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- A baby giraffe grows at the rate of an inch each day. It doubles its height in a year. The tongue of a giraffe is so long it can clean its own ears with it. Giraffes have no vocal cords. The hair that makes up a giraffe's tail is about 10 times thicker than the average strand of human hair.
- By doing a handstand when it sprays, a skunk can increase the distance the spray can reach. Their spray can reach up to 13 feet (4 m).
- The whiskers of a cat act as a sensor in order to determine if a space is too small to squeeze through, and can help detect the movement of prey. But cats also have similarly sensitive whiskers on the backs of their forelegs.
- The underside of a bat's wing is covered with tiny hairs that help it navigate and detect turbulence. When researchers removed these hairs, bats were unable to control their vertical elevation and crashed. They were not able to fly effectively again until the hairs grew back.
- Eight out of ten female chimps will cradle their babies in their left arms, leaving their dominate right hand free. This is the same ratio of human mothers who also hold their babies on the left.

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- A gecko can scramble up a polished glass window at the rate of 3.3 feet (1 m) per second, and can support its entire body weight by a single toe, because the sticky pads on its feet provide support. Geckos have the stickiest feet in nature, even out-sticking the house fly.
- The Portuguese man-of-war jellyfish may look like a really big jellyfish, but it's actually composed of a colony of single-cell organisms that all work together. Each section of the jellyfish devotes itself to a single type of labor: either feeding, or moving, or distributing nutrients.
- A starfish can survive the loss of four out of its five limbs.
- If a lobster loses one of its two front claws, the severed claw will continue to tighten its grip on the attacker even after being separated from the body of the lobster.
- The Japanese goby fish can switch between being male and female as many as ten times over the course of their lifetime, producing either eggs or sperm depending on conditions in their surroundings. One species of sea bass is also able to play both roles, and can switch from male to female in a matter of seconds.
- Herring fish communicate with each other by releasing high frequency bursts of air from their butts. Scientists dubbed this phenomenon Fast Repetitive Tick, or FRT for short.
- A type of wasp exudes a chemical that causes ants to start fighting with each other. While the ants are brawling, the wasp walks into the ant nest and eats its fill.
- Fruit flies breathe through their tongues.
- Giant Arctic jellyfish have tentacles that can reach over 36 yards (33 m) in length.



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1. Name the only mammal that can fly.
2. Name one of the few mammal species aside from humans whose females undergo menopause.
3. Will a blind chameleon still change color?
4. Do walrus tend to be right-handed or left-handed?
5. The sweat of this animal is red.

- Locusts have leg muscles that are about a thousand times more powerful than an equal weight of human muscle.
- The skin of a polar bear is black in order to absorb heat from the sun. A tiger's skin is striped just as its fur is striped. Each tiger's pattern of stripes is as unique as a fingerprint.
- Most bats use echolocation to find food, but fruit bats have no need of echolocation. Instead, they rely on their sense of sight and smell to find fruit.
- One type of octopus is an expert imitator. Called the mimic octopus, it can configure its body position and adjust its coloring to look exactly like other animals or to blend in to the background. It uses this talent to get closer to its prey, and also to

**TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS**

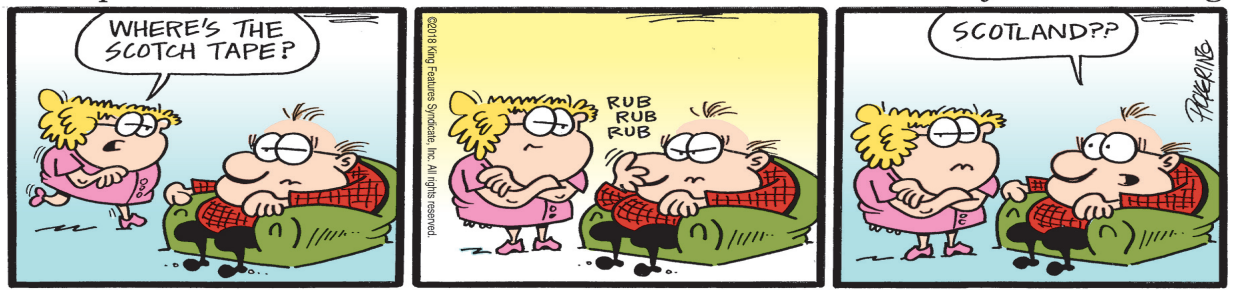
1. The only mammal that can fly is the bat.
2. The only animals that undergo menopause besides humans are the humpback whale and the elephant.
3. A blind chameleon will still change color.
4. 89% of walrus are right-handed, using their right flipper to dig for clams in the silt.
5. The sweat of a hippo is red.

avoid being prey. By imitating a female crab, it can get close enough to a male crab to grab it and eat it. When approached by a carnivorous damselfish, it can mimic a banded sea snake, which preys upon damselfish.

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by Jeff Pickering



The Spats



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\* Yes, you can add tea to your baked goods for a refined and interesting flavor. Try infusing melted butter with tea leaves and strain, or add fine tea directly to cookie recipes, particularly shortbread recipes. It looks and tastes wonderful, and what a complement to a steamy cuppa.

\* "Get grease stains off a concrete driveway with kitty litter. Pour several cups of plain litter over the stain, and wait a couple of hours for it to soak up all the oil. Sweep up and remove the litter, then finish with a degreaser and the hose." -- P.R.

- \* The fleck test for diner creamers: "If you see little flecks of white in your coffee, ask for a new cup and new creamer; it's starting to turn." -- X.S. on the road
- \* If you have water stains on your car's upholstery, use a can of carpet cleaner. It's spray and wipe without rinsing.
- \* Here's fun for kids. Secure slivers of bar soap in a small mesh bag (we use a cut piece of the bag onions come in). Tie it to the bath tap, and when you draw a bath, let the water run over the soap. It's a bubble bath!



# Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

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\* It was Swedish poet Vilhelm Ekelund who made the following sage observation: "To read fast is as bad as to eat in a hurry."

\* Bullies, take note: Director Wes Craven reportedly named the character Freddy Krueger, from the "Nightmare on Elm Street" horror films, after a kid who had bullied him in school.

\* Though coffee has been around for about 700 years, instant coffee was invented just over 100 years ago, in 1906. By George Washington. Of course, it wasn't "that" George Washington. The man who made coffee more convenient -- and, many would say, less flavorful -- was from Belgium.

\* Those who study such things claim that there are roughly 5 million bubbles in a single glass of

champagne. That factoid begs the question: How do you count the bubbles in a glass of champagne?

\* The next time you're planning a European vacation, make time to visit the coast of the Netherlands, where you can stay in one of the world's most unusual hotels. Along the banks of the Wadden Sea you'll find Harlingen Harbour Crane, an actual derrick that was once used to haul timber. These days it holds aloft luxurious sleeping quarters designed for only one party at a time. If you need a change of scenery, just head to the control room to swing the crane around until you find a view that strikes your fancy.

\* Talk about a serious typo: In 2008, the Chilean mint issued thousands of copies of a coin with the country's name spelled "Chiie" instead of "Chile."

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*Thought for the Day: "It is fortunate to be of high birth, but it is no less so to be of such character that people do not care to know whether you are or are not." -- Jean de la Bruyere*

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Dillon or Damon
- 5 Greek vowel
- 8 Heap
- 12 Cooling drink
- 14 Smell
- 15 Execrate
- 16 Island garlands
- 17 Sch. org.
- 18 Not quite upright
- 20 Big name in California wines
- 23 Soreness
- 24 Do as you're told
- 25 Wide ruffle
- 28 Conk out
- 29 Lead the way

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- 30 Playwright e.g. er's woe
- 31 Beer cousin
- 32 Beat decisively 49 Rewrite, maybe 9 Concept
- 33 Spotted wild-cat
- 34 Follow closely 50 Hot tub 10 Pork cut
- 34 Emotional upset
- 35 Manitoba native 51 Chills and fever 11 Formerly, formerly
- 36 Tending (to) DOWN 13 Car 36 Trudge on
- 37 Lecherous observer 19 Actress Elisabeth 37 Crooner Jerry
- 38 As yet unpaid
- 39 Boo-Boo's companion
- 40 - carte 20 Deity 39 Boo-Boo's companion
- 40 " - Karenina"
- 41 Off the base, for short 21 Somewhat
- 43 Siesta
- 42 Proclaim 22 Sly look
- 44 Run-down horse
- 47 Toy block name 23 Carroll heroine
- 45 French vineyard
- 48 Washington Monument, 25 Solemn occasions
- 46 - out a living
- 26 "Arrivederci"
- 27 Ireland
- 29 Mentor

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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.

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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

3 cups chocolates chips, salted peanuts or M&M's or a mixture)

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### AMAZING ANIMAL PARTS (cont'd)

- Why are penguins black and white? There are two reasons. When penguins are in the water, it helps with camouflage. Their black backs make them hard to see from above because it blends into the darkness of the ocean. But when seen from below, their white bellies blend in with the bright sky at the surface. When penguins are on land, their black backs absorb heat from sunlight keeping them warm. And if they get too hot, they turn their white bellies to the sun to reflect the heat.
- The female tiger shark has two separate wombs. Each contains several eggs. When the first egg hatches, it eats all the other eggs contained within that womb. The mother continues to produce new eggs, which it also eats. The offspring, one inside each of the two wombs, remain inside their mother for two full years, until they are each about three feet long. As soon as they are born they must be able to fend for themselves.
- The only mammals that lay eggs are the spiny anteater and the duck-billed platypus.
- Fastest mammal on land: cheetah, 70 mph. Fastest mammal in water: Dall porpoise, 35 mph. Fastest bird in the air: peregrine falcon, 200 mph in a dive. Fastest flightless bird: ostrich, 45 mph. Fastest fish: sailfish, 68 mph.
- The tail of a squirrel is a handy item. When running along precarious branches, it helps balance the squirrel and prevents it from falling. When under attack by predatory birds, a squirrel can hide under its tail, making it harder for a hawk to sink its talons. If the squirrel



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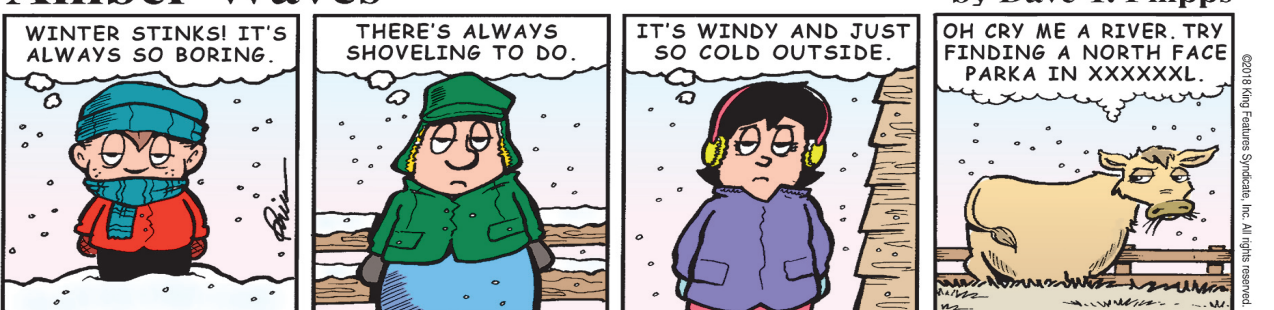
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Q. What's a shark's favorite sandwich?  
 A. Peanut butter and jellyfish!

### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



WINTER STINKS! IT'S ALWAYS SO BORING.

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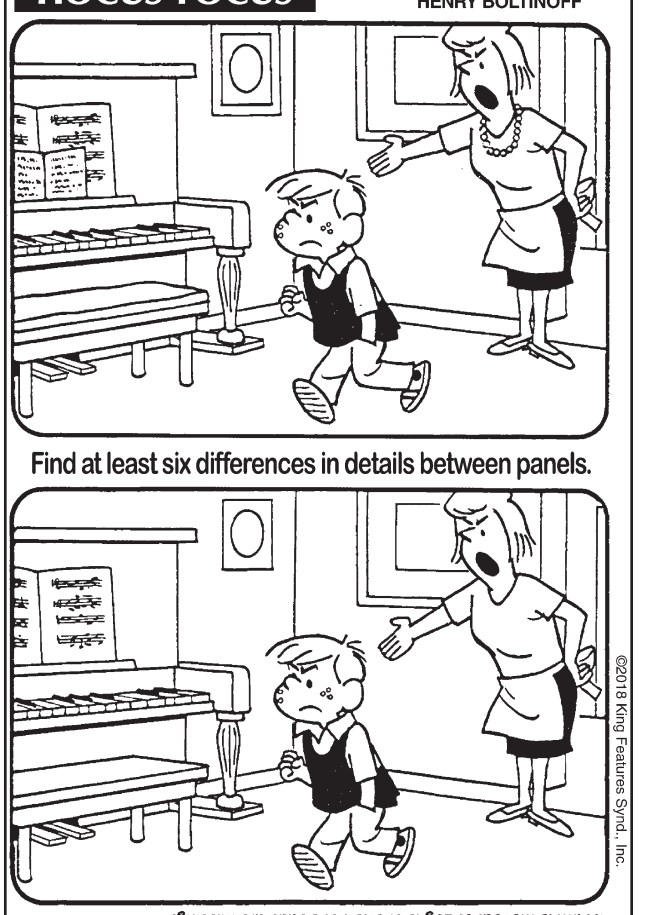
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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**AMAZING ANIMAL PARTS (cont'd)**

falls, the tail acts as a parachute, slowing the rate of descent. While running along the ground, it acts as a rudder allowing the squirrel to change direction quickly. In the summer it provides shade and in the winter it offers warmth. But the tail of a squirrel also offers defense from rattlesnakes. Rattlers have a poor sense of sight but a sharp sense of temperature. They attack their prey based on body heat. A squirrel, when confronted by a rattlesnake, increases blood flow to the tail while sticking it straight out. The snake, upon seeing this increased heat signature, will assume the potential prey is much larger than it actually is, and break off the attack. Interestingly, squirrels only heat up their tails when they encounter a rattler, but never when they run into other kinds of snakes.

- Female kangaroos and wallabies can keep a fertilized embryo in suspended animation, preventing it from developing. If conditions aren't right due to weather, food shortages, or sickness, the female releases a hormone from her pituitary gland that puts the embryo's development into a state called diapause until things improve.
- Because of its long neck, the giraffe relies on an oversized heart to pump blood to its head. As a result, the giraffe has the highest blood pressure of any animal: 280/180, more than twice the blood pressure of an average human.

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feast, he intended to create a sauce from cream and eggs, but found there was no cream. He substituted olive oil instead. The duke raved about the new sauce, which was named after Mahon: "Mahonnaise."

- The Duke took the recipe back to France, and it became popular. When the dressing arrived in America in the early 1800s, the French name was Americanized to mayonnaise.
- Mayonnaise was considered a delicate creation that was difficult to prepare. The invention of the electric blender changed that by making the preparation much easier.

- Then a man named Richard Hellmann decided there was a market for this sauce. He owned a deli in Manhattan and his wife made the sauce by hand. He used it as a condiment on his sandwiches. Everyone loved it, and he began to sell it by the scoop to his patrons. In 1912 he began to sell it in one-pound jars. Then wholesalers started buying it from him.

- He made two versions and distinguished the two with a blue ribbon. The blue ribbon version was in such demand that he bottled and labeled it with the iconic blue ribbon label still on the jar today.

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A type of iguana on the Galapagos Islands is able to adjust its body size to fit the amount of food available. It can shrink by as much as 20 percent during times of food shortages, regaining its lost weight when food is plentiful again.

### CONDIMENTS (cont'd)

- People kept coming up with new uses for mayo, both as a base for other sauces and in a wide variety of recipes. When sales of the dressing topped sales of his sandwiches, Hellmann quit the deli and manufactured the condiment instead. It was one of the nation's very first pre-packaged dressings. Today Hellmann's is the most popular brand of mayo made, carrying 50% of the market.
- In Greek mythology, Hades was a place where souls were not particularly mistreated. However, below Hades was a place called Tartarus (from the Greek words meaning "deep place") where evil souls were sent to receive punishment equal to their crimes.
- When Genghis Khan and his Mongol tribes spread out from their central Asian homeland in the 1200s, they traveled through Russia, Persia, China, and Poland, leaving a path of destruction in their wake. Because they seemed to turn the world into hell, the European name for the tribe derived from that mythological Greek underworld: the Tartars.
- One of the things Genghis Khan and his tribe typically ate was raw meat, usually horse meat or beef, which was minced and seasoned. This dish was named after them, and the same word "tartar" entered the French language meaning "raw" or "rough" since the Mongols were rough and the meat they ate was raw, as in steak tartar.
- When the French began eating this raw meat dish, they added a sauce which was made from mayonnaise and raw, roughly chopped pickles and finely minced onions. This sauce took on the name as well: tartar sauce.
- Today tartar sauce is a popular condiment typically served with fish and seafood as well as fried food. The flavor is tangy, creamy, and rich. It's often spiced up with horseradish or vinegar.
- Ranch dressing is prepared with minced onion, mayonnaise, and buttermilk. Thousand Island is prepared using pickle relish, ketchup, spices, and assorted herbs mixed with a mayonnaise base.
- The difference between mayonnaise and salad dressing such as Miracle Whip is that salad dressing does not contain as much oil and egg yolk, has more vinegar and sugar, and has a sweeter taste.

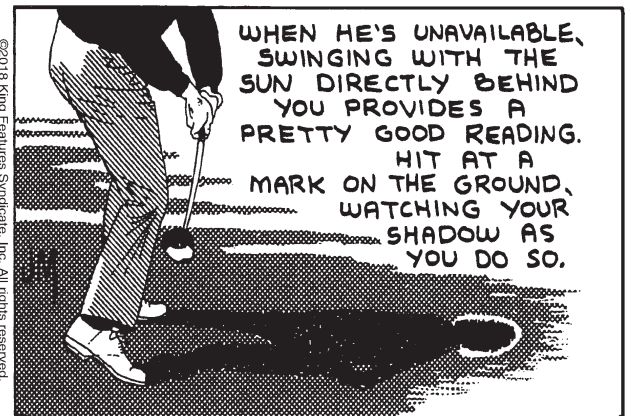
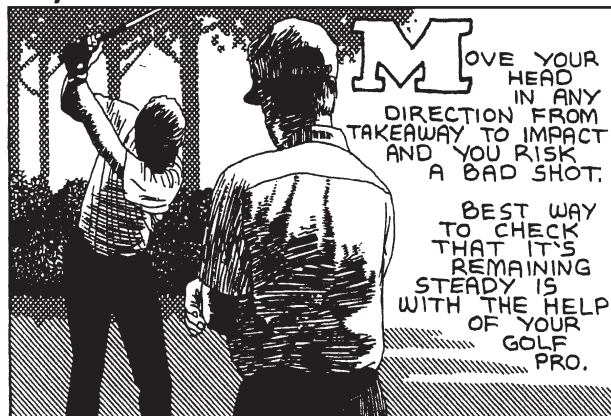
### ZIP CODE FACTS

- The postal service was hard-pressed to keep the mail delivered on time during World War II. Many postal workers left to join the war effort just when the volume of mail was increasing greatly. Whereas mail had customarily been carried on trains which gave workers time to sort it out, it was now increasingly being carried by planes.
- In 1944 a postal inspector named Robert Moon developed an idea for a postal code that would help sort mail more quickly. He proposed a set of three digits that would denote the state, city, and area. Although his idea took twenty years to catch on, he is still considered to be the father of the ZIP Code.
- In 1963, the United States Post Office implemented the Zoning Improvement Plan. They chose the acronym in an effort to convince Americans that the five-digit code would help zip the mail along. Ethel Merman recorded a song to the tune of "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" to promote the new ZIP Codes.
- Although they were introduced in 1963, they were not mandatory until 1967. By 1966, 50% of Americans used them. By 1969, 83% did.
- The first number of the five-digit code signifies the region which the address is located in, a number that starts at zero in New England and moves upward until reaching 9 along the West Coast.
- The second two digits determine a smaller region within each initial area, which is often a major city. The final two digits are the alphabetical order of the city name. For example, the north Dallas suburbs go from 75001 (Addison) to 75098 (Wylie). In 1983, the post office expanded the ZIP Code to nine digits to identify which side of the street the mail was being delivered

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- Chafe
- CAPERS

#### TODAY'S WORD

### Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|--------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. Winter or summer      | S     | _____ | Motive                 | R     | _____ |
| 2. Groucho's brother     | _____ | O     | Angelic instruments    | _____ | S     |
| 3. Heckle or Jeckle      | _____ | P     | Sister of Bart Simpson | _____ | G     |
| 4. Traveler's inn        | _____ | O     | Shelf                  | _____ | E     |
| 5. Pitted fruit          | _____ | H     | Armistice              | _____ | E     |
| 6. Bread ingredient      | _____ | U     | Stump or stun          | _____ | O     |
| 7. Pool table target     | _____ | O     | Fence post             | _____ | I     |
| 8. Homer's TV wife       | _____ | A     | Join together          | _____ | E     |
| 9. Uplift                | _____ | E     | Chalkboard material    | _____ | S     |
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to, as well as particular buildings.

- By the time Robert Moon died in 2001, there were nearly 42,000 ZIP Codes in use. (cont'd)
- One of the most famous ZIP Codes is 90210 for Beverly Hills, due to the 1990s-era teen drama "Beverly Hills 90210." Similarly, there's the fictitious ZIP Code 90909 belonging to the fictitious town of Neptune, California, home of the fictitious teen detective Veronica Mars.
- There's 12345 which belongs to General Electric in Schenectady, N.Y.
- The lowest ZIP Code is 00501 in Holtsville, New York exclusively denoting the U.S. Internal Revenue Service center there.
- The highest is 99950 in Ketchikan, AK.
- 10001 is the Empire State Building in New York City. 55555 is Young America, MN. 22222 is Arlington, VA. Newton Falls, Ohio, has the ZIP Code 44444. During the 1970s, signs at the city limits proclaimed, "Newton Falls has zip!"
- Black Rock City, NV, a city formed entirely by the presence of the Burning Man Festival for about two weeks each summer, has been issued its own ZIP Code: 89412
- ZIP Code 10048 was assigned to the World Trade Center complex in New York City, until its destruction on September 11, 2001.
- The ZIP Code 77449 for Katy, Texas, a suburb of Houston, serves a population base of about 121,000 people, making it the most heavily-used single ZIP Code. Second place goes to 77494 which is the other side of Katy, serving another 120,000. After Katy, the top ranked ZIP Codes are for El Paso, Houston, Los Angeles, and Chicago. The average population per ZIP Code is 7,631.
- Bonus Fact: The Postal Service ordered more than 700 million rubber bands in 2016.



PAW'S CORNER By Sam Mazzotta

**Acclimate Your Pet Before the Big Trip**

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: A few months ago, I moved across the country for a temporary contract job. I didn't want to uproot my two dogs, "Skip" and "Trace," and my ex-girlfriend was happy to care for them. Since then, the job has become permanent, and I plan to fly my dogs here. I'm worried about sending them in the cargo hold of an aircraft, however. Is there any way to ensure they won't be stressed out? -- Carl in San Diego

DEAR CARL: It is possible to acclimate your pets, somewhat, to the stresses of travel -- whether by car or airplane. You'll need to enlist your ex to help prepare them for the trip, and if possible, be on the same flight to their new home so you can greet them as soon as they're offloaded, further minimizing that stress.

Acclimating Skip and Trace to travel starts with getting them accustomed to the sturdy travel crates each of them needs to be in. Put nonslip padding on the floor of each crate, along with lightweight bedding, a chew toy, water and a piece of clothing with your scent on it. Have them go into their crates on command, giving a treat when they do.

Next, place their crates in the car and drive around, so they get used to being in the crates while in motion. Finally, add a louder noise element to the acclimation: Take the car through an automatic car wash, whose air dryers sound much like a jet engine.

Give lots of treats and positive encouragement during these sessions, which should be repeated at least a couple of times a week leading up to the big trip home.

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1. Nimble; 2. Rustle;
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**NUMBER**

**Even Exchange**

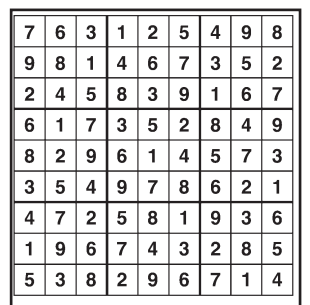
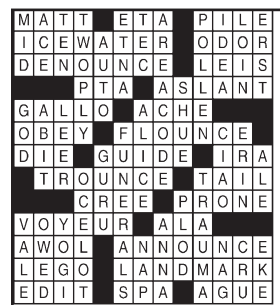
answers

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Season, Reason | 6. Flour, Floor    |
| 2. Harpo, Harps   | 7. Pocket, Picket  |
| 3. Maggie, Maggie | 8. Marge, Merge    |
| 4. Lodge, Ledge   | 9. Elate, Slate    |
| 5. Peach, Peace   | 10. Tables, Tablet |

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answer

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