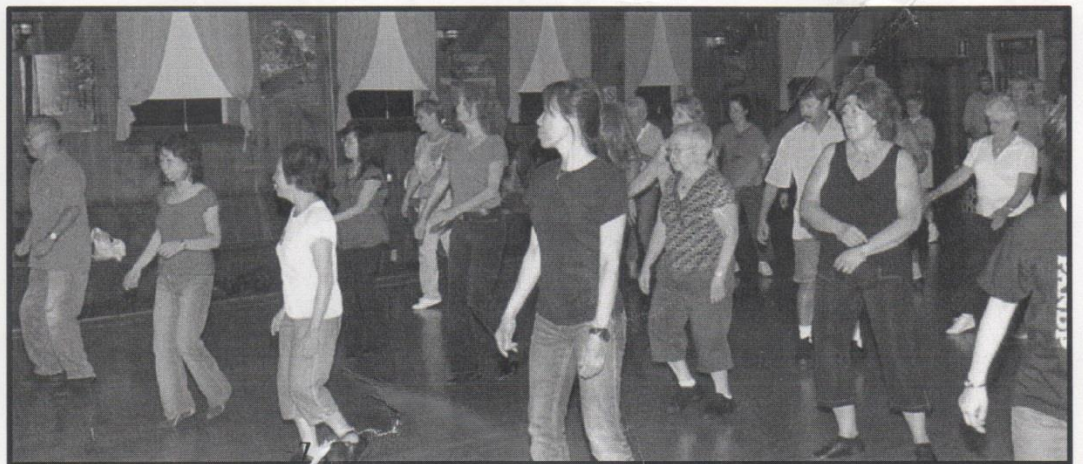
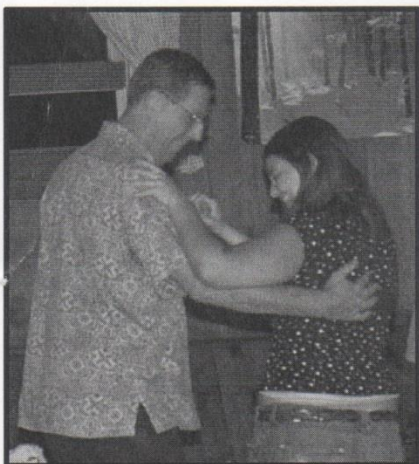
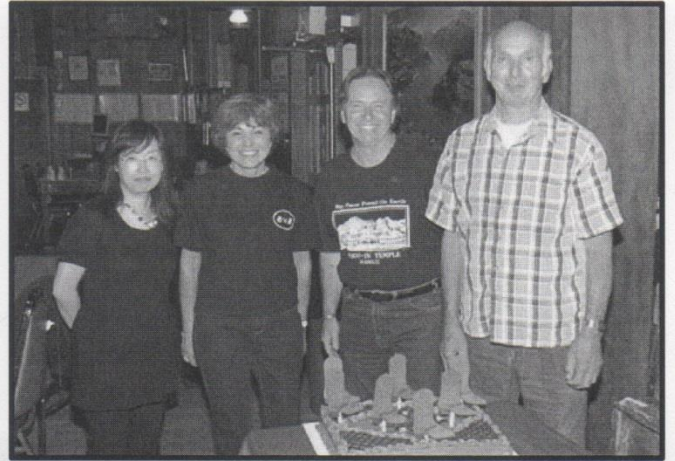
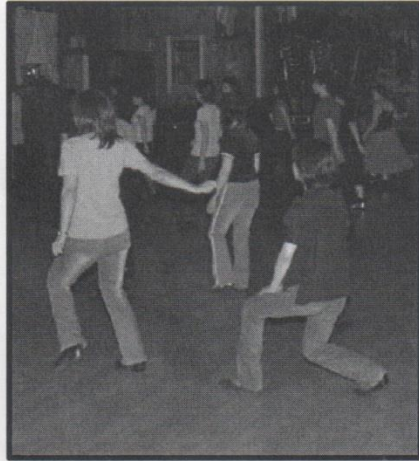
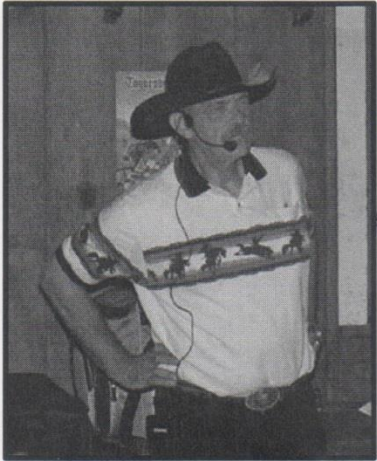
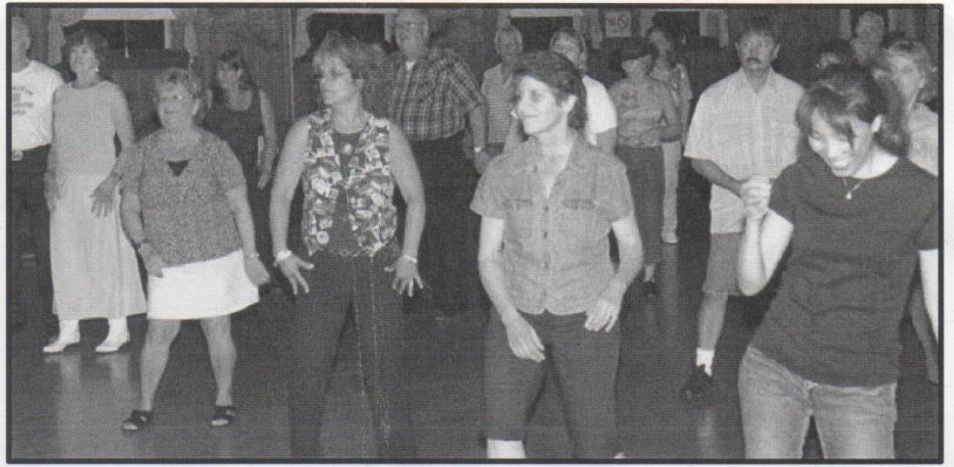
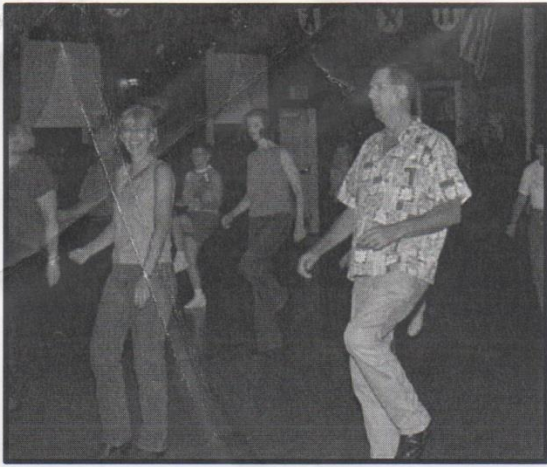
Pumpkins have inhabited the planet for thousands of years. They originated in Central America. They were used then (and now) as a food crop. Over the course of centuries, pumpkins spread their vines across all of North and South America. When Europeans arrived in the New World, they found pumpkins plentiful and used in cooking by Native Americans. They took seeds back to Europe where they quickly became popular.



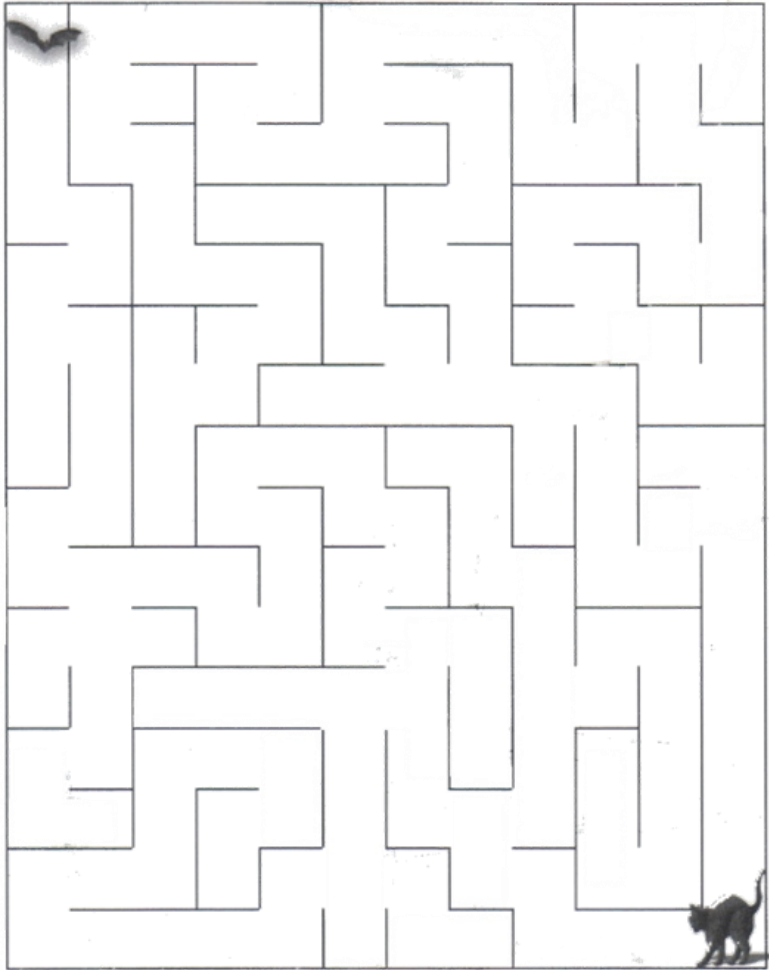
Did you Know? There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with orange? Hard to believe for such an important color? The same is true for the colors purple and silver. But, who cares about silver and purple...they are not pumpkin colors!

Growing big pumpkins is a big time hobby, and a serious at that. Top prize money for the biggest giant pumpkin is as much as \$25,000 dollars at fall festivals. The current world record for giant pumpkins is 1446 pounds. Now that's a lot of pumpkin pies!

Carving pumpkins is a traditional and fun part of Halloween. You can carve simple designs or intricate patterns.



Help the Bat find
the Cat in this fun
Halloween puzzle.



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