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BEHIND THE MAGIC**
by Blue Sullivan

Cinema in America has entertained us with over a century of movie magic. Yet, during the making of some movies, equally unbelievable stories unfolded before the films ever hit the big screen.

- In Steven Spielberg's terrifying 1975 classic, "Jaws," you don't see much of the actual shark until very late in the film. That wasn't just an aesthetic choice. It was due to all of the problems Spielberg and the crew had with the mechanical sharks that were used during filming.
- Three different mechanical sharks were employed during the filming of "Jaws." All were nicknamed "Bruce" after Steven Spielberg's attorney, Bruce Ramer.
- All three mechanical versions of "Bruce" proved unreliable from the beginning of the shoot. The animatronics stalled the first time one was put in the water, and the sharks sank to the seafloor several times, leaving divers scrambling to recover them.
- After completing the filming of "Jaws," the studio had so little confidence in the film that the three Bruces were dumped on the Universal back lot. No efforts were made to preserve them, and none of the three original sharks remain.

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- "Keep frosting looking glossy -- with your hair dryer. Before guests come over, give the whole cake a once over holding the hair dryer about 7-10 inches away from the frosting and set on high. It will soften the frosting, giving the cake a just-made look." -- R.L. in California
- Remove hard-water stains and mineral deposits from your showerhead with this trick: Fill a zip-lock baggie halfway with warm vinegar. Immerse your showerhead in the baggie and secure it to the pipe with a rubber band. Let it hang for an hour or so, then release the bag and scrub the showerhead with a soft toothbrush.
- "There are so many different ways to pay bills these days that it can be hard to keep track of those that need to be mailed. Here's a great way to remember when to pay a bill so that it always gets there on time: I used to write the due dates of my bills on my calendar. Now I write the pay-by date for each bill instead. For bills that go in the mail, I write a date on the calendar that's a week ahead of when it is due. For bills that are paid online, I write a date three days ahead of the due date, and for automatic payments, I deduct the money from the paycheck BEFORE the draft is made. Now I never miss a due date." -- T.F. in Indiana
- You might not have a blackboard in your home, but keep a clean blackboard eraser around to get streaks off of freshly cleaned windows. It works really well in the car, too!
- Change your air filter to save money this summer. Be sure to change it once a month to keep your air conditioner working at its most efficient.

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The Garden Bug

Dogwood "winter"

During the warmer weeks of spring, a cold snap can occur, bringing snow or frost that can damage tender plant growth. Often these periods of cold coincide with the blooming of dogwood trees; folk wisdom holds that it is not safe to plant crops until after these blossoms are gone.

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BEHIND THE MAGIC (continued)

- A fourth "Bruce" was made from the same mold as those used in the film. Although it never had a place in the filming of "Jaws," it was employed at the Universal Theme Park from 1975 to 1990.
- In Alfred Hitchcock's 1963 horror classic "The Birds," people in a California beach town are suddenly terrorized by swarms of birds. As outlandish as the premise sounds, it was inspired by an incident only two years before where birds in Monterey Bay suddenly began crashing into local houses.
- Many years later, the strange real-life occurrence that inspired "The Birds" was explained as the result of toxic algae in the birds' water supply.
- In the 1976 suspense blockbuster "The Omen," a couple (played by Gregory Peck and Lee Remick) takes on the care of an orphan who may literally be the devil's spawn. The filming of this movie was so crazy it inspired the documentary "The Curse of the Omen."
- Not one, not two, but three planes associated with "The Omen" were hit by lightning during the shoot. Among those onboard during these three separate incidents were star Gregory Peck, screenwriter David Seltzer and executive producer Mace Neufeld.
- Speaking of Mace Neufeld, his hotel during the "The Omen" shoot was the object of an IRA bombing. A restaurant frequented by the cast and crew was also bombed. Luckily, no one was hurt in either incident.
- The special effects coordinator of the film had the spookiest scrape. On Friday the 13th, 1976, he crashed his car in Holland. When he got out, he noticed the road sign. It read "Ommen, 66.6 km."
- In terms of sheer danger, the film shoot for the 1925 epic "Ben-Hur" (the second of three cinematic adaptations of the novel of the same name) takes the cake. The chariot race in the film is still renowned for its realism, because the race was completely real.

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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.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun by Donna Erickson

Craft Sheer Hosiery Into Flower Bouquet

"She loves me, she loves me not," the kids chant in a chorus around a little patch of daisies blooming on our boulevard. Tugging flower petals one by one, their smiling young faces announce in a most traditional way that spring has sprung. Join your kids during this beautiful season and take a closer look at the flowers in your yard, neighborhood park or in the vase on your kitchen table. Discover the interesting shapes of the petals that one by one compose a unique bloom. Then let your observations inspire you to make a bouquet of everlasting flowers from the most unusual of materials: wire and inexpensive, colorful knee-high stockings!

Here are the materials for a flower with four or five petals:

- 2 sheer knee-high stockings in white or pastel colors
- A roll of 16- or 18-gauge wire
- Scissors
- Floral tape or green electrical tape
- Vase or flowerpot with florist foam inside
- Floral moss (optional)

Here's the fun:

1. Shape and twist the wire in a loop to form an outline of a petal that is about 1 inch in diameter. Think of it as the "frame" of the petal. Do not cut the wire at the base of the loop, but rather twist and turn the wire to form another similar-size petal next to the first until you have four or five petals. Do not cut off the wire.
2. Cut off the toe and the elastic end of a pair of sheer knee-highs. Stretch the stocking over a wire petal, then twist it in place at the base, stretch it a bit more, and then twist again. Wrap the wire around the base to fasten the stocking in place. Cut off excess stocking below the petal. Continue with each petal. This can be a two-person project. Your child can stretch the stocking over the petal while you do the twisting.
3. Cut the wire, allowing for a stem. Give the stem a nice finished look with floral or green electrical tape. Arrange in a flowerpot with floral moss or in a vase.

Tips: Glue miniature butterflies or bugs to the flowers, or add details with fabric paints in squeeze bottles.

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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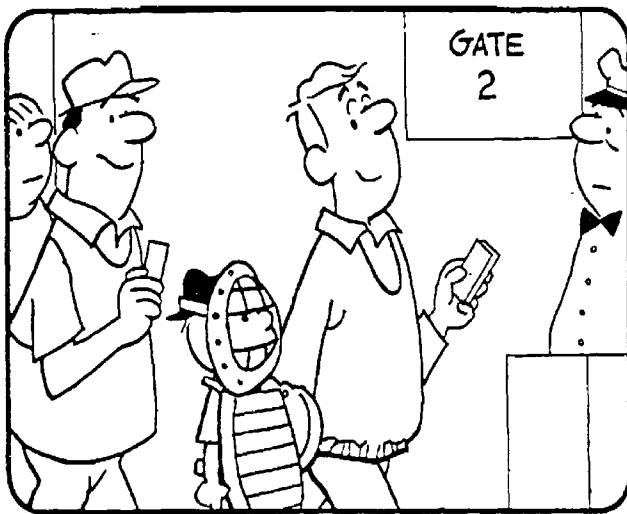
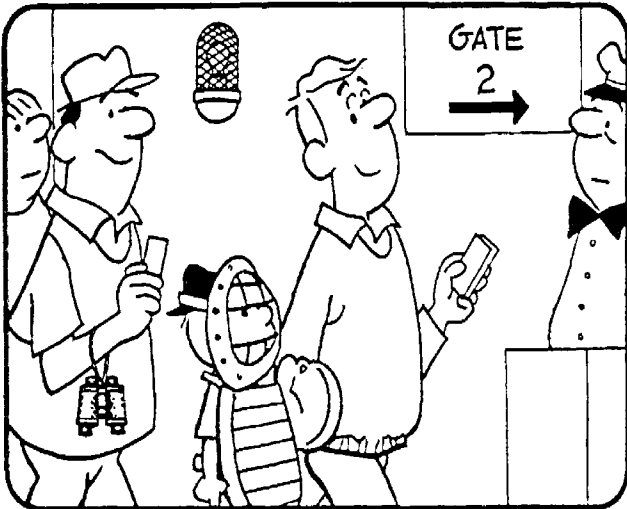


- 1 In 1973, there were four no-hitters tossed in the American League. Two were by California's Nolan Ryan. Name either of the other two pitchers.
- 2 Which of these left-handers had more 20-win seasons: Vida Blue, Tom Glavine or Ron Guidry?
- 3 Who reached 100 college football victories quicker -- Urban Meyer or Bud Wilkinson?
- 4 Name the all-time leading scorer in Clippers franchise history.
- 5 What was the last time before November 2011 that the NHL's Boston Bruins went a calendar month without a single loss in regulation?
- 6 In 2011, driver Sebastian Vettel set a Formula One record by winning 15 poles in a season. Who had held the mark?
- 7 True or false: Martina Navratilova was in every Wimbledon's women's singles final during the 1980s.

By Chris Richcreek

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Differences: 1. Binoculars are missing. 2. Light is missing. 3. Glove is moved. 4. Neckline is different. 5. Arrow is missing. 6. Tie is smaller.

Laugh a bit with **TIDBITS**

Q: Why does history keep repeating itself?

A: Because we weren't listening the first time!

Strange BUT TRUE

- It was British mathematician, philosopher and social critic Bertrand Russell who made the following sage observation: "Every advance in civilization has been denounced as unnatural while it was recent."
- If you're like most adults, you have approximately 1,000 hairs per square inch of your scalp. That might seem like a lot, but consider the otter: Its 1 million hairs per square inch of skin make it the owner of the densest fur in the world.
- Before the 19th century, it was déclassé to wear clothing with pockets. All the well-dressed members of the upper classes had servants to carry things for them.
- The next time you're out for a walk in the country, kneel

BEHIND THE MAGIC (continued)

- "Ben-Hur's" director Fred Niblo wasn't happy with the initial footage of the race, so he staged it again. The second time, he told the stunt drivers that the winner of the race would be given the equivalent of around \$1,000. Drivers took the race so seriously that there was a huge pile-up of men and horses before the finish line.
- Another scene in "Ben-Hur," a huge sea battle between two ships, proved equally dangerous. Italian extras were recruited and separated by political affiliation (pro- or anti-fascist), then put on the two boats, to give the on-boat clashes more "realism."
- After separating the two sets of extras according to their violently opposed political affiliations, "Ben-Hur's" director gave all the men prop swords that had actually been sharpened, again for "realism."
- In Howard Hughes' misbegotten 1956 epic "The Conqueror," John Wayne played Genghis Khan. Filming was disastrous from the very start, when a flash flood nearly claimed the entire crew of the film.
- Later, "The Conqueror's" lead actress, Susan Hayward, was attacked by a panther. Fortunately, she survived the attack and was able to carry on filming.
- Most of the filming of "The Conqueror" took place in St. George, Utah. Heat during filming regularly topped 120 degrees, and, unbeknownst to the performers, not far away in Yucca Flats, Nevada, were the military testing grounds for the atomic bomb.
- Eleven atomic bombs were tested in Yucca Flats during filming of "The Conqueror." Not only were the actors and crew exposed to dusts blown over from the nuclear test site, filmmakers unknowingly shipped 60 tons of the radioactive dirt back to Los Angeles for reshoots.
- There aren't many films more beloved than 1939's "The Wizard of Oz," starring Judy Garland. A little known fact is that she wasn't the child actor the screenwriters had in mind for the part. Their choice for the part wasn't a child actor at all: W.C. Fields!
- In "The Wizard of Oz," actress Margaret Hamilton offered one of the best villains in film history — The Wicked Witch of the West. Her performance was so good, in fact, that many of her scenes were trimmed down or even removed because they were too frightening.

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 - People sometimes fight over the silliest things. Countries, too. For example, in 1925, Greece and Bulgaria were at war for 10 days, all because of a dog. Evidently, tensions were high in October of that year, when a Greek soldier's dog ran away from him -- across the border. The soldier chased his dog into Bulgaria, where he was shot dead by a sentry. In retaliation, the Greek army invaded, and the League of Nations had to step in to restore order to the region.
 - There is a species of frog found in Indonesia that breathes entirely through its skin; it has no lungs at all.
- Thought for the Day:** "Everyone, in some small sacred sanctuary of the self, is nuts." -- Leo Rosten

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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.

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- Vulcan, the ancient Roman god of the forge (a furnace shop that heats and molds metal), was first associated with Birmingham in 1885 when his image was used as advertisement for the hardware and home furnishings store George C. Kelley Company.
- He was one of the rare ugly gods of ancient literature, and before the Vulcan statue was erected, Birmingham residents clashed over whether to create a statue of Vulcan or Mercury, the handsome god of commerce and travel, as a symbol for their city.
- In the early 1900s, Alabama State Fair Manager James A. MacKnight elected that a statue of Vulcan would best represent the city's growing industrial capabilities to be presented at the fair.
- Built in 1904 from the design of Italian artist Giuseppe Moretti, the Vulcan statue is the largest cast iron statue in the world and the largest metal statue to ever be made in the United States.
- Vulcan is 56 feet tall and made from 100,000 pounds of iron. Its pedestal is 124 feet, making Vulcan a combined 180 feet.
- The statue was originally planned to be 50 feet tall; however, when residents learned that a 52-foot statue of Buddha stood in Tokyo, they opted to increase Vulcan's height.
- After receiving the commission, Giuseppe Moretti was only given six months to complete the project.
- Moretti constructed the full-size Vulcan plaster cast with 16 assistants in an abandoned church in New Jersey before it was transported to Birmingham.
- When Vulcan arrived in Birmingham, he was not assembled correctly, with his left hand turned the wrong way and his right hand backward. As a result, he could not hold his hammer and spear.
- Vulcan's hammer represents the tool he used in his forge, and the spear is a depiction of his completed work.
- Since Vulcan originally couldn't hold his spear, he was used as a marketing ruse. At different times, he held a giant ice cream cone, a soda bottle and a jar of pickles.
- When Vulcan was first assembled, the Commercial Club's Vulcan Committee charged 10 cents to see him.
- Between 1896-1900, Vulcan became part of Birmingham's Mardi Gras tradition, with the king of the celebration parading around as King Vulcan.
- In 1946, Vulcan's spear hand was given a lighted torch to encourage safe driving. On days no one was killed in a car accident, it glowed green. If a fatality had occurred, it glowed red.

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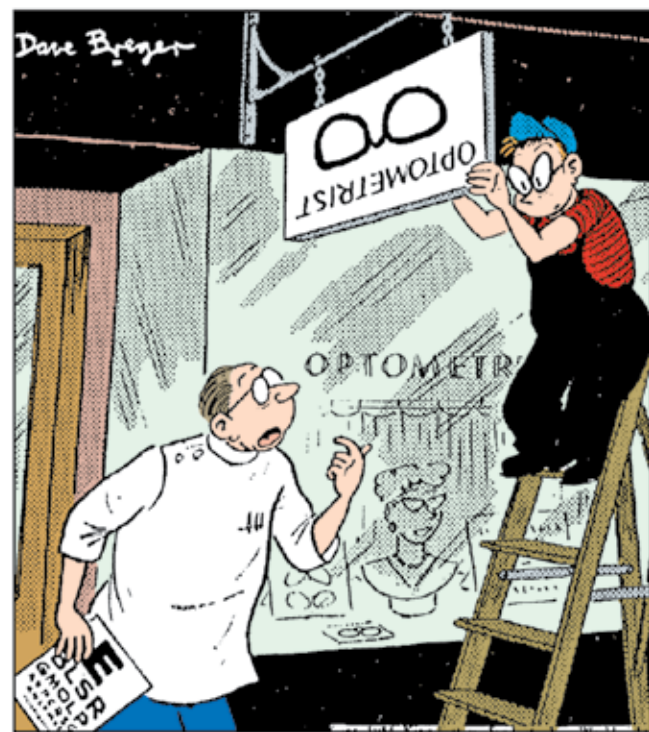
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Contractor Fraud

Q: I'd like to hire a contractor to make some repairs to my garage, but I hear a lot of stories these days about handymen who overcharge, don't do the work promised or otherwise cheat customers. How can I make sure I get what I pay for?
 -- Clarence T., Philadelphia

A: There are several things you can do to make sure a contractor is legitimate, that the work will be done on time and to your satisfaction, and that unpleasant surprises won't crop up later. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:
 --Take your time deciding: Unless the repair is an emergency, you have the luxury of getting more than one estimate from more than one contractor. Get at least three quotes before deciding.
 --Check with the Better Business Bureau to see if any complaints were lodged against the contractor and how the contractor responded to those complaints.
 --Ask the contractor if you can contact past customers about his work.
 --Ask for the contractor's license, as well as proof of workers compensation insurance.

--Get everything in writing: A statement of when the work will begin and end, how much materials will cost and what materials will be used, how much labor is involved and what that will cost, whether permits will be required, and whether the work must meet building codes.
 --Do not allow work to begin until you have signed a contract you both agree on.
 --Never pay in advance, and do not pay in cash: write a check or use a credit card instead.
 --Insist on inspecting all work yourself (or have a representative inspect it for you) before providing the final payment.

If a problem crops up during or after the repair job, try to resolve the issue with the contractor first. Reputable contractors will try to make it right. If you can't resolve the problem or can't find the contractor, you can lodge a complaint with the BBB or contact your state or city's consumer protection department.

HOME TIP: Word of mouth is still the best way to find a good contractor. Ask neighbors, family and friends if there's a contractor they can recommend.

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THE MIGHTY VULCAN (continued)

- Harsh weather conditions caused Vulcan to crack and be removed from his pedestal in 1999. He was restored and returned to his place atop Red Mountain in 2003.
- After repairs were made to the 50-ton statue, and he was put back in his place, city leaders also created a corresponding revitalized historical park, now called Vulcan Park and Museum.
- Although the torch was removed in 1999, it is on display in Vulcan Center, and visitors can even push a button to light it, though now it only glows green.
- Today, Vulcan Park and Museum is available to book for events, and has hosted corporate parties, cocktail parties, luncheons and wedding ceremonies and receptions.

THE PATH OF A STAR

Among the countless actors and actresses that have graced our TVs or movie screens, there are an untold number of fascinating stories about how those men and women got there in the first place. Here are a few of the most interesting ones.

- Although Elvis wasn't primarily an actor (though he did appear in 31 movies between 1956 and 1969), his eighth grade teacher certainly encouraged acting over his eventual day job. She told him that he had no "aptitude for singing." Fortunately, he politely disagreed with her appraisal and became the best-selling recording artist of all time.
- Emmy-nominated actress Jane Lynch of the hit Fox show "Glee" got her first break from doing commercials for Frosted Flakes. She struck up a friendship with the commercials' director, Christopher Guest. Later he would cast her for big spotlight roles in his films "Best in Show" and "A Mighty Wind."
- People strongly associate John Travolta with his starring role as Danny Zuko in the smash movie version of "Grease." Yet five years earlier another future star played the same role in a theater production of "Grease." He was a then little-known actor named Richard Gere.
- Before he became the blockbuster superstar we know from such movies as "Rain Man" and "Mission: Impossible," Tom Cruise considered a far different calling: priesthood. In fact, he told Parade magazine: "I looked at the priesthood and said, 'This is what I'm going to do.'" Fortunately for Hollywood, he ultimately decided not to become "Father Cruise."

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 8 ounces crimini mushrooms, thinly sliced
 4 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stems discarded, thinly sliced
 Salt
 Pepper
 3 pounds green beans, trimmed

1. Heat covered 7- to 8-quart saucepot of water to boiling on high.
 2. Meanwhile, in 12-inch skillet, heat oil on medium-high. Add thyme and onions; cook 10 to 12 minutes or until browned and very tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in garlic and cook 1 minute. Add mushrooms and cook 5 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper. Remove and discard thyme.
 3. Add green beans and 2 teaspoons salt to boiling water. Cook, uncovered, 8 to 9 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Drain and rinse with cold water.
 4. When ready to serve, return green beans to saucepot and add mushroom mixture, stirring to combine. Cook on medium until beans are heated through, stirring occasionally. Serves 12.
- Tip: If making ahead, transfer mushroom mixture to medium bowl. Cover; refrigerate up to overnight. Transfer beans to resealable plastic bag; refrigerate up to overnight.
- Each serving: About 455 calories, 11g total fat (3g saturated), 62mg cholesterol, 665mg sodium, 62g carbohydrate, 26g protein.

Collecting
 by Larry Cox

Q: I have a "tire" ashtray that I think is probably from the 1930s. Are these collectible? -- Carl, Dayton, Ohio
A: Most of the "tire" ashtrays that I've seen being offered for sale were originally given away as premiums by service stations, tire manufacturers and garages. The earliest styles were crafted of glass circled by a miniature rubber tire. On the tire is embossed the name of the company. Ashtrays of this type produced before about 1950 are especially collectible. Typical prices are Goodrich Double Eagle, \$125; Firestone Deluxe Champion, \$45; Zenith, \$40; and Jetson, \$20. As with most collectibles, condition is extremely important. For non-smokers, some of the ashtrays were issued that featured a pin tray.

Q: My mom collected Avon bottles, and I have inherited them. I know nothing about Avon and current values. Can you help me? -- Susan, Stigler, Okla.
A: The California Perfume Company was founded in 1886 and the Avon line was not introduced until about 40 years later. Collecting the earlier items is still competitive, but ones issued after about 1960 have little or no value to serious enthusiasts. After monitoring eBay for several days, I still believe that the Avon market has softened. There are several guidebooks available at amazon.com, but you should take the prices listed in them with some caution. For example, one guide lists a Nile Blue Bath Urn for \$15, but it actually sells for about \$5.

Q: I have a reverse painting on glass identified as "Scene in Scotland." Any information you can give me would be appreciated. -- Barbara, Sun City, Ariz.
A: Such paintings were especially popular during the early 20th century. They were painted by a variety of artists; some signed their work, and others did not. Paintings on glass of this type generally sell in the \$50 to \$100 range depending on subject matter, condition and desirability.

Q: I have a sheet of 29-cent stamps honoring Elvis Presley. Are they valuable or should I use them? -- Theresa, Nashua, N.H.
A: I spoke to several stamp collectors, who seem to agree that they are only worth face value. My advice would be to use them.

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| 1 | "Oh, woe!" |
| 2 | Ready for the picking |
| 3 | Retained |
| 4 | Muslim sovereign |
| 5 | Online help page |
| 6 | Ostrich's cousin |
| 7 | Conks out |
| 8 | Houses (Sp.) |
| 9 | Come near |
| 10 | Yard units |
| 11 | Whirlpool |
| 16 | Debtor's letters |
| 20 | Go for the gold? |
| 22 | Lasso |
| 23 | Shock (Var.) |
| 25 | Weep |
| 26 | Brooklyn sch. |
| 27 | Obvious |
| 29 | Singer |
| 31 | Miss Piggy's pronoun |
| 32 | Old man |
| 34 | Bullets, e.g. |
| 38 | From what place? |
| 40 | Angry |
| 42 | The girl |
| 43 | Injury |
| 44 | Sandwich treat |
| 45 | Anger |
| 47 | Hebrew month |
| 48 | Passport endorsement |
| 49 | Former spouses |
| 52 | Corral |
| 53 | Spacecraft compartment |

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Bedbug Cities

1. Cincinnati
2. Chicago
3. Detroit
4. Denver
5. Los Angeles
6. Columbus, Ohio
7. Dallas
8. Washington, D.C.
9. New York
10. Richmond, Va.

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TIDBITS NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

One of the most famously embattled movie shoots was Francis Ford Coppola's 1979 film about Vietnam, "Apocalypse Now." The film was loosely based on the classic Joseph Conrad novel, "Heart of Darkness." Al Pacino was initially offered the starring role (played by Martin Sheen in the film) but turned it down. Pacino said he didn't want to get stuck "in a swamp for five months." The production ended up taking 16 months.

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

Alzheimer's Is Common Type of Dementia

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What is the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's disease? Are they the same? -- M.J.

ANSWER: "Dementia" is an encompassing word that includes many different conditions. Those conditions have some similar features that indicate an impairment or loss of important mental functions. The inability to retain new information, getting lost in familiar surroundings, difficulty choosing the proper words to express oneself, trouble doing simple arithmetic like adding and subtracting, the failure to recognize close relatives and friends, and showing poor judgment like dressing for winter in the middle of summer are signs of dementia.

Alzheimer's disease, Pick's disease, vascular dementia (dementia due to many small strokes), dementia with Lewy bodies and frontotemporal dementia are but a few of the dementia illnesses. Each of these illnesses has special features that set it apart from the other dementing conditions.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common kind of dementia. People often use "dementia" when they mean "Alzheimer's disease." It's best to give the exact name for the illness that is causing mental deterioration.

The booklet on Alzheimer's disease provides the signs and symptoms of this illness. Readers who would like a copy can obtain one by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 903W, 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: What has happened to the appendix? I never hear about appendicitis anymore. Has the operation gone out of fashion? Or is there some other way to deal with it? -- R.P.

ANSWER: The appendix is still where it always has been, dangling down from the first part of the colon on the lower right side. Long thought not to have any purpose, it does appear to add to immune defenses and seems to produce products useful for the development of the fetus. We do well without it, though.

Appendicitis has not gone out of fashion. It happens with the same regularity it always has. The age group most likely to suffer from it is the group between 10 and 19. Around 250,000 appendectomies are done yearly in the United States.

Newer developments in the diagnosis of appendicitis include CT scans and ultrasound. Many surgeons now use a laparoscope to remove it. It's a viewing instrument passed into the abdomen through a small incision. Instruments also are inserted through similar small incisions.

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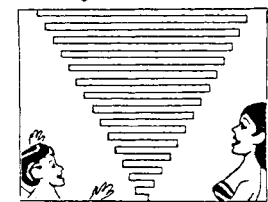
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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

SPELL OUT! Find a word of three letters to complete each of two sets of seven longer words in the exercises at right. Example: In No. 1, insert the word ALL, and the result is ball, pall, hall, stall, and that's all for ALL.



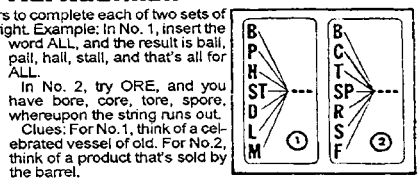
IT'S A FLAT-OUT EYE TEASER

SEEING is believing, it is said, but there are occasions when what our eyes perceive may be illusory. A good example is in viewing the inverted pyramid design depicted above.

Hold this drawing at a customary reading distance and fix your gaze somewhere in the middle. Alakazam, the pyramid appears to divide into a stack of individual rectangles of graduated size.

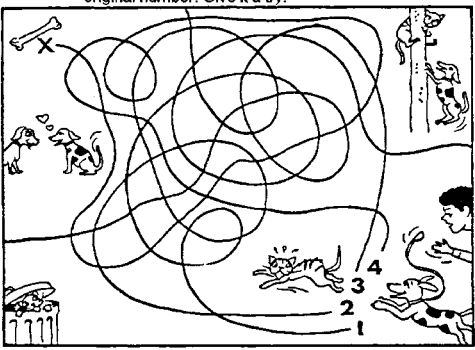
To dispel this illusion, simply start at the bottom and trace your way (if you can) to the top. You will discover that the design consists of a single continuous line.

It's an amusing design and flat-out eye teaser.



What are the two words? as possible. No. 1—air, and No. 2—oil, will come up. Other answers may be possible.

TALLY HOT! Ask someone to think of a number, multiply it by three, add one, multiply result by three, add the original number, and subtract three. Result will always be ten times the original number. Give it a try.



DOG GONE! Oops, Rover is running away. See if you can find the path he takes to point marked X, top left corner.



PICTURE SHOW! "Just hold that pose," says the artist. Add these colors by number: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Lt. brown, 5—Flesh, 6—Lt. gray, 7—Dk. brown, 8—Dk. blue.

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.

Possible two-some: Main, goal

LAFF - A - DAY



"None of them is mine. I'm trying to catch the NURSES' attention!"

PATH OF A STAR (continued)

- Before becoming the world-famous director of the two highest-grossing movies of all time, "Titanic" and "Avatar," James Cameron drove a bus for a living.
- Long before winning an Oscar in 1997 for Best Supporting Actor in "Jerry Maguire," Cuba Gooding worked as a back-up dancer for Lionel Richie. When Richie played the Olympics in 1984, Gooding was with him.
- Mick Jagger once considered a more stable calling than "internationally famous rock star." He originally studied to be an accountant at the London School of Economics.
- Legendary actor Christopher Lee — who has appeared in over 275 movies and shows in his long, illustrious career — was once a heroic figure in another life, too. He was a Special Operations Executive during World War II, serving as part of an elite unit commissioned directly by Winston Churchill.
- Also serving in the unit with Christopher Lee was Ian Fleming, the creator of James Bond. Many of Bond's adventures were actually modeled after Fleming's own experiences with the elite commando unit.
- Kurt Russell has been on our TVs and movie screens since the 1970s, but did you know he was also a champion athlete? Before injury, Russell played minor league baseball. His batting average when he retired was .586! He was a pretty good race car driver also, winning six national championships before he was 21.

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**THIS WEEK'S
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- John C. Reilly 5/24/65
- Bob Dylan 5/24/41
- Priscilla Presley 5/24/45
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Bobcat Fever Is Cat Killer

By Samantha Mazzotta

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I recently began hearing reports about something called "bobcat fever," which affects cats. What is it, and how can I keep my cat safe? -- Darlene G., Kansas City, Mo.

DEAR DARLENE: Bobcat fever, scientifically known as "cytauxzoonosis," is a serious illness that has spread across the United States in recent years. It affects cats -- not only domesticated cats, but wildcats and even tigers -- and has a high mortality rate. It does not affect dogs.

Bobcat fever is spread through bites from infected ticks: A tick first bites and sucks blood from an already-infected cat, drops off then bites and infects another cat.

Leah Cohn, a University of Missouri veterinarian, said healthy outdoor cats are most at risk. "The disease acts very quickly and can kill a cat less than a week after it begins to show signs of being sick, so it is important to get treatment from a veterinarian as soon as the cat appears ill."

How can you keep your cat safe? Keep it indoors. If your cat must be outdoors, make sure it is treated regularly for fleas and ticks or wears a flea/tick collar. If your cat shows signs of illness -- sluggishness and/or refusal to eat -- or if you discover a tick on its fur or skin, contact your veterinarian immediately. Cohn recently developed a more effective treatment for bobcat fever, which increased the survival rate for cats affected by this illness from less than 25 percent to nearly 60 percent. She also is doing research toward a vaccine for bobcat fever. In the meantime, prevention is the best medicine for this disease.

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**Moments
in time**

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On May 22, 1455, the battle of England's War of the Roses begins in St. Albans, 20 miles northwest of London. The forces of House of York, whose badge was a white rose, defeated the red-rose House of Lancaster. Both families claimed the throne, and the war would stretch on for 30 years.

• On May 23, 1701, at London's Execution Dock, British privateer William Kidd, popularly known as Captain Kidd, is hanged for piracy and murder after capturing a boat that was loaded with gold, jewels, silk, sugar and guns. A colorful legend grew up around the story of Kidd, including reports of lost buried treasure.

• On May 21, 1881, in Washington, D.C., humanitarians Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons found the American National Red Cross, an organization established to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters.

• On May 26, 1897, horror writer Bram Stoker's classic vampire tale, "Dracula," is first offered for sale in London. Through fictional journal entries and letters written by the novel's principal characters, "Dracula" tells the story of a Transylvanian vampire and his English victims.

• On May 24, 1917, after losing 373 Allied and neutral ships in one month because of attacks by German U-boat submarines, the British Royal Navy introduces a convoy system, whereby all merchant ships crossing the Atlantic Ocean would travel in groups under the protection of the British navy.

• On May 27, 1963, Bob Dylan releases his second album, "The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan," which included future hits "Blowin' In the Wind," "Don't Think Twice, It's All Right" and "A Hard Rain's a-Gonna Fall."

• On May 25, 1977, the communist government of China lifts its decade-old ban on the writings of William Shakespeare. Mao Tse-Tung's 1966 revolution had banned any cultural work -- music, literature, film or theater -- that did not have the required ideological content. By the early 1970s China was desperate for new sources of trade, and the revolution was declared ended.

TIDBITS GOES LONG.....

In addition to being a beloved movie star, Harrison Ford is an avid helicopter pilot. He's flown Special Olympics athletes to their competitions, saved an Idaho woman from the top of a mountain and even had a hand in the rescue of a lost 13-year-old Boy Scout.

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Allen Mason, Hilmar and Reba's son, joined the Mason Machinery team in 1985 as General Manager/ Owner of the business. Eric Mason has now succeeded Allen as the General Manager, leading the company into the third successful generation.

In March of 2011 a new store was opened in Springville adding the Husqvarna & New Holland lines. Mason Machinery currently has 30+ employees and remains a family owned and operated business.

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Easy Peanut Butter Muffins
 by JoAnna M. Lund

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- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat creamy peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon no-fat sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg or equivalent in egg substitute
- 1 1/2 cups reduced-fat biscuit baking mix
- Sugar substitute to equal 1/4 cup sugar, suitable for baking

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray 8 wells of a 12-hole muffin pan with butter-flavored cooking spray or line with paper liners.
2. In a large bowl, combine milk, peanut butter, sour cream, vanilla extract and egg. Add baking mix and sugar substitute. Mix gently to combine. Evenly spoon batter into prepared muffin wells.
3. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Place muffin pan on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Remove muffins and continue cooling on wire rack. Serves 8.

• Each serving equals: 145 calories, 5g fat, 5g protein, 20g carb., 317mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Fat.

Holidays & Observances This Week

May 20 - Neighbor Day
 May 21 - American Red Cross Founder's Day
 May 21 - National Endangered Species Day
 May 22 - National Maritime Day
 May 24 - Don't Fry Day
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 May 25 - Nerd Pride Day
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.


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COMMUNITY NEWS BITS
PAYSON

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May Business of the Month
McDonald's Restaurant

Clark Stringham and Doug Johnson have been the owner/operators since 2005. McDonald's currently employees 60 great people at this restaurant. Over the last several years, McDonald's has made a significant re-investment effort to modernize and beautify the restaurant. Clark and Doug were founding members of the Intermountain Ronald McDonald House in Salt Lake City. Ronald McDonald House Charities provides temporary home-away-from-home to serve & sustain families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at area hospitals.



Kiwanis - Chamber Golf Tournament Four Person Scramble
 Fri Jun 8th at 7:00 AM. Four person scramble.
 7:00 - 7:45 Registration, Continental Breakfast and Putting Contest.
 8:00 Shotgun Start Prizes for: Hole in One, Inside the Circle, Longest Drive, Closest to the Line, Best Score and other Hole Prizes. Tournament fees include: Green fee, Cart, Continental Breakfast and Awards Lunch.
 If you are interested in playing, being a local sponsor, or would like to donate your business coupons or gift certificates as prizes, Contact Colin J. Logue at 801-609-8699

To join/renew membership with Chamber of Commerce, please contact Carolyn Bowman, 801-465-2634

Pleasant Grove



June 17 - 23, 2012
 See the Strawberry Days Countdown Timer! www.cydforourcity.blogspot.com

Santaquin
 Any and All Business are welcome to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Any interested business can contact:
 Brad Horrocks @ 801-754-5700 Nick Miller @ 801-471-7980

Spanish Fork






Moving Forward
Nebo Economic Summit

REGISTER TODAY!
 NEBO ECONOMIC SUMMIT
 JUNE 14, 2012 - 8:00AM
 CS LEWIS ACADEMY - SANTAQUIN

HOSTED BY THE SANTAQUIN, PAYSON, AND SPANISH FORK SALEM CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

EARLY REGISTRATION IS \$35
 Chamber Member \$25
 Late Registration after June 1, 2012 is \$50

Register now online at www.spanishforkchamber.com

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

1. Kansas City's Steve Busby and Texas' Jim Bibby.
2. Glavine did it five times; each of the others did it three times.
3. Wilkinson needed 111 games to do it; Meyer did it in 118 games.
4. Randy Smith, with 12,735 points.
5. It was 1969.
6. Nigel Mansell won 14 poles in 1992.
7. False. She was in every final from 1982-89, winning six of them.

King Crossword
 Answers
 Solution time: 25 mins.

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Trivia
 test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Copper and tin
2. Eight
3. Jamestown, Va.
4. The foot
5. London
6. An eraser
7. Newborn's conditions
8. Calvin Coolidge
9. Roger Bannister
10. Cheetah

WORD POWER
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