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### TRANSISTORS

- In 1952, Bell Labs of AT&T sponsored a seminar that explained how the newly developed transistor worked. However, companies had to pay a licensing fee of \$25,000 to attend.
- In Tokyo, Akio Morita heard about the seminar. After World War II, he'd started up a firm repairing radios, and he designed a tape recorder. He scraped up the \$25,000 fee, only to find that Japanese government would not allow so much money to leave the country. Forty other companies attended the seminar, among them Texas Instruments, who used the knowledge to produce the first transistor radio released in 1954.
- Undaunted, Morita traveled to Bell Labs on his own in 1953, and convinced them to grant him a provisional license. The Japanese government was impressed with Morita's industriousness and relented, allowing the license to go through. A year later the first Japanese transistor radio was released. Although Texas Instruments beat him to the market, Morita's company made transistors commercially successful.
- Morita based the name of his company on the Latin "sonus" which is the root of "sonic" and "sound." Today the firm is one of the world's largest conglomerates with annual revenues approaching \$100 billion: Sony.

### **BETTER SOUND**

• Ray was born in 1933 and grew up in California. In 1949 he got a job with Ampex Corporation, improving tape recorders and developing the video tape recorder. He focused on finding ways to overcome the noise interference caused by cosmic X-rays, which cause an annoying hissing on magnetic tapes.

# I. The first commercial radio station aired in this city in 1920. 2. Name the first commercial network service: was it AT&T, NBC, CBS, ABC, or RCA? 3. What product was advertised on the first radio commercial, aired in New York in 1921: toothpaste, hair spray, real estate or Coca Cola? 4. Most radio stations east of the Mississippi River start their call signs with the letter "W"; west of the Mississippi, they start with "K"; in Canada they start with "C" but what do

- radio stations in Mexico start with?
- 5. What year did FM radio make its debut?





- Ray realized that by separating recorded sound into two channels, he could strip unwanted noise while maintaining the clarity of the underlying music.
- In 1966 he took a prototype to Decca Records, who were so impressed they bought his entire production run for the next six months. By the early 1970s, Ray had adapted the technology for the broadcast and motion picture industries. "Star Wars" was the first movie to use his noise-reduction system.
- His company now has 650 employees. Nearly 30,000 movie theaters use his sound system, and his equipment is used to record every radio and TV performance in the world, as well as in car stereos, cassette players, and

DVD players. The technology was dubbed with Ray's last name: Dolby.

### **UNITED TECHNOLOGY**

- Harald was born in Denmark around the year 935
  A.D., the son of King Gorm the Old. He grew up to become the ruler of Denmark, just like his dad.
  For a brief period he united Denmark, Norway, and Sweden under a single ruler: himself. He ruled until his son deposed him, and died around 986 A.D.
- A thousand years later, a Swedish telecom corporation called Ericsson Mobile Communications decided that the world needed a new wireless networking standard to unite computers, cell phones, printers, and PDAs with cable-free communications capabilities. In 1998 Ericsson invited Nokia,

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TIPBITS GOES LONG.....

Early developments in radio were called "wireless telegraphy" which is why the radio used to be called the wireless. The word "broadcasting" referring to radio transmissions was originally an agricultural term for the wide scattering of seeds.

\* Buy an extra gift and wrap it, just in case you have forgotten someone. If you pick something genderneutral, you could keep it for yourself if it goes unneeded. You won't be caught off-guard when someone you forgot to put on your list stops by with a gift for you.

\* Here's a great rule of thumb when planning a large holiday dinner: For every side dish that requires extra preparation time, plan for one or two that don't. For instance, if you are preparing a casserole with many ingredients or complicated instructions, serve a package of vegetables that requires nothing more than steaming. If you are preparing a time-consuming dessert, buy a prepared pie or fresh fruit salad and whipped topping. Don't overstress yourself in the kitchen.

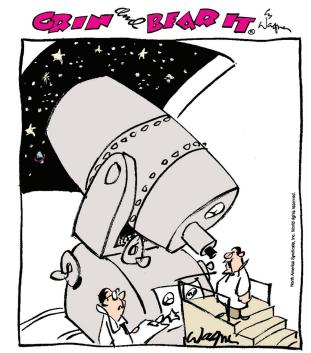
\* "In my family, you come to a holiday dinner with your own plastic containers for leftovers. If you don't bring your own, you don't go home with tomorrow's lunch. Mom instituted this rule after the first Thanksgiving when all the kids had moved out. We practically cleaned her out of Tupperware!" -- E.Y.

\* Want to beat clutter but need to start slowly? Try this trick: Put a date label (the peel-off kind) on seldom-used items. Then if you use the item, remove the sticker. In a few months, re-evaluate what items still have stickers.

\* Soak cloudy glassware in hot vinegar for 15 minutes to clear them up. Wash good crystal by hand only, never in a dishwasher.

\* "New use for an old, useless key: Keep one handy to use as a bootscrape." -- I.G.

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"All of a sudden I'm hungry for a Milky Way!"

### Outdoor Ice Candles Add Holiday Glow By Donna Erickson

Candles have been glowing this month on our advent wreath, on my husband's birthday cake and on our front porch to welcome guests who come by to share in holiday festivities. Different occasions, different meanings, but the candles are universal. There's something about that small circle of light that has drawn people together through the ages. So no matter what you celebrate now and

into the new year, light a candle and let its gentle flicker draw you closer to the people and community you love. Here are my favorite candle crafts for delightful winter lights:

### **OUTDOOR ICE CANDLES**

Fill a balloon with water until it is the size of a softball. Blow once into the balloon and tie a knot. Place in a plastic bowl or recycled deli container and set in the freezer for about 6 hours. Once a thick shell of ice has formed inside the balloon but you still hear water sloshing inside the shell, pop the balloon and discard properly. Pour the excess water out to leave a cavity in the middle, where a votive candle will later be placed. Refreeze. At sunset, remove from the freezer, place a votive candle in the cavity and light it outside. It will sparkle like crystal! If you make the ice candles in an area where the temperature will be above freezing the next day, store it in your freezer. Indoor use: Fill a decorative bowl with snow or chipped ice. Set the ice candle in the middle of the ice, and light for a centerpiece on a buffet table.

### **CANDLES IN A JAR**

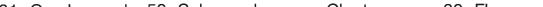
Pour 1 cup of sand into a clear, glass canning or jam jar and nestle a votive candle in the sand. Make several for an eye-catching display indoors or out.

### **FLOATING VOTIVES**

Fill a tall, clear vase one-third full with fresh cranberries. Add water and a candle floating on top near the rim for a buffet or dining table centerpiece.

Safety note: An adult should always be present when burning candles.

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### SASKATCHEWAN CORNMEAL MUSH

1 cup cornmeal 1 cup cold water 3 cups boiling water 1 1/2 teaspoons salt

Mix meal with cold water and add boiling water and salt. Cook over medium heat for 7-10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serves 4-6. A great comfort food! (These 2 recipes are from my "MEMORIES OF HOME-GOOD PRAIRIE RECIPES" cookbook. All 15 of my cookbooks are available at DeMilles, Swan Lake, MalMar, Askew's, Village Cheese etc.

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: Y equals L

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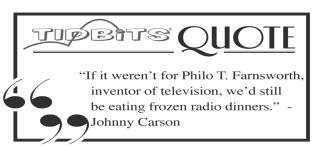
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## **UNITED TECHNOLOGY**

Toshiba, IBM, and Intel to strategy meetings. They worked to develop a new low-power low-cost radio interface between computer accessories. Ericsson's idea was to integrate them all in order to drive a single wireless standard into the industry.

The project was given a code-name of the English translation of Harald's Danish last name, because it was uniting technologies just as Harald united countries. The logo is composed of the intertwined ancient runes for Harald's initials, HB: Harald Bluetooth.



## VIDEO GAMES

- A Japanese businessman founded a playing card company in 1889 and named it after the Japanese words meaning "leave luck to heaven." He handed the company down to his son-in-law, who handed it down to his son-in-law, who was named Hiroshi Yamauchi.
- Hiroshi paid a visit to the largest playing card manufacturer in the U.S. He was shocked to find them operating in a tiny office. This convinced him he needed to expand his business beyond cards, because he wanted a big factory, not a small office. Hiroshi hired a man named Yokoi to oversee the assembly line. One day he saw Yokoi playing with an automatic hand-extender contraption, which he had manufactured in his spare time for fun. Hiroshi seized the opportunity, and the 'Ultra Hand' sold over a million units. Yokoi was put into product development.
- In 1977 the firm hired Shigeru Miyamoto, whose talent was electronic games. Yokoi and Shigeru worked together to develop a 'Color TV Game Machine' which was one of the first video games on the market. In 1981 they had a hit with a game starring an ape, and that was followed by a game starring an Italian plumber who battles creatures in sewers. The firm grew and eventually became Japan's third most valuable company, still named after the Japanese words for 'leave luck to heaven': Nintendo with the popular games called Donkey Kong and Mario Brothers.

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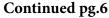
UNUSUAL PLANTS: WEIRD TREES

There are some pretty unusual trees growing across the globe, and this week Tidbits takes you on a quick tour!

• The bottle tree of Namibia can only be found in Namibia and Angola in southern Africa. It derives its name from its odd bottle-shaped trunk. While the thorn-covered trunk is thick at the bottom, it is nearly void of branches until the very top. It's one of the most deadly trees on Earth, containing a very poisonous milky sap that was used by bushmen to poison their arrows. The toxic sap can produce blindness if there is contact with the eyes. Although the soil and water. Constructed in 1186, it was first a Buddhist monastery and school. The roots are allowed to wind throughout the structure in order to preserve its eerie atmosphere. You can get a glimpse of the temple by watching the 2001 movie "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider."

The bottle tree of Namibia can only be found in Namibia and Angola in southern Africa. It derives its name from its odd bottle-shaped trunk. While the thorn-covered trunk is thick at the bottom, it is nearly void of branches fruit that is caustic in its natural state, and must be boiled for 3 to 4 hours in salt water to become edible.

• In the countryside of West Poland grows a group of 400 pine trees known as the Crooked Forest of Gryfino. The trees all grow with a 90-degree northward bend at the base of their trunks, then rise vertically again. It's believed that in 1930, a group of farmers purposely manipulated them, perhaps for the purpose of making bentwood furniture, boat hulls, or yokes for their oxen. However, when World War II broke out, whoever started the project never returned to the forest.





- tree is not very attractive, it does bear extraordinary hand-sized white or pink flowers with a dark red center.
- You can find the world's largest cashew tree, the Pirangi Cashew, near Natal, Brazil. The tree, 80 times larger than the average cashew tree, is nearly 120 years old, and covers nearly 2 acres (8,500 sq. meters). This curious tree grows sideways instead of upwards, accounting for its wide horizontal spread. Its roots are taking over a nearby highway, so that only one car at a time can pass by. However, no attempts are made to trim it, as horticulturists are afraid it would kill the tree. The Pirangi Cashew yields about 80,000 fruits a year.
- Cambodia's ancient Temple of Ta Prohm contains a tangle of massive roots of the silk cotton tree that have snaked their way through the temple in search of

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# **Community Events**

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**Foot Care** Friday, December 8th, Call 832-1197 to book your appointment. **CribTournament** Saturday, December 9th, 10:00a.m. \$10. each, bring a friend. There will be lunch available.

Held at the Salmon Valley Seniors Branch # 107 3056 Hornsberger Road, Silver Creek Seniors Hall.

The Cedar Heights/Probus Ukulele group will be having a Christmas Shed Party on Dec 15th. If you play an instrument bring it along, or if you love to sing, here's your chance or you can just sit and listen. You can be sure there will be plenty of Christmas carols, so come by and enjoy an evening of music and song . Everyone welcome, \$2 for members and \$3 for guests. Refreshments available.

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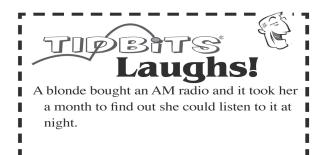


### **Candied Sweet Potatoes**

If you wish, sprinkle with sliced almonds, chopped walnuts or chopped pecans before serving. Or top with tiny marshmallows and broil about 6 inches away from the source of heat until lightly browned.

### WEIRD TREES (continued):

The island country of Bahrain lies near the western shores of the Persian Gulf. A 32-foottall (9.75 m) mesquite tree, known as the Tree of Life, stands in the middle of the desert, the only tree growing for miles around, and with no apparent water supply. This tree species has an extremely deep root system, more than 160 feet (50 m) down, which enables it to reach deep beds of underground water. The locals say the tree was planted in 1583 in what they believe was the actual location of the Garden of Eden. About 50,000 tourists visit the site each year.



## GINGERBREAD

'Tis the season for decorating gingerbread, with December 9 set aside as Gingerbread Decorating Day, and December 12 as Gingerbread House Day. Here's the history on this delicious treat.

- The ginger plant is native to India and China and has been used for medicinal purposes for centuries. Ginger has a long history of treating indigestion, nausea, motion sickness, inflammation, and pain. It was brought to Europe in the 11<sup>th</sup> century during the Crusades. England's Henry VIII consumed a ginger concoction that he believed would build his resistance to the plague.
- During Medieval times, the word "gingerbread" was used to refer to preserved

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- ginger that was chewed on to relieve upset stomachs. It had nothing to do with the dessert until the 15<sup>th</sup> century, when it developed into a treat containing ginger, cinnamon, cloves, and other spices, sweetened with molasses or honey. The term described both crisp hard biscuits or cookies and a soft loaf cake resembling bread. English gingerbread was a dense spice cake with raisins, apples, or nuts.
- During the 1500s, the crisp spicy cookies became common. Intricate wooden molds were carved into various shapes and patterns and dough was pressed into the molds before baking. Portraits of leaders or religious symbols were frequent images baked into cookies. Queen Elizabeth I is credited with the first gingerbread man, having cookies made that resembled visiting dignitaries and presenting the confections to them as gifts.
- Entire festivals known as Gingerbread Fairs were devoted to the tasty treats. Depending on the time of year, shapes of the cookies changed, with flowers in the Spring and birds at Fall Festivals. There was no limit to how extravagant the decorating was, with gold leaf even being used to decorate gingerbread. Molds were carved into coats of arms for wedding receptions and handed out to guests.
- In 1812, the German Brothers Grimm published the story of "Hansel and Gretel," the brother and sister who became lost in

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1. Heat oven to 375 F. In 5-quart Dutch oven, combine sweet potatoes, enough water to cover and 2 teaspoons salt; heating to boiling over high heat. Boil until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain.

2. Meanwhile, in nonstick 10-inch skillet, combine brown sugar, butter, remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and ground red pepper; heat over medium heat, stirring, until butter melts, about 1 minute. Stir in sherry, if using. Cook, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes longer.



3. Transfer potatoes to shallow 13-by-9-inch baking dish, and top with brown-sugar mix-

4 large sweet potatoes (12 ounces each), each peeled, cut crosswise in half, and each half cut lengthwise into 3 wedges 2 1/2 teaspoons salt

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3 tablespoons butter or margarine, cut into pieces

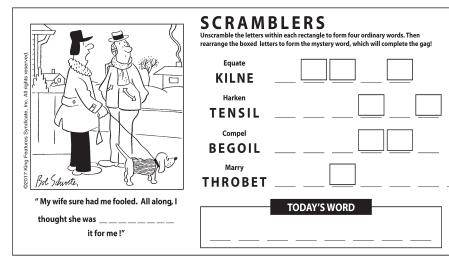
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ture. Cover with foil and bake 30 minutes, stirring halfway through baking. Remove foil and bake until syrup is dark and very thick, 30 to 40 minutes, stirring halfway through. Makes 8 servings

¥ Each serving: About 201 calories, 5g total fat (3g saturated), 2g protein, 39g carbohydrate, 12mg cholesterol, 499mg sodium.

Find more triple-tested holiday recipes at www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipes/.



# 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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### **GINGERBREAD** (continued):

the woods and came upon a house made of gingerbread, cakes, and candy, with windows of clear sugar. Following the publication, gingerbread houses became very popular. Shaped cookies were also fashionable as tree ornaments. Bakeries created giant cookies for their window showcases at Christmas. German immigrants to Pennsylvania brought the gingerbread house tradition to America.

- Now that's a lot of gingerbread! In 2006, nine days were spent building a 67-foot-tall (20.4 m) house, decorated with 1,800 Hershey bars, 1,200 feet (366 m) of Twizzlers, 100 lbs. (45.4 kg) of Tootsie Rolls, and thousands of other pieces of candy. In 2013, a Bryan, Texas Golf Club built a 40,000-cubic-foot gingerbread house that required a building permit to construct. 4,000 gingerbread bricks were used, requiring 1,800 lbs. (816.5 kg) of butter and 67.5 lbs. (30.6 kg) of ground ginger.
- Nuremberg, Germany has been proclaimed the "Gingerbread Capital of the World." Lebkuchen has been baked there for more than 600 years, and has a Protected Designation of Origin that requires the gingerbread to be produced within the city's boundaries. The League of Lebkuchen Bakers was created in 1643, with strict guidelines for commercial bakers to follow in order to sell their wares.
- Since 1991, Bergen, Norway has created what is believed to be the largest gingerbread city. More than 2,000 buildings, boats, cars, trains, and other features are crafted each year for the exhibition.

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Mediocracy!





PAW'S CORNER By Sam Mazzotta

# **Responsible Reptile Ownership**

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Why are some species of reptiles illegal to own in certain states, like New York? -- Darren in Fort Myers, Florida

DEAR DARREN: Reptiles ranging from tiny turtles and lizards to iguanas and boa constrictors are popular pets and can be found in many homes. They are odorless, fairly quiet and mostly keep to themselves in a contained environment.

However, as The New York Times reports, many states have concerns about how reptiles are obtained, housed and transported before they come into a home as a pet. These methods can have a terrible impact on the environment as well as the welfare of the animal. A 2014 investigation into a major wholesaler found that 80 percent of the reptiles and amphibians in its care were sick, injured or dead due to overcrowding, stress and poor hygiene and nutrition, the Times reports. Capturing healthy reptiles in the wild can impact the local ecology, but the alternative, breeding in captivity, can create increased susceptibility to disease.

Reptiles and amphibians also need a lot of attention and care to thrive in a captive environment, something many owners don't consider. Up to 75 percent of them die in their first year after being brought home. New York's reptile laws, like others, are meant to discourage bringing in pets that, if they escape, can damage the local ecology, and to comply with state health requirements. If you decide to own an amphibian or reptile, do your part by first learning as much as you can about caring properly for the pet. Follow your state's laws about exotic pets, and source only from reputable dealers. Find a veterinarian who specializes in these pets and get a checkup as soon as you purchase one.

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<ol> <li>Real estate, advertising Hawthorne Court in Jackson Heights, New York.</li> <li>the letter "X."</li> <li>FM Radio made its first appearance in 1939.</li> </ol>								
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bit of trivia you divulged. It'll be a tough fact to follow!

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