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LET’S DANCE!
by Kathy Wolfe

This week, *Tidbits* invites you to grab your dancing shoes and twirl, dip, and shuffle as we investigate several well-known and not-so-well-known dances from around the world.

- Hawaii’s traditional hula dance began as a method of storytelling, with chanting accompanied by drums and rattles. Hip movements and hand gestures expressed the significance of the chant. The Polynesian culture performed hula to honor their mythological gods and goddesses. The rise and fall of hands would signify ocean waves while spreading the fingers might symbolize the opening of a flower. Stomping feet might represent volcano eruption. Physically-demanding training was required to be-

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come a “kahiko,” the early hula dancers.

- Russian and Ukrainian Cossacks have been performing the Cossack dance, also known as the Hopak, since the 15th century, when the Cossack military warriors used the dance to celebrate victory in battle. This folk dance requires a high degree of strength, skill, and athleticism for the performance of leaps, kicks, splits, and turns. The familiar low squat with outward kicks is known as the “prisyadka.” Cossack dancers typically don dark, heavy wool coats, voluminous trousers, and Persian lamb or sheepskin hats.
- There are several dances we might loosely classify as “Latin,” and each is significant in its own way. Salsa has its origins in Cuba, incorporating components of Mambo, Cha Cha, and Rumba. It’s performed to upbeat music and features fast, intricate footwork along with “shimmies,” kicks, and spins. Flamenco’s roots are in 15th-century Andalusia, a region of southern Spain. Flamenco is more than dancing – it’s a form of storytelling through personal experience and emotions. In addition to the intricate footwork (“zapateado”), there is also singing, known as “cante,” and “toque,” the guitar playing that provides the foundation of the melody and rhythm. There’s plenty of fast foot stomping and graceful heel clicks. Although our first impression of Flamenco is the dancing, early performances were strictly singing. The Tango originated in the late 1800s in Argentina, while the Samba grew out of Brazilian traditions.
- Classical guitar played in a syncopated rhythm provides the foundation for the Bossa Nova, a dance that has its beginnings in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in the late 1950s. The calm blend of samba and jazz give the dance an exotic swaying feel. The term translates from the Portuguese language, meaning “new trend.” Perhaps the most famous Bossa Nova song is the Grammy-winning “The Girl from Ipanema,” the vocal debut of Brazilian singer Astrud Gilberto.
- Although the foundation of what we call line dancing is from 19th-century folk dancing, its modern popularity is credited to the country western music of the 1970s. The synchronized steps, such as grapevine, shuffle, jazz box, heel digs, skate steps, scuffs, pivots, and toe struts, are performed in unison by a group. Billy Ray Cyrus’ “Achy Breaky Heart” became a popular tune for line dancers, and the film “Urban Cowboy” further popularized the dances.
- The waltz traces its origins to late-18th-century Austrian ballrooms. The name of this graceful and elegant dance is derived from the German word “walzen,” which translates “to turn or to roll.” The smooth, gliding and flowing steps are performed to music with a $\frac{3}{4}$ time signature. The waltz was considered somewhat scandalous when first introduced due to the physical closeness of the partners, described as “shameless cavorting,” and was declared “inappropriate for polite society.” It was very fashion-

able in Viennese courts in the 1780s, reaching England in 1791. Austrian composer Johann Strauss composed hundreds of waltzes, including his most recognized, “The Blue Danube.”

- Several hit songs of the early 1960s propelled the popularity of the high-energy dance of that decade known as the Watusi. A Los Angeles soul group released “The Watusi” to great success in 1961, followed by a Philadelphia vocal quartet, the Orlons, who recorded “The Wah-Watusi” in 1962, a song that remained on the Hot 100 for 14 weeks. Part of the ‘60s dance craze, the Watusi was inspired by the traditional cultural dance of Africa’s Tutsi people and featured rhythmic footwork and vigorous hip and arm movements in a “no-touch” style. The dance hit its peak around 1963, before its popularity declined in the mid-1960s.
- Four days after Charles Lindbergh’s successful non-stop flight from New York to Paris in 1927, folks were dancing the “Lindbergh Hop,” soon shortened to the “Lindy Hop,” referring to Lindbergh’s “hop” across the Atlantic. The Lindy combined several popular dances based on the African American dances of Harlem’s Savoy Ballroom with European partner dances. The jitterbug is sometimes considered synonymous with the Lindy Hop, but adds swing moves, the Charleston (popularized in 1923), acrobatic lifts, and jive.
- It’s believed that belly dancing has its origins in ancient Egypt, where depictions of female dancers swaying are represented in their art. There is also evidence of the dance in Turkey dating to the 1400s. Those in the Middle East call it “raqs shargi,” which is Arabic for “dance of the east,” with its focus on hip and torso motions, shimmies, rolls, and vibrations, along with props such as finger cymbals and veils. Their costume is referred to as a “Bedlah,” the Arabic word for “suit.” The dance is typically part of Middle Eastern wedding ceremonies. Modern belly dancing was first performed at the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair, where it was first referred to as belly dancing. In Europe, it had been named “Danse du ventre,” which translates from the French for “dance of the stomach.”
- The word “ballet” is a translation from the Italian word “ballare.” It simply means “to dance.” Ballet originated in the Italian Renaissance court in the 1400s, with the first documented ballet performed in 1489 during the wedding festivities of the Duke of Milan and Isabella of Aragon. It didn’t come to the stage as an art form for nearly 100 years. Dancers didn’t wear tutus and slippers and just dressed in the fashions of the times which meant formal gowns for women. The dance spread to France and became a love of King Louis XIV, who founded the Academie Royale de Danse in 1661, an institution that established the techniques of posture and positions of classical ballet. There are five main ballet positions, variations of foot placement – heels together or one heel in front of another, direction of toes, or parallel feet.

Getting Ready for Winter

We might be having heat waves now, but before we know it, the weather will turn and winter will be on its way. There are several steps we can take to get ahead and be ready before cold weather arrives.

Take care of draft control. Not only will we be more comfortable without cold air creeping into our homes, but our heating bills will be lower if the furnace isn't working so hard. Windows can have caulking or window stripping applied, or you can buy those insulation film kits. Buy your supplies now before everyone else has the same idea, and schedule someone to help you. Right after Labor Day is a good time to get the windows sealed.

Consider how many times you lost power last year and be ready for that. Bring in a supply of batteries for flashlights. Put them in your lights now so you're ready the minute the power goes out the first time. Have someone help you put new batteries in your smoke detector, if it hasn't been done in a while.

Make your list of three to four days' worth of food for emergencies such as storms when it's just not safe to go out, and start shopping for those items now. Put a jug of ice melt or cat litter on your list if your area is likely to get snow and ice.

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But we can't forget the fun stuff for those cold days! A stack of books for cold afternoons, a few small craft kits, ideas for a story to be written during the annual November novel writing month (nanowrimo2.com), several exercise videos for seniors on YouTube, recipes to try, new songs to learn on the piano or guitar ... the list is only limited by your imagination!

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The menu offers everything from seafood and tacos to burgers, sandwiches and Caribbean-inspired specialties. One especially popular main dish is the Fish & Chips, featuring hand-dipped halibut served with waffle fries, coleslaw and garlic-lime cream sauce. Other customer favorites include jerk-inspired dishes, shrimp tacos, Cuban sandwiches and steamer clams, making Puffin Cafe a fun choice when everyone at the table is craving something a little different.

What really makes the Puffin Cafe memorable, though, is the setting. There is something special about enjoying a meal while sitting right on the water, watching boats come and go and taking in the Columbia River scenery. Whether you're looking for a casual lunch, a relaxed dinner or simply an excuse to enjoy a little "taste of the tropics" without leaving Washougal, the Puffin Cafe is well worth discovering.

FUN FACT: Puffin Cafe is floating within the Port of Camas-Washougal marina—and guests can literally arrive for lunch by boat!

Info/photos from both websites respectively.

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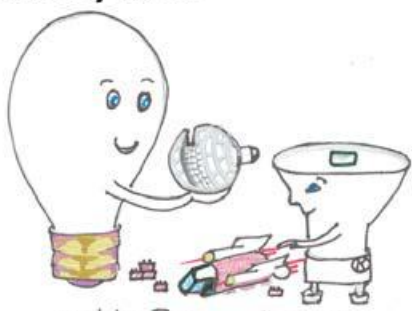
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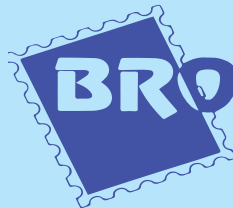
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- * On Aug. 24, 1572, King Charles IX of France, influenced by his mother, Catherine de Medici, ordered the assassination of Huguenot Protestant leaders in Paris, which launched a widespread stream of murders resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands of Huguenots all across the country.
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- * On Aug. 27, 2007, Michael Vick, a star quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons, pleaded guilty to a federal felony charge related to running a dogfighting ring. Four months later, he was sentenced to 23 months in federal prison.
- * On Aug. 28, 1963, acclaimed gospel singer Mahalia Jackson helped turn Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech at the March on Washington into one of American history's most famous orations when she instructed him to "tell them about the dream, Martin" from behind the podium on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, prompting him to put aside his notes and improvise the entire next section of it.
- * On Aug. 29, 1982, Swedish-born actress and three-time Academy Award winner Ingrid Bergman died of cancer on her 67th birthday. Best known for her role as Ilsa Lund opposite Humphrey Bogart in "Casablanca," Bergman had stirred up an international scandal three decades earlier by bearing a son with Italian director Roberto Rossellini, to whom she wasn't then married.
- * On Aug. 30, 2023, West Point announced that an archaeologist had taken a second look at an 1828 time capsule, opened in an earlier livestream and believed to be empty, and discovered valuable coins and a medal under sediment at its bottom.

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While kids who are able to handle a peeler or a small knife peel core the apples, tell them that years ago in France, Stephanie Tatin was making a pie in such a hurry that she mistakenly put the apples in the pan before the pastry. She added the pastry on top so that it wouldn’t go to waste. A new caramelized upside-down apple pie was created!

APPLE TARTE TATIN

Makes 8 servings

- 4-5 apples, such as Granny Smith or Golden Delicious
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 rolled-dough pie crust (homemade or purchased from the refrigerated section of your store)

Heat the oven to 375 F. Peel the apples, cut in half, and core with a melon baller, if you have one. Slice 2 of the halves into quarters lengthwise.

In an ovenproof 10-inch skillet, an adult should heat the sugar over medium-high heat until it begins to caramelize. Reduce to medium heat and keep an eye on it at all times as it transforms into a golden liquid; be sure not to let it darken too much.

Remove the pan from heat and arrange the apple halves tightly, cut side down, in a circular fashion. Fill in the spaces and center with quarter slices. Cook on medium-high heat for about 10-15 minutes, or until the apples soften.

Use a fork to turn the softened apples cut side up on the skillet and carefully drape the pie crust dough evenly over the top. With a spatula, slightly tuck the dough under the apples. Poke a hole in the center with the tip of a knife.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until the crust is lightly golden. Remove from oven and cover the skillet with a large serving plate. Hold the pan and plate together using pot holders, and flip with a steady movement, keeping the tart in one piece. (Note: The liquid is extremely hot.) Remove skillet to reveal the dessert.

Cool. Serve with vanilla or cinnamon-spice ice cream.

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— Jesse Owens

MORE DANCES



Breakdancing, Wikimedia Commons

- Students at San Francisco’s Balboa High School invented a new dance craze in the spring of 1952. Participants form a line and hold on to the hips of the person in front of them. As the person at the head of the line leads them around the room, each person taps the floor two times with the right foot, two times with the left, followed by a jump forward, a jump backward, then three hops forward. Surely, you’ve guessed this is a description of the Bunny Hop! Bandleader Ray Anthony recorded a song to accompany the moves that landed at #13 on the Billboard charts. In 1954, Big Band leader Duke Ellington recorded “Bunny Hop Mambo,” further cementing the popularity of the hop.
- Chubby Checker might come to mind immediately when The Twist is mentioned, both his 1960 dance and his Number 1 accompanying song. But Checker (born Ernest Evans in 1941) wasn’t the writer or the first performer of the smash hit song. It was written and originally released two years earlier by Hank Ballard & the Midnighters and the song peaked at Number 28 on the Billboard Hot 100. Checker covered the song in 1960, and his version hit Number 1. He performed The Twist for the first time in front of a live audience at a New Jersey club in July 1960, and it became a national runaway success a month later when Checker did The Twist on Dick Clark’s American Bandstand. In 1961, Chubby Checker covered another dance tune, “Pony Time,” and introduced another new dance style, The Pony, in which dancers



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imitate riding a horse.

- Head on down to the hoedown, and there’s a good chance you’ll be dancing a square dance, a dance that incorporates four couples arranged in a square, with movements directed by a “caller.” The calls are many, including circle left, circle right, Dosado, Swing, Promenade, Allemande Left, and Sashay. The musicians provide lively folk music on the fiddle, banjo, guitar, accordion, and dulcimer. The square dance traces its influences to the English country dances of 17th-century England and 18th-century French quadrilles. European immigrants brought these folk dances to North America. The formation isn’t always a square. The Circle Dance uses many of the same moves but with all dancers in a large circle who are continually switching partners.
- James Brown, the “Godfather of Soul” is credited with the invention of the Mashed Potato dance in 1959, with steps coordinated to his hit song of that year, “(Do the) Mashed Potato.” Brown used the dance as part of his stage show and in 1962, had a second Mashed Potatoes-themed hit, “Mashed Potatoes U.S.A.”. Dancers shuffle their feet and twist ankles while shifting body weight from heel to toe. The Mashed Potato was the inspiration for the Monster Mash, a song and dance that debuted in October 1962. The Monster Mash added spooky arm and hand gestures to the original Mashed Potato.
- What was once considered a fad dance style was revived, going on to be included in the Summer Olympics. In 2024, breakdancing, or breaking as it now more commonly called, debuted in the 2024 Paris Olympics, with 33 breakers participating. This street dance style began in the Bronx in the 1970s as a method of expressing the inner-city youth culture of African-American and Puerto Rican youth. The high-energy dance incorporates four main components -- toprock, which are standing dance moves, downrock moves that demonstrate footwork performed close to the floor, dramatic freeze poses, and power moves like back spins and head spins.

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For more information, call American Legion Post 14 at 360-696-2579.

Activities in Clark County

Aug
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9:30AM

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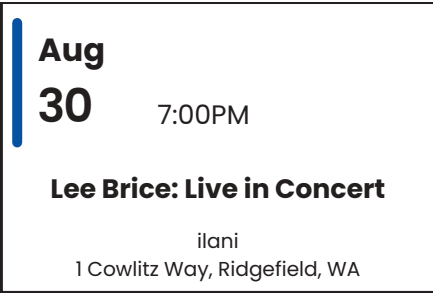


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Iridescent Glass



Arthur J. Nash worked for the Thomas Webb & Sons art glass factory in his native England, but didn't do his best, most innovative work until he came to America. His glassmaking expertise made him a perfect fit for the Tiffany Glass & Decorating Company, founded in 1892. Although Louis Comfort Tiffany achieved fame as a glass designer, he did not make his own glass. Nash established Tiffany Furnaces in Corona, New York, where he created the formula for the company's famous Favrite iridescent glass. Like many glassmakers, Nash's work was a family affair; his sons followed in his footsteps. One of his sons, Leslie, is said to have been the only other person who knew the Favrite glass formula. Another son, Arthur Douglas, took over Tiffany Furnaces in 1919. After Tiffany Furnaces closed, he started the A. Douglas Nash Corporation. His wares included his own iridescent glass. The flower-shaped vase shown here, which sold for \$300 at Fontaine's Auction Gallery, is one of his pieces. The gold color and molded texture are characteristics of A. Douglas Nash glass. Even if it resembles Tiffany glass or the iridescent glass made by many other companies at the time, it is definitely Nash's work; it has his signature. His company closed in 1931, but Arthur Douglas continued making glass. The Libbey Glass Company hired him to create its luxury glassware lines. For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com.

Fun Fact

Roughly 270 million people play soccer worldwide (about 4% of the world's population), and billions of people support it as fans. More than 200 of the world's countries have organized leagues, amateur clubs, and casual recreational matches regularly.

Source:
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FLASHBACK
POP, ROCK & SOUL
TRIVIA BARBER

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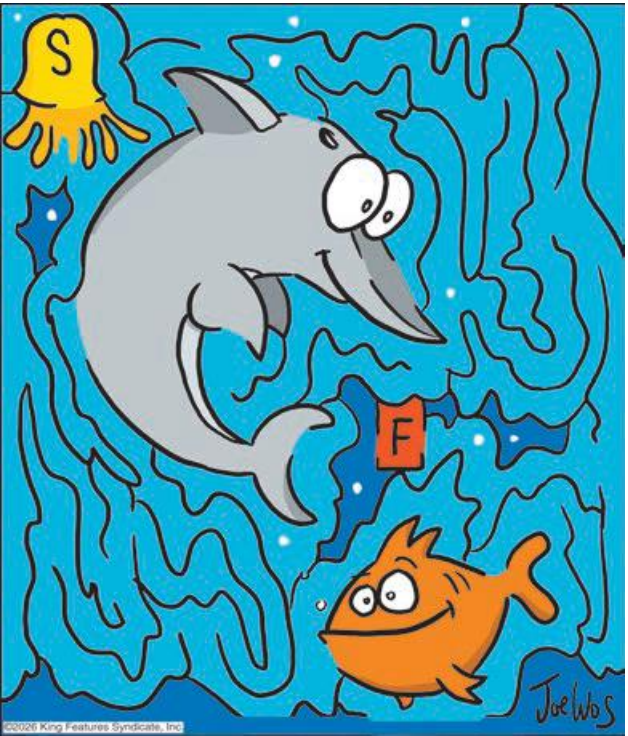
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Glass is larger. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Bow tie is missing. 4. Mug is longer. 5. Arm is reversed. 6. Lipel is missing.

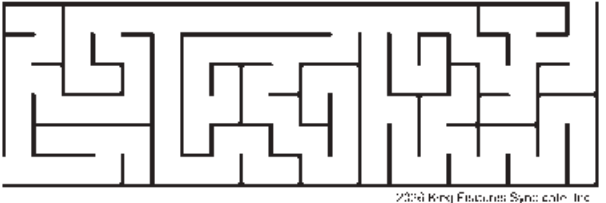
CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: W equals L

UXHMIMNVWB CXBW OXIOBT UH
U KHUHV MQ MQ UQ MCCVLVUW
WVQB NBHJBBQ HJM LMXQHSVBK:
NMSTBS OBHSMW.

Kids' Maze



TIPBITS

WORD POWER

Unscramble this word:

REHRPOOYCHGA

The sequence of steps and movements in dance

Super Crossword

SHORT MONTHS

- ACROSS

1 Gentle

5 Not active

9 Hockey great Gordie

13 Certain utility meter reader

19 "Pronto!"

20 Back end

21 Notion

22 Hun leader

23 "Klute" actress

25 Line of air fresheners requiring an outlet

27 Element #10

28 See 38-Down

29 Texting format, for short

30 Land in eau

32 Strong-arms

36 Lobbying org.

37 Singer Ross

39 "Let's Get It On" singer

41 Certain fruit stone

43 "— fair in love and war"

44 Stood to lose

46 Idyllic places

47 City official on "Family Guy"

50 Part of UCLA

52 Make tidy

56 Noted Deco master

57 Notion

60 Go in haste

61 Fogged up, as a sauna

65 School for associate's degrees

68 Caribbean resort

69 "Let it stand"

71 Goes after in court

72 Intended (to)

73 Bartending tool with holes

76 1841-45 first family

77 Primo pitcher

78 Cape Cod resort village

79 Dried up

81 Heptathlete Jackie Joyner- —

84 Railroad depot: Abbr.

85 Portend a good outcome

90 Dog's reward

93 Scored a major victory

95 Mine, in France

96 Brownish-toned picture

100 Stuff squirted by a cephalopod

103 Slow to react

104 NFL notable Manning

105 Some private planes

106 "Is that so!"

107 Univ. senior's test

108 Weapons depot

110 Tiger's sound, to tots

112 Halifax native

115 Poolside seat

120 Large moon of Uranus

121 "I'm buying"

122 Region

123 Rebuke from Caesar

124 Lie comfily close

125 Belgian river

126 Frat guys

127 Span represented by the first three letters of 12 answers in this puzzle

DOWN

1 — Mahal

2 "Hugo" title role player Butterfield

3 Polite

4 Sword variety

5 Patch variety

6 Animal lair

7 Young fellow

8 Time of note

9 Old LP players

10 Polish river

11 Program running in a browser

12 Topic of an otologist's instructions

13 Intent stare

14 Munched on

15 Fuel additive brand

16 Country singer Ronnie

17 School reunion-goers

18 Pestors

24 Central points

26 "Champion" of Spain

28 Overly docile

30 Muslim prayer leader

31 See 70-Down

33 Heron variety

34 Elevate

35 Sac in anatomy

37 "Finished!"

38 With 28-Across, church meeting cry

40 Abbr. on a brandy bottle

41 Dreamy guys

42 Italian for "hundred"

45 SpaceX head Musk

48 Chart anew

49 Ironic, as wit

51 Rub to clean

53 Main topic

54 "The — Sanction" (1975 film)

55 Must have

57 Halve with an ax, say

58 Prior to, to a bard

59 Mac rivals

61 "Wheel of Fortune" host Pat

62 Halting of hostilities

63 Leonhard of pure mathematics

64 Prez Lincoln

65 Denim pants

66 Cake tier

67 "— Abner"

69 Hog's pen

70 With 31-Down, liltng song syllables

74 Ovine animal

75 El — (ocean current)

76 —TV ("Tacoma FD" channel)

79 Armani offerings

80 Incite

82 Incite

83 Part of QED

85 Basic lessons

86 Once lived

87 Move to a new country

88 Individual

89 Similar to

91 "Billy, Don't Be —"

92 "Anna Karenina" novelist

94 Yule tune

96 Join the team

97 Get dressed

98 Irritates

99 Promotional connections

101 Ski jackets

102 Quadrennial games org.

105 Seat weaver

108 Clearasil target

109 Moniker

111 Curds and —

113 Craft

114 Pine- —

115 Small dollop

116 Make a gaffe

117 Co. top dog

118 Give — shot

119 Classic Karel Capek play

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Nuclear rain from the Chernobyl disaster fell as far west as Ireland.

* The word LEGO comes from the first two letters of the Danish words "leg" and "godt," or "play well."

* More than half a million pet owners worldwide have chosen to implant their pets with "neuticles," which are testicular implants for a neutered pet.

* Egyptian butchers wore high heels to keep their feet free of blood and debris on the floor.

* Early in her career, model Gisele Bundchen was told she'd never achieve success without cosmetic surgery to decrease her nose size. She refused and later had the last laugh by becoming one of the most highly paid models in history.

* It is thought that 80% of the world's gold is still in the ground.

* While screening around 2 million airline passengers per day, TSA officers are accustomed to confiscating items such as full water bottles and too-large toiletries, but their more astonishing finds include grenades, cannonballs and even a samurai sword.

* Actor Daniel Craig, as a reward for playing James Bond, can choose any Aston Martin from the factory for the rest of his life.

* All organ donations will inevitably fail, since transplanted organs "scar" over time, which eventually renders them unusable.

* In 2019, Forbes named Kylie Jenner the world's youngest self-made billionaire at age 21.

* Around 400 B.C., the Greek inventor Archytas of Tarentum built an early "robot" -- a wooden pigeon that flew on a steam-powered arm.

Thought for the Day: "Don't find fault, find a remedy." -- Henry Ford



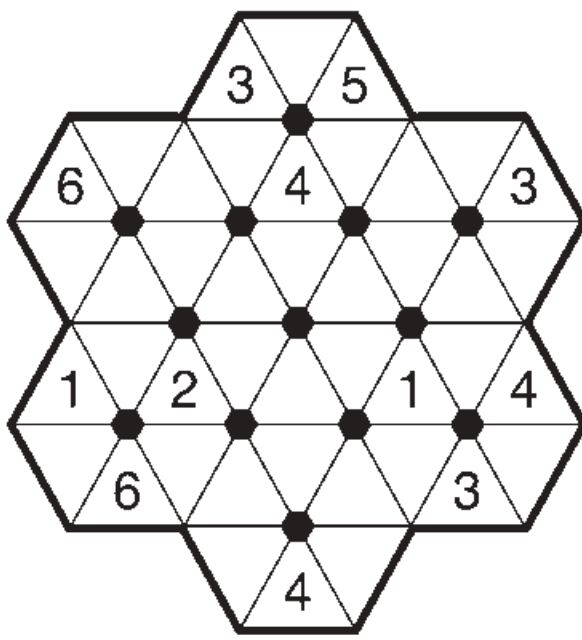
Puzzles and Games



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.

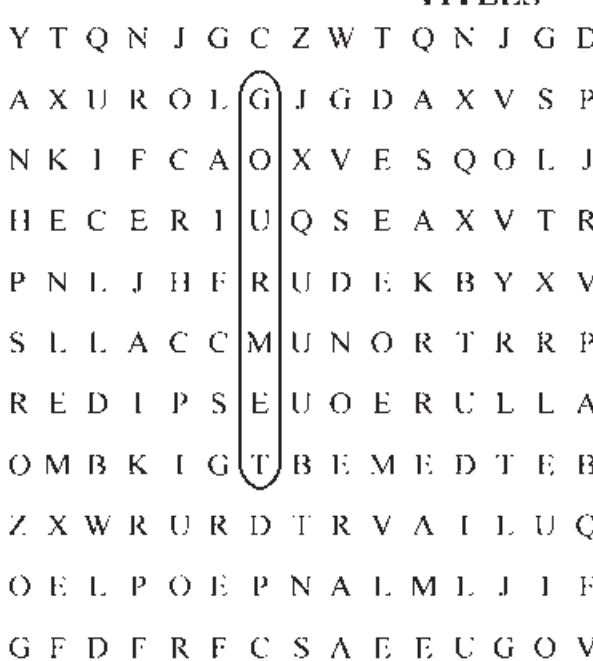


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

MAGIC MAZE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: News Magazine with Four Letters



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P N L J H F R U D E K B Y X V
S L L A C C M U N O R T R R P
R E D I P S E U O E R U L L A
O M B K I G T B E M E D T E B
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

TIDBITS presents TRIVIA NEWSFRONT

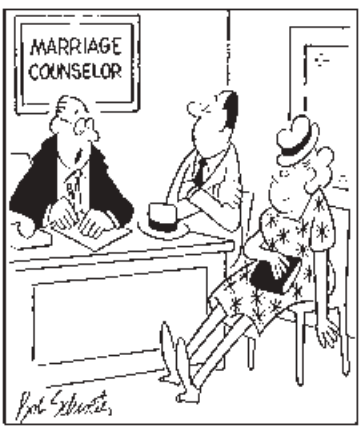
- What dance did musical artist Van McCoy urge listeners to perform in his 1975 disco hit?
- Name the French folk dance that incorporates quick, skipping steps by dancers wearing wooden clogs.
- What dance is usually performed to the song "Boot Scootin' Boogie"?
- Which dance requires you to "put your left foot in, put your left foot out"...and "turn yourself about"?
- What ballet technique involves dancing on the extreme tip of the toe in special shoes?

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Match the country on the left with its former name on the right:

1. Myanmar	a. East Pakistan
2. Sri Lanka	b. Siam
3. Bangladesh	c. Persia
4. Thailand	d. Burma
5. Iran	e. Ceylon



... and does Stanley's _____ affect your sleep, Mrs. Feeny? Mrs. Feeny...

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Speck: **ARING** □□ _____

Dame: **ROMANT** □□ _____

Taut: **ENSET** □□ _____

First: **DIEMAN** □ _____

TODAY'S WORD

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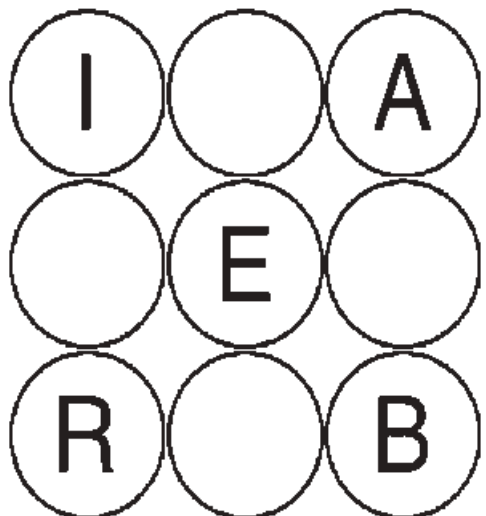
Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

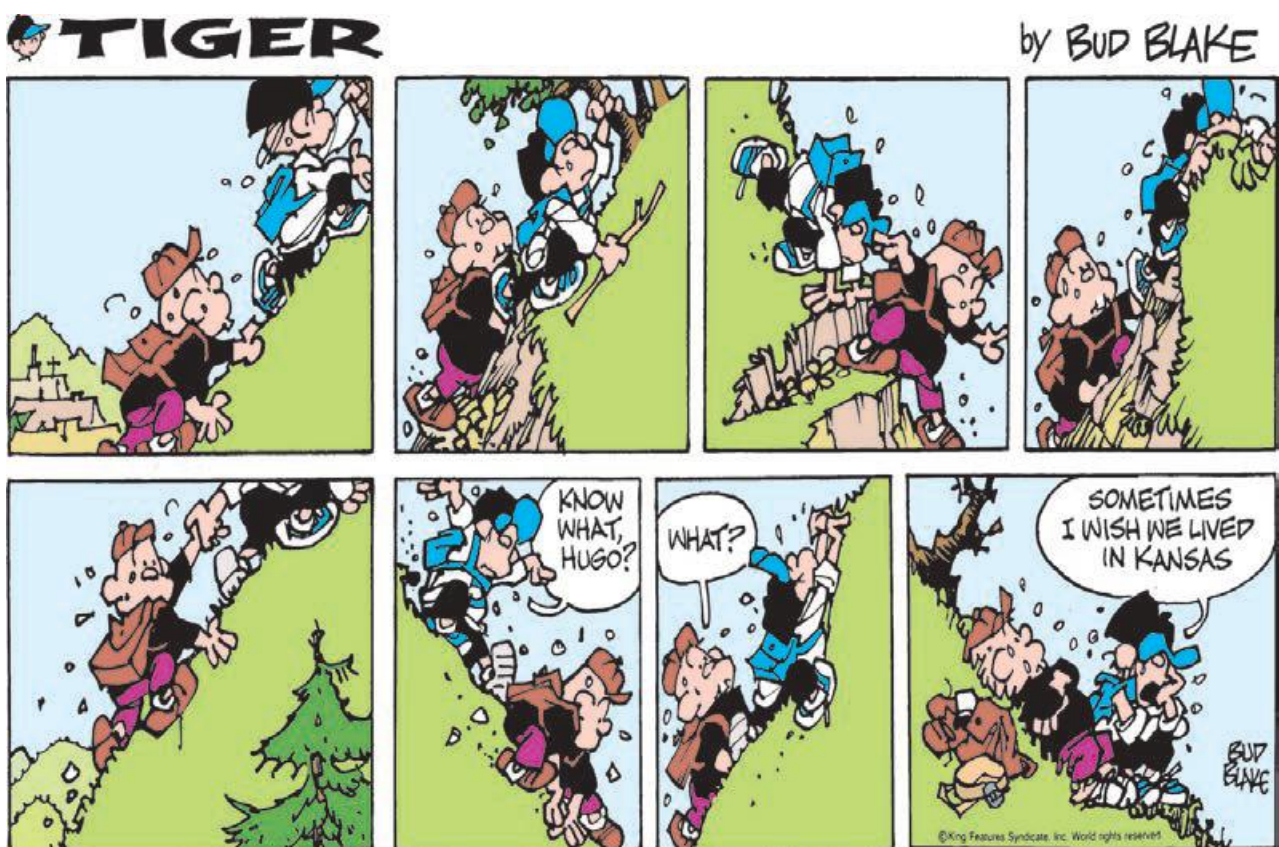
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Tasteless	___ L ___	Trademark	___ R ___
2. Offer evidence	___ V ___	Investigation	___ B ___
3. Curious George	M ___	Pack animal	D ___
4. Stretch	___ H ___	Respond	___ T ___
5. Shudder	___ H ___	Wood splinter	___ L ___
6. Greek capital	___ S ___	Goddess of wisdom	___ A ___
7. Hunky dory	W ___	Use one's nose	M ___
8. Commuter boat	F ___	Seinfeld or Springer	J ___
9. Hooting primate	___ B ___	Actor Mel	___ S ___
10. Out of funds	___ O ___	Decelerate	___ A ___

WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.



TIGER by BUD BLAKE

SOMETIMES I WISH WE LIVED IN KANSAS



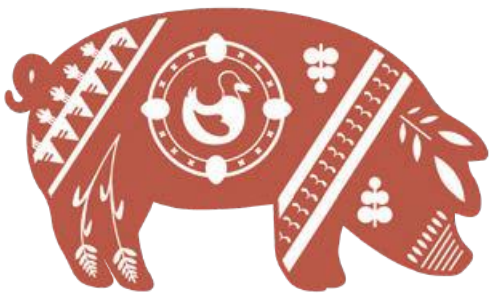
Living in Clark County

APRIL JOY FARM: A FARM THAT WILL STAY A FARM

PO Box 973 Ridgefield, WA. 98642

Tucked away in Ridgefield, April Joy Farm is more than a place where vegetables and flowers grow – it is a piece of Clark County farmland that has been deliberately protected for the future. When April Thatcher took over the farm in 2006, she made a promise to the previous farmer that the property would remain farmland rather than be developed. More than two decades later, that promise has become part of Clark County history. In 2026, April Joy Farm became the county's first “Forever Farm,” permanently protecting the property from development through a conservation easement.

The farm is a feast for the eyes as well as the table, with organic vegetables, flowers, fruit trees, pollinator habitat and native plants. Seasonal offerings can include apples, plums, cherries, pears, mulberries and seedless dessert grapes. April Joy Farm also has a strong community mission through its Farm to Heart program, which helps connect fresh, locally grown food with families experiencing food insecurity. Now that's a farm with heart!



APRIL JOY FARM



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GET TO-GATHER FARM: WHERE FARMING MEETS FUN

1913 SE 303rd Ave, Washougal, WA 98671



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Head to Washougal and you'll find Get To-Gather Farm, a colorful, welcoming farm where visitors can experience far more than simply picking up a basket of vegetables. The farm features gardens, orchards, berries, flowers, pumpkins and plenty of farm animals. Depending on the season, visitors may find chickens, ducks, geese and other friendly residents roaming around the property. The combination of fields, animals and old-fashioned farm scenery makes this one of those places where you'll want to bring your camera.

The farm's name says a lot about its philosophy. Get To-Gather Farm is about bringing people together around agriculture, food and community. Its farm stand offers seasonal produce along with products from other local growers and makers, helping showcase the bounty of Clark County. Add in activities such as flower picking, pumpkins and family-friendly farm experiences, and you've got a destination where “farm fresh” and “family fun” go hand in hand.

GEORGE HOFFMAN FARMS: FOUR GENERATIONS OF FARMING

18913 Northwest 41st Avenue, Ridgefield, Washington 98642

Some farms have a long history. George Hoffman Farms in Ridgefield has more than a century of one! The Hoffman family has been farming the property since 1912, creating a four-generation agricultural tradition. That's more than 110 years of planting, harvesting and passing down the knowledge that comes from working the same land. Today, the farm continues that tradition while inviting the public to enjoy some of its seasonal bounty.

Berry lovers have plenty to look forward to, with strawberries, blueberries and thornless blackberries among the farm's attractions. When autumn arrives, pumpkins take center stage. The farm's pick-your-own opportunities also provide a chance for families to slow down, get outside and experience where their food comes from. In a world where farms can disappear beneath development, George Hoffman Farms is a sweet reminder that some family traditions are worth growing.



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78TH STREET HERITAGE FARM: A PIECE OF CLARK COUNTY HISTORY

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Not every farm has a story that stretches back to the 1870s, but 78th Street Heritage Farm in Vancouver does. The 79-acre property began as what was known as a “poor farm,” providing a place for people in need to live and work. Over the years, the property evolved into an agricultural research and experimental farm connected with Washington State University. Today, it is managed by Clark County and serves a very different purpose – connecting the community with agriculture, education and sustainable practices.

The historic property is now listed on both the Washington Heritage Register and the National Register of Historic Places. It includes community gardens, educational programs, agricultural projects and other activities designed to keep farming and food production connected to the community. With nearly 80 acres of history surrounding it, 78th Street Heritage Farm offers something increasingly valuable: a place where Clark County can remember its agricultural roots while looking toward the future.

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The emotional aftermath of losing a loved one can be compounded by family dynamics and emotions. Delving into the heart of why these disputes arise can help you avoid expensive litigation.

The Role of Estate Planning Documents

A primary cause of conflict lies within the estate planning documents themselves. If they are poorly written, outdated, or missing important clauses, they create confusion and can be open to interpretation. Similarly, when an individual dies without a will or trust (intestate), the lack of clear instructions can sow the seeds of discord among potential heirs.

Unmet Expectations

If a potential heir assumes there is a specific amount of money or assets to be distributed, they may be upset or suspect wrongdoing when they learn the estate has a lower net value available for distribution. One example is the availability of life insurance proceeds; if the policy includes a ‘pay on death’ clause, those funds are paid by the insurance company **directly to the beneficiaries named in the policy** and are not part of the estate assets.

Estate Administration Disagreements

Disagreements about how the estate should be administered sometimes evolve into contesting the validity of wills, trusts or claims that the deceased lacked mental competence and was unduly influenced by someone close.

Mitigating Conflict through Careful Planning

While it's impossible to eliminate the potential for conflicts, there are steps that can be taken to **reduce the likelihood of disputes** and manage them constructively if they do arise:

- Work with an **experienced estate planning attorney** to create clear, comprehensive, and up-to-date documents to prevent confusion and ambiguity.
- Consult with a fiduciary litigation attorney early, as soon as these conflicts begin, to **mediate and settle disputes** prior to filing litigation with the court whenever possible.
- Consider naming a professional trustee or personal representative to administer your estate. Using **a neutral party in this role can ease contention** amongst family members.

By recognizing the potential sources of conflict and **taking proactive steps** to address them, individuals can navigate these situations with greater understanding and minimize the impact on relationships during already stressful times. **Wool Landon®** is an industry leader creating customized estate plans and representing beneficiaries and personal representatives in related disputes throughout **Oregon** and **Washington**.



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Do you remember the yard game of Jarts? This week, *Tidbits* brings up the facts of his game of the past and why it IS a game of the past.

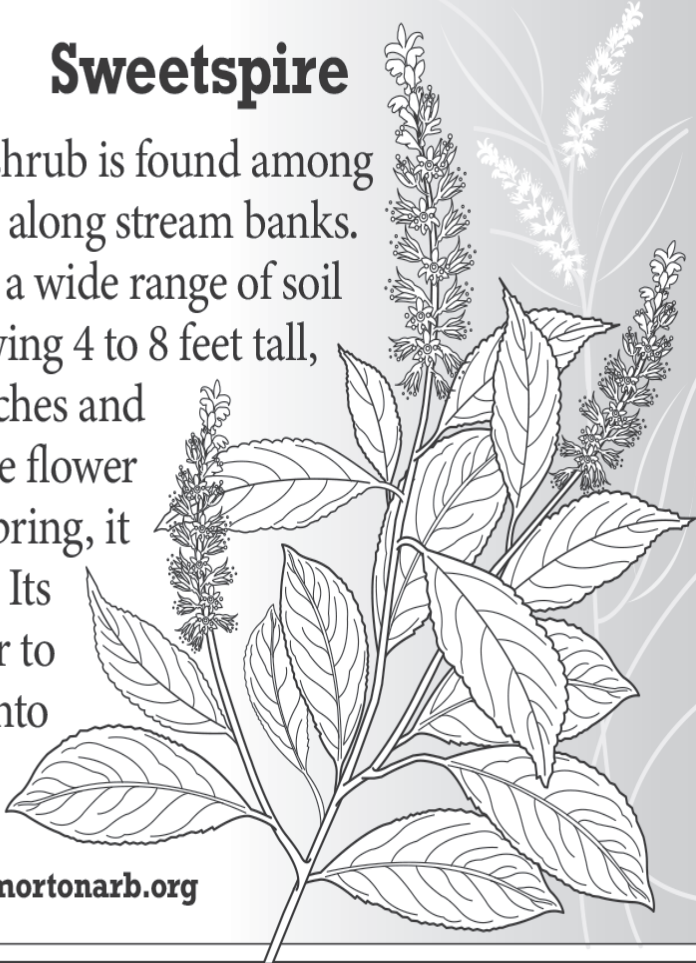
- Weighted darts weren’t a game to the ancient Greeks and Romans, but rather a war weapon known as a plumbata, used around 500 B.C. A lead-weighted head attached to a wooden shaft could be thrown to distances of over 260 feet, inflicting great damage to the enemy. It wasn’t until the Middle Ages that it became more of a game, with British soldiers passing the time when not engaged in combat.
- After the end of World War II, there was a dramatic move to the American suburbs to homes with the feature of backyards. “Go outside and play” became the mantra of parents, launching the trend of backyard games.
- Modern-day lawn darts were invented during the 1950s by a New York dentist, Lawrence Barnett. The name “Jarts” came from an abbreviation of “Javelin Darts.” The darts measure 12 inches in length, with a weighted metal tip on one end and three plastic fins at the other end. They are tossed toward a plastic ring target laid flat on the ground, with points scored if the dart lands within the ring.
- Jarts flourished for decades until the seemingly innocent game produced tragic results. In 1987, a California father purchased a set of backyard games which included Jarts. His 9-year-old son and friends enjoyed tossing them around the yard, but when one child threw his Jart too far and too high. Over the fence it went into the home’s front yard, where the family’s 7-year-old daughter was playing. The Jart came down with an estimated 23,000 pounds of PSI, penetrating her skull. She passed away three days later.
- That father, aerospace engineer David Snow, launched a campaign to get Jarts banned from sale. What he learned was that in the prior eight years, lawn darts were to blame for 6,100 hospital emergency-room-treated injuries. Over 80% of those injuries were to children under the age of 15, and 50% under age 10. Snow also discovered there had been two other Jarts fatalities, a 4-year-old and a 13-year-old, along with many other permanent injuries to players’ head, face, eyes, and ears.
- What most folks didn’t know was that Jarts had first been banned in 1970 by the Consumer Product Safety Commission who had perceived their danger. The son of the inventor of Jarts, which was now the world’s largest manufacturer of lawn darts, challenged the ban and a compromise was reached. The Commission ruled that Jarts could no longer be marketed or sold as toys or in toy stores. A new warning message was required, reading, “Not a toy for use by children. May cause serious or fatal injury. Read instructions carefully. Keep out of reach of children.” This didn’t stop the sale of Jarts, but it certainly slowed them down.
- David Snow’s unrelenting efforts finally led to the Safety Commission’s review of the matter. During the week of their final vote, an 11-year-old Tennessee girl was seriously injured, and became comatose. The fate of the darts was sealed, with a complete ban on lawn darts occurring in 1988.
- Yet that wasn’t the end of lawn darts. There was no recall of sets that had already been sold, and although most sets had been removed from the U.S. market, one company began selling the darts’ components online.



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This shrub is found among wetlands and along stream banks.

It can tolerate a wide range of soil and light conditions. Growing 4 to 8 feet tall, with graceful arching branches and fragrant bottlebrush-like flower clusters that appear in late spring, it boasts beautiful fall foliage. Its leaf colors range from copper to orange to gold, and last into winter. – Brenda Weaver



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Why You Say It

“Graveyard Shift”



Every industry that operates around the clock has a graveyard shift. Some persons who punch a clock at odd hours think their time of work has some sort of connection with burial places. But the true origin is not quite so obvious. Any thick liquid was called gravy for a long, long time. Only special kinds of gravy went on the table. “Humour running from the eyes” caused some people to be called “gravy-eyed.” In addition to disease, late vigils in bed led to bleary eyes. Sailors who had the watch that started at midnight were often gravy-eyed before they went off duty. That led them to speak of the middle watch as the “gravy-eyed shift.” Landlubbers who heard the expression didn’t fully understand it. Aided by superstitions about cemeteries, the sea-born label became the graveyard shift in industry.

Excerpts taken from the book written by Webb Garrison



Sports Quiz

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. Which sportscaster retired in June 2026 after 34 years at ESPN and anchoring more than 5,500 episodes of “SportsCenter”?
2. In 2022, Alyssa Nakken became the first woman to coach on the field in a Major League Baseball regular-season game when she coached first base for which team?
3. Which Cleveland Browns running back fumbled on the Denver Broncos’ 3-yard line in the 1987 AFC Championship, leading to the Broncos’ 38-33 win?
4. Name the player who defeated Italy’s Omar Camporese in the third round of the 1991 Australian Open tennis tournament in a match that lasted five hours and 11 minutes.
5. Who succeeded Bryan Murray as head coach of the NHL’s Washington Capitals after he was fired in 1990?
6. Which footballer, known for his acrobatic strikes and volatile personality, is the all-time leading scorer for the Swedish men’s national team with 62 goals?
7. IndyCar driver Rinus VeeKay hails from which country?

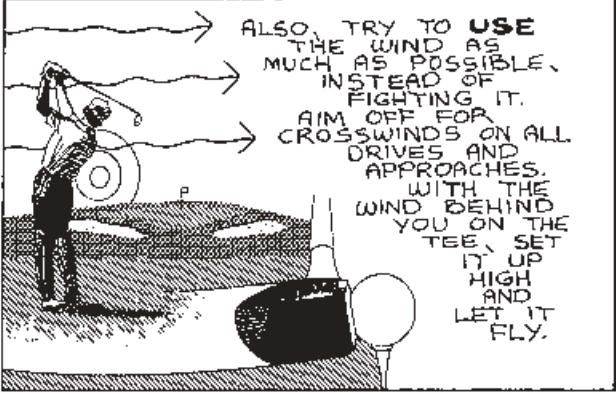
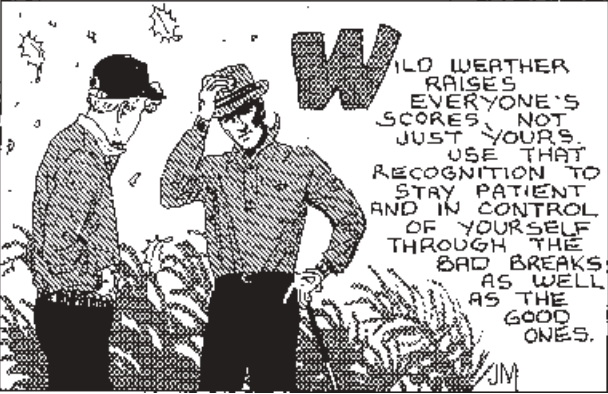


1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only mammal that can’t jump?
2. MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, “They’re young, they’re in love, and they kill people”?
3. HISTORY: When is Labor Day celebrated every year in the United States?
4. LANGUAGE: What’s the name of a punctuation mark that combines a question mark and an exclamation point?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which country was called Kampuchea from 1975 to 1979?
6. ASTRONOMY: What are the names of the twin stars in the GEMINI constellation?
7. MYTHOLOGY: What is the only thing left in Pandora’s box after it was opened?
8. FOOD & DRINK: Which country is associated with the fermented cabbage dish kimchi?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the first president to die in office?
10. TELEVISION: What are the Halloween episodes of “The Simpsons” called?

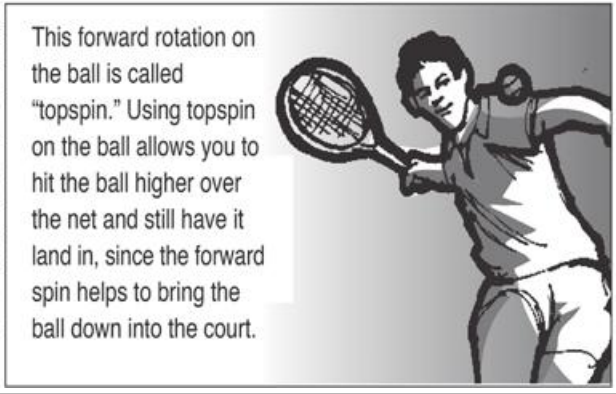
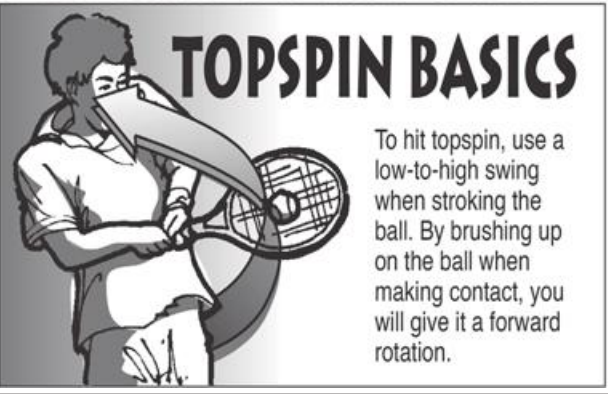
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- A global gathering: The Little League Baseball World Series brings together talented young players from the United States and around the world to compete on one of youth baseball's biggest stages.
- A Pennsylvania tradition: The tournament takes place each year in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, the birthplace of Little League Baseball.
- Two championship showdowns: Teams compete in separate U.S. and International brackets, with championship games determining which two teams advance to the World Series title game.
- The big finish: The U.S. and International Championship games are August 29, followed by the Little League Baseball World Series Championship on August 30.
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ARTIST of the week

Connie Smith

Long before Connie Smith became one of country music’s most respected voices, she was a painfully shy little girl who would hide under the bed if someone caught her singing. Born Constance June Meador on August 14, 1941, in Elkhart, Indiana, Connie grew up in West Virginia and Ohio as one of a large family. Money was often scarce, but the radio was always there. She especially loved the Grand Ole Opry and dreamed of someday singing on its famous stage.

That dream took an unexpected turn in 1963. Connie was a young wife and mother when she entered a talent contest at Frontier Ranch near Columbus, Ohio. Country singer Bill Anderson was impressed enough to encourage her to come to Nashville. Within a year, the former small-town housewife had signed with RCA and walked into a Nashville recording studio for her very first recording session. One of the songs recorded that day was “Once a Day,” a song Anderson had written especially for her. And then—country music history was made. “Once a Day” became Connie Smith’s signature and most popular song, soaring to No. 1 on the country chart for eight consecutive weeks. It was the first debut single by a female country artist to reach No. 1, an extraordinary accomplishment for a woman who had only recently been singing in small-town venues. The song even earned a Grammy nomination and remains one of the most recognizable classics of traditional country music.

Smith followed her spectacular debut with a string of hits including “Then and Only Then,” “If I Talk to Him,” “Ain’t Had No Lovin’,” and “The Hurtin’s All Over.” She ultimately earned 11 Grammy nominations, 20 Top 10 country singles and 31 charting albums. Yet fame never seemed to change her much. Connie was known for being modest and somewhat uncomfortable with celebrity, and the demands of constant touring eventually led her to step back from the spotlight to concentrate more on her family and faith.

Her story, however, was far from over. Smith returned to recording in the late 1990s and continued making music well into the 21st century, often working alongside her husband, country star Marty Stuart. Her contributions to country music were ultimately recognized with induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2012. She was also inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 1965—a remarkable fulfillment of the promise a shy five-year-old girl once made to herself.

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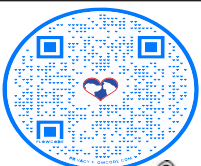
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DEAR HAYLEY: Heartworms in dogs and cats is a very serious infection, so kudos to you for monitoring Oscar through his recovery. Heartworm antigens can continue to show up in post-treatment testing for several weeks. These are proteins released into the bloodstream by adult female heartworms and are the best way for vets to identify the presence of heartworms in a pet. After treatment, dead heartworms and their antigens take time to clear the pet’s system -- and it can take as long as four months. Dogs can harbor quite a few heartworms before showing symptoms. Cats are much more sensitive to the infection -- even a single heartworm can cause symptoms like coughing, appetite loss and lethargy. Internally, an active heartworm infection damages the blood vessels in the lung, causing circulatory and respiratory problems. Extended rest before and after treatment is essential to help heal the damage as much as possible.

Continue antigen testing with the vet on their recommended schedule. This will determine if Oscar’s recovery is on track or if additional treatment is needed.

For healthy pets, prevention is the best way to protect them from heartworms. Their larvae are spread via mosquito bites. A heartworm preventive -- whether a pill, topical medication or an injection -- eliminates the larvae. But it does not eliminate adult heartworms. Annual testing for antigens is important to ensure that potential infections are detected and treated before they cause serious health problems.

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Fun & Interesting

AUGUST PET FACTS

August 26 is National Dog Day!

Your dog's nose is as unique as a human fingerprint! The pattern of ridges and creases on every dog's nose is one of a kind, and some organizations have even explored using nose prints as a form of identification.

The phrase "Dog Days of Summer" doesn't come from lazy dogs stretched out in the shade. It actually dates back thousands of years and refers to the time when Sirius, the Dog Star, rises with the sun. The ancient Greeks associated this period with the hottest days of the year.

Pets can become dehydrated much faster than people in August's heat. A simple way to encourage your dog to drink more water is to toss a few ice cubes into their bowl. Many dogs think it's a fun game --and they'll stay cooler while they play!

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by Dave T. Phipps



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