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## TIDBITS® SAYS GENTLEMEN START YOUR ENGINES

by Kathy Wolfe

How much do you know about the manufacturers of our favorite automobiles? Tidbits enlightens with some facts about the history of famous cars and their makers.

- Ransom E. Olds started manufacturing vehicles in 1897 in Lansing, Michigan. The Oldsmobile soon became one of the country's top-selling automobiles. Although Henry Ford is often credited with creating the first auto assembly line, it was actually Olds who was responsible. (Ford's innovation was the first moving assembly line.) Olds used the concept to mass-produce the Oldsmobile Curved Dash, beginning in 1901. The assembly line quintupled his output from 425 cars in 1901 to more than 2,500 the following year. Differences of opinion with his business partner led to Ransom Olds' exit, and General Motors purchased Oldsmobile in 1908. Ransom's new company, the REO Motor Car Company, produced the REO Speedwagon, the predecessor of the pickup truck.

- During its 107 years of operation, Oldsmobile produced over 35 million cars. It was discontinued in 2004, at which time it was the oldest American automobile brand. The R.E. Olds Museum in Lansing is home to the last Oldsmobile (an Alero) to roll off the assembly line.

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1. **ANCIENT WORLD:** Where was the first Roman aqueduct, the Aqua Appia, built?
2. **MYTHOLOGY:** What kind of creature was the Scylla?
3. **THEATER:** Thornton Wilder's play, "The Matchmaker," was later made into what famous musical?
4. **LANGUAGE:** The present, past and past participle of draw, drew and drawn are examples of what kind of verb?
5. **MUSIC:** Which musical artist had a single hit with "Rebel Rebel"?
6. **HISTORY:** Where was American outlaw Billy the Kid born?
7. **MOVIES:** What movie featured the fictional land of Florin?
8. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Comoros Islands?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What kind of animal was said to have raised the infants Romulus and Remus, twin founders of Rome?
10. **RELIGION:** How are members of The Religious Society of Friends more popularly known?



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• "Revive the look of indoor plants by rubbing the leaves with mineral oil on a soft cloth. Just wipe nicely, and you'll see a big difference. Through the years, I have used this tip for both my real plants and my plastic plants." -- J.D. in Alabama

• Lime juice and vinegar both make good meat tenderizers. You can purchase tougher cuts of meat, season with spices and lime/vinegar, and marinate for 10 to 15 minutes before cooking. It is a great way to ease your meat budget. Steaks are getting expensive!

• "To make onion rings easier to cut (less stinging to the eyes) and have the layers separate better, I put my onions in the freezer for about 10 minutes before peeling. They don't freeze, but they do get nice and cold." -- O.F. in Florida

• Looking for a more natural way to clean? Here's one for the bathroom: Clean chrome with baking soda on a soft, damp cloth. Follow up with vinegar for some shine. Spray lightly and wipe away with a clean cloth.

• "Men, make your own aftershave. Thin a bottle of baby lotion with a little rubbing alcohol. Put in a hand-lotion bottle, and use half a squirt. No sting, and soft, smooth skin." -- T.G. in Illinois

• Add a single teaspoon of rice to the saltshaker in order to keep too many grains from coming out at a time.

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**TIDBITS QUOTE**

"There's three things men always talk about —women, sports and cars." — Mario Lopez

**START YOUR ENGINES! (continued)**

• Louis Chevrolet was a Swiss auto racer who went into partnership with William Durant to produce automobiles. Chevrolet had already been in the news as a frequent race winner, driving his Buick up to 72 miles per hour. He wanted to build a luxury car, while Durant's idea was to produce inexpensive cars to compete with the Ford Model T. Chevrolet won the debate and lent his name to the Classic Six. However, a few years later, while Louis was on a European vacation, Durant introduced a smaller, cheaper car. Upon Chevrolet's return to Michigan, the two men's dispute grew, and Chevrolet sold out his shares and left the company. Durant went on to control General Motors, acting as president until 1920.

• The names of Edward Murphy and Alanson Brush are probably not familiar ones, but you've certainly heard of their business venture, the Pontiac Buggy Company. First manufacturing horse-drawn carriages in Pontiac, Michigan, the business evolved into producing two-cylinder engines. When Murphy died unexpectedly at age 45, General Motors bought the company. Production of Pontiacs in America continued until 2009, when a G6 model became the final car produced.

• Ford is not America's oldest automobile company, as many believe. That distinction belongs to Buick, ahead of Ford by one month. Founded by Scotsman David Dunbar Buick, it was incorporated in 1903. Mr. Buick had previously been in the plumbing business, successfully inventing a process for creating white porcelain bathtubs and inventing an innovative lawn sprinkler. He invested his earnings in a new business venture, producing two-cylinder engine automobiles. Almost from the start, the company had financial problems, and David Buick signed his company over to William Durant in 1904. Soon afterward, Buick became part of General Motors.

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**Warm Up With White Chili**

Find winter's warmth in a big bowl of easy-to-prepare white chicken chili. This irresistible recipe is a hearty meal, and I can assure you that it will warm up tummies after an afternoon spent outdoors. Prepare it in a big pot in less than an hour on your stove, or better yet, let it cook for a few hours in a slow cooker, so it's conveniently piping hot whenever you're ready to eat.

Let kids get involved in the prep work appropriate to their age and skills. If the older junior chefs in the family have never peeled and chopped fresh garlic, show them how to mince it properly with a sharp knife. They also can take care of chopping the bell peppers and shredding the cheese for the garnish.

Younger kids can shred chunks of chicken or turkey with their hands and pour the beans in a colander to drain. Get out your measuring spoons and let them accurately measure the herbs and spices, too.

Here's what you'll need for 6 servings:

- 2 (15 ounce) cans of great northern or pinto beans, drained
- 3 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 3 cups of cooked, shredded chicken or turkey (Save time and pick up ready-to-eat rotisserie chicken at your local market)
- 1 1/2 cups sweet bell peppers (red, yellow and green) seeded and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 teaspoons ground cumin (substitute with 1 1/2 teaspoons taco seasoning if you prefer)
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- Salt to taste
- Shredded cheddar or Monterey jack cheese for garnish

1. Combine all ingredients except cheese in a standard slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours or on high for 4 to 5 hours.

2. If you don't have a slow cooker, bring the broth, peppers, garlic and seasonings to a simmer in a saucepan on your stove. Cook until peppers are tender, about 5 minutes. Add beans and meat. Simmer 10-20 minutes.

3. Ladle in bowls and garnish with the cheese. For variation, add crushed tortilla chips, if you wish. Serve with slices of French bread.

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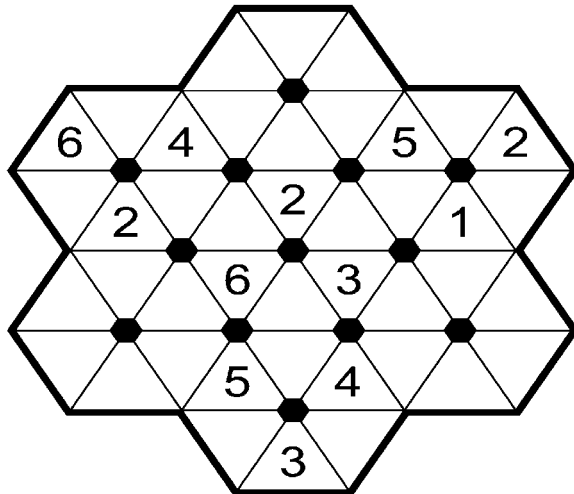
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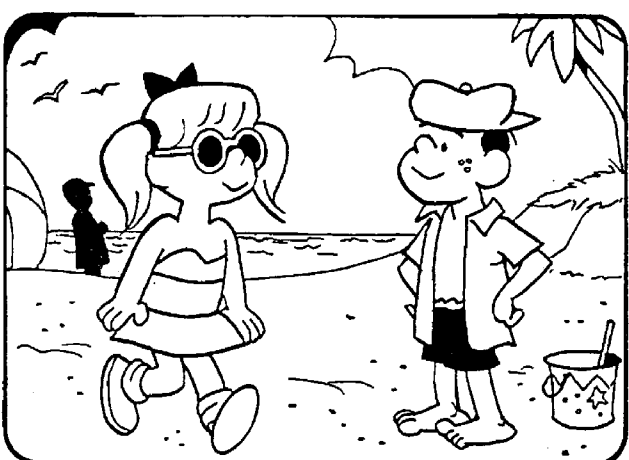
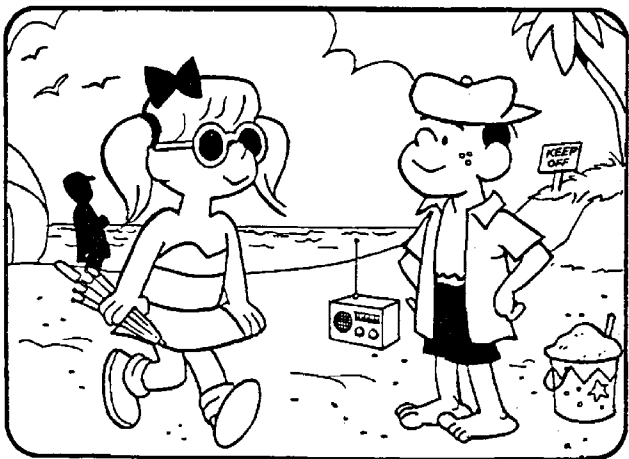


**1** Hall of Fame pitcher Steve Carlton recorded at least 10 wins, 190 innings and 161 strikeouts a year for how many consecutive seasons?  
**2** How many times did Harmon Killebrew belt 40 or more home runs in a season?

**3** In 2010, Navy's Ricky Dobbs threw the longest TD pass in the history of the Army-Navy football game. How long was it?  
**4** How many times have the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers met in the NBA Finals?  
**5** In 2011, Ken Hitchcock recorded the best five-game NHL start for a coach in St. Louis Blues history (4-0-1). Name either of the two coaches who started 4-1.  
**6** How many times has Ron Hornaday won a NASCAR Truck Series season title?  
**7** The U.S. has won the most men's tennis Davis Cups, with 32. Which country is second?

**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. Bow is moved. 2. Umbrella is missing. 3. Radio is missing. 4. Trunks are shorter. 5. Sign is missing. 6. Palm is missing. 7. Trunks are shorter. 8. Sign is missing. 9. Palm is missing. 10. Radio is missing.

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A speeding motorist was caught by radar from a police helicopter in the sky. An officer pulled him over and began to issue a traffic ticket. "How did you know I was speeding?" the frustrated driver asked. The police officer pointed somberly towards the sky. "You mean," asked the motorist, "that even He is against me?"

**Strange BUT TRUE**

- It was noted American wit and columnist Franklin P. Adams who made the following sage observation: "Elections are won by men and women chiefly because most people vote against somebody rather than for somebody." It's certainly something to keep in mind during this strife-ridden election season.
- Americans make more collect phone calls on Father's Day than on any other day of the year.
- It was a German company, Interstuhl Manufactur, that made the world's most expensive office chair. With a price tag of \$65,500, you shouldn't be surprised that the chair is plated in gold and comes with a matching ottoman.
- Have you ever wondered where we got the phrase "the dog days of summer"? According to tradition, the dog

**START YOUR ENGINES! (continued)**

• Before there was the Ford Motor Company, there was the Detroit Auto Company, Henry Ford's first endeavor in 1899. The venture failed completely, leaving him in financial ruin. After acquiring new investors (including the Dodge brothers), he began a second company, another one he left behind. (This business later became the Cadillac Company.) Finally, in 1903, Henry Ford founded the Ford Motor Company, and by 1906, it was the No. 1 car manufacturer in America. He introduced the Model T in 1908, which was a less expensive auto designed for the common man. Famous Ford names include the Thunderbird, introduced in 1954, the Edsel, a failure that debuted in 1957, and the Mustang, launched in 1964.

• Henry Leland was assigned to liquidate the assets from Henry Ford's second company and ended up taking it over. Leland named the company after the founder of Detroit, a French explorer named Cadillac, who reportedly was one of Leland's distant ancestors. He operated the company until 1909, when it was purchased by General Motors. Cadillac is noted for producing the first vehicle with an electric starter in 1912, followed by the first mass-produced car with an eight-cylinder engine. In 1924, the company was also the first to use lacquer paint, giving customers the choice of several different colors, rather than what other competitors were offering — black!

• When you hear the name of John DeLorean, his sleek stainless steel two-seater with the unusual full-wing doors might come to mind. However, DeLorean achieved fame first for his contributions at General Motors, most notably the Pontiac GTO and Firebird. At age 27, with a Masters degree in automotive engineering, he joined the Chrysler organization. Less than a year later, he was working for the Packard Motor Company. Two years later, DeLorean made the move to GM, where he eventually became a vice-president. He is considered by many to be the creator of the "muscle car." At age 48, he abruptly resigned from GM to start the DeLorean Motor Company. He chose Belfast, Ireland, for his manufacturing plant, and the factory began production in 1981, anticipating sales of 30,000 cars per year. By early 1982, the company had collapsed and was in receivership and closed in November, having produced only 9,000 cars in a 21-month period.

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- If you were to take the entire world's water supply and compress it into one single gallon, freshwater would make up just 4 ounces, and freshwater that is easily accessible would be just two drops.
- Considering the fact that it's home to much of the American film industry, it's probably not surprising that the sprawling city of Los Angeles has the world's third-largest GMP, or gross metropolitan product.

**Thought for the Day:** "An intellectual is a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows." -- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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**START YOUR ENGINES! (continued)**

• Gothenburg, Sweden, is the birthplace of the Volvo, with the first one rolling out of the factory in 1947. The name came from Latin, meaning "I roll." Eight years later, the company had produced 15 million vehicles. Today, Volvo has more than 90,000 employees.

• Although we frequently associate Lee Iacocca with the Chrysler Corporation, he initially worked for Ford Motor Company from 1946 to 1978. He was the head designer of the Ford Mustang in 1964 and became president of the company in 1970. Because of ongoing conflict with Henry Ford II, Iacocca was fired in 1978. He joined Chrysler, which was losing millions of dollars and on the verge of closure. He went to work rebuilding the company, turning it around completely.

• Fiats have been around since 1899 when the Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino (translation: Italian Automobile Factory of Turin) was founded. The company built its first factory in the United States in 1908.

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• A rapidly expanding population in New York during the mid-1800s created a desperate need for a connection between the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, and expert bridge engineer John Roebling was appointed to design a suspension bridge. Roebling had achieved fame as the inventor of the twisted wire rope cable in 1841 and had already designed several renowned bridges, many still in use today. Roebling's design called for steel cable for the first time, replacing the iron wire previously used. His truss system was six times stronger than it needed to be, able to withstand 18,700 tons.

• Just weeks before construction began in 1869, Roebling was doing some final site surveys when a ferryboat crushed his foot while pulling into a pier. Three weeks later, he was dead from tetanus. The project was handed over to his son, Washington Roebling, who had assisted his father in the designs.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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 Josh Groban 2/27/81  
 Bernadette Peters 2/28/48  
 Antonio Sabata Jr. 2/29/72  
 Justin Bieber 3/1/94  
 Daniel Craig 3/2/68  
 Jessica Biel 3/3/82  
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**Holidays & Observances This Week**  
 2/26 Levi Strauss Day  
 2/27 Polar Bear Day  
 2/28 National Tooth Fairy Day  
 2/29 Leap Day  
 3/1 Peanut Butter Lover's Day  
 3/2 Read Across America Day  
 3/3 National Anthem Day, U.S.

**Good Housekeeping**  
**Double Cornbread**  
 Frozen corn enhances the texture and flavor of hearty cornbread without a lot of extra expense. Bake and freeze the cornbread, tightly wrapped, up to one month ahead. Thaw; then, when ready to serve, reheat, covered, at 450 F for 15 minutes. Cut into serving pieces.  
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
 1 1/2 cups yellow cornmeal  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 4 teaspoons baking powder  
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 2 1/2 cups buttermilk  
 3 large eggs  
 1 package (10 ounces) frozen corn, thawed

6 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted  
 2 jalapeno chiles, seeds and membranes discarded, finely chopped  
 1. Preheat oven to 450 F. Grease 13- by 9-inch metal baking pan.  
 2. In large bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In medium bowl, with wire whisk or fork, beat buttermilk and eggs until blended.  
 3. Add corn, melted butter and jalapenos to buttermilk mixture; then add to flour mixture. Stir until ingredients are just mixed.  
 4. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 22 to 25 minutes or until golden at edges and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cut lengthwise into 4 strips, then cut each strip crosswise into 6 pieces. Serve warm. Makes 24 pieces.  
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**BROOKLYN BRIDGE (continued)**

- Excavation was accomplished through the use of 3,000-ton, airtight cylinders called caissons. Workers rode down to the caissons in small iron containers, which filled with compressed air. They used shovels and dynamite to clear away silt and boulders from the river bottom, working their way to the bedrock. The trip to and from the bottom proved deadly for some. Many laborers suffered from decompression sickness, commonly known as "the bends," when dangerous amounts of nitrogen gas entered their bloodstreams.
- Washington Roebling himself became paralyzed and was forced to monitor the bridge's progress from his bed, using a telescope. He trained his wife Emily in mathematics and engineering and dictated instructions to her, and she made daily trips to the bridge to oversee the project under her husband's direction.
- Fourteen years after construction began, the bridge was officially dedicated in May of 1883. Emily Roebling was given the first ride over the bridge, followed by 1,800 vehicles and 150,300 people. Vehicles paid five cents to cross and pedestrians, one cent.
- The total construction cost was \$15.1 million, including \$3.8 million for the land for the approaches. Twenty-seven workers died in the process from fires, explosions, falls or the bends. At its completion, it became the world's longest suspension bridge at 3,460 feet (1054.6 m), a record it held until 1903. The granite Gothic towers rise 276 feet (84 m) in the air.
- Just one week after opening, a woman tripped on the steps, and her companion screamed, sparking a panic that the bridge was about to collapse. A stampede followed, and 12 people were killed in the crush. A year later, P.T. Barnum touted the stability of the bridge by leading his famous circus attraction Jumbo and 21 other elephants across the bridge.
- These days, about 145,000 vehicles and 4,000 pedestrians cross the bridge on a daily basis, making it the second busiest bridge in New York City. There are six lanes of automobile traffic, two of which carried elevated trains until 1944. Today, commercial vehicles and buses are not allowed to use the bridge due to the road's height and weight restrictions. Although nearly 130 years old, it still ranks as the 44th longest suspension bridge in the world.

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**Q: We have an 1880 game table that has been restored by a professional restorer from the Smithsonian Institution. It is pure walnut and has its original casters and hinges. I was told that walnut items are not selling well in my region but do not believe this is true. A table like mine recently sold in Vermont for \$3,500, and our Smithsonian friend says ours is in much better shape. - Barb, Albuquerque, N.M.**  
**A:** I am curious why you didn't ask the restorer at the Smithsonian for his or her opinion about the value of your table. As for walnut items not selling in your region, the lust for antique furniture often goes in cycles. Several decades ago, the rage was tiger oak, then mahogany, and more recently mid-century modern. Mexican primitives and art deco pieces still are extremely popular. This doesn't mean that walnut pieces are not desirable or important, but just a reflection of current conditions in the marketplace.  
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**Q: I have two calendars from 1936 and 1937 featuring the Dionne Quintuplets, given out at the time by Curran and Joyce Company in Lawrence, Mass. I am curious about how much they are worth. - Sandra, Pelham, N.H.**  
**A:** With fertility drugs fairly common, it's not unusual for a woman to give birth to a litter. Think Octomom. But while multiple births have become fairly routine today, that wasn't the case in 1934 when the Dionne Quintuplets --- Yvonne, Annette, Cecile, Emilie and Marie --- were born in Canada.  
 The publicity surrounding their birth and their special status as wards of the Canadian government made them international celebrities. They quickly became a major tourist attraction in Ontario. Needless to say, dozens of products flooded the marketplace including dolls, spoon sets, mugs and calendars. Your calendars are each worth in the \$45 to \$75 range, if complete and in good condition. The two surviving sisters of the Dionne Quintuplets are Annette and Cecile.





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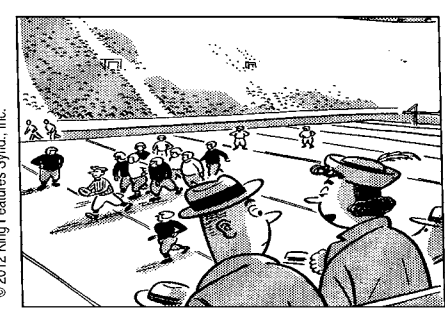
by Jeff Pickering

### SCRAMBLERS

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### TODAY'S WORD



"First time all I've seen who was carrying the ball."

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## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

**PROPER NOTE!** When leaving the cafeteria-restaurant, the story has it, a well-mannered gent indicated to the cashier that he was suffering from laryngitis and was unable to talk. Whereupon, he handed her a note containing the numbers 10 2 0 0 4 1 8 0. Without a word of protest, the cashier permitted him to depart, obviously having understood his message. What did the note say? Answer in thirty seconds.

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Add D-6 to I-6.  
Add D-7 to I-7.  
Add D-2, to E-1, to G-1, to H-2.  
Draw straight lines, using a sharp pencil.  
Be sure to draw lines in keeping with letter and number coordinates.  
Color finished figure, if crayons are handy.

**DOUBLE DIP!** Two of eight sundaes are enough alike to be twins. Which two? Take note of details carefully.

**SUN SPOT COLOR BY NUMBERS**

BY GEORGE! Martha knows best, or does she? Apply colors neatly to the scene. Color code: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Lt. brown, 5—Flesh tones, 6—Maroon, 7—Dk. brown, 8—Dk. blue, 9—Gray.

**SPELLBINDER**

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**Treatments Do Exist for Hepatitis C**

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I believe I read in your column about something that can be given for hepatitis C. My doctor says there isn't any treatment. Will you please advise me? -- Anon.

**ANSWER:** Chronic infection (lifetime infection) happens to about 80 percent of those infected with the hepatitis C virus. Worldwide, the virus infects 170 million people. In the United States, 3.2 million are infected. Of the chronically infected, close to 20 percent will develop either liver cirrhosis or liver cancer. It takes 20 to 30 years before signs of such complications become apparent. Predicting who benefits from treatment, therefore, is not an easy task. Perhaps your doctor said you would not benefit from treatment now. Indications favoring treatment are finding hepatitis C virus RNA (ribonucleic acid) in the blood and documenting liver changes suggesting cirrhosis is beginning to take place. As I said, only 20 percent of those infected with this virus are at risk for these complications. Treatment isn't 100 percent effective for all. Success depends on which strain of virus infects a person. Strains 1 and 4 are less susceptible to treatment. Standard treatment is ribavirin and peginterferon. New treatments are about to become available, and they show great promise in improving treatment success. Boceprevir and telaprevir are going to be launched for general use later this year. They will establish a new era for treatment. The booklet on hepatitis A, B and C details these illnesses, how they are acquired and how they are treated. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 503W, 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:** Please tell me what causes brown spots on the hands and arms. Is there anything you can do to prevent them or erase them? -- A.C.

**ANSWER:** Sunlight and aging cause those brown spots, known as solar lentigos. To prevent them, use sunscreen on the affected skin every day of the year, whenever you go outdoors. You can't prevent aging. In popular language, these spots are called age spots or liver spots, even though the liver has not one thing to do with them. If you're desirous of getting rid of them, doctors can freeze them off or use a laser on them. You can apply tretinoin cream, an acne medicine. It takes a long time to fade the spots, but they will lighten in time. Bleaching creams like Eldopaque and Solaquin also work. You have to be sure that your insurance covers the cost. This is cosmetic medicine and often not covered by insurance policies.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Is it possible for a man with prostate cancer, before it is treated, to pass the cancer to his wife through intercourse? This subject came up during lunch with friends. Some said it was possible. -- C.N.

**ANSWER:** Prostate cancer is not passed from a man to his wife through intercourse or in any other way.

**LAFF-A-DAY**

"If you'll excuse me for just a moment ..."



**PURE POISON**

by Mike Marland

Pretty on the outside, toxic on the inside! Take a look at these plants that can be hazardous to your health.

- The hardy perennial shrub known as belladonna, or deadly nightshade, is one of the most toxic plants in the Western Hemisphere. Unfortunately, this plant has bright appealing berries with a sweet taste that pose a temptation to young children. Ingestion of just a few berries can be deadly. The roots are just as toxic. Its poisonous alkaloids disrupt the body's parasympathetic nervous system and cause blurred vision, increased heart rate and loss of balance. Confusion, delirium and hallucinations are not uncommon.

- Daffodils, narcissus and hyacinth may look lovely in your garden, but ingesting the bulbs leads to nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, convulsions and even death. Likewise, all parts of rhododendrons and azaleas are poisonous, producing vomiting, difficult breathing, coma and occasionally death. And the beautiful ground cover Lily of the Valley is extremely poisonous. Eating any part of the plant can bring death.

- You may recall that the philosopher Socrates died from drinking poison hemlock, after he was found guilty of "corrupting the minds of the youth of Athens" and of "not believing in the gods of the state." After drinking the mixture, he was made to walk around until his legs went numb, a numbness that slowly advanced to his heart. This was the result of the alkaloid coniine, which paralyzes the central nervous system.

- Just one mushroom cap of the Amanita virosa (destroying angel) species can kill a man. This variety contains one of the deadliest poisons found in nature. Mushroom hunters should steer clear of any parasol-shaped mushrooms with white gills.

- Have you heard the old saying "leaves of three, let it be"? This advice is for hikers who want to avoid poison ivy. A chemical called urushiol found in the sap of the plant is what creates the itchy blistering bumps. All it takes is 1 billionth of a gram to cause a rash. Although about 85 percent of people are allergic to urushiol, it can take up to 10 days for a rash to appear after a person's first exposure, and most don't even have a reaction that first time they touch it.

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**Cozy Vegetable Soup**

by JoAnna M. Lund

We now have more winter behind us than before us, but it sure seems like a long, long time before we see spring. Here in the Midwest, our days are still short and cold and will be for several more weeks. We need some comforting soup NOW to see us through.

- 2 cups water
- 4 cups chopped cabbage
- 1 cup shredded loose-packed frozen potatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 (12-fluid-ounce) can evaporated fat-free milk
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped real bacon bits
- 1/4 cup grated reduced-fat Parmesan cheese

1. In a large saucepan, combine water, cabbage, potatoes and onion. Bring mixture to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for 10 minutes.
2. In a covered jar, combine evaporated milk and flour. Shake well to blend. Pour milk mixture into cabbage mixture. Mix well to combine.
3. Stir in parsley flakes, black pepper, bacon bits and Parmesan cheese. Lower heat and continue cooking until mixture thickens and is heated through, stirring occasionally. Makes 4 (1 1/4-cup) servings.

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**Is Sick Cat Doomed to Live Alone?**

By Samantha Mazzotta

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** We adopted a kitten, "Charly," a little more than a year ago, and she tested positive for feline leukemia. Our vet prescribed a medicine and she has been fine. She is an indoor cat. Now a new kitten has found its way into our yard, and we have fed it. She will not come to us, but she and our cat play through the window. We were told our cat should not be around any other cats, as she could give them the disease. If the new kitten comes to us and receives the shot that protects against feline leukemia, would it be possible for the two cats to cohabitate? -- Amy V., via email

**DEAR AMY:** There is a possibility that both cats can eventually live together; however, if or when the stray kitten trusts you enough to come to you, you will need to keep her isolated from Charly for a little while longer. First, the new kitten will need to undergo tests by the veterinarian

for both feline leukemia (FeLV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), as well as for other illnesses and parasites like worms and fleas. She'll need to be spayed and receive her required vaccinations. Second, kittens are at higher risk to contract FeLV, so she'll need to be housed separately from Charly until she reaches six months to a year in age. Both should receive twice yearly checkups and their immunizations kept up to date. Charly and the new cat may not mesh indoors as well as they do at the window. If they fight at all, they'll need to be kept separated, so introduce them to each other very carefully. Also, the new cat might never adjust to the indoors. Be prepared for that, and at least get her spayed and vaccinated to protect her and the neighboring cat population.

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

**Moments in time**  
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Feb. 27, 1860, Abraham Lincoln poses for the first of several portraits by noted Civil War-era photographer Mathew Brady. A relatively new art form, the photograph (or daguerreotype) showed a beardless Lincoln just moments before the future president's historic speech at Cooper Union in New York City.
- On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at age 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer and activist.
- On March 2, 1904, Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of children's books, is born in Springfield, Mass. Geisel's first book, "And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street" (1937), was rejected by dozens of publishers.
- On March 1, 1932, Charles Lindbergh III, the 20-month-old son of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, is kidnapped from the family's new mansion in Hopewell, N.J. Days later, the baby's body was discovered near the Lindbergh home.
- On Feb. 28, 1940, Mario Andretti, whose name will become synonymous with American auto racing, is born in Montona, Italy. He officially retired from racing in 1994 as the only driver to ever win the Indianapolis 500, Daytona 500 and a Formula One championship.
- On March 4, 1966, a John Lennon quotation that was ignored in England set off a media frenzy in America: "We're more popular than Jesus now." Bible Belt disc jockeys declared Lennon's remarks blasphemous and vowed an eternal ban on all Beatles music.
- On Feb. 29, 1980, the iconic glasses worn by rock 'n' roll pioneer Buddy Holly, lost since his death in a plane crash in 1959, are found in Mason City, Iowa. The plane wreckage was strewn across snow-covered cornfields, and the glasses weren't found until the snow melted in the spring. They were given to the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's office, where they sat filed away for the next 21 years in a sealed envelope.

**VETERANS POST**  
by Freddy Groves

**Wounded Warriors to Workforce**

Newly returned wounded veterans have the option of entering a three-year internship program to become federal contracting specialists. The program, at the Acquisitions Academy of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Frederick, Md., is called Warriors to Workforce. Veterans can earn 24 business credits, required to become contracting professionals for the federal government, followed by the internship.

The Academy has three directions of emphasis:  
--Contracting Professional School: Graduates complete the core courses to get an Acquisitions Certificate at Levels I, II and III. Possible specialties are Leasing, Health Care Services, Technology and Construction. Upon graduation, a veteran will have the education background to get a Federal Acquisitions Certification in Contracting and be eligible for positions starting at GS-11.  
--Program Management: Coursework will enable graduates to certify as a federal program and project manager both in the VA and throughout federal government.

--Acquisition Internship: This is a paid two-year internship starting at a GS-7 with a track to GS-11. Emphasis is on leadership, communication, business savvy and more. Facilities Management and Supply Chain Management courses will be coming soon. No matter which avenue is taken, the program emphasizes training and on-the-job experience. If there's any field that needs new workers, it's acquisitions in the federal government. To qualify, a veteran must have a service-related injury that impacts employment and little education after high school. Veterans are expected to work for at least three years after certification, and are guaranteed a job in acquisitions in the VA. The cost of the course is \$97,489, which is picked up by VA funding. The first-year business courses are covered by the GI Bill. To learn more about the program, go online to the Acquisitions Academy at www.acquisitionacademy.va.gov or call the school at (202) 461-0749.

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**PURE POISON (continued)**

- The pharmaceutical product digitalis is used by heart patients to control an irregular heart rate. It is extracted from certain species of the beautiful, tall, spiked flowering plant, the foxglove. Some varieties contain deadly steroidal glycosides, of which just a tiny bit is potentially fatal. Even a deeply inhaled breath can bring heart block, increased or decreased heart rate and death. Wild hallucinations and delirium often come first, along with severe headaches and abdominal pain.
- Kiss your sweetheart under the mistletoe, but don't eat the berries! Many children and adults have perished from consuming these poisonous fruits.
- You might love rhubarb pie, but stay away from the leaves! Ingesting large amounts of either raw or cooked leaves can lead to convulsions, coma and even death, due to the present of oxalic acid salts.
- Pits from cherries, peaches and plums as well as seeds from apples and pears contain cyanogenic glycosides, compounds that release small amounts of cyanide. You won't die from swallowing a few seeds, but it's a habit to avoid. Large quantities can lead to death, although you'll probably vomit violently before that point.

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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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 Ribbon Cutting – “About Time Technology” 12:00 Noon 58 N. 1100 W.

**March 6, 2012 – Tue**  
 Business of the Month/Biz Leads Group – “Payson Market” 16<sup>th</sup> yr celebration  
 11:45 a.m. 586 N. Main

**April 7, 2012 – Sat**  
 Easter Egg Hunt – We are asking for donations from local businesses to help sponsor this event. If you would like to donate your time, prizes or monetary donations to the Easter Egg Hunt we will recognize your business in the newspaper and at the event. Please send your donation to:  
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**Pleasant Grove**  
 “Beau Jest”  
 Performance dates are March 2-19th on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings. There will also be a Saturday matinee on March 17th. Please call Kathryn Little at 801-836-8104 for more information.

**Santaquin**  
 Apr 7<sup>th</sup> – Annual Easter Egg Hunt!!! Sponsored by the Santaquin Area Chamber of Commerce and Santaquin City . Santaquin Elementary School @ 9:00am.  
 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  
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**ANSWERS**

**SPORTS QUIZ**

- Eighteen.
- Eight, including a high of 49 twice.
- It was 77 yards.
- Twelve times, with the Celtics winning nine of the series.
- Leo Boivin (1976) and Jacques Demers (1984).
- Four times, the last in 2009.
- Australia, with 28.

**King Crossword** —  
 Answers  
 Solution time: 25 mins.

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**Weekly SUDOKU** —  
 Answer

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**Go Figure!** —  
 answers

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**WORD POWER**  
 ANSWER  
**HORSEPOWER**

**SCRAMBLERS**  
 solution  
 1. Argue; 2. Govern;  
 3. Polite; 4. Feign  
 Today's Word:  
**AFTERNOON**

**Trivia test**  
 by Fifi Rodriguez

- Rome
- A six-headed sea monster
- “Hello, Dolly!”
- Irregular
- David Bowie
- New York City
- “The Princess Bride”
- Off the east coast of Mozambique, Africa
- A female wolf
- Quakers