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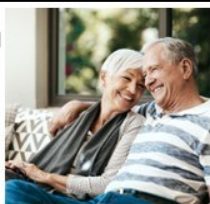


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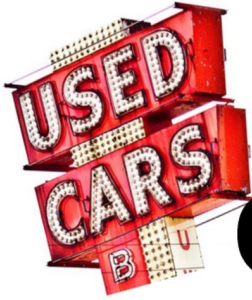
\* On April 23, 1898, Spain declared war on the U.S. after rejecting its ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba. Following the declaration, the American Asiatic Squadron, under Commodore George Dewey, engaged the Spanish Pacific squadron under Admiral Patricio Montojo y Pasar n in the Philippines' Manila Bay, 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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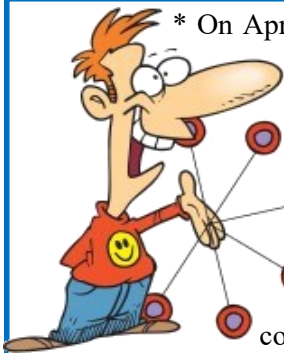
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\* On April 26, 1928, Filipino immigrant Pedro Flores opened the Yo-yo Manufacturing Company in Santa Barbara, CA. By November 1929, he was operating two additional factories in Los Angeles and Hollywood, which together produced 300,000 yo-yos daily.

\* 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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## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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

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10. Richard Nixon.  
9. Jupiter.  
8. 12.  
7. "Happy Days."  
6. Maurice Sendak.  
brain.

Answers  
1. Spain.  
2. A flamboyance.  
3. Armitiy Island.  
4. Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
5. In the brain. It connects the two hemispheres of the



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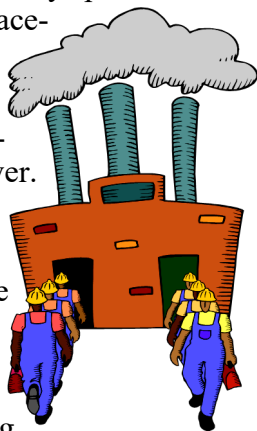
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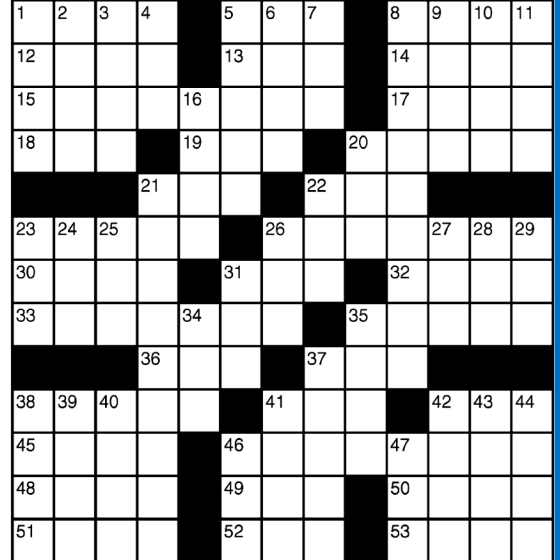
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- 12 Taunt
- 13 Aussie hopper
- 14 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
- 15 Home of the Packers
- 17 Compared to
- 18 Congeal
- 19 Sturdy tree
- 20 Spassky's game
- 21 — -Manuel Miranda
- 22 Huge
- 23 Bottom
- 26 Fear-stricken
- 30 "E Pluribus —"
- 31 Blue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



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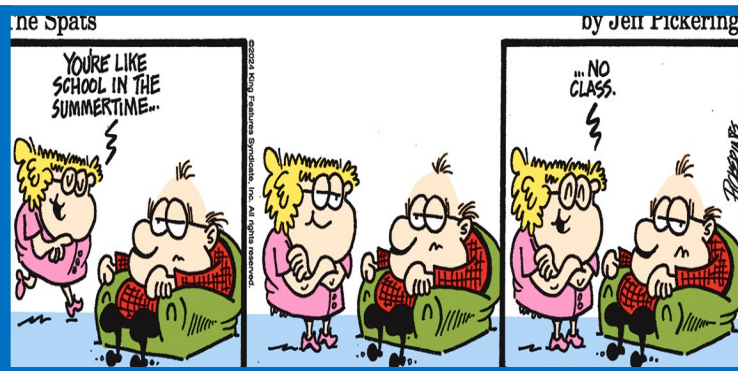
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## CryptoQuip

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Clue: Z equals R

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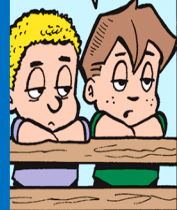
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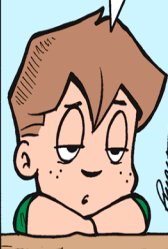
## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

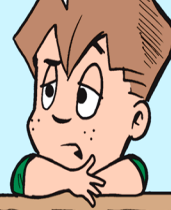
MY PARENTS TOOK AWAY MY VIDEO GAMES AND IPAD FOR TWO WHOLE WEEKS.



THEY THINK THIS WILL HELP ME IN THE LONG RUN.



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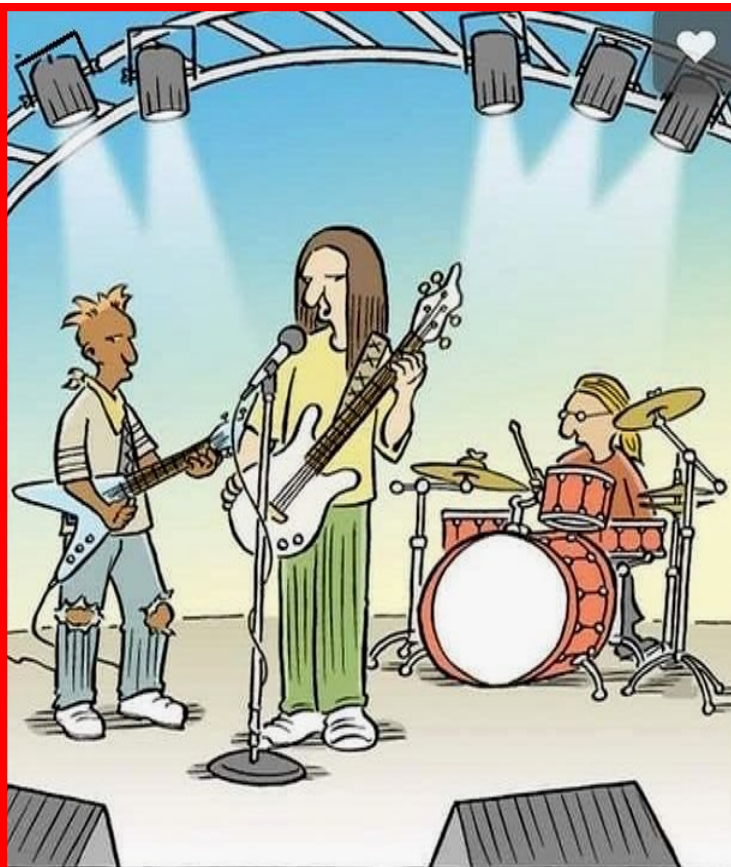
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(Monday) - Euchre 12:00pm - "Burger Night"  
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Live Music 5-9pm (Fri. 04/05 Roadhouse Wranglers) - (Fri. 04/12 Rusty Wagon)  
(Fri. 04/19 Reign-N-Country) - (Fri. 04/26 Last Train to the Dakotas)  
(Saturday) 500 CARDS 12:00pm / Texas Hold'em 5:00pm  
(Sunday) - Bar Bingo 1:00pm / Jam Session 5-8pm  
(Reign-N-Country 04/07 - 04/14 - 04/21 - 04/28)

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Sat. 04/06 Dept. Pres. Bambi & Cmdr. Bill's Homecoming 5-9pm  
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04/09 Shift Works	04/10 Shift Works	04/11 Roadhouse Wranglers	04/12 Roadhouse Wranglers	04/13 Roadhouse Wranglers
04/16 The Dakotas	04/17 The Dakotas	04/18 3-Speed	04/19 3-Speed	04/20 3-Speed
04/23 Roadhouse Wranglers	04/24 Roadhouse Wranglers	04/25 Reign-N-Country	04/26 Reign-N-Country	04/27 Reign-N-Country
04/30 Audrey Hicks	05/01 Audrey Hicks			

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Kailing is different. 2. Handle is added to lunch box. 3. Sleeve is rolled up. 4. Leak is moved. 5. Pipe is thinner. 6. Bite is missing from sandwich.



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## CONSTANT ALEVE AND IBUPROFEN CONSUMPTION CAN CAUSE DAMAGE

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My husband, age 70, had been diagnosed with osteoarthritis in his neck, for which he would take Aleve to relieve his discomfort when needed. Just before Christmas last year, his back began hurting so much that he went to his doctor, who said to get up and move more. (We have always exercised and remained active in life, but he did slow down due to his pain.) My husband then added ibuprofen to the Aleve he was already using. His doctor said that the pain is due to osteoarthritis in his mid-back area. Apparently, there is nothing to do for it but take Extra Strength Tylenol at the recommended dose. Ibuprofen or Aleve isn't recommended because it causes liver and kidney damage. So, we bought Tylenol, and he used this medication instead of his usual. But his pain only got worse. So, this morning, he switched back to Aleve and ibuprofen. It is what helped before and is helping again now. In addition,

he is using a drug-free Aleve Direct Therapy pad that uses waveform technology. He also uses Icy Hot pain relief cream and a heating pad. These reduce his pain, but his back continues to hurt since before the holidays. Our question is, should he use Aleve and ibuprofen instead of the Tylenol that doesn't seem to help? He has actually used Aleve for a very long time. He just had his blood tested, and the doctor said his liver and kidneys are good. Is there anything more we can do to relieve his osteoarthritic pain? It is hard to see my husband in so much discomfort when he was previously a very active, pain-free man. -- S.F.A.

**ANSWER:** Osteoarthritis in the neck is a common and painful condition, and there are not always good treatment options. In terms of medicine, anti-inflammatory medicines, like Aleve or ibuprofen (Advil and many other brands), can be very helpful for some people. However, taking both doesn't improve pain relief. It does increase the risk of toxicity, so he should never take two anti-inflammatory medicines -- choose just one. Tylenol helps some people, but in my experience, most people do better with anti-inflammatories instead of Tylenol. Tylenol does have a smaller risk of side effects. In addition to liver and kidney problems, Aleve and similar medicines can cause stomach problems, ranging from mild upset to life-threatening ulcers; though, this is uncommon with over-the-counter doses. I often recommend a trial of Tylenol to see if it is as good as the anti-inflammatories. Since it's not for your husband, he should tell his doctor this, and it seems reasonable for him to go back to taking Aleve alone. However, I can't tell you to disregard his physician's advice. Some people benefit from Tylenol on top of Aleve. Beyond pain medicines, the Aleve Direct Therapy pad uses electricity to relieve pain without medicine. It's fine to combine this therapy with medicines. Creams -- whether they are anti-inflammatory, menthol and camphor, or topical anesthetics -- provide some relief, but they tend to be better on the hands, wrists and knees than the neck. Though, they still may be worth trying in combination with medicines. In more severe cases, injections can be used before considering surgery.

**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) 2024 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved**

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## 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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### King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Sat. April 20th Installation of New Officers 12 pm

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Tuesday - Friday Lunch Specials 11-1:30pm

Thursday-Wings & Things! 5-7pm / Karaoke w/Todd 5pm

Fri. - Ribs, Shrimp or Cod Dinner 5-7:00pm Entertainment 5-9pm

Sat. - Ribeye Steak, Shrimp or Chicken Tenders 5-7pm

Sat. Queen of Hearts 5-7:30pm / Sat. Entertainment 5-9pm

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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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