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- If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning
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- "A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity. It dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path" - Agatha Christie
- "Mothers can forgive anything! Tell me all, and be sure that I will never let you go, though the whole world should turn from you" - Louisa May Alcott



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* On May 24, 1887, President Chester A. Arthur and New York Gov. Grover Cleveland opened the Brooklyn Bridge. At the time, it was considered engineering's greatest achievement, with a span of 1,600 feet, which made it the longest suspension bridge in the world.



* On May 22, 1906, Wilbur and Orville Wright were granted a patent for their "flying machine." Their first application was rejected, and the overall process took three years, after which they sold the patent to the newly formed Wright Company for a sweet \$100,000, 40% of the company's stock, and a royalty of 10% on all aircraft sold.

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* On May 23, 1962, 12 doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston performed the first successful reattachment of a human limb -- the severed arm of 12-year-old Everett "Red" Knowles. After four years of recovery, he had regained complete mobility and use of it.

* On May 26, 1993, Major League Baseball Jose Canseco and the Texas Rangers were playing against the Cleveland Indians when the latter team's infielder, Carlos Martinez, famously hit a fly ball that bounced off Canseco's head. All ended well, however, in a home run and no injuries, as well as some astonished laughs.

* On May 25, 2011, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" came to an emotional end after 25 years and 4,561 episodes, with its longtime host telling her audience, "You and this show have been the greatest love of my life." It remains one of the highest-rated daytime TV talk shows in American entertainment history.

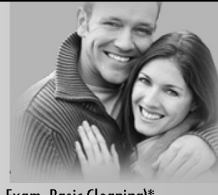
* On May 28, 2016, a gorilla named Harambe was relaxing inside the Gorilla World habitat at the Cincinnati Zoo when a 3-year-old boy climbed into the enclosure and fell into the moat. While it seemed that Harambe was protecting the boy from drowning, zoo officials decided to shoot the animal as they feared he might accidentally kill the child.

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Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more
fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies.

What does a cow eat? **Hay and corn.**

What are those? **Vegetables.**

Q: What are some of the advantages
of participating in a regular exercise
program?

A: Cannot think of single one, sorry. My philosophy: No
Pain...Good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU NOT LISTENING!!! Foods fried in vegetable
oil. How can getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft
around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise muscle, it gets bigger.
You should only do sit-ups if want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

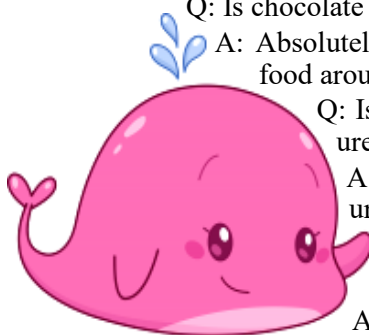
A: Absolutely not! It's the best feel-good
food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your fig-
ure?

A: If swimming is good for fig-
ures, explain whales to me.

Q: Is getting in-shape im-
portant for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is shape!





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- "When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway." —Erma Bombeck
- "My mother is my root, my foundation. She planted the seed that I base my life on, and that is the belief that the ability to achieve starts in your mind." —Michael Jordan
- "As mothers and daughters, we are connected with one another. My mother is the bones of my spine, keeping me straight and true. She is my blood, making sure it runs rich and strong. She is the beating of my heart. I cannot now imagine life without her." —Kristin Hannah
- Mother Nature, in her infinite wisdom, has instilled within each of us a powerful biological instinct to reproduce; this is her way of assuring that the human race, come what may, will never have any disposable income.
~ Dave Barry



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4. ANATOMY: What is complete heterochromia?
5. U.S. STATES: Which two states don't recognize Daylight Savings Time?
6. LITERATURE: Which best-selling novel (1989) is set in Clanton, Mississippi?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the national dish of Spain?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of leopards called?
9. HISTORY: Which two Greek city-states fought the Peloponnesian War?
10. AD SLOGANS: Which company once urged customers to "reach out and touch someone" by telephone?

Answers
1. "Finding Nemo" (Bruce the Shark).
2. Oscar the Grouch.
3. Algeria.
4. When someone's eyes are two different colors.
5. Hawaii and Arizona.
6. "A Time to Kill," by John Grisham.
7. Paella.
8. A leap of leopards.
9. Sparta and Athens.
10. AT&T.
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DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond



MOTHER'S DAY JUST GOT SWEETER WITH THIS EASY CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE RECIPE

Mother's Day is a special occasion to celebrate the love and sacrifice of all the amazing mothers and mother figures in our lives. This year, why not surprise your loved one with a delicious and decadent giant chocolate truffle as a sweet gesture of appreciation?

This easy-to-make, no-bake truffle has only three ingredients -- chocolate chips, coconut oil and heavy cream -- and features layers of firm chocolate on top and bottom, with a melt-in-your-mouth chocolate ganache layer in the middle. Plan on thin slices, because this decadent masterpiece is rich.

While you can successfully use any variety of chocolate chips in this recipe, I recommend using dark chocolate chips for added health benefits. Every little bit counts, right? Dark chocolate contains antioxidants that can protect against free radicals and improve blood flow, reducing the risk of heart disease. If you pair this with fresh blueberries, blackberries or raspberries, you can feel practically virtuous. However, remember to consume this giant chocolate truffle in moderation due to its high calorie and fat content.

GIANT DARK CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE

Yield: 16 (roughly 2 ounce) servings

Time: 20 minutes plus freezing time

3 (12 ounce) bags dark chocolate chips, divided

2 tablespoons coconut oil, divided

1/2 cup heavy cream

1/4 cup nuts, optional

Prepare an 8-inch spring form pan by wrapping the removable bottom with plastic wrap then placing back in the pan. Spray pan with cooking spray. In the microwave, melt one bag of chips with 1 tablespoon coconut oil in 30-second increments. Stir between each nuke blast until the chips are completely smooth. Pour this into the prepared pan. Place in the freezer.

Next, we make ganache. This is so easy you'll make ganache all the time. Place a bag of chips into a mixing bowl. Heat the heavy cream in the microwave until it simmers, between 45 and 60 seconds. Pour the hot cream over the chips and let that sit for five minutes. Now stir

the mixture until completely smooth. As you begin, there may be a moment when you shake your fist at the sky and yell, "Curse you, Patti Diamond!" because it looks like the curdled separated mess will never come together. Just keep stirring. I promise it will come together into a luxurious silky, creamy ganache. Pour the ganache over the first layer of chocolate and stick it back in the freezer. You get to lick the spoon because you made ganache.

Repeat the process of melting the chips with the coconut oil with the final bag of chips. Pour this over the ganache layer and put it back in the freezer until firm. Once firm, remove from the freezer and place in the fridge until ready to serve.

To serve, simply cut the Giant Chocolate Truffle with a knife that's been heated in hot water and dried before slicing.

If you're feeling adventurous, feel free to experiment with different types of chocolate chips or add layers of cookies, nuts, dried fruit, caramel, peanut butter or marshmallow cream to create your own unique variation.

For an extra special touch, you could decorate this truffle with edible gold leaf found at craft stores that carry cake decorating supplies, or online retailers that sell baking supplies. And don't forget to include a heartfelt message of love and appreciation.

So, this year, instead of buying expensive Godiva chocolates, why not make your own delicious "Go Diva" truffle at home? It's the perfect way to spoil the chocolate-loving special mother figure in your life.



This easy, no-bake truffle has only three ingredients

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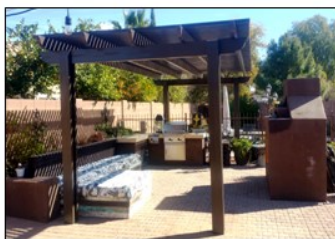
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- 18 Teeny bit
- 19 Lincoln's coin
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- 24 "How sweet —!"
- 25 "Light My Fire" band
- 29 Rock's Brian
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- 31 Quick swim
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- 6 "Today" rival, briefly
- 7 "Rah!"
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- 9 Property claim
- 10 Genesis garden
- 11 Relaxed
- 16 Feet, slangily
- 19 Cushions
- 20 Schreiber of "Ray Donovan"
- 21 Sicilian volcano
- 22 Transparent
- 23 Seabird
- 25 Scrabble piece
- 26 Schiller poem used by Beethoven
- 27 Ceremony
- 28 Mast
- 30 Macadamize
- 33 Marsh birds
- 34 Flunk
- 36 Goofed
- 37 First bed
- 38 Sharpen
- 39 Slender woodwind
- 40 Hay bundle
- 42 Third degree?
- 43 Corn serving
- 44 Exist
- 45 Kitten's cry

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“When someone asks you where you come from, the answer is your mother.”

— Anna Quindlen

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Name the New York Mets relief pitcher who tore his right patellar tendon while celebrating Puerto Rico's win over the Dominican Republic in the 2023 World Baseball Classic?
2. What 2000 Kentucky Derby winner was sold to a breeder for a record \$70 million?
3. Name the left-footed punter who played for the Green Bay Packers (1983-84) and Minnesota Vikings (1987-89).
4. Racecar driver, designer, engineer and inventor Bruce McLaren hailed from what country?
5. In 1919, the Houston Buffaloes became the first minor league team to affiliate with a Major League Baseball club when they made ties with what team?
6. What boxing manager and trainer handled the careers of champions Floyd Patterson, Jose Torres and Mike Tyson?
7. What trophy is awarded annually to the most outstanding college football player who began their college career as a walk-on?

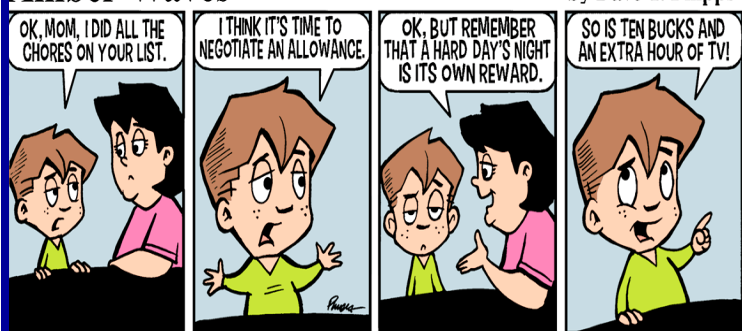
- Answers
1. Edwin Diaz.
 2. Fusaiichi Pegasus.
 3. Bucky Scribner.
 4. New Zealand.
 5. The St. Louis Cardinals.
 6. Gus D'Amato.
 7. The Burlsworth Trophy.

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Answers

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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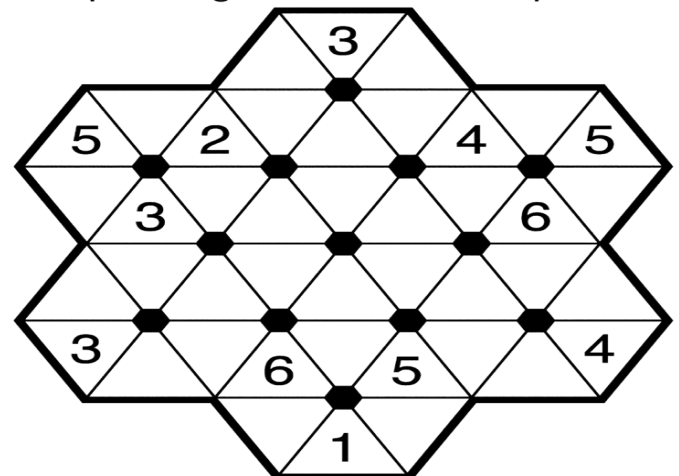
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THERE IS NO HIGHER AUTHORITY THAN GOD

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ ◆

◆ Easy ◆ ◆ Medium ◆ ◆ ◆ Difficult

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MY SENATOR SEEMS A FEW CLOWNS SHORT OF A CIRCUS

Stickelers Answer

The answer is 2.

$$8 + x = 5x$$

$$8 = 4x$$

$$x = 2$$

Go Figure!

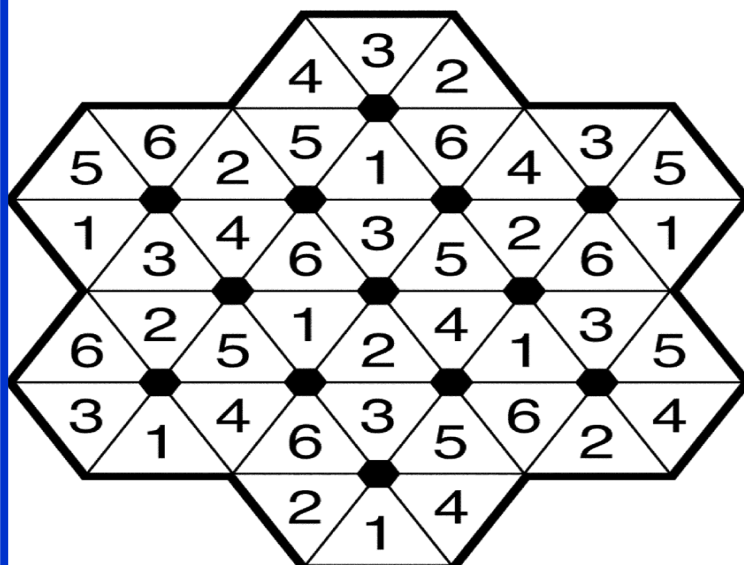
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9	÷	1	×	3	27
26		31		24	

GOD PROMISES TO BE WITH EACH OF US AT ALL TIMES

SNOWFLAKES

solution



HOW ABOUT A MINIMUM WAGE FOR POLITICIANS?

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

What number added to 8 will have the same result as when that number is multiplied by 5?

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

COVID ... STILL HERE

As of this writing, there are still between 1,500 and 2,000 Covid deaths per week in the U.S. alone.

Pause a moment to consider that number.

Various charts, graphics and statistics for a recent period show a startling fact: We have more Covid deaths per capita than most of the rest of the world. Charts that show deaths per million people rank us three times higher than Brazil, more than 24% higher than France, 75% higher than Italy, nearly three times higher than Germany.

In the U.S., hospital admissions in 14 states are rising over the past week. Only five states showed no cases of Covid in the past week -- because they did not upload their data. No states showed zero Covid deaths, except for the ones that didn't provide information.

For hospital admissions by age, those over age 70 are admitted three times more often than those in the 60-69 age group, and 10 times more often than those under 60.

It's been a long three years and, unfortunately, Covid has not vanished. At this point, we have a new subvariant, XBB.1.16, nicknamed "Arcturus." Keep an ear out for mention of this one in the news; it's the most infectious of all the variants so far, and the most resistant to vaccine. One in 10 cases of Covid are this new variant. It's the one that's causing conjunctivitis, also known as pinkeye, plus other symptoms. At this point it has shown up in over 30 states. If you have symptoms of this variant and believe it's probably seasonal allergies, consider taking a Covid test just to be sure.

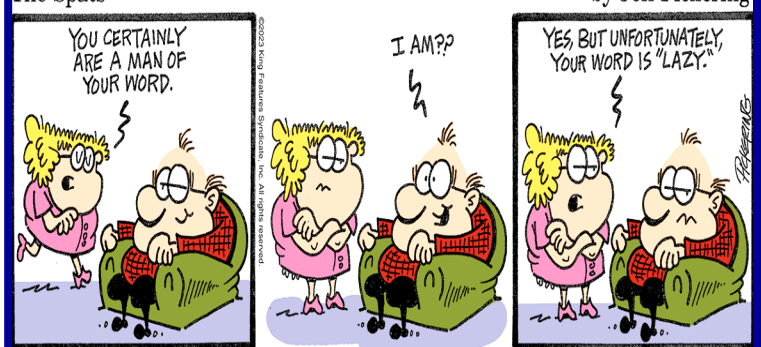
And meanwhile, inquiring minds want to know: Where are our masks? Have you noticed that you (and possibly one or two others) are the only ones in stores still wearing a mask?

While the two largest hospital systems near me have now done away with the mask requirement, I have not.

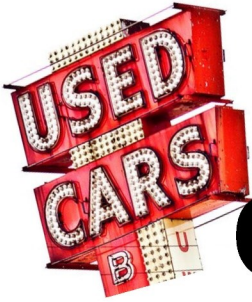
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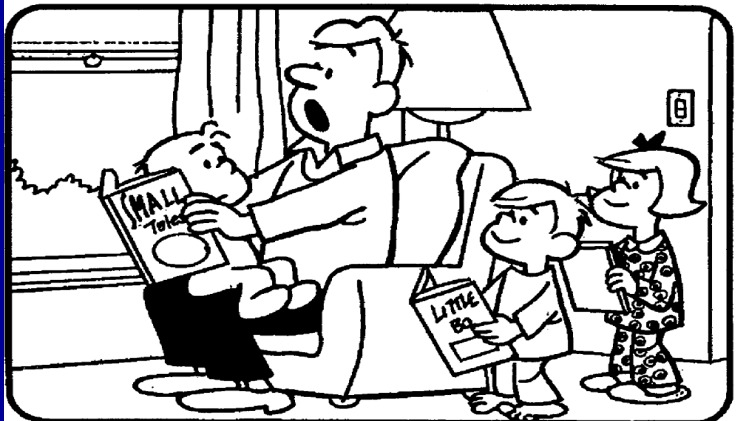
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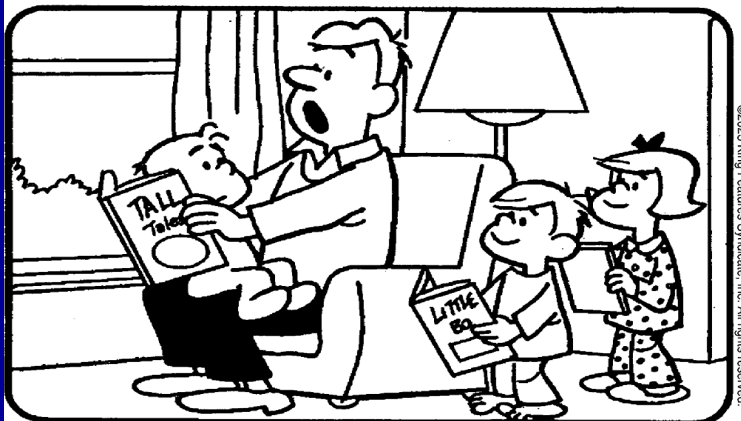
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shade is missing. 2. Title is different. 3. Lamp is moved. 4. Pillow is missing. 5. Switch is missing. 6. Palamas are different.

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The most heartfelt things are made by hand. This picture frame can surround a loved one with colorful hearts. It's an example of American folk art known as "tramp art." Tramp art emerged after the Civil War and continued its popularity through the Great Depression. Frames were made from reclaimed wood, usually cigar boxes or shipping crates, and carved with everyday tools like penknives. Tramp artists made all kinds of items, from small decorative boxes or picture frames to functional pieces of furniture. As a form of folk art, there are no strict rules or established patterns, but the most famous pieces are made with chip or notched carving and are not painted. This frame, which brought \$315 at a Pook & Pook auction, is unusual. The characteristic notches can be seen around the circles in the corners and on the exposed ends of the wood pieces, but the frame also features smooth-edged hearts painted red and yellow.



This tramp art picture frame was carved and painted by hand. It sold for \$315 at a Pook & Pook auction. PHOTO CREDIT: Kovels.com

Q: I was given a box of old perfume bottles. One has dark blue glass, and the label reads "Evening in Paris." The cap and label are silver. Can you tell me about this perfume and are the bottles valuable?

A: The French cosmetics company Bourjois made "Evening in Paris" (Soir De Paris) in 1928. It was one of the most popular fragrances sold in the United States through World War II. The perfume was discontinued in 1969. Perfumer Ernest Beaux created the fragrance for Bourjois. He is also known for creating "Chanel No. 5." The cobalt blue bottles of "Evening in Paris" are collectibles. A set of four empty bottles like yours recently sold for \$59.

TIP: To remove a glass stopper stuck in a narrow-necked perfume bottle or decanter, put the bottle in warm water, then gradually add hot water and gently try to loosen the stopper.

CURRENT PRICES - Advertising, sign, Miller High Life (Beer), bowtie shape logo, neon, blinking pattern, 1970s, 16 x 22 inches, \$185. Toy, Gypsy Fortune Teller, tin, plastic, cloth, holds crystal ball, fortune cards, battery operated, reproduction box, Japan, 12 inches, \$630. Furniture, planter, Aesthetic Movement, oak, square, flat top, four sides with inset glazed ceramic tiles by Clement Massier, tin liner, c. 1890, 12 x 13 x 13 inches, \$875. Clock, ship's, brass, from the submarine USS Blueback, round, mounted on wood, brass label, dial marked, Chelsea Clock Co., 1959, bezel 11 inches, \$1,185.

Furniture, rocking chair, walnut, carved and sculpted, curved crest, nine shaped spindles, shaped arms, inscribed "An Original Furniture Design by Robert Whitley, Bucks County, Pa.," c. 1985, 40 3/4 x 26 x 28 inches, \$2,000.

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A POLITICIAN HAS TO DECIDE WHETHER HE WORSHIPS HIS OWN POWER OR THE POWER OF GOD

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: X equals O

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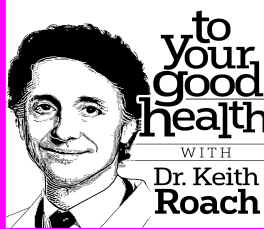


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Medication Used for Perimenstrual Asthma Poses Health Risk

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 55-year-old perimenopausal woman who developed asthma a few years ago. My symptoms always start right before my menstrual cycle. My doctor ruled out allergies as the cause. I used to get colds and sinus infections premenstrually in my younger years. Most medical practitioners don't see the correlation between hormones and respiratory symptoms. I sometimes take 10 mg of prednisone when I'm wheezing more than usual, and it seems to help. Is this dose putting me at risk for diabetes if taken regularly? -- B.S.

ANSWER: Perimenstrual asthma is a well-recognized condition that is nevertheless not well-known by most nonexperts. It is less likely to be caused by allergies and more likely to be aspirin-sensitive -- meaning that aspirin, or other anti-inflammatory drugs (like ibuprofen) commonly taken by women during menstruation, can trigger an asthma attack. Maybe a quarter of women with asthma have perimenstrual asthma. As you say, it is thought to be the hormone changes around menstruation that trigger the asthma. Oral contraceptives used continuously prevent large changes in progesterone and estradiol, and may be helpful in managing perimenstrual asthma. Although I didn't find a lot about it in literature, I suspect that when your periods stop, your asthma symptoms will get better. Increased medication at the time of menses is frequently needed. However, because prednisone, even at the fairly small dose of 10 mg, does increase risk of diabetes, osteoporosis, high blood pressure, glaucoma, cataracts and many other conditions, oral prednisone is not my first choice for medication in this situation. Inhaled steroids would be one choice, but they take a while to begin working. One recommended treatment is the oral medicine montelukast (Singulair), which has been proven effective in a small study and starts working right away.

DR. ROACH WRITES: A recent column regarding a "tip jar" in a living situation for a reader's brother who had suffered a stroke generated very powerful responses. (Respondents included nurses and administrators who worked in care facilities.) Many readers noted that they thought this was illegal in the states they lived in. While many readers responded that they were happy to give gifts to the caregivers, nearly every person wrote that the public nature of the "tip jar" was inappropriate. The institutions I have been affiliated with have very careful rules about accepting any kind of gift. In my opinion, the "tip jar" grossly violated ethical standards, and nearly all readers agreed with me. Several readers wished me to mention the state ombudsman program for long-term care. Every state is required to have such a program to address complaints and advocate for improvements. Residents in the U.S. can learn more about the long-term care ombudsman program at ltcombudsman.org/about/about-ombudsman.

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.

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1. Is the book of 2 Revelation (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 20, which person's last recorded words in scripture were, "My Lord and my God"? Samson, Matthew, Thomas, David
3. Paul was shipwrecked on what island while on his way to Rome to face charges? Arvard, Cos, Melita, Samos
4. Which Psalm begins, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"? 1, 11, 23, 50
5. Who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament? Peter, Abraham, Luke, Moses
6. What's the longest book of the New Testament? Luke, John, Acts, Romans

ANSWERS:	Comments?
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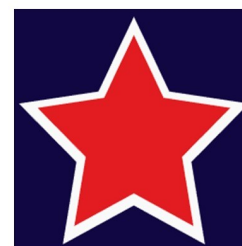
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Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winbourne

* Do you like to shop at IKEA? You might be interested to know that the "IKEA bias" makes you place a disproportionately high value on things you partially assemble yourself, regardless of the end result's quality.

* An attempt to set the Guinness World Record for the world's most expensive cocktail sadly proved futile after a customer dropped and broke a bottle of cognac worth \$77,000.

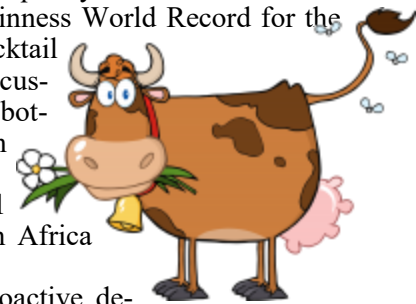

* Upon hearing of the 9/11 attacks, the Maasai tribe in Africa gifted 14 cows to America.

* In 1987, a 93-gram radioactive device was stolen from an abandoned hospital in Brazil. After it was passed around, four people died, 112,000 people had to be examined, and several houses had to be destroyed.

* Gal Gadot trained for nine months to gain 17 pounds of muscle for the movie "Wonder Woman."

* Elevator operator Betty Oliver survived a 75-story fall from the Empire State Building in 1945 when a B-25 crashed into it due to fog. Three crewman and 11 people in the building died, but Betty, who died in 1999, still holds the Guinness World Record for longest survived elevator fall.

* While John and Clarence Anglin, two of the only three men who ever escaped from Alcatraz, were officially reported to have drowned in the bay, their mother received flowers anonymously every Mother's Day until she died, and two very tall, unknown women were said to have attended her funeral.

* A cat named Barsik, in Barnaul, Siberia, won a mayoral race with more than 90% of the vote. Notwithstanding that fact, and his clever campaign slogan -- "Only mice don't vote for Barsik!" -- he was, alas, not allowed to actually take office.

Thought for the Day: "Try not to become a man of success, but rather become a man of value." -- Albert Einstein

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