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TIDBITS® VISITS SOME OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST CITIES  
by Kathy Wolfe

A mega-city is defined as having a population of at least 10 million people. In 1990, the world had 10 such cities, and today there are 31. This week, Tidbits travels to a few of these urban areas to bring you up to date on the numbers.

- About 23% of the world's population lives in cities greater than a million, with 7% living in mega-cities. Population is generally computed on the metropolitan area, rather than just the legal bounds of the city itself.

- China has seven mega-cities, including Shanghai, which is the world's third-largest city. Beijing, also known as Peking, population 21.2 million, is home to the first Peking Duck restaurant, one that opened in the 1400s and is still in operation. Chengdu (14.4 million), Chongqing (13.7 million), Guangzhou (13.5 million), Shenzhen (12.9 million), and Tianjin (12.8 million), all contribute to China's enormous population of 1,415,927,000 people. China's population is over 18.5% of the total world population.

- The city of Moscow, the world's 22<sup>nd</sup> largest city, was founded in 1147 by Prince Yuri Dolguroky under the Russian name of Moskva. Their millionth citizen was born in 1897. The city is home to the largest number of billionaires, 84 billionaires with a combined wealth of \$367 billion. (New York City is second with 62.)

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**LARGEST CITIES (continued):**

- Visit Moscow's Red Square and you'll see the Kremlin, the world's largest medieval fortress, containing five palaces and four cathedrals. Construction began in the 1320s. The world's largest bell, the Tsar Bell, is at the Kremlin, a 445,166-lb. (201,924 kg) bell that has never rung after being broken during construction in 1737. The world's largest cannon is also at the Kremlin.
- About 100,000 of the city's 12.3 million residents visit Moscow's Gorky Park on a typical Saturday. Russia's first McDonald's restaurant opened in Moscow in 1990, and 30,000 people stood for hours to sample their first burger from the fast food chain.
- New York City has been the United States' largest city since 1790. It's America's most densely-populated city, and 1 in every 38 Americans live there, about 5.7% of the nation's population. One out of every 21 residents is a millionaire. Close to 20 million people live in the metro area. Manhattan was purchased from the Native Americans in 1626 for about \$1,000 in today's money. A Dutch trading post was founded there in 1624, and was named New Amsterdam. When the city came under British control 40 years later, King Charles II of England gave the lands to his brother, the Duke of York, who renamed the city. (The Duke would later become King James II.) In 1789, when the population was 28,000, New York City became the first nation's capital. George Washington took his oath of office on the balcony of the City Hall, but its capital status would endure just until 1790, when Philadelphia took over the status.
- New York City is the most linguistically diverse city in the world, and about half of the population speaks a language other than English in the home.



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1. Name New York City's five boroughs.
2. The world's oldest polo club is located in India's second-largest city. Name that city.
3. Mumbai, India is the fourth largest city in the world. What was its former name?
4. With only 6 million people, Germany's largest city is not a mega-city. Name it.
5. The name of the world's eighth-largest city means "large hill" in Japanese. What is it?

- Cairo, Egypt, the ninth most populous city, grew up around the ancient Egyptian capital of Memphis, which is now contained within the modern city. The Giza Pyramid complex, which includes the three Great Pyramids and the Great Sphinx, is nearby. Modern Cairo was founded in the year 969, and is home to the world's second-oldest university, Al-Azhar University, established in 970.
- The world's fifth largest city has more than 21 million people. Sao Paulo, Brazil, is the largest city in South America, and the largest Portuguese-speaking city in the world. Jesuit priests founded the village as a mission on top of a plateau between two rivers in 1554, and named it after the Apostle Paul. The

**TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS**

1. Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, The Bronx, Staten Island.
2. Calcutta (Kolkata), population 15 million
3. Bombay
4. Berlin
5. Osaka

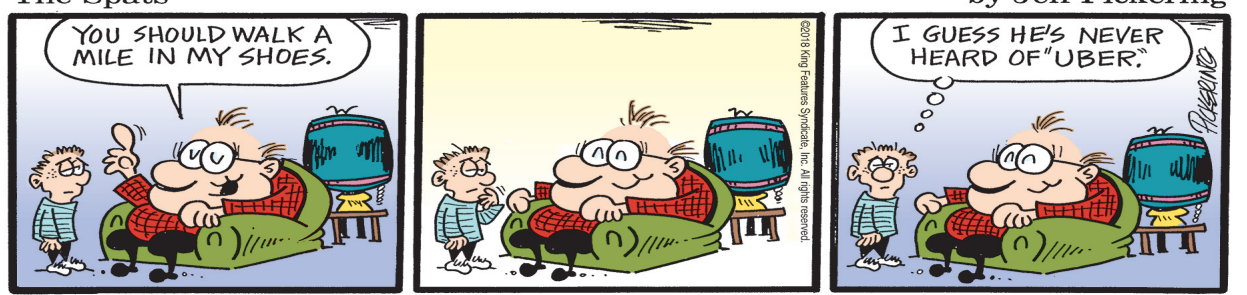
first church building was a hut covered with palm leaves. The village remained in extreme poverty until gold was discovered in the early 1700s. Today's Sao Paulo has absolutely no billboards, due to their Clean City law passed in 2006 which bans any "visual pollution."

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Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

**The Spats**

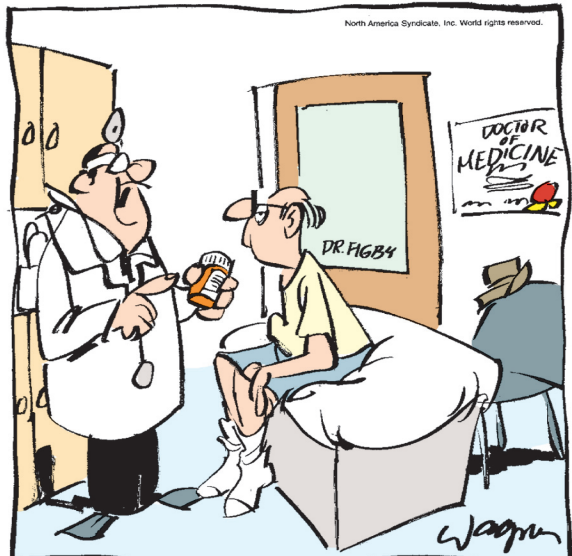


- Add a few drops of water to votive cups before adding a candle. The wax will float on the water, and when the candle burns down, it won't get stuck in the votive glass.
- Experts say: For every foot high your tree, you should plan for 9 feet of garland. So, a 7-foot tree would need about 63 feet of garland.
- Dropped a glass ornament? They leave tiny shards, don't they? To get the tiniest bits up, rely on a slice of white bread. Use it to sweep up after the large pieces have been cleared. The soft bread catches it all!
- Got build-up on your battery terminal? Add two tablespoons of baking soda to a large mug of hot

- water, then stir vigorously. Pour over the corrosion to foam it away, then rinse, rinse, rinse.
- Put on a bracelet with no help, with the aid of a paperclip! Unfold one end to create a long loop. Hook one end on the loop, and hold the other end of the paperclip in your hand, with the bracelet end on your wrist. You have only to loop the bracelet around and hook it.
- Glass doors in the shower can be cleaned with a dryer sheet. Simply wet and rub. In fact, the texture almost gives a scrub.

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**GRIN and BEAR IT**



"I want you on an exercise program, Mr. Whitley. ... Try to open this aspirin bottle four times a day."

# Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

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\* It was Hungarian psychiatrist Thomas Stephen Szasz who made the following sage observation: "If you talk to God, you are praying. If God talks to you, you have schizophrenia."

\* You might be surprised to learn that David Duchovny, best known for his role as Agent Fox Mulder in "The X-Files," was just a dissertation away from being awarded a doctorate in English literature.

\* Did you know that the world's most popular fruit is the banana? It's true: In the United States, people consume more bananas than apples and oranges put together.

\* In 2009, a Saudi couple who had spent their honeymoon in Malaysia encountered difficulty on the return flight home. It seems that the

groom felt the bride was taking too long in the airport restroom, so he boarded the flight back to Saudi Arabia before she did. When he allowed the plane to leave without her, she insisted on an immediate divorce.

\* Most people don't realize that in 1938, Time magazine featured Adolph Hitler on the cover as its Man of the Year.

\* Removing one's wedding ring is considered to be a no-no by many. However, one superstition holds that doing so is perfectly acceptable -- as long as the ring is being used to ward off a witch.

\* Ever wonder why magazine publisher Hugh Hefner chose a rabbit as the symbol of his Playboy magazine? Evidently, when the mogul was a small boy one of his treasured possessions was a blanket with bunnies all over it.

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*Thought for the Day: "I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is: I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat." -- Rebecca West, author and journalist*

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Woodsy home
- 6 Buddy
- 9 Lawyers' org.
- 12 Russian pancakes
- 13 "— -la-la!"
- 14 CSA soldier
- 15 Big name in porcelain
- 16 Expression of regret
- 18 Find
- 20 Flightless flock
- 21 E.T.'s transport
- 23 Previous night
- 24 Wherewithal
- 25 Tatters
- 27 Robin Hood's missile

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- 29 Tiers
- 31 Big river
- 35 Helicopter part
- 37 Bygone times
- 38 Go around the world?
- 41 Wager
- 43 Table scrap
- 44 Gaucho's weapon
- 45 Antenna
- 47 Green field?
- 49 Amorphous masses
- 52 Reggae-like music
- 53 Tiny
- 54 Dutch city, with "The"
- 55 NYC hrs.
- 56 "Acid"
- 57 Secret rendezvous
- 8 Discoverer's cry
- 9 Scent
- 10 Started
- 11 Big canyon
- 17 Maneuvering room
- 19 Sailor's "Halt!"
- 21 Cyber-address
- 22 Air safety org.
- 24 Mid-May honoree
- 26 Soap opera, e.g.
- 28 Harder to find
- 30 Deteriorate
- 32 Fauna study
- 33 Bobby of hockey
- 34 Trawler need
- 36 Followed orders
- 38 Not just chubby
- 39 Ice cubes, slangily
- 40 Swell
- 42 Snug
- 45 Census data
- 46 Winged
- 48 Fly-by-night?
- 50 Clear the tables
- 51 Collection

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### CHOCOLATE NO-BAKE CHEESECAKE

- 1 graham cracker crust
- 1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 large package (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened and 1 small package (3 1/2 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups Cool Whip or similar, thawed

In a small bowl, microwave the chocolate chips until melted. Stir until smooth and set aside. In large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and butter. Blend in the chocolate chips. Fold in topping and pour into crust. Chill before serving. Delicious!! This recipe is taken from my "CAKES INCLUDING 40 CHEESECAKES."

Most of the 40 cheesecake recipes are too long to fit in this space but if you like cakes and cheesecakes please look for this cookbook with over 100 recipes! Available at Swan Lake Nurseries in Vernon as well as DeMilles in Salmon Arm

## 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: U equals L

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YRJCF GXMJFJ ZKR NSSDYRUU  
WSDR SOZRF, M'N XCA MZ'X ZKR  
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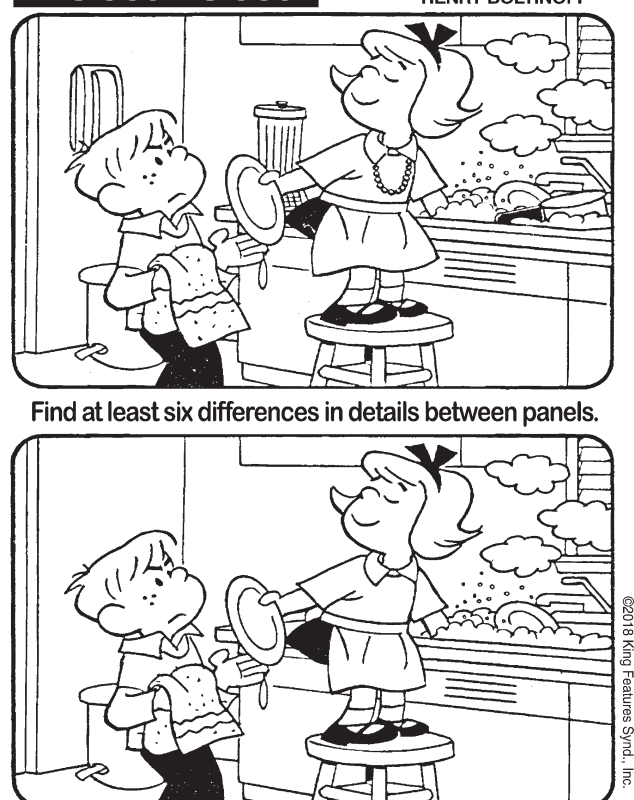
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Phone is missing. 2. Towel is shorter. 3. Blender is missing. 4. Beads are missing. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pan is missing.

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#### LARGEST CITIES (continued):

- Mexico City, at number seven in world population, was settled in 1325 by the Aztecs, who called the village Tenochtitlan. In 1585, it became officially known as Ciudad de Mexico, or Mexico City. It's the oldest capital and the largest city in the Americas. In 1900, the city's population was just 500,000. In less than 120 years, it has grown to more than 21 million people. More than 4 million passengers ride the city's Metro every day. Mexico City is a sinking city, sinking about 4 inches (10 cm) every year, and perhaps as much as 32.8 feet (10 meters) in the last 60 years.
- Delhi, India is the world's second-largest urban area with close to 26.5 million people, and has been inhabited since at least 600 B.C. It's estimated that 18 billionaires and 23,000 millionaires live in this city. Four years ago, the city was the most polluted city in the world, but improved in 2016 to the sixth-worst, with the deaths of 10,500 people every year attributed to air pollution. Of the world's ten most polluted cities, nine are in India.
- Tokyo, Japan is the world's largest city, with 38.1 million people. It was first settled as a small fishing village named Edo. Around the year 1500, there were just a few thousand people, but by the early 1700s, Edo had its first one million residents. In 1868, when the Japanese imperial family moved there, it became the capital city, and was renamed Tokyo, which translates to "Eastern Capital." Tokyo's Shinjuku Station is the largest railway station in the world, with an average of 3.75 million passengers passing through every day. Tokyo can be an expensive place to visit. It has more top-rated restaurants than any other city in the world, and the mega-suite at the Ritz Carlton will set you back \$20,000 per night. The city was the first to have a Disney park outside the U.S., a resort that employs 20,000 people. Even with its enormous population, Tokyo is a very safe city, with one of the lowest crime rates per capita of any major city.
- Although Chicago has nearly 8.8 million people, it's not classified as a mega-city. It ranks as the 38<sup>th</sup> largest city in the world.

- Canada doesn't have a single mega-city. Its largest city, Toronto, ranks 57<sup>th</sup> in the world, with close to 6 million inhabitants, the only Canadian city in the Top 150. Miami is right behind Toronto at #58, with 5.8 million, and Dallas is at #61 with 5.7 million.

### TIDBITS QUOTE

“I think that's how Chicago got started. A bunch of people in New York said, 'Gee, I'm enjoying the crime and the poverty, but it just isn't cold enough. Let's go west.'”

Richard Jeni

### FOOD OF THE WEEK: PASTRIES

Indulge yourself in these delicious facts, as Tidbits observes National Pastry Day on December 9.

- How about a helping of strudel? It first gained popularity in the 1700s during the Habsburg Empire in the area that would eventually become Austria-Hungary. The word has its origins in the German word that means “whirlpool” or “eddy.” Strudel dough should be rolled very thin, so thin that, according to the Austrian Emperor's cook from long ago, it should be “possible to read a love letter through it.” After the filling (usually apple) is spread on the dough, the dough is rolled up carefully and baked.
- Prior to 2013, there was no such thing as a Cronut. That's when New York City pastry chef Dominique Ansel created this pastry that is a cross between a croissant and a doughnut. The dough is close to that of the croissant, then filled with flavored cream and fried in grapeseed oil. Within three days of Ansel's first creation, it was a hit, and within nine days, he had filed for a trademark for the Cronut name. Don't look for Cronuts in your local bakery – they're only sold at Ansel's bakeries in New York, Los Angeles, Tokyo, and London.

## TIDBITS GOES LONG.....

The United States has just two mega-cities, New York (18.6 million people), and Los Angeles (12.3 million). Los Angeles ranks #21 on the list of most populated.

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- Visit Prato, Italy, and you can try Brutti-boni, a concoction of finely-ground almonds and meringue. What's unusual about these confections? Their name actually translates to "ugly but good"!
- How about flies' graveyard for dessert? This is the nickname for a United Kingdom sweet pastry filled with currants or raisins, which are the "flies" in the "graveyard." A similarly-named confection is squashed fly cake, a small round flaky pastry, also filled with currants.
- The Turkish pastry baklava has many very thin layers of filo dough, along with a filling of chopped nuts and honey. Although created with several different variations in other areas, the original probably came from the royal kitchens of the Sultan's palace in Istanbul centuries ago. The type of nuts varies by culture. Although customarily filled with walnuts or pistachios, some regions use hazelnuts or almonds. In Greece, traditional baklava contains 33 layers of dough, symbolic of the number of years of the life of Jesus Christ. Cinnamon and cloves are added in Armenia. Some soak the pastry with rosewater or orange flower water.
- Cream puffs are also known as profiteroles and choux a la crème. The pastry dough is piped through a pastry bag, then baked, forming a hollow puff. The puffs are then injected with whipped cream or custard before being decorated with chocolate sauce or powdered sugar.
- The Austrians have also brought us Punschkrupfen, a pastry of cake crumbs, nougat chocolate, and apricot jam, which is then soaked in rum before baking. A rum sugar glaze tops it off drizzled with chocolate. This tasty delicacy dates back to its introduction in Vienna during the Middle Ages.
- Not all pastries are sweet! A Bosnian pastry dish called Zeljanica layers filo with spinach, white cheese, and eggs, while Greece's Bougatsa, a breakfast pastry, combines filo with custard, cheese, and minced meat. The Eastern Arabians make Borek by using paper-thin filo dough layered with minced lamb, caramelized onions, almonds, and raisins, and flavored with turmeric, parsley, nutmeg, and pomegranate juice for a bit of sweetness.

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HOLIDAY BONUS -- Movie/Food Pairings Photo Credit: Warner Home Video Photo outline: Will Ferrell as Buddy the Elf

# Pair Holiday Movies With Food, Drink

By Amy Anderson

Ah, the holiday season. Like ornaments and fir trees, yule logs and fireplaces, here's another classic holiday pairing: Christmas movies and food. Everyone has his or her favorite film -- some an essential part of the family tradition. So check out this list of classic Christmas movies celebrating the food and drinks they inspire:



## FROSTY BEVERAGES

**"National Lampoon's: Christmas Vacation"** -- Clark Griswold's classic EGGNOG ("it's good, it's good") is the cure for what ails you -- especially if you're having a "full-blown, four-alarm holiday emergency." So when you're overloaded by family or got shorted on your Christmas bonus and you can't take it anymore, pop on this film classic and have a heavily spiked glass of 'nog. It'll have you asking: "Can I refill your eggnog for you?" But with a smile on your face.

**"Love Actually"** -- The way to properly enjoy this English masterpiece is with TEA, of course. Get your prime minister on, and serve it with biscuits (that's cookies, for non-Anglos), but "not the boring ones, with no chocolate." To me, that's perfect!

**"Elf"** -- It's true that "elves try to stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup." Well, if a plate of maple syrup spaghetti doesn't get you, here's a fun CANDY COCKTAIL that might: Mix 1 ounce each of peppermint schnapps and marshmallow vodka with simple syrup and crushed ice in a shaker. Serve in a glass rimmed with corn syrup and crushed candy canes. Not into alcoholic beverages? A 2-liter of Coca-Cola will do just fine.

**"The Santa Clause" and "Polar Express" (TIE):** -- Whether it's a warm chocolate chip cookie and Judy's perfect hot chocolate -- it took 1,200 years to nail that recipe -- or bopping along to the "Hot Chocolate Song" aboard a train, there's no more iconic winter quaff than a steamy mug of HOT CHOCOLATE. And that's with marshmallows or whipped cream.

## MAIN DISHES

**"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** -- There's only one nosh that'll make your heart grow three sizes, and that's ROAST BEAST. I like mine with a little crusty bread and au jus, just like all the Whos down in Whoville.

**"Gremlins"** -- Everyone knows not to feed a gremlin after midnight, but if you get your pals together for a retro movie night, be sure to serve roasted CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS to amp up the shenanigans a bit.

**"Home Alone"** -- It doesn't always have to be a spread at the holidays. For nights when you're by your lonesome and want a quick meal, do like Macaulay Culkin and say your prayers before you sit down for dinner and a movie. In other words, "Bless this highly nutritious, microwaveable MACARONI AND CHEESE dinner."

**"A Christmas Story"** -- Serve ROAST TURKEY and MASHED POTATOES if you're able to keep the dogs out of the kitchen, but don't despair if you can't. You can always order in CHINESE FOOD -- roast duck with fried rice preferred -- for a "fa-ra-ra-ra" feast.

## JUST DESERTS

**"Die Hard"** -- You might remember that Sergeant Powell (Reginald VelJohnson) stops at a convenience store for a heaping helping of junk food, chief among them TWINKIES. The tasty treats make another cameo when Powell describes them to John McClane as being "sugar, enriched flour, partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, polysorbate 60 and Yellow Dye No. 5. Just everything a growing boy needs."

**"It's a Wonderful Life"** -- Snuggle up with someone who you "love until the day you die," and enjoy a heartwarming film about one man's mark on the world. Serve up a couple CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM SUNDAES -- but no coconut, unless you're into adventure.

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### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the CAPITAL letters below to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word to complete the gag!

Grade PRAM

Gaffe BENDRUL

Sole NOEL

View SPACE

**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. Deep red gem          | ___ _ _ _ _ T | Bring together   | ___ _ _ _ _ R |
| 2. Schoolyard menace     | ___ U ___ _   | Nanny's mate     | ___ I ___ _   |
| 3. Crooner Michael       | ___ _ L ___ _ | Bean Town        | ___ _ S ___ _ |
| 4. Birch bark vessel     | ___ _ _ _ E   | Tenet            | ___ _ _ _ N   |
| 5. Old Macdonald, e.g.   | ___ A ___ _ _ | More solid       | ___ I ___ _ _ |
| 6. Safe harbor           | H ___ _ _ _   | "Nevermore" bird | R ___ _ _ _   |
| 7. Take for granted      | ___ _ _ _ M   | Make certain of  | ___ _ _ _ R   |
| 8. Give a talking to     | ___ _ O ___   | Burn with water  | ___ _ A ___   |
| 9. Ballroom dance        | ___ _ _ _ O   | Pungent          | ___ _ _ _ Y   |
| 10. Tenter's alternative | ___ _ M ___ _ | Friendly ghost   | ___ _ S ___ _ |

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When the waitress in a New York City restaurant brought him the soup du jour, a London man was visibly upset.

"Good heavens," he said, "what is this?"

"Why, it's bean soup," she replied.

"I don't care what it has been," he exclaimed.

"What is it now?"

**Just Like Cats & Dogs**

by Dave T. Phipps



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PAW'S CORNER By Sam Mazzotta

**Dog's Nonstop Barking Has Family on Edge**

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Help! Our 13-year-old dog "Doofie" has decided that the best way to get his supper is to bark nonstop, starting at 2 p.m. He doesn't stop until he is fed at 5. After dinner, he is quiet for a few minutes and then starts barking again until 8 p.m. when he gets his pill in some peanut butter. He's the oldest of five dogs and the others don't do this. We've tried changing his feeding times, adding a little snack between meals, but nothing seems to help. We're pulling out our hair from his high-pitched barking. What else can we do? -- Pam-mie R., via email

DEAR PAMMIE: I feel ya! Nonstop barking can be very stressful for everyone. My initial thinking is that Doofie is suffering from separation anxiety; the evening meal is comforting, as is his treat. His fixation on those specific feeding times is interesting, though.

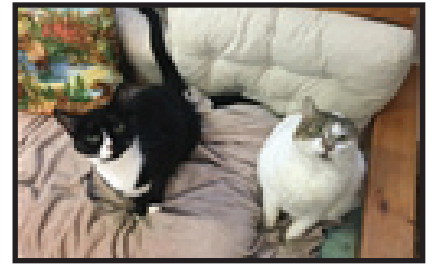
Because he's a senior dog, something else may be contributing to the barking. I think there's anxiety at work here, but its source is something you'll need to try and figure out. Take him in for a checkup with the vet and explain what's happening. Before the visit, keep a log of his behavior for a few days -- sometimes this can reveal patterns you hadn't noticed. The vet may recommend medication to calm him during the afternoon.

Keep his feeding and pill time the same and spend plenty of active time with Doofie between 2 and 5. Take him outside, run through a few training exercises, play tug of war with his favorite toy -- whatever it takes to work off some of his energy and just be there with him.

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**Meet Cooper.** This gentle fellow came to our shelter along with his best friend, Monica. They are a bonded pair so are looking to find their forever home together. Cooper wants nothing more in life than to find a welcome lap or soft blanket to snuggle in while observing the going on's of the day. As such, we believe Cooper would fit best into a quiet home without other cats or dogs. Because Cooper isn't much of the athletic type, he is a chubby chap that needs his food intake to be monitored in order that he be able to shed some pounds. Cooper came to our shelter quite matted so is sporting quite the eccentric haircut, but he's happy to report that his coat is coming back glossier than ever. If Cooper sounds like the guy for you, come drop by the Shuswap Shelter and give him a visit!

**Meet Monica.** This pretty lady came to the shelter along with her best friend, Cooper. They are a bonded pair so are looking for a forever home together. Monica loves to spend her days doing a little bit of wandering around her room to curb her curiosity before cozing up near Cooper to snooze the afternoon away. She is very observant and loves to give you her purrs and chin rubs. Monica would thrive in a quieter home preferably with no other animals. Monica is going to have a senior check at the vet soon to make sure she's in tip top shape before her adoption, but if you think these two sound like the cats for you, please don't hesitate to drop by the Shuswap Shelter today!

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**SCRAMBLERS**

solution

1. Ramp; 2. Blunder;
3. Lone; 4. Scape

Today's Word

**PLUMBER**

**Even Exchange**

answers

1. Garnet, Garner
2. Bully, Billy
3. Bolton, Boston
4. Canoe, Canon
5. Farmer, Firmer
6. Haven, Raven
7. Assume, Assure
8. Scold, Scald
9. Tango, Tangy
10. Camper, Casper

**CryptoQuip**

answer

If a legendary sea creature began using the doorbell more often, I'd say it's the Knock Less Monster.



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