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by Janet Spencer

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- More than 60% of the lakes of the world are in Canada, more than any other country. Canada is the largest source of fresh water in the world.
- 85% of the world's lakes are located at elevations less than 1,600 feet (500 m) above sea level. There are two reasons: First, mountainous terrain restricts lake size. Second, the countries with the most lakes were scraped flat by glaciers during the last ice age, leaving many dips and depressions where water collects.
- Water will remain an average of 9 days in the atmosphere; 2 weeks in rivers; 10 years in the largest lakes; 3,000 years in the ocean; up to 10,000 years in deep groundwater; and 10,000 years in the polar icecap. (cont)



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\* On March 7, 161 A.D., Marcus Aurelius became emperor of Rome at the age of 39, after the death of his predecessor, Antoninus Pius, and after patiently waiting more than 20 years to assume that role. He was extremely popular, and his reign would later be recalled as a “golden age.”

\* On March 9, 1562, kissing in public was banned in Naples, Italy, and actually punishable by death, but not for reasons of morality. Rather, it was part of an effort to halt the spread of a plague throughout Europe. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the legislation failed to achieve its goal.

\* On March 8, 1941, Hugh Mulcahy, a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, gained national attention when he became the first major league baseball player to be drafted into the Army. He continued to pitch during his service, which lasted for four years, before he returned to his old team.

\* On March 6, 1986, American painter Georgia O’Keeffe, whose work included large-format paintings of natural forms, especially flowers and bones, died at age 98. She had continued painting, with the help of assistants, into her last years, even though nearly blind from macular degeneration.

\* On March 10, 1988, Prince Charles narrowly escaped death from an avalanche while skiing at a Swiss resort. Sadly, though he managed to help dig out the body of his friend Major Hugh Lindsay, a former aid to the Queen, Lindsay was declared dead on arrival at a local hospital. Diana, Princess of Wales, and Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, had accompanied Prince Charles on the trip but were not skiing when the avalanche occurred.

\* On March 10, 2015, a copyright infringement suit filed against Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke led to a record payout of \$7.3 million to the family of Marvin Gaye. Williams and Thicke had copied from Gaye’s 1977 hit “Got to Give It Up.”

\* On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak was a pandemic, citing more than 118,000 cases of the coronavirus illness in over 110 countries and territories around the world.

## GRIN and BEAR IT



“Could you dance around that one again,”

## FEAR KNOT

By: rj Johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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EGLA  
GUDLEE  
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ELHE  
DRALE  
♥ ALG  
♥ ALEROD  
SCOUL  
♥ ETDI

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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### THE GREAT LAKES

- The five Great Lakes that border the U.S. and Canada contain around 21% of the world’s fresh water.
- Lake Superior is the largest of the five Great Lakes, and the 2nd largest freshwater lake in the world. Lake Huron is the world’s 5th largest lake, and Lake Michigan is the 6th largest lake. Lake Erie ranks 13th, and Lake Ontario is not far behind at 15th.
- Lake Superior is generally considered the largest freshwater lake in the world by surface area. It contains roughly 10% of all the earth’s fresh surface water.
- 36% of the Great Lakes lie in Canadian territory. Lake Michigan is the only one of the five lakes that lies entirely within the U.S. boundary.
- The area covered by the Great Lakes is more than the entire states of Pennsylvania and New York combined.
- About 13% of the U.S. population lives around the Great Lakes.
- The word Michigan comes from the Algonquian word “machihiganing” meaning “big lake.” “Ontario” meant “fine lake.” Lake Huron, named after the Huron Indians, came from the French word “hure” meaning “messy hair” because this particular tribe wore their hair in a bristly mohawk-type cut. Lake Erie has a tail-like shape, and the Iriquois word “erielhonan” meant “long tail.”
- Lake Erie is the warmest of all of the Great Lakes because it’s the farthest south, but it also freezes over more than the other lakes because it is so shallow.
- The Niagara Falls, between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, have eaten their way 7 miles (11 km) upstream since their formation 10,000 years ago. At this rate, they will disappear into Lake Erie in about 22,000 years. (cont)

### LAKE BAIKAL

- Lake Baikal located in southern Siberia is the largest freshwater lake by volume in the world, containing 22–23% of the world’s fresh surface water. It contains more water than all of the North American Great Lakes combined. It supports some 1,200 different animals and 600 types of plants, 75% of which are found only in that lake.
- Lake Baikal is also the deepest lake in the world. It is 5,387 feet (1,642 m) at its deepest point. It is considered among the world’s clearest lakes and is considered the world’s oldest lake at 25 million years.

### GREAT SALT LAKE

- The Great Salt Lake in Utah, a land-locked body of water, is an average of 6 times saltier than the sea, though the salinity varies from place to place. It is so salty it never freezes over completely.
- No fish live there because it’s too salty. The only things that live there are a species of brine shrimp and the larvae of a type of fly. The lake is famous for its outbreaks of flies, sometimes numbering 370 million per mile of shoreline, providing food for the many birds that flock to the lake.
- It’s only 14 feet (4 m) deep on average.
- It is the world’s 34th largest lake. It’s the largest lake west of the Mississippi River and the largest salt lake in the Western Hemisphere.
- As with other salt lakes, the salt accumulates because the lake has no outlet. The water that enters the lake, carrying small amounts of dissolved salt, can only evaporate, leaving the salt behind. Over time, the lake becomes more and more salty.
- One of Morton Salt’s biggest plants harvests salt from this region. (cont)

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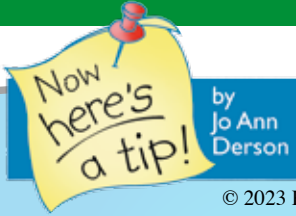
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■ "Revive the look of indoor plant leaves by rubbing the leaves with mineral oil on a soft cloth. Just wipe nicely, and it makes a big difference. Through the years, I have used this tip for both my real plants and plastic plants." -- J.D. in Alabama

■ Lime juice and vinegar both make good meat tenderizers. You can purchase tougher cuts of meat, season with spices and lime/vinegar and marinate for 10-15 minutes before cooking. It is a great way to ease your meat budget. Steaks are getting expensive!

■ "To make onion rings easier to cut (less stinging eyes) and to have the layers separate better when making onion rings, I put my onions in the freezer for about 10 minutes before peeling. They don't freeze, but they do get nice and cold." -- O.F. in Florida

■ Looking for a more natural way to clean? Here's two for the bathroom: Clean chrome with baking soda on a soft, damp cloth. Follow up with vinegar for some shine. Spray lightly and wipe away with a clean cloth.

■ "Men: Make your own after-shave. Thin a bottle of baby lotion with a little rubbing alcohol. Put in a hand lotion bottle, and use half a squirt. No sting, and soft, smooth skin." -- T.G. in Illinois

■ Add a single teaspoon of rice to the saltshaker in order to keep too many grains of salt from coming out at a time.

## REMARKABLE LAKES

- The Dead Sea bordering Jordan and Israel is actually a lake, being a landlocked body of water. It is the world's lowest lake at 1,371 ft (418 m) below sea level. Just like the Great Salt Lake, there is no outlet and it grows steadily more saline as time passes, to the point where it is too salty to sustain life aside from microorganisms and algae.
- Lake Titicaca located on the border of Bolivia and Peru at an altitude of 12,507 feet (3,812 m), is the highest commercially navigable body of water in the world. By volume of water and by surface area, it is the largest lake in South America. Its name comes from an indigenous phrase meaning "rock of the puma" because the lake is shaped somewhat like a puma.
- Located in the northern reaches of New Zealand's Southern Alps, Blue Lake, also known as Rotomairewhenua in the local native language, is known as the world's clearest lake. Visibility in the lake is up to 262 ft (80 m), meaning the water is considered almost as clear as distilled water.
- At an average depth of nearly 2,000 feet, (610 m) Oregon's Crater Lake is the deepest lake totally within the borders of the continental United States.
- The Caspian Sea is actually considered to be not only the world's largest lake, but also the world's largest salt lake. It stretches nearly 750 miles (1,200 km) from north to south, with an average width of 200 miles (320 km).
- The highest lake in the world is the volcanic crater lake of Ojos del Salado on the border of Chile and Argentina in South America. It sits nearly 21,000 feet (6,390 m) above sea level.
- The largest freshwater lake in the world by length is Lake Tanganyika in Tanzania, Africa which is 410 miles (660 km) long.



1. Is the book of 4 John (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Romans 10, what body part does Paul call "beautiful" on those who bring the good news? Hands, Mouth, Heart, Feet
3. Who died after getting his long hair caught in a tree and being found by enemy soldiers? Absalom, Joash, Ahaz, Asa
4. From Matthew 22:14, "For many are called, but few are ..."? Worthy, Chosen, Winners, Liked
5. What caused the death of Job's children? Famine, Flood, Windstorm, Beheaded
6. Who was the mate of Abigail? Abraham, Adam, Nabal, Baasha

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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★  
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## TIDBITS QUOTE

"We cannot see our reflection in running water. It is only in still water that we can see." -Zen Proverb.

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1. How many shipwrecks lie on the bottom of the five Great Lakes?
2. This state has more freshwater shoreline than any other state, at 3,288 miles (5,291 km).



By Chris Richcreek

- 1 Who penned an article -- intended to be an April Fools' Day joke -- for the April 1, 1985, issue of Sports Illustrated about Sidd Finch, a fictional New York Mets pitching prospect who threw a 168-mph fastball?
- 2 Eric Piatkowski, a 1994 first-round NBA Draft pick for the Indiana Pacers, has his No. 52 jersey retired by what college team?
- 3 What figure skater from Japan became the first woman to land a triple axel in the Olympics when she accomplished the feat at the 1992 Albertville Winter Games?
- 4 Name the Kansas City Chiefs running back who died while attempting to save three children from drowning in a Louisiana pond in 1983.
- 5 What U.S. swimmer won four medals at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London and was a contestant on Season 25 of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars"?
- 6 Basketball Hall of Famer "Phog" Allen was head coach of what college team from 1919-56?
- 7 South Africa's senior national rugby team is commonly known by what name?



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  - 16 Some fridges
  - 17 Egypt's Anwar
  - 19 Have a bug
  - 20 Sunrise direction
  - 22 — Alamos
  - 23 Faction
  - 24 Cybercommerce
  - 26 Pungent relish
  - 28 Scratch
  - 30 Pub pint
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  - 35 "Three Sisters" sister
  - 39 — Godiva
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  - 42 "Star Trek II" villain
  - 43 "Hail, Caesar!"
  - 44 Carvey and Delany
  - 46 "— had it!"
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  - 49 Lon of horror films
  - 51 Inventor's insurance
  - 52 Oregon city
  - 53 Modern messages
  - 54 Actions
  - 11 "Me and Bobby —"
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  - 21 "Lassie" lad
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  - 3 Feminine principle
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  - 8 West of Hollywood
  - 9 Subway line in an Ellington song
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1. This lake, named after a queen, is the largest in Africa
2. This California lake was the backdrop for Elizabeth Taylor's 1951 film "A Place in the Sun"
3. Which of the Great Lakes is the smallest?
4. What is the largest manmade lake in the United States?
5. Is there more fresh water underground in aquifers, or in rivers and lakes?



# Team Tidbits® Diapers to Dentures

## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### Is It Taxable?

After preparing my own taxes annually for over 40 years, I'm about to have someone else do them for me for the first time.

This is not without concerns, of course, but the people who volunteer to prepare taxes at the senior center are trained. They're part of the AARP income tax assistance program, which means they're IRS-certified and therefore will know about any recent changes to tax law ... which will be handy at this point.

As of this writing, the IRS is telling people to hold off sending in their tax returns for 2022. The reason: So many states handed out so many types of money during the pandemic that the IRS isn't sure yet what is and isn't taxable. For example, checks designated as "rebates" might or might not be taxable. A Covid disaster emergency relief check is not. However, in some cases, the issue is complicated by whether you do or do not itemize. People in at least 22 states are caught in this dilemma.

If you haven't done your taxes yet and want help, or if you want to make a note for next year, do an online search for "AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Locator." Once on the site, scroll down and enter your ZIP code or town in the search field to find the locations near you.

Be sure to ask about the forms you'll need to pick up and fill out before your appointment, and whether you'll be going inside or waiting in the parking lot.

The other good news is that this AARP service is free. For me it means I don't need to spend \$50 once again to buy the computer software and do it myself and hope I haven't made an error somewhere ... perhaps with guessing wrong about whether that state check I received is or isn't taxable.

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1. Which artist released the album titled "All Things Must Pass"?
2. Who was the first to release "Blue Bayou"?
3. Which group released "Tears of a Clown"?
4. Who released "Venus in Blue Jeans"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "There goes my baby with someone new, She sure looks happy, I sure am blue."



### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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**PINTO**   

Cinch  
**SECTOR**   

Fasten  
**TAPES**   

### TODAY'S WORD

### CryptoQuote

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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ZKV FSAUG, ZKV SGZX NJSEG  
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

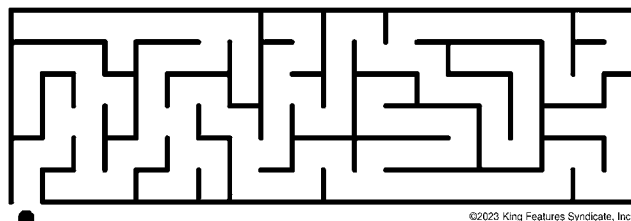


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Backpack is missing. 2. Bush is smaller. 3. Scarf is shorter. 4. Strap is moved. 5. Earflap is smaller. 6. Zipper is missing.

### Kids' Maze



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### Strange BUT TRUE

2016, with the design of examining "how the human body can be adapted and improved based on the metaphor of the caped crusader himself."

■ In 2015, a study found that having more than 10 trees on their block made folks feel as healthy as if they were seven years younger or made an additional \$10,000 a year.

■ The medical term for ice cream headache is sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia. Now you know why we call it an ice cream headache or brain freeze.

■ In the NHL, if both the goalie and backup goalie are unable to play, the team can substitute any available goalie who isn't bound by a professional contract with another team. To date, such replacements have included an accountant, a facilities manager and an equipment manager.

■ A course called The Science of Batman was offered at the University of Victoria in Canada in

■ While still a teenager, Dasia Taylor used beet juice to develop surgical sutures that change color to indicate an infection.

■ The ant-eating assassin bug piles its victims onto its body to scare predators.

■ In 1829, some Victorians were gripped with pteridomania, or "fern fever," and began eagerly collecting the plants after botanist George Loddiges spread the (quite unsubstantiated) claim that they could not only improve mood, but increase both intelligence and virility.

■ Asia is bigger in surface area than the moon.

■ Ever heard that old claim that watching scary movies will help you burn calories because they get your heart racing? Sorry, but the "study" that produced this finding was meant more for publicity than to be taken seriously. You're more likely to burn the same amount just by lounging on your sofa ... and watching something like, say, "Bambi."



# Team Tidbits® Paw's Corner



## Paw's Corner

By Samantha Mazzotta

### Positive Reinforcement Will Nip Cat's Negative Behaviors

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My cat Huey will let me pet him for a few seconds, and then he'll nip at my fingers or knuckles. Am I doing something wrong? How can I get him to stop that behavior? -- Sarah W., Boston

**DEAR SARAH:** Nipping at your hand while being petted is a very common cat behavior (or misbehavior, depending on which end of the bite you're on). It stems from instinctive behaviors that a cat learns from the time they're born through adulthood.

Ideally, the best time to curb biting behavior is when they're kittens, but not everyone has that luxury -- people who've adopted adult cats, for example, or owners who thought a kitten nipping their knuckles was cute, until that kitten turned into a full-grown, biting cat.

As you've probably noticed, yelling, "No" at a cat doesn't always get the desired effect. Instead,

gently discourage this behavior. Pet your cat as usual, but as soon as he begins to bite, withdraw your hand and turn your body partly or totally away from him. You want to communicate that biting means he won't get your attention any longer.

Another option, before settling in front of the television with Huey snuggled up next to you, is to smear a tiny bit of peanut butter or another favorite treat across your knuckles. Let him lick your knuckles periodically while you pet him. The instant he tries to bite, take your hand away. Essentially, you want Huey to not see your hand as a toy or an attention-getter. It will take a few tries, but most cats pick up on your intentions after a while, so be patient and consistent with this training.

Does your cat bite? How did you solve it? Tell us at [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

### Just Like Cats & Dogs

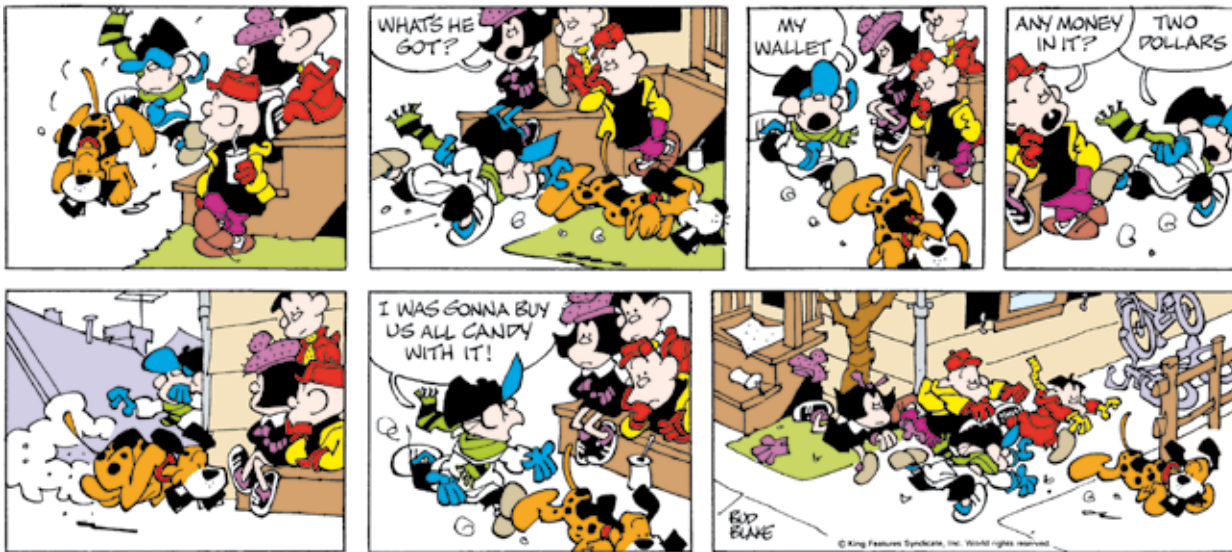
by Dave T. Phipps



### People Worth Remembering ATAHUALPA

- In 1526 or 1527, the Inca ruler, Huayna Capac ("the young mighty one"), died, possibly due to an infectious disease brought to the New World by Europeans. His designated heir died too. Therefore the empire was split in two, with two of Huayna's other sons each ruling half of the kingdom: Atahualpa ruled the northern part from Quito, and Huascar ruled the southern part from Cusco.
- Not surprisingly, civil war broke out between the two brothers. Huascar captured and imprisoned Atahualpa, who escaped, and subsequently waged war on Huascar. It was a crushing defeat and Atahualpa eventually killed his brother. He then invited all the leaders in Cusco to come together in order to divide up the country. This was a ruse, and he slaughtered everyone who showed up in order to protect his throne.
- Just as things were settling down and Atahualpa was ascending to power, the Spanish conquistadors arrived. The band of 168 Spaniards was led by Francisco Pizarro. Atahualpa had an army of 80,000 men and did not consider the Spaniards a threat.
- When Pizarro invited Atahualpa to a feast in his honor, Atahualpa left his army behind and showed up with a contingent of just 5,000 unarmed soldiers. When they arrived, Atahualpa was given the option of converting to Christianity along with the entire Inca empire, while also recognizing King Charles V of Spain as their sovereign leader. When Atahualpa asked by whose authority these demands were made, he was shown a Bible. He looked through it, announced that it "did not speak to him" as it was in a foreign language, and threw the Bible on the ground.

### TIGER



1. TELEVISION: Which cable TV series features a character named Don Draper?
2. MOVIES: What subject does Professor Minerva McGonagall teach at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
3. HISTORY: Where was civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a sign on his desk that read, "The Buck Stops Here"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the world's largest desert?
6. LITERATURE: What is the real name of the author Lemony Snicket?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the fruit that gives the liqueur creme de cassis its flavor?
8. MUSIC: What inspired the Beatles' song "Blackbird"?
9. CELEBRITIES: What is singer/actress Judy Garland's birth name?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are squirrels' nests called?

### Laugh a bit with TIDBITS

Q: Who does the surgery in a lake?  
A: The sturgeon!



**TIDBITS WORD POWER**  
Unscramble this word:  
**HAMICING**

A person living in this state is never more than 6 miles (9.7 km) from a source of water.

## TIDBITS GOES LONG.....

In 2003, the British Broadcasting Corporation used 600 sonar beams and satellites to scour the waters of Lake Ness in Scotland for evidence of the Loch Ness Monster—but found nothing.



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By Terry and Kim Kovel

TIP: Liquid window cleaner is an excellent jewelry cleaner.



### Lucite

It's essential for designers to stay on the cutting edge of fashion, which often means finding innovative uses for

new materials. Lucite, a clear acrylic resin made by DuPont, was available for commercial use by 1937. By the 1960s, it was used in furniture. Designers often added accents made of smooth, reflective materials like chrome or brass or upholstered their pieces with bright, colorful fabric.

Another way to decorate Lucite pieces involved enclosing decorations, such as flowers, in the resin. The clear, shiny material made designs -- and the rooms they furnished -- look lighter. Some Lucite pieces were made in unusual shapes and styles. Others were more conventional, like this mid-century steamer trunk, which sold at New Orleans Auction Galleries for \$531. This may have an

advantage over typical wooden or leather trunks: The clear material means you don't have to open it to see what's inside!

Q: What is the difference between cut glass and pressed glass? Which is more valuable?

A: Cut glass is an ancient technique that was revived in Europe in the 1500s. Cut and engraved designs added luster to the glass and helped hide flaws like bubbles. Mold-blown glass used easier and cheaper techniques to imitate cut glass. The mechanical glass press was invented in the 1820s, making production even simpler and less expensive. To tell the difference between cut glass and pressed glass, remember the three Ls: look, lift and listen. Cut glass designs have sharp edges, so they sparkle more than pressed glass, which has rounded edges. When you pick up a cut glass item, it will feel heavier than a similar piece of pressed glass. Tap your finger against a piece of cut glass and it will ring with more clarity than pressed glass. Cut glass is usually more expensive than pressed glass, but current prices vary from under \$20 to thousands of dollars. Cut

glass with a signature or famous manufacturer like Baccarat or Waterford tends to sell for higher prices. Embellishments such as silver mounts or colored glass can further increase the price.

### CURRENT PRICES

Doll set, Effanbee, Suzette, George and Martha Washington, white wigs, painted faces, blue side-glancing eyes, 11 inches, pair, \$55.

Poster, Imagination Celebration, two figures in hot air balloon, monster and horned dog seated on ground, starry sky, multicolor, Maurice Sendak, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, frame, 13 1/4 x 10 inches, \$125.

Furniture, stand, magazine, Stickley Brothers, oak, No. 6617, four shelves, notched crest, circular cutouts, two vertical slats on back, paper label, 49 1/2 x 14 x 12 inches, \$2,340.

Satsuma porcelain figurine, Kwannon, standing, holding lotus blossom, multicolor robes, red mark, signature, early 20th century, 15 inches, \$2,560.



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### SUGAR COOKIES

Makes 5 dozen 2-1/2-inch heart-shaped cookies

- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup powdered sugar, plus more for dusting
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Granulated sugar (optional)

-- Assorted candies, sprinkles or icing for decorating (optional)

Cream the butter in the bowl of an electric mixer. Add the powdered sugar and start the machine slowly; when the sugar has been incorporated, turn up the speed and beat until light and fluffy. Blend in the egg, vanilla and almond extract.

In another bowl, sift together the flour and salt; add it gradually to the batter. Mix on low until the dough comes together. Divide the dough in

half, shape into flat disks, cover, and then chill for at least 1 hour.

Heat oven to 375 F. Line baking sheets with parchment. Remove one dough disk from the refrigerator, roll out 1/8 inch thick on a board dusted with powdered sugar, and cut with a 2-1/2-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter. (If dough sticks to it, dip in flour, shake off excess, and then cut dough). Place the hearts on prepared baking sheets. Repeat with the remaining dough. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Cool on wire racks before serving or decorating with granulated sugar, if you wish.

Tip for young bakers: Collect vintage cookie cutters with small handles on top to make it easier to cut dough.



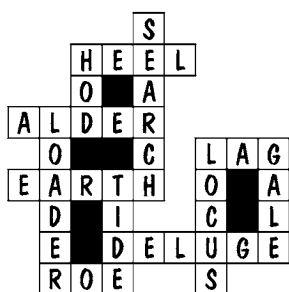
### ATAHUALPA (cont)

- Atahualpa's act of sacrilege, combined with his refusal to immediately adopt Christianity, gave Pizarro all the reason he needed to open fire. His 168 men, armed with horses and guns, slaughtered all 5,000 of Atahualpa's men, while Atahualpa was taken prisoner.
- Knowing that the Spaniards were greedy for silver and gold, Atahualpa offered to fill a large room with gold once, and silver twice, to earn his freedom. The Spanish quickly agreed and the gold began flowing in from all corners of the Andes. The room measured 22 feet (6.7 m) long, by 17 feet (5.2 m) wide, and 8 feet (2.4 m) tall. Over 24 tons of treasure was delivered over the course of the next eight months, whose value would top \$50 million today. Most of it was in the form of priceless art and it was all crushed and melted down, resulting in an incalculable cultural loss.
- After securing the ransom, rumors flew that Atahualpa had ordered a general to bring a large army to wipe out Pizzaro and his men. Pizzaro used that as an excuse to execute Atahualpa. When Atahualpa was horrified by the prospect of being burned at the stake due to his belief that burning would ruin his soul, Pizzaro gave him the option of converting to Christianity and being killed by strangulation instead. This Atahualpa did.
- The rumors of the large army descending on Pizzaro

## ANSWERS



answer



### SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Asleep
2. Point;
3. Corset;
4. Paste

Today's Word

**SISTER**

### King Crossword



### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

4	8	3	7	1	9	2	6	5
9	5	7	8	6	2	1	3	4
2	1	6	5	4	3	9	8	7
7	6	2	9	5	8	3	4	1
1	9	8	2	3	4	5	7	6
5	3	4	6	7	1	8	9	2
8	2	5	4	9	7	6	1	3
6	7	1	3	8	5	4	2	9
3	4	9	1	2	6	7	5	8

### Go Figure!

answers

1	+	6	x	3	21
x		x		x	
8	-	5	x	7	21
+		-		-	
9	-	4	x	5	25
17		26		16	



### TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS

1. Lake Victoria
2. Lake Tahoe
3. Lake Ontario
4. Lake Mead, Nevada
5. 30 times more water in aquifers

### Quiz BITS ANSWERS

1. Around 6,000
2. Michigan

### FLASHBACK ANSWERS

1. George Harrison, in 1970, right after the Beatles broke up.
2. The song's writer Roy Orbison, in 1961. Linda Ronstadt released her cover of the song in 1977, and it became her signature song.
3. Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, in 1970.
4. Jimmy Clanton, in 1962.
5. "Bye Bye Love," by The Everly Brothers in 1957.

### SPORTS QUIZ

1. George Plimpton.
2. The Nebraska Cornhuskers.
3. Midori Ito.
4. Joe Delaney.
5. Victoria Arlen.
6. The Kansas Jayhawks.
7. The Springboks.

### CryptoQuote answer

If we expect to create any drive, any real force within ourselves, we have to get excited.  
— Earl Nightingale

### BIBLE TRIVIA

- 1) Neither, 2) Feet, 3) Absalom, 4) Chosen, 5) Windstorm, 6) Nabal

WORD POWER ANS.  
MICHIGAN