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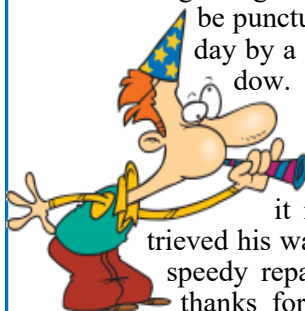
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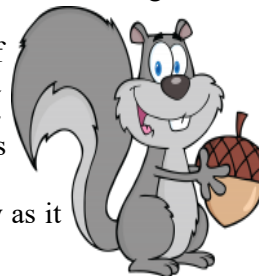
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A man is standing on the curb of a busy intersection, about to cross the street. As soon as he steps down onto the street, a car heads right for him. He begins to move faster, but so does the car.

The man thinks better of attempting to cross the road and is about to jump back onto the curb, but the car changes lanes and heads right for him.

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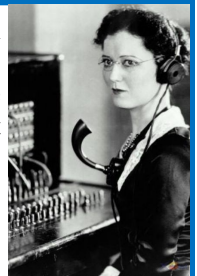
Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

* On Sept. 1, 1878, Emma Nutt of Boston became the first female telephone operator. Until then, most telephone operators were teenage boys, whom customers weren't overly happy with due to their gruffness and penchant for jokes and cursing.

* On Sept. 2, 1995, pop star Michael Jackson's recording of "You Are Not Alone," penned by R. Kelly after Kelly lost people close to him, made it to the top of Billboard's Hot 100, becoming Jackson's 12th No. 1 hit. It also earned American Music Award and Grammy nominations for Best Pop Vocal Performance.

* On Sept. 4, 2016, Pope Francis declared Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa, who had dedicated her life to caring for India's poor and marginalized, Saint Teresa of Calcutta before an approving crowd of thousands in Vatican City's St. Peter's Square. Her numerous awards included the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.



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THE WICKED MAN'S MOUTH IS FULL OF LIES AND THREATS; TROUBLE AND EVIL ARE UNDER HIS TONGUE - PSALMS 10:7

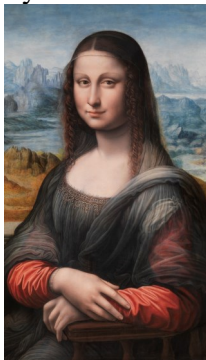


* On Sept. 6, 1781, British Brigadier General Benedict Arnold, a former Patriot officer who had already become infamous for betraying the United States by attempting to sell the Patriot fort at West Point, New York, to the British the previous year for 20,000 pounds, added to the stains on his reputation by ordering his British command to burn every building in New London, Connecticut, after they'd looted the town, to the equivalent of more than \$500,000 worth of damage.

* On Sept. 3, 1939, in response to Hitler's invasion of Poland, Britain and France declared war on Germany.

* On Sept. 5, 2024, Oksana Masters, who was born with disabilities linked to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, including webbed fingers and six toes on each foot, and abandoned as a baby but adopted at age 7 by an American professor, won her 9th Paralympic gold medal, scoring 19th overall across rowing, cycling and skiing.

* On Sept. 7, 1911, radical French poet Guillaume Apollinaire was arrested and jailed on suspicion of stealing Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" from the Louvre Museum in Paris. Due to a lack of evidence, he was released after five days.



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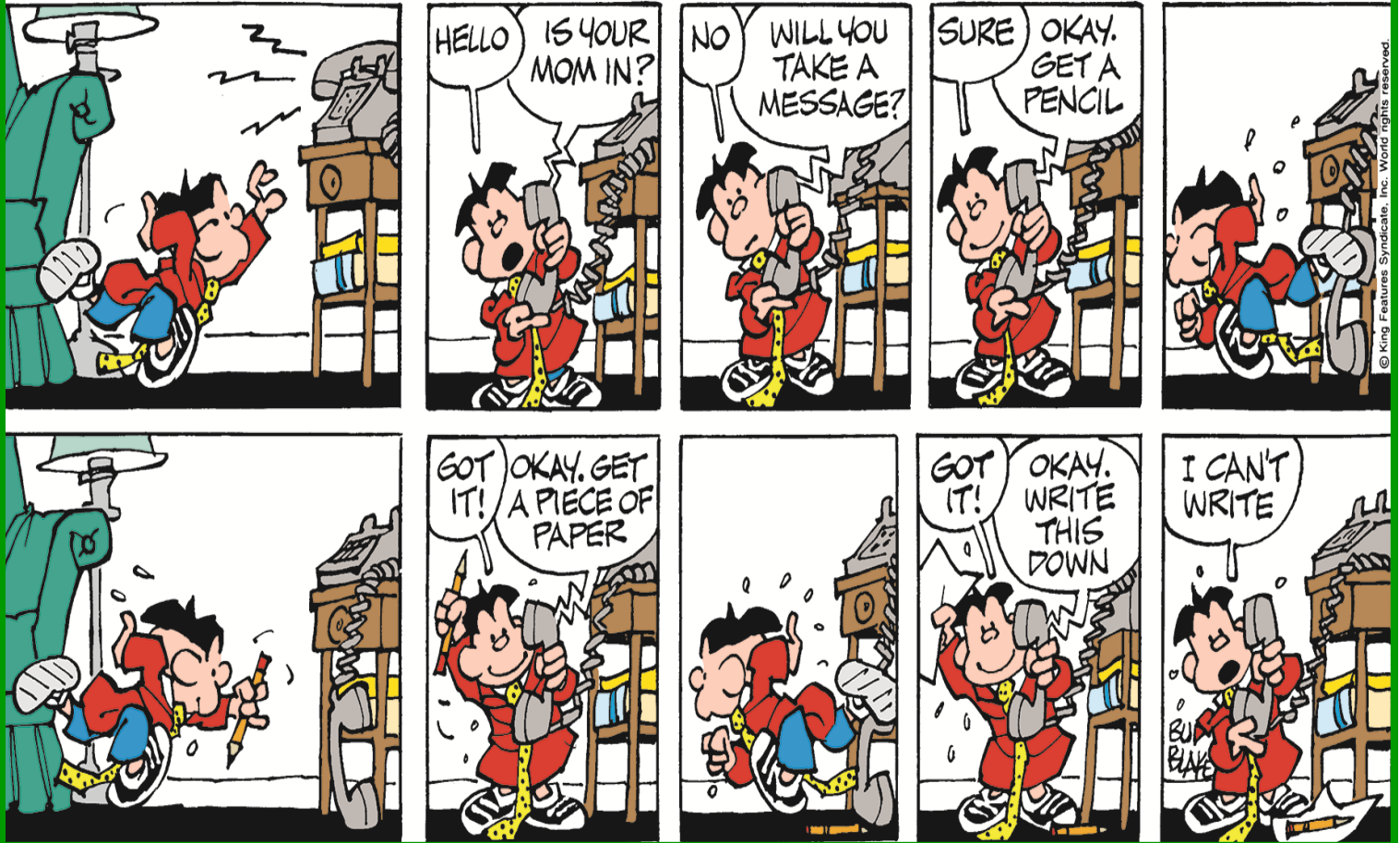


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The boy blew a smoke ring into the salesman's face and said, "WHAT DO YOU THINK?"



THAT EXPLAINS ALOT

Two cowboys came across an Indian lying on his stomach with his ear to the ground.

The first cowboy said, "I'll bet he can hear things for miles in any direction."

The Indian looked up and said, "Covered wagon, two miles away. Two horses, man and wife with three children. There is a cow tied to the back of the wagon."

"Wow," said the other cowboy, "he knows how far away they are, how many horses, who is in the wagon and that there is a cow tied to the back. That is amazing!"

"Not really," said the Indian. "They ran over me twenty minutes ago..."



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— Mark Hamill*

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Trivia
test by Fifi
Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES:** Which best original song from "Aladdin" won an Oscar?
- 2. TELEVISION:** In what year did the animated TV comedy "South Park" debut?
- 3. HISTORY:** Where did the Romans build Hadrian's Wall?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Brazil?
- 5. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was the first to be impeached?
- 6. MYTHOLOGY:** What is the home of the Greek gods?
- 7. U.S. STATES:** Which state is home to the U.S. Naval Academy?
- 8. MATH:** What is the smallest prime number?
- 9. LITERATURE:** What is the original name of the farm in George Orwell's "Animal Farm"?
- 10. ASTRONOMY:** Which planet is known for its large red spot, which astronomers believe is an ongoing storm?

Answers

1. "A Whole New World."
2. 1997.
3. England.
4. Brasilia.
5. Andrew Johnson.
6. Mount Olympus.
7. Maryland.
8. 2.
9. Manor Farm.
10. Jupiter.

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DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond



Still Savoring Summer: Cinnamon-Kissed Grilled Peaches with Graham Cracker Crumble

Summer may be packing up its beach towels and making room for backpacks and lunchboxes, but before we wave it goodbye, let's fire up the grill one more time. School may be starting and the days are getting a touch shorter, but peaches are still strutting their stuff at the farmers market, and they're at their sweetest right now.

And really, is it even summer if you haven't had peach juice running down your chin at least once?

Let's fix that with a dessert that captures every last golden drop of sunshine: Brown Sugar Cinnamon Grilled Peaches with Graham Cracker Crumble.

Grilling brings out the natural sugars in the fruit, adding a whisper of smokiness that plays beautifully with the warm spice of cinnamon and the rich caramel notes of brown sugar. Then, just when you think it can't get any better, along comes the buttery crunch of graham cracker crumble for texture and a little nostalgia.

Serve them warm from the grill with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, and you've got a farewell-to-summer treat that's equal parts cozy and fresh. One bite and you'll be glad we didn't put the grill away just yet.

BROWN SUGAR CINNAMON GRILLED PEACHES

2 tablespoons butter, melted

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Pinch salt

6 to 8 peaches or nectarines

*4 teaspoons oil -- *see note below*

Vanilla ice cream, for serving, optional

If you're serving the crumble (below), make that first and set aside. Preheat grill or grill pan to medium heat (about 375 F to 400 F degrees). Clean and generously oil the grill.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, melt the butter. Add the brown sugar, cinnamon, salt and stir to combine. Set aside.

Next, prepare the peaches. Halve the peaches and remove the pits. Brush the cut sides and the skins with oil. Peeling isn't necessary because the skin will loosen during cooking, but if you want to peel them, knock yourself out.

Place peaches cut sides down on the grill. Cook peaches undisturbed until grill marks appear, 4 to 5 minutes. Turn the peaches over and cook until tender, 4 to 5 minutes more. Fill the well of each peach with a spoonful of the brown sugar and butter mixture. Remove to a platter when done.

*Note: The oil helps stop the peaches from sticking to the grill. Neutral flavored oil is preferred. Use grapeseed or canola for no flavor or olive oil or coconut oil for a hint of flavor.

GRAHAM CRACKER CRUMBLE

3 sheets of graham crackers, cinnamon graham are great

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pinch salt

2 tablespoons butter, melted

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 F degrees. Line an 8 x 8 pan with parchment or use cooking spray. Place graham crackers in a zip-top bag and crush into large crumbs with a rolling pin (or your stressed-out hands in need of a constructive outlet). You can finish this in either a bowl or right in the bag. Add the brown sugar, cinnamon, salt, vanilla and melted butter. Stir or smush to combine. Place mixture into prepared pan, spreading into an even layer. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp and golden brown. Smell that? It's all about this crumble.

To serve, top each grilled peach half with a scoop of ice cream and sprinkle some crumble on top.

Let's squeeze every last drop out of the season, because summer may fade, but this flavor is worth remembering -- long after the grill is cold.

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Brown Sugar Cinnamon Grilled Peaches with Graham Cracker Crumble -- a sweet, smoky farewell to summer's juiciest fruit.
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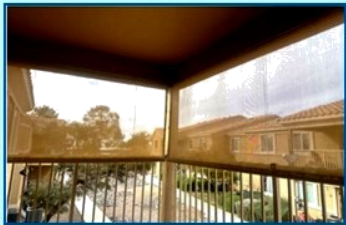
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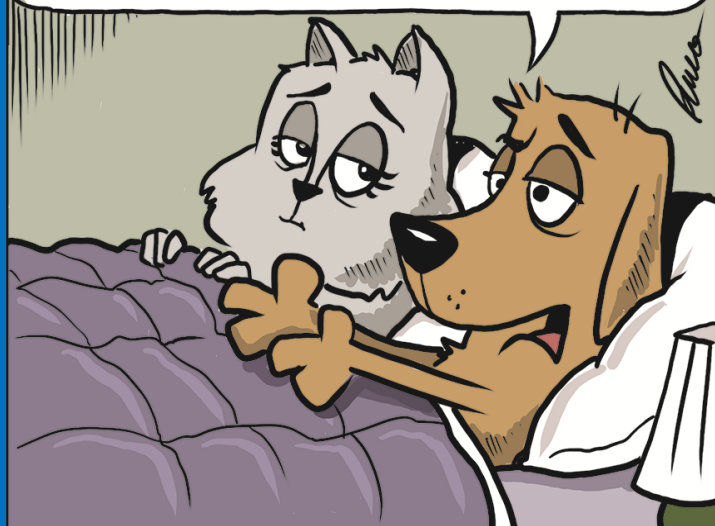
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2. Who did Se-rii Pak defeat in the 1998 U.S. Women's Open golf tournament after an 18-hole playoff and two -sudden death holes?
3. What two boxers battled for the world heavyweight championship in the controversial "Long Count Fight" at Chicago's Soldier Field in 1927?
4. The headquarters of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, an international body to settle disputes related to sports, is located in what European country?
5. Name the monster truck driver who won 14 Monster Jam World Finals championships, most famously driving the "Maximum Destruction" truck.
6. What Ford C. Frick Award-winning sportscaster is credited with originating the play-by-play radio call in the 1920s?
7. Eusebio, the 1965 Ballon d'Or winner with Benfica and Golden Boot winner at the 1966 FIFA World Cup, played for what national soccer team from 1961-73?



Answers
 1. Goalpost width.
 2. Jenny Chuasiriporn.
 3. Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey.
 4. Switzerland.
 5. Tom Meents.
 6. Graham McNamee.
 7. Portugal.
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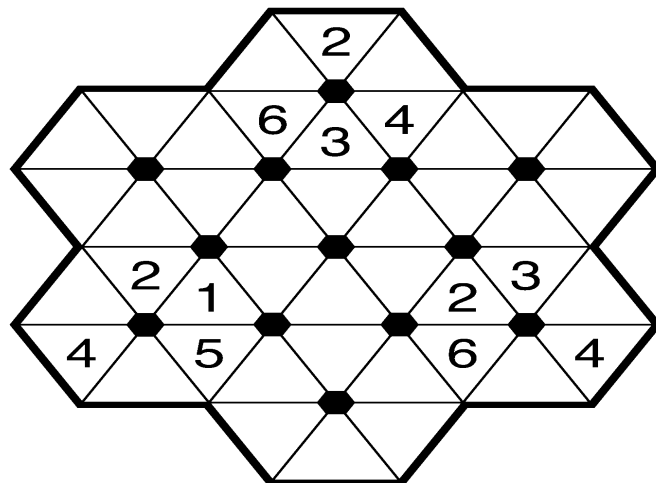
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WELCOME TO TODAY'S EPISODE OF 'NOW WHAT?'

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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IN HIS ARROGANCE THE WICKED MAN HUNTS DOWN THE WEAK...THEY ARE CAUGHT IN THE SCHEMES HE DEVISES

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Stickelers Answer

1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-e, 5-d

Go Figure!

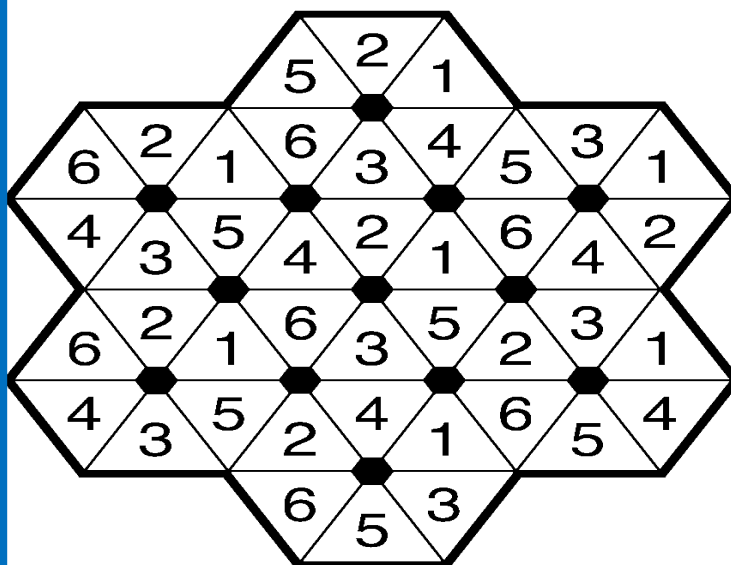
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1	+	9	×	6	= 60
+		+		+	
4	+	8	×	7	= 84
-		×		+	
2	+	3	÷	5	= 1
=		=		=	
3		51		18	

THE BOOK OF PSALMS IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'PSALTER'

SNOWFLAKES

solution



WHAT KIND OF SANDALS DO FROGS WEAR? OPEN-TOAD

STICKELERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

See if you can match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. truncate | a. to kiss |
| 2. osculate | b. related to taste |
| 3. gustatory | c. to shorten |
| 4. vituperate | d. threatening |
| 5. minatory | e. verbally abusive |

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

SAVE MONEY AT HABITAT RESTORE

It's that time of year again. Summer is fading and it's time to start thinking about what cold weather might bring. As well as revisiting the parts of the to-do list that didn't get completed during the summer.

In my house that incomplete portion of my list includes painting the stairs before management notices the peeling and issues a fine and having a new window installed in the living room.

The reasons for not having done those things yet are the price of a can of paint (\$42 for a gallon when I need less than a quart) and over \$500 for the window, installation not included.

Do you see a pattern here?

And yes, it's the price of nearly everything nowadays that keeps so many of us from taking care of things like we should.

However, I've just learned of a way to get at least a few things on my list: The Habitat for Humanity ReStore. They have 900 locations across the country, and one of those just happens to be near me.

Started in 1976, Habitat for Humanity is the group that will build homes around the world that are then sold for affordable amounts to low and moderate income families, improve and repair houses for seniors so they can stay in their homes, provide disaster response, and much more.

Their Habitat ReStores are loaded with good quality used merchandise that they take in with donations. It not only keeps household items out of the landfills, but it allows people to buy those items at very reduced prices. They carry used furniture, building materials, appliances, housewares and so much more, some of it donated by corporations.

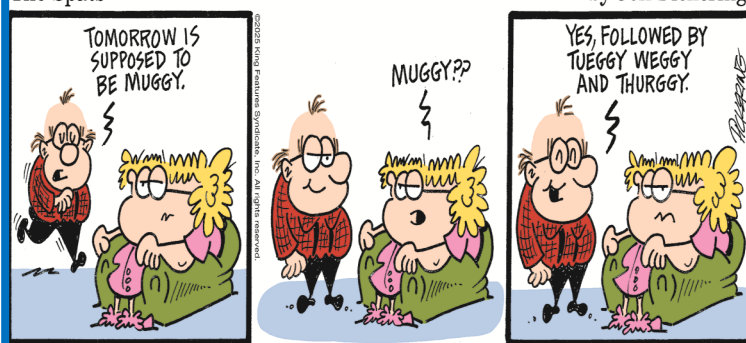
To find locations near you, go online to www.habitat.org, click "Shop" and then click "Habitat ReStores." Put in your ZIP code.

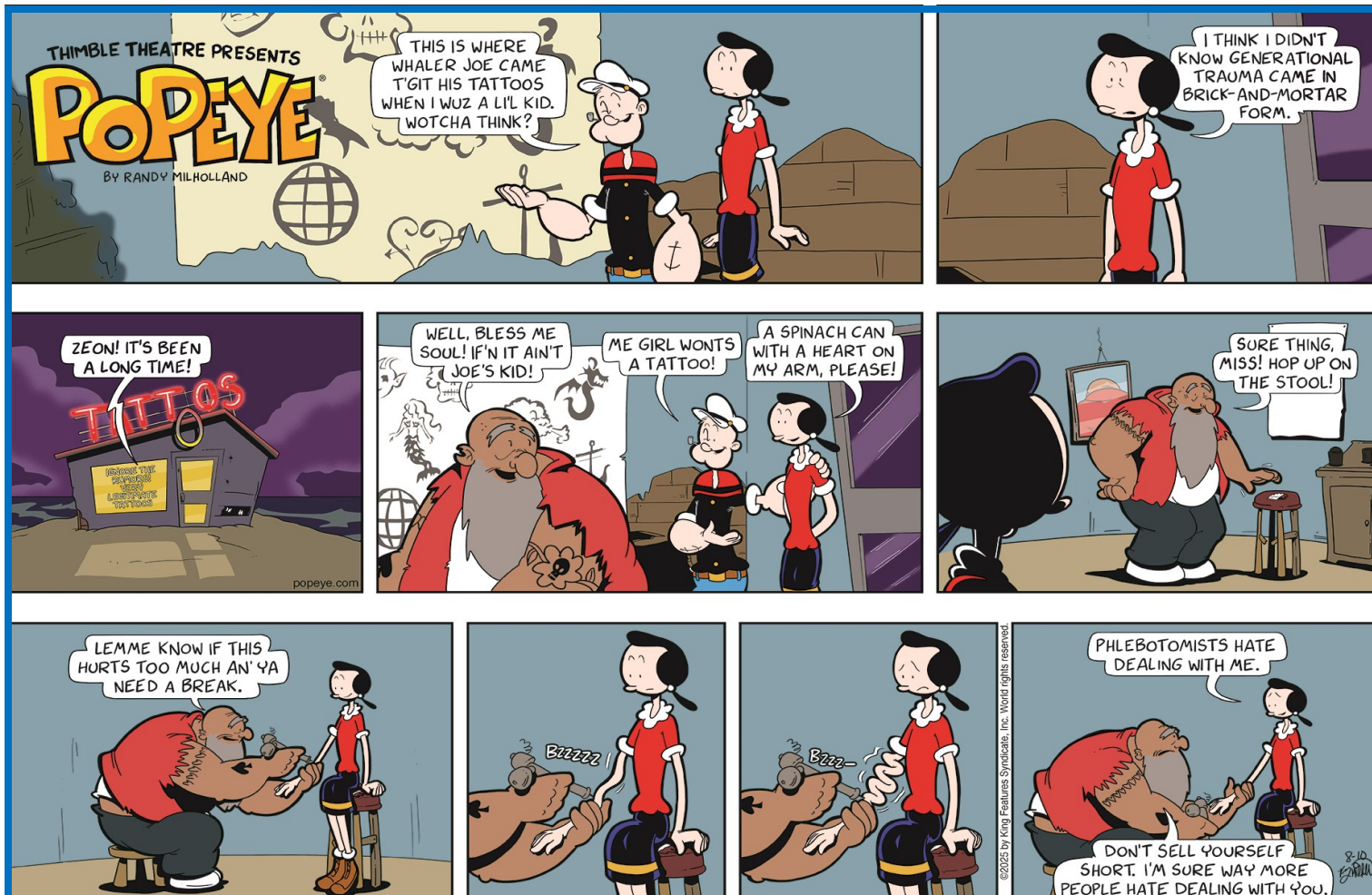
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EITHER YOU LOVE BACON OR YOU'RE WRONG

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering





"BECAUSE THE POOR ARE PLUNDERED AND THE NEEDY GROAN, I WILL NOW ARISE," SAYS THE LORD - PSALMS 12:5

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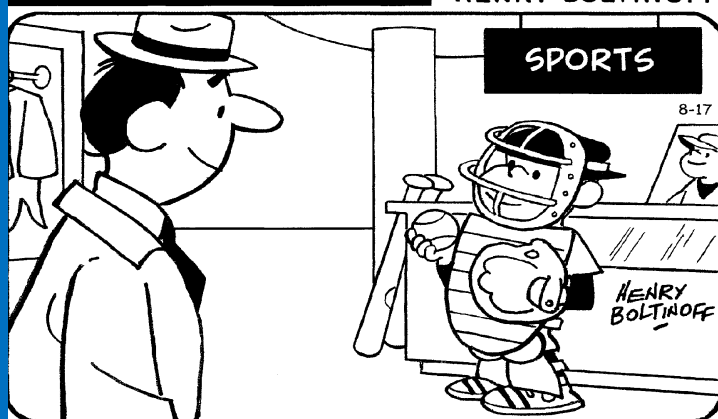
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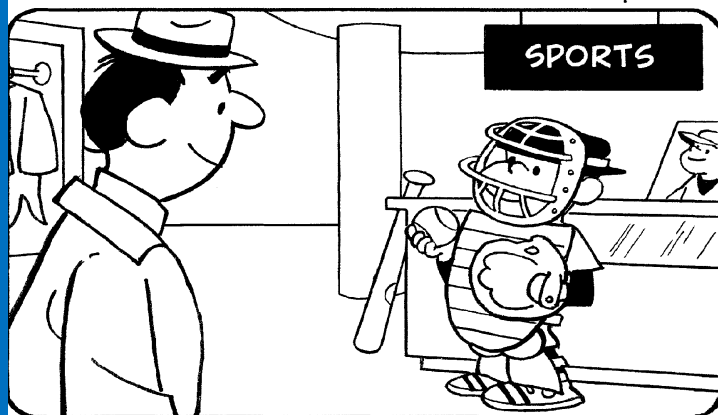
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bat is missing. 2. He is missing. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Column is moved. 5. Ball is different. 6. Face mask is different.



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HELP, LORD, NO ONE IS FAITHFUL ANYMORE – PSALMS 12:1

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: F equals C

UJFGSRZD VGOZH TWFRJIK
BVWTJ OJOQJDT ZSBZKT IJHC
IW VRI JZFB WIVJD WH IVJ
VJZC: QWU FGSIGDJ.

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UNDERSTAND HOW SYSTEMIC LUPUS AFFECTS A PERSON'S BODY

DEAR DR. ROACH: What is lupus, and what does it do to your body? I just had a friend who was diagnosed with it after many months of tests. -- T.S.B.

ANSWER: The term "lupus" generally means systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), which is a systemic disorder as its name suggests. So, by definition, it affects multiple systems of the body. One of the most commonly affected systems is the skin, and one particular localized disease of the skin -- discoid lupus -- is a condition that helps make the diagnosis of SLE. I sometimes hear people with discoid lupus say that they have "lupus," but it is not the systemic disease unless other criteria are met. Other skin conditions seen with SLE include the classic "butterfly" rash on the face, marked sun sensitivity, mouth ulcers, and hair loss. People with SLE commonly have systemic or "constitutional" symptoms such as fatigue, fever and generalized aching. Weight loss is common with early SLE, but some people gain weight due to salt and water retention from the kidney manifestations of SLE or from treatment. Joint problems (both pain and swelling) are present in over 90% of people with SLE. It always affects more than one joint. Kidney problems with protein in the urine are common and a diagnostic criterion. Neurological disorders are infrequent but may include seizures, peripheral neuropathy, and acute confusion or psychosis. The lining of the heart and lungs are often affected, which can be heard by an examiner. An electrocardiogram shows typical changes. All of the blood cells -- red, white and "blue" (platelets) -- can be decreased. Finally, there are blood proteins that are elevated in people with SLE. The ANA level is almost always high, but this is not a specific finding. I have seen more patients misdiagnosed with lupus because of a high ANA level and no other criteria for SLE than I have ever seen correctly diagnosed. The anti-Smith antibody is much more specific but not commonly seen, while the anti-double-stranded DNA test is more common and specific than an ANA test. Blood tests alone do not diagnose SLE. There are different scoring systems to make the diagnosis of definite and probable SLE using these criteria, but in clinical practice, the diagnosis is made using the judgment of an experienced clinician. In my practice, I refer all of my patients with suspected SLE to a rheumatologist. The diagnosis of SLE isn't completely straightforward and requires expertise, while the management of SLE requires a clinician who is both experienced and currently up-to-date in the medical treatment. This, again, usually means a rheumatologist. Seventy years ago, prior to the development of steroids, the diagnosis of SLE used to be extremely dangerous, with half of people who were newly diagnosed dying within five years. Since steroids have many side effects and aren't 100% effective, many new drugs have been developed, and most people who are diagnosed with SLE now can be well-managed. However, it is still a serious, life-changing diagnosis that increases the risk of heart disease and cancer in addition to all the organ issues mentioned above. A general doctor working with the rheumatologist can recommend treatments to reduce your heart risk, as well as appropriate cancer screening tests.

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. (c) 2025 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

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TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Corinthians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 10, who had a vision of heaven opening up with a sheet knit of four corners being let down to earth? Caleb, Peter, Paul, Samson
3. What are the laws of a church, the collection of writings considered to be God's word? Canon, Covenant, Gil-ead, Gilgad
4. Which prophet experienced an earthquake while standing on a mountaintop? Elijah, Abraham, James, Thomas
5. What Moabite woman became an ancestress of King David through her marriage to Boaz? Sarah, Rachel, Ruth, Rebekah
6. "The Lord is my strength and my shield" is found in which Psalm? 8, 18, 28, 38

ANSWERS:

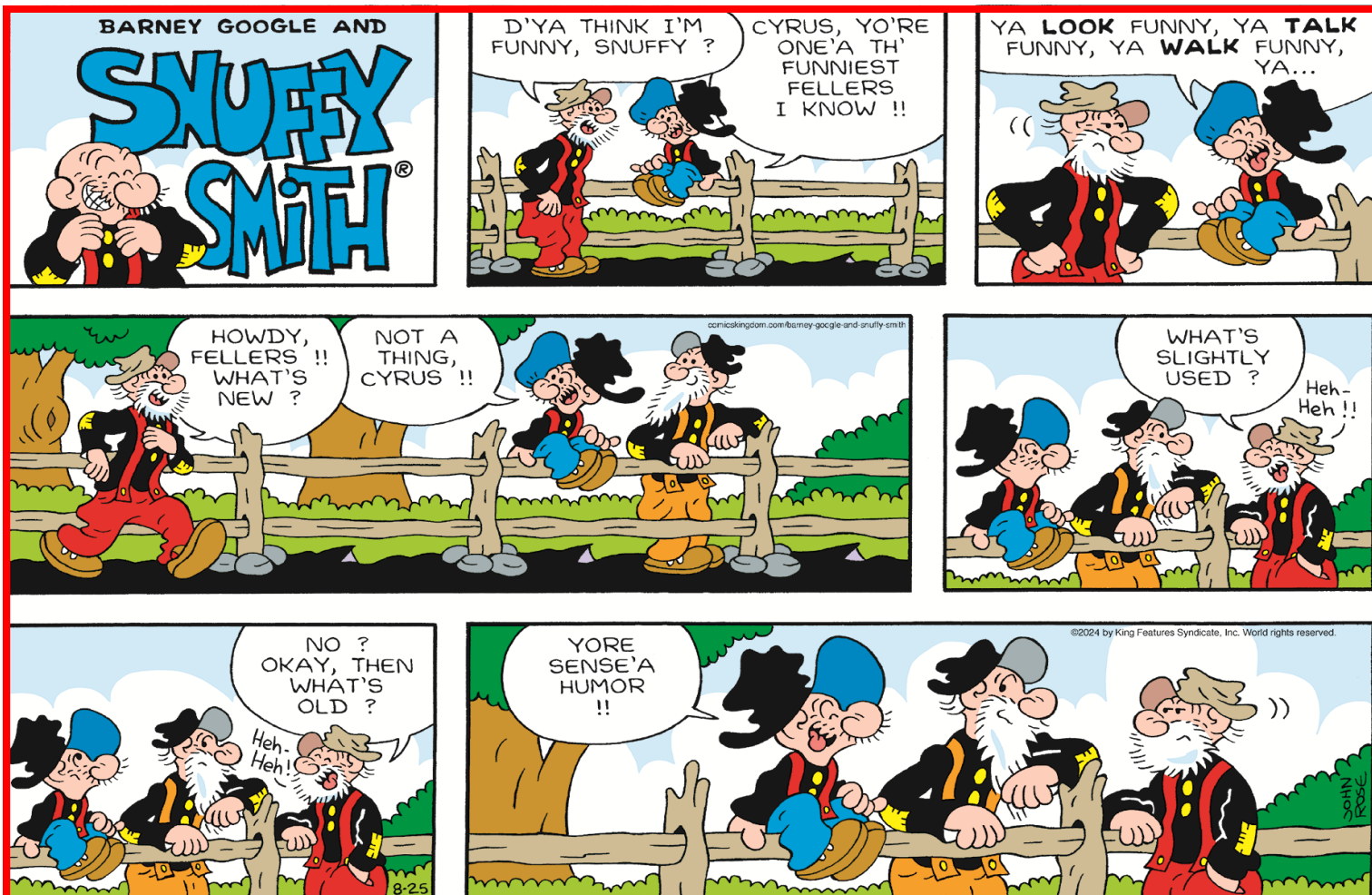
- 1) New
- 2) Peter
- 3) Canon
- 4) Elijah
- 5) Ruth
- 6) 28

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LORD, YOU HEAR THE DESIRE OF THE AFFLICTED; YOU ENCOURAGE THEM, AND YOU LISTEN TO THEIR CRY - PSALMS 10:17

CryptoQuip

answer

Peculiar human society
whose members always tend
to hit each other on the
head: bop culture.

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TAM	TREATS	
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METE	SETS	SIX

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Answer

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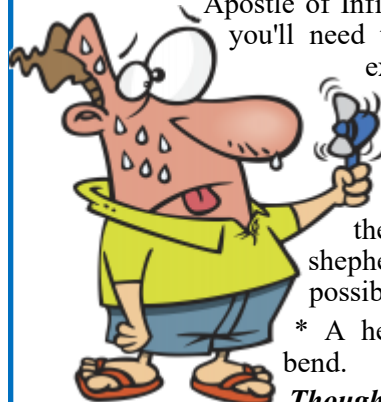
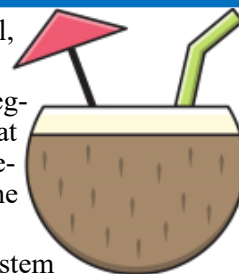
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Strange BUT TRUE

By
Lucie Winbourne

- * Coconuts, in different forms, are antiviral, antifungal, antibacterial and antiparasitic.
- * Steve Jobs would eat the same fruit or vegetable for weeks on end, and believed that binging nothing but apples or carrots reduced his body odor to the extent that he would need to shower just once a week.
- * Earth is the only planet in the solar system with rainbows.
- * In 2020, researchers at Ohio State University found that smokers with better math skills were more likely to quit smoking, as they retained more of the risk statistics associated with the habit.
- * "Mamihlapinatapai," from the Yaghan language of Tierra del Fuego and defined as "a look shared by two people, each wishing that the other would initiate something that they both desire but which neither wants to begin," was recognized in the 1994 Guinness Book of World Records as the world's most succinct word.
- * Until 1911, the MLB had a rule stating that if an umpire was "unable to see whether a catch has been fairly made or not," he was free to appeal to the game's spectators for a judgment.
- * Silk is stronger than steel.
- * If you want to listen to a song called "Chosen Priest and the Apostle of Infinite Space" by Bull of Heaven, you'll need to reserve two months for the experience.



* The eyes on Michelangelo's statue of David look in different directions. Why is debatable, but some scholars believe the artist wanted to ensure the shepherd's gaze was as impactful as possible from either side.

* A heatwave can make train tracks bend.

Thought for the Day: "There are three kinds of men. The one that learns by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves." -- Will Rogers

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