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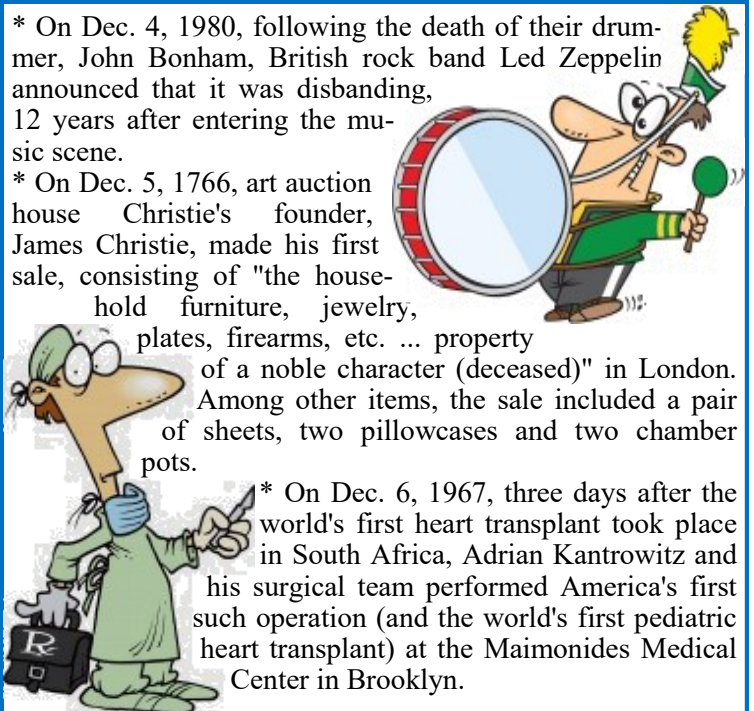
Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

* On Dec. 4, 1980, following the death of their drummer, John Bonham, British rock band Led Zeppelin announced that it was disbanding, 12 years after entering the music scene.

* On Dec. 5, 1766, art auction house Christie's founder, James Christie, made his first sale, consisting of "the household furniture, jewelry, plates, firearms, etc. ... property of a noble character (deceased)" in London. Among other items, the sale included a pair of sheets, two pillowcases and two chamber pots.

* On Dec. 6, 1967, three days after the world's first heart transplant took place in South Africa, Adrian Kantrowitz and his surgical team performed America's first such operation (and the world's first pediatric heart transplant) at the Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn.



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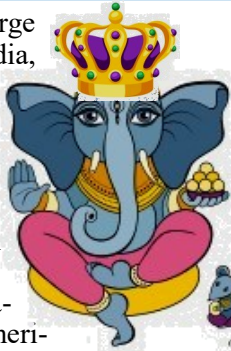
* On Dec. 7, 1911, Britain's King George and Queen Mary rode through Delhi, India, amidst a military salute and the singing of the national anthem. The royal couple met with 150 rajahs, maharajahs and sultans and other classes of the country's rich and powerful. Elephants, however, were banned from the festivities for fear of them charging

* On Dec. 8, 2009, the Obama administration announced it would pay Native Americans \$3.4 billion to settle a class-action lawsuit that claimed the federal government cheated them out of royalties for oil, mineral and other leases for more than a century. The settlement ended a 13-year legal battle that led to 3,600 filings, millions of pages of discovery documents, and 11 separate appellate decisions.

* On Dec. 9, 1930, Billie Stockton, a dancer from Hollywood, fashioned herself a dress from an entire head of lettuce to play the part of Eve in the Garden of Eden. Her backdrop was donated by the local Chamber of Commerce.

* On Dec. 10, 1901, the first Nobel Prizes were awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, in the fields of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. The prizes are funded from a reserve created after the death of Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite and other high explosives.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Squid squirt
- 4 Beloved
- 8 "Ditto"
- 12 "The Simpsons" barkeep
- 13 Killer whale
- 14 Director Kazan
- 15 Get older
- 16 Feel elated
- 18 Two-dot punctuation mark
- 20 Triage ctrs.
- 21 Calendar entry (Abbr.)
- 24 Smiles broadly
- 28 Flight costs
- 32 "Phooey!"
- 33 Hosp. area
- 34 Rich cake
- 36 Quarterback Manning
- 37 Arrears
- 39 NPR show hosted by Terry Gross
- 41 Thoreau piece
- 43 Gym site, for short
- 44 Promptly
- 46 Film trophy
- 50 Rock fan's imaginary instrument
- 55 Employ

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- 56 Satan's purchase
- 57 Separate
- 58 Crib
- 59 Ginormous
- 60 Cookware
- 61 Newt

- 7 Yard tool
- 8 Had a hunch
- 9 Carte lead-in
- 10 Roman 1002
- 11 Corn spike
- 17 Sphere
- 19 Klutz
- 22 Campus VIP
- 23 Towel material
- 25 Vicinity
- 26 Niger's neighbor
- 27 Swizzle
- 28 Staffer
- 29 Frozen deserts
- 30 Abrades
- 31 Goblet feature

- 35 Prom dates
- 38 Snarl
- 40 Owns
- 42 One of us
- 45 Trace
- 47 Rubik's baffler
- 48 "Dream on!"
- 49 Monopoly payment
- 50 Bonfire residue
- 51 Debtor's note
- 52 Bad hairpiece
- 53 Overly
- 54 Illustrations

DOWN

- 1 Apple computer
- 2 NASA scrub
- 3 Fall (over)
- 4 Memorized
- 5 Historic period
- 6 Off-torn knee part, for short

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Clue: D equals S

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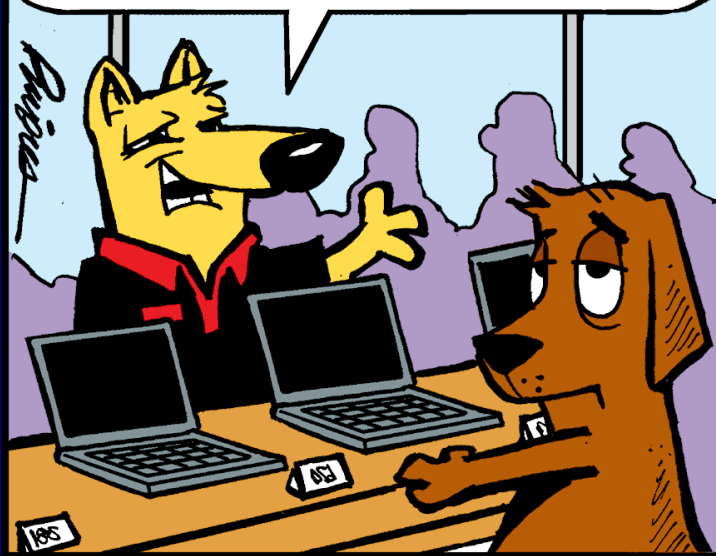
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test by Fifi
Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** Who starred in the drama "Knight Rider"?
2. **U.S. STATES:** What is the capital of Washington state?
3. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** How long does the average housefly live?
4. **LITERATURE:** Which mid-20th century novel about animals has the subtitle, "A Fairy Story"?
5. **SCIENCE:** What is the softest mineral in the world?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which major river flows through London, England?
7. **MEDICAL:** What is a common name for the condition veisalgia?
8. **MOVIES:** In which movie did the actress Gal Gadot make her debut?
9. **HISTORY:** Where was the first Disney park built?
10. **LANGUAGE:** What is the British term for a flash-light?

6. The River Thames.
7. Hangover.
8. "Fast & Furious" (2009).
9. Anaheim, California
(1955).
10. Torch.
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Answers
1. David Hasselhoff.
2. Olympia.
3. 15-30 days.
4. "Animal Farm."
5. Talc.

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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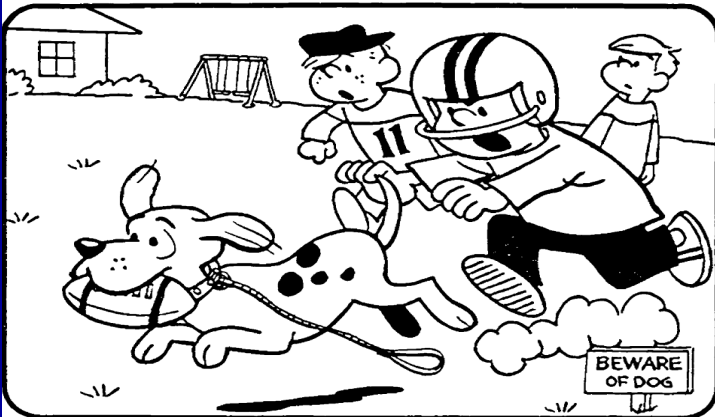
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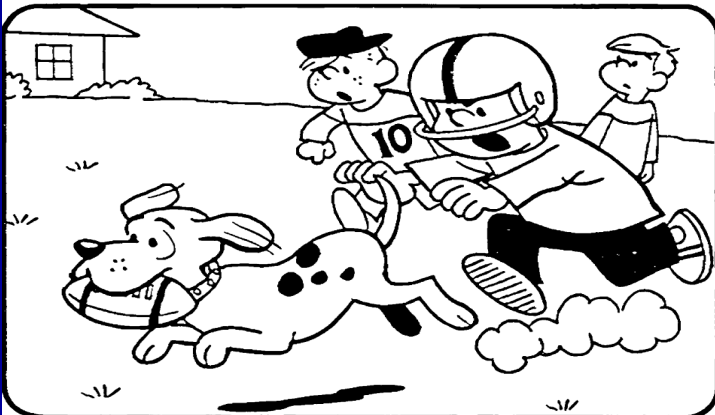
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Swing set is missing. 2. Dog's ear is different. 3. Number is different. 4. Leash is missing. 5. Helmet stripe is missing. 6. Sign is missing.

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* Need a morning pick-me-up? A cup of java is most effective if consumed between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

* Six hundred Americans die each year from falling out of bed.

* A 99-year-old man divorced his 96-year-old wife after 77 years of wedlock when he discovered she'd had an affair in the 1940s.

* Elvis Presley failed a music class in high school.

* On average, people who complain live longer! Verbally releasing their grievances boosts their health by increasing their immunity. Of course, some of us may wish to keep that nugget of information to ourselves.

* Oxford University researchers discovered that people who opt for genetic research have a genetic predisposition to do so.

* George Washington stopped the Revolutionary War by ordering a ceasefire in order to return a lost terrier that belonged to British Gen. William Howe, via one of Washington's aides under a flag of truce, after having the dog fed, cleaned and brushed in Washington's own tent.

* Leo Fender, inventor of the Telecaster and Stratocaster guitars, could not actually play the instrument himself.

* Despite its nickname, Florida isn't the sunniest state. Arizona is.



Thought for the Day: "Success is peace of mind, which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable." -- John Wooden

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