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Since there were no other sharks nearby, the big shark readily agreed.

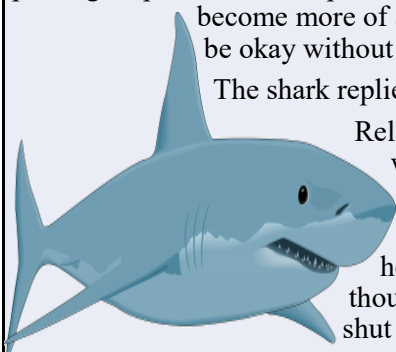
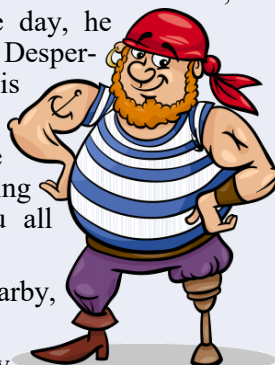
Every day thereafter the shark delivered fresh fish, leaving them neatly on the shore. The unlikely pair struck up an unusual friendship—the shark brought fish and then, for endless hour upon endless hour, each and every day, the pirate recounted details of his life above water to the shark.

This went on for months, until the pirate was rescued by a passing ship. Saddened to part ways, the man said, "You've become more of a friend than a fish. Will you be okay without me?"

The shark replied, "I'LL BE FINE!"

Relieved, the pirate reluctantly waved goodbye.

But, as the shark swam off into the blue water, it was heard to mutter, "Man, I thought that guy would never shut up!"



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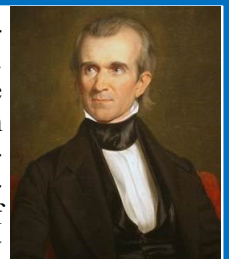
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* On May 12, 1896, New York City passed America's first anti-spitting law in an effort to combat tuberculosis, imposing fines and even jail time on unruly protesters who demonstrated their discontent by expectorating on anti-spitting signs. By 1910, more than 2,500 arrests had been made.



* On May 14, 1998, legendary crooner, actor and show business icon Frank Sinatra died of a heart attack in Los Angeles at the age of 82. A heartthrob who married four times and divorced three, Sinatra's career spanned more than five decades, including a notable comeback in the 1950s.

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* On May 16, 1975, Junko Tabei of Japan became the first woman to summit Mount Everest. She later gained further fame as the first woman to scale all Seven Summits, the tallest mountains on each continent.

* On May 15, 1948, 3-year-old June Devaney of Blackburn, England, was abducted from the hospital where she was recuperating from pneumonia. After her body was found two hours later, the detective inspector assigned to the case ordered the fingerprinting of the more than 40,000 men residing in Blackburn, which took nearly three months but eventually led to the killer, who was convicted and executed later that year.

* On May 17, 2000, the final episode of "Beverly Hills, 90210" aired after 10 seasons.

* On May 18, 2012, Facebook held its initial public offering (IPO) and raised \$16 billion. It was the largest technology IPO in American history at the time and third-largest IPO in the United States, after those of Visa and General Motors. When it went public, the social network was valued at \$104 billion and boasted some 900 million registered users around the world.



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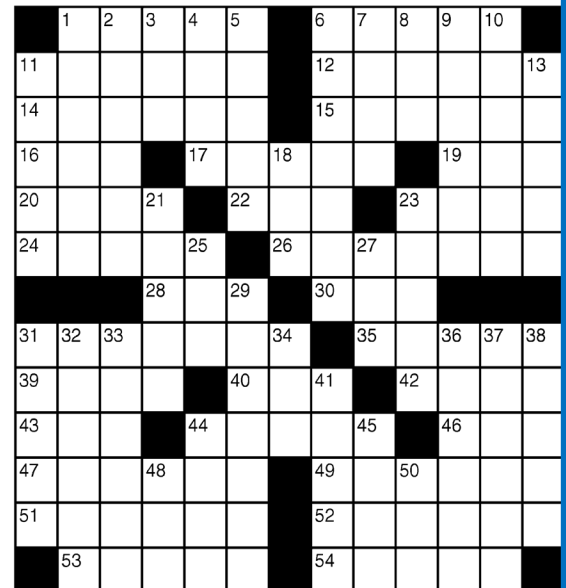


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King Crossword

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- German sausage
- Hoops great Curry
- More minus-cule
- Succeed
- Ridiculous
- Eventually
- Bygone bird
- Valleys
- Pensioned (Abbr.)
- Taking action
- Label
- Corrida bull
- Tennis star Rafael
- Dessert that jiggles
- Violin tuner



- La Brea attraction
- Oral
- Moving vehicles?
- Ceases
- Garlic crusher
- Catches some rays
- Tolkien creature
- Christie sleuth
- Arm bones
- Shakespeare's "— of Athens"
- Rockies range
- Trail the pack
- Recorded
- Zesty flavors
- Pants part
- Director Spike
- Smooth
- Classic catalog giant
- Ecstasy
- Summaries
- Detangle
- Brit's restroom
- Ado
- Inbox fillers
- Civil wrongs
- Arose
- Ooze
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Clue: R equals S

UV ZNRRUXM RHXTYEXKBYZR
MYYG LQ LUY QVV ZQHYZ,
EDXL GQ OQN LDUMB LDYO
EUKK CXBY? TQRCQ-BMQLR.

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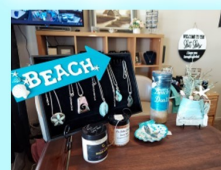
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** Which actor was nominated for an Emmy for the same character on three different sitcoms?
2. **MOVIES:** Who was the first actor to refuse an Oscar award for Best Actor?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which modern city is in the shadow of the active volcano Mount Vesuvius?
4. **FOOD & DRINK:** What gas is used to create seltzer water?
5. **SCIENCE:** What is the center of an atom called?
6. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Who are the six men who have made a career Grand Slam in pro golf?
7. **ANATOMY:** What is the largest artery in the body?
8. **LITERATURE:** For which category is the O. Henry Award given?
9. **ASTRONOMY:** Which star system is nearest to our solar system?
10. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** How many presidents have died in office?

6. Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan,
Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus,
Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy.
7. The aorta.
8. Short stories.
9. Alpha Centauri.
10. Eight.
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Answers
1. Kelsey Grammer for
"Wings," "Cheers" and
"Frasier."
2. George C. Scott, for "Patton."
3. Naples, Italy.
4. Carbon dioxide.
5. Nucleus.

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CryptoQuip answer

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need to tie off ropes,
what do you think they
will make? Cosmo-knots.

ABOVE ALL ELSE, GUARD YOUR HEART, FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FLOWS FROM IT - PROVERBS 4:23

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Lucie
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* Potato aphids will not mate if they detect a drop in air pressure.

* Casting for Quentin Tarantino's "Jackie Brown" was partly done by Jaki Brown, and Lee Daniels' "The Butler" was cast by Leah Daniels-Butler.

* It would only cost you in the neighborhood of \$140 per year to eat ramen for every meal.

* France is the most visited country in the world.

* Neurologists claim that every time you resist acting on your anger, you are actually rewiring your brain to be calmer and more loving.

* Leonardo da Vinci was the first person to observe the curvature of the human spine.

* During WWII, Winston Churchill wore a specially designed onesie that he called his "siren suit."

* Don Gorske earned a spot in the Guinness World Records in 2016 for the gastric feat of consuming his 28,788th Big Mac.

* While most parents do what they can to prevent or stop their babies from crying, in Japan a 400-year-old tradition holds that if a sumo wrestler can make your baby cry, it will live a healthy life. During a special ceremony, parents hand over their infants to wrestlers who bounce the tots and sometimes even roar in their faces to get the tears going.

* In 1923, a jockey suffered a fatal heart attack but his horse finished and won the race, making him the first and only jockey to win a race after death.

* Mike Tyson would KO sparring partners quickly so he could get home in time to watch "Tom & Jerry."

*Thought for the Day: "Not all paths offer a vista.
But every path offers a lesson." -- Toni Sorenson*

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