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"Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said, "To make the gravy!"

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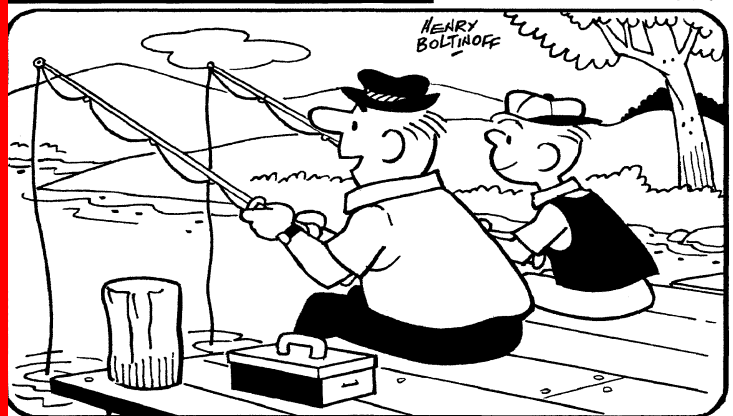
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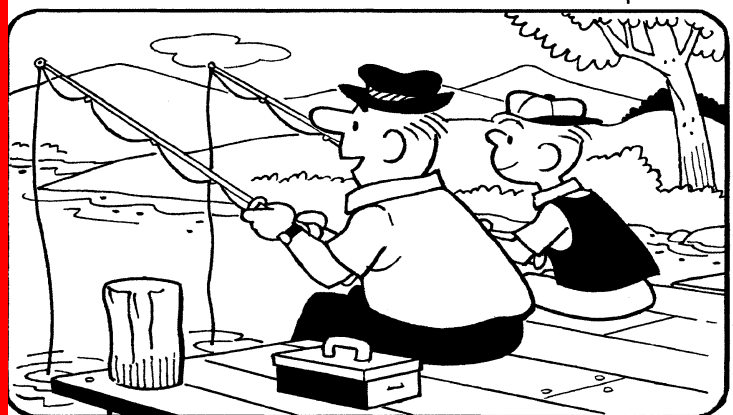


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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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- TELEVISION:** What is the name of Hawkeye's living quarters in the "M*A*S*H" sitcom?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a male swan called?
- LITERATURE:** Which Irish author wrote his last novel in crayon?
- MEASUREMENTS:** How many square feet are in a square yard?
- SCIENCE:** What's the main function of red blood cells?
- MOVIES:** Streaming movies became eligible for the 2021 Oscar awards for what reason?
- ANATOMY:** What type of acid is found in the human stomach?
- U.S. CITIES:** Which city was named for a British prime minister?

6. 9.
7. To carry oxygen.
8. COVID-19 pandemic.
9. Hydrochloric acid.
10. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (William Pitt the Elder).
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- Answers
1. Chickpeas or fava beans.
 2. Italy.
 3. The Swamp.
 4. A cob.
 5. James Joyce.

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* On Sept. 16, 1845, Phineas Wilcox was stabbed to death by fellow Mormons in Nauvoo, Illinois, on suspicion of being a Christian spy. The crime reflected the frequently violent conflict between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and surrounding communities.

* On Sept. 17, 1967, British rock band The Who ended their nationally televised performance of their hit "My Generation" on "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" with a literal bang from a blast of fireworks that Keith Moon had packed into his bass drum. Guitarist Pete Townshend's hair was badly singed, Moon's arm was hit with shrapnel and the show was momentarily knocked off the air, but everyone survived intact.





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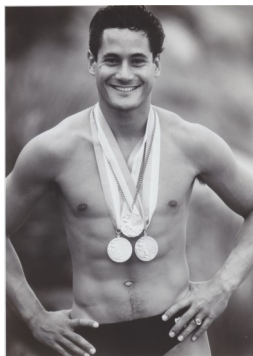


* On Sept. 19, 1959, during a trip to California, Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev's famous temper displayed itself in his exasperated reaction to learning that he could not visit Disneyland, as he'd previously requested, due to government authorities fearing that the crowds would pose a safety hazard for him.

* On Sept. 18, 1974, actress Doris Day won a \$22.8 million malpractice suit against her former attorney. Day had allowed her third husband, Martin Melcher, to handle her finances, but following his death discovered that her \$20 million in life savings had disappeared, and sued her lawyer for mismanagement.

* On Sept. 21, 1996, John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette married at the First African Baptist Church on Cumberland Island, Georgia. Because the wedding began late and the old building didn't have electricity, the priest conducted the ceremony with the aid of a flashlight.

* On Sept. 20, 1988, at the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, American diver Greg Louganis won the gold medal on the springboard despite nearly knocking himself out during a qualifying round dive, becoming the first man to win back-to-back gold medals in both the 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform events. Greg Louganis



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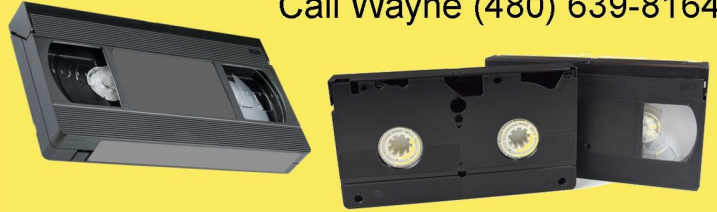
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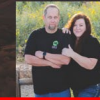
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My perspective on creating cash flow has changed dramatically since I just saw entrepreneur, Alex Hormozi, earn over **"one hundred million" dollars** with a webinar launch for his new book.

My four takeaways from his book launch.

1. There is a lot of cash floating around out there for anyone who can prove value.
2. People are willing to pay for value.
3. A product's or person's value is all about perspective.
4. Even in this economy, people are still very much willing to pay for valuable information.

Everything is in the eye or mind of the beholder. People want they want and are more than willing to spend money.

This is the reason why many more people are earning from more income on TikTok and from their YouTube channels than ever before. Referral income is at an all time high. In general, people have



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become much better at marketing and promotion simply by watching and mimicking others.

In other words, you don't need a marketing degree to make it. You need these three things.

1. A product or service to promote. It can be yours or one that belongs to someone else who is willing to share commissions with a referral partner.
2. Be willing to promote that product or service with consistency to give yourself a greater edge for success. (Most people lose because they are not consistent with their promotion.)
3. Put in the necessary effort. Don't worry or doubt whether you will be successful. (Most people tend to judge themselves and spend way too much time worrying about what they're doing will work.)

You can't do that. You'll sabotage yourself every time. Just do the work. Things will work out with enough effort.

A marketing friend of mine once said, **"You have to get it perfect. You just have to get it going."**

He built a business using that phrase, and built a career by following it.

Money is all about perspective. You have some. Others have more. **Be grateful for what you have. Be grateful for them as examples of what's possible.**

Two people just won the 1.8 billion dollar lottery. I wasn't one of them, but I feel like I've already won the lottery because of the time we're living in. There are technologies and income producing methods that are available to us. Most of it free, including various AI platforms. Just get out there. Learn. Apply. Rinse and repeat. The cash will flow! Want more? Good. It's waiting.

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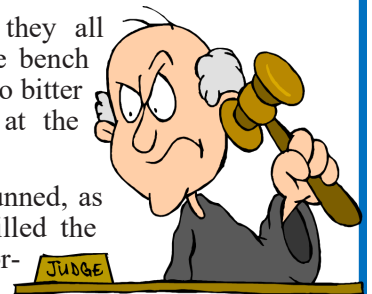
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When quiet was restored, the magistrate said, "Now, one at a time...I'll hear the oldest one of you first."

Amazingly, they all agreed to drop the case.

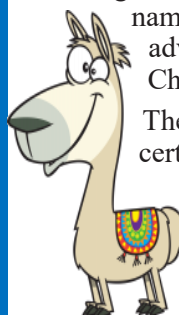
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The man awed said, "That's amazing! Are you certified?"

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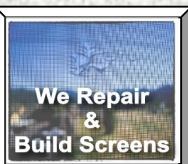
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NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

Appearing before the grand jury on charges he took a bribe, the politician found himself on the witness stand. The prosecutor opened his questioning with, "Where were you the night of August 24th?"



"Objection!" said the defense attorney.

"Oh, that's okay," said the politician from the witness stand.

"I don't mind answering."



"I object!" the defense said again.

The judge ruled: "If the witness insists on answering, there is no reason for the defense to object."

So the prosecutor repeated the question: "Where were you the night of August 24th?"

With great solemnity, the politician replied, "I have no idea!"

AND THE MORAL IS...?

As the older woman approached the church, a small boy stepped up and, with a flourish, opened the door for her.

"What a well raised child," she said. "Here is a quarter as a reward for your good behavior."

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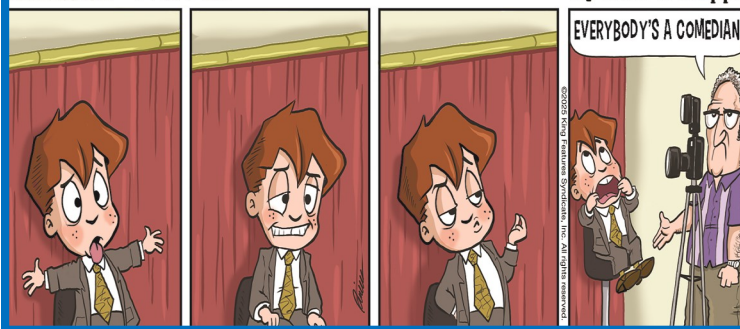
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CryptoQuip

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: A equals D

KH XVDOH V AVAS'H KCAVTJG

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Maker's Marks - Identifying furniture can be tricky. Crediting a maker is often a matter of "style" or "attributed to." Some makers' names come to mean entire styles or time periods, like Chippendale for example. Some styles remain popular for centuries or get revived multiple times. Well-made copies of early pieces can even fool museums. So, when you find a piece of antique furniture with a maker's mark or signature, like this Louis XVI Revival chair by Alexander Roux, which sold for \$1,230 at Brunk Auctions, it's a rare and fortunate event. The auction's description noted that Roux, a famous Victorian furniture maker who worked in New York from 1836 to 1881, had signed the chair's bronze mounts with both "Roux" and "AR." This was unusual; Roux did not often sign the mounts on his furniture. Without a maker's mark, it is sometimes possible to determine a maker based on the piece's style and provenance. Sometimes, a piece can be matched to an image in a catalog or reference book.

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A: Daniel Stewart bourbon was produced by Heaven Hill for export only. Sealed bottles usually sell for about \$200 to \$300. If your bourbon was stored upright in a cool, dark place, and the cork isn't falling apart, it is probably still drinkable. Bourbon can go bad if it is exposed to light, heat or oxygen. Sometimes the alcohol can eat away at the cork, which will leave a sour and bitter taste. If you decide to drink your bourbon, smell it first; if it smells moldy, don't drink it, of course!

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Alexander Roux signed the bronze mounts of this Victorian chair in the Louis XVI Revival style. Identifying the maker of a piece of antique furniture is not always so easy
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BIBLIE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Labour in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 20:35, "That so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words, it is more _____ to give than to receive." Righteous, Understanding, Blessed, Bountiful
3. Ecclesiastes 3:13 states, "And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the _____ of God." Will, Gift, Guidance, Law
4. From Proverbs 14:23, "In all labour there is profit: but the _____ of the lips tendeth only to penury." Whispering, Closing, Talk, Howling
5. In Ephesians 4:28, "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his _____." Brothers, Soul, Might, Hands
6. From Exodus 20:9, how many days shalt thou labour and do all thy work? Two, Four, Six, Seven

ANSWERS:

- 1) Neither
- 2) Blessed
- 3) Gift
- 4) Talk
- 5) Hands
- 6) Six

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson Casey's latest book, **"Test Your Bible Knowledge"** available in bookstores and online.

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CryptoQuip answer

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Answers

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

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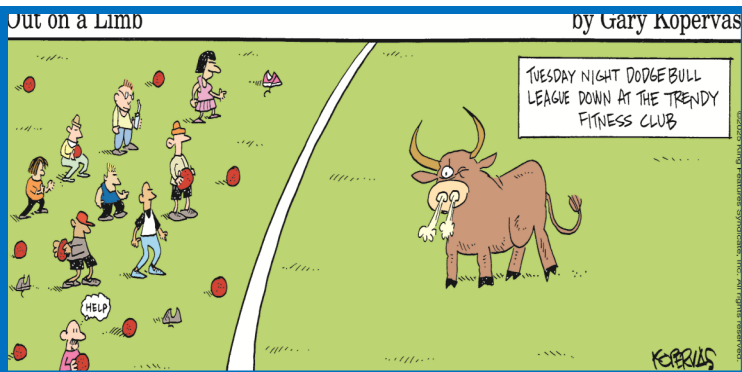
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Wed. 09/10 Suicide Awareness Table 11am-2pm.
Thurs. 09/11 Patriots Day Flag @ Noon
Sun. 09/14 VFW Aux Birthday, Cake @ Bingo
Thurs. 09/18 USAF 78th B-Day, Cake @ Dinner
Fri. 09/19 POW/MIA Luncheon 11am
Wed. 09/24 Aux Green Chili Enchilada Dinner 5pm
Sun. 09/28 Gold Star Family Brunch 11am
Mon. 09/29 VFW 126th Birthday - Cake 09/30 5-7pm

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(Tues) - (Friday) Lunch Specials 11-1:30pm
(Tues) Dinner Special / Hamburgers/Pork Fritters 5-7pm
(Tues) Karaoke w/Todd 5pm
(Thurs) Karaoke w/Todd 5pm / Wings & Things 5-7pm
Fri. - Cod Dinner / Shrimp Basket 5-7:00pm Band @ 5-8pm
Sat. - Ribeye Steak / Shrimp / Burgers / Chicken Tenders 5-7pm
Sat. - Queen of Hearts 5-7:30pm / Sat. Entertainment 5-8pm

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by Freddy Groves

WHEN CLAIMS AREN'T CHECKED OUT

A veteran and wife duo have been indicted for a whole menu of crimes against the VA, including conspiracy to defraud the United States, theft of government funds and conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

Their scams brought in a lot of VA benefit cash because the husband claimed a variety of problems, including traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder and back issues, for which he was granted a 100% disability rating. By later getting a permanent and total disability rating, he no longer had to show up for any reevaluation of his condition.

The couple grabbed additional benefit cash because the wife said she was his caregiver -- since the husband claimed he couldn't even go outside and needed his wife for everything, including feeding and bathing.

Over the years the wife alone had taken in over a quarter of a million dollars. The scam fell apart when an investigation revealed that he'd never been in a combat zone and surveillance showed him driving a vehicle, doing home maintenance up on a ladder, shoveling snow and more.

How, we want to know, was this veteran thief ever approved for a permanent disability rating before anybody even looked in his personnel file and talked to former unit members? At this point the pair could get 20 years each and a fine of \$250,000. I hope this isn't like so many of the crimes against the VA where the thieves are only sentenced to a fraction of what their total sentence could be.

Because here's another case where a scammer could have been sentenced to up to five years and a \$250,000 fine, yet he ended up with a year of supervised release. In this one, the founder of a medical device company offered doctors a way to make a bit of money in the form of product development consulting fees -- for which they never actually did any work. By law those transactions should have been reported.

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