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TIDBITS® LOOKS AT SECRET CODES

by Janet Spencer

WORLD WAR II

When Roosevelt and Churchill were scheduled to meet in 1943, they knew the Germans were desperate to find out where the meeting would be. News was leaked that it would be at the place identified in code as Casablanca. The Germans figured that since "casablanca" was Spanish for white house, the meeting would take place at the White House. They sent all their spies to monitor the White House while Roosevelt and Churchill had an uneventful meeting in Casablanca, Morocco.

- On December 6, 1941, President Roosevelt sent a message to Emperor Hirohito in Japan pleading for peace. He sent the message by telegraph in a simple code used for every-day transmissions. In Japan, the telegram sat for ten hours unread due to a backlog of messages. Had he sent the message in a top security code, it would have reached the Emperor immediately. But it did not—and the next day, Pearl Harbor was attacked.

- Actress Lucille Ball reported that every time she walked near a certain area, she heard Japanese radio broadcasts coming across some lead fillings in her teeth. An investigation revealed a Japanese radio station hidden underground.

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- MUSIC:** What is rap singer Eminem's real name?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the first president to attend a baseball game?
- ANATOMY:** What is another name for the breastbone?
- ARCHITECTURE:** What is a colonnade?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a kookaburra?
- LITERATURE:** Who wrote the novel "The Last Picture Show"?
- HISTORY:** What caused the Irish potato famine?
- MOVIES:** What horror film launched Johnny Depp's film career?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the longest river in China?
- MEDICINE:** What is milk of magnesia used for?



by Jo Ann Derson

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- If your straw broom isn't working as well as it did when new, try giving it a spruce-up. Beat any dust out of the ends, then trim off any bent straws. Trim a section from a leg of stretched out pantyhose or tights and wrap it around the bristles, about 2 inches up from the bottom. This keeps the bristles nice and tight, and it will collect dirt better.
- When you replace old brushes -- hairbrushes or toothbrushes -- wrap a length of masking tape around the handle. That way you can use them for cleaning and they will never be mistakenly used for the wrong purpose.
- "When cooking rice, add a little bit of lemon juice to the water. It doesn't really flavor it, but it will keep it nice and white, plus it seems to be a bit fluffier when I do this." -- R.E. in Mississippi
- "When my child was mostly finished potty training, I put her baby potty in the car with some wet wipes and plastic baggies. Seems like she had emergencies when we were driving, and it wasn't always convenient to find a business with a bathroom in time. But it was easy to pull into a parking lot and let her take care of business." -- E.E. in Maine
- Store extra plastic grocery bags in empty tissue boxes. They are easy to store this way, and you can keep them under the sink or in the car for easy access.
- "Keep your garage floor nice by lining the area where you park with carpet remnants. Road salt and other nasty business that your tires pick up will not corrode the floor. You can shake out the rugs outside." -- C.Y. in New York

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- Silly Putty bounces higher than rubber. When identical balls of Silly Putty and rubber are dropped, how much higher will the Silly Putty bounce?
- How many pounds of Silly Putty are produced every day?
- Over 300 million eggs of Silly Putty have been produced so far. That's enough Silly Putty to form a ball the size of: A) a bus B) the Goodyear Blimp or C) the White House.
- Is Silly Putty considered to be a liquid or a solid?
- What happens if you place Silly Putty in a bowl of alcohol?

SECRET CODES (continued)

- On December 6, 1941, Japan was preparing to mount an attack on Pearl Harbor. A Japanese spy in Pearl Harbor walked right up to the telegraph office in town and sent a dispatch to his confederates describing where the warships were located. The telegram cost \$6.82 and apparently nobody in the telegraph office thought it was suspicious.
- On Dec. 6, 1941, a new employee at the Office of Naval Intelligence, Mrs. Dorothy Edgers (who had been employed there only a month), decoded an intercepted Japanese message that indicated Honolulu was to be the target of a Japanese attack. She showed it to her superior officer, who said it needed more work and could wait until Monday.
- In May of 1942, the Japanese were preparing to mount a major attack somewhere in the Central Pacific. The U.S. had broken the Japanese code and were aware of the impending attack. However, they didn't know what the target would be. The Japanese called the target "AF" and the Americans could not figure out what place that denoted. Then they came up with a scheme: they had Midway send an uncoded message saying their water distillation plant had broken down and they were short on drinking water. Then they monitored the Japanese transmissions. Two days later, they intercepted a coded message from Japan reporting that "AF" was short of drinking water. When the Japanese descended on Midway, the American forces were ready and waiting.
- When agents stormed the Japanese embassy in Portugal, they seized a Japanese code book, thinking it would be helpful to the Allies. What they didn't know was that the Allies had already broken the code. Now that Japan knew the code book had been stolen, they changed the code. It took a year before the U.S. could break the new code.

WORLD WAR I

- When American decoding experts intercepted and deciphered a message from Germany to Mexico, they found that Germany was offering Mexico a large chunk of the United States if only Mexico would join with them in the war. This message was pivotal in pushing the U.S. into World War I.

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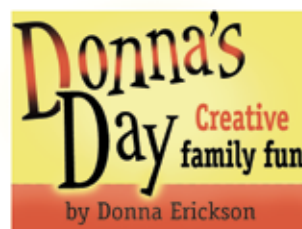
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Curiosity | Greece | Olympics | |

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Publish Your Own Night-Night Book

Make a family reading resolution this year, and kick it off with a brand-new book you publish with the youngest budding reader in your family. To get you started, here are some ideas for your first book, titled "Night Night Book." Not only will your child have a one-of-a-kind book to enjoy, but also it has the added benefit of making the bedtime ritual extra fun! Each page represents something in your children's world they're familiar with, something they see or use each day. As you read it over and over, new stories will emerge, giving a boost to language development and a love for books and reading.

- Here's What You'll Need:
- Poster board or sturdy paper
 - Magazine pictures and photographs of people, places and pets familiar to your child (you might wish to use color copies of photos for this book)
 - Small, flat items (or simple drawings of items) familiar to child
 - Scissors
 - Glue
 - Markers

Here's the fun: Collect photographs and magazine pictures as well as items familiar to your child such as paper labels from food products. Cut poster board into 8-inch-by-8-inch pages. Make as many pages as you wish.

On the cover, glue a photo of your child and write the words "Night Night," and your child's name (for example "Night Night, Adam").

Glue a picture or object to each page and print the name of it below, after the words "night night." For example, "night night shoes," "night night blankie." The final page of the book could be a poem.

For example,
"Now it's time to say night night,
The sun has set, The moon is bright.
The stars are shining far away
And now you'll sleep until it's day!"

Bind the book by punching two or three holes along the left side of the pages and attaching the sheets together with safe, plastic, toddler links or metal rings.

Tip: To expand modern-language learning, write "Good night" in different languages on the pages, such as "Bonne nuit" (French) or "Buenos noches" (Spanish).

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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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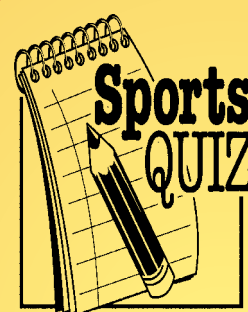
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- Name the three Chicago White Sox pitchers to throw a perfect game.
- In 2012, Detroit's Miguel Cabrera (29 years old) became the sixth-youngest player to get 1,000 career RBIs. Name three of the five younger ones.
- Who were the first pair of rookie NFL quarterbacks to play in the same Pro Bowl?

By Chris Richcreek

- Name the oldest head coach to win an NCAA men's basketball national championship.
- In 2012, Colorado Avalanche's Gabriel Landeskog became the youngest player (19 years, 286 days) to be named team captain in NHL history. Who had held the mark?
- How many times has the U.S. won women's gymnastics all-around team gold at the Olympics?
- In 2012, Lydia Ko became the youngest LPGA Tour event winner ever at the age of 15. Who had been the youngest?

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Were You in Okinawa for Project 112/SHAD?

Project 112, also known as SHAD, began in 1962 to test the vulnerability of ships to biological-warfare chemical attacks. SHAD (Shipboard Hazard and Defense) was conducted on ships. Project 112 was conducted on land. But the end result was the same: being sprayed with chemicals. While the Department of Defense admitted this went on in other locations, nobody mentioned Okinawa. Nobody mentioned Johnston Island. They're not even on the list. When it comes to getting benefits for chemical exposure, the Department of Veterans Affairs has said there's no specific illness related to service at those locations.

Here are some items to jog your memory:
The 267th Chemical Platoon was in Okinawa from December 1962 until August 1965, assigned to the Army Ordnance Group to prepare the Red Hat area Site 2 for receipt and storage of chemicals in DoD Project 112. If you were there, heads up.

If you were part of Operation Red Hat in 1971 and moved the 12,000 tons of chemicals from Okinawa to Johnston Island, heads up.

If you were there for training in 1972 and came across the barrels of chemicals that allegedly had already been removed, heads up.

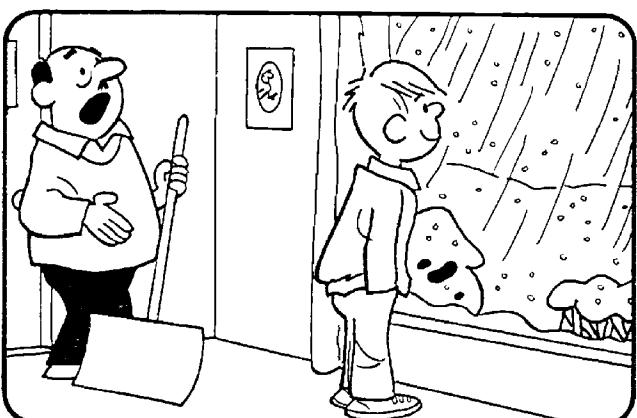
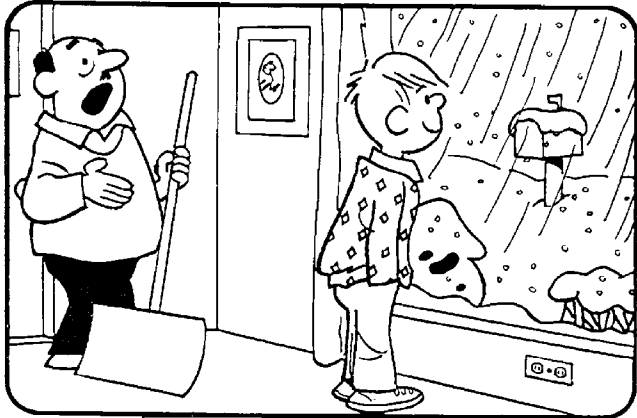
If you were at Futenma Air Station in 1981 when 100 leaky barrels of Agent Orange were unearthed, heads up. People are stepping forward, those who were there and were sprayed while handling the chemicals and who are now sick. They want the DoD to open the records.

This is going to take time, but get ready. If you were there, organize your paperwork. If you're sick, get your claim going and make sure it's noted that you were in those locations.

For background:
www.truth-out.org -- Search for articles by Jon Mitchell.
www.publichealth.va.gov -- Put SHAD in the search box.
www.wikipedia.org -- Put 267th Chemical Company in the search box.

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. Arm is moved. 2. Handle is shorter. 3. Picture is different. 4. Shirt is different. 5. Mailbox is missing. 6. Outlet is missing.

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SECRET CODES (continued)

Zeppelin L-49 was returning to Germany during World War I after having bombed London. It was over France when it ran out of fuel. There was no way the aircraft was going to make it back to Germany. The captain, knowing they were doomed to be captured, knew it was essential to get rid of the code books. But he couldn't burn the books because the zeppelin was filled with flammable gas. So he ordered his men to shred the books and toss the pieces of paper over the side. When they were captured, Colonel Richard Williams of the U.S. Army Intelligence was frustrated when he found that the code books had been destroyed. So he sent the troops out to search the ground following the path the airship had taken. By nightfall they had collected 22 sacks full of tiny scraps of paper. Williams set his men to the task of reconstructing the book. By midnight they had put together a complete map of the North Sea showing the call sign positions for a U-boat rendezvous.

William and Elizabeth Friedman were a married team of cryptanalysts who were instrumental in cracking many codes. Once the British sent them some sample messages from a new encoding device they were considering using throughout the British Army. Within three hours of receiving the five messages, the Friedmans had deciphered them. The first message, ironically enough, said, "This cipher is absolutely indecipherable."

EARLIER WARS

A captured slave was brought to General Lysander, leader of the Spartan forces around 400 B.C. A message the slave was carrying was handed to the General. There were many hostilities going on, so Lysander suspected the message would bear important information. However, it did not. Then he noticed the slave's belt was decorated with a series of letters that made no sense. He took the belt and wrapped it around a thin rod. There, down the side of the rod, was a perfectly legible message. It said that the Persians— who were supposed to be allies of the Spartans— were planning to take over. Thus forewarned, Lysander rushed his forces back to Sparta and ruined the plot.

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Those who study such things say that the average lightning bolt has a temperature of approximately 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. For comparison, the sun's average temperature is only 10,000 F.

If you've ever been told to shut your pie-hole, you might have wondered where the expression came from. The term was first used in 1983, in the film version of Stephen King's horror novel "Christine."

Thought for the Day: "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. It may be necessary from time to time to give a stupid or misinformed beholder a black eye." -- Jim Henson

It was humorist Jerome K. Jerome who made the following sage observation: "It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do. There is no fun in doing nothing when you have nothing to do. Wasting time is merely an occupation then, and a most exhausting one. Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen."

Though it is unconstitutional and therefore unenforceable, there is a law on the books in Tennessee which prohibits duelists, preachers and atheists from being elected to public office.

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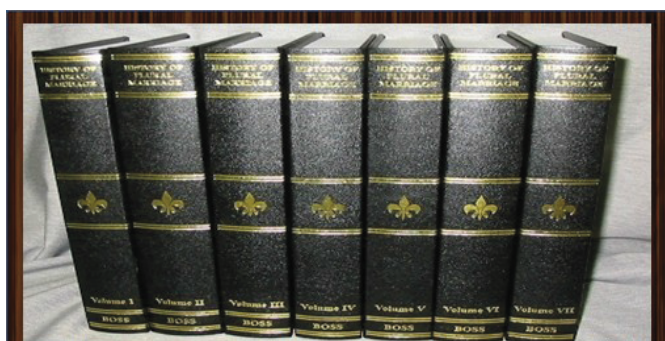
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Time-Shifted TV Shows of 2012

1. Breaking Bad
2. Mad Men
3. Warehouse 13
4. Covert Affairs
5. Suits
6. Justified
7. White Collar
8. Fringe
9. Sons of Anarchy
10. American Horror Story



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TIDBITS NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

In 1989 at Alfred University in Alfred, New York, a grad student wanted to find out what would happen to a ball of Silly Putty dropped from a roof. Would it bounce or break? He dropped a 100-lb. ball from the top of the three-story McMahon Engineering Building while a crowd gathered to watch. The ball first bounced about eight feet into the air, but it shattered on the second bounce.



SECRET CODES (continued)

- Around 300 B.C. Histiaeos was the governor of the ancient Greek city Miletus. He was being held under guard and couldn't get any messages out—but it was imperative that he inform his people behind enemy lines that he planned to overthrow Darius, the king of Persia. He shaved the head of his servant and tattooed the message on his scalp. After the hair grew back, he sent the servant out on an errand. The message was delivered.
- During the Revolutionary War, messages were sent via Anna Strong's clothesline. She signaled an American spy whenever a boatman was ready to carry secret messages across Long Island Sound. A black petticoat hung out to dry meant that the boatman was waiting. The number of hankies next to it indicated which cove he was hiding in.
- Paul Bernard was a French spy in World War I who sent his secret messages home by writing the essential information in the top right-hand corner of postcards, and then putting postage stamps over the writing.
- Thomas Jefferson invented a coding instrument called the wheel cipher that is still used by the U.S. Navy today.

WOMEN IN HISTORY: SACAJAWEA

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson completed the Louisiana Purchase. Jefferson hired Lewis and Clark to explore the area. Lewis and Clark and their men left St. Louis on their journey in 1804, and stopped to spend their first winter with an Indian tribe in what is now North Dakota. There, they met a trapper from Quebec named Charbonneau, and his young Indian wife, Sacajawea.

- Sacajawea was born in what is now Idaho around 1790. When she was 12, she was kidnapped and carried hundreds of miles away, to where Lewis and Clark met her. It is thought that Charbonneau won her hand in marriage in a card game. When Lewis and Clark met her, she was pregnant, and soon gave birth to a baby boy named Jean Baptist.
- Lewis and Clark needed someone who was familiar with the territory to help guide them to the Pacific coast, and Charbonneau was a good match. Having his wife along was very advantageous for several reasons. First, she spoke Shoshone and served as an interpreter. Second, she was familiar with the country and helped make crucial decisions regarding which route they should take. Finally, having a woman and a baby along on the expedition convinced other tribes that the group of men was a peaceful party, and not a war party.
- There was one other reason why her presence was important. Lewis and Clark knew that they would need to abandon their boats in order to cross the mountain range that separates what is now Montana and Idaho. In order to do that, they would need to procure horses from the Indians. They hoped Sacajawea could help them negotiate a trade when the time came.

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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

1-9 ROUNDUP! Object of this exercise is to place the numbers 1-9 in blank circles of the diagram at right so that each row of three numbers in a straight line through center will total 15.

Three numbers—1, 4 and 8—are already in place.

Here are some starter hints: Hint 1: Number at center cannot be too high or too low. Hint 2: Outer circle numbers appear in a rather orderly succession. Take it from there.

PAIR GAME! Absentminded Uncle Al has one pair of glasses for outdoors, one pair for indoors, and one pair for doing what? Answer quickly, if you can.

WORD TRACER DIAGRAM

BEGINNING with any essential letter, see if you can connect letters along lines in the diagram above to form random words in accord with definitions below.

Word 1 has one letter.
Word 2 has two letters.
Word 3 three letters, etc.

Definitions:
1. One example.
2. In such a way.
3. Period of time.
4. Garden flower.
5. Big fibbers.
6. Popeye's occupation.

Then try to find at least 10 more five-letter words, similarly.

SCHOOL DAZE! Mrs. Octopus thinks she has as many as 21 fish in her class, but isn't sure. How many do you say?

HANG ON! It's fun on the run for these toboggan siidders. Add colors by number: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Lt. brown, 5—Flesh tones, 6—Lt. green, 7—Dk. brown, 8—Purple.

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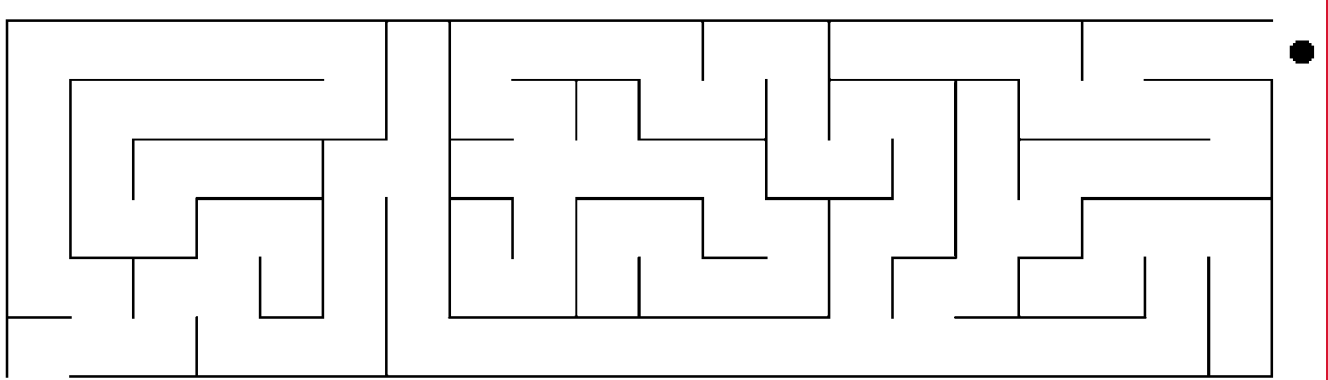
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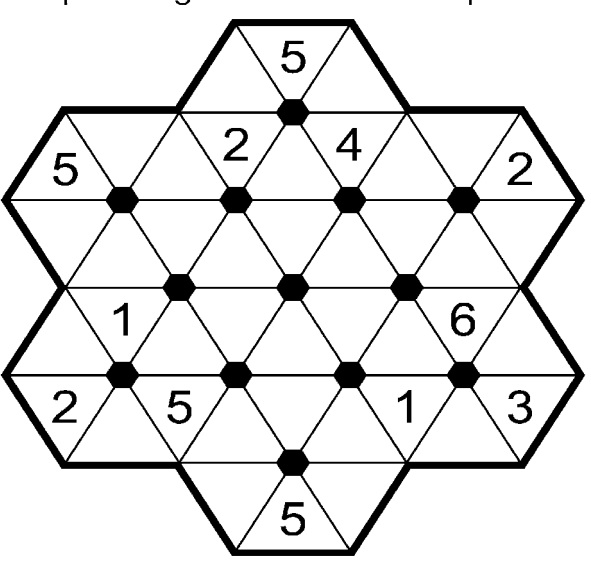
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SNOWFLAKES by Japheth Light

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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♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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SACAJAWEA (continued)

- After months of grueling travel, the explorers reached the head of the Missouri river in August of 1805, and began looking for Indians who could provide them with horses. Sacajawea recognized the area they were in, as it was very close to the place where she had been born. In an incredible stroke of luck, the first Indian scouting party they met was led by none other than Sacajawea's own brother, who had not seen her since she had been kidnapped years before. It was an emotional reunion, which was made much harder when her brother was forced to tell her that their parents had died while she was away. Of course, Lewis and Clark and all their men were treated like family, loaded with provisions, and sold all the horses they needed to make the difficult crossing.
- Sacajawea, Charbonneau, and Jean Baptist remained with Lewis and Clark for the duration of their two-year journey, and eventually even moved to St. Louis at the request of Clark. Clark even adopted Jean Baptist as his own son, making sure the boy received the best possible education and ensuring he was given many opportunities to travel the world. Jean Baptist died at the age of 61.
- What became of Sacajawea is uncertain. It's known that she gave birth to a baby daughter while she lived in St. Louis, who died as a child. Some claim Sacajawea died of a fever at the age of 25; others say she died an old woman in 1884.
- It is sad to reflect that if Sacajawea died in 1884, she would have lived long enough to see the genocide and subjugation of the Indian nation by the very nation of people she had assisted by leading them across the wilderness as a young woman.

SILLY PUTTY

During World War II, Japanese invasions of rubber-producing countries in the Far East vastly reduced availability of rubber in the U.S. In the 1940s, the U.S. War Production Board asked General Electric for help in developing a cheap substitute for rubber so that production of things such as boots and tires could continue. G.E. hired James Wright, who created a compound after accidentally dropping some boric acid into silicone oil in 1943.

- It stretched further than rubber; rebounded higher than rubber; was impervious to mold and decay; and could withstand all temperatures. The only problem was that scientists could find no real use for the stuff. In 1945, G.E. mailed samples to scientists all over the world, asking them to find a purpose for it.

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Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Jan. 23, 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell is granted a medical degree from Geneva College in New York, becoming the first female to be officially recognized as a physician in U.S. history. In 1857, she founded the New York Infirmary for Women and Children.
- On Jan. 27, 1888, the National Geographic Society is founded in Washington, D.C. Readership in its magazine did not grow, however, until it discarded the format of overly technical articles and used articles of general interest accompanied by photographs. "National Geographic" quickly became known for its stunning and pioneering photography.
- On Jan. 25, 1905, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond, the "Cullinan," is discovered. Worried that the diamond might be stolen in transit from Africa to London, a phony diamond was sent as a decoy aboard a steamer ship loaded with detectives, while the real stone slowly made its way in a plain box.
- On Jan. 24, 1935, canned beer makes its debut when the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Company delivered 2,000 cans of beer and ale to faithful Krueger drinkers in Richmond, Va. Ninety-one percent of the drinkers approved of the canned beer, prompting Krueger to give the green light to further production
- On Jan. 26, 1945, the most decorated soldier of World War II, American Lt. Audie Murphy, is wounded in France. Murphy was wounded three times, fought in nine major campaigns across Europe, and was credited with killing 241 Germans. He won 37 medals and decorations.
- On Jan. 21, 1957, Patsy Cline, one of the most important figures in country-music history, first gains national attention with her winning appearance on "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts." Cline wowed the studio audience with her performance of the now-classic "Walkin' After Midnight."
- On Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court decriminalizes abortion by handing down its decision in the case of Roe v. Wade. For most of the country's first 100 years, abortion was not a criminal offense, nor was it considered immoral.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Hyperactive Dog

By Samantha Mazzotta

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: As our adopted Australian shepherd, "Skip," has grown, he has gotten more and more hyperactive. He tears around the house from room to room, and if I don't catch him, he will chew up every shoe he can find. How can I stop this behavior? -- Carol in Tucson

DEAR CAROL: You probably won't be able to completely change Skip's behavior, because Australian shepherds are so naturally energetic. But that doesn't mean you can't curb that tearing around the house and the chewing to a manageable level.

First and foremost, Skip needs more exercise. Lots of more exercise. The shepherd breeds were developed to do exactly what he's doing: run, run some more and run even more -- all day long. As working dogs, they were invaluable in helping to herd sheep in pastures. So just taking Skip out for a walk a couple of times a day isn't going to cut it.

Find a space where he can run off leash without disturbing other people or dogs, or if your yard is fenced, let him run there. Don't just let him run alone. He needs to be supervised, and you should take the opportunity to work with him.

That's the second part of the solution. Work with Skip on basic commands including sit, stay, (lie) down, etc. Add in playful games like fetch. Aussies are extremely intelligent, and you might be surprised at how quickly Skip learns to follow commands closely, especially once he's worked off some of that excess energy.

Chewing up your shoes may happen less if Skip gets more run-around time. While dogs chew instinctively, anxiety can exacerbate the problem. A slightly more relaxed Skip might curb the chewing, although you should still keep your more expensive shoes out of reach.

Send your questions or comments 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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To Your Good Health
By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Teenagers Often Make Acne Worse

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 17 years old. I have pimples all over my face. The only thing that helped was an antibiotic, but it made me sensitive to sunlight. My parents don't want me to continue to use an antibiotic. Can you help? -- G.G.

ANSWER: Let's start with a couple of mistakes made by most people with acne. Don't scrub your face or any place where acne has broken out. Scrubbing causes irritation and worsens acne. Use a mild soap like Dove when washing. Don't squeeze pimples, whiteheads or blackheads. You force bacteria into adjacent skin.

Acne develops because of clogged pores through which hairs grow and through which sebaceous (oil) glands empty their oil onto the skin. The first signs of trouble are whiteheads or blackheads. They indicate that the pore is plugged. Deep in the pore, down from the blockage, the oil glands continue to secrete oil and greatly distend the pore, which can rupture. Bacteria thrive on the oil. At this point, a pimple is born. Acne control involves unplugging the pore, eliminating the bacteria and putting the brakes on oil production. The oil production is in high gear because of the increase of male hormones at this time in life.

Benzoyl peroxide unplugs pores. Brand names include Clearasil and AcneClear, both available without prescription, as are many other brands.

From this point on, effective medicines require a prescription.

The first choice is retinoids -- Renova cream and Retin-A. They're often used on alternating days with benzoyl peroxide. The next step up is antibiotics. In creams and lotions, they aren't absorbed very much. Clindamycin and erythromycin are two such products. If no progress comes from skin-applied antibiotics, then oral antibiotics are the next step. Tetracycline, doxycycline and minocycline are examples. Your parents should reconsider their ban on their use. Even if they sensitize you to sunlight, simply stay out of sunlight when using them. They worked for you.

I haven't listed all acne medicines. Bad acne, like yours, calls for treatment by the family doctor or a dermatologist.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am writing on behalf of several neighbors who have started soaking golden raisins in gin. Each of them takes nine such raisins a day. They claim this was a method shown on television to remedy arthritis. Have you ever heard of this? Our curiosity is getting the best of us. -- E.G.

ANSWER: I have heard this many times. No one has proven it works. No reliable information suggests it might work. I don't believe it's a legitimate arthritis treatment. However, if you like gin and like raisins, then the practice is OK, so long as you don't go overboard on taking in too much alcohol.

The booklet on arthritis describes the different kinds of arthritis and their treatments. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 301W, 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.

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.

SILLY PUTTY (continued)

• Paul Hodgson happened to attend a party where some of the stuff was brought out. It entertained the party-goers for hours. He teamed up with the owner of a toy store and Silly Putty outsold everything else in the company catalog with the exception of a 50 cent box of crayons. Still, the store owner wasn't interested in pursuing Silly Putty, so Hodgson split off on his own. In 1950 Hodgson bought a huge glob of the stuff for \$147 and hired a Yale student to separate it into one ounce balls and put it into plastic eggs, perhaps because Easter was coming up. Several months later when Silly Putty was mentioned in the "Talk of the Town" section of the New Yorker magazine, Hodgson's phone rang off the hook and he collected a quarter million orders in only four days. A few years later, he was racking up sales of over six million dollars annually. Hodgson was soon a millionaire.

• Today, Binney & Smith, owners of Crayola, own the rights to Silly Putty. It comes in 16 different colors including glow-in-the-dark, glitter, metallic gold, and hot fluorescent colors. There's also Silly Putty that changes color depending on the temperature of your hands. You can even buy a five-pound block of Silly Putty for only \$79.

• In 2001 Silly Putty was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame located in Salem, Oregon. In addition, one of the original Silly Putty eggs is on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

• Binny & Smith sponsored a contest asking people to submit their silliest uses for Silly Putty. The winner suggested using it to replace your stockbroker by throwing a ball of it at the stock page in the newspaper and investing in whatever stock it lifts from the newsprint. Second place went to the woman who said it could be used to form a fake swollen gland to get out of an unwanted date.

• What exactly is Silly Putty made of? Mostly it's dimethyl siloxane, hydroxy-terminated polymers with boric acid. Add in a little thixotrol ST, a dash of polydimethylsiloxane, a pinch of decamethyl cyclopentasiloxane, and top it off with titanium dioxide, and that's about all there is to it.

• You can make your own sort-of silly putty at home by mixing two tablespoons of Borax and adding it to one cup of water, mixing well. Separately add half a cup of water to half a cup of white glue. Next add half a cup of your Borax solution to the glue and water mixture. Mix well and store in a plastic bag.

• It's flammable and burns slowly with a bright white light. Microwaved for a few minutes, it becomes excessively sticky but reverts to its original form when it cools. It smells horrible when baked.

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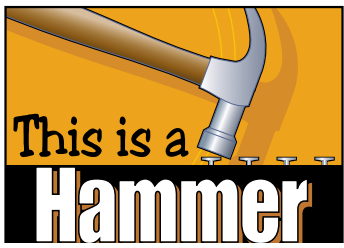
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Ice Dams**

Q: I moved this fall from my hometown in South Florida to a small town in the Northeast. I've never dealt with freezing winter temperatures and snow before. My dad told me to watch out for frozen pipes, but how do I notice when they're freezing, and what can I do to prevent it? What other problems should I watch for? -- New Guy in Portland, Maine

A: The first advice I received when I moved to a Northern state was "bend your knees when you're shoveling snow." But there was a little bit more to know. Fortunately, most homes built in the past 30 years or so in the Northeast have higher-grade insulation than homes in the South. So pipes don't typically freeze at the first sign of frost the way they do in Florida. Still, you're right to be on your guard.

Here are two common winter problems to look out for:

--Frozen pipes: During long or very low-temperature freezing spells, keep a tap at the highest level of your home dripping, so that water moves through the pipes. Inspect the pipes in areas where insulation is low or nonexistent, such as crawlspaces or basements. You may need to run a hand along the pipe: if you feel an area that's especially cold, or see frost buildup on a section of pipe, it's beginning to freeze.

If the pipe is swollen or already cracked, you've got a bigger problem. To prevent this from happening, drape towels soaked in hot water over the freezing pipe. Place a bucket underneath the towels and pour hot water over the area frequently to thaw the pipes. If the pipes have cracked or burst, shut off water to that section of the house and call a plumber.

--Ice dams: These form along the eaves of a house, particularly the corners, during long cold spells. They're sometimes caused by damage or air leaks at the edge of the roof, where warm air from inside meets colder air. The bigger the ice dam, the more potential there is for roof damage to occur. If you can safely clear the dam during above-freezing temperatures, do so; otherwise, call a roofing specialist for an evaluation.

HOME TIP: Ice melt is a big help in keeping wintry walkways clear, but to prevent damage to nearby plants or lawn, be careful not to overapply it: Read the directions on how much of your selected product to use.

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PG-13 DARE TO BE FIT GET UP AND MOVE Fitness Challenge!
Sat Jan 12 thru Sat Apr 27, 2013! You can pick up an application at the PG Rec Center beginning Friday, Dec 28. Registration fee is \$130, \$100 if you already have a current PG Rec Center Membership. The registration fee includes Sat classes and weigh-ins, 16 week membership to the PG Rec Center, water bottle, t-shirt AND SATURDAY DAYCARE!!! That's right; your registration includes FREE daycare on Sat Mornings during our workout/meeting! Contact the Rec Center @ 801-785-6172 for more information.



Youth Fit for Life 2013 - This program is aimed at helping youth realize the benefits of regular exercise and good nutritional habits. It is set up to assist the youth in getting stronger, more flexible, develop more endurance, improve their emotional stability, increase self confidence, and help set them up for a future of being fit, both inside and out.

Runs from Jan 12 – Mar 9. Participants will meet every Sat from 8:30 to 10A. to weigh in, review their goals, and participate in a formal group exercise class. These classes will be set up to accommodate different exercise levels and abilities. Participate in 6 out of the 8 Saturday exercise sessions to qualify for the drawing of a \$50 Nike shoe gift card. Up to twenty (20) gift cards could be given out. All participants will receive a water bottle and a "Youth Fit for Life 2013" t-shirt. Random gifts will be drawn each Sat for those in attendance. Prizes will be given at the end of the program to the top 3 participants. The criteria for these prizes will be based on participation, success related to individual goals, and commitment to the program.

Cost: \$49 for PG Recreation Center members
\$79 for non-members (this includes access to the recreation center for the duration of the program)

SCHOOL SAFETY - A message from our Police Chief, Mike Smith:

"In an effort to provide for the safety and security of our children and teachers, and to do what we can to reassure parents; the Pleasant Grove Police Department will institute a 'School Walk Through Program.' On a daily basis, at random times, officers will spend time in every public and private school in Pleasant Grove."

Thank you to our officers for providing this service!

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Martin Luther King

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King

WOMEN IN BUSINESS
SOUTH UTAH COUNTY

Business Connections Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30TH, 2013
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
CHEAPSHOTS! PHOTOGRAPHY
1271 E EXPRESSWAY LN, SPANISH FORK
COST IS \$8.00 FOR LUNCH

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Debby Laurel

AMERICAN FORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NORTH UTAH COUNTY WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Arrive early to register and receive a free business headshot
courtesies of Cheapshots! Photography

WBSUC MEMBERSHIP IS \$30 FOR THE YEAR
RECEIVE \$10 OFF WHEN YOU ATTEND THE FIRST LUNCHEON

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WBSUC

Holidays & Observances This Week

- 1/20 Rid the World of Fad Diets Day
- 1/21 Just Do It Day
- 1/22 Answer Your Cat's Question Day
- 1/23 National Handwriting Day
- 1/24 California gold discovery, 1848
- 1/25 Al Capone died, 1947
- 1/26 Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Buzz Aldrin 1/20/30
Geena Davis 1/21/57
Linda Blair 1/22/59
Princess Caroline 1/23/57
Ernest Borgnine 1/24/17
Alicia Keys 1/25/81
Ellen DeGeneres 1/26/58

TIPBITS

ANSWERS

SPORTS QUIZ

- Charlie Robertson (1922), Mark Buehrle (2009) and Philip Humber (2012).
- Mel Ott (27 years old), Jimmie Foxx (27), Alex Rodriguez (28), Ken Griffey Jr. (28) and Lou Gehrig (28).
- Cam Newton and Andy Dalton, after the 2011 season.
- Jim Calhoun was 68 when UConn won in 2011.
- Sidney Crosby was 19 years, 297 days old when named captain of Pittsburgh in 2007.
- Twice -- 1996 and 2012.
- Lexi Thompson was 16 when she won an event in 2011.

WORD POWER
ANSWER
POLYMER

TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS

- Silly Putty will bounce 25% higher than rubber.
- Over 500 pounds of Silly Putty are produced daily.
- The 300 million eggs of Silly Putty would form a ball the size of the Goodyear Blimp.
- Silly Putty is actually classified as a viscoelastic liquid, meaning it has properties of both a solid and a liquid at various times.
- Alcohol will dissolve Silly Putty, but when the alcohol evaporates, the Silly Putty is restored to its original form.

Trivia test
by Fifi Rodriguez

Go Figure!

answers

8	÷	4	+	9	11
x	+		+		
2	+	1	x	6	18
-	x		÷		
6	x	5	-	3	27
10		25		5	

- Marshall Mathers
- Benjamin Harrison, on June 6, 1892
- Sternum
- A sequence of columns
- A type of kingfisher native to Australia and New Guinea
- Larry McMurtry
- A fungus called potato blight
- "A Nightmare on Elm Street"
- Yangtze River
- As an antacid and a laxative

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

ALTS	SIR	SAGS							
REL	TANCE	CLUE							
KICK	BACK	RARE							
	KEG	TICARUS							
LIMIT	SNOW								
ADAM	PADDLES								
BEY	TRULY	WAS							
SOMEONE	PERU								
ERMA	AERIE								
SALAMI	OWE								
PLUG	SIDE	KICK							
AONE	EVIDENCE								
SEAR	SEN	DAILY							

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

SNOWFLAKES

solution

