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TIDBITS® REPORTS THE U.S. ON TRIAL!

by Blue Sullivan

Our great country has seen its fair share of odd criminal cases. Here are some of the more peculiar or funny ones.

- Violators of a noise ordinance in Fort Lupton, Colorado, were sentenced to face the music by being made to listen to loud music by artists such as Barry Manilow and Dolly Parton.
- In Niagara Falls, New York, a judge was so enraged by a cell phone going off during court that, when no one owned up to the phone, he threw the entire courtroom in jail.
- In Delray Beach, Florida, a man was arrested after a dispute with his wife, who refused to give him his "lucky" boxer shorts.
- In Cochocton, Ohio, a judge gave two young offenders an option in punishment for throwing beer bottles at ladies: 60 days in jail or one hour walking through downtown dressed as women. They chose the latter.
- When two men in Painesville, Ohio, were charged for shooting up a neighbor's house with paintball guns, the judge ordered them to continue their target practice — on their own cars.

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- 2. MONEY:** What is the basic unit of currency in India?
- 3. LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin term "gratis" mean?
- 4. MEASUREMENTS:** A year must be divisible by what number to be a leap year?
- 5. GOVERNMENT:** Who was the first black female U.S. senator?
- 6. EXPLORERS:** Who was the first European explorer to see the eastern part of the Pacific Ocean (1513), after crossing the Isthmus of Panama?
- 7. ANCIENT WORLD:** What were the common people of ancient Rome called?
- 8. GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Lithuania?
- 9. SCIENCE:** What is the name of the historical period in which dinosaurs lived?
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Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

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- A top coat a day keeps the manicurist away! Revive your polish by giving the ends a quick coat of clear top coat daily to extend the life of your manicure.
 - "I like to cut out and save comic strips. I used to put them in photo albums with the plastic sleeves, but the pages were a little small. Now, I used scrapbook pages, which are much wider. I just glue them to a coordinating color paper. They look much nicer, too." -- R.A. in Virginia
 - To keep spring boots looking tall and smelling pretty good, loosely roll a thin stack of newspaper, stick it down the leg portion of your boot, then fill it with a stack of balled-up newspapers. It will support the leg, which will not flop over and cause cracks. And the newspaper absorbs any smells.
 - "The hardware on my favorite purse started to look very banged-up and was flaking. I found a silver leafing pen at the craft store, and it was very easy to spruce my bag up again." -- A Reader, via email
 - If you have trapped hairs, try this trick: Wet an old, clean toothbrush and dip it in baking soda or body scrub. Gently exfoliate the area once a day for several days, and it should work itself right out.
 - Bar soaps are much more concentrated and eco-friendly than liquid body washes. These days, they are just as moisturizing as any liquid soap. Look for ingredients like "shea butter" or the words "ultra-moisturizing" and "added emollients."
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TIDBITS QUOTE

"An optimist stays up to see the New Year in. A pessimist waits to make sure the old one leaves." - Bill Vaughan

THE U.S. ON TRIAL! (continued)

- Two teenage girls in Boca Raton, Florida, were arrested for a catfight over what one of them had posted on Myspace.
- A man in Bristol, Pennsylvania, was arrested after robbing a house when he found himself unable to leave. The man had entered the garage and locked the door behind him, only to discover he couldn't get the automatic door to open. He remained in the garage for eight days, living on Pepsi and dog food until the startled owners came home.
- A man in San Diego, California, was charged with stealing lobsters from traps. When the police arrived to arrest him, he hid the plundered lobsters in his pants. Ouch!
- Shane Stant went before an Oregon judge to have his record expunged after a felony conviction for his part in the 1994 Olympic skating scandal that sidelined Nancy Kerrigan and put Tonya Harding in jail. His reason for wanting his record expunged? His felony was keeping him out of the Navy Seals.
- In the 1991 film "The Super," Joe Pesci played a slumlord who was sentenced to live in his own run-down apartment building. In 2008, a Cleveland judge gave a man the same punishment: house arrest in his own dilapidated building.
- A Los Angeles woman was charged with wasting police resources after she called 911 to report that her onion rings were cold after receiving them at a local fast food joint.
- A woman in Lake Parsippany, New Jersey, was charged with disorderly conduct after making several 911 calls. She insisted that it wasn't her fault, saying her German shepherd had made them without her knowledge.
- A Georgia judge got tough on graffiti by ordering vandalized businesses to remove the offending graffiti in 30 days or face a \$1,000 fine.
- Don't steal Wi-Fi service in Florida, or you can face a felony charge. That's what one man discovered after accessing a homeowner's service while in his car. The homeowner reported the crime after noticing an unfamiliar car parked in front of his house.

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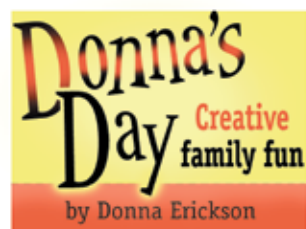
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by Japheth Light

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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Make Hummus for an Easy, Healthy Snack

It might not be a bad idea to include a globe or atlas when you start pulling together the simple ingredients for making hummus with your kids and their friends. Cooking with an international twist is such a perfect opportunity to teach about geography, history and current events. It's also a chance to talk about the rich and varied traditions that exist all over the world. This recipe is simple to prepare, and your kids will love it. Just toss things into the blender and let it whirl. As the garlic cloves and chickpeas blend together, questions may abound, starting with, "What is the Middle East in the middle of?" That's where your maps come into the mix. In the Middle East and here, hummus is a snack or side dish. It is often served with pita bread, the kind with a little pocket inside. You can fill it with cheese, meat and tabouli salad at lunchtime, or, as in this case, use it as a "dipper." It's kind of like chips.

- HUMMUS**
- 1 lemon
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 2 tablespoons tahini (sesame seed paste); look for it near peanut butter or in the international foods section of your market
 - 2-3 fresh garlic gloves
 - 2 cups canned chickpeas (garbanzo beans), drained
 - 2 tablespoons of water or liquid from drained chickpeas
 - 1 teaspoon salt

Here's the fun:
Let your child roll the lemon back and forth on the counter to get the juices flowing. Cut it in half and squeeze it on a manual juicer. Pour a quarter of a cup of the juice into a blender. Pour in the oil, and add the tahini. It's garlic time. Pop out a nice big clove from the bulb. Press a spatula down hard on the clove, and give it a major whack! Peel off the garlic skin, roughly chop the garlic and drop it into the blender. Add another clove or two according to taste. Toss in the drained chickpeas, water or liquid from chickpeas and salt, then give everything a spin until smooth. Serve with warmed pita bread. Makes about 2 cups

Extra Tips:
--Use as a dip for crisp vegetables and spread on sandwiches as a replacement for mayonnaise or butter.
--Add a 1/2 teaspoon of cumin for a different flavor.

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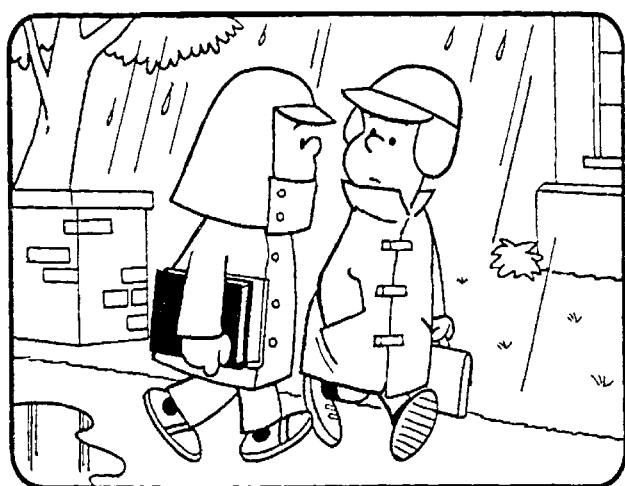
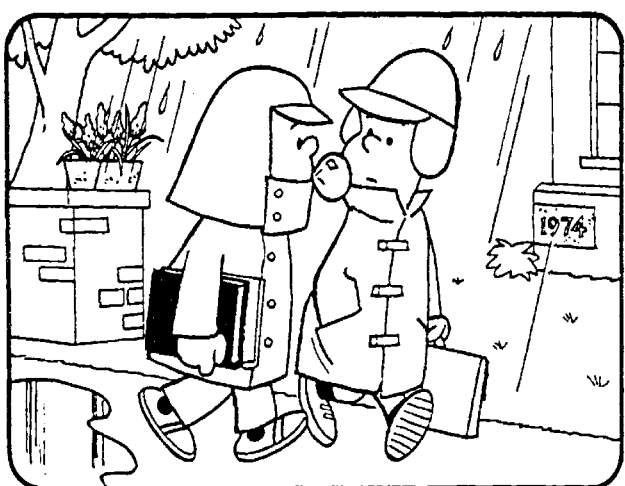
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- Sports QUIZ**
By Chris Richcreek
- In 2011, Minnesota's Francisco Liriano became the fifth pitcher from the Dominican Republic to toss a no-hitter. Name three of the other four who did it.
 - Alex Rodriguez holds the record for most home runs by a third baseman for a season (52). Which two players tied for the second-highest mark?
 - Tom Landry was the first head coach of the Dallas Cowboys and stayed in that position for 29 years. How many head coaches has Dallas had since?
 - Entering the 2011-12 season, how many times had the Marquette men's basketball team been in the Final Four?
 - In 2009, the Chicago Blackhawks matched the biggest comeback in NHL history, rallying from a 5-0 deficit to beat Calgary, 6-5. What other team had a similar comeback?
 - Who was the first coach to win three Major League Soccer titles?
 - Name two of the last three opponents in heavyweight boxer Vitali Klitschko's WBC title defenses.

HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Strange BUT TRUE

- It was Scottish author and historian Thomas Carlyle who made the following sage observation: "The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none."
- If you're planning to travel to Washington state with nefarious plans, here's an interesting law to keep in mind: Any motorist with criminal intent is required to stop before entering a town and inform the chief of police of his or her presence.
- Are you more afraid of lightning or sharks? If you look at the numbers, it makes more sense to fear lightning; more than three times as many people die from lightning strikes than do so in shark attacks.
- As the Black Plague was sweeping Europe during

THE U.S. ON TRIAL! (continued)

- A police chief in Washington, D.C., learned first hand about crime when his squad car was stolen a block from his home. He was disciplined for leaving his riot gear in the trunk.
- A man in Berkeley, California, received several ransom notes after a 6-foot bald Cyprus tree was stolen from in front of his house. The price of its return was the replanting of the tree in a place that didn't obstruct the view of drivers in the neighborhood.
- A man in Madison, Wisconsin, isn't remarkable for why he was arrested (for violating probation), but for his name. His legal name is Beezow Doo-Doo Zopittybop-Bop-Bop.
- A 65-year-old Utah woman was charged with misdemeanor assault for an attack on the driver of an ice-cream truck. She claimed the attack was justified because the prices of the frozen treats were too high.
- When a policeman pulled over a Washington man for speeding, he discovered that the passenger was a green skeleton in a hooded sweatshirt. The driver employed his scary co-pilot to use the faster commuter lane.
- A Florida man was charged with bribery of a public official when he tried to bribe two arresting officers with tickets for the Miami Dolphins, who started the 2011 season by losing its first seven games. Said the chastising judge: "Have you been watching the Dolphins? No one's going to go to that game."
- Four Pittsburgh teens were caught and charged with theft after showing off their stolen loot on Facebook just an hour after they robbed a convenience store.
- Two Florida women were accused of stealing decorations this past Christmas. They were caught because they put them in their yard less than a block from where the items had been stolen.

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- It was in 1893 that the zipper was invented, and it was originally intended to be used in shoes.
- If you're familiar with the Disney film "Cinderella," you might be surprised to learn some details about the Grimm brothers' version of the folktale. In their story, Cinderella's wicked stepisters are so desperate to marry the prince that they mutilate their feet in order to try to make them fit in the slipper (which, in the Grimm version, is made of gold, not glass). Also, at the wedding of Cinderella and her prince, the stepisters' eyes are plucked out by pigeons.

Thought for the Day: "The tax which will be paid for education is not more than the thousandth part of what will be paid to kings, priests, and nobles who will rise up among us if we leave the people to ignorance." -- Thomas Jefferson

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Koyle's dreams continued. He predicted the First World War and the economic crash of October, 1929. He foresaw "horseless carriages" bigger than railroad cars going down the road at great speeds. John H. Koyle died 17 May 1949 in Payson.

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
<http://www.media.utah.edu/UHE/d/DREAMMINE.html>
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- In Brookville, Pennsylvania, a 45-year-old man was charged with disorderly conduct after faking his own death to get out of work. He wrote up his own memorial notice, which was actually published in the local newspaper.
- A Washington jury acquitted a man involved in a break-in where he threw a weasel at the homeowner. The weasel was deceased, and the projectile caused no harm.

**FAMOUS LANDMARKS:
THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING**
by Blue Sullivan

The Empire State Building of New York City is one of the most famous and illustrious skyscrapers in the world. Below are some interesting facts about the monumental landmark.

- Standing over 1,400 feet tall with 102 floors, the Empire State Building took approximately 7 million man hours to construct.
- Construction began in 1930 during the Great Depression and took one year and 45 days to complete, finishing ahead of schedule.
- The building's lights change colors to denote different holidays. The Empire State Building remained illuminated with red, white and blue lights for an extended period of time after September 11, 2001.
- The 365,000-ton building has 6,514 windows and 1,872 steps.
- In an effort to create a global model for sustainability, experts are looking at initiatives to reduce the building's energy consumption by 40 percent.
- The cost of construction was \$24,718,000. Because it was built during the Great Depression, the total cost was only half the normal budget of a structure of its magnitude.
- In honor of the 50th anniversary of the film "King Kong" in 1983, an inflatable King Kong was placed at the peak of the Empire State Building.
- In 1955, the Empire State Building was selected by the American Society of Civil Engineers as one of the seven greatest engineering achievements in America's history.
- Empire State Building elevator operator Betty Lou Oliver still holds a place in the Guinness Book of World Records after she survived plunging 75 stories in the elevator.
- The Empire State Building is said to have gotten its name from New York state's nickname, The Empire State.
- It is currently the third tallest skyscraper in the United States, falling behind Chicago's Willis Tower and Trump International Hotel and Tower. It comes in as the 15th tallest in the world.
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THIS IS A HAMMER
Locating Source of Toilet Leak
Q: The other day I noticed a small puddle of water at the base of the toilet. I wiped it up, only to notice the next day that the puddle was back. It's clean water so I think it's a leak from the tank, but I can't find any visible drips. The tank itself tends to sweat a bit, so I can't pinpoint where the water is coming from. Should I call in a plumber? — Christine H., Toledo, Ohio
A: Try a few more things to try and pinpoint the source of the problem. Visually check the tank and the bowl for cracks -- most toilets are pretty sturdy, so it's unusual for them to crack for no reason, but do check. The tank is more likely to crack, and if so, it needs to be completely replaced. At least it's easier than replacing the bowl.
 If you don't find a crack, check the shutoff valve (usually what looks like a faucet handle jutting from the wall below and behind the toilet) and its attached inlet tube for leaks. Flush the toilet so that the tank begins filling, and observe the inlet components. You may also need to run your hand along the valve, inlet tube and the inlet connection at the bottom of the tank, checking if any water is leaking and running down the inlet tube or the back of the toilet, out of sight.
 Next, test for a silent leak to confirm whether the leak is happening in the tank or not. Take the tank top off. Flush the toilet and let the tank refill completely. Then, take a crayon or wax pencil and mark the high-water point with a small line.

Walk away for 10 minutes, come back and see if the water is still at that point or has gone down. If it has fallen below the line, mark the new water point and leave it for another 10 minutes. Check again to see if the water level continues to fall. If the tank is leaking, check some possible sources of the leak. First, make sure the flapper valve at the bottom of the tank is completely closed. This is one of the biggest causes of a slow leak from a tank -- although it doesn't explain the water on the floor, as the water leaks through the flapper valve into the toilet bowl. Next, check the seal at the base of the flush assembly, and any other visible seal, for deterioration. Finally, consider that small amount of condensation on the tank. Could it be the cause of the puddle? Try insulating the interior of the tank, or sliding a tank cover over the outside (both available at home improvement stores) to reduce the condensation. Once you've eliminated all the smaller reasons for the puddle of water on the floor, it's time to look at a more serious possibility: that the seal between the base of the toilet and the floor has begun to fail. It's not a particularly difficult or time-consuming repair, but the toilet will have to be lifted off the base in order for the wax ring, which acts as the main sealant, to be replaced. If you don't have much experience with toilet repairs, this is where a plumber would come in.

HOME TIP: To keep the seals and other parts of a flush assembly in top shape for years, avoid placing a bleach-based toilet cleaner cake in the tank. Bleach can corrode the assembly components.

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

Jennifer Garner	4/17/1972
Conan O'Brien	4/18/1963
James Woods	4/18/1947
Ashley Judd	4/19/1968
Jessica Lange	4/20/1949
Tony Danza	4/21/1951
Jack Nicholson	4/22/1937

TIDBITS

Holidays & Observances This Week

4/16	Patriot's Day
4/17	Pet Owners Independence Day
4/18	International Juggler's Day
4/19	National High Five Day
4/22	Girl Scout Leader Day
4/22	National Jelly Bean Day
4/23	Take a Chance Day

TIDBITS GOES LONG.....
 In 2008, a couple in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, divorced after an 18-year marriage. The divorce was an acrimonious one, so when it came time to split their assets, they decided to literally saw their home in half!

Good Housekeeping
Spring Garden Saute
 With its bright colors and flavors, this warm dish of spring vegetables tastes even better than it looks.

2 pounds asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
 8 ounces sugar snap peas, strings removed
 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
 1 pound radishes, each cut into quarters
 Salt and pepper
 4 tablespoons snipped fresh chives

- Heat large covered saucepot of salted water to boiling on high. Fill large bowl with ice water; set aside. To saucepot, add asparagus and snap peas; cook 4 minutes. Drain vegetables; cool in bowl of ice water. Drain vegetables well.

- Meanwhile, in 12-inch skillet, heat margarine on medium until melted. Add radishes, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper; cook 10 minutes or until tender-crisp. Transfer to bowl; keep warm.
- To same skillet, add asparagus, snap peas, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper; cook 5 minutes or until tender-crisp, stirring occasionally. Stir in 2 tablespoons chives.
- Transfer to serving bowl; arrange radishes around edge. Sprinkle with remaining chives. Makes 10 side-dish servings.

TIP: Asparagus and snap peas can be cooked through step 1 up to one day ahead. Place in plastic storage bag and refrigerate until ready to use.

- Each serving: About 45 calories, 2g total fat, 185mg sodium, 5g total carbs, 2g dietary fiber, 3g protein.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipefinder/.

EMPIRE STATE BUILDING (continued)

- No one lives in the building, and although it houses 1,000 companies and 21,000 employees, the majority of its traffic is derived from visitors and tourists.
- The Empire State Building was the first building in the world to reach 100 floors.
- On average, the building's lightning rod is struck by lightning 23 times a year.
- The Empire State Building is so large that it has its own zip code – 10118.

FABULOUS FLOPS
 By T. A. Tafoya

Some products make it and others just don't. Tidbits takes a look a few fabulous flops.

- Studebaker Dictator.** This car was not exactly "the heartbeat of America" when it was introduced in 1934. According to one auto industry analyst, "After Hitler and Mussolini came to power, a name like Dictator was downright un-American." But that didn't stop the nation's No. 5 automaker; in fact, the Dictator was in production for three years.
- Bic Perfume.** It was what every woman wanted — perfume in a lighter. At least that's what the company hoped. So why wasn't the \$5 perfume a hit? According to one industry expert, "It looked like a cigarette lighter." Bic lost \$11 million.
- Chilly Bang! Bang! Juice.** Maybe not the best packaging idea — The kiddie drink came in a pistol-shaped container. Kids drank it by putting the barrel in their mouths and squeezing the trigger. Outraged parents and complaints from officials got it yanked from the shelves.
- Hop 'N' Gator.** The inventor of Gatorade sold his original drink to a major corporation in 1966. Then, in 1969, he used the money to create another can't-miss product: a mixture of Gatorade and beer. The Pittsburgh Brewing Company sold the drink for a couple of years, but unfortunately sales never took off. People didn't want Gatorade in their beer.
- Zartan the Enemy Action Figures.** Hasbro promoted the first version of this soldier doll as a "paranoid schizophrenic with multiple personalities." After mental health organizations complained, Hasbro made a second version that doesn't reference either mental disorder.

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Q: I have an old metal iron squeezer identified as being "The Arcade No. 2." — Cathy, Amarillo, Texas
A: The Arcade Manufacturing Company of Freeport, Ill., made lemon squeezers during the early years of the past century. The No. 2 is valued at about \$15. A good reference is "300 Years of Kitchen Collectibles" by Linda Campbell Franklin (Krause, \$29.95).

Q: I have a bracelet that is identified as being "Big Sister's Birthday Bracelet," probably from the 1940s. I am enclosing a picture of it in its packing box. Any idea of its value? — Jim, Sackville, N.B., Canada
A: What you have is a radio premium. "Big Sister" was a daytime radio drama sponsored by Rinso Soup that aired on the CBS network from 1936 until 1952. The series featured Alice Frost in the title role. The storyline was set in the fictional town of Glen Falls and revolved around Ruth Evans and the sacrifices she made for her younger sister, Sue, and crippled brother, Neddie. Your bracelet is probably worth about \$20, perhaps a little more since it is in the original mailing box.

Q: I inherited a set of dishes from my grandmother, and I would like to know the value and where I might take it to sell. It is Leigh Ware. — Wilfred, Albuquerque, N.M.
A: The Leigh Pottery Company was started in 1926 in Alliance, Ohio, and continued until the early 1930s. Even though there is some dispute about exactly when the company folded, Lois Lehner, author of "Lehner's Encyclopedia of U.S. Marks on Pottery, Porcelain & Clay" claims production ended in 1931. If you wish to know the value of your china, I recommend a good appraiser. You have several that are certified in Albuquerque, including Suzanne Staley, www.suzannestaley.com, and 888-758-1118. To sell your china, you might show your set to antiques dealers in your area.

Q: I have U.S. Navy honorable discharge papers from World War II. I would like to sell them. — Sheila, Palm Coast, Fla.
A: Discharge papers from WWII are fairly common and generally sell in the \$10 to \$20 range, depending on condition and any supporting documentation.



King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Out of — (ailing)
6 Parallelogram type
11 Illegible handwriting
12 Arm of the Mediterranean
14 Body image?
15 Bewitch, in a way
16 Raw rock
17 Vigorous
19 Copper head
20 SI and GQ, e.g.
22 Actor Holbrook
23 Test tube
24 Diminish
26 Echoes
28 Freddy's street
30 Can makeup
31 Followed relentlessly
35 Amble
39 Scoop holder
40 Greek cross
42 Artist Joan
43 Is pluralized
44 Kingdom subdivisions
46 Weep
47 Panda chow

DOWN

1 Ornamental beetle
2 Old El Paso competitor
3 Scoundrel
4 "— company, ..."

49 Nutty
51 Protect
52 Old numbers?
53 Board meeting topic
54 Reddish horses

5 Laziness
6 Mini-stream
7 Derisive laugh
8 Lennon's lady
9 In the sky
10 Tropical tree
11 Plant pore
13 Christmas refrains
18 Tholess hold it
21 Commemorative pillar
23 Poison
25 Wapiti
27 Energy

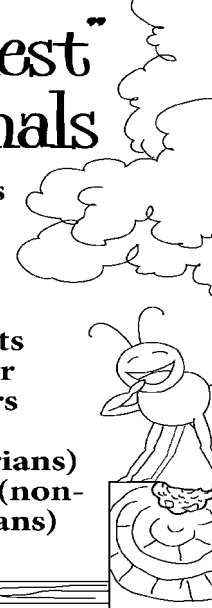
29 Ways
31 Wound covers
32 Synagogue scrolls
33 Hemoglobin deficiency
34 Rotation duration
36 Nauseate
37 Glitches
38 Vacillates woe
44 Flag holder
45 Car
48 — canto
50 Half a dance

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top ten

"Gassiest" Animals

1. Termites
2. Camels
3. Zebras
4. Sheep
5. Cows
6. Elephants
7. Labrador retrievers
8. Human (Vegetarians)
9. Human (non-vegetarians)
10. Gerbils

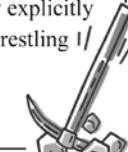


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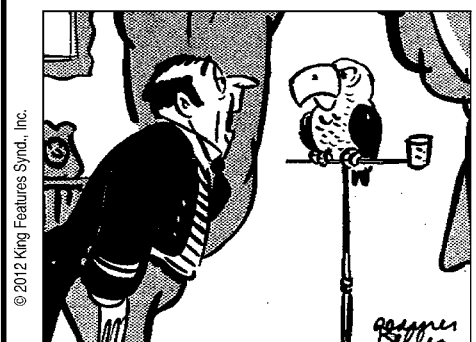
TIDBITS NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

Every state in America has its share of quirky laws on the books. In Alabama, for instance, it's legal to drive down a one-way street in the wrong direction, provided your vehicle has a lantern mounted on it. However, you can't say that Alabama isn't tough on dangerous acts. State law explicitly prohibits the staging of wrestling matches with bears.



by Jeff Pickering

The Spats



"You _____, sir?"

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!

Lavish
SHLUP

Rare
EQUIN

Bend
KEWS

Require
MADDEN

TODAY'S WORD



To Your Good Health
By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Heart-Attack Victims Can Grow New Arteries

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I don't remember you addressing this subject, so I thought I would write. In 1997, I had a mild heart attack and went on medicines. Six months later I had another mild incident that led me to angioplasty. Ever since, I have been eating well, exercising and taking all my meds. My cardiologist says I have great collaterals. I have sprouted new vessels for my heart. I thought I should have some kind of intervention, but the doctor says no. Can you discuss autogenesis? Am I related to a starfish? -- R.S.

ANSWER: You're the first writer ever to use the word "autogenesis." If a starfish loses an arm, it grows another -- autogenesis. Humans have the same ability when it comes to blood vessels. They can grow new ones, and do so in many instances. Heart-attack victims often can sprout new arteries. It's a long process. It doesn't happen overnight. And it doesn't happen to all people. Count yourself lucky. The booklet on CAD -- coronary artery disease -- discusses how vessels become plugged and how they are treated. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue -- No. 101W, 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: I looked in the mirror this morning and couldn't believe what I saw. My right eye was bright red. It looked like someone had punched me. When my husband saw it, he asked if he had hit me while he was asleep. He didn't. It doesn't hurt. My vision is perfect. My eye looks frightful. Do I need to see a doctor? -- Y.T.

ANSWER: Your question is asked repeatedly. My long-distance guess is a subconjunctival hemorrhage. The conjunctiva is a cellophane-like covering of the eye. Beneath it is a network of invisible blood vessels. When one of those delicate vessels breaks, blood covers that part of the eye. Coughing, sneezing or straining causes the breakage. Sometimes it happens for no apparent reason. The eye looks awful, but no real harm is done. The blood is absorbed in about a week. You can hurry it up by putting warm compresses over the closed eye. You need to see a doctor if the eye begins to pain you, if the blood stays for longer than a week or if it happens time and again.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Does heartburn cause asthma attacks? It sounds weird to me, but my doctor thinks that's what causing my breathing problems. He has me on medicines for heartburn. I can't believe they'll help. -- J.R.

ANSWER: Your doctor isn't coming from out of left field. Heartburn can be an asthma trigger. Heartburn is officially called gastroesophageal reflux -- an upward shooting of stomach acid and digestive juices into the esophagus, the swallowing tube. The juices can rise so far up that they leak out of the esophagus and trickle into the bronchi, the airways. That's what sets off an asthma attack.



A business owner tells her friend that she is desperately trying to find an accountant. The friend checks back a few days later and finds the business owner still frantically searching for one. Perplexed her friend finally asks, "Didn't your company hire an accountant two months ago?"

The business owner replies, "That's the accountant I've been trying to find!"

KIDBITS

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

PICK SIX! You are asked to find three six-number routes from square A to square B in the diagram at right that will result in totals of 20, 30 and 40, respectively. Moves may be made to adjacent squares, up, down or diagonally.



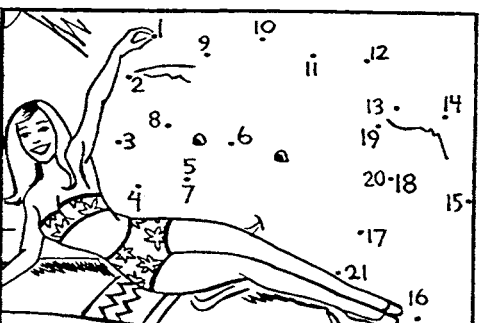
Squares may be used just once in each computation.
Total 20: _____
Total 30: _____
Total 40: _____
How quickly can you comply?

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9	3	1	7	9
3	5	3	5	7
7	3	7	3	5
9	5	9	5	B

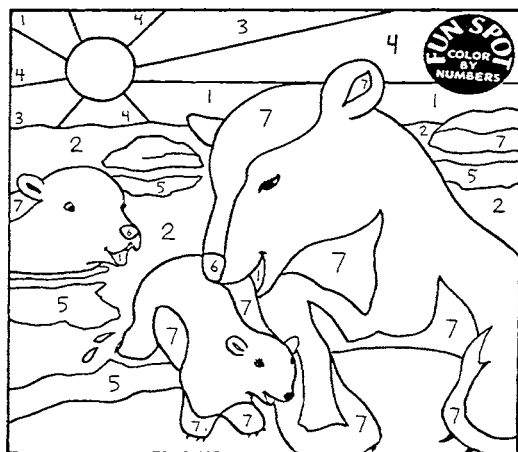
GAME PLAN! Let's see if you can unscramble these familiar baseball terms: 1. UBLA, 2. ESTRIK, 3. CHIPT, 4. CHACT, 5. LASET, 6. PUMIER, 7. GODUTU.

BIRD NAMES TO PUN-DER

- *REMARKS below are for the birds in more ways than one.* says our fine-feathered pal above. To understand why, fill blanks with the following birds' names in order: Robin, lark, mynah, sparrow, oriole, duck, shrike.
1. You're — me the wrong way.
 2. It was the — of the draw.
 3. We had a — accident.
 4. I voted for Ross —.
 5. The pilots put on an — circus.
 6. — the halls...
 7. Three —s and you're out (or in).



SEE, HERE! Hey circus lady, hold that eye-catcher pose. What's missing from the picture? Draw lines dot to dot.



ICE PACK! There's no business like snow (or ice) business for a family of polar bears. Coloring code: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Orange, 5—Dk. blue, 6—Black, 7—Gray.

SPELLBINDER

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

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THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

LAFF-A-DAY



"Hurry, dear. Your dress is going out of style!"

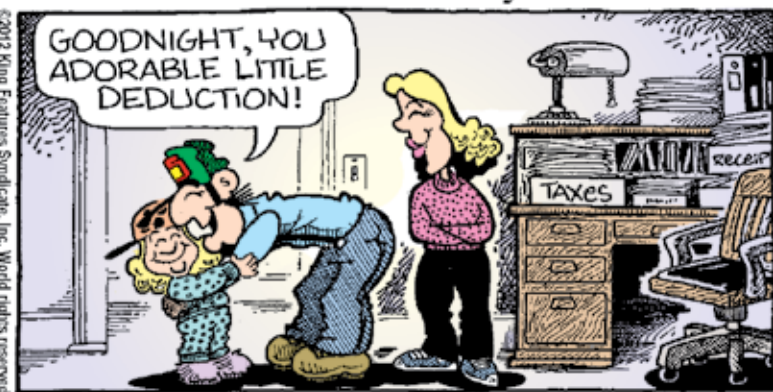
FABULOUS FLOPS (continued)

- **Pepsi A.M.** Why not get your morning caffeine from cola instead of coffee? The world's first breakfast soft drink didn't get far. It didn't take long for Pepsi to find out that most consumers didn't want a breakfast soft drink, and those who did drink Pepsi in the morning, "still preferred the taste of plain old Pepsi."
- **Hands Up!** This kid's soap in an aerosol can, was introduced in 1962. The spray nozzle was a plastic gun. Kids got soap out of the can by pointing the gun nozzle at themselves or bath partner and squeezing the trigger. The Hands-Up-slogan: "Gets kids clean and makes them like it."
- **Colgate Kitchen Entrees.** Colgate tried to market a variety of food products with the Colgate name, but they never took off. Colgate may have thought this was a clever idea — Eat Colgate food and then clean the food off your teeth with Colgate toothpaste. Sounds appetizing, right?
- **Cocaine Energy Drink.** Cocaine is a high-energy drink, containing three and a half times the amount of caffeine as Red Bull. The FDA declared that the manufacturer, Redux Beverages, was "illegally marketing their drink as an alternative to street drugs." It was pulled off U.S. shelves in 2007. Despite the controversy, Redux Beverages has no intention of ceasing production and still sells the beverage in Europe and a few stores in the United States.
- **The DeLorean.** John DeLorean quit General Motors in 1973 to start his own auto company. His car, The DeLorean, debuted in 1981 but failed two years later due to lack of sales. The car's design may have been too "space age" for the times, with its unpainted, stainless-steel exterior and gull-wing doors. Only 9,000 vehicles were manufactured.

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by Mike Marland

TIDBITS WORD POWER
Unscramble this word:
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This word means: *A sentence, word or phrase that's the same backwards and forwards.*

MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"I'm votin' for the party that was in during Grandpa's time—they had nickel movies—no income tax—5-cent carfares—30-cent dinners ..."

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Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
by JoAnna M. Lund

Scalloped potatoes as they were intended to taste! Just fill your slow cooker and forget about it until dinnertime. What could be easier?

3 cups diced extra-lean ham
6 1/2 cups thinly sliced cooked potatoes
1 cup diced onion
1 1/2 cups shredded, reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat cream of celery soup
2 tablespoons fat-free half and half
1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

1. Spray a slow-cooker container with butter-flavored cooking spray. Layer half of the ham, half of the potatoes, half the onions and half the cheese in prepared container. Repeat layers.
2. In a small bowl, combine celery soup, half and half and parsley flakes. Spoon soup mixture evenly over top of potato mixture. Cover and cook on LOW for 4 hours. Mix well before serving. Makes 8 (1 cup) servings.

• Each serving equals: About 230 calories, 6g fat, 18g protein, 26g carb., 876mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 1/2 Meat, 1 1/2 Starch.



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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PetBits™

Flying With Your Pet
By Samantha Mazzotta

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I have to take a trip across the country in about a month, and I hate the thought of leaving my dog "Snoops" alone, even with a house sitter stopping by. I don't want to put him into a cargo crate and ship him to where I'm going. Can I sneak my dog on board the airplane instead? — Sign me "Shhhh" in Little Rock, Ark.

DEAR SHHHH: Why sneak your dog aboard? Some airlines allow very small dogs -- those that can fit into a handheld carrier that fits beneath the airline seat in front of you -- to fly with their owner. Check with your airline about this option, any additional fees, rules and restrictions well before your flight. Under no circumstances should you try to sneak your dog into the passenger cabin. You will be found out, and the complications of your trip will multiply exponentially. Flying your pet, or with your pet, is a common activity and a common worry for pet owners. Some pet websites list airlines with pet travel policies, such as dogfriendly.com, which recently updated its list. Most interesting is the newly launched airline, Pet Airways (<http://www.petairways.com/>), which doesn't fly people at all -- just pets (with a human attendant on board to monitor and care for them). No matter how you decide to get Snoops across the country, follow a few important steps when transporting him. Make sure his carrier is sturdy and comfortable and includes his favorite toys and blanket. Don't feed him less than five hours before his flight. Give him water two hours before the flight. If you aren't confident in the airline's ability to transport him, consider leaving him with a sitter or at a pet hotel until you return.

Send your questions or tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

Disability Benefits Claims Now Online

Going paperless is an important part of the Department of Veterans Affairs "people-focused process and technology-centered improvements" and is supposed to streamline the claims steps and get rid of the backlog. To that end, the VA has made it easier to file a claim online by providing 70 different Disability Benefits Questionnaires covering all types of conditions. Whether it's cardiovascular, dermatological, endocrinological, gastrointestinal, neurological or something else, there's a form for it. Additionally, if you don't have a diagnosis yet, there's a section for symptoms that will tell you which form applies to you. You can download it electronically for your doctor, or print out a copy to take in for your doctor to complete. Ideally your doctor will complete the digital questionnaire and submit it electronically. The instructions ask that your doctor file the form electronically in case of bad handwriting. Be sure to keep a copy for your records. To find the forms, go online to <http://benefits.va.gov/transformation/> and scroll down the right side to Key Transformation Plan Initiatives. The link to the questionnaires are listed there. Note that there is a link on the right side to a video that helps with filing a claim. Read the FAQ to make sure you know the process. One thing that's common to all three forms is this statement: "VA will not pay or reimburse any expenses or costs incurred in the process of completing and/or submitting a DBQ." As usual, the devil is in the details. In the instruction section for doctors it says that the time to complete each form "varies from 15 minutes to 1 hour, depending on the complexity of the form and the conditions covered." Is your private doctor going to be willing to do that?

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Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On April 20, 1841, Edgar Allen Poe's short story, "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," first appears in Graham's Lady's and Gentleman's Magazine. It is generally considered to be the first detective story. Like the later Sherlock Holmes stories, the tale is narrated by the detective's roommate.
- On April 22, 1889, at precisely high noon, thousands of would-be settlers make a mad dash into the newly opened Oklahoma Territory to claim cheap land. All told, from 50,000 to 60,000 settlers entered the territory that day. Towns like Norman, Oklahoma City, Kingfisher and Guthrie sprang into being almost overnight.
- On April 21, 1918, in the skies over France, Manfred von Richthofen, the notorious German flying ace known as "The Red Baron" with 80 victories under his belt, is killed by Allied fire. He was 25 years old.
- On April 17, 1937, Daffy Duck makes his debut in the Warner Bros. short "Porky's Duck Hunt." In the 1920s, movie houses had started showing a short cartoon before feature presentations, but the form became more popular after sound was introduced in 1928.
- On April 16, 1947, in Texas City's port on Galveston Bay, a fire aboard the French freighter Grandcamp ignites ammonium nitrate, causing a massive blast that destroys much of the city and takes nearly 600 lives. The fire department tried to douse the flames, but the ship was so hot that the water from their fire hoses was instantly vaporized.
- On April 19, 1957, the Brattle Theater in Cambridge, Mass., presents its first showing of "Casablanca," introducing a new generation to Humphrey Bogart, who had died months earlier. Bogart had been wounded aboard a Navy ship during World War I. His upper lip was scarred and partially paralyzed, giving him the tough-guy poker face and slight lisp that characterized his acting.
- On April 18, 1983, Joan Benoit wins her second Boston Marathon in the women's division with a time of 2:22:43. The inaugural Boston Marathon was run on Apr. 19, 1897, and was a men-only event until 1972, when women were officially allowed to compete.

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

Banks Dams Fishing Rapids
 Bend Dredging Flooding Tributary
 Bluffs Estuary Fording Waterfowl
 Bridges Ferries Headwater

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Pleasant Grove

Apr 17 - Great Utah Shake Out
 An earthquake scenario drill that will require the response of city departments including police, fire, public works, and parks. This exercise will be held at an undisclosed location in Pleasant Grove. Emergency Response Vehicles will be participating during the morning. Please do not be alarmed and call 911 unless you do have a real emergency. Visit www.shakeout.org/utah for more information.

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Spanish Fork

Mar 24 - Miss Spanish Fork 2012! Miss Spanish Fork Whitney Talbert will host this event and will crown the new Miss Spanish Fork. The competition will be held March 24 @7:30pm at the Spanish Fork High School Auditorium! Bring the whole family and support our Miss Spanish Fork program.

March 8, 2012 Ribbon Cutting for Rise, Prioritize, Organize Terri Williams
 March 14, 2012 Noon Networking Luncheon - MATC MATC Spanish Fork Campus, 1200 South Delmonte Rd.
 March 15, 2012 Ribbon Cutting for Extra Mart - 1085 N Chapple Drive

March 16- March 18, 2012 Parade of Gems Rock Show, Spanish Fork Fairgrounds
Springville

Business of the Year 2011: Namify was founded in 2001 by Bryan and Jenny Welton and maintains its headquarters in Springville. Today, namify.com receives more than six million page views each year. The second driver of change was to take a project that "normally" requires one to two weeks and accomplish it in a day. Today, that faster mentality has landed Namify on the Inc 5000 list of fastest-growing private companies in America for five years running. Welton currently serves as chairman of the board, with Christopher Jensen serving as chief executive officer.
 - Excerpted from an Article written by Christi Babbitt, Springville Independent News

ANSWERS

SPORTS QUIZ

- Juan Marichal (1963), Ramon Martinez (1995), Jose Jimenez (1999) and Ubaldo Jimenez (2010).
- Mike Schmidt and Adrian Beltre, with 48 each.
- Seven -- Jimmy Johnson, Barry Switzer, Chan Gailey, Dave Campo, Bill Parcells, Wade Phillips and Jason Garrett.
- Three times -- 1974, 1977 and 2003.
- Calgary, which came back to defeat Toronto, 6-5, in 1987.
- Bruce Arena, with three (1996, 1997, 2011).
- Odlanier Solis (3/19/11), Tomasz Adamek (9/10/11) and Dereck Chisora (2/18/12).

King Crossword

Answers
 Solution time: 24 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Go Figure!

answers

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- Bertolt Brecht
- The rupee
- Without payment
- Four
- Carole Moseley Braun
- Vasco Nunez de Balboa
- Plebeians
- Vilnius
- Jurassic
- Sculptor

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 solution
 1.Plush; 2.Unique;
 3.Skew; 4.Demand

Today's Word:
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