



Week 33 ~ Edition 26

WHAT'S THE WEIRDEST THING YOU'VE EVER FOUND?

Have you ever been cleaning out an old drawer, digging through the garage, walking along a trail, or looking under the seat of your car when suddenly you discovered something that made you stop and say...

"How in the world did THAT get there?"

Weird discoveries can happen just about anywhere!

Maybe you've found an old coin buried in the backyard, money tucked inside a secondhand book, a mysterious key that doesn't seem to fit anything, or something hidden in an old house that had probably been there for decades.

Sometimes the best finds aren't worth any money at all—they're simply interesting because they come with a mystery.

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IMAGINE FINDING...

- An old photograph with no names written on it
- A message hidden inside a wall
- Money in the pocket of a thrift-store jacket
- An antique bottle buried in the yard
- A long-lost piece of jewelry
- A strange tool and absolutely no idea what it does
- A childhood toy you thought disappeared years ago
- A key with no known lock
- An old newspaper tucked away in an attic
- A note written decades before you were born

THE MYSTERY IS HALF THE FUN!

Whenever we find something unusual, the questions begin.

Who did it belong to?

How old is it?

Why was it there?

And what's the story behind it?

Sometimes we find the answers.

Sometimes we don't.

And sometimes... not knowing makes the story even better!

YOUR TURN!

What's the weirdest, oldest, funniest, or most unexpected thing YOU have ever found?

Think about attics, barns, garages, old houses, thrift stores, roadsides, vacations, or even underneath the couch!

Your strange discovery might have a great story behind it.

Americanisms



"The two things you can't
fake are good food and
good music."
— Etta James

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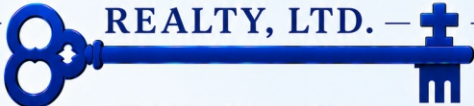


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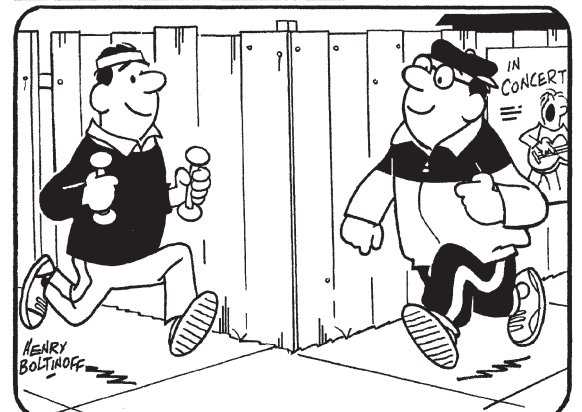
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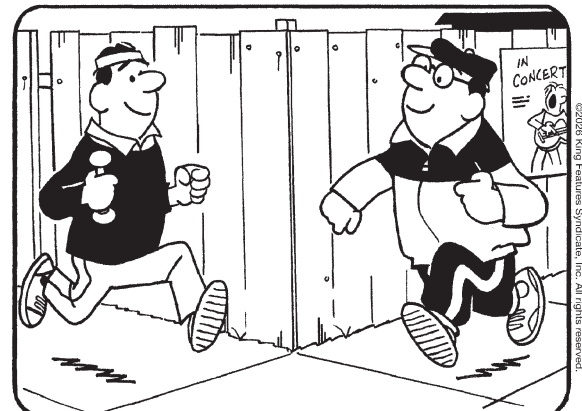
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Salome's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Be careful not to allow the backers of a new financial "deal" to pull the wool over the Lamb's eyes. It could hold fewer plusses and more negatives than you were first led to believe.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

It's a good idea to finish all incomplete tasks so that you can devote your attention to next week's projects. The weekend could hold surprises for romantic Fernandas and Ferdinands!



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

A workplace suggestion you made a while ago that you might've forgotten could come back with a request to turn it from an idea to a reality. Meanwhile, your social life picks up considerably this weekend.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Someone from the past could return with an intriguing opportunity for a future project. By all means, check into it, but don't neglect your current responsibilities.



LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Keeping your claws sheathed and using good humor to counter someone who's bad-mouthing the Big Cat isn't easy. But it's the best way to avoid more problems down the line.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

A workplace situation could improve if you're less critical and more supportive of those who are, after all, trying to do their best. Let them know that you're there to help when necessary.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

With responsibilities surging both in the workplace and in the home, it's important to prioritize how you deal with them. Be patient. Pressures will begin to ease starting early next week.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

A social obligation that you'd rather get out of could hold some surprisingly positive aspects. Why not go and see it for yourself? Also, a family member makes a curious request.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Before tackling a new project awaiting you at home or on the job, take time out for some much-deserved pampering to help lift your spirits and restore your energy levels.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Your social calendar begins to fill up more quickly than you expected, which is great. You deserve to enjoy some good fun after so much time spent on serious matters.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

A domestic situation continues to improve, thanks to all the tender, loving concern that you've shown. A colleague makes a questionable move that you might want to check out sooner rather than later.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

A sudden turn in a romantic relationship calls for both a rational and passionate response. Keep the love level high, but also find out why the problem arose in the first place.



BORN THIS WEEK:

You often set high standards for others. But to your credit, you also set the same expectations for yourself. You'd be an excellent coach or mentor.



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2 HOME OF SEATTLE

Seattle is Washington's largest city and is known for the Space Needle, great coffee, and beautiful views of Puget Sound.



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NATURAL WONDER

Mount Rainier is an active volcano and the highest peak in Washington. It's a stunning symbol of natural beauty.



3 WATER POWER

Washington leads the nation in hydroelectric power! Its many rivers and waterfalls help provide clean energy.



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Fun Fact!

Washington is home to more than 3,000 miles of coastline and over 300 state parks—perfect for adventure lovers!



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Moments in time



• On Aug. 24, 1572, King Charles IX of France, influenced by his mother, Catherine de Medici, ordered the assassination of Huguenot Protestant leaders in Paris, which launched a widespread catastrophe of murders resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands of Huguenots all across the country.



• On Aug. 25, 1875, merchant navy captain Matthew Webb became the first known person to successfully swim the English Channel, in 21 hours and 45 minutes. Hailed as a national hero, a triumphal arch was erected in his honor in his hometown and The Daily Telegraph called him "probably the best-known and most popular man in the world."



• On Aug. 26, 1873, the first free kindergartener in America was started by Susan Blow in Carondelet, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri.



• On Aug. 27, 2007, Michael Vick, a star quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons, pleaded guilty to a federal felony charge related to running a dogfighting ring. Four months later, he was sentenced to 23 months in federal prison.



• On Aug. 28, 1963, acclaimed gospel singer Mahalia Jackson helped turn Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech at the March on Washington into one of American history's most famous orations when she instructed him to "tell them about the dream, Martin" from behind the podium on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, prompting him to put aside his notes and improvise the entire next section of it.



• On Aug. 29, 1982, Swedish-born actress and three-time Academy Award winner Ingrid Bergman died of cancer on her 67th birthday. Best known for her role as Ilsa Lund opposite Humphrey Bogart in "Casablanca," Bergman had stirred up an international scandal three decades earlier by bearing a son with Italian director Roberto Rossellini, to whom she wasn't then married.



• On Aug. 30, 2023, West Point announced that an archaeologist had taken a second look at an 1828 time capsule, opened in an earlier livestream and believed to be empty, and discovered valuable coins and a medal under sediment at its bottom.

FLASH BACK!

POP ROCK & SOUL TRIVIA

BY MICK HARPER



★ QUESTIONS ★

- Who was the Beatles drummer before Ringo Starr?
- How did Jefferson Airplane lead singer Grace Slick (think "White Rabbit") get her name?
- Name the first No. 1 song the Beatles had in the U.S. Which song first topped the charts in the U.K.? (They're not the same!)
- Who was known as the "Queen of Soul"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Big Sam left Seattle in the year of '92, With George Pratt his partner and brother Billy too."

★ ANSWERS ★

- Pete Best.** He was the Beatles' drummer from August 1960 until August 1962, when he was replaced by Ringo Starr. Best's mother had a coffee house (called the Casbah Club) in the basement of her house, which was where the band first played. The Casbah is now available for Airbnb rental.
- She married **Gerald Slick** in 1961. She was born Grace Barnett Wing.
- "I Want to Hold Your Hand."** It topped the charts in the U.S. and "From Me to You" in the U.K.
- Aretha Franklin.**
- "North to Alaska,"** by Johnny Horton, in 1960. The song was used in the 1960 film of the same name and tells the tale of a man going to the frozen north to look for gold. Sadly, Horton died five days before the movie came out.

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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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Fun Fact

The Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean is over 1,500 miles long and almost 7 miles deep. Mankind has explored further and much more often into outer space than we have ever yet ventured into the Trench's very cold, very dark depths. Mount Everest would fit very comfortably down in it, and still have water above it.



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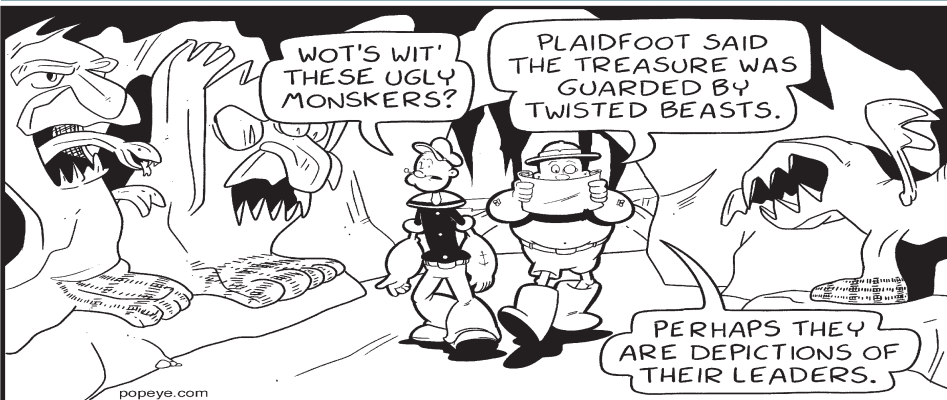
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION:** Which musical instrument does Leonard play in "The Big Bang Theory"?
- MUSIC:** In what year did the Woodstock music festival take place?
- MOVIES:** Which horror movie features a character named Ellen Ripley?
- HISTORY:** When did the French Revolution begin?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is carpaccio?
- U.S. STATES:** How many states border Mexico?
- GAMES:** How many wooden blocks are in the game of Jenga?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the longest mountain chain in the world?
- ART:** Who painted the "Mona Lisa"?
- MATH:** How many sides does a hexagon have?

ANSWERS

- Cello.
- 1969.
- "Alien."
- 1789.
- Thinly sliced raw meat or fish.
- Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.
- 54.
- The Andes in South America.
- Leonardo da Vinci.
- Six.

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FALL Safety Tips

Stay Safe While Enjoying the Season!



STAY HYDRATED

Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid too many sugary or alcoholic drinks.



PROTECT YOUR SKIN

Apply sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher and reapply every two hours—or more often if you're swimming or sweating. Don't forget a hat and sunglasses!



WATCH FOR HEAT ILLNESS

Know the warning signs of heat exhaustion:

- Heavy sweating
- Headache
- Nausea
- Muscle cramps

Move to a cool place, sip water, and seek medical help if symptoms worsen.



NEVER LEAVE KIDS OR PETS IN A VEHICLE

Temperatures inside a parked car can become deadly within minutes—even with the windows cracked.



BE FIRE SMART

With dry conditions across Colorado, always:

- Follow local fire restrictions.
- Fully extinguish campfires.
- Never toss cigarette butts on the ground.
- Keep water or a shovel nearby around campfires.



RESPECT WILDLIFE

Keep a safe distance from all wildlife.

Store food properly while camping and never feed wild animals.



PLAY IT SAFE

Whether you're riding bikes, ATVs, or scooters, wear a helmet and obey local safety rules.



Enjoy Fall RESPONSIBLY!

A little preparation goes a long way.

Stay cool, stay hydrated, and look out for family, friends, and neighbors so everyone can enjoy a safe and memorable fall!



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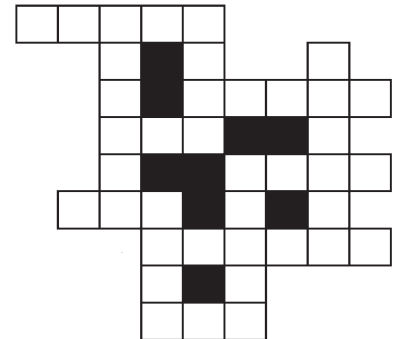
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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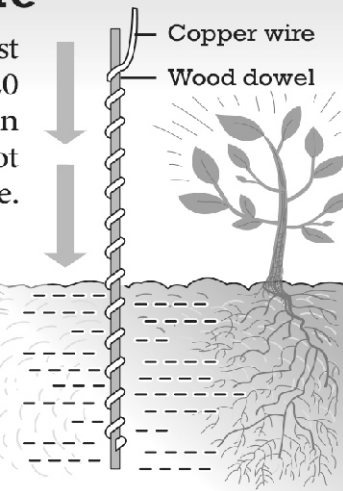


Electroculture

Though this concept was first written about more than 120 years ago, with claims of success in accelerating plant growth, it was not further studied seriously in western culture.

In 2023, the Academy of Sciences in Beijing compared regular pea plants to pea plants that were exposed to an electrical field. The electrified pea seeds germinated faster, and later produced higher yields.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

When will salads be safe to eat?

I'll be the first to admit that when I recently strolled through the vegetable aisles at the store, trying to decide what to buy, my overriding feeling was one of concern.

A show of hands: How many have avoided salad products for several weeks now? Between iceberg lettuce causing a massive cyclospora parasite outbreak because the defective product was sent to retailers and restaurants, we also have jalapeno peppers and cucumbers with salmonella.

They say (they, being the experts) that while we should avoid bagged salads, it's OK to eat whole head lettuce as long as we throw away the outer two or three leaves and then wash the rest under running water.

For right now, I'm going to pass. Those same experts concede that completely washing cyclospora off lettuce leaves is very difficult. Buying from your local farmers markets might be the best bet right now, until this cyclospora outbreak goes away.

Listeria has surfaced, with the producer voluntarily expanding its own recall, and the list of potential bagged items affected is long: green beans, bell peppers, yellow and zucchini squash, and cucumbers. The produce was sold at a wide variety of retailers across many states.

But it's not only salads that are a problem right now. There are the 1.5 million dozen eggs contaminated with salmonella and sold under different brand names.

And we have organic blueberries with E. coli.

And pistachio nut butter, made in Italy and sold by a big box store, that's contaminated with salmonella.

Our best bet: Sign up for email alerts that will tell us quickly what foods are being recalled. Start with the FDA (www.fda.gov/food), and include alerts from the USDA (www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls) and FoodSafety (www.foodsafety.gov). Consumer Reports (www.consumerreports.org) will send phone alerts for food recalls if you sign up. Put "food safety alerts" in the search box.

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DETERMINED

★ (di-TER-mind) • adjective

★ **MEANING:**
Having made a firm decision and being resolutely committed to achieving it.

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:
She was **determined** to reach the top of the mountain.

USE IT:
I'm **determined** to do my best on every test.

DID YOU KNOW?
The word "determined" comes from the Latin word **determinare**, which means "to set limits or boundaries."

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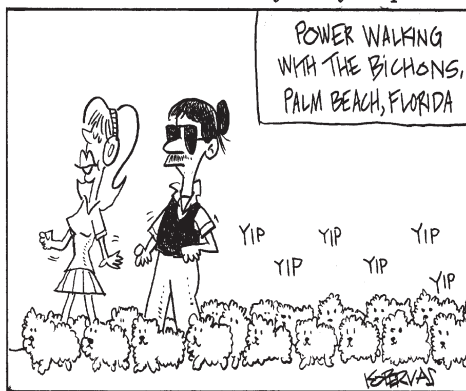
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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



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BE READY FOR SCHOOL

Get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive on time.



WATCH FOR CHILDREN

Look out for children walking, biking, and playing near streets.



STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

When the red lights are flashing, stop and let the kids cross safely.



BRING A WATER BOTTLE

Stay hydrated! The August heat can sneak up on you.



DRESS FOR THE HEAT

Wear light, breathable clothing, a hat, and don't forget sunscreen!



SCHOOL ZONE & DRIVER SAFETY



SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES

Obey the speed limit and watch for children at all times.



PUT THE PHONE DOWN

Avoid distractions. Your full attention can save a life.



WATCH FOR KIDS NEAR STREETS

Kids can be unpredictable. Be alert and expect the unexpected.



GIVE BUSES PLENTY OF ROOM

Never pass a stopped school bus. It's the law for their safety.



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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Which team defeated the DeVry Hovas 258-141 in January 1992 in the highest-scoring NCAA basketball game in history?

2. What barrier did Bernice Gera break at a minor league baseball game between the Geneva Senators and the Auburn Phillies in June 1972?

3. Name the St. Louis Blues player who had the tip of his left index finger severed from blocking a slapshot in a December 1990 game against the Chicago Blackhawks.

4. Reilly the Bona Wolf is the mascot of which New York university's athletic teams?

5. CBS Television City studio complex in Los Angeles was built on the site of which stadium that was demolished in 1952?

6. Name the Hungarian brothers who both became placekickers in the NFL in the 1960s.

7. In 1981, which boxer was mugged outside a Detroit bar and had \$45,000 in clothes, jewelry and gold teeth stolen from him?

Answers

1. The Troy State Trojans.
2. She became the first woman to umpire a professional baseball game.
3. Paul Cavallini.
4. The St. Bonaventure Bonnies.
5. Gilmore Stadium.
6. Pete and Charlie Gogolak.
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Play-Doh was originally developed in the 1930s as a wallpaper cleaner by a man named Noah McVicker. During World War II, it was used to clean coal dust from wallpaper.

In the 1950s, school teacher Kay Zufall noticed children using it to make sculptures, so she suggested it be marketed as a kids' toy. Hasbro launched Play-Doh in 1956, and it quickly became a favorite in playrooms around the world!



MEMORY LANE

Did you spend hours creating little masterpieces with Play-Doh? Maybe you made pretend cookies, silly monsters, or a whole zoo of animals!

Share your favorite Play-Doh memory and let's keep the creativity going!



TOY TRIVIA

What is the main ingredient in Play-Doh that gives it its soft, smooth texture?

- A. Clay
- B. Flour
- C. Cornstarch
- D. Sugar

ANSWER: B

Flour, along with water, salt, and other ingredients, gives Play-Doh its classic feel!

OVER THE DECADES

1950s: Launched as a kids' toy in 1956.
1960s: More colors and tools introduced.
1970s: Fun Factory sets and playsets bring more creativity to playtime.
1990s: New themes, characters, and licensed sets become popular.
Today: Still inspiring imagination and creativity for kids everywhere!



TOY RATING

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FIRST RELEASED

1956



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

United States



RECOMMENDED AGE

2 years and up



ORIGINAL PRICE

\$0.49 (1956)
About \$6 today!



TODAY'S VALUE

\$10 - \$30+
(vintage sets)



MOVIES / TV APPEARANCES

Seen in countless kids' shows, commercials & movies!



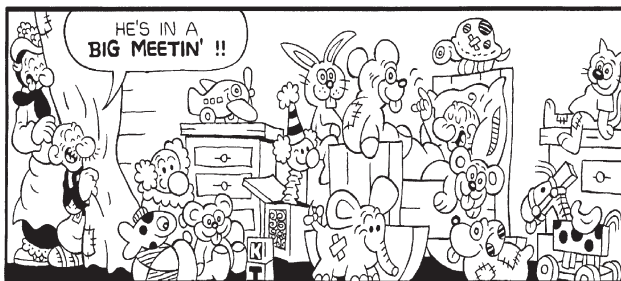
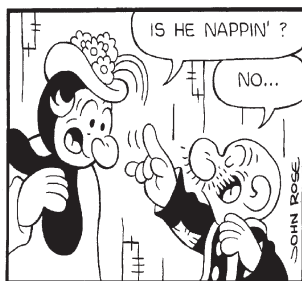
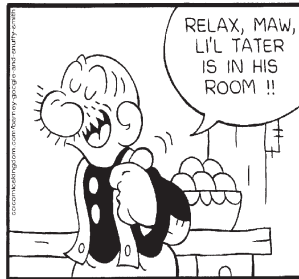
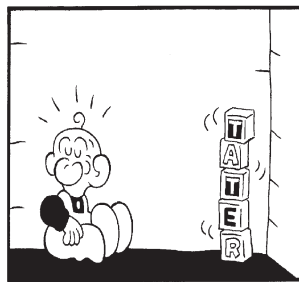
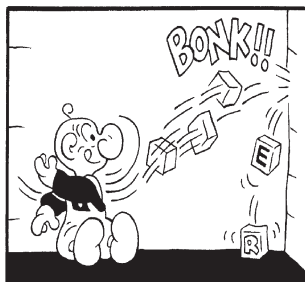
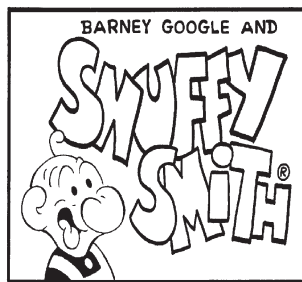
FUN FACT

Play-Doh's scent is so famous, it has its own trademark!



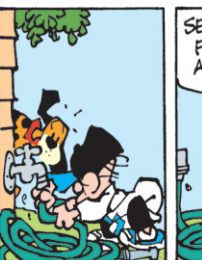
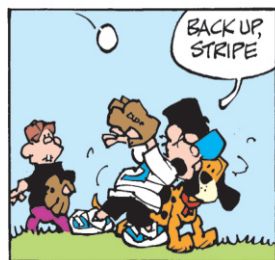
REMEMBER WHEN? ★

Before tablets and video games, a can of Play-Doh and your imagination was all you needed!

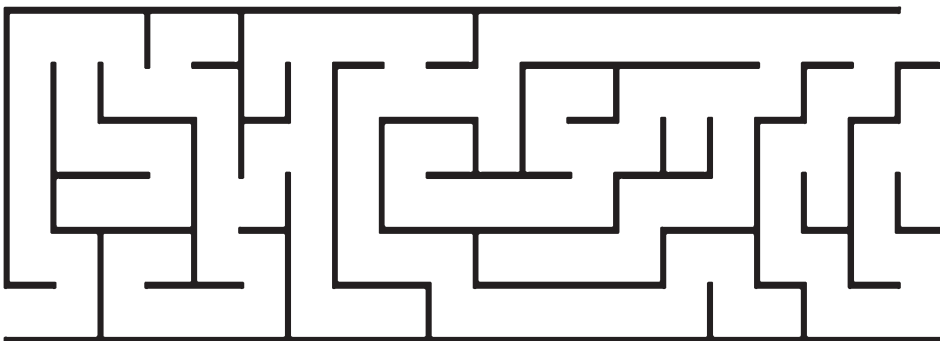


TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



Kids' Maze



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top 10 movies!

1. **Spider-Man: Brand New Day** (PG-13) Tom Holland, Zendaya
2. **The Odyssey** (R) Matt Damon, Tom Holland
3. **One Night Only** (R) Monica Barbaro, Callum Turner
4. **Toy Story 5** (PG) Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
5. **Super Troopers 3** (R) Kevin Heffernan, Paul Soter
6. **Minions & Monsters** (PG) Pierre Coffin, Trey Parker
7. **Moana** (PG) Dwayne Johnson, Catherine Laga'aia
8. **Ice Cream Man** (NR) Charlie Zeltzer, Eli Roth
9. **The Invite** (R) Seth Rogen, Olivia Wilde
10. **CatVideoFest 2026** (NR) A Bunch of Cats

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Environmental allergies affect pets and people

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: The vet says dog "Wyatt" has hay fever and should be kept inside the house when pollen counts are high. She also says my cat "Snowball" is allergic to something inside the house. Does that mean she has to stay outside? Sign me — Confused in Crystal Lake, Illinois

DEAR CONFUSED: Dealing with pet allergies can be frustrating and confusing. But don't toss the cat outside yet.

Allergic reactions caused by pollen, dust and other things in the environment (known as atopic dermatitis) are more common in pets than many owners realize. But they can be managed with a veterinarian's help.

Symptoms of hay fever and other environmental allergies can include frequent sneezing; irritated, runny, itchy eyes; a runny nose; scratching much more than usual; and even a rash on the paws or face. Dogs may frantically lick between their paws to ease the itching. Excess scratching can cause sores and hot spots on a pet's skin, which can get infected.

Vets diagnose atopic dermatitis by its symptoms and common factors, like the time of year they occur. You can help with this by writing down everything you notice about your pet, including symptoms, behavior and their daily activities.

They'll create a treatment plan based on the severity of symptoms. Steroids may be prescribed short-term to reduce inflammation. Antibiotics or antifungals will clear any secondary infections caused by scratching and chewing. Longer-term treatment may include allergy shots (hyposensitization, a type of immunotherapy), medication to reduce immune response and omega-3 supplements. These can all take a few months to be effective, so your pets may need additional treatment for acute symptoms in the interim.

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Q O N I A R L D J I A I H E G
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Y X W V T A E N O T S E L I M
S D R A Y L A H R P O P D N L

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A FIELD OF GRAPEVINES

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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SENIOR ★ NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles



When will salads be safe to eat?

I'll be the first to admit that when I recently strolled through the vegetable aisles at the store, trying to decide what to buy, my overriding feeling was one of concern.

A show of hands: How many have avoided salad products for several weeks now? Between iceberg lettuce causing a massive cyclospora parasite outbreak because the defective product was sent to retailers and restaurants, we also have jalapeno peppers and cucumbers with salmonella.

They say (they, being the experts) that while we should avoid bagged salads, it's OK to eat whole head lettuce as long as we throw away the outer two or three leaves and then wash the rest under running water.

For right now, I'm going to pass. Those same experts concede that completely washing cyclospora off lettuce leaves is very difficult. Buying from your local farmers markets might be the best bet right now, until this cyclospora outbreak goes away.

Listeria has surfaced, with the producer voluntarily expanding its own recall, and the list of potential bagged items affected is long: green beans, bell peppers, yellow and zucchini squash, and cucumbers. The produce was sold at a wide variety of retailers across many states.

But it's not only salads that are a problem right now. There are the 1.5 million dozen eggs contaminated with salmonella and sold under different brand names.

And we have organic blueberries with E. coli.

And pistachio nut butter, made in Italy and sold by a big box store, that's contaminated with salmonella.

Our best bet: Sign up for email alerts that will tell us quickly what foods are being recalled. Start with the FDA (www.fda.gov/food), and include alerts from the USDA (www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls) and FoodSafety (www.foodsafety.gov). Consumer Reports (www.consumerreports.org) will send phone alerts for food recalls if you sign up. Put "food safety alerts" in the search box.



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- ★ www.goodrx.com
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THE ISSUE:

Food safety concerns — from bacteria in lettuce and other produce to contaminated eggs, blueberries and pistachio butter.



WHAT IT MEANS:

Various foods may be unsafe to eat and could cause illness.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Review and compare food safety alerts at www.consumerreports.org/plan-compare.
- Check for recalls at FDA, USDA, and FoodSafety.gov.
- Check email or phone alerts for the latest updates.
- Put "food safety alerts" in the search box on Consumer Reports.



REMEMBER:

A little preparation today can help you stay healthy tomorrow.



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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
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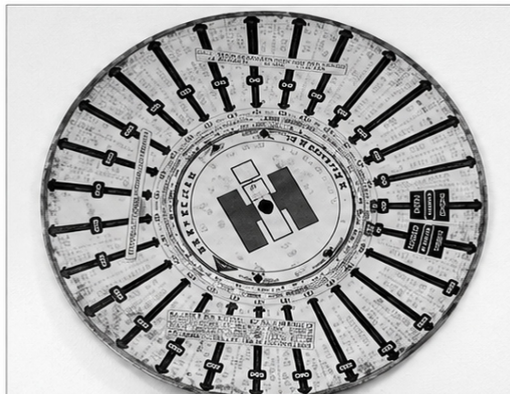
By Terry and Kim Kovel

Farm Calculators

It's not just a classroom cliché to say that math is everywhere, from planning a budget to decorating a room. Even careers that aren't directly connected to math require plenty of it. Take agriculture. Today, an online search can bring up farm calculator apps designed to help determine, for example, how much fertilizer a field requires, fuel efficiency of farm equipment, or predictions for product yields.

Farm calculators have existed long before apps, of course. This vintage piece, which sold at Chupp Auctions & Real Estate for \$120, has calculations regarding livestock on one side and plant crops on the reverse. The dials turn to calculate the values. It was one of several types of farm calculators made and sold by International Harvester (IH), which was in business from 1902 to the mid-1980s.

Other calculators of theirs include simple cards printed with charts of a truck's miles per gallon; slide or dial calculators made of cardboard or tin that helped determine harvest rates and yields; and electric calculators sized for a pocket or desktop and marked with the company's logo. They were an effective form of advertising. In addition to being a useful tool, these calculators implied that International



Farm calculators like this one by International Harvester show that farming, like most fields of work, takes a good understanding of math.

International Harvester (IH), which was in business from 1902 to the mid-1980s, sold many types of calculators. This one sold for \$120 at auction.

TIP: Tin signs and cans will fade from the ultraviolet rays coming in a window or from a fluorescent light. Plexiglas UF-1 or UF-3 will cover the window and keep the rays away from your collection. There are also plastic sleeves to cover fluorescent tubes.

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Batman, lunch box, Batman & Robin, fight scene, Batmobile and bat signal in background, black trim, tin, Thermos, black cup, Aladdin, \$240.

Clothing, shawl, paisley, square, black center, eight lobes, two borders, woven, wool, mid-19th century, 72 x 72 inches, \$260.

Meissen, tea service, Grapevine, teapot, pear shape, cups, flared, open-work handles, saucers, salad plates, 31 pieces, teapot, 10 inches, \$855.

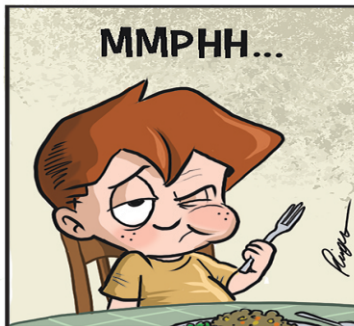
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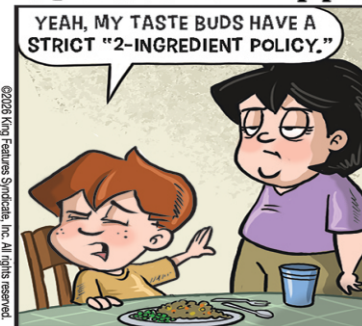
TIP: Don't put a runner or a vase on your wooden table if it is in sunlight. Eventually the finish will fade around the ornaments and leave a shadow of the items on the wood.

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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – CAR PARTS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What happens when a frog's car breaks down?**

AIR BAG
BATTERY
BRAKES
DOOR
ENGINE
FLOOR
FUEL CAP
GAUGE
GEAR
HOOD
LIGHT
RADIATOR
RADIO
ROOF
SEAT BELT
SPEAKER
TIRE
VALVE
VENTS
WHEEL

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Riddle answer: _____

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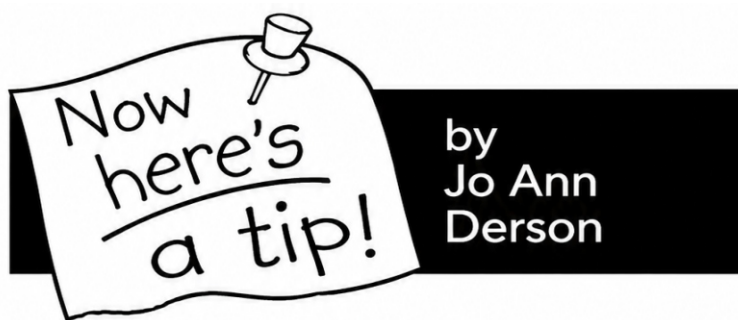
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• Soaking window decals with baby wipes will soften the adhesive, allowing you to remove a decal from glass easier.

• “Potty training can be stressful for both the child and the parent. We tried many things, but in the end, you have to wait for the child to want to train. One thing that helped keep our daughter motivated was a sticker chart. Be bought all kinds of stickers, and whenever she used the potty, she would get to choose a sticker to put on the chart. We would remark on how many stickers she had and the variety, which made her feel successful!” — D.R. in Iowa

• “Last week, we found my son’s favorite sippy cup half-filled with sour milk under the couch. I washed it very well with hot soapy water, but it still smelled bad. I stuffed the cup with newspaper pieces and screwed the top back on. The newspaper absorbed the smell. I took about a week, but it’s back in use.” — T.L. in Texas

• “My pup loves to ride in the car, and my car seats love his hair, too. Seems like it’s impossible to get out! A vacuum didn’t work, so my neighbor suggested I use dish gloves. Just put a latex rubber glove on your hand and wipe over seats. A very lightly damp sponge can work as well.” — P.I. in Washington

• Lotion scent too strong? Purchase a pump bottle of unscented lotion, and remove about a third to a small bottle or even a plastic zipper-top bag. Add your scented lotion, and mix well by shaking the bottle or stirring with a long stick. The scent will be diluted, and you can always add more scented lotion or top off with the excess unscented lotion.

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Strange BUT TRUE

★ By Lucie Winborne ★



• According to facial recognition software, Leonardo da Vinci’s “Mona Lisa” is 83% happy, 9% disgusted, 6% fearful and 2% angry.



• The low air pressure of a twister can literally pull a person’s eardrum outward.



• In 1900, motor boating was included in the Olympic Games. Only a few races were held, however, and they were eventually discontinued due to inconsistent weather and mechanical failures.



• One acre of peanuts can make 30,000 peanut butter sandwiches.



• The first Europeans to discover the Great Lakes named them the “Sweetwater Seas” and believed that China bordered their shores.



• The skin of a jellyfish is so thin that the animal can breathe through it.



• Cellist Daniel Crawford composed a musical piece for the cello in which each note represents a year on NASA’s record of global average temperature, from 1880–2012.



• Between 1930 and 1935, nearly 750,000 American farms were lost through bankruptcy or sheriff sales.



• During the 18th and 19th centuries, many British and American newspapers featured elegies for dead pets. Among them, one scholar found six for monkeys, 12 for canaries, 17 for cats and 53 for dogs.



• Egyptians used vast amounts of linen to mummify a body — in fact, the fabric on one mummy from the 11th dynasty measured 9,095 feet, enough to cover three tennis courts.



• “The Star-Spangled Banner” was almost the national anthem of the United States. In 1931, Congress voted in favor of it, but the final approval was never given.



• During a 1945 storm, a Navy cargo ship lost 28,800 rubber bath toys. They still wash up on shore today, making bath toy collecting a popular hobby!



• The first TV commercial was for Bulova watches. It was broadcast on July 1, 1941, on a New York City station.



• In voodoo, a doll representing a person can be used to bring good luck or bad fortune to that person.



• Horses cannot vomit.



• The Earth makes a full trip around the Sun in 365.2422 days.



• Soda jerks were often required to pass a test to prove they could mix at least 100 different drinks.

“ Thought for the Day: “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
— Winston Churchill

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Weakness and More Persist in Woman After Gallbladder Removal

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a friend who had gallstones and ultimately got her gallbladder removed. When they went in, they saw lots of infections, cleaned her out, and put drains in her liver. She's been feeling awful and weak, and she wants to get a second opinion. Which type of specialist should she see? — *D.L.G.*

ANSWER: Treatment for a complex problem like hers often takes a team of specialists — in this case, certainly a surgeon and very likely a gastroenterologist and an infectious disease specialist. The ideal person to see now might be any of these specialists, especially one who saw her in the hospital and knows her case. However, it sounds like she may have lost confidence in the team who initially treated her.

Getting a useful second opinion would require getting this specialist the information that they'd need, which would include imaging studies, operative reports and microbiology reports at a minimum. A surgeon is unlikely to be interested unless it's clear that further surgery may be necessary, so I suggest that she starts with a generalist or a gastroenterologist.

I've been involved in cases where a person who had a complex hospital course at a different medical system was admitted to my inpatient service, and getting the necessary information required many hours of work. With elec-

nicate with each other (sometimes), this can be done much more easily now. It's more feasible in the inpatient setting, but I hope your friend doesn't get any sicker that she needs to go in the hospital.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My son's going to be spending several weeks on a lake. I was looking at a permethrin-impregnated sleeping bag liner, and I'm wondering if this type of treated sleeping bag is good to prevent bites from various insects. Is it worth the money? — *J.M.M.*

ANSWER: Permethrin-impregnated clothing is highly effective. Studies have shown an 80% to 90% reduction in bites when it's used. (Permethrin can't be used on skin as it's inactivated by skin oils.) Sleeping bag liners and bed nets aren't as well-studied, but they're still recommended by expert groups.

While I can't answer whether it's worth the money to you, I'd want myself or my child to have as much protection as possible. The permethrin in factory-applied gear lasts longer than self-applied permethrin, but it'll gradually become less effective, especially when it gets exposed to sunlight and oxygen.

The cost for a sleeping liner online was about \$80 when I checked. A bottle of spray is about \$25 and lasts for about six weeks on clothing or gear. There's an additive effect of using permethrin-impregnated products and topical skin repellants, and I certainly recommend both. I think it'd be worth it just to avoid itchy and unpleasant mosquito bites.

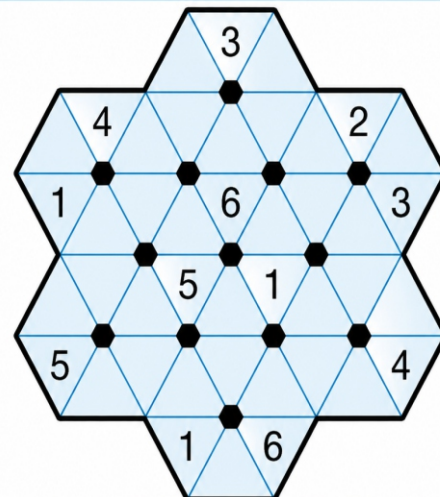
If he's going to be in an area with high amounts of tick-borne diseases (like Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis or babesiosis), I'd say that the sleeping liner would help prevent an infection, which could potentially ruin his time on the lake or even cause health issues that might require him to leave.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Prepare 24-Hour Refrigerator Pickles

On a recent afternoon when my son texted me to check in, I nimbly replied with sticky fingers, "I'm preoccupied with taking pics of pints of pickled" While laughing at the preponderance of P's, I accidentally pressed send. He immediately wrote back, "Pickled peppers? ... Ha!" Hmm, OK, so I may have left the peppers out of this recipe, but keeping with the "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled ..." verse that took us back to his childhood, I simply replied, "Perhaps."

Word play and food play are interchangeable with kids, no matter their age. Preparing pickled veggies this time of year is the perfect antidote for using and enjoying the abundance of fresh, tender and tasty produce in our gardens and markets. You and your kids can create full jars to stack in the refrigerator in less than an hour for a month of tasty sides.

Discover (like my family) that the vegetables will be sweet like bread and butter pickles but pack more flavor than the traditional grocery-store fare. Here's how to "pickle it" all:

24-HOUR PICKLES

Makes 6 pints

For the brine:

- 5 cups distilled white vinegar
- 5 cups sugar

- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1/4 cup mustard seed
- 1 tablespoon celery seed
- 1 tablespoon black peppercorns
- 6 bay leaves
- Fresh dill (optional)

For the vegetables:

- 3 cucumbers, sliced in discs or quartered lengthwise
- 6 medium carrots, peeled and quartered lengthwise
- 2 big handfuls of green beans
- 1 medium cauliflower, broken into pieces
- 2 onions, halved and sliced

In a saucepan, combine the first six brine ingredients and bring to a boil, stirring until sugar is completely dissolved.



Place the vegetables in a large bowl. An adult should pour the hot brine mixture over the vegetables. Cool. Transfer equally to six clean jars, tucking a bay leaf and dill (if you choose) in each one. Screw lids on tightly and place in the refrigerator.

Refrigerate for 24 hours before serving. Keep refrigerated and use within one month.

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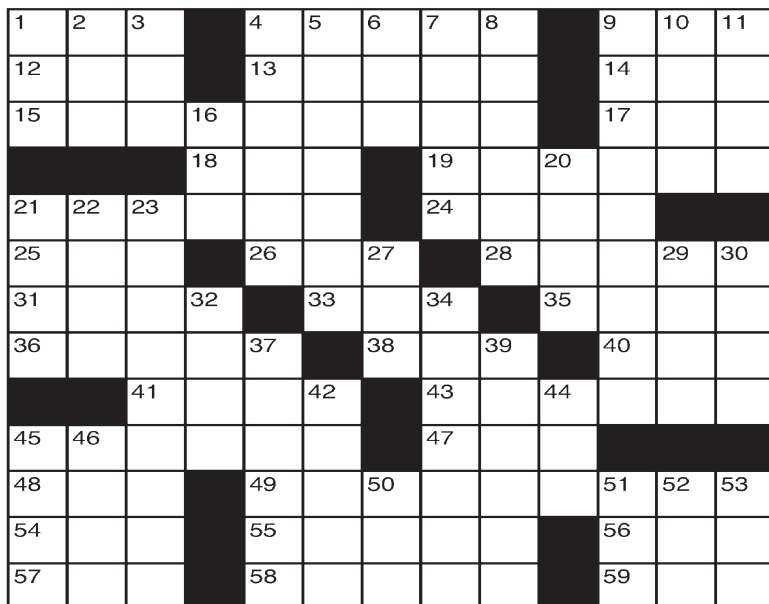
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- 1 Layer
4 Radiant
9 Soup legume
12 Dubai's country, for short
13 Kin of "Presto!"
14 Online chats, briefly
15 Keyboard piece for two
17 Impose
18 Pained sounds
19 Nobel-winning Mother
21 "Hooray!"
24 Story lines
25 Hollywood's Gabor
26 Genetic stuff
28 Nasser's successor
31 Stinging insect
33 Pop
35 Arias for one
36 Animal's nose
38 Mexican Mrs.
40 Teeny
41 "Phooey!"
43 Disney exec Michael
- 45 1912 Olympic legend
47 MGM motto
48 Tease
49 Teen's formal-wear
54 Under the weather
55 Perfume compound
56 To and —
57 Flamenco cheer
58 Belittle
59 Box office buys, slangily
- 11 Hammett pooch
16 M-Q connection
20 Some HDTVs
21 Evergreen trees
22 Nobelist Pavlov
23 Latin ballroom dance
27 Small batteries
29 Sheltered
30 Wedding cake layer
32 Kitten's sound
34 Visionary
37 Designated
39 Put on a clothesline
42 Succinct
44 Lith., once
45 Small combo
46 Mound
50 Non-Rx
51 Newt
52 — Lanka
53 Boston squad, for short

DOWN

- 1 Young dog
2 Chou En- —
3 Pro vote
4 Acknowledged
5 Blessing
6 Actress Lucy
7 "Get Here" singer Adams
8 Tends the lawn
9 Stops talking
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