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TIDBITS® CONSIDERS **GEOGRAPHY** by Janet Spencer

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GEOGRAPHY BY THE NUMBERS

- Size of Jacksonville, Florida, city with the largest total area in the contiguous U.S. in square miles: 747
- Size of Sitka, Alaska, city with the largest total area in the U.S. in square miles: 2,870
- Population of Jacksonville, Florida: 822,000
- Population of Sitka, Alaska: 8,881
- Population of the greater Tokyo metropolitan area, Japan: 38 million
- Population of Canada: 36 million
- Population of California: 39 million
- Average number of children born to mothers in Niger, Africa (the highest): 6.5
- Average number of children born to mothers in the U.S.: 1.87
- Average number of children in Canada: 1.6
- Average number of children in Japan: 1.41
- In Singapore (the lowest birth rate): .83
- Rate at which Mexico City sinks every year, in inches: 18
- Percent increase in the size of Rhode Island at low tide: 3
- Length of the river system in Saudi Arabia, in miles: 0

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- Height of the world's longest vertical drop, Mt. Thor, Baffin Island, Canada, in feet: 4,101
- Height of the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, in feet: 2,717
- Height of the world's tallest waterfall, Angel Falls in Venezuela, in feet: 3,212
- Height of Niagara Falls, in feet: 175
- Percent of the world's population that lives in the northern hemisphere: 90
- Distance between Russia and the U.S. at their closest point in the Bering Strait, in miles: 2.4
- Time difference between Russia and the U.S. at that point, in hours: 21
- Number of time zones in Russia: 11
- Number of time zones in the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii: 6
- Percent of Canada that is covered in fresh water: 9
- Length of Canada's coastline, longest in the world, in miles: 152,100
- Length of Japan's coastline (6th longest), in miles: 18,486
- Length of Australia's coastline (7th longest), in miles: 16,000
- Number of years it would take to visit every beach in Australia at the rate of one per day: 29
- Length of the border between Canada and the U.S., longest in the world, in miles: 5,525
- Number of United States that share a border with Canada: 13
- Percent of Canadians that live within 100 miles of the border: 75



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1. Which is larger: the Sahara Desert which is the largest desert in the world, or Greenland, which is the largest island in the world?
2. Which is larger: Lake Superior (largest freshwater lake in the world) or the Great Salt Lake (largest salt lake in the western hemisphere)?
3. Which is taller: The Eiffel Tower, or the Statue of Liberty?
4. True or false: the Dallas/Ft. Worth airport is larger than New York City's Manhattan Island.
5. Which has more time zones: China or the U.S.?

- Length of the border between Botswana and Zambia, world's shortest, in miles: 0.09
- Number of the 25 tallest peaks in the world that are in the Himalayas: 19
- Height of the Hawaiian mountain Mauna Kea, measured from sea level, in feet: 13,802
- Height of Mauna Kea when measured from the sea floor, in feet: 33,000
- Height of Mount Everest, in feet: 29,028
- Height by which Mount Everest grows each year, in inches: 0.15
- Number of people who have died on Mount Everest: 290
- The last year in which no one died on Mount Everest: 1977
- Number of countries on the African continent: 54

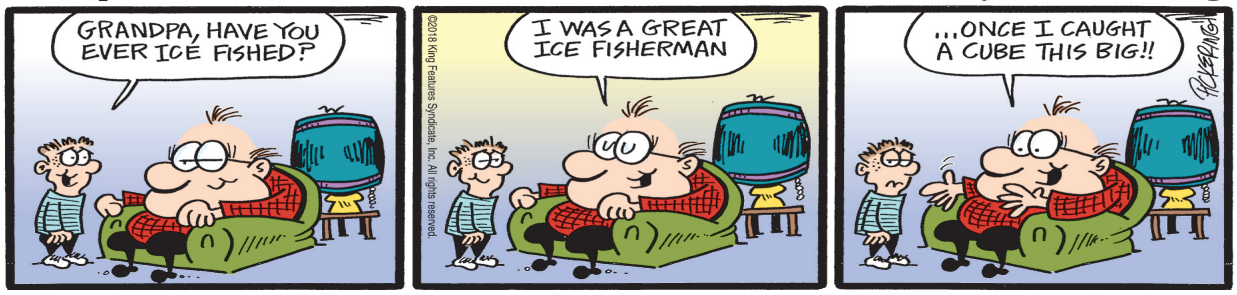
TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS

1. The Sahara Desert is over four times bigger than Greenland.
2. Lake Superior, which is about the size of the state of Maine, is over 18 times bigger than the Great Salt Lake.
3. At 984 feet tall, the Eiffel Tower is about three times taller than the Statue of Liberty.
4. The Dallas/Ft. Worth airport at 29.8 sq. mi. is larger than New York City's Manhattan Island at 22.8 sq. mi.
5. The U.S. has six time zones including Alaska and Hawaii, while China has only five. However, it is always the same time all over China regardless of which time zone you are in.

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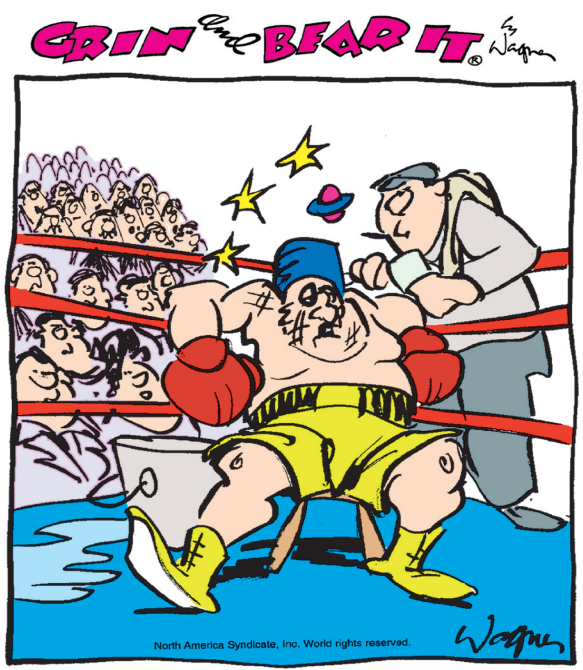
The Spats



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- * "Small jewelry for travel is best held in a weekly pill organizer. I have one with nice large boxes, too, so it holds some of my larger rings. It's very handy, and chains especially are protected from tangling." -- T.V.
- * "To remove scratches from CDs and DVDs, use plain white toothpaste (Pepsodent works great). Buff out scratch with a very soft cloth, such as those used to clean eyeglasses." -- L.W.
- * When you purchase fresh herbs, use the leftovers to make flavor cubes. Just chop the herbs and distribute into an ice-cube mold. Add olive oil to cover, and freeze. When set, pop the cubes out and store in the freezer in a plastic bag. You can put them into a pan right from the freezer.
- * Here's a really good tip: "When you buy a house -- or even move into a rental -- find out how and where

- to shut off the water to the house. Because when your 8-year-old's best buddy from down the street accidentally snaps off the top of the PVC garden faucet, you'll want to know right away. Trust me on this." -- J.D.
- * The popular Altoids mint tins make great sewing kits when you're done with your mints. Just add various thread colors, wrapped around a tiny square of cardboard. You could even pre-thread them on a needle. Include buttons and a small snipper.
- * Save up vegetable scraps, bones and shellfish waste to make flavorful vegetable broth, bone broth and seafood stock.

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"My strategy of hurting his hands with my face is working."

Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

* It was influential American science-fiction author Philip K. Dick who made the following sage observation: "Sometimes the appropriate response to reality is to go insane."

* The skin of the African elephant, the largest living land animal in the world, weighs 2,000 pounds by itself, and there are more than 60,000 muscles in its trunk alone.

* You've almost certainly heard of narcolepsy, a medical condition that causes sufferers to sleep excessively, sometimes up to 18 hours a day. You're probably not familiar with philagrypnia, though. People with this condition -- I won't call them "sufferers" -- require only three or four hours of sleep a day. What would you do with all that extra time?

* If you're like most people, the length of your

footprint is approximately 15 percent of your height.

* While at a Turkish bath in San Francisco, Samuel Clemens -- better known to us as Mark Twain -- got involved in a chat with a local fireman. This may not seem at all interesting until you learn the name of that long-ago firefighter: Tom Sawyer. The author liked the name so much that today, American schoolkids all know it.

* There is a law on the books in Maine that prohibits having your shoes untied in public. I assume that this one is not much enforced.

* Ever had to make a large claim to your insurance company? If you thought it was a pain to fill out all the paperwork and explain what happened, consider the plight of the poor soul who had to handle the claim in 2006 when a guard dog mauled a teddy bear that once belonged to Elvis Presley -- the stuffed animal was valued at \$80,000.

Thought for the Day: "What this country needs is more free speech worth listening to." -- Hansell B. Duckett

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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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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Chances, for short
- 4 TV watchdog org.
- 7 Obliterate
- 12 Shell game need
- 13 Under the weather
- 14 Started eating
- 15 Take a whack at
- 16 Scrabble or Parcheesi
- 18 "Monty Python" opener
- 19 Wander off
- 20 Hack
- 22 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 23 Prayer ending
- 27 Rhyming tribute
- 29 Burning
- 31 Magician's cry
- 34 Cow catcher
- 35 Triangular home
- 37 Total
- 38 Constellation component
- 39 Eccentric
- 41 Unctuous
- 45 Twine fiber
- 47 Payable
- 48 Indiana university
- 52 Literary collection
- 53 "Drops of

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- Jupiter" band
- "Golly!"
- Owns
- Villain in a Christmas tale
- Halves of 25-Down
- Scrap
- 10 — card (cell-phone chip)
- 11 Away from WSW
- 17 Hindu royal
- 21 On top of the world?
- 23 Memorable mission
- 24 More, to Manuel
- 25 Type squares
- 26 Ultramodernist
- 28 Weir
- 30 Swine or bird —
- 31 Anatomical duct
- 32 Frequently
- 33 Glass of NPR
- 36 Oklahoma city
- 37 Pistil counterpart
- 40 Grammarian's concern
- 42 Coeur d'Alene's home
- 43 Moon-related
- 44 You'll get a rise out of it
- 45 Fax
- 46 Dregs
- 48 To the — degree
- 49 Raw rock
- 50 Pitch
- 51 "Flying Down to —"

DOWN

- 1 Vision-related
- 2 Australian city
- 3 Permission
- 4 Wee whoppers
- 5 Dress
- 6 Barton or Bow
- 7 Vortex
- 8 Carpet
- 9 Khan title

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LAVENDER-LEMON CHEESECAKE

- 1 cup cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 1/4 cups white flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 tablespoon (or less, not more) dried, lavender flower buds

Preheat oven to 350F. Butter a 9 inch spring form pan. Cream the first 6 ingredients. Mix together the next three ingredients and add to the first. Pour into pan and bake for about one hour or until firm when gently pressed with your finger. Cool before removing from pan. If you wish you can drizzle with a glaze made with icing sugar, water, vanilla and 1/4 teaspoon lavender buds. Delicious!! (This recipe is from my "DOWN HOME COUNTRY COOKING" cookbook. Please ask for it at your local store. Also try my cookbook called "CAKES INCLUDING 40 CHEESECAKES" which has over 100 recipes.)

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals T

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 WRBP IYSB R WPYFRQE QFRZQRE
 JYSMQEWP, SEP BQKVF UPPB
 QF R FOYQE FOYPPE.

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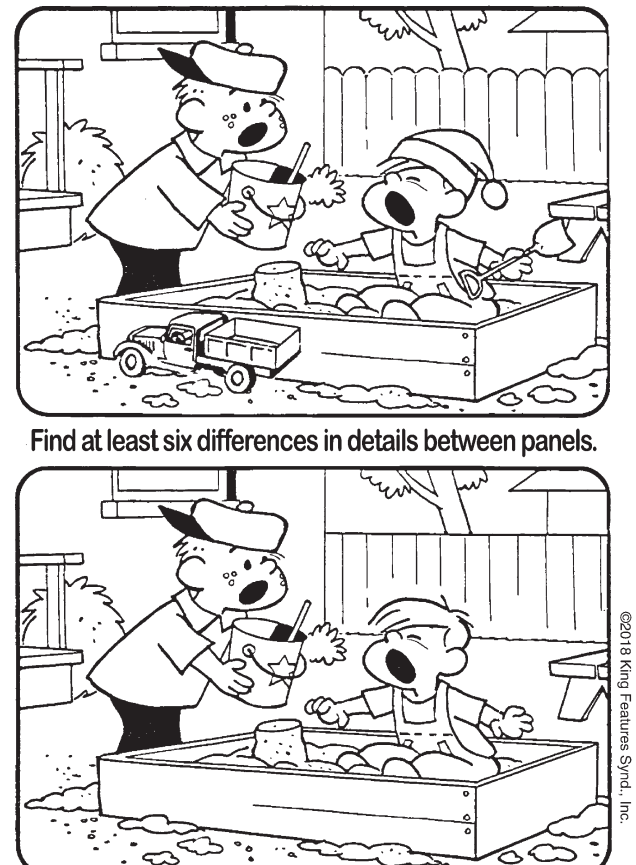
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Railing is lower. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Truck is missing. 4. Fence top is different. 5. Cap is missing. 6. Shovel is missing.

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GEOGRAPHY FACTS (Cont'd)

- Length of Alaska coastline if only continental edges are counted, in miles: 6,640
- Length of Alaska coastline if islands are included, in miles: 33,904
- Length of Alaska coastline if bays, inlets, and sounds are included, in miles: 47,300
- Length of Florida coastline, in miles: 1,350
- Length of Michigan coastline with four out of five Great Lakes, in miles: 8,436
- Number of lighthouses still standing in Michigan: 124
- Number of lighthouses still standing in Maine: 65
- Percent of the American population that lives within 100 miles of an ocean: 39
- Percent of Alaska covered by glaciers: 5
- Population of Manhattan, if it had the same population density as Alaska: 15
- Highest temperature ever recorded in Alaska, in Fahrenheit: 100
- Highest temperature ever recorded in Antarctica, in Fahrenheit: 63.5 (cont'd)
- Percent of the world's ice located in Antarctica: 90
- Percent of the planet permanently covered by ice: 10
- Highest point in Pennsylvania, at Mt. Davis, in feet above sea level: 3,213
- Lowest point in Colorado, at the Arkansas River, in feet above sea level: 3,315
- Percent of Caribbean islands that are inhabited: 1
- Length of the Trans-Siberian Railway, in miles:

TIDBITS QUOTE

“War is God’s way of teaching Americans geography.” -Ambrose Bierce

5,772

- Distance from New York City to Los Angeles by car, in miles: 2,813
- Number of bridges the Trans-Siberian Railway crosses: 3,901
- Number of active volcanoes in the U.S.: 169
- Number of active volcanoes in Alaska: 130
- Number of active volcanoes in Japan: 17
- Length of the Panama Canal, in miles: 48
- Number of hours it takes to pass through the Panama Canal: 8
- Number of ships that pass through the Panama Canal annually on average: 14,000
- Number of miles saved by using the Panama Canal instead of rounding South America: 8,000
- Number of workers who died during the construction of the Panama Canal, mostly due to malaria and yellow fever: 25,000
- Toll paid by the largest cargo ships for passing through the Panama Canal: \$450,000
- Smallest toll ever paid, by a swimmer: \$0.36
- Average amount of tolls collected annually: \$1.8 billion
- Size of Disney World in Orlando, Florida, in acres: 30,500
- Size of Manhattan Island, in acres: 14,600

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- Soda jerks discovered that the syrup, when mixed with water, made a fruit-flavored drink their customers loved. The customers asked the soda jerks where they could buy the drink so they could have it at home, but it wasn't commercially available.
- Seeing the demand, the company began to market the drink in quart bottles and 46-ounce cans. The product, made from seven flavors including pineapple, passion fruit, papaya, and guava, adopted a tropical theme and became increasingly popular.
- When sales slumped, the company hired a public relations firm who came up with a new ad campaign that consisted of a cartoon character offering people a drink and then punching them in the face.
- They wanted to air the new ad on TV but they couldn't afford the advertising rates, so in 1962 they bought a single inexpensive spot on "The Tonight Show." The fruit drink was a product geared towards mothers and children, not the late-night crowd, but the show's host, Jack Paar, was so surprised by the cartoon hostility that he insisted the director run the ad a second time, for free, so he could make fun of it. This caused an unprecedented run on the product and sales never slowed from there.
- What's the name of the drink? Hawaiian Punch.

The main ingredients of the first Hawaiian Punch recipe were shipped from the Hawaiian Islands, thus the origin of the name. Today it's owned by the Plano, Texas-based Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Inc.

- Edwin Perkins was 11 years old in 1900 when a friend of his named Kitty showed him a new product, a powdered gelatin called Jell-O. Edwin was fascinated by this.
- At age 13 he responded to an ad in the back of a magazine and received a kit giving instructions in how to manufacture pre-packaged foods. Edwin was soon manufacturing all kinds of products and experimenting with new ingredients.
- Most of the products he made were things he could create using his own chemistry set. When he grew up, he married Kitty and they went into business together, producing a variety of packaged foods.
- One of his most popular products was a drink called Fruit Smack. Made from concentrated fruit syrup, it was mixed with water, poured into bottles, and corked. This was a tedious task, and the bottles often broke during shipping.
- Kitty reminded him of the powdered gelatin and wondered if he couldn't market a powdered drink

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May 20th Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. All events are held at the Salmon Valley Seniors Hall, 3056 Hornsberger Road, Silver Creek.

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Q: Why did the geography student drown?
A: His grades were below C-level

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mix. He experimented with removing all liquid from the fruit syrup, and by 1927 had invented a powdered drink. It went on the market for 10 cents per packet.

- During the Great Depression, the price dropped to a nickel a packet and business boomed. By 1950 he had 350 employees at his plant in Chicago. He was 64 years old when he sold out to General Foods in 1953.
- Today more than 563 million gallons of his drink mix are consumed every year. What's it called? Kool-Aid, originally spelled Kool-Ade. Today more than 563 million gallons of it are consumed each year, with the biggest sales being just before and after the 4th of July. The Kool-Aid Man, originally known as the Pitcher Man, first crashed onto the scene in 1975. Over the years, there have been 74 different flavors of Kool-Aid.

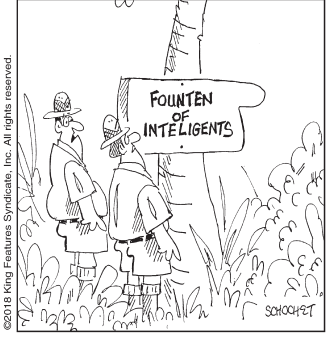
NAME THAT PLACE

- City with the highest Polish population in the world outside Warsaw: Chicago
- This country has no mosquitoes: Iceland
- The only state in the U.S. whose name does not contain at least one letter from the word "mackerel": Ohio
- The only state in the U.S. whose name has only one syllable: Maine
- State that has no natural lakes, only man-made ones: Ohio
- Country that contains half of all natural lakes in the world: Canada
- The only continent without a desert: Europe
- Northernmost capital city in the world: Reykjavik, Iceland
- Southernmost capital city in the world: Wellington, New Zealand
- First city to reach a population of 1 million, in the year 133 B.C.: Rome
- British city that reached 1 million in population in 1810: London
- U.S. city that reached 1 million in 1875: New York City
- Number of cities in the world today that top 1 million: 336
- Oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, established around 7,000 B.C.: Damascus, Syria
- Year in which Rome was founded: 753 B.C.
- City that has more hotel rooms than any other place in the world: Las Vegas
- State that is closer to Africa than any other state in the U.S.: Maine
- World's largest freshwater lake in terms of surface area: Lake Superior

- World's largest freshwater lake in terms of volume: Lake Baikal, Russia
- The oldest and flattest continent: Australia
- The only Caribbean island that has a railroad: Cuba
- The only state capital with no McDonalds: Montpelier, Vermont
- Largest island in the world: Greenland
- Least populated state in the U.S.: Wyoming
- States with the most national parks, with 8 each: California and Alaska
- City that first added fluoride to their water: Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Highest major city in the world with an elevation of 11,900 feet above sea level: La Paz, Bolivia
- Waterfall with the greatest water flow in the world: Niagara
- The U.S. city with the highest murder rate with 60 murders per 100,000 people: St. Louis, Missouri
- Cities with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th highest murder rates (2016 statistics): Baltimore, New Orleans, Detroit.
- City with the highest murder rate in the world (2016 statistics) with 130 per 100,000 people: Caracas, Venezuela
- Country with the world's highest railway, climbing to 15,694 feet: Peru, at Machu Picchu
- U.S. state with the greatest number of hazardous waste sites, at 96: New Jersey
- Country with more vending machines than any other country in the world: Japan
- The top of this mountain is made of marine limestone that was once the floor of a shallow sea: Mount Everest
- The deepest lake in the U.S. at 1,932 feet: Crater Lake, Oregon

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Teacher: "It's clear that you haven't studied your geography. What's your excuse?"
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"I have my _____."

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!

Array

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Appreciation

SCEPTER

Stall

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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.

1. Financier	___ A ___	Underground shelter	___ U ___
2. Magic spell	___ ___ M	Graph	___ ___ T
3. Calvary sword	___ B ___	More secure	___ F ___
4. Petroleum number	___ ___ N	Musical interval	___ ___ V
5. Weeping tree	W ___	Bed cushion	P ___
6. Factory	___ ___ T	Pirate's runaway	___ ___ K
7. Watch location	___ R ___	Belt location	___ A ___
8. Seem to be	___ ___ R	Petition	___ ___ L
9. Linger	___ A ___	NFLer Bradshaw	___ E ___
10. Home of the Louvre	___ I ___	Hair divisions	___ T ___

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



PAW'S CORNER By Sam Mazzotta

Find Creative Ways to Help Pets in Need

 DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'd like to help make life better for animals, but I'm not able to volunteer at a local shelter because my job and family take up too much time. I don't have a lot of extra cash to give away, either. Is there anything else I can do? -- Sarah in Wheeling, West Virginia

DEAR SARAH: Few of us can really dedicate the time or money we'd like to give to improve animal welfare. All we can do sometimes is look for an opportunity that fits what we are able to give. More and more individuals and businesses are coming up with creative ways for their community to help pets and their owners.

For example, a store in Fort Gratiot, Michigan, converted a walk-in cigar humidor to a pantry for donated pet food and treats, encouraging members of the community to donate to it with the goal of helping elderly residents feed their pets.

A program begun by the Humane Society of the United States, called Pets for Life, helps animal-care and social-welfare advocates start community outreach programs that can put needy pet owners in touch with agencies or charities that can help their pets get food, medical care or other assistance.

And of course, there was the community-driven assistance given to pets and rescue organizations on the Gulf Coast in the wake of two terrible hurricanes in 2017, which enabled the rescue of stranded and lost pets, and the rehoming of adoptable pets to shelters in other areas of the U.S.

So keep an ear to the ground and an eye open for the chance to help where and when you can.



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solution

1. Bundle; 2. Respect;
3. Delay; 4. Erode

Today's Word

DOUBTS

Even Exchange

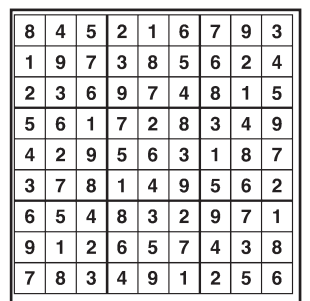
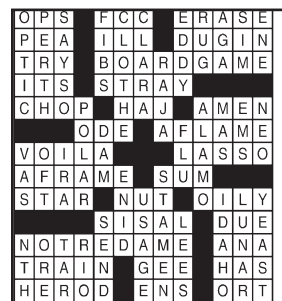
answers

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Banker, Bunker | 6. Plant, Plank |
| 2. Charm, Chart | 7. Wrist, Waist |
| 3. Saber, Safer | 8. Appear, Appeal |
| 4. Octane, Octave | 9. Tarry, Terry |
| 5. Willow, Pillow | 10. Paris, Parts |

CryptoQuip

answer

If a deep serving dish came from a certain Italian province, one might deem it a Turin tureen.





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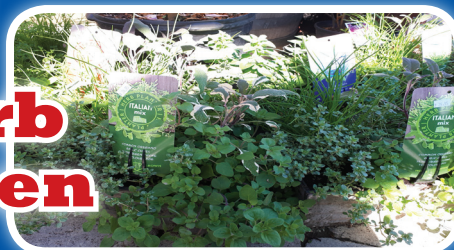
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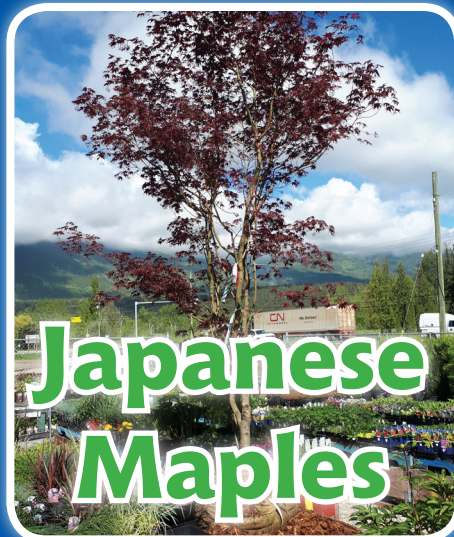
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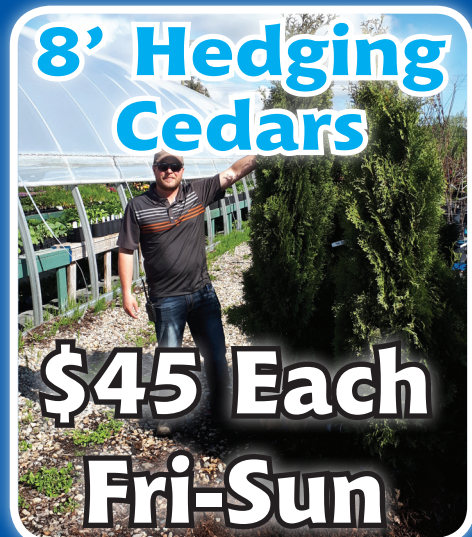
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