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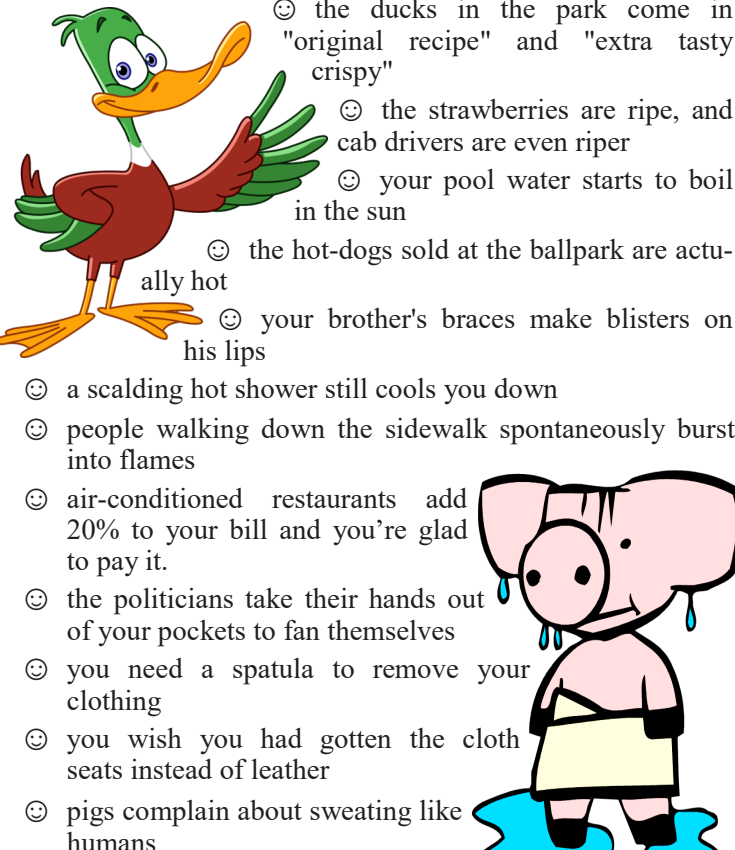
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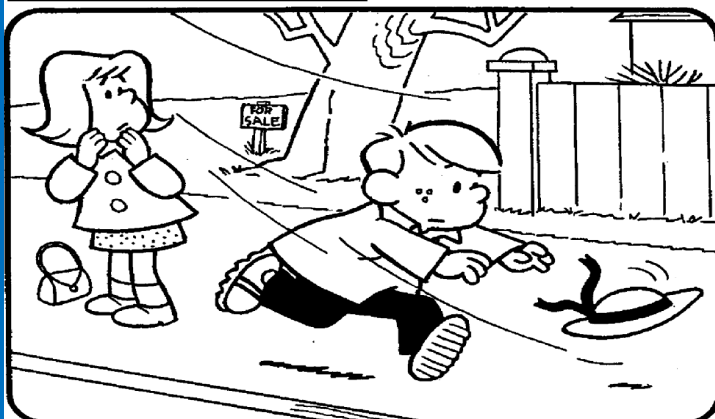


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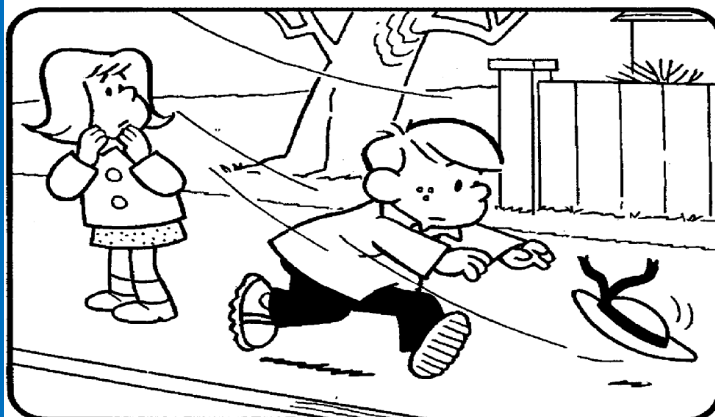


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BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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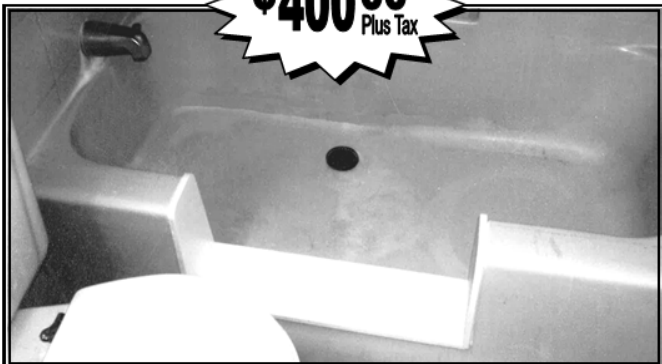


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6. MOVIES: Which movie series features a character named Ellen Ripley?
7. LANGUAGE: What is a "schwa"?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which nation is credited for being the top beer-drinking country in the world?
9. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the axilla?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do you call an ant's home?

7. Unstressed vowel represented by an upside-down "e."  
8. Czech Republic.  
9. Armpit.  
10. A nest or formicary.  
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Answers  
1. Detroit.  
2. Creed Bratton.  
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5. Q and Z (10 points each).  
6. "Alien."

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Clue: Q equals L

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\* On March 20, 1922, Hubert Work gave an order that all American homes need to be equipped with an item that the majority of us undoubtedly take for granted today: a mailbox. Work was the country's U.S. Postmaster General, and failure to comply with the order carried a penalty of giving up one's mail delivery.





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On March 23, 1973, Yoko Ono was granted permanent residence in the United States. However, the good news did not extend to her husband, former Beatle John Lennon. He was issued a 60-day notice to leave the country.

\* On March 26, 2019, former First Lady Michelle Obama's memoir, "Becoming," surpassed 10 million copies in sales just four months after its publication. It had already become America's best-selling book in 2018 after a mere 15 days.

\* On March 25, 1995, Howard G. (Ward) Cunningham, an American computer programmer and pioneer in both design patterns and extreme programming, introduced the wiki, or "user-editable website." Today, Wikipedia is the world's most well-known and widely used wiki.

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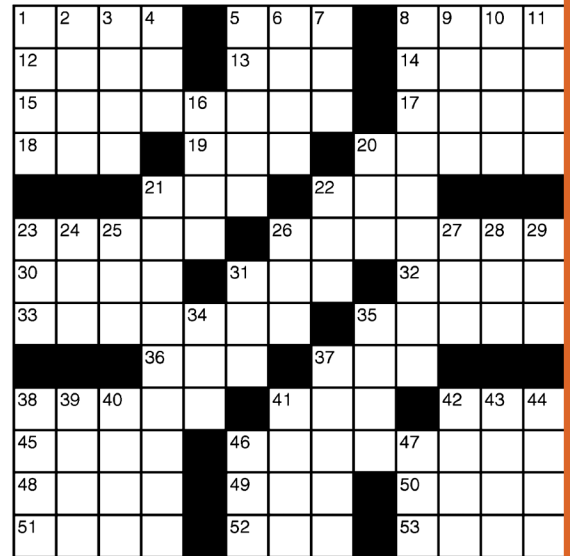
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### ACROSS

- 1 Two-wheeler
- 5 Bumped into
- 8 Pack (down)
- 12 Ireland
- 13 Peyton's brother
- 14 "The Time Machine" people
- 15 Octopus arm
- 17 Lunch hour
- 18 Request
- 19 IV measures
- 20 Must-haves
- 21 Chai, e.g.
- 22 Vagrant
- 23 More recent
- 26 Goddess of wisdom
- 30 Tehran's country



- 50 Pitt of "Moneyball"
- 51 Carry
- 52 Layer
- 53 Round Table titles
- 10 Disposition
- 11 Bowling targets
- 16 Computer brand
- 20 Convent manager
- 29 Packed away
- 31 Summer cooler
- 34 Drunkard
- 35 Droops
- 37 Ford or Hudson
- 38 Ella's style
- 39 Surrealist
- 40 Bickering
- 41 Fall (over)
- 42 Ryan of "Boston Public"
- 43 Tragic king
- 44 Probability
- 46 Light touch
- 47 "Frontline" ailer

### DOWN

- 1 Test version
- 2 Enrages
- 3 Neck problem of jazz
- 4 Tolkien creature
- 5 Pilgrimage site
- 6 Building wings
- 7 Dead heat
- 8 Some urban homes
- 9 Medicinal
- 21 Prepare meat for cooking
- 22 Beiderbecke of jazz
- 23 Pen tip
- 24 Mound stat
- 25 Pallid
- 26 Trim the grass
- 27 Old Oldsmobile
- 28 Moving day rental

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by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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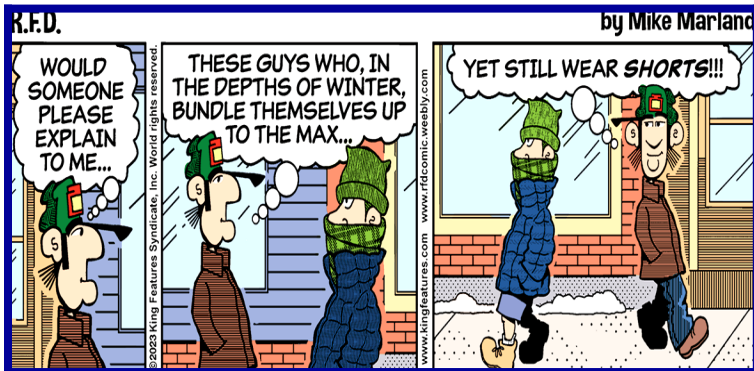


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As she speeds down the road she asks the blonde, "So, do you see any cops?"

The blonde replies, "Yes."

The brunette says, "Are they behind us?"

"Yes."

"Are they close?"

"Yes."

"Are they going to stop us?"

"I don't know."

The brunette says, "Well, are their lights on?"

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## RECREATIONAL TIANEPTINE HAS POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I've been hearing about tianeptine being sold at gas stations. Is it dangerous? -- S.F.

**ANSWER:** Like so many substances, tianeptine can be a useful drug when prescribed and taken correctly (it's used in several countries for depression), but it is indeed dangerous when used recreationally. Its use has been banned in several (unfortunately not all) states across the U.S. It is sold (yes, especially at gas stations) as a dietary supplement. Because it acts on the same receptor as morphine, when used at high doses far beyond the medically approved dose, it has potential for abuse and even overdose, with a handful of deaths ascribed to its use. I recommend in the strongest possible terms against its recreational use and hope it is completely banned soon.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have severe pain in my right shoulder. I have seen two orthopedists and received X-rays, MRI scans and a cortisone injection, which didn't work. Both surgeons recommended a shoulder replacement. I am taking three adult aspirins each morning (I am allergic to NSAIDs), which makes the pain go away. Is this safe? I am 83 and otherwise healthy. -- J.B.

**ANSWER:** Aspirin is a type of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug and has the toxicities common to all the drugs in that group, including an increased risk for bleeding and potential damage to the stomach and kidneys. But it has additional toxicities beyond NSAIDs like ibuprofen, especially at higher levels. I am very cautious about prescribing aspirin and generally prefer other anti-inflammatory medicines.

However, people have long taken aspirin -- sometimes at much higher doses -- usually without problems. The fact that you are taking it only once a day reduces the toxicity, but I have to say I am surprised the benefit is lasting all day.

The risk of toxicity is higher at older ages. At 83, you are at a significantly higher risk (seven times the risk) than younger people. Most of the data on exactly what your risk is comes from people taking low-dose aspirin (81 mg, not the 975 mg you are taking), so I can't give you an evidence-based answer. But, for men in their 80s taking low-dose aspirin, about 1.5% will have a serious bleeding event per year. Your risk will be significantly higher due to the much-larger dose you are taking. However, one has to consider both the benefits of the aspirin treatment (the pain being gone is the best possible outcome) and the toxicity of other possible treatments, such as surgery (which is very significant).

There are many classes of NSAIDs, with very different chemical properties, and it is likely there is another type of NSAID you could safely take, with a lower risk than the dose of aspirin you are currently on. On the other hand, you can't get any better effectiveness, at least in terms of pain, and the absolute risk is still fairly small, so I'm not sure I recommend you change. I am always very cautious about recommending surgery to someone in their 80s when there is an effective medication available to treat the issue.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). (c) 2023 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved*

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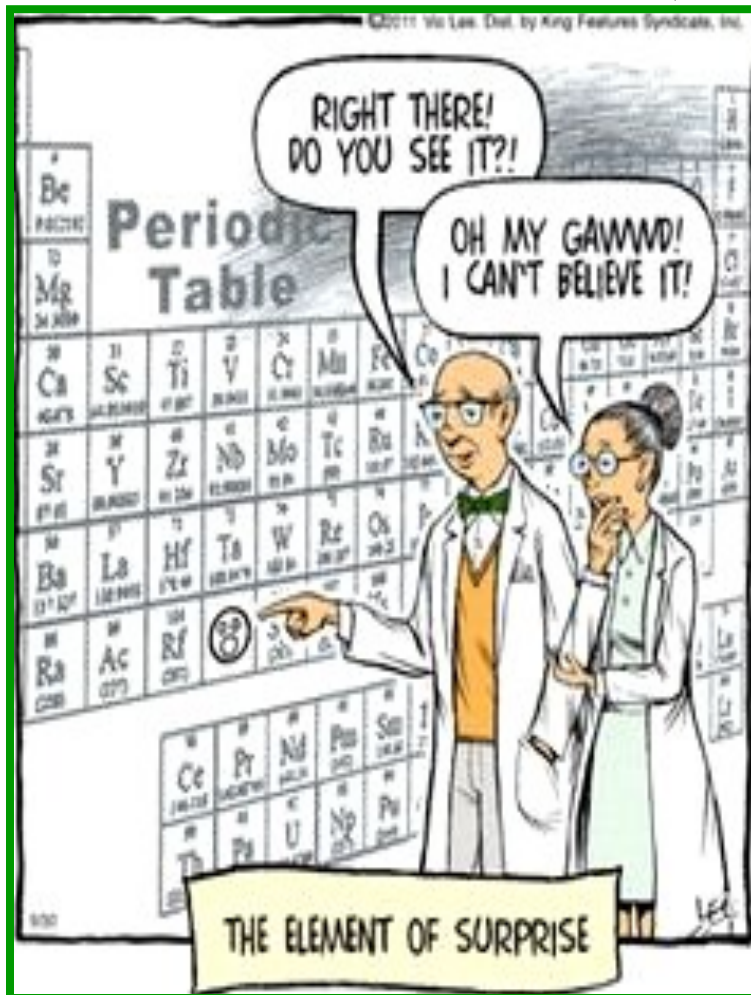
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"I golf," says the old guy, "that's why I'm in shape. I'm on the fairways before sunrise and all is well."

"Well," says the doctor, "How old was your Dad when he died?"

"Who said my Dad's dead?"

The doctor is amazed. "You mean you're 80 years old and your Dad's still alive. How old is he?"

"He's 100 years old," says the old golfer. "In fact he golfed with me this morning, that's why he's still alive .. he's a golfer too."

"Well," the doctor says, "that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How old was your grandfather when he died?"

"Who said my grandpa's dead?"

Stunned, the doctor asks, "Your grandfather's still living! Incredible, how old is he?"

"He's 118 years old," says the old golfer. The doctor is getting frustrated at this point, "So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?"

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"Getting married!?" yelled the doctor. "Why would a 118 year-old guy want to get married?"

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by Freddy Groves

## REPORTS FROM THE VA OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Who would have thought it ... stealing diabetic test strips for profit? Apparently there's money to be made from those medical supplies. And one Michigan woman, in charge of procurement at a Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacy, made a lot of it, stealing in excess of 7,500 boxes of the strips over the years.

She wasn't alone in the scheme. She'd sell them to a co-thief who'd make her own sales down the line to a third party in Pennsylvania.

The first in line in the theft chain has already confessed and faces 20 years in the slammer, not to mention a very hefty fine. The second in line also confessed. The two of them, however, are pointing fingers at Number Three, who they say is the actual mastermind of the thefts.

Diabetic test strips? Who knew?

Then there is the New Jersey former Marine who claimed PTSD from having to handle human remains after natural disasters in two foreign countries. Before his scheme fell apart, he'd netted in excess of \$118,000 in disability benefits. His big mistake, besides telling lies, was that he sent threatening messages to a member of the Office of Inspector General staff, plus anyone else who would be working on the case. He'll be sentenced this summer, but he's looking at 10 years in prison and heavy fines just for the lying part, and five years for the threats as well as big fines.

In Oklahoma, a man phoned a VA facility threatening to kill people ... and then he showed up. His beef, apparently, was not getting a quicker appointment date to be seen at the clinic. He wanted his meds, and he gave them 30 minutes to prescribe them or he'd be there to murder people. Not only did he have a loaded .357 firearm (and a handful of zip ties), but he took the items into a federal facility. He later claimed not to remember making the call.

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