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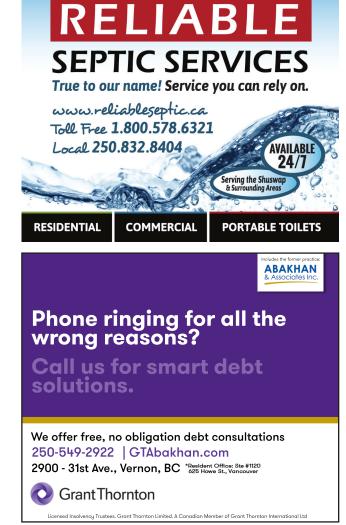
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TIDBITS® VISITS SOME **FAMOUS BUILDINGS** by Kathy Wolfe

This week, Tidbits is focusing on structures old and new, big and small, from around the world.

- Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa has been leaning since the time of its construction. Work began on the marble and stone bell tower of the city's cathedral in 1173 and continued until 1372, nearly 200 years! As soon as construction had progressed to the tower's second floor in 1178, it began to sink, due to the site's inadequate foundation on soft ground being unable to support the weight. During the late 20th century, stabilization efforts were undertaken, removing 70 metric tons of earth from under one side, making the tower equal to its position in 1838. By 2008, engineers stated that the landmark had stopped moving for the first time in its history, and declared it stable for at least 200 years.
- The world's tallest building can be found in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The Buri Khalifa, which stands 2,717 feet (828 m) tall, opened in January, 2010 after six years of construction. It contains 211 floors, has 57 elevators, 8 escalators, and 24,348 windows. Fifteen of the floors are occupied by the 304room Armani Hotel. If you're interested in staying there, be prepared to pay about \$900 for a room with a double bed.

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FAMOUS BUILDINGS (continued):

- Prior to the opening of the Burj Khalifa, Taiwan's Taipei 101 skyscraper had been the world's tallest building since 2004, with a height of 1,667 feet (508 m). It is one of the world's most stable buildings, designed to tolerate typhoon winds and earthquakes common to the area. During construction, a 6.8-magnitude earthquake occurred, sending two enormous cranes to the ground from the 56th floor, causing five fatalities. Taipei 101 had no structural damage in spite of the magnitude. Because the number "8" is associated with prosperity and good fortune in the Chinese culture, the main tower of the building has a series of eight segments of eight floors each. It's also home to the world's tallest sundial and the world's largest New Year's Eve countdown clock.
- In 2020, the Burj Khalifa will lose the title of World's Tallest Building upon the scheduled completion of Saudi Arabia's Jeddah Tower, or Kingdom Tower. Construction began in 2013 on the Tower, which will be the first building to reach the milestone of 1 kilometer (0.62 mile) tall.
- New York's Chrysler Building's tenure as the world's tallest building didn't last long. It opened on May 27, 1930, the first man-made structure taller than 1,000 feet (300 m). Just 11 months later, the Empire State Building, just 4 feet (1.2 m) taller, nabbed the
- New York City's Empire State Building held the honor for nearly 40 years after its May, 1931 opening. It gave up the title to the World Trade Center's North Tower in late 1970. The ESB, the first building to have more than 100 floors, was built in record time, just 410 days, by a recordbreaking number of workers During the peak of construction, more than 3,500 workers were



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- 1. What building was built by an Indian shah to honor his wife who had died in childbirth?
- 2. Name the New York City building built on a triangular plot of land on Fifth Avenue.
- 3. What building stands at 350 Fifth Avenue in Manhattan?
- 4. In what building did Arnold Schwarzenegger win his final Mr. Olympia body building title?
- 5. Thomas Jefferson was the architect for his own Virginia plantation home. Name it.



- * Sunburn relief: Take two nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories right away (aspirin, ibuprofen) and soak a cloth in cold milk. Drape over the burn until it warms to room temperature. Repeat if necessary and apply a light moisturizer.
- * "When purchasing clothes for a loved one in a care facility, look for garments that are comfortable and stylish, but double-check that they do not require any special care, like ironing or dry cleaning. Also, be sure they are labeled clearly with the person's name." -- C.G.
- * If you want your chocolate chip cookies to really pop, sprinkle lightly with course sea salt before baking. They do not come out tasting salty. Rather, the salt enhances the sweetness and make the whole thing extra delicious.



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employed, including 3,439 on a single day. About 4 ½ stories were completed each week. The building cost about \$41 million to build back then, equivalent to about \$535 million today.

Because of the financial effects of the Great Depression, only 23% of the ESB's available space had been rented when the building opened. In fact, the building was given the nickname the "Empty State Building." Workers were told to leave lights on in the building to give the impression that the building was occupied. The building was not profitable until the 1950s. Following the September 11 tragedy in 2001, and the destruction of the Twin Towers, the ESB once again became the

TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS

- 1. The Taj Mahal
- 2. The Flatiron Building
- 3. The Empire State Building
- 4. The Sydney Opera House
- 5.Monticello

tallest building in NYC, a title it held until the opening of the new One World Trade Center in 2012. It's now the third-tallest in NYC, the fifth-tallest in the U.S., and 28th in the world.

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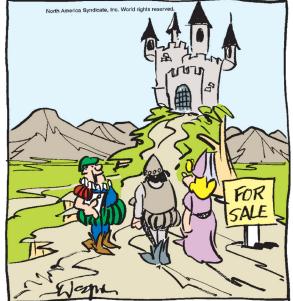




- * "When you shop for shoes, go in the evening. Feet swell and expand throughout the day, so if you buy shoes in the morning, the fit might not feel too good later in the day." -- A.T.
- * "I make my grilled cheese sandwiches with mayonnaise instead of butter. I know it sounds gross, but it is so good. The oil and egg in the mayo flavor and crisp the bread without leaving it too greasy." -- S.O.
- * To ease the ache of a "brain freeze" after eating or drinking something really cold, simply cup your hands over your mouth and nose. Blow out hot air, and it recirculates to warm your palate in seconds. Works like a charm.

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"It was recently cleared of all evil spells."



by Samantha Weaver

- * It was computer guru Jef Raskin who made the following sage observation: "Imagine if every Thursday your shoes exploded if you tied them the usual way. This happens to us all the time with computers, and nobody thinks of complaining."
- * The Secret Service is well-known today as the protector of the U.S. president, so you might be surprised to learn that it was originally established to fight counterfeit currency.
- * The world record for the most published works by a single author is held by L. Ron Hubbard (who also, incidentally, founded the Church of Scientology). His first work was published in February 1934, and his final work -- number 1,084 -- was published in March 2006.

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- * Doubtless you've heard of the Taj Mahal in India, but did you know that there is a tourist attraction in America that is so grand it is popularly known as the Taj Mahal of the West? In 1968, a group of Hare Krishnas founded the New Vrindaban Community near Wheeling, West Virginia. Though they began on 100 acres with no electricity or running water, the community now covers more than 1,200 acres and featuresÊPrabhupada's Palace of Gold, an ornate edifice of gold, marble and handcarved teakwood. The award-winning rose garden alone is said to be worth a trip.
- * Those who study such things claim that in the wild, animals don't die of old age.
- * The town of Key Largo, Florida, did not exist before the 1948 film of that name starring Humphrey Bogart made it famous.
- * Due to a series of earthquakes in 1811 and 1812,

Thought for the Day: "To fall in love is to create a religion that has a fallible god." -- Jorge Luis Borges

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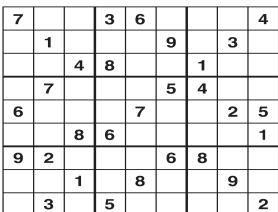


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Now mix together:

1/2 cup white flour 1/4 cup white sugar

Cut in 1/3 cup cold butter.

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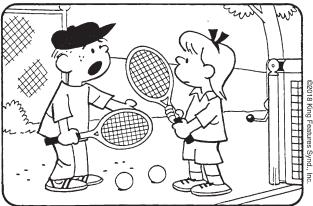
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- One World Trade Center, also known as the Freedom Tower, was built on the site of the original buildings destroyed on 9/11/2001. Construction began in April of 2006 and opened in November, 2014. It's the tallest structure in New York City, and in fact, in all of the Western Hemisphere. It's the sixth-tallest in the world. It cost nearly \$4 billion to build, the most expensive building in the world at that time. About \$1 billion was provided by insurance money from the 9/11 attacks. An additional \$250 million came from the State of New York The Port Authority gave another \$1 billion, but raised bridge and tunnel toll rates by 56% in order to raise funds.
- Chicago's Sears Tower, now known as Willis Tower, was completed in 1973, and surpassed the Twin Towers as the tallest building, and held the title for nearly 25 years until Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's Petronas Towers were completed.
- Rome's Colosseum was a gift to the Roman people from the Emperor Vespasian, opening in 80 AD. To celebrate the occasion, 100 days of games, gladiator combat events, and wild animal fights were held. The stone and concrete structure contained three stories with 80 arched entrances supported by semi-circular columns, and marble seats for up to 50,000 spectators. The arena was used consistently for several centuries, but by the 6th century, it had deteriorated from use, vandalism, and from lightning strikes and earthquakes. The Colosseum was abandoned, and soon became a quarry for local building projects, including cathedrals, as well as for fortifications defending the city. Restoration efforts got under way in the 1990s, and although two-thirds of the Colosseum has been destroyed, it remains one of the city's most popular attractions.
- The name of James Hoban is not a well-known one, but his accomplishment lives on. When then-Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson organized a competition to obtain the best design for the President's House, a striking design was submitted by this Irish immigrant. Jefferson himself presented his own design; however, he and seven others were outdone by Hoban, who went on to design many other public buildings on the eastern seaboard. The first cornerstone of the White House was laid in the Fall of 1792, and it took until late 1798 to complete the exterior. While George Washington supervised the construction, he never lived in it. John Adams was elected president in 1797, and he and his wife Abigail were the first residents, moving in when the home was nearly complete in 1800.

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FOOD OF THE WEEK: **OLIVES**

Celebrate National Olive Day on June 1 by studying up on the facts about this fruit.

- There are close to 900 million olive trees around the world, with the vast majority found in Mediterranean countries, but also in Argentina, China, Saudi Arabia, Java, California, and Bermuda. Olives are in the same plant family as lilacs, jasmine, and forsythia.
- An olive tree varies in height, usually between 26 and 49 feet (8 and 15 m), with an average life of between 300 and 600 years. A tree will bear its white flowers after four years, but





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OLIVES (continued):

won't produce a worthwhile harvest of fruit for 15 years.

- Olives are an ancient crop, one of the first plants mentioned in the Bible. A dove carried an olive branch to Noah on his ark to show that the flood was over. Moses ruled olive growers as exempt from military service. Ancient Greeks anointed kings with olive oil, and athletes' bodies and hair were rubbed with oil for grooming and good health. The oil was used as a sacrificial offering, and was burned in temple lamps and in the original Olympic Games' "eternal flame." Olympic champions were crowned with a wreath of the plant's leaves. Women in ancient Greece concocted eye shadow out of ground charcoal and olive oil. Oil was also applied to the skin and hair as protection from the sun as well as for a lovely fragrance.
- Egyptian pharaohs' tombs contained carvings of olives. References to olives were discovered in a 2000-year-old Roman cookbook. Greek physician Hippocrates referred to olive oil as "the great therapeutic," while the poet Homer called it "golden liquid," and named the olive "gold of the ground."
- The olive branch is symbolic of peace and the ancients used it to declare a truce by presenting it to their enemies. The branch is part of the flags of seven nations, four U.S. states, and the United Nations' flag.
- The majority of olives are harvested by shaking the tree's boughs. Raw olives are green and turn yellow and then to darker shades, including red, brown, and purple, as they ripen. A ripe olive is dark purple to black. Olives picked right off the tree are not edible, and must be cured and fermented to remove a bitter phenolic compound called oleuropein. This is accomplished by treating them with lye or a salty brine. Most canned black olives have been artificially colored to increase the blackness. Some manufacturers cure olives naturally with oil or brine and additives such as wine vinegar.
- About 90% of olives are turned into oil. About 2.25 million liters (approx. 595,000 U.S. gallons) of olive oil are consumed worldwide annually. Oil content is about 20%. Oil is a rich source of Vitamins A, B, E, and K, as well as natural anti-oxidants, Omega-6 and Omega-3. It's believed to help prevent heart disease, and to lower cholesterol and blood pressure, while strengthening the immune



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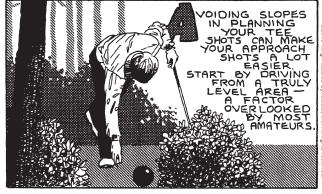
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LEFT TO RIGHT



Community Events

Shuswap Theatre has announced the lineup for its fourth "Theatre on the Edge Festival", to be held July 20-22 at the theatre on Hudson Avenue in Salmon Arm. Over the three days of the festival, seven theatre groups will each offer two one-hour performances. This year, two troupes new to this "fringe" style festival will be joined by five returning groups. Theatre performances begin Friday, July 20 at 3 pm, and are scheduled every two hours. The Festival will close with the 7 pm performance on Sunday, July 22. All shows are at Shuswap Theatre, 41 Hudson Ave NW in Salmon Arm. Tickets for "Theatre on the Edge Festival" plays start at ten dollars (\$10) and the more shows you buy, the lower the price per show! The performance schedule and tickets are available at shuswaptheatre.com and at Intwined Fibre Arts, 81 Hudson Ave NE in Salmon Arm. For more information, contact Hamilton Mc-Clymont, hammcc3@gmail.com,- 604-741-5305

Up coming events for the Salmon Valley Seniors, all held at their Seniors Hall.

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This week, Tidbits moves from left to right, investigating those terms along the way.

- We use the word "left" multiple times every day, but how would you define it? Some say "relating to the side of the body in which the heart is mostly located," but the official definition is "the side of the body to the north when the subject is facing east." Similarly, right is "the side of the body that is turned toward the east when the subject is facing north." So if you don't know your left from your right, you better have a compass nearby!
- Sailors will know that port side is the left-hand side of a vessel or aircraft, as it faces forward. The right side of the vessel is the starboard side. An older version of port side is larboard, a term for the left side which dates back to about the 14th century, perhaps referring to the "loading side" of a ship, with goods loaded on that side. In the 16th century, the term "port" came into use to avoid confusion between two similar-sounding words, larboard and starboard.
- A person who supports left-wing politics believes in liberalism, while right-wing folks are conservative. But the world of hockey, these terms refer to player positions, with wingers playing primarily along the outer portion of the ice. As forwards, their function is to feed the puck to the center forward, to score themselves, to disrupt the area in front of the opponent's net, and work along the boards and in the corners.
- A person who is left-handed is often called a southpaw, but "left-handed" can also refer to insincere comments, such as a two-faced compliment.
 - Those who believe in the theory of left-brain/ right-brain dominance maintain that all people's thinking is controlled by the side of the brain that is more dominant. A left-brained person is believed to be more logical, analytical, and numbers-oriented, while a right-brained individual is more intuitive, thoughtful, and creative. The theory was introduced by Roger Sperry, who received the 1981 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for his work. Sperry was studying the effects of epilepsy and discovered that severing the corpus callosum, the bundle of fibers that connects the brain's two hemispheres and enables communications between the two, reduced or eliminated epileptic seizures. When the patients began to experience language difficulties, Sperry suggested that the left side controlled language. Today's researchers say that this theory is a myth, with studies demonstrating that math ability is strongest when both hemispheres work together. Research indicates that when both sides communicate through the corpus callosum, a very broad variety of tasks are successfully completed.
- Are you familiar with terms "sinistral" and "destral"? Sinistral is related to the left side, opposed to dextral, which refers to the right.

• Visitors to Paris hear a lot about the Left Bank and the Right Bank, the two sides of the River Seine. The Left Bank, called "La Rive Gauche," is the southern side of the river. It's renowned as the artistic part of the city, and was home to famous writers and artists, including Picasso, Matisse, and Hemingway. It's the location of the Eiffel Tower, the Sorbonne University, and Napoleon's tomb. The Right Bank, or "La Rive Droite," houses big businesses and banks, as well as the Champs-Elysees, the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, and Tuileries Gardens.



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PAW'S CORNER By Sam Mazzotta

License for Indoor Cats Is a Scam, Reader Says

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I disagree with what you wrote about buying a license and tags for cats that stay indoors. Requiring a license for indoor cats is such a government scam. It's just another dirty local tax to burden the people with -- like the little fees on our phone bills! I love my country, but these hidden taxes aren't right. -- Tim in Lancaster, Ohio

DEAR TIM: I know how frustrating it can be to pay additional fees for many things, especially when prices are rising for products like gasoline. But I also stand by my original article. Even indoor cats need routine vaccinations and, if mandated, license tags.

Even the best pet owner in the world can be impacted by unforeseen events. Say a natural disaster hits, like a tornado or a mudslide -- something with little or no warning. In the chaos, pets can and will escape to a safer place.

For example, during a recent house fire in my community, firefighters rushed in to save the homeowner, who was trapped with her dog in a back bedroom. They were able to get her to safety, unhurt. However, she lost her hold on the dog, who ran into the woods, terrified. It took a few days of searching before it was found and matched back to its owner thanks to his license tags and microchip.

Vaccinating and licensing indoor pets is a comparatively low-cost way to improve pets' chances of staying healthy and being quickly reunited with their owners should they escape. While it's good for citizens to be aware of and question different taxes and fees, this is one fee that is worth the price.

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