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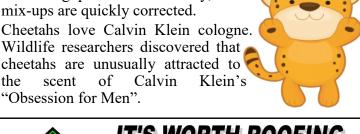
Shrimp hearts are located in their heads. Their internal anatomy is surprisingly compact and efficient.

There's a country with more pyramids than Egypt. Sudan has over 200 pyramids, more than any other nation. Goldfish can lose their color in the dark. If kept in a dark room, a goldfish will eventually turn white.

A Microraptor is the smallest dinosaur ever discovered. It was only 16 inches long and had feathers. The letter "Q" doesn't appear in any U.S. state name. It's the only letter of the alphabet with that distinction.

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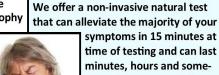
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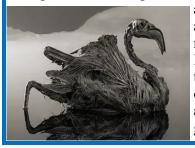


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* On Nov. 18, 1996, exotic bird expert and protector Tony Silva was sentenced to seven years in prison for heading an illegal parrot-smuggling operation -- one of many people to be arrested during Operation Renegade, a three-year interna-

tional investigation into bird smuggling by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Law Enforcement.

* On Nov. 17, 1991, Fox aired the first condom ad on network TV during the teen sitcom "Herman's Head,"

inspired by increasing anxiety about the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

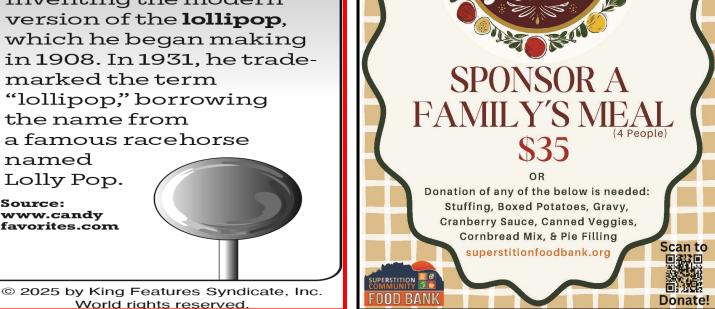


* On Nov. 19, 1969, Brazilian soccer star Pelé, considered one of the greatest players in his sport, scored his 1,000th professional goal in a game, against Vasco da Gama in Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium.

Fun Fact

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* On Nov. 20, 1866, Pierre Lallement received a U.S. patent for the country's first pedal bicycle. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to capitalize on his invention. Failing to acquire enough funds to open a factory, he sold the rights to the patent in 1868 and died

in obscurity in 1881.

- * On Nov. 21, 1934, a teenage and terrified Ella Fitzgerald stepped on the stage at Harlem's Apollo Theater to participate in Amateur Night after her name was drawn from a hat. At the time an aspiring dancer, she spontaneously decided to sing instead, not only winning the competition after a rough start, but unknowingly setting her feet on the path to becoming a music legend.
- * On Nov. 22, 1986, 20-year-old Mike Tyson knocked out 33-year-old Trevor Berbick in only five minutes and 35 seconds to become the youngest titleholder ever. He had won all 27 of the matches he'd previously fought, knocking out 26 of his opponents.
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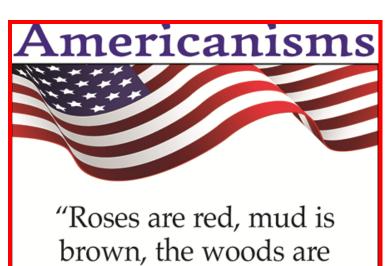
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- **3. GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Dodecanese Islands?
- **4. MUSIC:** Which country music star threw the javelin in college?
- **5. TELEVISION:** Which character on the series "Bridgerton" admits to being Lady Whistledown, the pseudonym of a gossip writer?
- **6. MATH:** How many degrees are in a circle?
- **7. MOVIES:** What was the name of actor Henry Fonda's last movie?
- **8. ANATOMY:** In human beings, what is the condition called polythelia?
- **9. FOOD & DRINK:** Which celebrity chef had a specialty food store called "The Barefoot Contessa"?
- **10. CHEMISTRY:** What metallic element has the highest melting point?

5. Penelope Featherington.
6. 360.
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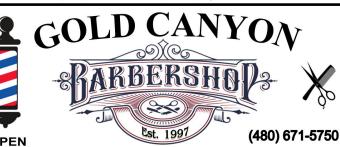


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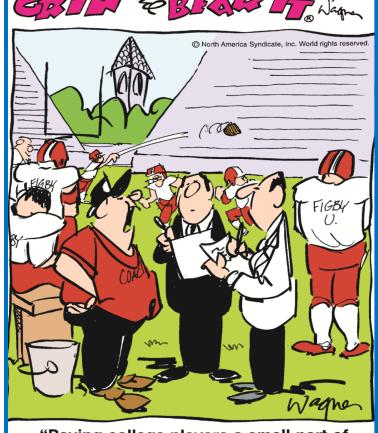
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(Monday) - Euchre 12:00pm - "Burger Night"
Queen of Hearts 5-7:30pm - Karaoke 5-9:00pm
(Tuesday) - DARTS 1:00pm / Texas Hold Um 5:00pm
(Wednesday) - 500 CARDS @ 11:30am / Bar Bingo 4:00pm
(Thursday) - EUCHRE 12:00pm / DARTS 1:00pm
(Friday) - "Steak & Fish Night" 5-7:00pm / (50/50 Drawing 7pm)
(Saturday) - 500 CARDS 11:30am / Darts 1:00pm 11/22 & 11/29 / Texas Hold Um 5:00pm
(Sunday) - Bar Bingo 1:00pm

Live Music 5-9pm

(Friday 11/07 The Dakotas) - (Friday 11/14 Reign-N-Country) (Friday 11/21 Shift Work) - (Friday 11/28 Reign-N-Country)

Monthly Post Events

(Fri. 11/01 Club Committee Mtg 9:30am) (Mon 11/03 MOCA Mtg. 5pm 9399)
(Sun. 11/02 & Fri.11/07 Joy of Painting Class w/Jane 10:00am)
(Thur. 11/06 Guitars for Vets 6pm) (Tue. 11/11 Veterans Day)
(Wed. 11/12 AJ Lions Club Meeting after Bingo)
(Sat. 11/15 Farm to Table Food Distribution 8-11am)
(Sat. 11/15 Guitars for Vets Graduation Show 2-4pm)
(Sat.11/22 Trustee/Treasurer Mtg. 10am) (Mon. 11/24 USMC League Mtg. 6pm)
(Tue.11/25 Planning Meeting 5:30pm) (Thur. 11/27 Thanksgiving Dinner 1pm)
Sat. 11/29 Marine Devel Dog Mtg. 9:30am

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- 1. Is the book of Philemon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Who is credited as being "The Mother of All the Living"? Ruth, Sarah, Eve, Esther
- 3. From Numbers 22, to whom did the donkey speak? Silas, Daniel, Jeremiah, Balaam
- 4. As stated in Genesis 20:2, who was king of Gerar? Abimelech, Nathan, Nehemiah, Joash
- 5. Where was Paul the Apostle born? Thessalonica, Tarsus, Ur, Antioch
- 6. From Acts 18, who was Aquila's wife? Priscilla, Jezebel, Leah, Rebekah

ANSWERS:

- 1) New
- 2) Eve
- 3) Balaam
- 4) Abimelech
- 5) Tarsus
- 6) Priscilla

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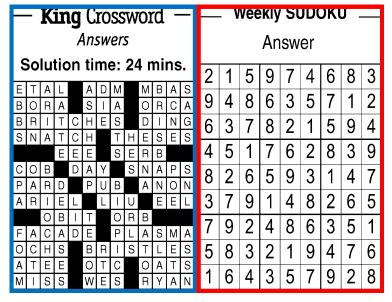
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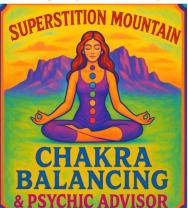
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Thurs. 11/06 House & Planning Mtg. 5pm. & 6pm. Sun. 11/09 Salvation Army Car & Bike Show 10am.

Mon. 11/10 Post & Aux Meetings 7pm. (USMC Birthday)

Tue. 11/11 Veterans Day Parade 9am. Main Street Veterans Day Post 7968 BBQ & Festivities@ 12pm.

Fri. 11/21 Feather Party 5pm. Thur. 11/27 Thanksgiving Day, Dinner 1pm.



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Sun. Members Hold'Um 12pm / Aux Bingo 4pm.
Mexican Mondays 11:am - 1:30pm / Darts 1pm.
(Tues) - Post Bingo 2pm / (Fri) - Post or Aux Bingo 2pm
(Tues) - (Friday) Lunch Specials 11am-1:30pm
(Tues. Broasted Chicken / Hamburgers 5-7pm)
(Thurs) Darts 1pm / Wings & Things 5-7pm
Fri.- Cod Dinner/Shrimp Basket 5-7:00pm Band @ 5-9pm
Sat. - Ribeye Steak / Chicken Tenders 5-7pm
Sat. - Queen of Hearts 5-7:30pm / Entertainment 5-9pm

November Band Schedule Live Music Starts @5pm

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
			11/01 Shift Work				
11/04 Karaoke w/Todd	11/06 Karaoke w/Todd	11/07 Roadhouse Wranglers	11/08 Roadhouse Wranglers				
11/11 Veterans Day	11/13 Karaoke w/Todd	11/14 Shift Work	11/15 Gordie & Debbie				
11/18 Karaoke w/Todd	11/20 Karaoke w/Todd	11/21 Rusty Wagon	11/22 Rusty Wagon				
11/25 Jim Leslie	11/27 Thanksgiving	11/28 Guns Out	11/29 Marshall Star Band				
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VETERANS * POST *

by Freddy Groves

THE SHUTDOWN

At this writing, several weeks into the government shutdown, the VA has not been immune to the effects of it. We don't know how long it will go on, but the VA is doing all it can for veterans. While you won't be able to access all of their services as long as the shutdown continues, you're not being left in the lurch.

You'll still get your education, housing and pension benefits. The medical clinics, hospitals and Vet Centers remain open. Burials continue, as do the processing of applications for burial benefits, markers and headstones. (Call them at 800-535-1117 for scheduling.) Appeals continue on your case. The main phone number is still manned (800-827-1000), and so is the crisis line (988, Press 1). Support for caregivers, suicide prevention and homeless services continues. Which is great. But that's only part of the situation. There are many things you can't do or get right now, or that aren't being handled.

Regional benefits offices are closed. There is no placement of permanent headstones at the cemeteries, nor grounds maintenance. Pre-need burial applications aren't being processed. There is no career counseling right now. Call centers for the GI Bill are closed. The VA Central Office isn't reaching out to state, county, tribal, municipal, faith-based and community based partners.

By the time you read this, the shutdown might well be over. We can only hope. But even if it is, from the moment things open up, it will likely take time for all the parts and pieces to gear up again.

Meanwhile, if you're a member of a veterans service group such as the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars, you can help. Check in and see what they're doing. Perhaps there's a way for you to pitch in locally. Keep in mind that the holidays are nearly upon us. There are veterans with families to support and veterans in hospitals that might not get a visitor.

Hang in there, and step up where you can. (c) 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.