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## TIDBITS® CELEBRATES LOVE WITH FICTIONAL ROMANCES

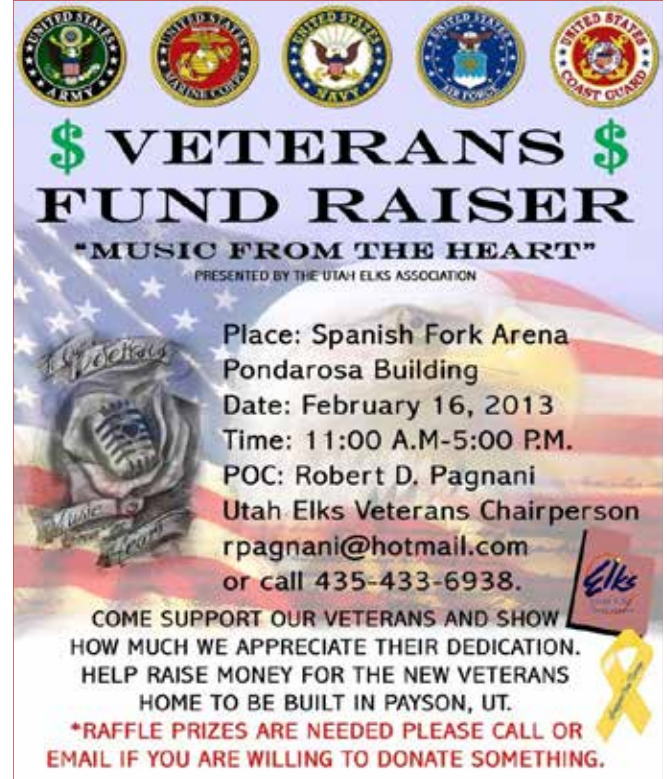
by Kathy Wolfe

In honor of Valentine's Day, Tidbits reviews some facts on famous sweethearts who existed only in the minds of their creators.

- It was while working as a waitress at a resort that Wilma Slaghoople and her best friend Betty first met their future husbands Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble, who were employed there as bellhops. The Flintstones was broadcast on ABC television from 1960 to 1966, with cartoon characters based on the 1950s TV series The Honeymooners. Fred worked as a crane operator at Slate Rock & Gravel Company, while Wilma stayed home to raise daughter Pebbles and keep house, using the modern conveniences of a woolly mammoth vacuum cleaner, pelican washing machine, and a pig garbage disposal.

- A romance between Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy seemed doomed from the start. Jane Austen's 1813 novel Pride and Prejudice narrated the story of the very wealthy but snobbish and rude proprietor of Pemberley Estate, and the witty and intelligent Miss Bennet. Good marriages to wealthy men were vital to the five Bennet sisters, as their property and home was destined to be inherited by a male cousin upon the death of their father. Sparks flew from the beginning, when Mr. Darcy insulted

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- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What does it mean to be polydactyl?
- TELEVISION:** What TV series produced a spin-off series called "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C"?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state has only one syllable in its name?
- MUSIC:** What did singer Art Garfunkel do for a living earlier in his career?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What U.S. city is nicknamed "Beantown"?
- LITERATURE:** In Greek tragedy, what does the tragic hero need to possess in order for the story to unfold properly?
- GEOLOGY:** What kind of rock can float?
- ENGINEERING:** What is a girder?
- MEASUREMENTS:** How long is a fortnight?
- RELIGION:** Who founded the Church of England?



by Jo Ann Derson

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• "If you lose a contact lens, try turning off the lights and using a flashlight held perpendicular to the floor. They sort of reflect the light, and as you move the beam of light across the floor, it will flash. This has helped me many times. I am a little clumsy when I put my contacts in." -- R.E. in South Carolina

• Here's a great diet control tip: When serving dinner, portion out the meal, then pack up the leftovers right away. You won't be as tempted to go back and have seconds, nor stuff a few more mouthfuls in when cleaning up later.

• "I have a medicine that I take with every meal. Surprisingly, it's difficult to remember whether I took it already when I'm eating on the go or out with friends. I keep small containers in my purse labeled 'lunch' and 'dinner,' each with one pill inside. Before I eat, I look in the container. If a pill is there, it means I forgot to take it. I refill the container when I get home and it's ready for next time." -- E.L. in Texas

• "Last year, I had a large wall calendar at the office. It was a wet-erase calendar with the year on one side and a 'planning space' on the back. When the year was over, I needed a new calendar, but the blank side was still useable. I took it home and cut it to fit inside my kitchen cabinets. Now I have a handy space to jot notes and such." -- R.W. in Colorado

• "Here's a fun game for kids to play with cookies: Stamp alphabet letters into the top of mini cookies, or use a kebab skewer to write words. Then let the kids spell out their name or make sentences or silly phrases." -- B.D. in Mississippi

### FICTIONAL ROMANCES (continued)

Elizabeth's appearance. When he finally realized his attraction and proposed to her, he did so while still reminding her of the large difference in their social statuses. Lizzie's negative response reminded him of his arrogance and conceit, assuring him he was "the last man in the world I could ever be prevailed upon to marry." However, as with all good romances, love triumphed as Mr. Darcy realized his pride, she recognized her prejudice, and Miss Bennet accepted the second marriage proposal.

• Barbara Millicent Roberts met Ken Sean Carson in 1961. Barbara, aka "Barbie", had been on store shelves since 1959, but her hunky boyfriend wasn't introduced until two years later, when the two "met" on the imaginary set of a TV commercial. Each of them has had a wide variety of occupations over the years, Barbie having been a teacher, dentist, veterinarian, Air Force jet pilot, firefighter, astronaut, and ballerina, among many others. Ken has worked as a pizza delivery boy, rock star, pro tennis player, and doctor, just a few of his 40+ careers. After 43 years as a couple, Mattel announced they had split in 2004, but in 2006, after Ken received an extensive makeover, they were reunited.

• The 1961 musical film West Side Story chronicled the story of Tony and Maria, a tale loosely based on Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, New York City style. The story revolved around the rivalry between two street gangs, the Sharks and the Jets. Tony, co-founder of the Jets, fell in love with Maria, the sister of the Sharks founder, a combination that could only result in disaster. Richard Beymer took the role of Tony after it was declined by Elvis Presley, and Natalie Wood was chosen over the likes of Audrey Hepburn and Jill St. John. The film, which ended with the deaths of both Maria's brother and Tony, took home 10 Oscars, including Best Picture and was the second highest-grossing film of the year. It ranks #51 on the American Film Institute's list of 100 best movies.

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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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| Brazil nut   | Letters       | Paint can  | Snack packs |
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| Green banana | Nail polish   | Pills      | Wine bottle |
| Jam jar      | No. 10 can    | Safe       |             |

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### Ice-Cream Sandwich Minis for Game Day

Wind up the final quarter of the Super Bowl with homemade ice-cream sandwiches. Not too rich and not too fussy, this classic dessert direct from your freezer is easy to slice up in the last minute to bring on extra cheers from your home stadium. A day or two before game day, your school-age kids can have a part in measuring, whisking, beating and spreading out the chocolate cookie dough on a jellyroll pan. When it's baked and cooled, pick your favorite ice-cream flavor or one with a color that represents your team, assemble and freeze. Ready for the cooking kickoff? Here's how to make the snack, starting with the cookie.

#### ICE-CREAM SANDWICH MINIS

- 1 1/3 cups unbleached, all-purposed flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2/3 cup milk
- For the inside:
- 1 1/2 quarts ice cream

- Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Cut parchment paper to generously fit a rimmed 11- by 17-inch jellyroll pan.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, salt and cocoa, and set aside.
- With a mixer, cream the butter and sugar at medium speed until light and fluffy. Add and beat in vanilla. Add 1/4 of the flour mixture and stir until just combined. Add 1/2 of the milk and stir until combined, then continue to add the flour mixture and milk alternately.
- Spoon the thick cookie dough onto the pan and spread as evenly as possible to all edges. Bake 10 minutes or until toothpick in center comes out clean. Cool.
- Loosen the cookie and invert onto a cutting board and peel away parchment. Cut the cookie in half horizontally and vertically to form four rectangles.
- Let ice cream sit at room temperature until it is easy to cut and spread. Working quickly, slice and spread it evenly over two of the rectangles. (You may wish to have a different flavor on each one.) Top with remaining two rectangle pieces. Wrap both of the large ice-cream sandwiches with plastic wrap and freeze.
- To serve, remove plastic and cut into serving portions according to taste. (I sliced mine with a large, sharp knife into 1- by 2-inch rectangles to yield 40 small servings.)

Extra idea: Think pink and make a batch with strawberry ice cream for Valentine's Day.

### 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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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
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- Who was the last Milwaukee Brewers pitcher before Zack Greinke in 2011 to finish with a record at least 10 games above .500?
- In 2012, Jordan Schafer tied a Houston Astros record for longest streak of getting on base to start a season (25 games). Who else holds the mark?
- Entering the 2012 postseason, who held the NFL career playoff record for grabbing the most interceptions (nine)?
- Patrick Ewing is Georgetown men's basketball's all-time leader in rebounds and blocked shots. Who is the school's all-time leader in points scored?
- How many times have the Los Angeles Kings swept an opponent in a seven-game NHL playoff series?
- In 2012, San Jose striker Chris Wondolowski tied an MLS record for most goals in a season (27). Who else holds the record?
- Who was the first boxer to win titles from major and minor sanctioning bodies in seven divisions?

By Chris Richcreek  
NFL career playoff record for grabbing the most interceptions (nine)?

# TIDBITS® presents TRIVIA NEWSFRONT

- Name Mario's love interest in the popular video game series.
- What was the first name of Pride and Prejudice's Mr. Darcy?
- What were the characters' names played by Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman in Casablanca?
- 30 million viewers watched the marriage of Luke and Laura on what soap opera?
- He's a mean green ogre, she's a beautiful princess under a curse. Who are they?

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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## One Less Chore

If you receive a pension from the Department of Veterans Affairs, one annual chore just became a lot easier. You no longer have to submit an Eligibility Verification Report. Until now, you've had to fill out an EVR every year to keep the benefits coming. Now the VA is going to get the necessary income information in an automated process from other sources -- the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security.

By taking this step, the VA will free up 100 staff members, who will then be diverted to work on the claims backlog. This is going to be a win-win, officials say -- you don't fill out forms and they get more personnel working on the backlog. (Despite VA chief Eric Shinseki's vow to bring a wait-time down to 125 days by 2015, wait days have climbed monthly over the past year. To see for yourself, go to [www.vba.va.gov/reports](http://www.vba.va.gov/reports) and click on the ASPIRE dashboard.)

If you receive the pension benefit, you'll get a letter telling how to submit for unreimbursed medical expenses.

If you haven't signed up for the pension and think you might be eligible, you must be:

--Age 65 or older, OR

--Totally and permanently disabled, OR

--A patient in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care, OR

--Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance, OR

--Receiving Supplemental Security Income

There also are net worth and income considerations in the calculation to see how much you receive, if eligible.

Additionally, you must have served during a wartime period.

If you're housebound and need the aid and attendance of another person, you may receive additional money.

To find out if you're eligible for the pension, you'll need Form 21-526 Veteran's Application for Compensation and/or Pension. To get the form, call the VA toll free at 1-800-827-1000 or go online to [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms).

### FICTIONAL ROMANCES (continued)

Although the love story about Lois Lane and Clark Kent, aka Superman, has been told in many different ways in various forms of media, they were first introduced in June of 1938 in the DC Comics publication Action Comics #1. Their romance started out as a rivalry, after Clark scooped Lois on a story at the Daily Planet, an exclusive on Superman. Clark was enamored with Lois, but ironically, her affections were fixed on his alter-ego Superman. The couple didn't tie the knot until 1996 when the event was published in the comic book to coincide with the nuptials on the TV series Lois and Clark. In 2007, they welcomed the addition of an adopted Kryptonian boy then named Chris Kent.

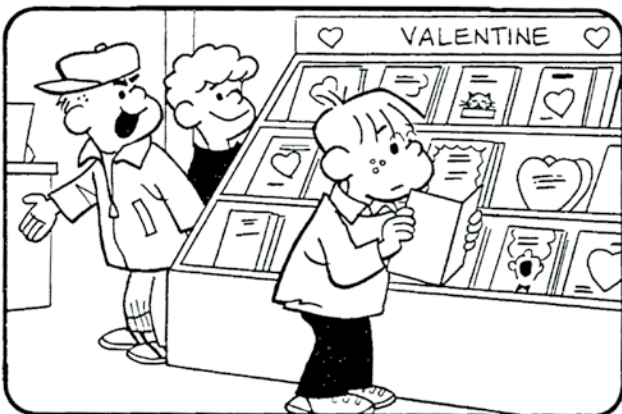
Peter Parker made his first appearance in August of 1962 in the Marvel Comics' publication Amazing Fantasy. He was an orphaned high school student in Queens, New York, living with his Uncle Ben and Aunt May. When he was bitten by a radioactive spider, he attained the "agility and proportionate strength of an arachnid," and acquired the ability to cling to walls and ceilings. In other words, he became Spiderman! Aunt May continually tried to fix him up with "that nice Watson girl next door," a beautiful green-eyed redhead whose face was first seen in 1966. Mary Jane, or MJ for short, first met Peter when she was 13 years old, and staying with her elderly Aunt Anna. Peter was 14. They married in a Spiderman comics issue in 1987. On the big screen, the pair was popularly portrayed by Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst for three films. The fourth film, released in 2012, didn't include MJ, but rather Peter's first girlfriend, Gwen Stacy.

Homer and Marge Simpson were first introduced to TV viewers in December, 1989, along with their three children, Bart, Lisa, and Maggie. The blue-haired Marge Bouvier met Homer Simpson during her final year at Springfield High School. Although the couple might be a little rough around the edges, they seem to have a way of working through their marital difficulties with unending dedication to each other. Actress Julie Kavner provides not only the voice of Marge in the animated series, but Marge's mother Jacqueline and sisters Patty and Selma as well. Dan Castellaneta voices Homer, Grampa Simpson, Krusty the Clown, Barney Gumble, Mayor Quimby, and Hans Moleman.

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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• At the 1904 World's Fair in Saint Louis, it was particularly hot. An ice-cream vendor was doing so much business that he ran out of the cups in which he was serving the ice cream. He looked to the other foodsellers to see if they had any spare containers that would be useful, but he had no luck. Finally, desperate not to lose any more business, he bought some waffles from a nearby vendor and wrapped one around each scoop of ice cream as he sold it. The result was even more popular than ice-cream in a cup, and thus the ice cream cone was born.

• The most common surname in Germany is Schultz.

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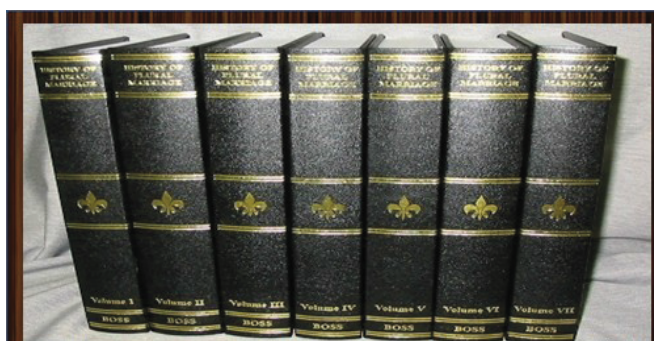
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• According to research conducted at Rutgers University, graduate students who are studying business are more likely to cheat than students in any other field of study.

• You've almost certainly heard of Supreme Court Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black American to serve as such. You might not know, though, that he was known to call a court recess at 1 p.m. so he could watch the soap opera "Days of Our Lives."

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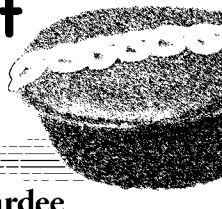
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2. Chef Boyardee Meatball Stew
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TIDBITS NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

Edgar Rice Burroughs was 35, nearly broke, and selling pencil sharpeners when he wrote the first Tarzan book. His success allowed him to purchase a 550-acre ranch north of Los Angeles, which he named Tarzana. Within a few years, the city of Los Angeles had grown to surround the ranch, and Burroughs sold off part of his property for new homesites. The area grew to a small community, incorporated in 1927 as Tarzana, California.

FICTIONAL ROMANCES (continued)

Author Edgar Rice Burroughs conceived the idea of the British Lord and Lady Greystoke being marooned on the coast of Africa in 1912. Lady Greystoke gave birth there, but died on her son's first birthday, while the Lord was killed by the leader of the Mangani ape tribe. Their son, John, Clayton, Earl of Greystoke, was adopted by the ape tribe, and grew up to be their leader. Thus went the story of Tarzan over the course of 24 novels. Tarzan met Jane Porter when she and her expedition were marooned in a similar manner. The pair married in Burroughs' second book, published in 1913. The immensely popular series led to radio programs, comic books, and 89 movies, beginning with silent films in 1918. The most popular actor to play the ape-man was an Olympic hero, Johnny Weissmuller, winner of five gold medals in swimming, who starred in 12 Tarzan films from 1932 to 1948.

FAMOUS WOMEN OF THE WORLD: GRANDMA MOSES

Grandma Moses is proof positive that you're never too old to learn something new. Take a look at the life of this celebrated folk artist who started a new career in her 70s.

- Grandma Moses was born Anna Mary Robertson in upstate New York in 1860. As a child, she began painting, squeezing juice out of grapes and lemons to obtain colors.
- At the tender age of 12, Anna left home to work on a neighboring farm doing housework. At 27, she married one of the farm's hired men, Thomas Moses. While on their honeymoon to North Carolina, the couple spied a farm in Virginia they liked, and invested their meager \$600 savings to rent the place, where they remained for 20 years. For spare cash, Anna sold homemade potato chips and butter to the neighbors. The Moses had 10 children, only five of whom survived.
- The family then moved to a farm at Eagle Bridge, New York, and it was here that Anna completed her first painting. While wallpapering her parlor, she ran out of paper, pasted up plain white paper and painted a scene. That first work still hangs today in a Bennington, Vermont museum.
- When Anna was 67, Thomas passed away and she handed over the farm duties to her son and daughter-in-law. During her spare time, she embroidered pictures with yarn wool, which were much admired by family and friends. However, arthritis set in, forcing her to give up her needlework when it became too difficult to hold the needle. But she could hold a brush, and so turned to painting at age 76.
- Fans of the 1960s television comedy series "The Beverly Hillbillies" may recall that the name of the character known as Granny was Daisy Moses. She was named such as a tribute to Grandma Moses, who had died shortly before the series premiered.

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When you feel you've mastered these figures, draw two more hearts, and try creating some variations. Square off chins, round foreheads, apply different hairdos, and so on.

**NAME CALLING!** Double the number of letters in your name, add 18, and divide by two. From this amount, subtract the number of letters in your name, and add 43. Result is given below.

Answer is fifty-two.

**EEK THIS OUT, IF YOU CAN**

EACH of the first six EEK words suggested below is missing one letter. Four more EEK words that follow are missing two letters. See if you can eke out these EEK words with entries above:

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2. Mild-mannered.
3. Onion's relative.
4. Smell up the place.
5. 1/52 of a year.
6. Game word with hide.
7. Nery forwardness.
8. Having trim lines.
9. Homer was one.
10. Troublesome spot to be up.

Time limit: 2 minutes.

10. Creak  
Creak, 8. Sneak, 9. Creak, 7. Sneak, 5. Sneak, 6. Sneak, 7. Sneak, 2. Sneak, 3. Sneak, 4.

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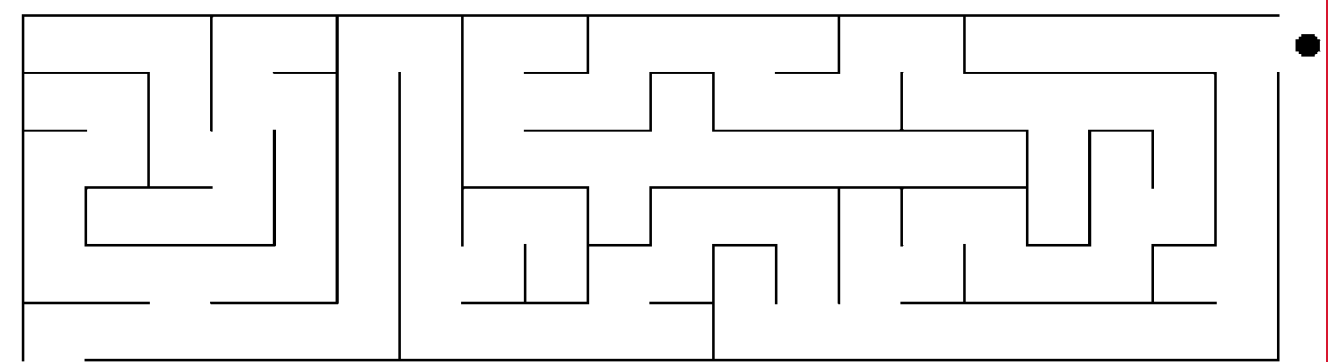
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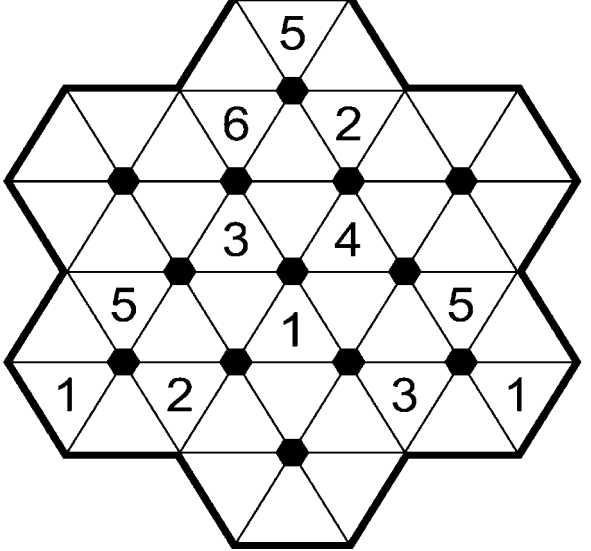
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SNOWFLAKES by Japheth Light

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.



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆  
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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**GRANDMA MOSES (continued)**

• Grandma Moses laid Masonite flat on an old kitchen table for her work rather than using an easel. She shared her “studio” with the washer and dryer. She charged \$2 for a small painting and \$3 for a large one. When she was 78, an art collector from New York City happened to be driving through Grandma’s small community and saw her paintings in the window of the W.D. Thomas Pharmacy. He bought every one, then drove to the Moses’ farm to purchase all she had on hand. Three major exhibits followed shortly after, and Anna was on the road to fame.

• Grandma Moses lived past her 101st birthday. LIFE magazine featured her on the cover of its September, 19, 1960 issue in honor of her 100th birthday. Twenty-five paintings were done after she hit the century mark. Her art hangs in nine U.S. museums, and another hangs in the White House. In 2004, one of her painting appeared on the PBS broadcast Antiques Roadshow, where it was appraised at \$60,000. The painting “The Old Checkered House, 1862,” had been purchased in the 1940s for less than \$10, and had appeared in a 1946 ad campaign for DuBarry cosmetics’ “Primitive Red” lip gloss. Her highest-selling work to date, her 1943 painting “Sugaring Off,” sold in 2006 for \$1.2 million.

• Fellow artist Norman Rockwell included Grandma’s likeness in his 1948 painting “Christmas Homecoming,” featured on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post’s Christmas issue that year.

**LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS**

Are you thinking of sending flowers to someone special on Valentine’s Day? You may want to check out of the meaning of some of our favorite blossoms before doing so!

• Floriography, or the language of flowers, began during the Victorian era, when individuals used flower symbolism to express feelings they were unable to speak aloud, or wanted a discreet form of communication. Various blooms were used to send secret or coded messages of love and other sentiments. Flower dictionaries containing the meanings of different varieties filled the shelves as the long list grew.

• Is there an individual who you highly respect? A sunny bunch of daffodils will convey that message. However, if you’re trying to tell your egotistical acquaintance, “You love yourself too well,” have the florist deliver narcissus.

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**Moments in time**  
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Feb. 8, 1587, after 19 years of imprisonment, Mary Queen of Scots is beheaded in England for her complicity in a plot to murder Queen Elizabeth I. Her son, King James VI of Scotland, accepted his mother’s execution, and upon Queen Elizabeth’s death in 1603, he became king of England, Scotland and Ireland.

• On Feb. 5, 1631, Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island and an important American religious leader, arrives in Boston. Williams alarmed the Puritan oligarchy by speaking out against the right of civil authorities to punish religious dissension. In 1635, he was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony by the General Court.

• On Feb. 6, 1917, a German submarine torpedoes and sinks the passenger steamer California off the Irish coast. The explosion of the torpedo was so violent that the 470-foot, 9,000-ton steamer sank just nine minutes after the attack.

• On Feb. 9, 1942, the Normandie, regarded by many as the most elegant ocean liner ever built, burns and sinks in New York Harbor during its conversion to an Allied troop transport ship. A welder accidentally set fire to a pile of flammable life preservers, and by morning the ship lay capsized in the harbor, a gutted wreck.

• On Feb. 10, 1957, Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the best-selling “Little House” series of children’s novels based on her childhood on the American frontier, dies at age 90 in Mansfield, Mo. In 1932, Wilder, then in her 60s, published her first novel, “Little House in the Big Woods.”

• On Feb. 7, 1970, Louisiana State University basketball star Pete Maravich scores 69 points in a game against Alabama, setting a Division I record that would stand for 21 years. He died of a heart attack at age 40 in 1988 during a pickup game of basketball in California.

• On Feb. 4, 1983, Karen Carpenter, a singer who long suffered under the burden of the expectations that came with pop stardom, succumbed to heart failure brought on by her long, unpublicized struggle with anorexia. She was just 32 years old.

**Just Like Cats & Dogs**

by Dave T. Phipps



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**Horseback Riding Is a Tough Sell**

By Samantha Mazzotta

**DEAR PAW’S CORNER:** I’m 11 years old and really want to learn to ride a horse, and maybe own one someday. How can I convince my mom that I’m ready to ride? She thinks I’ll get hurt. — Erin in Ocala, Fla.

**DEAR ERIN:** I can understand why your mom is worried. Horseback riding carries the risk of injury from falls as well as getting kicked or stepped on. Even when you’re not riding, there are hazards in the vicinity of the riding area and stables to be aware of and avoid. It’s certainly not as safe as the community soccer league!

At the same time, I was 11 years old too, once, and I loved riding whenever I got the chance. Horseback riding never developed into a lifelong passion for me, but I was always grateful that my parents let me do it.

If you want to convince your mom to give it a chance, you’ll need to do your homework. Check out organizations like US Pony Clubs (<http://www.ponyclub.org/>), which focuses on helping kids learn how to ride and has chapters throughout the country (including several in Florida). Read up on the rules of conduct around horses and stables at sites like [www.cowgirldiary.com](http://www.cowgirldiary.com) or [www.equinearch.com/horses\\_riding\\_training/](http://www.equinearch.com/horses_riding_training/).

You and your mom should go together and check out riding classes specifically for kids in your area. Talk to the instructor and watch a lesson to see if the class is right for you. Find out how long the course is and how much it costs. And finally, always wear your riding helmet.

Send your questions or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto: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](http://www.pawscorner.com).



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Charlotte Bronte’s popular romantic tale Jane Eyre spins the story of the heroine working for the wealthy Edward Rochester at his estate Thornfield Hall. The romance leads to their wedding day, when Jane discovers that Rochester is already married and she flees the estate. After a tragic fire claims the life of his wife as well as Rochester’s eyesight, Jane returns, and love conquers all!



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

**Soaking Night Sweats Are Daily Torment**

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** This year I retired, at age 66. Since retirement I’ve been tormented with drenching sweats nightly. I mention the retirement because it’s the only thing in my life that has changed. Could there be a connection? I have to change my pajamas every night, and sometimes the bed linens. I feel well otherwise. I will appreciate anything you can tell me. — D.D.

**ANSWER:** You and your doctor have to look for the rare but serious causes of night sweats. In the past, infections were the major cause, and tuberculosis headed the list of infectious causes. That’s no longer true. Diabetes, an overactive thyroid gland and cancers -- especially lymphomas (lymph node cancers) -- are other possible causes. It’s most unusual for night sweats to be the only sign of such illnesses. I can’t link your retirement to the problem.

Have you taken your temperature at night? A normal temperature points to causes that are less indicative of something that has health consequences. Medicines might provoke sweating. Antidepressants, some of the diabetes medicines and thyroid hormone are examples. Aspirin resets the body’s thermostat. When its effect begins to wear off, profuse sweating can result. The following tips for controlling sweating are banalities, but they’re always mentioned. The heat and humidity of the

bedroom have to be on the low side. Humidity of less than 40 percent is optimum.

If sweating is confined to a particular body area, like the palms and soles, the face or the underarms, you have more treatment options. For generalized sweating, the choices are not as plentiful. Fans and air conditioners are another banal solution, but they often work. Some have found that Robinul (glycopyrrolate) or ProBanthine, each taken 45 minutes before going to bed, stop the production of excessive sweats.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Can you give us some information on adult drooling? My husband, 87, is normal in all other ways, but cannot control his drooling. He won’t leave the house because of it. — E.K.

**ANSWER:** With aging, we have less-effective swallowing mechanisms. In our younger years, saliva is constantly, automatically and imperceptibly swallowed throughout the day. At older ages, it stays in the mouth, and its only exit is through the lips.

A second cause of drooling is the sagging of tissues around the mouth, another consequence of aging. The lips and mouth tissues cannot hold saliva in the mouth like they used to.

Readers have made good suggestions on how to combat this problem. R.M. suggests applying a dab of Elizabeth Arden Eight Hour Cream to the corners of the lips to create a dam that blocks saliva overflow. Vaseline works too.

Robinul (glycopyrrolate) and scopolamine, the patch used for prevention of seasickness, slow the production of saliva. But they can have other unpleasant side effects that make them less useful for this purpose.

Botox injections diminish saliva volume. Doctors can tie off some of the salivary ducts to achieve the same end. Start with the dam-building technique. It has no side effects and is inexpensive.

**LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS (continued)**

- Most of us know that sending red roses denotes enduring, passionate romantic love, meant for the love of your life. Pink roses are for a lesser affection, and yellow are to be used to symbolize the joy of a devoted friendship. While white roses represent purity and virtue, a bouquet of mixed red and white roses is used to designate unity with your loved one. Can't afford a dozen roses? Just a single red rose in full bloom also says, "I love you." Trying to tell your loved one it was love at first sight? Lavender roses are the symbol for that sentiment.
- Blue flowers are used to send a message of calm, beauty, tranquility, and peace. Specifically, blue hyacinths indicate constancy and faithfulness, as do blue violets, which represent faithfulness and say, "I'll always be true." If violets are unavailable, blue forget-me-nots also let the recipient know that your love is true.
- The towering stems of gladioli are symbolic of a sword, and they even take their name from the Latin word gladius, meaning "sword." A bouquet of these stunning spikes expresses to the recipient that he or she has "pierced the giver's heart with passion."
- If your sweetheart is a rare beauty, send her the gift of orchids. Perhaps there is someone to whom you'd like say, "You're lovely," but you want to do it secretly, without divulging your identity. The gardenia is an excellent symbol for this purpose. Asking to have your affection returned? Deliver jonquils, a fragrant member of the narcissus family.
- Who wouldn't want to receive a bouquet of primroses? Their message is, "I can't live without you." Similarly, white lilies proclaim, "It's heavenly to be with you," and Calla lilies are representative of "magnificent beauty."
- Perhaps you've offended your loved one. Sending purple hyacinths says, "I am sorry, please forgive me." Receiving striped carnations means a refusal to an offer of affection, and declares, "Sorry, I can't be with you."
- You certainly don't want to receive a gift of foxglove, symbolic of insincerity, or a Venus flytrap, representing deceit, or rhododendron, meaning danger or caution. Likewise, marigolds are a declaration of jealousy.
- Are you thinking of a dear but absent friend? A bouquet of mixed pansies will convey those remembrances. The pansy even takes its name from the French word, pensée, meaning "thought or remembrance."



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**Replacing a Leaky Dishwasher Hose**

**Q:** After several days, I finally located the source of a mysterious leak along the inside wall of my basement. The flexible drain pipe from the back of my dishwasher cracked, so that water pours down the kitchen wall behind the cabinet. My dishwasher is pretty old, and I'm not sure I can find a replacement part. Should I just buy a new appliance? – Bart C., Villa Rica, Ga.

**A:** Chances are, you'll be able to find a similar-size replacement at your home-improvement store. And you can always check with the manufacturer, either through a phone call or via its website, to see if the part is still available.

At any rate, you don't want the flooding to continue. Unplug the dishwasher (or turn off power at the circuit panel if there is no standard outlet) and gently slide it out of its cabinet so that you can access the hose. Disconnect the hose from the appliance and from the sink trap or garbage disposal, depending on how it was installed. Take the hose to the home-improvement store to find a comparable size and length. (Don't purchase a shorter length, by the way. The hose needs to be set up so that its middle part is higher than the inlet/outlet connections.)

Connect the new hose, first to the sink trap or garbage disposal, then to the dishwasher outlet. Plug the dishwasher back in (or turn on the circuit). Place a piece of plastic along the floor under the outlet and under the sink trap connection, then run the dishwasher empty for a full cycle and monitor for leaks from the connections. If you detect any, adjust the connections until the leak stops.

Once the leak is fixed, take a close look at the floor and wall behind the dishwasher as well as the basement ceiling, and note the location and extent of water damage. Damp drywall and flooring may dry without issues, but materials that get repeatedly soaked can develop a mold problem. If you detect mold, the affected drywall or ceiling should be cut out and replaced; flooring may not need replacement, but does need to be treated to remove mold.

**HOME TIP:** Avoid cleaning a dishwasher's interior with bleach or products containing bleach, as it could break down seals and other components.

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Feb Business of the Month - Tues Feb 5 at 11:30A

The presentation for Business of the Month will be made at the Chamber of Commerce Office – 814 S 1050 W – to John Salimbene / The Insurance Suite of Utah.

John Salimbene has served in the Payson Chamber 2007 and on the Board from 2008 til Mar2012. He has served the Payson Business Community by holding Ribbon Cuttings, Business of the Month recognitions and holding bi-monthly Lead Group Mtgs. In 2009, John saw a need for business owners to market and brand their businesses via Lead Group Meetings. It was a success from the start! The motto that he used to start each meeting was, "People will do business with people they Know, Like and Trust!". Thank you, John, & Congratulations as the Feb 2013 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month!

Ribbon Cutting - Liberty Tax Services has been scheduled for Wed Feb 6 at 11:30A

Located at 742 S. Hwy 198. Come by and meet the owner Nate Davis and his team and welcome them to Payson.  
Phone: 801-465-4353



Bills & Bagels in South County - Hosted by the Spanish Fork Salem, Payson, and Springville Chambers of Commerce.

Feb 9 – Healthcare & Mar 2 – Education & Land Use. 7:30 – 9:00A

At the Nebo School District Office: 350 South Main, Spanish Fork

The breakfast is a forum discussion between legislators, business leaders, and local residents about issues impacting our community. These discussions allow us to look at things like education, health insurance, and other timely legislation.

Miss Payson Scholarship Contest - Please let people know we are looking for young women between the ages of 17-24

to run for Miss Payson. The winner gets a \$2200 scholarship, 1st \$1500, & 2nd \$1200, to help with the costs of college. It's a lot of fun for these ladies. It is such a great opportunity for them to become familiar with different businesses, social events and activities within our community. If you are interested or know anyone in the Payson area that might be interested, please contact Renae Crouch, Stefani Dimond or Carolyn Bowman for information.

Ribbon Cutting Classic Beauty & Barber – Wed Feb 20 at 11:30A

Marci Aston is a native of Utah Valley. She graduated Valedictorian from the Aveda Institute in Provo & worked at a local Payson barbershop until deciding to try it on her own. Her shop is unlike any other barbershop / salon in Payson with her brother Wes' fantastic Utah Photography as decorations in the shop. Her sister Lisa is available by appointment to do massage. Come see the classic atmosphere which Marci has created at the Classic Beauty & Barber located at 875 East 100 North, Suite 6 in Payson.



For more information, contact

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Check our website for upcoming events and special coupons. [www.paysoncitychamber.com](http://www.paysoncitychamber.com)

SPANISH FORK / SALEM

Feb Business of the Month – Dug Out Texaco

Congratulations to Randy Gordon and IFA on being chosen for January Business of the Month. Randy has supported our Farmer's Market, Harvest Moon Hurrah, Summer Barbeque, and other community events. We appreciate IFA and Randy Gordon's commitment to shopping local.  
Located at 250 W Arrowhead Trail, Spanish Fork



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**NOW HIRING** - Starbucks is excited to join Spanish Fork community on May 6th! Now hiring friendly people with excellent customer service skills willing to work in a fast paced, team environment. Availability must include Sundays and Holidays. Training will be conducted at the American Fork location prior to opening date. Please go online and apply at [Starbucks.com/career-center](http://Starbucks.com/career-center) and choose the "American Fork" location.

PLEASANT GROVE

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.



Pleasant Grove High School Drama – “Presentation of Beauty and the Beast”

*“Be Our Guest” Fundraising Event*  
*February 14th*

5:30 - Auction 6:00 - Dinner 7:30 - Show

\$40 Ticket Includes Fully Catered Dinner/ “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” Ticket

Silent Auction FREE and Open to the public!



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!**

Pleasant Grove Announces Expansion to Highly Popular Promenade

New Schedule: Every Thu evening from 5P – Strawberry Days (3rd wk of June) to Heritage Festival (2nd Sat in Sept). This year that means 11 weeks - June 27 to Sept 5

New Park Layout: The entertainment and spectator seating will be moved to the northeast corner of the park which creates a new layout for vendor spaces. Due to the success of the 4 events in 2012, we will be increasing the number of special events this year. [www.pgpromenade.com](http://www.pgpromenade.com)

**The only quote attributed to St. Valentine was a note he signed to the young daughter of his jailer shortly before he died. He signed it: 'from your Valentine'.**

[www.answers.com](http://www.answers.com)

**ANSWERS**

**SPORTS QUIZ**

1. Chris Bosio was 16-6 in 1992.
2. Denis Menke, in 1969.
3. Ronnie Lott, Bill Simpson and Charlie Waters.
4. Eric "Sleepy" Floyd, with 2,304 points.
5. Once -- they swept St. Louis in 2012.
6. Roy Lassiter had 27 goals for Tampa Bay in 1996.
7. Hector "Macho" Camacho won his seventh in 2001.

**WORD POWER ANSWER FASCINATION**

**TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS**

1. Princess Peach
2. Fitzwilliam
3. Rick Blaine and Ilsa Lund
4. General Hospital, 1981
5. Shrek and Fiona



**Go Figure!**

answers

1	÷	1	+	2	3
+		x		x	
7	-	6	x	9	9
x		x		+	
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**King Crossword**

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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**SNOWFLAKES**

solution

