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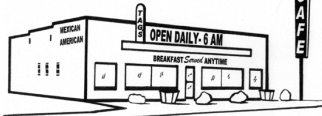
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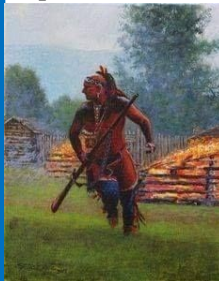


Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

* On Oct. 6, 1927, "The Jazz Singer," a part-talkie film featuring six songs by Al Jolson, debuted in theaters, marking the end of cinema's silent film era even though it only contained about two actual minutes of synchronized dialogue.

* On Oct. 7, 1944, several hundred prisoners in the Nazi death camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau revolted and destroyed most of the gas chambers and crematoria in which they were forced to work. A small number of Nazi officers were killed in the struggle, but after a brief escape, the perpetrators were captured and executed.



* On Oct. 8, 1871, the Peshtigo Fire, today considered the most devastating fire in American history, started in Wisconsin, killing about 1,200 people and consuming 2 billion trees. Despite its massive scale, however, the smaller Great Chicago Fire, which began later that night, dominated newspaper headlines over the next days.

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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: T equals L

QAWPNRA IH TZQA-PYYPWDAJ
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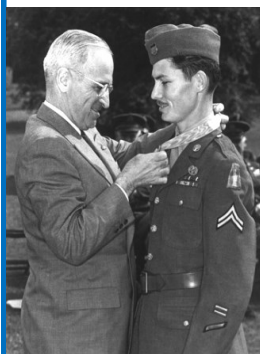
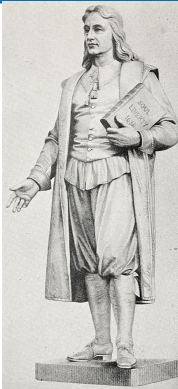
* On Oct. 9, 1635, Roger Williams was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony by the General Court of Massachusetts for protesting the right of civil authorities to punish religious dissension and to confiscate Native American land. He went on to found present-day Providence, Rhode Island, with assistance from the Narragansett tribe.

* On Oct. 10, 1973, less than a year before Richard M. Nixon's resignation as President of the United States, his vice president, Spiro Agnew, resigned in disgrace, pleading no contest to a charge of federal income tax evasion in exchange for dropped charges of political corruption. He was fined \$10,000, sentenced to three years' probation, and disbarred by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

* On Oct. 11, 1962, Pope John XXIII convened an ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church for the first time in 92 years, in the hope of bringing a spiritual rebirth to Catholicism as well as fostering greater unity among other branches of Christianity.

➤ On Oct. 12, 1945, Private First Class Desmond T. Doss of Lynchburg, Virginia, became America's first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor for outstanding bravery as a combat medic.

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2. **MOVIES:** Which actor narrates the 1980s film "Stand by Me"?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which world city is home to Saint Basil's Cathedral?
4. **U.S. CITIES:** Which major U.S. city sits on top of a working salt mine that has been operating since 1910?
5. **LITERATURE:** What is the name of the country where "The Hunger Games" takes place?
6. **MATH:** How many sides does a trapezoid have?
7. **ASTRONOMY:** How long does it take for light from the Sun to reach Earth?
8. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** How many legs does a lobster have?
9. **TELEVISION:** Which TV drama always begins with a meeting and the warning, "Let's be careful out there"?
10. **LANGUAGE:** How many letters are in the English alphabet?

Answers
1. A horse.
2. Richard Dreyfuss.
3. Moscow, Russia.
4. Detroit, Michigan.
5. Panem.
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- Plum relatives
- Raw bar mollusk
- Numbered rds.
- "Eureka!"
- River blockers
- Rich soil
- Prattle
- Debtor's note
- Elegance
- Swiss canton
- Golfer Ernie
- Plucked instrument
- Slightly
- Brewed drink
- Bygone jets
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- Sweet sandwich
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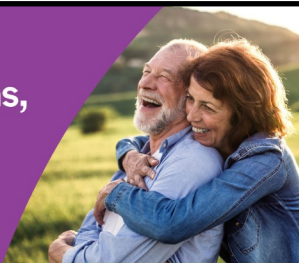
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shorts are shorter. 2. Suitcase is moved. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Hat is smaller. 5. Flap on backpack is smaller. 6. Sock is missing.

PUMPKIN SPICE - The arrival of fall means two things: pumpkin spice in everything and jokes about pumpkin spice in everything. The flavor may have exploded in popularity during the last decade or so, but it's been around much longer than that. This tin by the Frank Tea and Spice Co., which sold for \$153 at Morford's Antique Advertising Auctions (AntiqueAdvertising.com), is proof. The Frank Tea & Spice Company, probably best known as the inventor of Frank's Red Hot Sauce, was founded in Cincinnati in 1896 by salesman Jacob Frank and his brothers Emil and Charles. By the early 1900s, it was the fourth-largest manufacturer of spices in the United States. Pumpkin pie was well established by then. Indigenous Americans cultivated, cooked and ate pumpkin for thousands of years. British colonizers didn't take long to use this American vegetable the same way they did most other foods: putting it in pies. The first known recipe for a "pumpkin pye," as it was spelled then, is in a 17th-century British cookbook, but it's not quite the same as the pie we know today. The recipe instructs the cook to slice the "pumpion" and fry the slices, then bake them in a crust with apples and raisins. A recipe for custard-style pumpkin pie like the one we know today appeared in the first cookbook written and published in 1796's "American Cookery" by Amelia Simmons. Favorite spices like ginger, nutmeg and cinnamon crept into these recipes by the 19th century, and this version of the pie has been gracing holiday tables ever since.

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This vintage tin is a reminder that pumpkin spice was a well-loved flavor long before coffee shops started adding it to their drinks every fall

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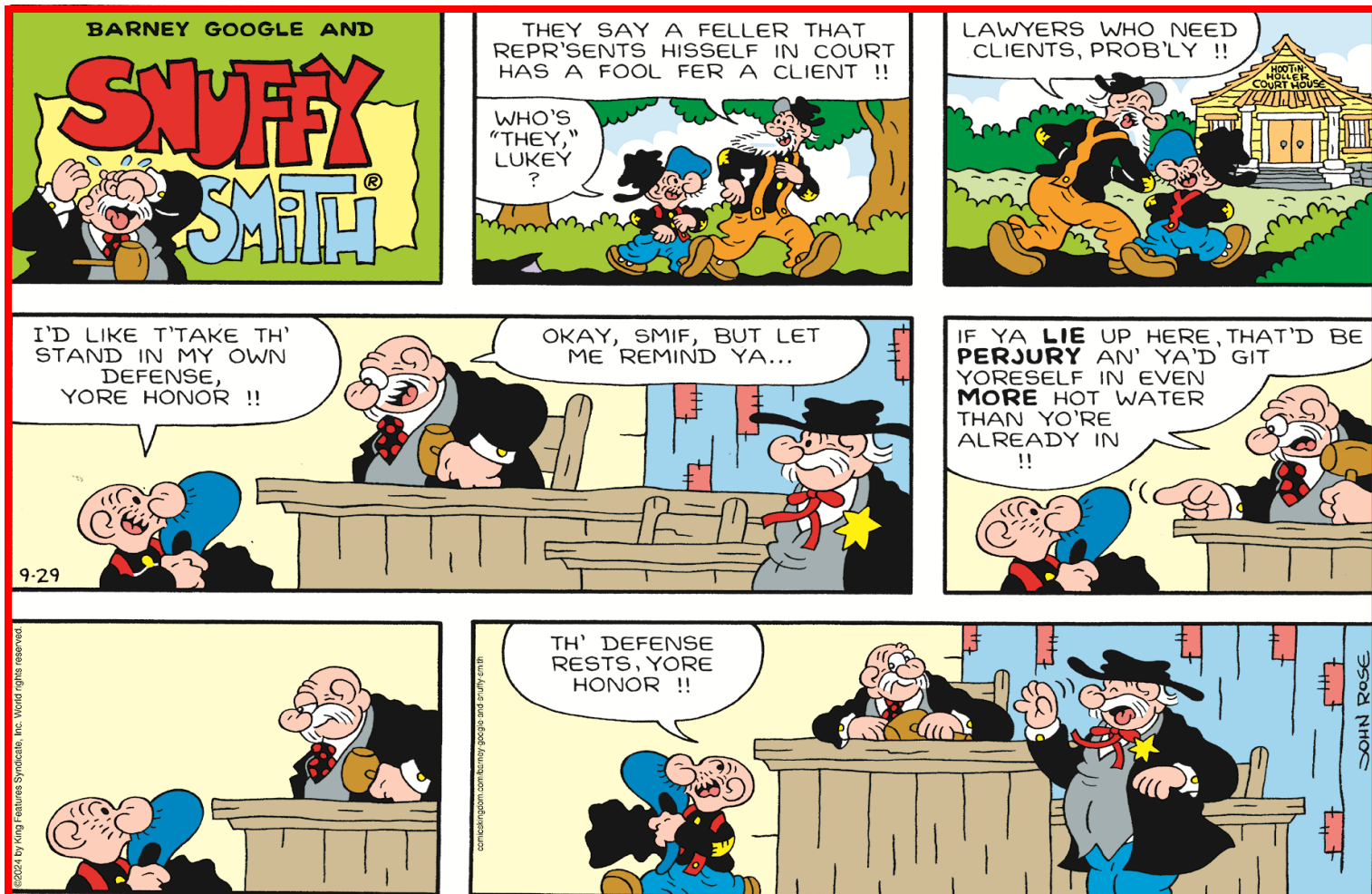
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by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Judges 7, who had the vision of a barley cake tumbling into an army camp overturning a tent? Shepherd, Soldier, Peasant, Steward
3. Which book could be summarized, "Pay attention, God has a master plan in the works we need to be a part of"? Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel
4. After an angel delivered them from a Jerusalem prison, where did the apostles go? Temple, Fields, Mountaintop, River
5. Who had his servants set barley crops on fire because he refused to meet with Absalom? Job, Joab, Jethro, Jehoshabeath
6. From Acts 12, where did Peter encounter an angel? Tent door, Prison, City gate, By a stream

ANSWERS:

- 1) New
- 2) Soldier
- 3) Isaiah
- 4) Temple
- 5) Joab
- 6) Prison

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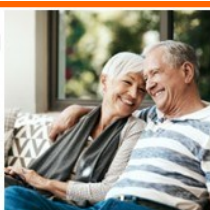
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* The first round of women's golf was played in 1811 -- four centuries after the sport was invented.

* Sloths might be the only mammals that don't fart.

* Austrian-American composer Arnold Schoenberg feared the number 13 so intensely that he deliberately misspelled his opera "Moses und Aron" to have 12 letters instead of 13. He also died on July 13, 1951, which would seem to confirm his phobia.

* Almost all of the first major television networks -- NBC, ABC and CBS -- still exist today, but the second network to get off the ground, the DuMont Television Network, is mostly forgotten, though it aired the first two seasons of "The Honeymooners" and "Mary Kay and Johnny," which is widely considered to be the first sitcom.

* Believe it or not, May is Zombie Awareness Month, which celebrates zombie media and recognizes ways to prepare for a zombie apocalypse. Participants are encouraged to wear gray ribbons to spread awareness of the potential dangers of the undead.

* In 2023, North Dakota was named the best state for surviving a zombie apocalypse.

* We obtain 60% of our energy intake from just three plant species -- rice, wheat and maize.

* Spiders recycle webs by eating them.

* The sitcom "30 Rock" was known for its fast-pace writing, with one reporter calculating in 2014 that there was an average of 7.44 jokes per minute.

* After "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" first aired in 1966, Charles Schulz's California office was inundated with shipments of candy sent from kids who were upset that Charlie Brown only got rocks in his Halloween goodie bag.



Thought for the Day:

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most people dread it." -- George Bernard Shaw

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