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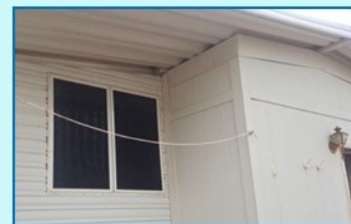
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## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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2. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of flamingos called?
3. **MOVIES:** What is the name of the island terrorized by a shark in "Jaws"?
4. **U.S. STATES:** Which state capital has the highest elevation in the United States?
5. **ANATOMY:** Where is the corpus collosum located?
6. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the children's book "Where the Wild Things Are"?
7. **TELEVISION:** Which 1970s TV show had a spinoff hit with "Laverne & Shirley"?
8. **MATH:** How many sides does a dodecagon have?
9. **ASTRONOMY:** Which one of the planets in our solar system has the Great Red Spot?
10. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president ended the military draft?

Answers  
1. Spain.  
2. A flamboyance.  
3. Amity Island.  
4. Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
5. In the brain. It connects  
the two hemispheres of the  
brain.  
6. Maurice Sendak.  
7. "Happy Days."  
8. 12.  
9. Jupiter.  
10. Richard Nixon.  
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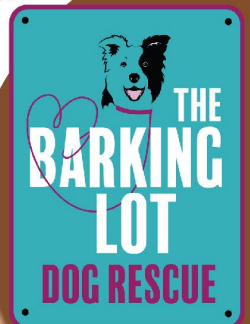
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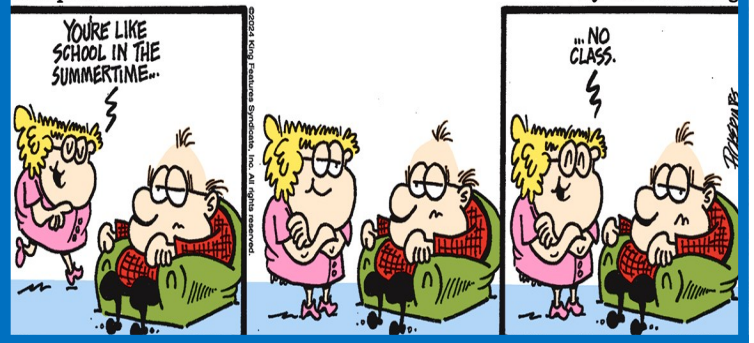
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\* On April 23, 1898, Spain declared war on the U.S. after rejecting its ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba. Following the declaration, the American Asiatic Squadron, under Commodore George Dewey, engaged the Spanish Pacific squadron under Admiral Patricio Montojo y Pasar n in the Philippines' Manila Bay, and decimated the Spanish squadron.

\* On April 24, 1942, singer/actress/film producer Barbra Joan Streisand was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Her breakthrough came with the lead role in the 1964 Broadway musical "Funny Girl." In 1968, the movie version of the role earned her an Academy Award for Best Actress. To date, Streisand has sold more than 140 million albums and won 10 Grammys.







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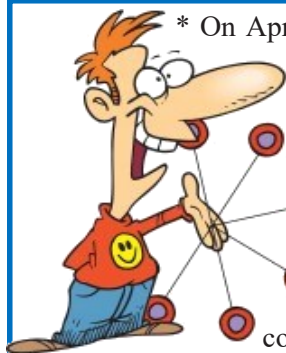
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\* On April 26, 1928, Filipino immigrant Pedro Flores opened the Yo-yo Manufacturing Company in Santa Barbara, CA. By November 1929, he was operating two additional factories in Los Angeles and Hollywood, which together produced 300,000 yo-yos daily.

\* On April 25, 2006, Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said that his country was happy to share its nuclear technology with other nations, during a meeting with the visiting Sudanese president. U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice condemned the comments, and Iran's top nuclear negotiator threatened to suspend its cooperation with the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog if the country was threatened with sanctions.

\* On April 27, 1971, eight members of the Welsh Language Society were accused of conspiring to damage, remove or destroy English-language road signs in Wales.

\* On April 28, 1789, Fletcher Christian led a mutiny against William Bligh aboard the HMS Bounty and set him and 18 loyal crew members adrift in a 23-foot open boat, but the men survived a 47-day voyage to the Dutch East Indies and returned to England to report the mutiny. Christian and the rest of the crew eventually settled on Pitcairn Island and Tahiti.

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## CryptoQuip

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Clue: Z equals R

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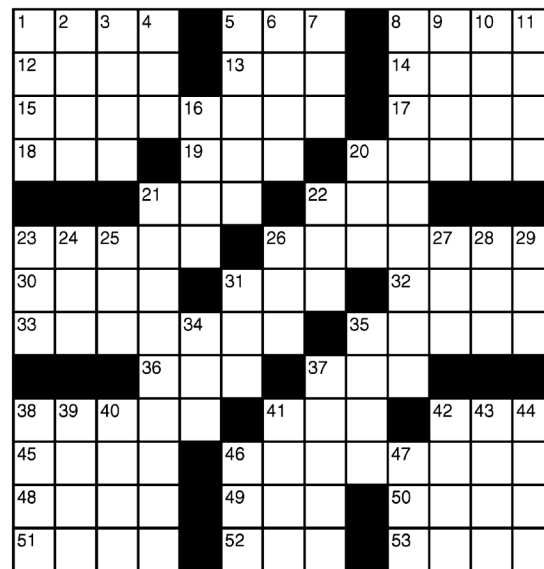
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- 1 Flair
- 5 Enterprise letters
- 8 Stuffing herb
- 12 Taunt
- 13 Aussie hopper
- 14 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
- 15 Home of the Packers
- 17 Compared to
- 18 Congeal
- 19 Sturdy tree
- 20 Spassky's game
- 21 — -Manuel Miranda
- 22 Huge
- 23 Bottom
- 26 Fear-stricken
- 30 "E Pluribus —"



- 31 Blue hue
- 32 Lighten
- 33 Arty area
- 35 Hinder
- 36 Sailor
- 37 Soda container
- 38 Norwegian inlet
- 41 "It's c-c-cold!"
- 42 Right angle
- 45 Actress Russo
- 46 Chinese brew
- 48 Diminutive suffix

- 49 Mosquito barrier
- 50 Cupid's alias
- 51 Thames town
- 52 Multipurpose truck
- 53 Compass point
- Job" actor
- 9 Tennis champ
- Arthur
- 10 Transcript stats
- 11 Eternities
- 16 Dark film genre
- 20 Spy org.
- 21 Color named for a fruit
- 22 Journalist Nellie
- 23 Gist
- 24 Year in Spain
- 25 "Gee, ya think?"
- 26 Alias abbr.
- 27 Yoga pad
- 28 Jargon suffix
- 29 Aachen article
- 31 Bro or sis
- 34 '60s chic
- 35 Challenge
- 37 El Greco's birthplace
- 38 Gratis
- 39 Joan of rock
- 40 Aware of
- 41 Author Harte
- 42 To be, in Toulon
- 43 Some July babies
- 44 Endure
- 46 Wildebeest
- 47 Up-to-date

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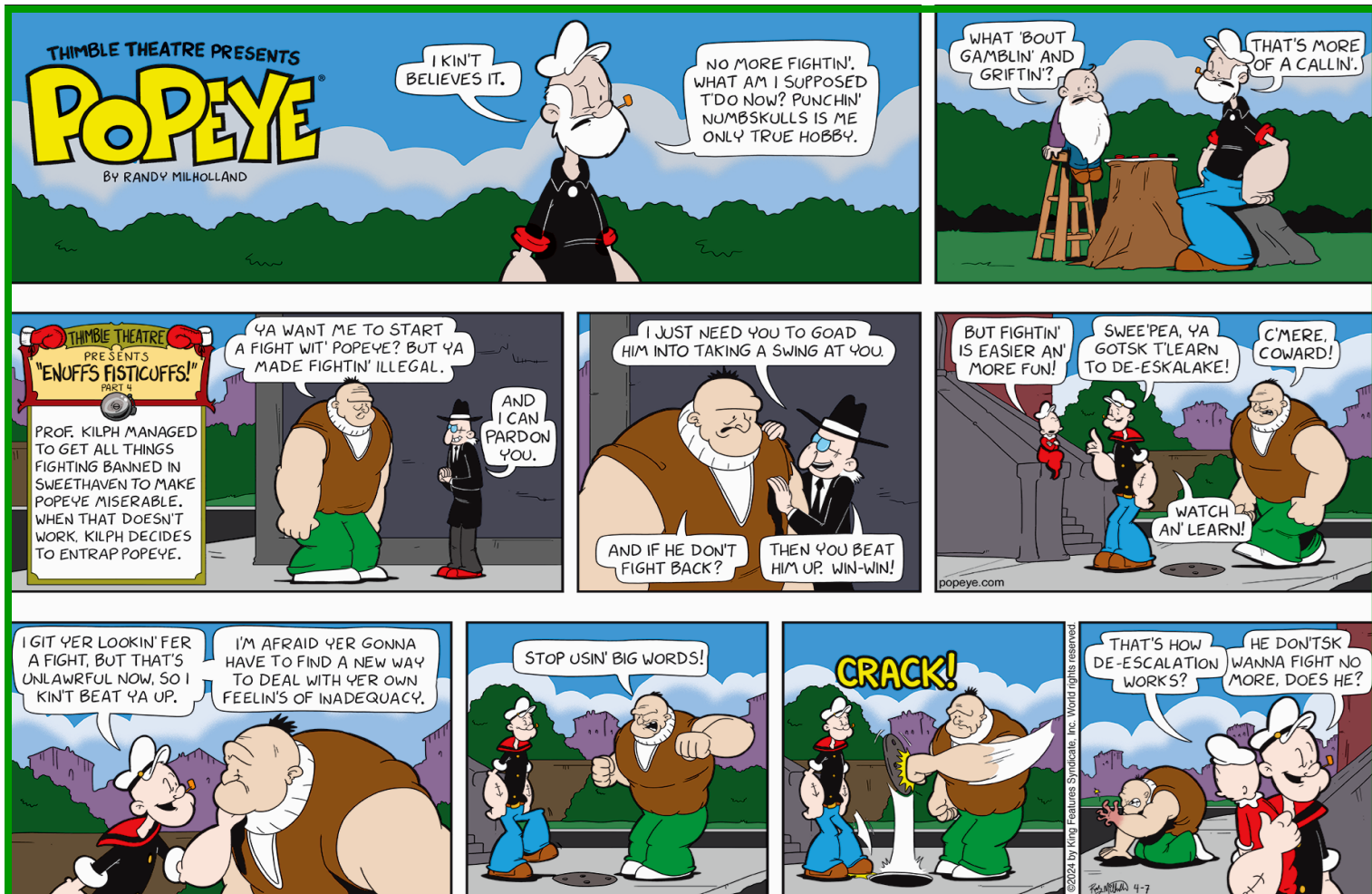
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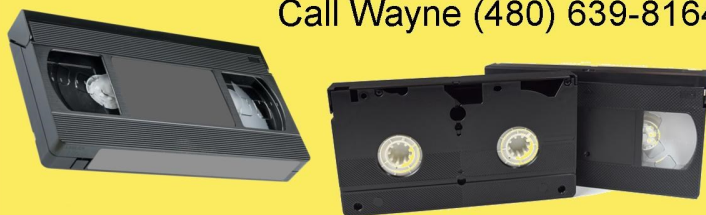
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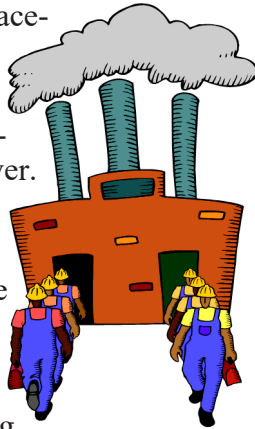
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## BIBLIE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 3 Corinthians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who was praised for his beauty "from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head"? Absalom, Eli-sha, Pekah, Tola
3. What camp saw 185,000 of its soldiers slaughtered by an angel of the Lord? Assyrian, Midianite, Philistine, Persian
4. From Genesis 1:30, what is the first color mentioned in the Bible? Purple, Red, Green, Yellow
5. Which city's wall fell down flat at the shout of Joshua's army? Tarsus, Jericho, Corinth, Sardis
6. From 2 Kings, who became king of Judah at age 8? Abijam, Rehoboam, Marcus, Josiah

### ANSWERS:

- 1) Neither
- 2) Absalom
- 3) Assyrian
- 4) Green
- 5) Jericho
- 6) Josiah

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Answers

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by Dave T. Phipps



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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## VA BY THE NUMBERS

The Department of Veterans Affairs has been going all out to provide expanded access to care to veterans. They're calling it Access Sprints, and it means they're scheduling more appointments at night and on weekends, as well as scheduling more veterans into their daily schedule.

The effort seems to be showing progress. Just this year so far the VA has had 25,000 more new patients than they did during the same period last year. Appointments increased by 11%.

Per the stats, 12% fewer new patients had to wait over 20 to 28 days to get an appointment, and 14% fewer new patients are having to wait to see community providers because of wait time eligibility. This is on top of the care they provided in 2023 in over 116 million appointments.

Other 2023 stats are equally impressive. The crisis line took over 1 millions calls, over 33,000 veterans received emergency care in suicide crises and 5.5 million dental procedures were completed for over 560,000 patients.

Nearly 5 million veterans were screened for toxin exposure, an important step in monitoring their health. (As of March 5, 2024, veterans exposed to toxins and meeting other requirements have become eligible for VA health care, even before enrolling for other VA benefits. This means those who were in the Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror or any other combat zone since Sept. 11. Any who weren't deployed but who trained and were exposed here in the U.S. are included in eligibility.)

Even the non-medical efforts saw success: Ten million veterans have individual pages in the online digital Veterans Legacy Memorial website, with over 5 million of those being created in the last year, and 5.6 million policyholders got life insurance coverage.

The VA was able to hire over 61,000 staffers to provide care to the increased number of veterans seeking health care, bringing the total to over 400,000.

Not a bad year for the VA ... and veterans.

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