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TIDBITS® EXPLORES FACT ON THE COLOR PURPLE

by Kathy Wolfe

Lavender, plum, lilac, orchid, mulberry, amethyst, violet, grape, magenta ... no matter your favorite shade, they all add up to purple! This week, *Tidbits* reminds us of some of our favorite things about this vibrant color.

- On the visible spectrum of light, actual purple doesn't exist. The shortest wavelength on the spectrum is actually violet, which, although considered a shade of purple, in reality has more blue, while purple has more red. Purple doesn't have its own wavelength, but is a mixture of others, most often blue and red.
- The color purple has long been associated with royalty, a connection that can be traced back to ancient times. Purple dye was rare and it was costly, and only royalty had the funds to afford it. The dye came from the mucus of the spiny murex sea snail, and was first produced around 1200 B.C. in Tyre, a city in Phoenicia. The extraction process was a long, difficult, smelly, and expensive one, with thousands of snails needed to produce a single ounce of dye. Archaeological expeditions have uncovered mountains of empty snail shells in Tyre and nearby Sidon. Because the Latin name of the murex snail is purpura, that word became

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The Color Purple (continued)

the color purple. The royals loved the color so much, in some places, it was made illegal for any non-royalty person to wear. Queen Elizabeth I, who ruled England from 1558 to 1603, forbade anyone outside of her family to wear purple clothing, and Roman emperors even punished offenders with death!

- At her 1953 coronation, Queen Elizabeth II of England wore the Purple Imperial Robe of Estate, a garment used in all British monarch coronations. The monarch dons the robe right after being crowned. Some monarchs reuse the robes of their ancestors, but most have a new one created using silk, gold threads, pearls, and crystals. Elizabeth’s robe of purple velvet and ermine fur and measured 21 feet in length and weighed 15 lbs. Her son, King Charles III chose to wear his great-grandfather’s Imperial Robe for his coronation.
- Purple dye became much more affordable for the commoners in 1856 when an 18-year-old British chemist, William Henry Perkin, accidentally discovered the process of producing synthetic dye while experimenting with making synthetic quinine to treat malaria. His testing resulted in a purple shade he called mauveine, which was shortened to mauve, named for the mallow flower of the same color. Perkins perfected the process and built a factory, where he produced the dye by the ton. Mauve became very fashionable, made so even more by Queen Victoria’s appearance in a mauve silk gown at the 1862 Royal Exhibition.
- Up until 1464, Roman Catholic cardinals wore Tyrian purple robes. That year, Pope Paul II decreed that cardinals would wear scarlet robes going forward due to the diminishing supply of murex sea snail shells. The red was a symbol of the blood of the martyrs of the Church.
- Purple is the least popular color for cars, accounting for just 0.1% of all cars. What’s the most popular? Nationwide, white is the favorite, with about 26% of registered cars. Black is in second place at 22%.
- Color psychology is a field that claims that colors can have an impact on our moods and behaviors. Purple is often associated with wisdom and enlightenment, creativity and imagination, and inspiration and spirituality. In Japan, purple is indicative of wealth and position, while in parts of Europe, the color is linked to death and mourning. Light purples denote light-hearted, romantic energies, with darker ones representing sadness or frustration. In the world of romance, purple is indicative of passion and a deep connection.
- The Purple Heart is America’s oldest military award and is award to those wounded or killed while serving in the U.S. military. It was originally called the Badge of Military Merit, created by George Washington in 1782 when he was commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Washington’s

intent was to give to soldiers for “commendable action.” The Badge was made of a heart of purple cloth. In 1931, the award was redesigned to include a bust and profile of George Washington, a design that was first issued on the 200th anniversary of his birth, February 22, 1932.

- Can you think of any words that rhyme with purple? Some say there aren’t any, but the Merriam-Webster Dictionary disputes that claim. That book features two words, curple and hirple. A curple is related to a horse, with one definition meaning the horse’s rump and another referring to a strap under the horse’s saddle that stops the saddle from moving forward. To hirple is simply to walk with a limp. The Urban Dictionary, which lists slang and cultural phrases, includes the word turple, which describes an annoying, aggressive, or cocky person.
- “Purple Day” is a celebration held in March every year, but it’s not to honor the actual color. It’s a day for spreading awareness of epilepsy and donating to epilepsy foundations. A Canadian 8-year-old named Cassidy Megan was diagnosed with epilepsy at age 7, and at 8, in the midst of her struggles, established Purple Day to help people understand the condition. More than 100 countries now celebrate Purple Day on March 26, a day when people are encouraged to wear the color.
- Foods that are naturally purple, such as grapes, eggplant, purple cabbage, and certain berries, are on the list of healthy foods. This is due to a compound in them known as anthocyanins, flavonoids that are rich in antioxidants that defend the body against harmful molecules.
- Although we think of carrots as orange vegetables, in ancient Persia, most carrots were purple and were used not only as a food but also as a medicinal herb. In the 1500s, the Dutch began cross-pollination to create hybrids that resulted in a more pest-resistant orange variety, which actually tasted better.
- The Purple K fire extinguisher is specifically designed for a particular use. These extinguishers are used for Class B fires, which are flammable liquid and gas fires, involving gasoline, propane, and solvents, as well as Class C fires, electrical equipment fires. The active ingredient that combats the fire is potassium bicarbonate, with the “K” in the name representing potassium on the periodic table of the elements. The powdered particles of potassium bicarbonate decompose in extreme heat, releasing carbon dioxide and water vapor.
- There are several peaks known as Purple Mountain in the United States, including the 8,392-foot-high peak in Wyoming in Yellowstone National Park. Alaska, Oregon, Washington, and Colorado have also named mountains after this color.

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by Matilda Charles

Keeping an Eye on Grocery Shopping

If you’ve done your grocery shopping at the same store for a long time, believing that they have the best prices in town, it might be time to revisit that thought. I just discovered that the big box store where I’ve shopped isn’t the lower cost choice I thought it was.

I discovered this when looking at the website of the store to check availability of an item and then looked at the websites for the two other stores in town. I was shocked to see that my store was much higher in price on several of the items on my regular list. I don’t know when this happened, but now that I know.

It looks like we’re going to have to keep a constant eye on pricing to keep as many of our dollars as we can. Here are a few suggestions:

Compare the websites for all the stores near you. Make a little chart of the items you normally buy and see who really is the cheapest. Check your list every month.

When you do go, shop from a list. Don’t let yourself be tempted to impulsively buy extra items unless you spot a great deal on an end-of-aisle display and can stock up a bit.

Try the store brands. In many cases store brands are actually made in brand name facilities.

Sign up for loyalty cards. The rewards from those can add up. Sometimes you’ll get coupons sent via email.

Buy in bulk, if it makes financial sense to do that. And, if it makes sense, make large batches of meals you can freeze. Do the math.

And (although many of us don’t like to do it) use the food bank. Let them give you what they will, and fill in the blanks with your own shopping.



Writers who compose with tremendous imagination or who lean toward exaggeration and even outright lies are said to be engaging in “purple prose.”



The Camas-Washougal Community Chest was formed in 1946 to coordinate fundraising for local nonprofits and we are still going strong! The CWCC is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors and in recent years, we’ve been able to distribute over 97% of donations back to the community. We require grant recipients to provide services within the Camas-Washougal area, submit reports on how grant funds were used, and be involved with education, youth education, health and welfare, natural resource conservation, aiding those with special needs, crisis and emergency services, diversity, equity, and inclusion, or other charitable and civic endeavors.

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The menu offers plenty of choices for first-timers, including Adana and lamb kebabs, döner, mixed grill platters, Turkish pide and lahmacun. The Royal Meze Platter is made for sharing, while the pistachio baklava makes a sweet finale. One recent customer favorite is the mixed kebab platter, which brings several grilled specialties together on one plate.

Tidbits Tip: Bring a hungry table and order several dishes to share — Turkish dining is made for passing plates around!

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Clark County’s food scene is getting a fresh helping of flavor! From Turkish kebabs and smoky barbecue to steaming soup dumplings, several new restaurants have opened their doors in 2026. If you’re looking for somewhere new to put on your dining radar, these three newcomers are already giving locals plenty of reasons to grab a fork and dig in.



LIL PIG LIL PIG

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There’s a new pig in town — and this one knows its way around a smoker! Lil Pig Lil Pig opened in Uptown Village in June 2026, serving up wood-fired barbecue, rotisserie meats, scratch-made sides and a full bar. Housed in a charming older home on Main Street, the restaurant combines a casual smokehouse with a neighborhood hangout, complete with porch seating and a selection of local beer, cider and cocktails.

The menu features pulled pork, pork belly, brisket, smoked chicken and rotisserie specialties, with several meats available as plates or sandwiches. The Lil Pig Burger has also become a popular choice, while sides such as house-cut fries and green-chile pork rice add something beyond the usual barbecue lineup. Recent local diners have particularly praised the pork belly, brisket and pulled pork, although some popular meats can sell out — especially brisket.

Tidbits Tip: If brisket is calling your name, arrive early — the good stuff can disappear before dinner!



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XIN DING DUMPLING HOUSE



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Get ready to grab those chopsticks! Xin Ding Dumpling House opened in May 2026 near Vancouver Mall, transforming the former Shari’s location into a lively sit-down restaurant specializing in handmade dumplings, soup dumplings, noodles and Chinese specialties. The Vancouver location is part of the Xin Ding restaurant family and has quickly attracted diners looking for soup-filled dumplings and a broader Chinese menu.

The menu is made for sharing, with favorites including soup dumplings, wontons in chili sauce, shrimp dumplings, green onion pancakes, noodles and salt-and-pepper shrimp. Recent diners have especially praised the soup dumplings, shrimp dishes and lamb specialties. The restaurant has also become popular enough that waits can stretch during busy periods, so timing your visit can make a difference.

Tidbits Tip: Bring a group, order several baskets and make a meal of it — just remember that the soup inside those dumplings is HOT!

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* On Oct. 6, 1908, the Dual Monarchy of Austria-Hungary announced its annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, dual provinces in the Balkan region of Europe that were formerly under the Ottoman Empire's control.

* On Oct. 7, 1916, in what proved to be the most wildly lopsided game in college football's history, Georgia Tech, coached by John Heisman (the namesake of college football's most famous trophy), took a 63-0 lead in the first quarter against Cumberland University, eventually trouncing their opponent with a final score of 222-0.

* On Oct. 8, 1957, a piano-thumping, bible-school dropout named Jerry Lee Lewis gave the music world what would become the definitive version of "Great Balls of Fire" for Sun Records. Hours into the session, Lewis began arguing with the label's head, Sam Phillips, that the song was "too sinful" for him to record, but Phillips prevailed and the tune quickly became Lewis' second smash hit, after "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On."

* On Oct. 9 2004, Afghans made history by holding their first direct presidential election. Despite security concerns, more than 10 million Afghans had registered to vote, 41% of them women; approximately 8.1 million ultimately cast ballots.

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Make an Easy Zucchini Soup the Hit of the Season

“Go pick anything that’s bigger than your arm!” says Becca Newhouse, as 4-year-old son Ellis grabs a bucket and scampers off to the zucchini patch in their family garden. “If he sees a veggie that’s too ripe, he chucks it over the fence to the chickens,” she adds with a smile.

Becca knows firsthand that when kids dig in and help in the garden, the experience informs their eating habits. “Ellis actually asked for beets for lunch recently, a food he wouldn’t touch if he saw them in the grocery store. He eats handfuls of flavorful lettuce, although he still hesitates on the chard,” she admits.

When zucchini are in abundance, the nutritious squash will go from their plot to their plates in tempting presentations, whether they’re grilled, baked, boiled, sauteed, or hiding in a home-baked bread.

Even if you haven’t “grown your own,” you can provide a hands-on learning experience with your kids by taking a weekend jaunt to designated pick-your-own farms and orchards. Or bike together to an urban farmer’s market and check out the colorful displays. When you do, bring home plenty of zucchini and try this mild zucchini soup. Since you don’t have to peel this vegetable, the recipe goes together in minutes.

EASY ZUCCHINI SOUP

- Makes 6-8 servings
- 4 tablespoons butter
 - 1 large onion, roughly chopped
 - 4 cups chicken stock
 - 5-6 medium-size zucchini (about 2 1/4 pounds)
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons nutmeg
 - Salt to taste
 - 1/2 cup half-and-half

Let your school-age child wash the zucchini and cut it into 1-inch chunks with a butter knife on a cutting board. Be sure that the ends are trimmed off.

Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large soup pot. Add onion and cook until the onions are soft but not brown, about 5 minutes.

Add stock and zucchini. The broth should just cover the chunks. Add nutmeg and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Lower heat and simmer until zucchini is very soft, about 12-15 minutes.

Use an immersion hand blender to blend the ingredients. Or let soup cool (important!) and process in batches in a blender or food processor until smooth. Return the soup to the pot.

Stir in half-and-half, season with more salt if you wish, and heat through. Serve in a mug or soup bowl with a sandwich and fresh fruit on the side.

Cook’s Note: The soup freezes well.



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TIDBITS

NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

I never saw a Purple Cow,
I never hope to see one;
But I can tell you, anyhow,
I’d rather see than be one.
... 1895 poem by Gelett Burgess



Purple has been a frequent idea in the world of music, as you’ll see from this week’s *Tidbits* facts.

- American songwriter Sheb Wooley called his 1958 novelty song “The Purple People Eater,” a song he wrote in an hour, “undoubtedly the worst song he had ever written.” Apparently, listeners didn’t agree as the song rose to #1 on the Billboard pop charts that year. It told the story of a strange creature from outer space – a “one-eyed, one-horned, flying, purple people eater” – who came to Earth with the desire to be in a rock ‘n’ roll band.
- Jimi Hendrix released “Purple Haze” in March 1967, after recording the song in just four hours. Hendrix wrote the lyrics on the day after Christmas in 1966, and claimed the words were based on a dream in which he was engulfed while walking under the sea. Although he maintained the song wasn’t related to drugs, the lyrics could be interpreted as an experience while on a hallucinogenic trip.
- The American musician Prince (born Prince Rogers Nelson) released “Purple Rain” in 1984, and the song climbed to Number 2 on the Billboard Hot 100. Thirty-two years later, upon the death of Prince, “Purple Rain” re-entered the Hot 100, reaching Number 4. In 2007, Prince was the featured artist at the Super Bowl XLI halftime show, and as he performed the song as the last of his performance, it began to rain upon a stage and stadium lit with purple lights. “Purple Rain” was also the final song of his final concert, just a week before his death in April 2016.
- Country rock band New Riders of the Purple Sage was founded in San Francisco in 1969, with an original lineup that included several members of the Grateful Dead, including Jerry Garcia on pedal steel guitar.
- The song “Deep Purple” was a big hit for big band orchestras in the 1930s and 1940s. Originally composed as a piano solo in 1933, lyrics

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were added in 1938, and it became a standard for several famous orchestras. Little did composer Peter DeRose know in 1933 that his song would be the inspiration for the name of one of the pioneers in the genre of heavy metal and hard rock music in the 1970s. The song was the favorite of the grandmother of British guitarist Ritchie Blackmore, who proposed changing the name of his band Roundabout to Deep Purple in his grandmother’s honor. Their most famous album, “Machine Head,” featured the song “Smoke on the Water,” written after the band members witnessed a devastating fire at the Montreux Casino on Switzerland’s Lake Geneva in 1971. The complex organ solos were performed by a classically trained organist, Jon Lord, who was inspired by the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. In 1972, the band made history as the loudest when they performed a concert at London’s Rainbow Theatre, when the sound reached 117 decibels. It was so loud that three members of the audience fell unconscious due to the acoustic pressure. The band has experienced sales of upwards of 100 million records.

- In 1975, singer/songwriter Mac Davis released “Biff the Friendly Purple Bear,” a country song about the friendship between a toy bear and a young boy navigating through childhood. The lyrics were from the point of view of the boy’s wooden play horse.
- How many of these purple songs do you recognize? Zach Bryan is responsible for 2024’s “Purple Gas,” while Kendrick Lamar recorded “Purple Hearts” in 2022. Country crooner Dwight Yoakam covered Prince’s “Purple Rain” in 2016, and Gwen Stefani released “Purple Irises” in 2024.

TIDBITS QUOTE

“Purple haze all around, don’t know if I’m coming up or down.”
– Jimi Hendrix, “Purple Haze”

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By Terry and Kim Kovel

Memento Mori



What could be creepier than drinking out of a skull? Porcelain manufacturers in Germany have been making skull-shaped steins for hundreds of years. The one pictured here, which sold for \$343 at Fox Auctions, was created by Ernst Bohne Sohne. This company started as a decorating studio in 1848 and was taken over by Gebruder Heubach, famous for their porcelain dolls, about 1919.

As popular as skull steins were, they were traditionally meant for a different occasion than Halloween and carried a meaning that was more moralistic than morbid. Notice that the skull rests on a book, a common design. They were graduation gifts for students, and not just medical students. They were a form of memento mori, a reminder that, because death comes for everyone, it is important to live a life of virtue -- or, in this case, to take the opportunity to celebrate when you can.

Like most skull-on-book signs, the book is marked “Gaudeamus Igitur,” from a popular graduation song whose line “Gaudeamus igitur, juvenes dum sumus” translates to “Let us rejoice while we are young.” While it’s especial-

ly appropriate for graduation ceremonies, the idea of “rejoicing while we’re young” isn’t out of place on Halloween. It sounds like a pretty good way to describe trick-or-treating. For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com.

Fun Fact

Philadelphia’s Fairmount Park Commission distributed the first U.S. license plates in 1900, in the form of leather tags.

In the last few years, specialty license plate design options number in the thousands, reflecting all kinds of interests.

Source: history.com

FLASHBACK
POP, ROCK & SOUL
TRIVIA
BY MICK HARPER

1. Which singer provided the sound track for the 1989 movie “When Harry Met Sally”?

2. Which duo wrote and released “So Sad”?

3. What was the name of the camp in Allan Sherman’s “Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh!”?

4. What was the name of the bridge in “Ode to Billie Joe”?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “You drove me, nearly drove me out of my head, While you never shed a tear, Remember, I remember all that you said.”

Answers

1. Harry Connick Jr. He covered big band standards such as “Love Is Here to Stay” and “Stompin’ at the Savoy.” The soundtrack climbed the Traditional Jazz chart to reach No. 1 while Connick netted a Grammy for Best Jazz Male Vocal Performance.

2. The Everly Brothers, in 1960. The song has been covered by several others over the years, including Emmylou Harris and Connie Smith.

3. Camp Granada, in 1963. It won a Grammy including Emmylou Harris and Connie Smith.

4. Tallulahatchie Bridge.

5. “Cry Me a River,” by Julie London, in 1955. London’s version was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2001. Others have released covers, including Joe Cocker and Michael Bublé.

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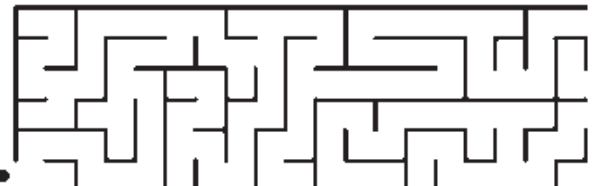
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Kids' Maze



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: T equals M

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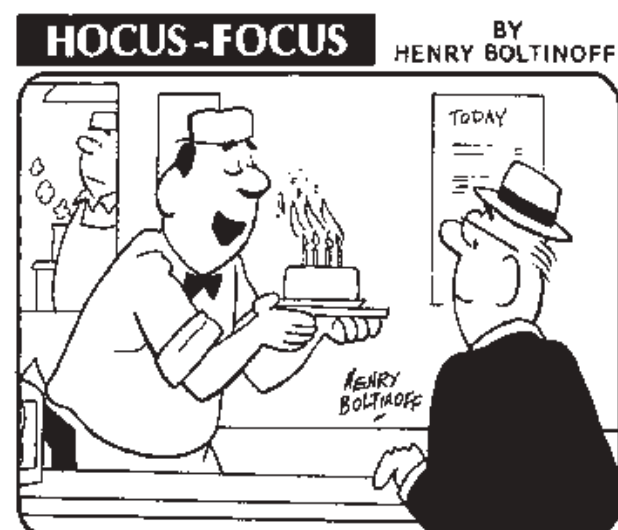
WORD POWER

Unscramble this word:

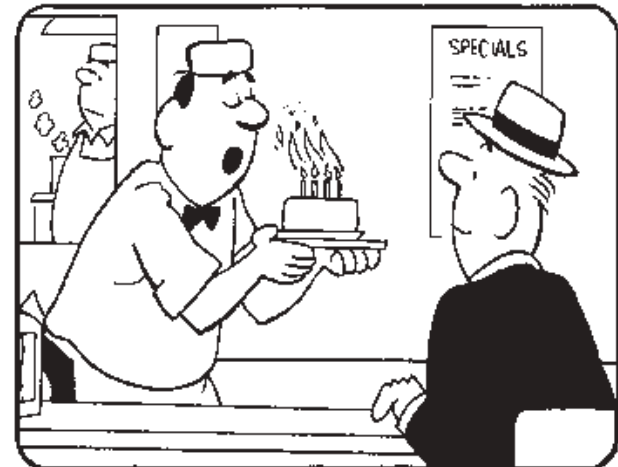
IRGUAEBEN

Another word for eggplant





Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Word is different. 2. Classes are missing. 3. Sleeve is different. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Back of stool is added. 6. Mouth is

By Lucie Winborne

* In ancient Egyptian mummification, onions were sometimes used to fill body cavities, even serving on occasion as false eyes.

* About 90% of all harvested olives are turned into olive oil.

* Fijian war chief Ratu Udre Udre holds the rather dubious distinction of being the most active cannibal in recorded history, with a reported consumption of between 872 and 999 people during his lifetime.

* Teenagers naturally experience a biological shift that causes them to fall asleep later than adults.

* The red poinsettia originated in Mexico and is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States ambassador to Mexico in the early 19th century.

* Sheep only have teeth in their lower jaw and use a hard upper palate to break down food.

* Every second, the sun delivers about 173,000 terawatts of energy to Earth, which is more than 10,000 times the amount of power used by humans.

* Although English is the country's most widely spoken language, the United States has never designated an official language at the federal level, though some states have at their level.

* The video game industry consistently brings in more money than Hollywood.

* Basketball shorts were short until 1984, when Michael Jordan petitioned the NBA for longer ones.

Thought for the Day: "Civilizations should be measured by the degree of diversity attained and the degree of unity retained." -- W.H. Auden

Super Crossword JOURNALISTIC SET

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someone	71 Suddenly	113 "La-la" lead-in	12 Radio toggle	59 H-bomb, e.g.	singer Jon
barking	blazing stars	116 "Jay —	letters	60 "Lummox"	103 Shin's place
orders	73 Pungent	Garage"	13 Actress	author Fannie	105 Soldier's
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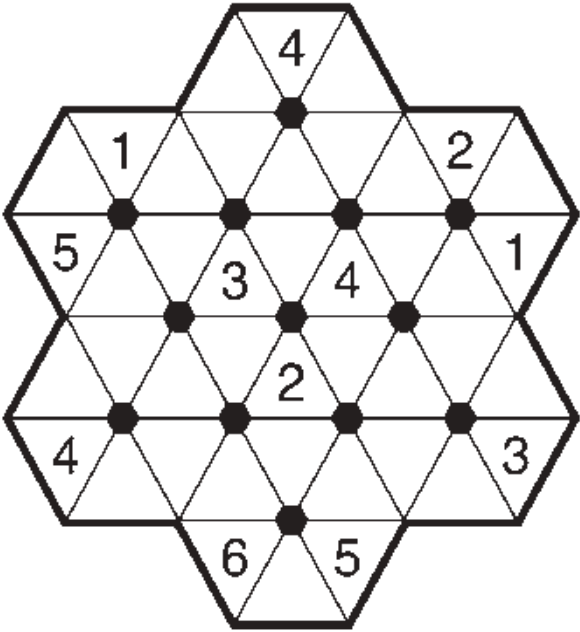
Puzzles and Games



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

● **ANIMALS FOUND IN THE SAHARA**

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: LARGE FLIGHTLESS BIRD

Baboon	Gerbil	Hyena	Ravens
Cobras	Grogs	Jackal	Snails
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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!

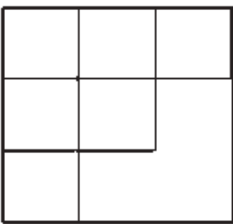
TRIVIA NEWSFRONT

- What patriotic anthem speaks of "purple mountain majesty"?
- Name the Biblical woman who sold purple cloth.
- What NFL team used the term "Purple People Eaters" to describe their defensive line?
- What musical artist released "Purple Heather" in 1973, a song based on the Scottish folk song, "Wild Mountain Thyme"?
- The 8th-century literary work The Iliad makes mention of the use of royal purple. Name the author of his epic tale.

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

What is the fewest number of square sheets of paper of any size that can be placed over each other to form the pattern below? Consider the sheets to be transparent.





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!

Mull

ENDROP

Shine

SHIPLO

Bore

CREEPI

Deli

MAILAS

TODAY'S WORD

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. Recluse	H _ _ _ _ _	Sesame Street frog	K _ _ _ _ _
2. Translucent	_ _ _ _ R	Luster	_ _ _ _ N
3. Defonate	_ L _ _ _	Monster	_ E _ _ _
4. Wisconsin's animal	_ _ D _ _	Grocery store worker	_ _ G _ _
5. Bullwinkle	_ _ O _ _	Rat's smaller cousin	_ _ U _ _
6. Georgia's fruit	_ _ A _ _	Roost	_ _ R _ _
7. Thirsty fabric	E _ _ _ _	Linger	_ _ A _ _
8. Slapstick, e.g.	_ _ _ _ _ D _	Attractive	_ _ _ _ _ L _
9. Closet accessory	_ A _ _ _ _	Appetite	_ _ U _ _ _
10. Ditch	T _ _ _ _ _	Parisian language	F _ _ _ _ _

WORD SPIRAL

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		O	T

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

Living in Clark County

WALTON’S FARMS PUMPKIN PATCH

1617 NE 267th Ave., Camas, WA

If you’re looking for a pumpkin-patch outing on the Camas side of the county, **Walton’s Farms** is a great local choice. This family-run farm has become a favorite for those wanting to enjoy the simple pleasures of fall —picking out a pumpkin, wandering through the corn maze and enjoying a train ride around the farm. Its smaller, down-home atmosphere gives it a distinctly local feel.

Walton’s is particularly appealing if you want a fall adventure that doesn’t feel overwhelming. Grab the family, put on your favorite flannel, take a ride, find a pumpkin and enjoy a little country scenery close to home. It’s the kind of place that reminds us that some of the best autumn memories don’t have to be complicated—sometimes all you need is a pumpkin, a crisp afternoon and people you love.



Pumpkin-patch dates and hours can change from year to year, so check with each farm before heading out—especially later in October when weather and pumpkin availability can affect operations.

VANCOUVER PUMPKIN PATCH AT VELVET ACRES GARDENS

18905 NE 83rd St, Vancouver, WA 98682



Sometimes you don’t need a giant festival to enjoy fall—you just need a beautiful pumpkin field, a hayride and a little time to soak up the season. **Vancouver Pumpkin Patch at Velvet Acres Gardens** offers that classic farm experience in east Vancouver. The family-friendly patch features pumpkins, a corn maze, hayrides, a covered hay pyramid and a petting zoo, making it an especially nice choice for families with younger children.

There’s also something wonderfully nostalgic about wandering through the pumpkin rows looking for the one. Visitors can choose from pumpkins and gourds while enjoying the farm atmosphere, then stop by the farm store for locally grown goodies and other seasonal treats. It’s a cozy, easygoing way to celebrate autumn without having to turn the day into a major production—and sometimes simple is exactly what makes a fall outing special.

POMEROY FARM PUMPKIN LANE

20902 NE Lucia Falls Rd, Yacolt, WA 98675

For a pumpkin-patch experience with a little history and a whole lot of charm, head to **Pomeroy Farm** in Yacolt. The highlight is Pumpkin Lane, where visitors climb aboard a hayride and travel through a whimsical world filled with the farm’s famous Pumpkin People. It’s part pumpkin patch, part storybook adventure—and one of those local fall traditions that feels especially magical when the leaves are turning and the fields are glowing with autumn color.

Once you arrive at the patch, there’s time to find the pumpkin that deserves a place on your front porch. The historic farm setting, hayrides, farm animals and old-fashioned atmosphere make Pomeroy a wonderful choice for families and anyone who prefers a more relaxed, nostalgic fall outing. If your idea of the perfect October day includes a scenic drive, a hayride and plenty of photo-worthy fall moments, put Pomeroy Farm on the list!



BI-ZI FARMS PUMPKIN PATCH

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If you’re looking for the full pumpkin-patch experience, **Bi-Zi Farms** is hard to beat. This longtime Vancouver favorite turns its farm into a fall wonderland with a pumpkin patch, wagon rides, corn maze, farm animals and plenty of activities for kids. Visitors can take a hayride out to the pumpkin fields, choose a pumpkin to take home and enjoy a complimentary hot drink with admission. There’s even a pumpkin launcher for those who like their fall fun with a little extra excitement!

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WATERBEDS



Do you remember when waterbeds were all the rage? This week, *Tidbits* floats readers some facts about the history of this nighttime trend.

- When we think of waterbeds, the 1970s and 1980s probably come to mind. However, the ancient Persians slept on water-filled goatskin bags more than 3,600 years ago. In more modern times, a type of waterbed was first invented in 1833 by a Scottish physician. Neil Arnott designed “Dr. Arnott’s Hydrostatic Bed” to prevent patients’ bedsores. It consisted of a warm bath topped with a layer of rubberized canvas, then covered with light bedding, and sealed to prevent leaks. The good doctor failed to patent it, opening the door for anyone to build the same design.
- A waterbed was mentioned in an 1855 novel, used for the ailing heroine. Newspapers posted a request from the USA Medical and Hospital Department, seeking suppliers for “water-beds, India Rubber Cushions, for air or water.” Waterbeds for used for “invalids” in 1871 in New York, and even Mark Twain mentioned them in one of his articles in an 1871 edition of “The New York Times.” Twain informed readers that “in the infirmary will be kept one or two water-beds for invalids whose pains will not allow them to be on a less-yielding substance...”
- A design student at San Francisco State University, Charles Prior Hall from Bainbridge Island, Washington, invented the modern waterbed. His original prototype was a vinyl bag filled with 300 lbs. of cornstarch, and another filled with Jell-O. Hall progressed to a mattress filled with water, presenting his creation as part of his Master’s thesis in 1968. The entire class was invited to jump and play on the bed, giving it rave reviews.
- Hall received Patent #3,585,356 in 1971 for his “liquid support for human bodies.” He founded a manufacturing and sales company, Innerspace Environments, that same year. Even though it was impossible to keep others from creating their own version of waterbeds, Hall’s business grew to be the leading waterbed retailer, with 30 stores.
- While some folks preferred free-flow, or full-wave mattresses without any internal fiber layers, others liked a semi-waveless mattress that reduced the motion. Waveless mattresses used baffles to create a bed with little or no waves, separating the water into multiple compartments and eliminating the need for the rigid wood frame. Heating units underneath the bladder controlled an optimal temperature of 78 to 90 F.
- Sales of waterbeds continued to climb, and at their peak in the mid-1980s, waterbeds accounted for 22% of the mattress industry, more than one in every five beds sold in America. Yet by 2013, that figure had declined to less than 5% of new bed sales.

- What led to the decline of popularity? First and foremost was that they were high maintenance. The beds held hundreds of gallons of water, which made them difficult to move, requiring an electric pump to siphon out the water. Bleach or water conditioners had to be added regularly to prevent the growth of algae. There was always the risk of leaks and property damage from the water. The wooden frames were extremely heavy and cumbersome. Many apartment complexes banned their use. The introduction of the first commercial memory foam mattress in the early 1990s offered a simpler, comfortable sleep option, leading to the further weakening of waterbed sales.

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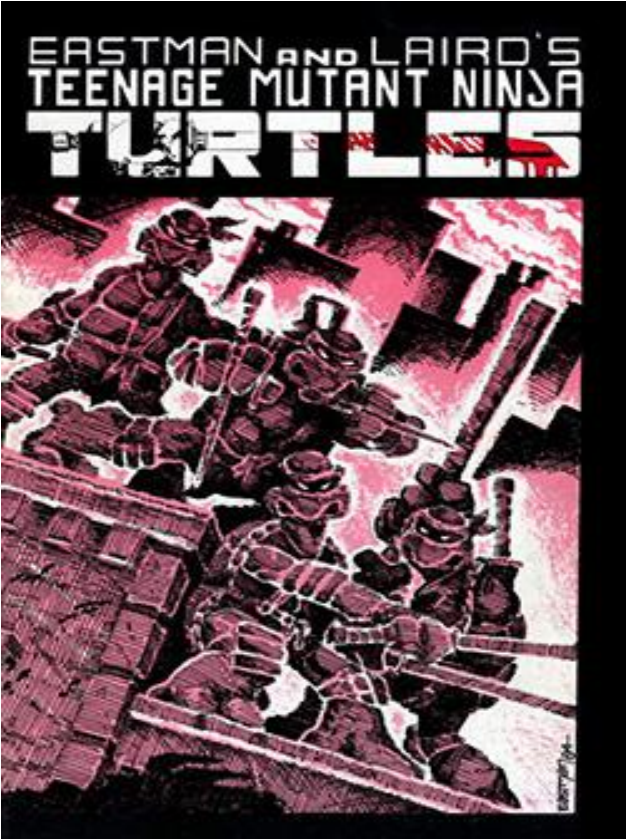
Chinese think and speak of the working of opposite cosmic forces in terms of yin and yang. Americans, more versed in technology than in philosophy, say that every argument and each set of principles has a ‘flip side.’ Though the expression is too firmly entrenched in speech to face an early demise, the technology that produced it is virtually obsolete. Tape cassettes wreaked havoc in the phonograph record industry; compact discs have sounded its death knell. But in its heyday, the revolving platter ruled popular music in the western world. Practically every song that went through the top of the charts was accompanied by another that didn’t rival it in popularity. Cut into the reverse face of a record, this musical hitchhiker was noticeably different from its companion. Which meant that practically every record had its flip side - a second recording that gave listeners a quite different impression from that produced by the first.

Excerpts taken from the book written by Webb Garrison



“Heart is what separates the good from the great.”
— Michael Jordan

Toys & Games
TMNT



Cover of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles No. 1 (May 1984). Wikimedia Commons.

Cowabunga, Dude! This week, *Tidbits* checks out the facts on the multi-billion dollar franchise known as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

- Back in 1983, two comic book artists, Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird, were drawing silly cartoons in an attempt to make the other laugh. Eastman drew a parody of a superhero, a masked turtle standing on its hind legs, armed with nunchucks, a traditional Asian martial arts weapon. The pair had a good laugh when Laird added the label “teenage mutant.” Realizing they might be on to something, Eastman and Laird tweaked the drawing and began developing the image into a comic book.
- One turtle expanded into four brothers, with the storyline of baby turtles being exposed to radioactive goo, which mutated them into humanoids, with the mission of fighting evil in New York City. The Turtles live in the city’s sewers and are famous for their love of pizza.
- When it came to naming the turtles, the artists initially considered Japanese names but settled on the names of four Renaissance artists – Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael, and Michelangelo. Each has his own particular fighting style and color-coded mask. Leonardo, the leader, wears a blue bandana, and is a skilled swordsman who brandishes two “katana,” Japanese swords with a curved, single-edged blade used by the Samurai. Donatello’s bandana is purple. His skill is a keen intelligence that enables him to invent specialized gadgets and vehicles. His weapon is a “bo,” a long hardwood staff. Raphael, who wears a red bandana, is the strongest turtle, but also quick-tempered. He carries a “sai,” a three-pronged Japanese weapon. The fastest and most nimble turtle is Michelangelo, a fun-loving personality, who wears an orange bandana and is skilled with nunchucks consisting of two wooden sticks connected at the ends by a short metal chain. Each turtle also wears a belt buckle emblazoned with his first initial.
- Eastman and Laird combined their resources -- a \$500 tax return, a bank balance of \$200, and a \$1,300 loan from Eastman’s uncle – to create an at-home comic book company they named Mirage Studios. There was enough money for a 3,000-copy run and an ad in the Comic Buyer’s Guide. The ad led to orders from distributors, and all 3,000 copies were gone within a few weeks. The orders kept coming, so the men printed an additional 6,000, which sold out nearly immediately, generating enough profit to pay back the uncle and split \$200.
- Eastman and Laird intended the Turtles to be a one-time comic book, but gave it another try in January 1985. The results were immediate orders for 15,000 of Issue #2, and another 30,000 reprints of the first issue. Issue #3 followed with 50,000, and by the time they reached issue #8, orders were for 135,000.
- In 1987, the characters were licensed to Playmates Toys for a collection of action figures. Over the next five years, more than \$1.1 billion worth of Turtles toys were sold. Only G.I. Joe and Star Wars figures had more sales. By 1994, merchandise sales had exceeded \$6 billion.
- An animated TV series came along in 1987, followed by a feature-length movie in 1990, the year’s fourth-highest grossing film. There are Turtle-themed rides at the Meadowlands amusement park and at Minnesota’s Mall of America. In 1990, there was even a musical album entitled “Coming Out of Their Shells,” followed by a concert tour, with Leonardo on bass guitar, Donatello on keyboards, Michelangelo on guitar, and Raphael on drums and saxophone, with music provided by several studio musicians.
- That original 1983 drawing was sold at a May 2012 auction for \$71,700.

These creatures are not insects; they are actually tiny crustaceans that have adapted to living on land. They have gills, and are closely related to lobsters, shrimp, and crayfish. They are usually less than ½ an inch long and are dark grey with seven pairs of legs. They can roll into a ball when disturbed, hence their common name “roly-polies.” They are experts at converting decaying organic matter, so you can gently relocate them to your compost pile.

— Brenda Weaver

Source: missouribotanicalgarden.org



Sports Quiz

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. Which Brooklyn Dodgers catcher suffered a broken neck and paralysis in a 1958 auto accident that ended his Hall of Fame career?
2. In 2012, Australia’s Rhein Gibson set a Guinness World Record for the lowest 18-hole round of golf with what score?
3. Which team selected UC Berkeley quarterback Steve Bartkowski with the first overall pick in the 1975 NFL Draft?
4. In 1939, Australian tennis player Adrian Quist developed which athletic shoe that is still in production?
5. Who has two NBA record streaks - 157 (2014-16) and 268 (2018-23) - of regular-season games with a 3-point shot made?
6. Toni Sailer, who swept all three alpine skiing events at the 1956 Cortina d’Ampezzo Winter Olympics, competed for which country?
7. Name the IndyCar driver who won the inaugural editions of the Java House Grand Prix of Arlington in Texas and the Freedom 250 Grand Prix in Washington, D.C., in 2026?



1. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel “The Invisible Man”?
2. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Topkapi Palace located?
3. ASTRONOMY: How long is a year on the planet Mars?
4. MOVIES: What is the name of the sea witch in the animated film “The Little Mermaid”?
5. ANATOMY: What is the average lifespan of a red blood cell?
6. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMI?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the three secondary colors in traditional color theory?
8. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features the Bluth family?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of jellyfish commonly called?
10. GAMES: How many squares are on a checkerboard?

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Little Known Sports Facts

you may be surprised about!

October is packed with big games, legendary moments and sports history—but some of the most interesting stories are the ones you may have never heard! Here are five little-known sports facts that might just surprise even the biggest fan.

- The very first modern World Series began October 1, 1903, between the Boston Americans and Pittsburgh Pirates. Unlike today's best-of-seven format, it was best-of-nine. Boston eventually won 5–3.
- On October 1, 1903, Pittsburgh's Jimmy Sebring hit the first home run in World Series history. It wasn't a towering shot into the stands—it was an inside-the-park home run, scored against legendary pitcher Cy Young.
- It took until October 13, 1971 for the World Series to finally play a game under the lights. Game 4 between the Pittsburgh Pirates and Baltimore Orioles was the first nighttime Fall Classic game—after 397 World Series games had been played during the day.
- The 1971 World Series night game attracted an estimated 63 million television viewers, making it the largest prime-time sports television audience at that point. Talk about a big night at the ballpark!
- During the 1903 World Series in Pittsburgh, spectators crowded so close to the outfield that a ball rolling underneath the rope separating fans from the field was ruled a ground-rule triple. There were 17 of them in just four games played at Exposition Park!

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ARTIST
of the week

Jack Greene

Before he became one of country music’s most recognizable balladeers, **Jack Greene** was a singing drummer who caught the ear of none other than Ernest Tubb. Born January 7, 1930, in Maryville, Tennessee, Greene got his start in radio before heading to Atlanta, where he played guitar, bass and drums with various country bands. In 1962, Ernest Tubb hired him as the drummer for the Texas Troubadours—and Greene quickly proved he could do more than keep the beat. Tubb often introduced him as his “big-eared singing drummer,” and eventually encouraged Greene to step out from behind the drum kit and pursue a solo career.

That advice paid off in a big way. Greene’s rich, unmistakable voice became the centerpiece of his 1966 smash “There Goes My Everything,” which spent seven weeks at No. 1 and helped make 1967 one of the biggest years of his career. That same year, he became a member of the Grand Ole Opry and swept the Country Music Association’s major awards, taking home Male Vocalist, Single, Album and Song of the Year honors. More hits followed, including “All the Time,” “You Are My Treasure,” “Until My Dreams Come True” and “Statue of a Fool.”

Greene also found a successful musical partner in Jeannie Seely. Their recordings, including “Wish I Didn’t Have to Miss You,” became favorites during the late 1960s and early ‘70s, while their touring show became a popular attraction. Greene remained a beloved Opry performer for decades, earning the affectionate nickname “The Jolly Greene Giant” thanks to his towering stature and easygoing personality. He died in Nashville in 2013 at age 83, leaving behind a catalog filled with classic country heartbreak—and a voice that could make even a sad song sound like an old friend telling you a story.

FUN FACT: Greene was more than just a singer and drummer—he was also a bit of a backstage handyman. During his days with Ernest Tubb, he sometimes had to double as a mechanic when the band’s tour bus acted up! And in one of those wonderfully odd pieces of country-music history, Greene became the only Grand Ole Opry star to appear in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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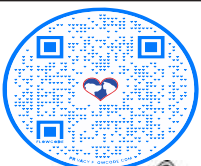
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DEAR JETHRO: Talk to Shelly’s veterinarian first. They can recommend specific professional training, socialization techniques, and can also prescribe medication to calm your dog. A calm dog is easier to work with, so any training will be more effective.

With rescue dogs, it can be difficult to imagine what their life was like before they ended up at a shelter. The shelter experience itself can be stressful. Building a daily routine for Shelly -- always feeding, walking and training at the same time -- helps reassure him that you are not abandoning him. He’s part of your family and always will be.

Keep working on basic commands while you research trainers in your area. Keep a notebook (or the note app on your phone) with you and write down Shelly’s behaviors during specific events, like encountering another dog, other people or wildlife. Note what situations trigger reactivity, and avoid those setups until they can be addressed in training.

One-on-one training costs more, but may be the best option at first so that Shelly gets constant attention and correction. After each training session, reinforce the new commands by working with your dog every day. Commit to continual reinforcement for the rest of Shelly’s life.

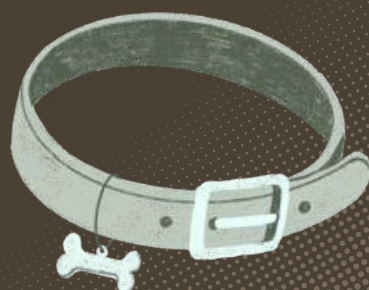
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Fun & Interesting OCTOBER PET FACTS



*Dogs can detect chemical changes in human sweat associated with fear and stress. They may not understand why you're scared, but their remarkable noses can pick up on the changes in your body.

*With Halloween around the corner, here's a fun one: bats are the only mammals capable of sustained flight. Flying squirrels and sugar gliders can glide, but they can't actually fly under their own power.

*Cats can see in much lower light than humans, thanks to their large pupils and a reflective layer behind the retina called the tapetum lucidum. That's what can make their eyes appear to glow when caught in headlights or a flashlight beam.



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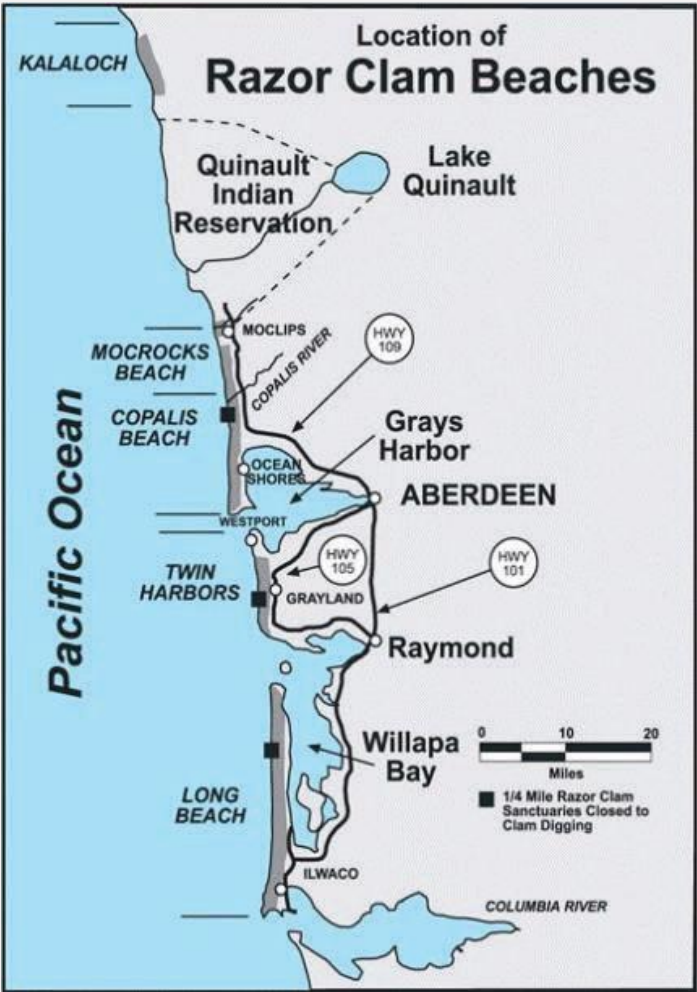
Long Beach from the Columbia River north to the mouth of the Willapa Bay (See map)

Twin Harbors from Willapa Bay north to the south jetty at the mouth of Grays Harbor (See map)

Copalis Beach from the north jetty at the mouth of Grays Harbor to the Copalis River (See map)

Mocrocks from the Copalis River to the south boundary of the Quinault Indian Reservation and (See map)

Kalaloch from the South Beach campground north to ONP Beach Trail 3. Learn more about Kalaloch beach at the National Park Service website.



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There’s plenty happening throughout the weekend, with free live music, more than 75 artisan and resale vendors, kids’ activities, food vendors, local restaurants serving up seafood specialties, food trucks, and a beer and wine garden. One of the biggest draws is the festival’s famous crab dinner, a favorite with visitors. Guests can also watch a live Search and Rescue demonstration Saturday afternoon, weather and scheduling permitting, and take free tours of a U.S. Coast Guard boat. Most activities take place outdoors, rain or shine—so if you’re headed to the Washington coast in October, pack your rain boots and come hungry!

Witches Walk on the Wharf

October 17, 2026 / 4:00pm

Coupeville Wharf
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Grab your broomsticks and your favorite little witches and wizards! Witches’ Walk on the Wharf brings some Halloween magic to historic Coupeville on Saturday, October 17, with an afternoon of costumes, dancing, shopping and small-town fun. The event begins at the Coupeville Wharf and includes a group witch photo before participants take to the streets for a festive witch walk and dance. It’s an all-ages event and a fun way for families to get into the Halloween spirit while enjoying Coupeville’s charming waterfront and historic downtown.

The fun continues with a costume contest, prizes and plenty of opportunities to eat, drink and shop along the way. A \$25 ticket includes a magical “spellbook” filled with special deals from participating local businesses, plus a collectible pin and prize opportunities—including a chance to win a stay at the haunted Captain Whidbey Inn. Whether you arrive dressed as a classic witch, a pint-sized goblin or something completely out of the cauldron, Witches’ Walk is a spirited way to spend an October afternoon in Coupeville!



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Long before Washington was famous for its apples, one little tree was quietly putting down roots. The Old Apple Tree in Vancouver is believed to be the oldest apple tree in the Pacific Northwest. Grown from a seed brought all the way from London, England, the tree was planted in 1826 by the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Vancouver. More than 200 years later, it is considered the matriarch of Washington's apple industry—a living reminder of the region's early agricultural roots.

The tree has weathered floods, storms, changing landscapes and more than two centuries of Northwest history, yet its legacy continues to grow. Located at Old Apple Tree Park along the Columbia River, the tree has become a beloved local landmark and the inspiration for Vancouver's annual Old Apple Tree Festival. Visitors can celebrate its history with cider pressing, music, family activities and tours. Not bad for a tree that started life with a seed from across the pond!

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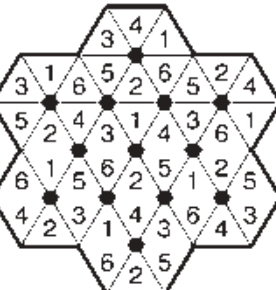
1. H.G. Wells.
2. Istanbul, Turkey.
3. 687 Earth days.
4. Ursula.
5. 120 days.
6. 2,001.
7. Orange, green and purple.
8. "Arrested Development."
9. A smack.
10. 64.

Sports Quiz Answers

1. Roy Campanella.
2. 55 (16 under par).
3. The Atlanta Falcons.
4. The Dunlop Volley.
5. Stephen Curry, Golden State Warriors.
6. Austria.
7. Kyle Kirkwood.

SNOWFLAKES

solution



Even Exchange

answers

1. Hunt Hunt	5. Peach Peach
2. Sneer Sneer	7. Terry Terry
3. Bas: Bas	9. Comedy Comedy
4. Bagger Bagger	9. Hanger Hanger
5. Moose Moose	10. Trench Trench

SCRABLERS

Solution

1. Ponder; 2. Polish
3. Pierce; 4. Salami

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What might you assume is the favorite chocolate candy of cave-dwelling dwarfs? Tootsie Trolls.

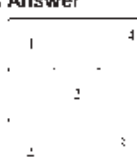
TRIVIA NEWSFRONT

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1. "America the Beautiful"
2. Lydia
3. The Minnesota Vikings
4. Van Morrison
5. Homer

Sticklers Answer

Four sheets. Number 4 is the largest square, on which the other squares are placed.

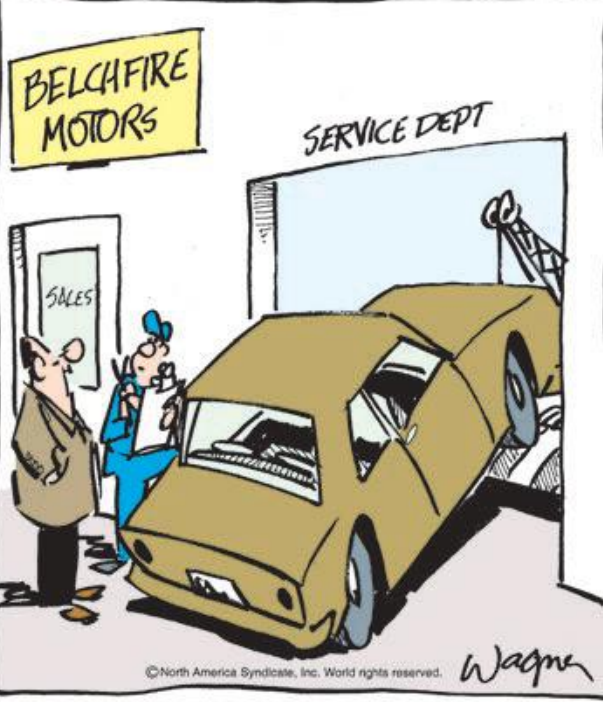


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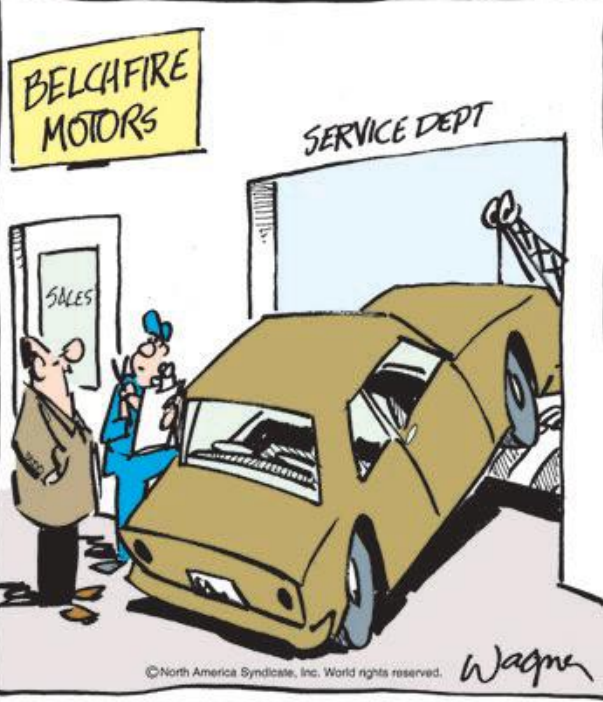
Panel 1: I GIVE UP. I THINK WE'VE DONE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THERE IS TO DO AROUND HERE.

Panel 2: I'M SO BORED. WE NEED TO DRUM UP SOME EXCITEMENT AROUND HERE.

Panel 3: MOM, I SAY YOU STOP FIDDLING ABOUT, GO GET YOUR WALLET AND TAKE US TO TOWN PRONTO.

Panel 4: OK, TOO MUCH EXCITEMENT!!

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