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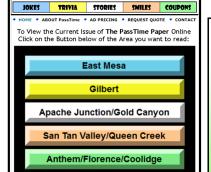
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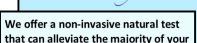
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- \* Flamingos don't bend their legs at the knee - they bend at the ankle. What looks like their knee is actually their ankle. Their real knees are hidden under feathers closer to their bodies
- \* People in the 1840s thought that a big, possibly cheesy, 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



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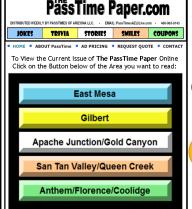
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# Moments THE HISTORY CHANNEL

\* 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.

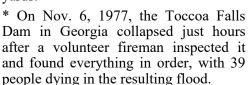
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\* On Nov. 8, 1970, Tom Dempsey, a professional football kicker, though he was born with no toes on his right foot, launched a 63-yard field goal in his custom shoe and set a new NFL record, beating the previous record by seven yards.





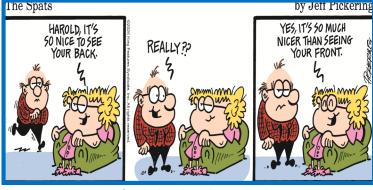
\* On Nov. 7, 1943, Roberta Joan Anderson, now known to the world as Joni Mitchell and dubbed the greatest female guitarist of all time by Rolling Stone magazine, was born in Fort MacLeod, Alberta, Canada. She cemented her status in the music world as a composer rather than performer, with David Geffen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

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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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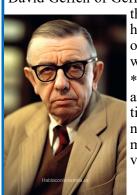


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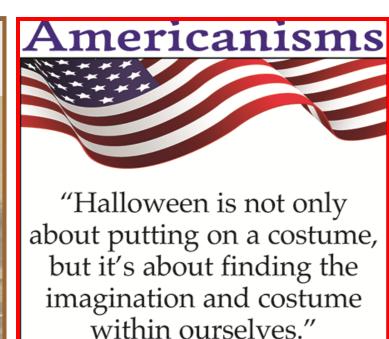
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- **7. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a quahog?
- **8. GEOGRAPHY:** How many countries does the Amazon River and its tributaries flow through?
- **9. ENTERTAINERS:** Where is Elvis Presley's home, Graceland?
- **10. SCIENCE:** What is the study of clouds called?

7. Type of clam.
8. Nine (Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana).
9. Memphis, Tennessee.
10. Nephology.
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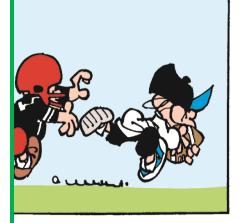
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Post 9399 Service Officer is available every Wednesday at 9:00am www.VFW9399.org \* FB: VFW AUXILIARY POST 9399.ORG & (VFWPOST 9399)



- 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
- Ananias

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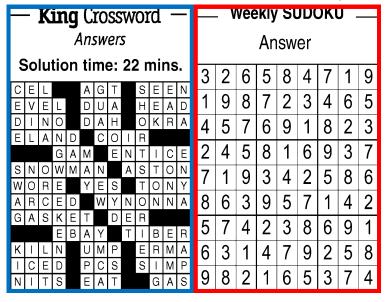
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Small cartoon superhero who reaches his most powerful form in the fall season: Autumn Ant.



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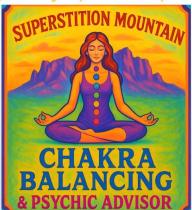
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Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
	10/02 Karaoke w/Todd	10/03 Roadhouse Wranglers	10/04 Roadhouse Wranglers				
10/07 Karaoke w/Todd	10/09 Karaoke w/Todd	10/10 Hooters Blues	10/11 Guns Out				
10/14 Karaoke w/Todd	10/16 Karaoke w/Todd	10/17 Rusty Wagon	10/18 Rusty Wagon				
10/21 Karaoke w/Todd	10/23 Karaoke w/Todd	10/24 Triple Play	10/25 Sam & the Band				
10/28 Karaoke w/Todd	10/30 Karaoke w/Todd	10/31 Snake Skin Rodeo					
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## by Freddy Groves

#### **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 quality 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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