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TIDBITS® REMEMBERS THE TITANIC

by Kathy Wolfe

April 14 marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic on her maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York City. In memoriam, Tidbits brings you the facts and figures of this monumental tragedy, as well as information about the famous 1997 film produced by James Cameron.

- Constructed at the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast, Ireland, the Titanic was the largest passenger steamship in the world at the time. Nearly 14,000 laborers contributed to her construction, at a cost of nearly \$8 million. (Compare this to the cost of making Cameron's 1997 movie "Titanic," with a production price tag of over \$200 million.)
- The ship was four city blocks long and weighed 46,329 tons. Three million rivets held the hull together. On launch day, 44,000 pounds (19,958 kg) of soap, grease and oil were required to slide the massive craft into the water. Twenty-nine boilers fueled the 159 coal-burning furnaces.
- The coolers were stocked with 75,000 pounds (34,019 kg) of fresh meat, 11,000 pounds (4,989 kg) of fresh fish, 36,000 oranges, 40,000 eggs, 6,000 pounds (2,721 kg) of butter and 1,500 gallons (6,819 l) of milk. The cupboards were filled with 12,000 dinner plates, 3,000 teacups, 300 nutcrackers, 6,000 tablecloths and 45,000 napkins.

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2. **MUSIC:** In the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” how many maids are milking?

3. **BIBLE:** What was Matthew’s profession before he became an apostle of Jesus?

4. **AWARDS:** The annual PATSY Award is given for outstanding accomplishment in what area?

5. **SCIENCE:** What is the most abundant element in the human body?

6. **SPORTS:** What ancient sport gave rise to the modern version of kickboxing?

7. **THEATER:** What Shakespearean character said, “Neither a borrower nor a lender be”?

8. **LITERATURE:** Whose biography was titled “One Giant Leap”?

9. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which one of the Great Lakes is located entirely within the U.S. border?

10. **EXPLORERS:** Who discovered the St. Lawrence River?

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by Jo Ann Derson

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- “Technology can be really helpful, especially if you have very little storage area for papers. I had a trustworthy neighborhood teenager come over and help me scan in all my important documents. I have everything on CDs or flash drives, and have given copies to appropriate people. She showed me how to scan a copy of warranty receipts so that I can find the information I need quickly if I have an electronic item or appliance break down.” -- T.L. in Massachusetts
- D.B. in Minnesota has this to share: When you are going fishing and only bringing a couple of lures, use an old, empty pill container. Holds well and you won’t get poked!
- Oranges are wonderful treats and full of delicious fiber and vitamin C. Save your peels and stash them in a net bag hanging from your rearview mirror for just a day or two. As they dry, they give off the best smell.
- Need to take pills daily? Set a reminder on your cellphone. Most have alarm functions, and it works!
- “This tip is from my babysitter. She gives small children two ‘get out of bed free’ tickets at bedtime. If they get out of bed, say, for one last drink of water, etc. (we parents know these are stalling tactics), they have to give her a ticket. If they still have a ticket unused when they fall asleep, she will leave a prize with their parents for the morning.” -- M.J. in New Mexico
- “My friend and I found some great vintage spice bottles at a garage sale. We decided that since we got such a good deal, we would treat ourselves to a few new, interesting spices that were a little pricey -- and we went in half on them.” -- E.D. in Illinois

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“Men, you have done your full duty. You can do no more...now it’s every man for himself.” –Titanic commander Captain Edward Smith

THE TITANIC (continued)

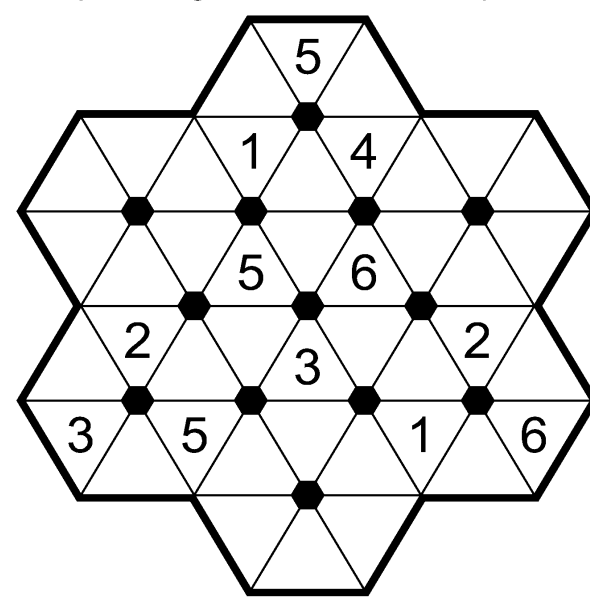
- Although designed and licensed to carry 3,500 passengers, only 2,223 people were on board, including millionaire John Jacob Astor, mining magnate Benjamin Guggenheim and Macy’s department store owners Isidor and Ida Straus. The most elegant first-class suites were priced at \$4,350, which translates to about \$75,000 in today’s money. Second-class fares were \$1,750 (\$24,000 today), and third class steerage was available for \$30, about \$350 today. First-class passengers ate their meals from fine china edged in 22k gold
- The final evening meal served on the Titanic consisted of 11 different courses, including raw oysters as an hors d’oeuvre, cream of barley soup, cold asparagus vinaigrette and roast duckling.
- Four days into the Atlantic crossing, the ship struck an iceberg, one estimated at 500,000 tons, with 50 feet (15.2 m) above the water and seven-eighths of its bulk below. Icebergs are typically at their worst during April, because warmer spring temperatures melt the thick ice of the sea that has held the icebergs in place, releasing them to float free. The ship’s wireless operators received seven telegraphed ice warnings that fateful night. The final message, placed under a paperweight, was never delivered to those on the ship’s bridge. The ice field the Titanic encountered was close to 80 miles (128 km) long.
- The ship was equipped with lifeboats for 1,178 of the more than 2,200 people on board. The death toll was 1,517, of which only 306 bodies were recovered. Although a lifeboat could hold 65 people, the first one was launched with only 28 on board. Had the crew loaded the existing lifeboats to capacity, 500 more lives could have been saved.
- The original plans called for an additional 12 lifeboats on the deck, but the White Star Line’s management ditched the idea, claiming the deck would “look too cluttered.”
- It was not a large gash in the hull of the Titanic that caused her to sink; rather the force of the impact caused the steel rivets to pop, buckling the steel plates of the hull. Based on the ship’s speed of about 22 knots, if the iceberg had been sighted only 30 seconds sooner, the collision could have been avoided. With one knot equal to 1.516 mph (2.44 km/h), 22 knots was close to the highest speed the ship had ever reached.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦ ♦

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

‘Surprise Inside’ Easter Eggs

Ready, set, think Easter! Put aside chores and to-do lists for an afternoon and make these colorfully decorated “surprise inside” Easter eggs with your family. You’ll need the simplest of supplies: real eggshell halves or plastic eggs that twist open in half, bright gift-wrap tissue paper, household white glue and your children’s creativity. Come Easter morning, friends and family will anticipate cracking open these dazzling eggs because there’s a special surprise inside each one!

To get started, save your eggshells. When a recipe calls for eggs, carefully crack the eggs in half, empty the contents for the recipe and rinse out the matching eggshells with soap and water. Set them aside to dry thoroughly, making sure you keep the pairs together. Or, simply use inexpensive empty plastic eggs in a variety of sizes from discount and dollar stores. Place a small charm, toy, coins or a strip of paper with a saying, poem or kind thought inside one of the halves of each eggshell pair. For example, “For an egg-stra special friend whose sense of humor cracks me up!”

Now it’s time to put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Find the matching eggshell half and tape or glue the two pieces together. Don’t worry if there are gaps where small pieces of the shell may have broken. Brush white household glue one section at a time on the eggshell and place small squares of cut gift-wrap tissue paper on the glue. Overlap the tissue squares as you cover the entire egg, including the open gaps, if there are any. Paint a final coat of glue over the tissue-covered egg. Let dry. The glue will become invisible, revealing a colorful mosaic of tissue shapes. If an egg is designated for a particular person, glue on a small nametag. Arrange your brightly decorated eggs in an Easter basket and enjoy them as a table centerpiece this month. On Easter morning crack open the eggs to reveal the surprises!

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By Chris Richcreek

football career before Tulsa's Damaris Johnson broke it in 2010?

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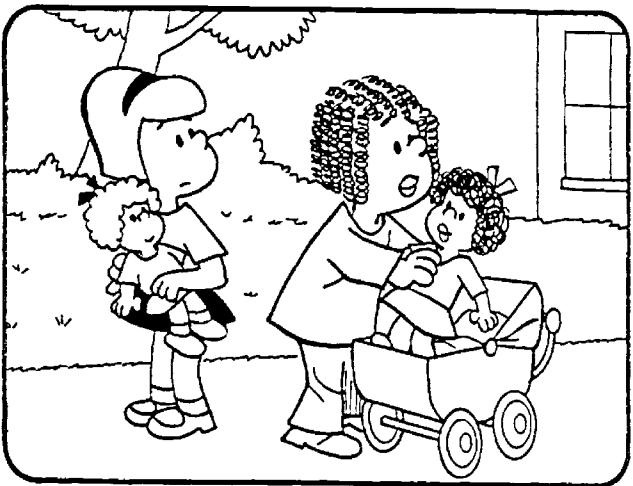
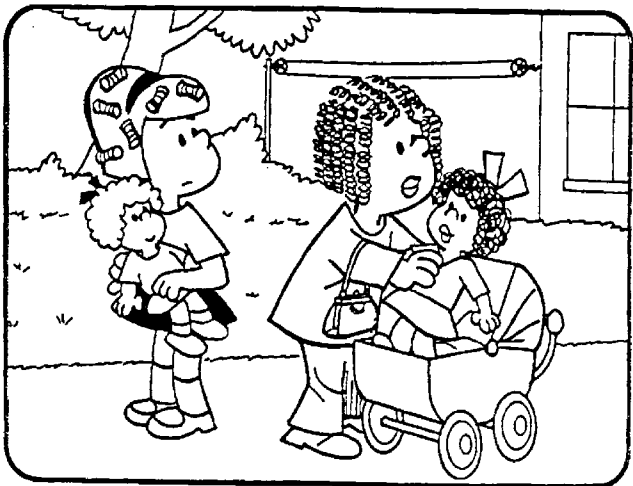
5 Following the NHL's expansion before the 1967-68 season, which was the first expansion team to win a Stanley Cup?

6 True or false: 2011 marked the first time since NASCAR instituted a points system in 1975 that a driver came from behind to win a season title in the final race of the year.

7 Who was the last men's tennis player before Roger Federer (2004-08) to win the U.S. Open singles title two consecutive years?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



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THE TITANIC (continued)

- It took only two hours and 40 minutes for the Titanic to sink after striking the iceberg. The ship that responded immediately to the distress calls was the Carpathia, 58 miles (93 km) away. Unfortunately, it took four hours for the ship to reach the Titanic. The Carpathia carried the 700-plus survivors into New York harbor, where the ship was met by over 40,000 people.

- Most of the victims froze to death rather than drowned in the 28°F (-2°C) water, where death occurred in as little as 15 minutes. When James Cameron produced his 1997 movie blockbuster, he instructed cast members on the stages of hypothermia in order to make their scenes more realistic. Cameron advised his cast, "It's supposedly a very peaceful feeling." The actors' icy frozen hair was created by coating hair with colored wax.

- Of the 306 bodies recovered, 150 were never claimed. Those unclaimed were buried in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

- Captain Edward Smith had plans of retiring after safely navigating the Titanic to New York City, wrapping up 38 years with the White Star Line.

- The wreck of the Titanic was discovered in September 1985, on an expedition led by Robert Ballard. She lay approximately 400 miles (644 km) off the coast of Newfoundland, 1,191 miles (1,917 km) from New York City, 12,460 feet (3,798 m) below the ocean's surface. The bow and the stern were 1,970 feet (600 m) apart. During Ballard's expedition, more than 20,000 photos were shot in four days.

- Producer James Cameron made 12 trips to the actual wreckage site to conduct research for his 1997 film. His movie contains actual footage from these trips, shot on location. A replica of the ship was constructed for the film, and it was sunk in an immense tank filled with 17 million gallons of water. A hydraulic lift was used to tilt the tank and raise and lower the ship.

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- In a 1982 issue of the magazine American Film, a writer named Chuck Ross claimed that he retyped the screenplay to the 1942 film "Casablanca," changing only the title and one of the character's names, and submitted it to 217 agencies. Of the 85 who responded, only eight recognized it as "Casablanca," though it seemed familiar to another 25. Three of the agencies thought it might be commercially viable, while one thought it should be turned into a novel. The Oscar-winning screenplay was rejected outright by 38 of the agencies.

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The mine continued in fits and starts under the leadership of Quayle Dixon for another twenty-three years. In 1961, a new company, The Relief Mine Company, succeeded the Koyle Mining Company.

Info from "The Dream Mine", Jay M. Haymond
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THE TITANIC (continued)

- Several items recovered from the wreckage now reside in a Philadelphia museum, including Mrs. John Jacob Astor’s lifebelt, a menu from the dining room, a deck chair and a piece of wood from a lifeboat.
- The youngest passenger on the ship was Millvina Dean, just nine weeks old. Her parents were emigrating to Wichita, Kansas, where they had family and friends. Millvina, along with her mother and brother, were some of the first steerage passengers to be loaded into lifeboats. Her 25-year-old father did not survive. Millvina was also the last living survivor, passing away in May 2009, at the age of 97. Her ashes were scattered off the Southampton dock, where the Titanic had been launched. Strangely enough, her brother died on the 80th anniversary of the sinking.

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- Construction began on the Tower in 1173. By the time the first three stories were completed, the Tower had already begun to lean. It’s no small wonder it happened, since the city of Pisa itself takes its name from a Greek word meaning “marshy land.” The Tower’s foundations, only 9.85 feet (3 m) deep, were laid on soft ground made up of clay, fine sand and shells, no match for a 14,500-ton weight. In fact, there are several other towers throughout the city that lean, and the cathedral and baptistery are sinking as well.
- Work stopped on the Tower after only five years and three stories. The architects and engineers hoped that by delaying the construction, the clay would settle and harden, something that didn’t happen. Construction did not resume for nearly 100 years, until 1272, when an architect attempted to correct the lean with a design that made the remaining stories shorter on the uphill side. Four additional floors were added, and the extra weight of these caused the Tower to sink further and lean even more. The construction halted yet again in 1278.
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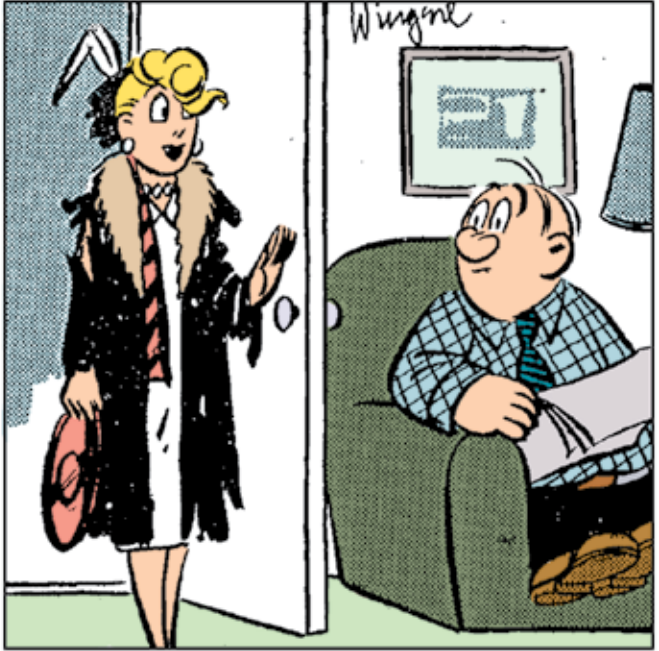
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Attic Vents Present a Pesky Problem

Q: Recently, I found that sparrows had built a nest not just under the eaves of my house, but inside the crawlspace under the roof. I had pest control remove the nest, and now I plan to seal up any gaps or openings under the eaves or leading into the attic. How best do I go about this? -- John C., Framingham, Mass.

A: You don't want to seal up every opening in the attic and crawlspace area, as many of the openings play an important role in maintaining the health of your home.

The spaces between the exterior and interior living area of a house -- attics, crawlspaces, the gaps between the outside wall and the interior framing and drywall -- make up what's known as a home's "envelope." Airflow into and out of this envelope is as important as the other components you'll often find inside, such as insulation.

Home plans provide for open vents spaced around the exterior of the house, which allow air to flow naturally into and out of the envelope. This constantly moving air keeps the space between your living area and the outside of the house from getting too hot

or too cold, and more importantly, keeps moisture from becoming a problem. Excess humidity within the envelope can, over time, cause some very expensive problems, including mold. Of course, you don't want pests using these vents to move into your home, because they, too, can cause quite a bit of damage. To protect the crawlspace and the health of your home, find and note all of the openings and vents in the eaves and soffits, the crawlspace and attic, and the basement or lower crawlspace of your home. Note the condition of each: is a vent in place? Is there just an opening with no protective vent? Or does the opening look like a damaged area rather than an intentionally placed opening? Once you have that diagram, then you can purchase what you need to install proper vent covers that will enable airflow while discouraging pests, and repair any exterior damage before interior damage becomes a problem.

Even with protective measures in place, you still will need to inspect the area at least twice a year, typically spring and fall, for evidence of animals or other pests trying to make your home their home.

HOME TIP: What's the difference between eaves and soffits? Eaves sit at the edge of a sloped roof; soffits are the flat underside of a roof's overhang between the exterior wall and the eaves.

Send your questions or tips to ask@thisisahammer.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS



Julian Lennon 4/8/63
Dennis Quaid 4/9/54
Steven Seagal 4/10/52
Joel Grey 4/11/32
Shannen Doherty 4/12/71
Rick Schroder 4/13/70
Brad Garrett 4/14/60

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Holidays & Observances This Week

4/8 Easter
4/9 Appomattox Day
4/10 National Farm Animals Day
4/11 World Parkinson's Disease Day
4/12 Support Teen Literature Day
4/13 Peach Cobbler Day
4/14 Titanic sinking

Good Housekeeping

Smoked Ham with Fresh Strawberry Sauce

Perfect for a buffet any time of year. We created this impressive glazed ham for winter entertaining, but it has become an Easter favorite as well.

1 (12-pound) smoked whole ham, fully cooked
3 pints strawberries
2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 jar (10- to 12-ounce) orange marmalade
Radish sprouts or watercress sprigs, for garnish

1. Remove skin and trim some fat from smoked whole ham, leaving about 1/4 inch fat. With knife, score fat covering on ham crosswise, just through to the meat, into 1-inch-wide

strips. Place ham on rack in large roasting pan (about 17 by 11 1/2 inches). Insert meat thermometer into center of ham, being careful that pointed end does not touch bone. Bake ham in 325 F oven 3 to 3 1/2 hours until thermometer reaches 140 F (15 to 18 minutes per pound). If ham browns too quickly, cover with a foil tent.

2. About 30 minutes before ham is done, prepare strawberry sauce: Reserve 1 pint strawberries for garnish. Hull remaining strawberries. In 3-quart saucepan, mash strawberries. Stir in brown sugar, cornstarch, salt and orange marmalade; cook over medium heat until mixture thickens slightly and boils, stirring frequently.

3. To serve, place ham on warm large platter. Arrange radish sprouts and reserved whole strawberries around ham. Serve with sauce. Serves 24.

• Each serving: About 250 calories, 12g total fat, 60mg cholesterol, 1,770mg sodium,

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LEANING TOWER (continued)

• In 1990, after 20 years of studies on how to stabilize the structure, the Tower was closed to the public and corrective reconstruction began. Because of its importance to Pisa's tourism industry, the engineers wanted to keep the "lean." The Tower was straightened slightly — 18 inches (46 cm) — by removing soil from underneath the higher side. This action brought it to its position from 1838. It was not reopened to the public for nearly 12 years, at which time it was declared stable for at least the next 300 years.

• In 2008, the Tower was further stabilized and stopped moving for the first time in its history. Its current tilt is more than 16.5 feet (5 m) off perpendicular.

• If you're interested in climbing to the top of the Tower, there are 297 steps to the bell chamber. Its height on the high side is 185.93 feet (56.67 m), and it is 183.27 feet (55.86 m) on the low side, not really a very tall structure. Compare it to the St. Louis Arch at 630 feet (192 m). The walls are 13.42 feet (4.09 m) thick at the base and 8.14 feet (2.48 m) thick at the top.

• The world very nearly did not have the Leaning Tower to enjoy. During World War II, American soldiers discovered enemy snipers using the structure as an observation post and were ordered to destroy all buildings that could pose such a potential threat. Hundreds of buildings were blown up as a result. Due to an enemy retreat, the Tower was saved at the very last minute.

IT'S TAX TIME!

As the annual income tax deadline draws near, here are some facts about this dreaded subject!

• In American colonial times, the mother country England taxed its colonists on nearly everything, from newspapers, playing cards and documents to paper, paint and tea. The famous Boston Tea Party occurred in 1773, when 116 colonists dressed up as Native Americans and boarded three ships anchored in Boston Harbor. The ships' entire cargo of tea was thrown overboard, 90,000 pounds (40,823 kg) of tea in 342 crates. The value in today's money would be equal to about \$1 million.

• After the American Revolutionary War, Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton needed a way to pay off the debt created by the war. His solution was the instigation of a "sin tax," a tax on those items viewed by society as immoral. The Whiskey Tax of 1791 levied a 28-percent tax on every gallon of whiskey. In 1794, it was expanded to other "luxuries," such as carriages, sugar, snuff and salt.

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Q: I have a political stickpin issued during Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign of 1964. It is in perfect condition. -- Theresa, Surprise, Ariz.

A: There were dozens of Goldwater pins issued during his campaign. Some of the most popular ones were a red and blue button with a white arrow pointing to the right, "AU H20 1964," and an elephant with Goldwater's trademark black eye glasses. Most of the Goldwater buttons sell in the \$5 to \$25 range, according to "Warman's Political Collectibles: Identification and Price Guide" by Dr. Enoch L. Nappen (Krause, \$24.99).

Q: I have an old pedal car that is probably from the 1940s. It needs to be restored, and I wonder if you can recommend someone. -- Tom, Midland, Texas

A: John Bogan, owner of Bogan Restoration Services, buys, sells and restores vintage bicycles, pedal cars, toys and metalware. He is based in Irving, Texas, and his contact information is jbogan@mindspring.com, and 972-445-4800.

Q: In 1991, Kenner had a toy line called the Savage Mondo Blitzers, which was pulled from the shelves after being available for only a very short time. It seemed that parents were upset, not only by the characters looks but also their names. I have four of the sets of four and wonder if they are worth anything. -- Ruth, Orlando, Fla.

A: The Toy Stable has one of the largest inventories of the Savage Mondo Blitzers figures. They seem to sell for less than \$5 each, for example, Bad Audience, \$4.99, Bad to the Bone, \$2.99, and Aping Wound, \$4.99. You can check out others at its website, www.toystable.com. The contact address is 2917 Military Road East, Tacoma, WA 98445.

Q: I have a set of 13 postcards from the New York World's Fair of 1939. How much do you think they are worth? -- Josie, Ormond Beach, Fla.

A: The New York World's Fair was one of this country's most popular such events. Souvenirs from that fair are fairly common and quite collectible. I contacted several collectors, and they seem to agree that your postcards are probably worth in the \$15 to \$25 range. One of the more interesting websites is <http://websyte.com/alan/nywf.htm>.



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1 Mary's pet

5 Sleepwear, for short

8 Commotions

12 Brit's exclamation

13 Debtor's letters

14 Domesticate

15 Made moist

17 Send forth

18 Lance

19 Crouches

21 Line of fashion?

24 Boom times

25 Auction actions

28 Asian desert

30 Animation frame

33 Historic time

34 Bolivian city

35 Guitar's cousin

36 Jewel

37 War god

38 Cruising

39 Pick a target

41 Profound

43 Jamaican music style

46 Blunder

50 Satan's specialty

51 Greek threatened by a sword

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2 Now, on a memo

3 Jerry Herman musical

4 Circumvent

5 Wrestling win

6 Scarborough of MSNBC

7 Lather

8 Enjoyed thoroughly

9 Syrian city

10 Leave out

11 Collections

16 Before

20 Classroom surprise

22 Culture medium

23 Segway alternative

25 Plead

26 Rage

27 Harmful

29 Diamond corner

31 — out a living

32 Meadow

34 Dalai —

38 Iraq War helicopter

40 Nome dome home

42 Id counter part

43 Cincinnati team

44 1960s singer

45 Sands

46 Rim

47 Run away

48 Toppled

49 Catch sight of

52 Massachusetts cape

53 Pie filling?

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top ten

Egg-Producing States

1. Iowa

2. Ohio

3. Pennsylvania

4. Indiana

5. California

6. Texas

7. Michigan

8. Minnesota

9. Florida

10. Nebraska

Source: American Egg Board

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NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

Because many scenes of the 1997 film "Titanic" were shot in Mexico, the visual effects crew had to digitally insert computer-animated puffs of breath coming from the actors' mouths to depict the frigid North Atlantic temperatures.

by Jeff Pickering



“Are you really going to visit your _____ or are you just saying that to make my day?”

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!

Gather

POGUR

Annoy

SHARAS

Tempt

CENTIE

Salve

BLAM

TODAY'S WORD

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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

SQUARE DEAL! Given the diagram at right, you are asked to insert the eight even numbers shown — 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 — to achieve a total of 28 on each of the square's four sides. (Each of the eight numbers is to be used just once.)

As a starter, let it be known that numbers 8, 8, 10, and 16 appear in corners.

How long will it take you to insert the numbers?

Remember, sides total 28.

From top left, clockwise: 15, 4, 8, 14, 16, 12, 10, 2 will do it.

CLIPSO FACTO! Pick up a handful of paper clips and count them. Double the number. Add 19 and divide by two. Subtract the original number of clips and add 43. Resulting amount appears below.

Regardless of number of clips, answer is 52.

BEPUZZLING SALAD MIX

YOU are challenged to conduct a hunt for names of seven common salad ingredients that appear in consecutive order in the diagram below. Names are to be spelled by moving letter by letter to adjacent squares, up, down or diagonally.

These are the seven ingredients to be connected in order: Lettuce, tomato, celery, carrot, pepper, radish, onion.

All 42 letters in the diagram are to be used, each just once.

Hint: Begin at letter L in upper left-hand corner.

How quickly can you spell out the words?

Time limit: 2 minutes.

JOIN HUNT! Our artist says some 20 eggs are present in this egg hunt scene. See how many of them you can find.

EGGED ON! One chocolate bunny to go. Code: 1—Red. 2—Blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh. 6—Lt. green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Dk. green. 9—Dk. purple. 10—Gray. 11—Lavender. 12—Pink.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

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By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Understanding Breast Calcifications

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: The receptionist at my doctor's office called to give me the report on a mammogram I had taken. She said that it showed calcifications and that the doctor wanted it repeated in six months. Why? Are calcifications indications of cancer? If they are, I'd like to get this taken care of immediately. I am becoming a nervous wreck thinking about this. -- H.M.

ANSWER: When tests don't provide a definite answer, everyone suffers -- the patient, the doctor of the patient and the doctor who interpreted the test. Calcifications are the perfect example. They're calcium specks. When the doctor interpreting the mammogram sees them, he or she bases their importance on their number, their shape, their size and the pattern they make. With those criteria, the doctor usually can say whether they indicate cancer. Noncancerous calcifications might result from a bump to the breast to which you paid little attention. Or a minor breast infection could have caused them. If the doctor feels that evidence points more in the direction of cancer, then he or she will ask for an immediate biopsy. If the doctor feels more certain that they are not cancer signs but is not completely certain about that call, a repeat examination at a later date is a reasonable position to take. Neither the interpreting doctor nor your personal doctor would ask for a delay if there was any chance that the inaction would harm your health. The pamphlet on breast cancer gives the approach to diagnosing and treating it. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 1101W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My thighs are loaded with cellulite. What is it, and how can I get rid of it? -- M.T.

ANSWER: Cellulite is beneath-the-skin fat that forms small puckers due to crisscrossing fibers similar to but not the same as scar-tissue fibers. The fiber-puckered fat gives the involved skin a lumpy-bumpy appearance. Laser treatments, radiofrequency wave treatments and ultrasound have been used for removing cellulite. These are cosmetic procedures and likely are not covered by insurance. Innumerable creams are advertised for cellulite reduction, but I can't tell you if they work. I would be cautious about trying any that are costly. Weight loss makes cellulite less obvious. You are best served by consulting a dermatologist.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For the past several days, my left eyelid has been twitching. There's no pain. It does not affect my vision. Does it mean anything? -- T.P.

ANSWER: Not usually. Eyelid twitches result from spasms of muscles controlling eyelid movement. It's intermittent and lasts for a few days, at most. Fatigue, stress and caffeine have been implicated as causes. I have had such twitching, at times when I was neither tired nor stressed nor drinking caffeine. If the twitching is bothersome, soak a washcloth in warm water and apply it to the closed eyelid. If twitching lasts longer than a week or two, see the family doctor.

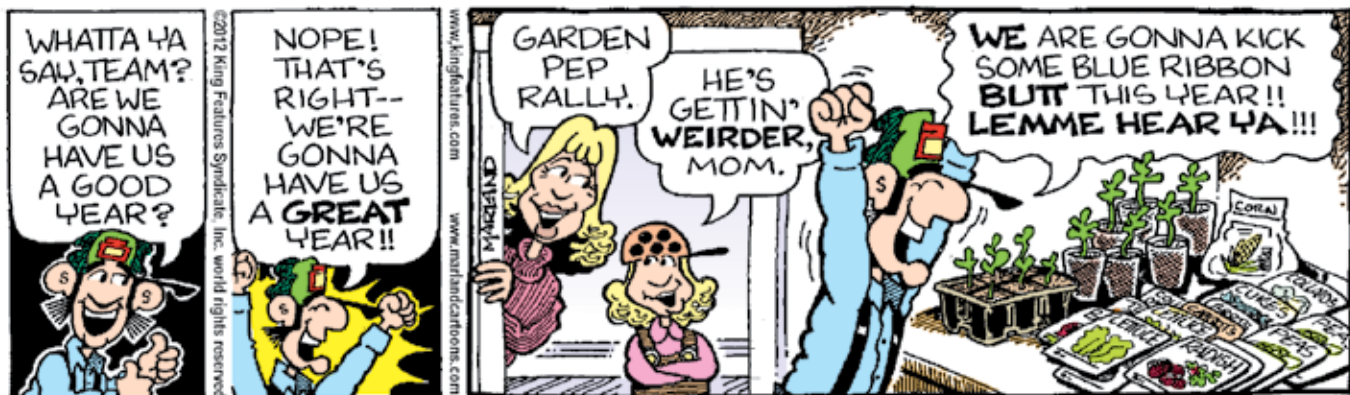
LAFF - A - DAY

“Relax, Mrs. Bobbitt. When you called, I was repairing my sink.”

IT'S TAX TIME! (continued)

- Folks have been paying taxes in some form since ancient times. The first written records date back to Egypt, when grain, livestock or oils were used as payment.
- When the War of 1812 incurred more debt, the government initiated taxes on gold, silverware, jewelry and watches, an act that remained in place for five years. When that tax was repealed, the government relied on tariffs on imported goods to fund the country.
- The nation's first actual income tax was implemented to fund the Civil War in 1862. Those earning annual income between \$800 and \$10,000 paid income taxes of 3 percent, while those above \$10,000 paid a higher rate. The inheritance tax was also introduced.
- The office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue was established the same year. But the income tax was repealed once the debt had been eliminated.
- The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1913 gave Congress "power to lay and collect taxes on incomes" on a permanent basis. The first Form 1040 was created that year. Because of generous exemptions and deductions, in 1913, less than 1 percent of citizens paid income tax at the rate of 1 percent of net income.
- In 1913, the U.S. tax code manual consisted of 400 pages. Forty years later it was 14,000 pages. Another 40 years brought the document to 26,300 pages. It seems to be getting much more complicated as the years go by — the 2011 tax code contained 72,536 pages!
- The complexity of the system has grown a lot since that first Form 1040. In 1990, there were 402 various IRS tax forms. By 2002, that number had jumped to 526, and today there are more than 800 different forms.
- Most of us complain about our taxes, but some just plain refuse to comply. Movie star Wesley Snipes began serving a three-year prison sentence in December 2010 for failing to file tax returns, in debt to the government for \$17 million. The government seized the assets of singer Willie Nelson to collect the \$16 million in back taxes he owed. Baseball great Pete Rose failed to claim income from his autograph signings and spent five months in prison for this oversight. In 1973, the political career of Vice President Spiro Agnew ended when he resigned after being charged with tax evasion.

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by Mike Marland

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**Rhubarb-Orange Dumplings**

by JoAnna M. Lund

When you combine two old-time favorites (rhubarb and dumplings) in a new-time cooking convenience, you create magic!

3/4 cup unsweetened orange juice
 Sugar substitute to equal 14 tablespoons sugar
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 3 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
 1 1/3 cups reduced-fat biscuit baking mix
 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts

- In an 8-by-8-inch glass microwavable baking dish, combine 1/4 cup orange juice, sugar substitute to equal 3/4 cup sugar and flour. Stir in rhubarb. Microwave on HIGH (100 percent power) for 5 to 6 minutes or until mixture is thickened, stirring after 3 minutes.
- Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine baking mix, remaining sugar substitute to equal 2 tablespoons sugar and remaining 1/2 cup orange juice. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls into hot mixture to form 6 dumplings. Evenly sprinkle walnuts over top. Cover and microwave on HIGH for 4 to 6 minutes or until dumplings are no longer doughy. Let set for 2 to 3 minutes. Evenly divide into 6 servings.

- Each serving equals: 151 calories, 3g fat, 3g protein, 28g carb., 312mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Fruit.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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**Top Dog**

By Samantha Mazzotta

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Settle an argument my friend and I are having. I think that terrier dogs are the most popular pet (among dog owners). My friend says Labs are the most popular. What's your take? -- Beth C., Trenton, N.J.

DEAR BETH: The American Kennel Club recently released its registration statistics for 2011, which revealed that among registered pets, the Labrador retriever was the most popular breed in the United States. In fact, the Labrador retriever has held that top spot for 21 years. The Yorkshire terrier placed fifth among AKC registrations.

Here are the top 10 breeds for 2011-12:

1. Labrador retriever
2. German shepherd
3. Beagle
4. Golden retriever
5. Yorkshire terrier
6. Bulldog
7. Boxer

8. Poodle
9. Dachshund
10. Rottweiler

Now, this may or may not settle the argument. Unregistered dogs, of course, aren't on there, nor are many adopted shelter pets. But it's a pretty good barometer of the type of dogs, in terms of size, behavior traits and other elements, that currently are popular among owners.

Farther down the list -- more than 100 breeds were ranked -- you'll find the various terrier breeds, such as the Boston terrier (No. 22) and West Highland white terrier (No. 35) to name a couple. Breed popularity tends to jump around: Bulldogs ranked No. 19 a decade ago, but today sit at No. 6. At any rate, take the loss in stride. Make peace over a frosty beverage, and take comfort in knowing that the most popular dog for you is the one you choose (or that chooses you).

Send your questions, comments or tips to ask@pawscorner.com.



by Freddy Groves

Prosthetic Limb Study

The House Committee on Veterans Affairs asked the VA Office of Inspector General to review and evaluate how services are being provided to veterans who have had amputations. The study was limited to 838 veterans discharged from active service after Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn. Here's what it found:

--The majority were between the ages of 22 and 25, enlisted male veterans.

--The rates of some disorders increased after discharge. Anxiety disorders rose from 42 percent to 61 percent. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder rates increased from 31 percent to 58 percent. Alcohol disorders rose from 7 percent to 11 percent. Drug disorders, however, and adjustment disorders decreased.

--Veterans with upper limb amputations didn't fare as well as

those with lower limb amputations in terms of psychosocial adjustment, physical ability and prosthetic satisfaction.

--Veterans with amputations and prostheses are "significant users" of Department of Veterans Affairs health services, and not just for the prostheses: 99 percent use VA health care for all medical needs.

The comments at the end of the report are telling. One veteran commented on the lengthy process to get a prosthesis made by an outside vendor and have the VA approve and pay for it. Another makes his own repairs to his prosthesis to cut through the VA red tape. Another veteran goes out of his way to avoid using VA care, saying most of the staff doesn't understand upper limb amputations. Some veterans are waiting six months for an appointment and then have to travel long distances. Another has had a clothing issue for years and hadn't been able to get help until the OIG stepped in.

To read the 88-page report, go to va.gov and search for Prosthetic Limb Care in VA Facilities.

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

**Moments in time**
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On April 13, 1742, George Friedrich Handel's "Messiah" premieres in Dublin. Although singing the oratorio has become a Christmas tradition, the Messiah received its world premiere during the Christian season of Lent. Handel composed the score for Messiah in just 24 days.

- On April 14, 1818, Noah Webster, a Yale-educated lawyer with an avid interest in language and education, publishes his American Dictionary of the English Language. The dictionary, which took him more than two decades to complete, introduced more than 10,000 "Americanisms."

- On April 12, 1861, the Civil War begins when Confederate shore batteries under General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Bay. During the next 34 hours, 50 Confederate guns and mortars launched more than 4,000 rounds at the poorly supplied fort.

- On April 10, 1906, O. Henry's second short-story collection, "The Four Million," is published. O. Henry was the pen name adopted by William Sydney Porter. Porter began writing in the late 1880s but didn't apply himself seriously until 1898, when he was jailed for embezzling from a bank in Austin, Texas.

- On April 15, 1924, Rand McNally releases its first comprehensive road atlas. The first version was called the Rand McNally Auto Chum. Today Rand McNally is the world's largest maker of atlases in print and electronic media.

- On April 11, 1945, the American Third Army liberates the Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar, Germany. Buchenwald will be judged second only to Auschwitz in the horrors it imposed on its prisoners. Among those saved by the Americans was Elie Wiesel, who would go on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

- On April 9, 1969, the Chicago Eight, indicted on federal charges of conspiracy to cross state lines with intent to incite a riot at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago, plead not guilty. The trial turned into a circus as the defendants and their attorneys used the court as a platform to attack President Richard Nixon, the Vietnam War, racism and oppression.



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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Balmoral	Derby	Panama	Tam
Beanie	Fez	Sombrero	Top hat
Beret	Hard hat	Stetson	Trilby
Coonskin	Homburg	Stovepipe	

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10:45 AM - 12:00 PM MST
Arcadia Recovery Center
806 South 1040 West, Payson, UT - (801) 465-8004 arcadiarecoverycenter.com

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Wed. Apr. 25 Ribbon Cutting for Apple Valley Vision @11:30 am

1ST ANNUAL PAYSON BUSINESS EASTER EGG HUNT



- Register at Dr. Gunnerson's Office: 33 W 300 thru Mar 23rd
- Ages 10 – 17
- Visit Each Business, Find the Egg, Get Card Signed, Get Next Clue
- Return Egg Hunt Cards to Dr. Gunnerson's Office by April 5th
- Everyone receives a Prize & is entered for the Easter Grand Prize
- Grand Prize Winners will be notified on April 6th

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April 12, 2012 - Crafternoon at Springville Museum of Art
Springville Museum of Art - 12:00pm-2:00pm - FREE
126 East 400 South , Springville, UT 84663
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Designed especially for adults to explore their “craftier” sides and socialize in the Museum’s beautiful environment! Make personalized silhouettes to frame at home! Bring your tots and a picnic lunch to enjoy at the Museum. utahvalley.com/events

ANSWERS

SPORTS QUIZ
1. Two -- the Chicago White Sox in 2005 and the Detroit Tigers in 2006.
2. Jerry Koosman was 21-10 in 1976 and 8-20 in 1977.
3. Western Michigan’s Brandon West (2006-09), with 7,764 yards.
4. Oscar Robertson (four times), Charlie Scott and Pete Maravich.
5. The Philadelphia Flyers, in 1974.
6. True.
7. Patrick Rafter (1997-98).

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

L	A	M	B	P	J	S	A	D	O	S
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S	E	G	O	E	N	D	E	E	L	Y

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Go Figure!

answers

7	÷	1	+	8	15
+		+		-	
8	÷	2	+	6	10
÷		+		x	
3	x	4	+	5	17
5		7		10	

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- Corned beef
- Eight
- Tax collector
- Animal acting
- Oxygen
- Muay Thai
- Polonius, in “Hamlet”
- Neil Armstrong
- Lake Michigan
- Jacques Cartier

WORD POWER

ANSWER

NAVIGATION

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1.Group; 2.Harass;
3.Entice; 4.Balm

Today's Word:

MOTHER