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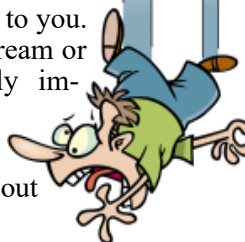
Finally, when they went to the fair, he said to her, "I'm 77 years old now. If I don't ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance," but once again his wife replied, "I know, but it's \$150 and \$150 is \$150."

This time the helicopter pilot overheard the couple's conversation and said, "I'll make a deal with you. I'll take you both up and if you both are quiet and don't say a word I won't charge you! But if you say just one word, it's \$150."

The couple agreed and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but not a word was said by either Walter or Ethel.

When they finally landed, the pilot turned to the wife and said, "Wow! I've got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn't. I'm really impressed!"

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* On April 28, 1953, inventor Howard Ross received a patent for his "double coat," which contained an outer layer extendable to cover two people. It was designed to protect sports fans in athletic stadiums during rain.

* On April 29, 1945, Adolf Hitler, concerned that the cyanide capsules given to him and wife Eva Braun might be ineffective, tested one on his German shepherd, Blondi. The dog died and Braun took her dose the next day, while Hitler reportedly shot himself. The German public remained unaware of the couple's relationship until after their deaths.



* On April 30, 2019, Emperor Akihito of Japan stepped down from the throne at the age of 85, becoming the first Japanese monarch to abdicate in more than two centuries, after having announced his desire to do so because of poor health a few years earlier.

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JESUS SAID, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE DIE, YET SHALL HE LIVE"



* On May 1, 1955, golfer Babe Didrikson Zaharias won the Peach Blossom LPGA Tournament in Spartanburg, S.C., the 41st and final LPGA title of her career, even as she was battling the colon cancer that would end her life the following year.

* On May 2, 1963, more than a thousand Black schoolchildren marched through Birmingham, Alabama, in a protest against segregation that became known as the Children's Crusade and Children's March. Nearly 800 of them were arrested, including a 6-year-old girl, primarily for parading without a permit.

* On May 4, 2002, an Executive Airline Services twin-engine plane crashed and exploded in a densely populated section of the Nigerian town of Kano, after shearing off the roofs of dozens of homes and two mosques, killing 149 people and destroying almost three full blocks of buildings. An investigation ruled the cause of the crash to be pilot error.

* On May 3, 1986, Willie Shoemaker, at age 54, beat 18:1 odds to become the oldest jockey to win the Kentucky Derby. After retiring in 1990, he returned to the track as a trainer for another seven years. Shoemaker also authored three best-selling murder mysteries featuring jockey-turned-sleuth Coley Killebrew.

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WHEN YOUR GRANDKIDS TURN GREY YOU'RE OLD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Barn birds
- Snooze
- Humdrum
- Nerd's kin
- Somewhat (Suff.)
- Green land
- Hindu royal
- "My word!"
- Taxi alternative
- Allow
- Peace
- Nobelist Lech
- Poetic contraction
- Armed conflict
- Melville captain
- Shortly
- canto
- Nonpro sports org.
- DDE's opponent
- Parts
- L-Q bridge
- Moray, for one
- Attempt
- "Rats!"
- Actress Phylcia
- China setting
- "The Greatest"
- Empty truck's weight

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Weekly SUDOKU

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Clue: U equals L

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F XNHVR BZGUE CFGUY FS
CFYSMVGVR ZGY YZNMUFBMY?

"SGM, SGM FRFGV."

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I'M OFFICIALLY TOO OLD TO HAVE A MIDLIFE CRISIS

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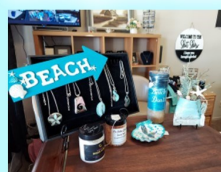


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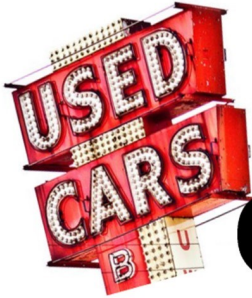
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What do you call a person who has lived to the age of 100 years?
2. **HISTORY:** When were cigarette commercials banned from American television?
3. **MOVIES:** Whose life is depicted in the movie "Raging Bull"?
4. **U.S. STATES:** In which state are the Catskill Mountains located?
5. **TELEVISION:** Which long-running TV drama was set in Cabot Cove, Maine?
6. **MEASUREMENTS:** How long is the ancient measurement called a cubit?
7. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is a dish called Cullen Skink?
8. **CHEMISTRY:** A diamond is composed of which single element?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** What country is home to the Baffin, Victoria and Ellesmere islands?
10. **ANATOMY:** What is another name for the condition called "piloerection"?

Answers
1. A centenarian.
2. Jan. 2, 1971.
3. Jake LaMotta (played by Robert De Niro).
4. New York.
5. "Murder, She Wrote."
6. 1.5 feet.
7. Scottish soup made of smoked haddock, potatoes and onions.
8. Carbon.
9. Canada.
10. Goosebumps.
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CryptoQuip answer

What should you say when a young child fails at fastening his shoelaces?
"Tie, tie again."

THEN JESUS SAID, "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY DO"

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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weekly SUDOKU

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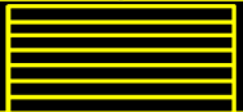
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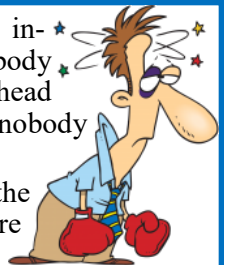
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Lucie
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* Every unborn baby grows a mustache in the womb, which then spreads to cover the entire body. The baby then consumes this fine hair, called lanugo, and excretes it after birth with its first bowel movement, which is a substance called meconium.

* In 2013, "Star Wars" was dubbed in Navajo, making it the first major motion picture to be dubbed in a Native American language.

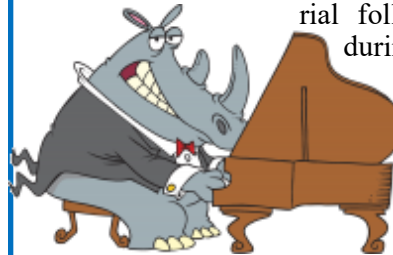
* Your brain sees the world upside down. When the rods and cones of your retina send an image to the brain -- say, you're looking at a tree -- the image that gets transmitted to the brain is upside down. The brain automatically rotates the image in its visual cortex.

* Researchers at Oregon State University patented a strain of seaweed that's not only rich in protein, but tastes remarkably like bacon when cooked.

* The term "pipe dream" is a reference to the crazy dreams people have while smoking opium.

* The shooting of JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was the first known human killing seen on live television.

* Nylon replaced silk as the most common dental floss material following silk's increased price during the second World War.



* Studies show that 88% of women wear shoes that are too small for their feet.

* A typical piano has about 12,000 parts, 10,000 of which are moving.

* After Korean soccer player Ahn Jung-hwan scored the goal that eliminated Italy from the 2002 World Cup, the Italian club where he played canceled his contract for "ruining Italian soccer."

*Thought for the Day: "Life isn't about finding yourself.
Life is about creating yourself." -- George Bernard Shaw*

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