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The judge sat momentarily stunned, as charges and countercharges filled the air. Suddenly he rapped for order.

When quiet was restored, the magistrate said, "Now, I'll hear the oldest one of you first."

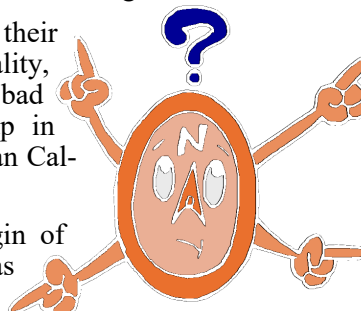
That's when they all agreed to drop the case.

A SAYING

Back in the 1800's the Tates Watch Company of Massachusetts wanted to produce other products and, since they already made the cases for pocket watches, decided to market compasses for the pioneers traveling west.

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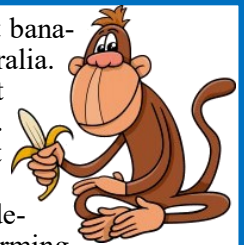
Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

* On March 25, 2017, the world's largest banana split made its debut in Innisfail, Australia. Concocted with 40,000 bananas, it stretched for an astounding 5 miles long. No word on the number of calories it contained.

* On March 26, 1971, East Pakistan declared its independence from Pakistan, forming Bangladesh, which started an eight-month-long war between Pakistan and the newly-formed state. As many as 3 million people lost their lives in the conflict.

* On March 28, 1949, English astronomer Fred Hoyle coined the term "Big Bang" during a BBC radio interview, though he also refuted the scientific theory, remarking in a later interview with the network that "the reason why scientists like the 'big bang' is because they are overshadowed by the Book of Genesis. It is deep within the psyche of most scientists to believe in the first page of Genesis."



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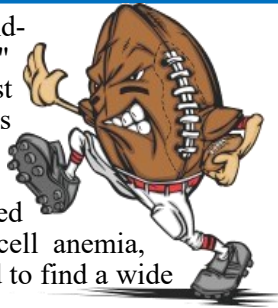
* On March 27, 1989, the groundbreaking soap opera "Generations" aired on NBC-TV, making it the first U.S. African-American show of its kind. Focusing on the relationship between two Chicago families, one white and one Black, the series tackled difficult subjects, including sickle cell anemia, racial bias and hate crimes, but failed to find a wide audience and was canceled in 1991.

* On March 29, 1984, the city of Baltimore refused to replace its antiquated stadium, so the owner of the Baltimore Colts decided to up and leave the state. The team loaded up all their equipment into 15 trucks, moved to Indiana, and renamed themselves the Indianapolis Colts.

* On March 30, 1842, inhaled sulfuric ether was used as an anesthetic for the first time, by American surgeon Crawford Williamson Long, the first obstetric anesthetist, in Athens, Georgia. Long was also a cousin of Western legend Doc Holliday, and may have operated on Doc's cleft lip.

* On March 31, 1923, the first dance marathon took place in New York City, with dance instructor Alma Cummings setting a new record at the Audubon Ballroom by hoofing it for 27 hours with six different partners. In just three weeks, her feat would be surpassed at least nine times across the U.S.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Egg on
- 5 Science room
- 8 Arm bone
- 12 Actress Gilpin
- 13 Hosp. area
- 14 Wedding cake layer
- 15 Bridge position
- 16 Not "agin"
- 17 "Snap out -!"
- 18 Monet or Debussy
- 20 Wards off
- 22 "— Poetica"
- 23 Be sick
- 24 Healthy
- 27 Embeds
- 32 Comic Philips
- 33 Menagerie
- 34 Trio after M
- 35 Fish lover's deli order
- 38 Group of quail
- 39 Transcript no.
- 40 Parched
- 42 Oracle setting
- 45 "Brigadoon" lyricist
- 49 Buffalo's county
- 50 Miss Piggy's pronoun
- 52 French waterway
- 53 — Romeo

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- 54 Canine greeting
- 55 Summit
- 56 Ogler's look
- 57 "— -haw!" (cowgirl's cry)
- 58 Monopoly card
- 8 Perfect place
- 9 Game show aid
- 10 Astronaut
- 11 Sciences' partner
- 19 AMA member
- 21 Hearing thing
- 24 Drenched
- 25 Ostrich's kin
- 26 Palmist's prediction
- 28 Neither mate
- 29 Hit song by OneRepublic
- 30 Calendar abbr.
- 31 Covert agent
- 36 Seem
- 37 Taunting laugh
- 38 Secondary route
- 41 Concerning
- 42 Bargain
- 43 Perry's creator
- 44 Noncommittal answer
- 46 Pleasing
- 47 Salinger girl
- 51 Tram load

DOWN

- 1 Detail, briefly
- 2 Bell sound
- 3 — Major
- 4 Ceremony
- 5 Not enlarged or reduced
- 6 Tennis feat
- 7 "Ironside" star

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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Clue: Q equals P

CFNJG RYGZTCTGJ CFRC
YRSG R QRJCND'J BTIG YNDG
QBGRJRZC, T BTSG CN ERBB
CFGY QDGREFGD ENYINDCJ.

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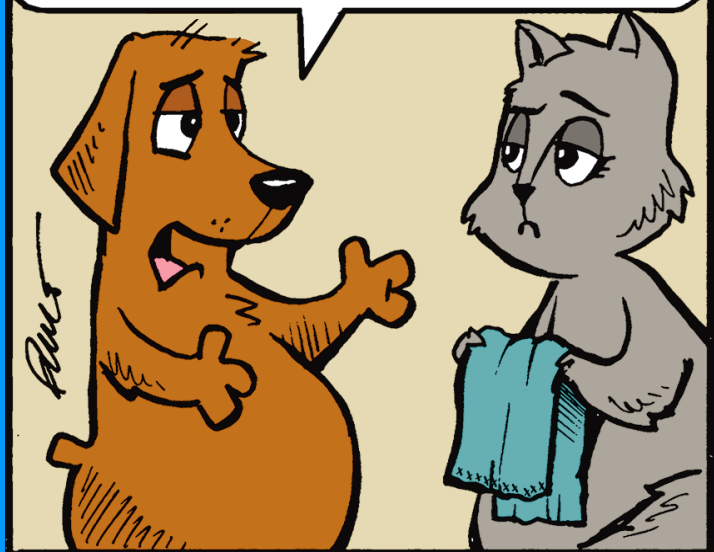
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

YOU BOUGHT NEW DECORATIVE HAND
TOWELS WE CAN'T TOUCH? HOW IN THE
WORLD DID WE WEAR OUT THE OLD ONES?



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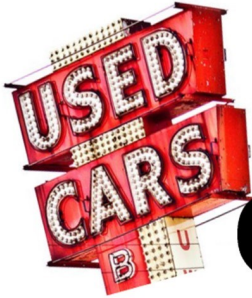
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom featured a father figure named Philip Banks?
2. **LANGUAGE:** How many letters are in the Greek alphabet?
3. **MOVIES:** Which movie features the line, "To be honest, when I found out the patriarchy wasn't just about horses, I lost interest"?
4. **SCIENCE:** How long is an eon?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** In which country is most of the Kalahari Desert located?
6. **MUSIC:** Which singer once was called the Material Girl?
7. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is injera?
8. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of cockroaches called?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which large U.S. city is nicknamed Emerald City?
10. **GAMES:** How many blocks are in a Jenga tower?

5. Botswana, Africa.
6. Madonna.
7. Fermented flatbread.
8. An intrusion.
9. Seattle, Washington.
10. 54.
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Answers
1. "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air."
2. 24.
3. "Barbie."
4. 1 billion years.

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Strange BUT TRUE

By
Lucie
Winbourne

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* The people who falsely claimed the copyright to the "Happy Birthday to You" song made \$2 million a year for decades, until the song was ruled to be in the public domain.

* A man who had received the transplanted heart of a suicide victim married the donor's widow and took his own life in the exact same way as the donor did.

* After two thieves in England broke into a man's house and made off with his laptop, they found child abuse material on the device and took it to the police. The pedophile received a sentence of three years in prison, while the thieves were given 12 months of community service in light of their "good deed."

* During his presidency, John F. Kennedy refused to take his salary of \$150,000 per year, instead donating the entire amount to charity.

* Who says cats don't care? After one feline owner survived a series of strokes, he tried to train the animal to dial 911. While he wasn't sure at first that the attempt would pay off, after he fell from his wheelchair following a seizure, police received a silent emergency call from his home and arrived to find him incapacitated and his cat next to the phone.

* Hundreds of people die each year from shoveling snow.

* Loneliness poses a greater risk to one's health than obesity.

Thought for the Day:
*"He who has a why
to live can bear
almost any how."*
-- Friedrich Nietzsche



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