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WITH IDIOMS

by Patricia L. Cook

This Tidbits delves into idioms. An idiom is "a group of words whose meaning cannot be predicted from

the meanings of the constituent words." In other

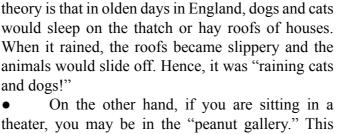
the steamy Southern states or a rain forest, you have

probably heard the idiom "It was raining cats and dogs." The origin of the phrase is unknown. One

words, they really don't make sense!

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If you live in the rainy Pacific Northwest,

term was popularized in the late 19th century and referred to seats located in the balcony of the theater, the "cheap" seats. People in these seats would sometimes throw peanuts, common theater food of the time, on those seated below. The term was also used for those seated in the first row on the floor seats where the patrons could throw peanuts on stage if they weren't pleased with the performance.

Regarding theater lingo, when "the plot thickens," it means that the situation is becoming more difficult or complicated.

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1. MUSIC: Who composed the opera "Swan Lake"?

2. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase "Ars gratia artis"? 3. GEOGRAPHY: The island of Corsica belongs

to what country?

4. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name for the three Greek goddesses of vengeance: Alecto, Megaera and Tisiphone?

LITERATURE: Who wrote a 5. semiautobiographical travel book called "Roughing It"?

6. TELEVISION: What detective series featured the theme song "Keep Your Eye on the Sparrow"? 7. CHEMISTRY: What is the chemical symbol for bromine?

8. AD SLOGANS: What was billed as "The **Greatest Show on Earth"?**

9. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive."?

10. MOVIES: Which Disney movie featured the hit song "A Whole New World"?



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 Be sure to comb the leftovers from back-to-school sales. Pick up supplies that will need to be replenished as the school year moves on. Also, there are many imaginative pencil cases that can double as travel jewelry and makeup bags. Often you can pick up several at a good price.

• "Just after Labor Day, our family starts to think about who will host holiday dinners and such. We do it in a lottery. Whoever just hosted is exempt if they want to be. The rest of those who'd like to host a holiday event put their names in a pot and we pick out names. The events are the usuals, like Christmas and Thanksgiving, but also a cookie-making party and the children's party. It's better than one person always having to do it, or always getting to do it." -- E.D. in Massachusetts

• If you're getting your outdoor furniture ready for storage, here's a great cleaning idea. Load it all in the back of a truck, take it to a self-serve car wash and clean with the pressure hoses. Let dry and it's ready.

IDIOMS (continued)

Many consider theater performances to be luxuries for the wealthy, those who "live high on the hog." This expression came about because only the rich could afford the choicest cuts of pork, like loin, which comes from the top of the pig.

The best cuts of pork were usually consumed at the time of butchering. The other cuts were salt cured for preservation to be eaten during the winter. When spring arrived, people were "scraping the bottom of the barrel" looking for any scraps remaining. The term is now used to refer to the last food in the pantry, money in the budget, last one chosen for a team, etc.

Another term for the wealthy is the "upper crust." This term comes from England, where the smell of bread wafted from the kitchens of country estates. The upper crust was the superior un-burnt part of a loaf that was served to the "gentry" or high society.

In Biblical times, the "upper crust," or upper • class, was offered the "fat of the land." This meant the fattest and best livestock.

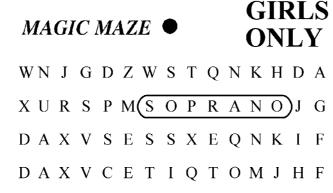
Another familiar expression with origins in the Bible is "salt of the earth." Salt was not only expensive, it was also a vital preservative. People referred to as the "salt of the earth" were and are very precious.

Again thinking of the precious commodity of salt, a compliment that someone is "worth his salt" means he is doing a good job and is a valuable worker. Salt was so valuable in ancient days that Roman soldiers were sometimes paid with salt instead of or in addition to coins or currency.

Just as a bad worker can affect the attitudes of his co-workers, a "bad apple" can ruin a whole bag or box of apples. This term has been used with all kinds of produce and people as well. You don't want to be the "bad apple" in the crowd!

In stark contrast to a good worker stands one who isn't. A sorry or less-than-stellar worker may get "canned" or "sacked." This terminology came from coal miners who were given a chit, a "statement of an amount owed for food and drink," which they could use at the company store. When let go, their severance pay was a can of food usually put in a sack.

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While the 2012 Summer Olympics in London were in full swing on screens across the U.S. and the world, I loved how the cameras put viewers like us in the middle of the action, as if we were paddling our own kayaks through a white-water course or leaping with the women gymnasts for the gold. But amidst all the excitement, there was one thing we missed out on -- the smells and tastes of the local English food enjoyed by spectators attending the event.

I decided to make the Olympics a cultural experience at home and created a taste of London by preparing an old English latesummer dessert called "Summer Pudding." For the Brits, the word "pudding" ("pud" for short) actually means "dessert," and this fun recipe from across the pond can become a memorable finale to an August dinner. It's full of fresh berries, and the easy prep doesn't require any baking, so the kitchen stays cool. It's a great use for day-old bread, too!

Kids love to take part in the easy prep, so gather the ingredients and enjoy this fresh, beautiful dessert while it's still summer.

ENGLISH SUMMER PUDDING

Ingredients:

16 slices of day-old, firm white bread, without preservatives 6 cups assorted berries, such as blueberries, blackberries, raspberries and strawberries

1 cup sugar

1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice Whipped cream

1. In a saucepan, combine berries, sugar and lemon juice. Stir over medium heat until berries release their juices, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and drain berries over a bowl, reserving the juice.

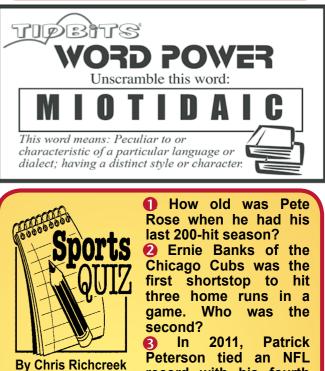
2. Line the inside of a 5-6 cup bowl with plastic wrap. Trim and discard crusts from the bread and cut slices diagonally into four pieces. Dip each triangle into the juice, then arrange on the bottom and in a continuous pattern around the inside of the bowl to create a pinwheel effect. Fill any gaps with more bread, saving some bread for the next step.

3. Fill the bread-lined bowl almost to the top with the drained berries. Place a single layer of the remaining bread on top of the berries to create a cover. Spoon remaining juice evenly over the top.

4. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, and then set a small plate on top that just fits inside the bowl. Set a heavy, 2-pound can on the plate to provide weight. Refrigerate overnight.

5. To serve, remove the can, plate and plastic wrap and carefully invert the colorful molded pudding onto a serving plate. Remove the plastic wrap liner. Slice into wedges with a large spoon and serve with a dollop of whipped cream. Makes 6-8 servings.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday. com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."



• "Dust books with a vacuum assist! I put the leg of a panty hose over my vacuum wand and secure it tightly. Then I dust my bookshelves, holding the wand close by to suck up the dust that gets disturbed. It's less messy, I think. I still dust from the top down." -- L.K. in Ohio

• To make your own disinfecting wipes, cut paper towels into four squares each. Saturate with a half alcohol, half water mix and store in a plastic freezer bag or a diaperwipe container. You can use these to clean telephones and doorknobs during cold and flu season.

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

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Peterson tied an NFL record with his fourth

punt return for a TD in a season. Whose mark did he tie?

4 Name the only conference to have three No. 1 seeds in one year in the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

S When was the last time before 2012 that the St. Louis Blues won an NHL playoff game?

6 Name the last country other than South Korea in the modern Olympic era to win a gold medal in the women's archery team competition.

How many times in his career did golfer Jack Nicklaus finish as the runner-up in a major?

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Holidays & Observances This Week

- 9/16 Working Parents Day
- 9/17 Constitution Day
- 9/18 National Cheeseburger Day
- 9/19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day

IDIOMS (continued)

If you find yourself in the unsavory position of being the person viewed as the "bad apple," you may find yourself "eating humble pie." This saying came about in a circuitous way. In the 14th century, the heart, liver, entrails, etc. of animals were called the "numbles" (noumbles, nomblys, noubles). In the 15th century, they were called "umbles." The umbles were used as an ingredient in pies. Only lower class folks ate "humble pie." Hence, abasing or lowering oneself was seen as taking oneself to a lower class.

Bakers in Europe were not usually baking "humble pie" but pastries, cookies, rolls and other fine treats. Because they could receive stiff punishment for shorting customers, bakers would usually put 13 or more pieces in their orders just to be sure. This is where the "baker's dozen" originated.

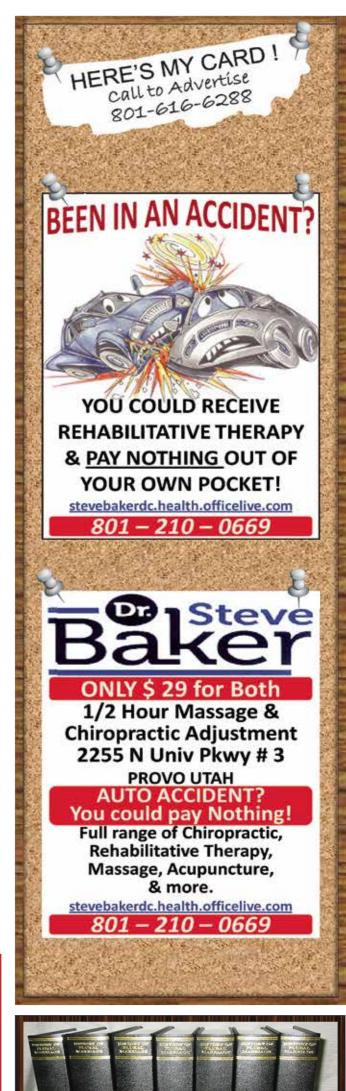
British sailors on war ships in the 1700s might have appreciated some "humble pie" or a generous "baker's dozen." Their ships did not have the best living conditions. Usually, a sailor's breakfast and lunch was only bread and a beverage. The third meal of the day included meat and was presented on a square tray. Hence the term "square meal" was coined to identify the most substantial meal of the day.

A popular topping for pizza, "Canadian bacon" has hog geography behind its name. It doesn't have anything to do with the country of Canada other than its location relative to the United States. Traditional bacon is cut from the underbelly or south side of the pig. Canadian bacon is cut from the loin area, the upper part of the pig. Since it is from the north — Oh, Canada!

In England, it is customary to extend hospitality to visitors, even complete strangers. However, when the host chose to serve a "cold shoulder" of beef, it signaled that it was time for the guests to move on. Think about this the next time you snub someone or give them the "cold shoulder."

When wood stoves were used to cook beef shoulders and more, cooks used the front burners for intense heat and for stoking the fire to avoid a reach across the hot stove top. When it was time to slow down or simmer the food, it was put on the "back burner." Now that term is used for putting something on hold, such as a chore you need, but don't want, to do.





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9/20 National Punch Day

9/21 POW/MIA Recognition Day

9/22 Business Women's Day



• It was American singer Josh Groban who made the following sage observation: "There's no half-singing in the shower, you're either a rock star or an opera diva."

• If you're considering having a child sometime in the near future, you might want to consider this: It's said that the cost of caring for a newborn during its first year of life is more than \$6,000.

• In 1986, actor and director Clint Eastwood took on a new and unfamiliar role: political candidate. He ran for mayor of Carmel, Calif. He defeated the incumbent mayor in a landslide, and he kept the position for two years. His salary? A whopping \$200 per week.

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around with them, but you might be surprised to learn that this is not an entirely new fashion. In ancient Rome and Greece it was not uncommon for a noble lady to carry her tiny Maltese dog around in the sleeve of her robe.

• In the early days of motion pictures, Will H. Hays became known as the "Czar of Hollywood." He presided over the earliest incarnation of the MPAA, charged with ensuring the morality of movies. Some of the changes the so-called "Hays Office" insisted upon were removing the image of a cow's udder from a Walt Disney cartoon; and removing any direct reference to adultery in the 1935 adaptation of the Tolstoy novel "Anna Karenina" -- despite the fact that Anna's affair is at the heart of the novel.

• Those who study such things say that a woman's sense of smell tends to be better than that of a man.

Thought for the Day: "I think that I am better than the people who are trying to reform me." -- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



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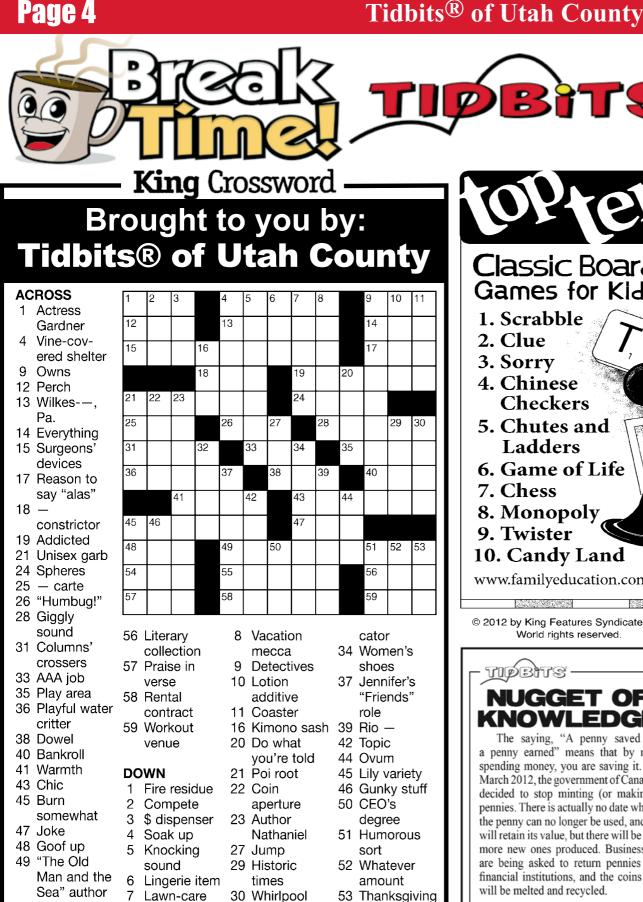
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the penny can no longer be used, and it

will retain its value, but there will be no

more new ones produced. Businesses

are being asked to return pennies to

financial institutions, and the coins

will be melted and recycled.

LAFF - A - DAY

IDIOMS (continued)

Now for "a toast" to our Tidbits readers! Toasting is a medieval tradition that honored a host with a gesture for long life. The gesture entailed placing a crust of bread into a goblet of wine and raising it to the host, an adaptation of Holy Communion.

FAMOUS LANDMARKS **OF THE WORLD:** DEAD SEA

Even though fresh water is continually draining into the Dead Sea, it is nearly 10 times as salty as the oceans and twice as salty as Utah's Great Salt Lake.

One of the world's most unusual places, the Dead Sea is also called the Salt Sea. Located in the Middle East, it is bordered by Jordan to the east and Israel and the West Bank to the west. The Hebrew name for the Dead Sea is Yam ha Maved, which actually means "killer sea."

The Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth, over 1,312 feet (400 m) below sea level. At its deepest part, it is over 2,300 feet (701 m) below sea level. The Dead Sea is 42 miles (67 km) long and 11 miles (18 km) wide at its widest point.

The main tributary into the sea is the Jordan River. The Dead Sea does not empty out anywhere - It is endorheic, which means it has no outlet besides evaporation. It is totally landlocked, and the deeper areas are the saltiest. There is an estimated 1.9 billion tons of potassium chloride salt in the Dead Sea that are harvested by using a system of evaporation ponds.

The Dead Sea has a salinity reading of 33.7 percent, meaning nearly 35 percent of the water is dissolved salts. Ocean water is 3.5 percent dissolved salts.

• Due to the high salinity of the Dead Sea, no fish or any kind of swimming, squirming creature lives in or near the water. Fish accidentally swimming into the waters from one of the several freshwater streams that feed the Sea are killed instantly, their bodies quickly coated with a preserving layer of salt crystals and then tossed onto shore by the wind and waves.

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missing. 4. Locket is missing. 5. Flowers are moved. 6. Neckline is different. Differences: 1. Roof panel is missing. 2 Shirt is smaller. 3. Door knocker is

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• On Sept. 22, 1776, in New York City, 21-year-old Nathan Hale, a captain in the Continental Army, is executed by the British for spying. Before being hanged, legend holds that Hale said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." There is no historical record to prove that Hale actually made this statement.

• On Sept. 18, 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building. The building would take nearly a century to complete, as architects came and went, the British set fire to it, and it was called into use during the Civil War.

• On Sept. 23, 1846, German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovers the planet Neptune. The blue gas giant, which has a diameter four times that of Earth, has eight known moons and a ring system containing three bright and two dim rings.

• On Sept. 21, 1938, a powerful Category 3 hurricane slams into Long Island and southern New England. Charlie Pierce, a junior forecaster in the U.S. Weather Bureau, was sure that the hurricane was heading for the Northeast, but the chief forecaster overruled him. All told, 700 people were killed by the hurricane.

• On Sept. 19, 1959, in one of the more surreal moments in the history of the Cold War, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev explodes with anger when he learns he cannot visit Disneyland. Government authorities feared that the crowds would pose a safety hazard.

• On Sept. 17, 1965, four adventurous Englishmen arrive at a motor show in Germany after crossing the English Channel by Amphicar, the world's only mass-produced amphibious passenger car. On land, the cars used a fourspeed-plus-reverse manual transmission. In the water, they used a transfer case that had two speeds: forward and backward.

• On Sept. 20, 1973, in a highly publicized "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match, top women's player Billie Jean King, 29, plays Bobby Riggs, 55, a former No. 1-ranked men's player. Riggs, a self-proclaimed male chauvinist, had boasted that women were inferior. King beat Riggs 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.



DEAD SEA (continued)

There are, however, several species of bacteria and one species of algae that are adapted to harsh life in the Dead Sea. White salt crystals cover everything on the shore. And this is no ordinary table salt; the salts found in the Dead Sea are mineral salts - mostly chloride salts of magnesium, sodium, potassium and bromine — just like you find in the oceans of the world, only in extreme concentrations.

The leading attraction at the Dead Sea is the warm, soothing, super-salty water. This water has attracted visitors since ancient times, including King Herod the Great and the beautiful Egyptian Queen, Cleopatra.

Due to the high salinity, water in the Dead Sea is extremely buoyant — A person can float effortlessly on his or her back and not have to expend energy treading water. Also, the high salt content and warm temperature of the water provide therapy for ailments such as rheumatism, gynecological diseases and bronchial conditions.

Dead Sea Works, Ltd. (DSW) is a company dedicated to harvesting minerals from the waters of the Dead Sea. DSW is located on the southwest side of the Sea and employs 1,600 people.

Potash is the most valuable of the minerals extracted today and is used in the manufacture of fertilizer. Other minerals extracted are used in making products such as potassium chloride salt, industrial salts, de-icers, bath salts, table salt and raw materials for the cosmetic industry.

PEANUTS

If peanuts are your favorite nut, you are not alone. However, peanuts are not nuts: They are legumes, related to beans, peas and lentils.

Peanuts originated in South America. They are now grown in warm areas of Asia, Africa, Australia and North and South America. Fifteen states in the United States grow peanuts, with Georgia being the top producing state.

Peanuts are the official state crop of Georgia, and the state produces almost half of the total U.S. peanut crop. Most people are aware that President Jimmy Carter was a peanut farmer from Plains, Georgia. But many are unaware that he was the second peanut farmer to serve as President of the United States. Thomas Jefferson was the first. continued on next page







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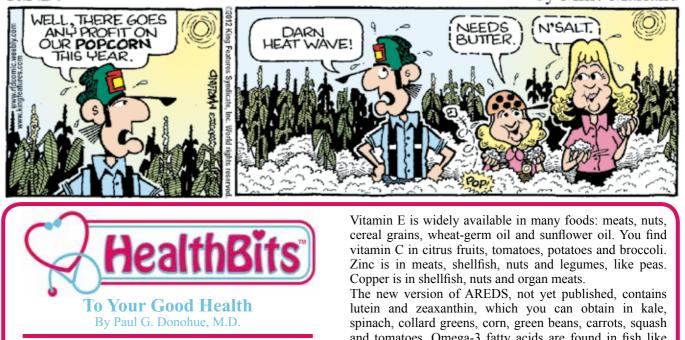
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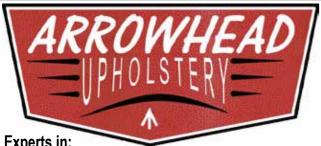
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ANSWER: In 2001, the results of the first AREDS report (Age-Related Eye Disease Study) was published. It showed that the combination of beta carotene (a form of vitamin A), vitamin E, vitamin C, zinc and copper could slow the progression of moderate macular degeneration to severe macular degeneration. Macular degeneration is a wasting away of the macula -- a small, round area of the retina necessary for clear central vision, the kind needed to read, sew and drive. Ocuvite is one capsule that incorporates all these nutrients.

Currently a new study, AREDS 2, is being conducted. The vitamin-mineral combination has been altered a bit and new ingredients have been added: lutein, zeaxanthin and omega-3 fatty acids. Some Ocuvite pills also contain these materials.

Since you're unable to tolerate vitamins, you'll need to get these nutrients from foods. You might not be able to reach the high levels found in pills, but you'd be getting all the ingredients in those pills.

Beta carotene is found in colored vegetables like carrots and peppers, in dark-green vegetables and in colored fruits.

and tomatoes. Omega-3 fatty acids are found in fish like salmon and tuna.

The booklet on macular degeneration explains this common malady and its treatment. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue -- No. 701, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My heart misses a beat every now and then. The doctor tells me this isn't dangerous. He has said nothing about food or drink as being a cause of this. I drink two cups of coffee a day. I can't tell any difference on the days I drink it or on the days I don't. What's the thinking on this? -- P.M.

ANSWER: Moderate amounts of caffeine have little effect on the heart. Two to four cups of coffee a day shouldn't affect your heartbeat. However, if a person is quite sensitive to caffeine, then that person should abstain from coffee. There appears not to be any relationship between coffee drinking and artery hardening, artery obstruction or heart pumping. Heart attacks and strokes are no more frequent in coffee drinkers than in those who never touch it.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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PEANUTS (continued)

• Peanuts have been grown in the United States since the 1800s. Peanut popularity surged during the Civil War, with soldiers on both sides eating the protein-rich legumes for energy and sustenance.

• Peanuts are powerhouses of nutrition; they are cholesterol-free, contain about 26 percent protein and are a good source of vitamin E, potassium and fiber. They are an excellent source of magnesium, folate and niacin as well.

• Even though Georgia is the No. 1 state for peanut production, the peanut capital of the world is Dothan, Alabama. About half of the peanuts grown in the United States are grown within a 100-mile (160.9-km) radius of Dothan. The 69th National Peanut Festival will be held in Dothan from November 2-11, 2012.

• The first National Peanut Festival was held in 1938. The honored guest speaker for the inaugural event was Dr. George Washington Carver, who is known as the father of the U.S. peanut industry. Dr. Carver developed over 300 uses for the peanut in his work at the Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama.

• Because of Dr. Carver's extensive work with peanuts, many believe he invented peanut butter, but he did not. Several doctors experimenting with peanuts in the late 1890s wanted a peanut product or paste that would be easy for their patients with bad teeth.

• Dr. John Kellogg was one doctor who wanted the healthy, protein-rich peanut paste for his patients. He and his brother, W.K. Kellogg, worked together and actually patented a peanut butter process in 1895. The brothers went on to develop their cereal company and let others sell peanut butter.

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by Dave T. Phipps

Just Like Cats & Dogs





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DEAR PAW'S CORNER: A while ago, you printed information on how to safely approach strange dogs. I'd like my two children to be familiar with those procedures. Can you provide that information? -- Candice C., Las Vegas

DEAR CANDICE: I sure can. Here are a few tips courtesy of the American Kennel Club on how to safely approach a strange dog:

--Ask permission: It's very important to ask a dog's owner first if you can pet the dog. Not every dog reacts the same way to strangers petting them, and the owner will know if the dog is friendly and if it is safe for you to approach.

--Approach calmly: If the owner says yes, make a fist, extend your hand slowly to the dog, and let it sniff the back of your hand. Dogs recognize people by scent, so letting it sniff your hand lets the dog become familiar with you. 1 (16-ounce) can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained

1 cup shredded cabbage

1/3 cup broken uncooked spaghetti

1/4 cup grated reduced-fat Parmesan cheese

1. In a large saucepan, combine ham, undrained tomatoes, tomato soup and water. Stir in garlic, Worcestershire sauce and Italian seasoning. Add kidney beans, cabbage and uncooked spaghetti. Mix well to combine.

2. Bring mixture to a boil. Lower heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until spaghetti is tender, stirring occasionally. When serving, top each bowl with 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese. Makes 4 (1/2 cup) servings.

• Each serving equals: 219 calories, 3g fat, 14g protein, 34g carb., 811mg sodium, 7g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 1/2 Starch, 1 1/2 Vegetable.

Kids and Dogs

By Samantha Mazzotta

--Where to pet: Once the dog has sniffed your hand, pet it gently under the chin or on the chest.

--Don't hug dogs: Kids should never hug a dog. Dogs don't hug each other, and they don't understand hugs to mean love and affection like humans do. Wrapping your arms around a dog can stress it out and lead to an unnecessary bite.

--Keep your chin up: Never put your face down in front of a dog. This can be threatening to the dog and cause it to react. Find out more about safely approaching dogs and about the AKC's upcoming "Meet the Breeds" event at http://www.akc. org/meet_the_breeds/.

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.

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PEANUTS (continued)

The public introduction to peanut butter in the United States happened at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, called the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. C.H. Sumner's concession stand sold over \$700 worth of peanut butter. From that point on that peanut butter became a standard in most cupboards. The United States is the biggest supplier and consumer of peanut butter.

Peanuts are different from other crops in many ways. "Digger" and "shaker" machines are used for harvesting peanuts to bring them to the top of the ground to dry. Much care is taken in getting the peanuts to dry correctly in their shells to prepare them for market.

Peanut plants grow roots underground, with stems, leaves and small yellow flowers above ground. The flowers pollinate themselves. As the flowers wilt, their bases do something unique. The stalks, called pegs, point downward and go into the ground. After going underground, the pegs turn sideways and form peanut pods. Each plant will produce 40 or more pods with two to six peanuts in

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

Food Safety

by Matilda Charles

One of the best kitchen gadgets I've ever invested in is a digital thermometer. Within seconds, it tells me the temperature of the food I'm cooking and whether it's done.

Temperature is one of the most important safety steps in food preparation to avoid food poisoning. To help us stay safe, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has created a free booklet especially for us: Food Safety for Older Adults. It has information we need to know and keep handy: How we get a food-borne illness, and what can happen to us if we do. How to choose lower-risk food options. How long food stays safe in the refrigerator. And much more.

For example, did you know that lunch and deli meats need to be heated to 165 degrees Fahrenheit? The bacteria Listeria can grow even at proper 40-degree refrigerator temperature. My favorite part of the booklet, especially since I now have a high-tech digital thermometer, is the picture chart of the

recommended internal temperatures of cooked food. Fish, 145 degrees. Beef, 160 degrees. And so on. (I also invested in two refrigerator/freezer thermometers to make sure the old refrigerator and freezer are keeping food at the correct temperature: 40 degrees for the refrigerator and 0 degrees for the freezer.)

There are a number of steps involved in finding the booklet online, but it's worth the trouble. Go to www.fsis.usda.gov, click Fact Sheets, At-Risk Populations, More Like This at the bottom of that category, then scroll down to the PDF version of Food Safety for Older Adults. If you can't find it, send email to fsis.outreach@usda.gov to request the booklet. Or call the hotline and request it at 1-888-674-6854.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

by Jeff Pickering





Good Housekeepi California Breakfast Wrap

Filling and filled with good-for-you-ingredients, this wrap is the perfect way to start your morning. It's packed with protein from eggs and cheese, healthy fats from avocado, and cancer-fighting antioxidants and lyocpene in spinach and tomato.

- 4 large eggs
 - 2 large egg whites
 - Salt
- Pepper
- 4 8-inch whole-wheat tortillas
- 4 tablespoons goat cheese
- 3 1/2 ounces (about 7 cups) baby spinach
- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 1 medium (about 1 cup) tomato, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 Hass avocado, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill leaves

1. In medium bowl, beat eggs, egg whites and $1/8\ teaspoon$ each salt and freshly ground black pepper.

2. On microwave-safe plate, cover tortillas with damp paper towel. Microwave on high 30 seconds or until just warm and pliable.

3. Spread 1 tablespoon goat cheese on each tortilla; top with spinach.

4. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil on medium 1 minute. Add egg mixture. Cook 2 minutes or until almost set, stirring gently. Remove from heat; fold in tomato, avocado and 1/4 teaspoon salt.

5. Divide hot egg mixture among tortillas. Top with dill; fold in half. Serves 4.

" Each serving: About 330 calories, 16g total fat (4g saturated), 191mg cholesterol, 565mg sodium, 29g total carbs, 6g dietary fiber, 16g protein.

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Get Free HDTV With Outdoor Antenna

Q: I recently canceled my cable subscription in order to save money. While watching the news streamed on my computer is OK, I'd like to pick up local stations on my TV. How can I do that? -- Chuck F., New Hampshire

A: Today's over-the-air TV transmissions are entirely digital, a change mandated by the government a couple of years back. The old "analog" TV transmissions were switched off in 2010, something that owners of old tube televisions who try to pick up signals with their old antennae are painfully aware of.

However, even with an older television, you can pick up lineof-sight transmissions and receive local television stations. Converter boxes are available at most large retailers that sell electronics and cost from \$30 to \$60. You can learn more at http://dtv.gov/consumercorner_4.html.

If you have a newer HD television, you might be able to pick up a few signals if the TV has a built-in digital antenna. If not, there are several HD antennas on the market. If you live in an area where TV signals are traditionally faint, you'll absolutely need one of these. They start at around \$45 and go up in price, but the plus side is that you won't pay any more money for TV signals once the antenna is up. At least one brand of HD antenna was designed to be set up inside your home, but there are other brands specifically made to be set up outside or on the roof. Outdoor antennas can pick up signals up to 50 miles away in most cases, as long as there aren't too many obstructions like hills or other buildings between your home and the transmission source.

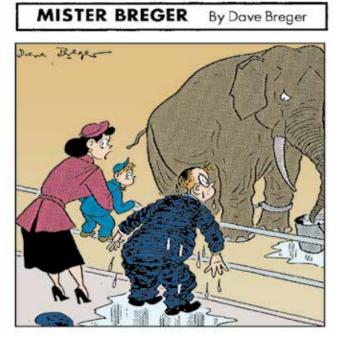
To set up an outdoor HD antenna, follow the instructions included with the product. Those made for rooftops should include proper mounting bolts and, ideally, small sealing squares (basically roof-patching squares) that sit between the antenna mount base and the roof. If those sealing squares aren't included, head to your home-improvement store for roof patches and cut them to fit.

You'll also need to feed the coaxial cable connecting the antenna back into the house to your television. If possible, try using the holes already drilled by the cable company to install its coax, rather than punch more holes in your home's envelope.

A number of videos on the web can provide more information on antenna installation. This video (http://www.youtube. com/watch?v=CuY-D9fQG_s) shows one homeowner's installation option, at the top of the eave. Another (http://www. youtube.com/watch?v=C0WQtzMdo7I) provides details on properly positioning the antenna for an optimal signal, which is important in remote areas.

HOME TIP: If you have an existing dish or antenna mount on the roof, take note of how the mount base is set up. It can be a big help in setting up your HD antenna without causing a roof leak.

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.



Payson Business of the Month - Sep

COMMUNITY NEWS BITS PAYSON

Arrowhead Upholstery occupies the front half of a charming building on Payson Main Street. The '50's themed design hosts plenty of room for dreaming up the perfect classic car interior. The building is also home to Utah Avenue Insurance. Arrowhead Upholstery offers full interior restoration services for classic and late model cars & trucks, as well as motorcycles, RV's, boats, golf carts and more. Whether you need a complete custom interior or You are just looking to mend your truck seat, we are here to help.Arrowhead Upholstery's owner, Shessann Logue, has been sewing as long as she can remember. She has worked on home interiors including custom window treatments & furnishings, antique furniture restoration and cushioning. While all the cutting, sewing, and creating are done at their Main Street building, she rents space from Arrowhead Customs, around the corner, to safely house cars, trucks, boats, and RV's during restoration.

Ribbon Cutting - Sep 19 11:30A - Noon



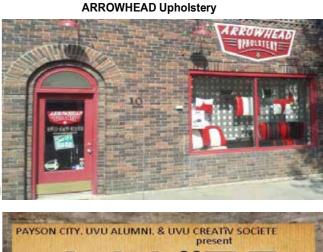
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Leads Group - Business By Referral – Sep 20 @ Fuji House on Historic Main. This is the one training that you don't want to miss! I This workshop gives you hands-on information that you can use immediately! Learn to differentiate yourself from the competition and get most, if not all, of your business via referral from customers and noncustomers. Includes a super-networking event that will teach you how to refine your message and share it in a

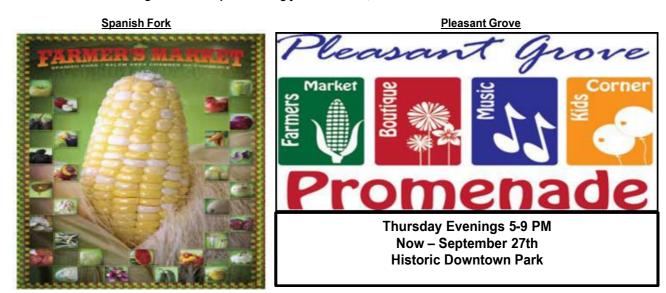




compelling manner. This Event will be open to prospective chambers members. Invite your colleagues, your best clients, your friends & neighbors. Everyone is Welcome!

Mt View Hospital Presents "A Family 'A' Fair" - Sep 22 @ 11A to 2P 1000 E 100 N Payson

Businesses are invited to participate. Set up a booth for \$25.00 and sell your goods or advertise your business. You can even donate something for the door-prizes. Bring your own table, chairs and shade tent.



Spanish Fork Farmer's Market runs through Nov 3 at 100 W Center Street behind the City Office Building. The Farmer's Market is a fun place to shop for fresh produce from local growers and vendors. Business Fairs will run once monthly and will be located at 40 South Main, Spanish Fork.

Contact the Spanish Fork / Salem Chamber of Commerce at 801-798-8352 or office@spanishforkchamber

Noon Networking Luncheon - Sep 12 at Noon @ Macey's Stores Little Theatre, 187 East 1000 North Spanish Fork Food will be provided by Macey's Deli! Come and enjoy a delicious lunch! To RSVP call Jolyn at 801-798-8352

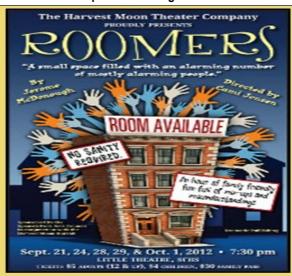
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<u>Spanish Fork High School PING PONG DROP</u> - Tue Sep18 @ 7:30P The Powder Puff Football Game is sponsored by the SFHS Drill Team. School Window stickers and tickets will be sold for: \$3.00 each or \$10.00 for 4 tickets. Prizes will include: TV, IPod, Food certificates, Gas certificates, Sporting Goods, SF apparel, Car products & services, Business Donations & Misc. Business Services

Harvest Moon Theatre Company is proud to present "Roomers" a one act farce by Jerome McDonough. Sep 21, 24, 28, 29 & Oct 1 at 7:30P in the Spanish Fork High School Little Theater. Tickets are \$5 Adults (12 * up) \$4 Children or \$30 Family Pass



Sp Fork / Salem – Scarecrow Contest – Deadline for Application Sep 21st See <u>spanishforkchamber.com</u> for details and application. \$10 Entry Fee. Scarecrows to be on display Oct 1 -31st Winners tbd by online voting.



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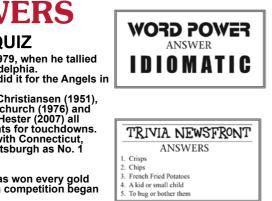
ANSWERS SPORTS QUIZ

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1980. 3. Detroit's Jack Christiansen (1951), Denver's Rick Upchurch (1976) and Chicago's Devin Hester (2007) all returned four punts for touchdowns. 4. The Big East, with Connecticut, Louisville and Pittsburgh as No. 1 seeds in 2009.

5. It was 2004.
6. South Korea has won every gold medal since team competition began in 1988

7. Nineteen times.





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