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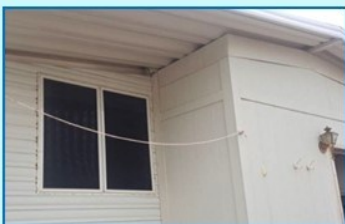
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1. **FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of cake is named after a British queen?
2. **TELEVISION:** What is the name of the family dog on "The Simpsons"?
3. **ANATOMY:** How long does a human red blood cell exist?
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7. **MOVIES:** What is the name of the dance performed in the "Rocky Horror Picture Show"?
8. **BIOLOGY:** What does the term ectothermic mean?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which country has the longest coastline in the world?
10. **LITERATURE:** Who is the author of "The Canterbury Tales"?

### Answers

1. Victoria Sponge Cake.
2. Santa's Little Helper.
3. About 120 days.
4. The island of Kiribati in the environment.
5. Oceanic nation of Kiribati.
6. Two.
7. The Time Warp.
8. Coldblooded, when body temperature is regulated by the environment.
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10. Geoffrey Chaucer.



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\* On Jan. 13, 1995, America3 ("America Cubed"), an all-female sailing team, won the first race of the America's Cup defender trials in little more than a minute. The team was the sport's first all-women crew to compete in the Cup's 144-year history.



\* On Jan. 14, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Presidential Proclamation No. 2537, requiring non-U.S. citizens from World War II-enemy countries (Italy, Germany and Japan) to register with the United States Department of Justice, after which they were given a Certificate of Identification for Aliens of Enemy Nationality. The Proclamation facilitated the beginning of full-scale Japanese American internment the following month.



\* On Jan. 17, 2013, Sergei Filin, the artistic director of the Bolshoi Ballet, was attacked outside his Moscow home with acid by a masked man later revealed to have been hired by company dancer Pavel Dmitrichenko.





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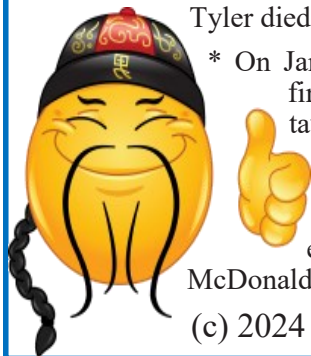
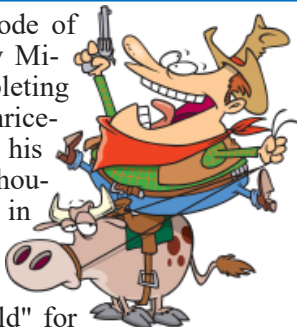
\* On Jan. 16, 1973, the final episode of "Bonanza," written and directed by Michael Landon, aired on NBC, completing a 14-season run centering on thrice-widowed patriarch Ben Cartwright, his sons, and their adventures on the thousand-square-mile Ponderosa Ranch in Nevada.

\* On Jan. 15, 1951, Ilse Koch, known as the "Witch of Buchenwald" for the extraordinary sadism she displayed toward that camp's prisoners, was sentenced to life in prison for crimes against humanity by a West German court. The sentence was reduced to four years and Koch was released, then imprisoned again with a second life term. She escaped that fate by hanging herself with a bedsheet in 1967.

\* On Jan. 18, 1862, America's 10th president, described in his New York Times obituary as "the most unpopular public man that had ever held any office in the United States," John Tyler died at age 71 in Richmond, Virginia.

\* On Jan. 19, 2007, Beijing, China got its first drive-through McDonald's restaurant, a two-story building next to a gas station that celebrated its christening in a ceremony complete with traditional Chinese lion dancers and, of course, a Chinese Ronald McDonald.

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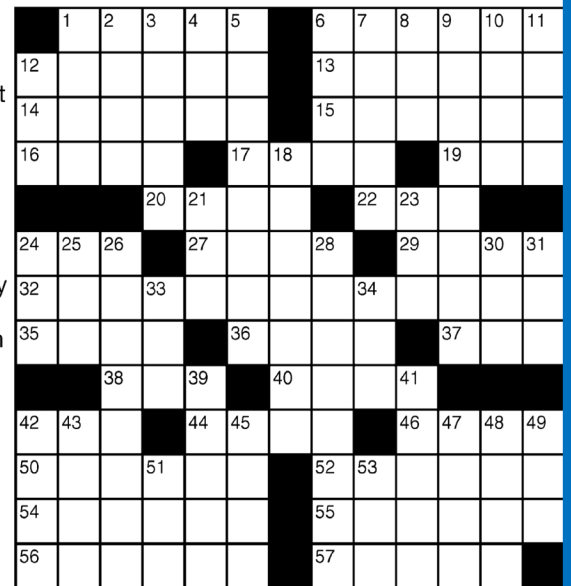
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### ACROSS

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- 6 Black Sea port
- 12 Saudi neighbor
- 13 Reacts to a pun
- 14 Baseball's Roberto
- 15 Attack verbally
- 16 — -pedi
- 17 Barrel bottom bit
- 19 — tree
- 20 Use a stun gun
- 22 California's Big —
- 24 Director Brooks
- 27 Campbell of "Scream"



- 52 Security desk request
- 54 "Nothing for me, thanks" baking
- 55 Protruding navels
- 56 Breeds, as salmon
- 57 Spiteful
- 7 Pulls
- 8 Very long time
- 9 The "S" of SNL
- 10 Crisp cookie
- 11 Hammett pooch
- 12 Candied veggie
- 18 Undo
- 21 Director Lee
- 23 Former Mideast gp.
- 24 '60s chic
- 25 Mound stat
- 26 "Bad Romance" singer
- 28 Physical effort
- 30 Super serve
- 31 NYC subway overseer
- 33 Fish-fowl link
- 34 Eastern "way"
- 39 Squelched
- 41 Factions
- 42 Hosp. scans
- 43 Ninny
- 45 Physiques
- 47 Pace
- 48 Neutral color
- 49 QB's gains
- 51 Blue
- 53 "Levitating" singer

### DOWN

- 1 Ward of "Once and Again"
- 2 "Let's go!"
- 3 Pay
- 4 Italian article
- 5 Tweety's meal
- 6 Monster





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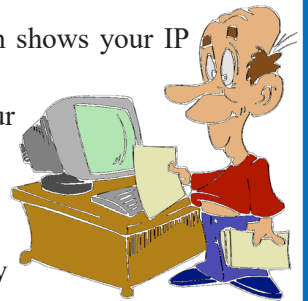
## SIGNS YOU ARE AN INTERNET GEEK

☒ Your driver's license application shows your IP address.

☒ You ask your dates "What's your URL?"

☒ You're amazed to find out Spam is a food.

☒ You introduce your wife as "my lady@home.wife"



## HOW'S BUSINESS?

**Tailor:** Oh, it's so-so

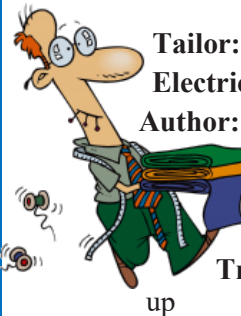
**Electrician:** It's fairly light

**Author:** All right

**Farmer:** It's growing

**Elevator operator:** Well, it has its ups and downs

**Trash collector:** It's picking



## FLOSSING

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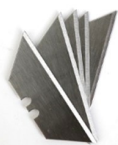


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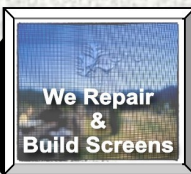
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(Fri. 01/10 Rusty Wagon) - (Fri. 01/17 Roadhouse Wranglers)  
(Fri. 01/24 Shift Work) - (Fri. 01/31 Audrey Hicks)

**Monthly Post Events**

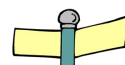
(Fri. 01/03 & Sun 01/05 Joy of Painting Class 10:00am)  
(Mon. 01/06 Club Committee Mtg. 9:30am) - (Mon. 01/06 MOCA Mtg 5pm 9399)  
(Fri 01/10 - Sun. 01/12 Dept. Winter Convention & CofA Embassy Suites, Tempe)  
(Sun. 01/12 Combat Vets M/A Mtg. 9:30am) - (Tues. 01/14 Post & Aux Meeting 6pm)  
(Sat. 01/18 Magic Show 6pm) - (Sun. 01/19 Mesa Market 7am-3pm)  
(Sun. 01/26 Dist. Mtg. @ 1677 Casa Grande 9am) - (Tue. 01/28 Planning Mtg. 5:30pm)

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### 12 "DUH" HEADLINES

1. *Study finds sex, pregnancy link* -Cornell Daily Sun
  2. *Survey finds dirtier subways after cleaning jobs were cut* -The New York Times
  3. *Alcohol ads promote drinking* - The Hartford Courant
  4. *Malls try to attract shoppers*—The Baltimore Sun
  5. *Official: Only rain will cure drought* - The Herald-News, Westport, Massachusetts
  6. *Teen-age girls often have babies fathered by men* -The Sunday Oregonian
  7. *Low wages said key to poverty* -Newsday
  8. *Tomatoes come in big, little, medium sizes* -The Daily Progress, Charlottesville, Virginia
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*Scientists see quakes in L.A. future* -The Oregonian

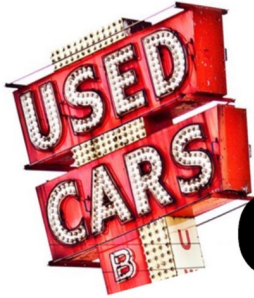
*Free advice: Bundle up when out in the cold* -Lexington Herald-Leader

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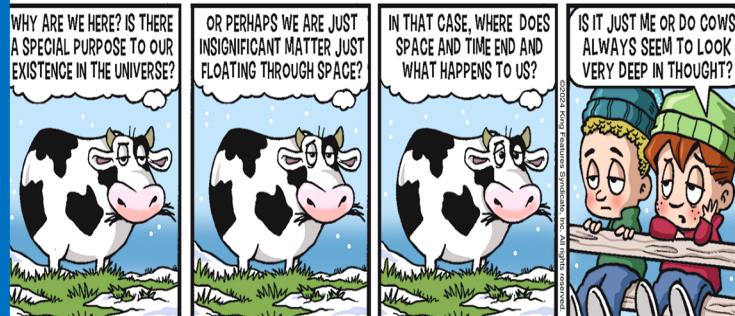
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NOTHING WILL STOP A GREAT EMPLOYEE FASTER THAN WATCHING A BAD ONE TOLERATED - BELCHER

### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



THERE WOULD BE NO SICKNESS, IF THERE HAD BEEN NO SIN

## 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: B equals L

MR M UZDZ NT RMBB LBB  
NGZYZ NZYN NXHZY UMNG  
CTC-LEMJME YTBXNMTCY, M'J  
JZEBLDZ "HLYZY BTLJZJ!"

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- Worship Service: 10:00 AM Sunday
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## BIBLIE

## TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. For possible new year's resolutions, Proverbs 16:3 (KJV) says, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be \_\_\_\_." Resolved, Established, Directed, Bountiful
2. Likewise, Psalm 37:5 (KJV) instructs us to, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to \_\_\_\_." Nurture, Pass, Action, Light
3. From which book's 29:11 does the Lord declare plans to prosper you, thoughts of peace to give you hope and a future? Leviticus, Ezra, Nehemiah, Jeremiah
4. 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 are among the verses to focus on what in a new year? Blessings, Moving forward, Grace, Church attendance
5. In which month of the religious calendar did the new year begin in the Bible? 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th
6. From James 1:5, what may one lack, and if they ask God, it shall be given? Love, Wisdom, Truth, Goals

### ANSWERS:

- 1) Established
- 2) Pass
- 3) Jeremiah,
- 4) Moving forward
- 5) 7th
- 6) Wisdom

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## CryptoQuip answer

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declare "Bases loaded!"

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

S	C	R	U	B		O	D	E	S	S	A
Y	E	M	E	N	I		G	R	O	A	N
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## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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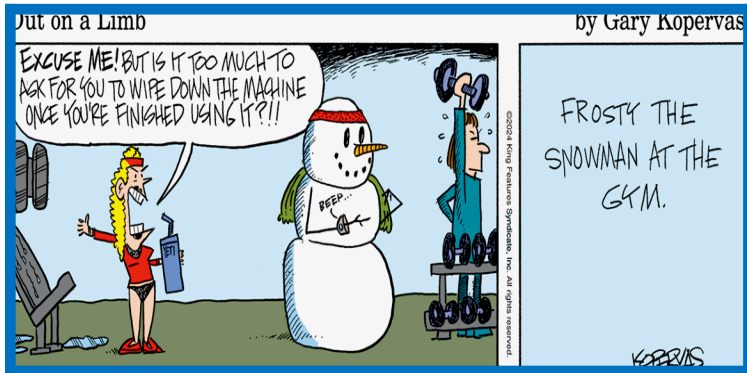
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01/21 Bustin Loose	01/16 Karaoke w/Todd	01/17 Rusty Wagon Band	01/18 Rusty Wagon Band
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	01/30 Karaoke w/Todd	01/31 Sam & the Band	

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# VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

## VA OUTREACH: BLAST EXPOSURE

The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched a significant outreach to bring more eligible veterans under the VA health care umbrella. The reason: increased concern about the health impacts of repeated blast exposure.

Blast exposure and head trauma can come from any number of situations -- anything from heavy fire, IEDs, missile launches, artillery blasts -- and can later result in a variety of problems, including thoughts of suicide and mental health concerns.

The VA is reaching out to veterans who served in Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan, and they're going all-out with public service announcements, advertising and even text messages to veterans. Veterans who served in those locations may be eligible for care, ranging from regular and specialty care, to primary care, mental health care and regular screenings, as well as blast exposure screenings.

Meanwhile, the VA has geared up their research about the health impact of blast exposure and encourages all eligible veterans to sign up for care. The more veterans who sign up, the more research they can do. The more research they do, the better the treatments that can be developed.

Blast exposure isn't the only concern the VA is looking at. Veterans who were exposed to toxins, whether on active duty or in training, are eligible to enroll in VA health care, even if they never deployed to Vietnam, the Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan or any combat zone post-9/11.

If you suspect you might have experienced blast exposure, call the VA for a screening. For immediate information, go to va.gov and search for "blast exposure." You'll find several podcasts and videos exploring blast exposure and the effects on mental health, how blasts affect cognitive function and more.

If you need to sign up, see [www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply](http://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply) for the four different ways to apply for care: by phone, by mail, in person at the closest VA center or with the help of an accredited VSO or attorney. For an immediate connection, call them at 877-222-8387.

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