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A vampire bat came flapping in from the night covered in fresh blood and parked himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep.

The other bats smelled the blood and began hassling him about where he got it. He told them to knock it off and let him get some sleep but they persisted until finally he gave in.

"OK, follow me," he said and flew out of the cave with hundreds of bats behind him. Down through a valley they went, across a river and into a forest full of trees.

Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly milled around him. "Do you see that tree over there?" he asked.

"Yes, yes, yes!" the bats all screamed.

"Well," the bloodied bat said,

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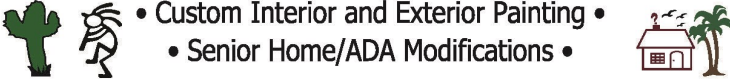
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- ASTRONOMY:** What is the largest moon of Jupiter?
- TELEVISION:** How does George Costanza's fiancée die on "Seinfeld"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a quahog?
- GEOGRAPHY:** How many countries does the Amazon River and its tributaries flow through?
- ENTERTAINERS:** Where is Elvis Presley's home, Graceland?
- SCIENCE:** What is the study of clouds called?

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9. Memphis, Tennessee.
Guiana.
Guyana, Suriname and French
Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela,
8. Nine (Peru, Colombia, Brazil,
7. Type of clam.

Answers
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2. "Great Expectations."
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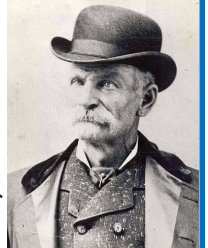
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* On Nov. 3, 1883, California bandit and stagecoach robber Black Bart, born Charles E. Boles and famous for his daring as well as his habit of occasionally leaving short poems at the scenes of his crimes, held up his last stagecoach. While he initially made a quick getaway, he was done in by the handkerchief with a laundry mark he'd inadvertently dropped and spent four years in San Quentin prison.



* On Nov. 5, 2024, former President Donald Trump was elected to a second term in office, becoming the first president to serve nonconsecutive terms since 1892

* On Nov. 4, 1928, Arnold Rothstein, a legendary New York gambler with a fortune estimated at about \$50 million, was shot during a poker game at Manhattan's Park Central Hotel. He died in the hospital two days later without revealing the name of his assassin, though the fellow gambler who'd invited him to the game was tried for the crime, and acquitted.



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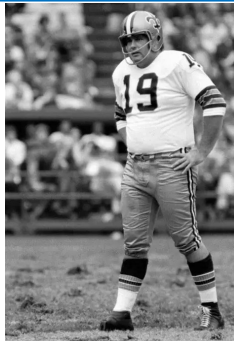
* On Nov. 8, 1970, Tom Dempsey, a professional football kicker, though he was born with no toes on his right foot, launched a 63-yard field goal in his custom shoe and set a new NFL record, beating the previous record by seven yards.

* On Nov. 6, 1977, the Toccoa Falls Dam in Georgia collapsed just hours after a volunteer fireman inspected it and found everything in order, with 39 people dying in the resulting flood.

* On Nov. 7, 1943, Roberta Joan Anderson, now known to the world as Joni Mitchell and dubbed the greatest female guitarist of all time by Rolling Stone magazine, was born in Fort MacLeod, Alberta, Canada. She cemented her status in the music world as a composer rather than performer, with David Geffen of Geffen Records noting in 1994 that, "Even though we lost money on every one of her records, we always treated Joni as one of the most important artists in the world."

* On Nov. 9, 1956, French philosopher and author Jean-Paul Sartre, a long-time admirer of the Soviet Union, denounced both the USSR and its communist system following the Soviet invasion of Hungary.

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I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!

* Flamingos don't bend their legs at the knee - they bend at the ankle. What looks like their knee is actually their ankle. Their real knees are hidden under feathers closer to their bodies



* People in the 1840s thought that a big, possibly cheesy, smile was childish, so a photographer in London told people to keep their mouths shut by saying "prunes."

* In 1939, Hitler was nominated for the Noble Peace Prize. It was not a 'real' nomination as it was meant it to be ironic and it was later taken back. Even more ironic, Hitler had forbidden Germans from taking the awards four years before his own name was put in the hat.

* In the 1930s, the first 3 Musketeers bars came in packs of three. Each pack had a different nougat flavor, such as vanilla, chocolate, or strawberry. Costs were too high for that triple threat during World War II, so the company cut it down to one



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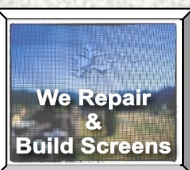
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Q: I have a pen holder and clock that my father had in his office. They date from the early 1960s. Both items have an imprint of the earth, the clock has a GEMINI capsule that goes around. The pen holder has a circular image of the earth with a GEMINI capsule. When you push the pen down in its holder and release it, the capsule spins around. Is there any interest in items like these? **A:** Desk accessories from the mid-20th century like pen holders and clocks usually sell for relatively low prices, but the connection to the GEMINI program should increase the value and amount of interest in yours. The first GEMINI mission, an uncrewed flight, launched in 1964 and the final mission, GEMINI XII, which was the first spaceflight for pilot Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, took place in 1966. Plenty of merchandise celebrating the mission was produced at the time, and there is plenty of interest in it today. There are collectors who specialize in NASA and spaceflight memorabilia. Collectors of aviation memorabilia and space-themed toys are often interested as well. Auction houses that deal in toys, popular culture, celebrity memorabilia and American history sell space memorabilia. The highest prices go to equipment from the programs, especially items flown in space, and items signed by or belonging to NASA staff or astronauts, but there is also interest in mass-produced souvenirs. Last year, a set of novelty salt and pepper shakers shaped like the GEMINI and Apollo capsules sold for \$300 at Bid Again Auctions in support of the American Space Museum.

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Gloves as formal wear and enameled Bohemian glass may be relics of the 1800s, but both are appreciated by collectors today
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THE EVOLUTION OF HALLOWEEN

* Halloween traces back over 2,000 years to Samhain, a Celtic festival marking the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter. Celts believed that on the night of October 31, the boundary between the living and the dead blurred, allowing spirits to roam the Earth. To ward off these spirits, people lit bonfires and wore costumes.

* In the 8th century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day), a time to honor saints and martyrs. The evening before became known as All Hallows' Eve, eventually shortened to Halloween.

* During the Middle Ages, people practiced 'souling', where the poor would go door-to-door offering prayers for the dead in exchange for food. This tradition is considered the beginning of our modern trick-or-treating.

* Halloween was brought to the U.S. by Irish immigrants in the 19th century. It gradually transformed into a community-centered holiday with parades, parties, and games. By the early 1900s, it began to resemble our current child-focused festivities.



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Clue: M equals S

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by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Romans (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Exodus 34, who was frightened of a man who came down a mountain with a shining face? Laban, Stephen, Aaron, Cornelius
3. During a famine, who set out with another man to find grass to feed his horses and mules? Abishag, Ahab, Abner, Agrippa
4. From Esther 7, who met his death on the gallows he built for another man? Herod, Haman, Peter, Ezekiel
5. What charioteer rode to Jezreel to find King Joram? Jehu, Omri, Naboth, Jethro
6. From Acts 5, who fell dead after lying about a property deal? Nehemiah, Shimei, Levi, Ananias

ANSWERS:

- 1) New
- 2) Aaron
- 3) Ahab
- 4) Haman
- 5) Jehu
- 6) Ananias

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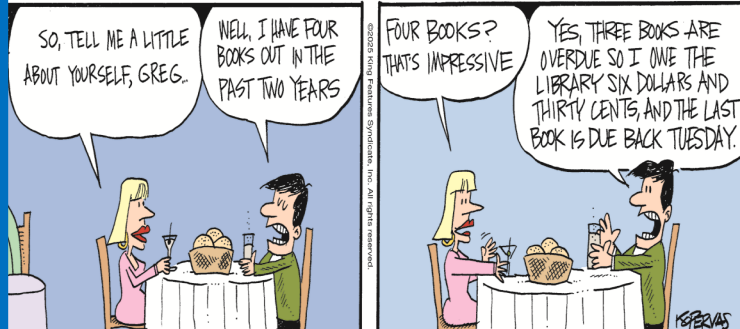
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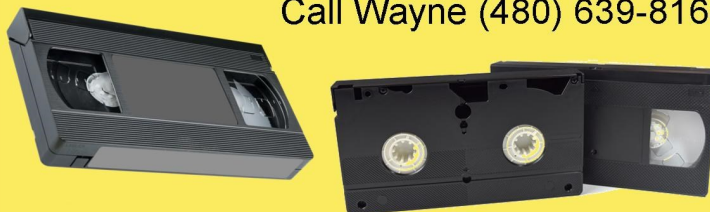
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CLAIMS ERROR RATE: 61%

It's one thing to have a medical condition that neatly slots into the VA's presumptive chart of toxic exposure-related illnesses. If you served at a location at a certain time, your illness is presumed to have been caused by that service under TERA, a toxic exposure risk activity. As the list of presumptives grows (courtesy of the PACT Act), so do the number of veterans who qualify automatically. Disability benefits soon follow -- if all goes well. But what if you were there, at a certain time, and your toxic exposure illness isn't on the list?

In 2022 when the PACT Act added so many presumptives, veterans submitted their claims, the how-to claims manual increased in size and things became complicated. For one thing, those veterans without a presumptive (listed) illness were required to get a medical exam and a medical opinion. The claims people had to do extra work and request the specific exam as well as the opinion to verify that the veteran did have that illness, and that the exposure did indeed cause that illness. And there the problems began with the denial of claims.

The VA's Office of Inspector General stepped in and conducted a very long review to investigate whether processors handled those denials correctly. The results of that investigation showed that 61% of denials for nonpresumptive TERA-related claims had processing errors. In some cases, there was no request for a medical exam and opinion. In other cases there was no research into whether the veteran participated in a toxic exposure activity.

It's not surprising so many mistakes were made. Besides the standard 82-page how-to manual, processors needed to wade through eight policy documents, nine general information documents and 94 webpages of frequently asked questions. The OIG's recommendations, if followed by the VA, should ease the difficulties in accurately processing the exposure claims. We can only hope they're listening.

Veterans, if you believe your illness was caused by toxic exposure, insist on a TERA exam and medical opinion to bolster your claim.

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