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TIDBITS® VISITS  
**GILLIGAN'S ISLAND**  
by Janet Spencer

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful sitcom called "Gilligan's Island."

**A THREE SEASON TOUR**

- In September of 1964, the S.S. Minnow first set out on its fateful three-hour tour when "Gilligan's Island" premiered. Even though there were only 99 episodes over the course of three seasons, the iconic sitcom about a group of tourists stranded on a deserted island ran in syndication for decades after the show ended, ensuring its popularity among several generations.
- The cast included Bob Denver as Gilligan; Alan Hale, Jr, as the Skipper; Jim Backus as Thurston Howell III; Natalie Schafer as Eunice "Lovey" Wentworth Howell; Tina Louise as Ginger Grant; Dawn Wells as Mary Ann Summers; and Russell Johnson as the Professor.
- Gilligan's full name was Willy Gilligan, the Professor's name was Roy Hinkley, and the Skipper's name was Jonas Grumby.
- Director Sherwood Schwartz picked the name Gilligan randomly out of a phone book. He wanted the show to demonstrate the ridiculous nature of social strata, showing that on a deserted island, there was no class structure and everyone had to work together. Each character represented a different segment of society.

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**THE TINY SHIP WAS TOSSED**

- Schwartz had an ongoing feud with head of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Newton Minow, who once famously called television programming “a vast wasteland.” Because of the feud, Schwartz named the ship “The S.S. Minnow.”
- In the untold backstory, the Skipper and Gilligan were both in the Navy during World War II, serving on a destroyer together. A depth charge got loose and rolled down the deck. It would have crushed the Skipper if Gilligan had not pushed him out of the way, and a friendship was born.
- Raquel Welch turned down the role of Mary Ann. Jayne Mansfield turned down the role of Ginger. Jerry Van Dyke, following in the footsteps of his older brother Dick, turned down the role of Gilligan because he didn’t want to be part of an ensemble cast, but preferred to be the star of his own show. Later he was cast as the lead in “My Mother The Car.” Carroll O’Connor, who later became famous for his portrayal of Archie Bunker on “All in the Family” tried out for the part of the Skipper but was turned down.
- The pilot was filmed in Hawaii in 1963. In the opening credits, you can see a flag in the harbor flying at half mast, because President John F. Kennedy had just been shot. Although the pilot was filmed in Hawaii, the show itself was filmed on a sound lot in Los Angeles. Scenes taking place on the artificial lagoon could not be filmed during rush hour due to traffic noise from a nearby highway.
- Bob Denver was familiar to the American audience after spending five years playing the role of beatnik



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**TRIVIA NEWSFRONT**

1. What sitcom about a blended family became Sherwood Schwartz’s next hit after “Gilligan’s Island” was cancelled?
2. In what year was the original lagoon, built on set on Los Angeles, paved over?
3. Who wrote the show’s theme song?
4. In 2005 Dawn Wells donated an iconic gingham shirt and short shorts to an auction house to raise money for charity. How much did it sell for?
5. In polls asking men, “Mary Ann or Ginger?” which character consistently wins?

Maynard G. Krebs in the popular sitcom “The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis.” Months before Gilligan’s Island hit the airwaves, Bob Denver and Tina Louise costarred in the 1964 summer beach flick “For Those Who Think Young.”

**TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS**

1. After “Gilligan’s Island,” Schwartz hit the jackpot again with “The Brady Bunch.”
2. The original lagoon was drained and paved over in 1995.
3. Director Sherwood Schwartz wrote the theme song.
4. In a 2005 auction, Dawn Wells’ costume raised over \$20,000 for charity.
5. In polls asking men, “Mary Ann or Ginger?” Mary Ann is consistently the winner.

**UNCHARTED DESERT ISLE**

- Dawn Wells as Mary Ann was a lot shorter than Tina Louise, who played the glamorous movie star Ginger. Wells insisted on being costumed in short shorts to show off her legs in an era when belly buttons were not shown on TV. It was the first time in television history that short shorts had been worn.

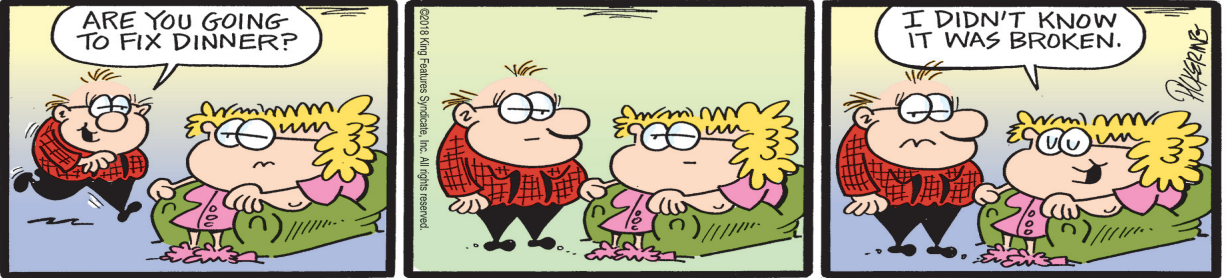
- Dawn Wells was crowned Miss Nevada in 1959, and then got a scholarship to attend the University of Washington where she studied theater. Once she graduated, Wells moved to Los Angeles to pursue her career. Her memoir, published in 2014, is entitled, “What

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Now here's a tip!  
 by Jo Ann Derson

**The Spats**



by Jeff Pickering

Panel 1: A man asks, "ARE YOU GOING TO FIX DINNER?"

Panel 2: A woman looks at her pants.

Panel 3: The man says, "I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS BROKEN."

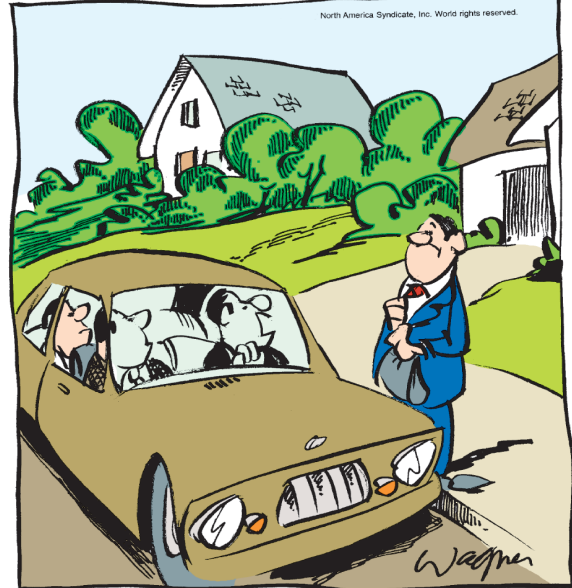
- \* Studies show that people who eat more fiber take in fewer calories, and if you’re on a healthy mission, take heed: Keep your focus on whole food sources of fiber, like veggies, fresh fruits and nutritious whole grains.
- \* “Make life easier on yourself. Set a timer on your phone when you put a load of laundry in the wash. That way, you can pop it in the dryer right when it’s done. The less time your clothes sit, the better. You’ll be done with your laundry sooner, too.” -- R.R.
- \* Cinnamon in the garden? Yep, cinnamon is a natural fungicide, and you can use it on cuts on flowers to help the plant root. Simply dip the cut end in cinnamon powder before rooting.
- \* Use clingwrap over the top of a coffee mug or tumbler in order to take your drink “to go.” Just create a

small hole at the edge of the cup for sipping, or poke a straw through the center for easy access.

- \* “I purchased a nice lotion in a very pretty pump bottle. After the lotion was all used up, I repurposed the bottle as a soap dispenser at my kitchen sink. It matches better, and I like having a pump bottle, because it’s easy to get a little bit of soap on your sponge.” -- E.S.
- \* “If you have a lot of cans of spray paint, try storing them in a window planter. They are long and skinny, and the right depth to keep cans upright but still be able to see the tops to get the can you need quickly.” -- I.L.

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**GRIN and BEAR IT**



“We have an image to uphold in this carpool, Fibby. I see the brown hair!”



# Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

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 \* In this time of bitter partisan rivalries, it would be well to remember the following sage observation: "Do not trust to the cheering, for those persons would cheer just as much if you and I were going to be hanged." The man who first made that observation was Lord Protector of England Oliver Cromwell, considered by some to be a hero of liberty, by others to be a regicidal dictator. He died in 1658, probably from septicemia. He was so reviled that, three years later, his body was exhumed so that he could be posthumously executed, his body thrown into a pit and his head displayed on a pole outside Westminster Hall.

\* Those who study such things say that if all the gold in the world were combined in one lump, it would result in a cube that measures 20 yards on each side.

\* The acids in your digestive system are so corrosive that your stomach must produce an entirely new lining every three days.

\* You might be surprised to learn that the mother of Sir Winston Churchill, that quintessential icon of Britishness, was actually born an American in Brooklyn, New York. Lady Randolph Spencer-Churchill, nee Jeanette Jerome, was a socialite, and it is through her that Winston Churchill is related to his wartime ally, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The prime minister and the president were seventh cousins, once removed.

\* If you're planning to travel to Washington state with nefarious plans, here's an interesting law to keep in mind: Any motorist with criminal intent is required to stop before entering a town and inform the chief of police of his or her presence.

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*Thought for the Day: "The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense." -- Tom Clancy*

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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Ref
- 4 Present
- 8 Jeans-maker Strauss
- 12 Seek damages
- 13 Dunkable treat
- 14 Mosque big-wig
- 15 Jogged untogged
- 17 Baby feeding finale
- 18 Standing
- 19 Parched
- 21 Started
- 22 Let slip
- 26 Reservation residence
- 29 Marry

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- 30 Part of "to be"
- 31 Unoriginal one
- 32 Pickle container
- 33 Thick chunk
- 34 Grant opponent
- 35 Plague
- 36 Coffin
- 37 Duration
- 39 Bill's partner
- 40 Scooted
- 41 Turmoil
- 45 Gujarat garment
- 48 Vigor
- 50 Help hoods
- 51 Unctuous
- 52 "Holy cow!"
- 53 Uppercase
- 54 Untouchable Eliot
- 55 Agent
- 8 Tripoli's land
- 9 Aussie bird
- 10 Alt. spelling
- 11 Mischievous tyke
- 16 Swiss mathematician
- 20 Scarlet
- 23 Hardy cabbage
- 24 Historic times
- 25 "Pay later" aftermath
- 26 Lofty
- 27 Duel tool
- 28 Hammerhead part
- 29 Grow bigger
- 32 Lincoln successor
- 33 Rid of wool
- 35 Sch. org.
- 36 Rabbits
- 38 Southern side dish
- 39 Ringlets
- 42 Early birds?
- 43 Flight component
- 44 Yon folks
- 45 Pouch
- 46 Counselors' grp.
- 47 Agt.
- 49 Dead heat

**DOWN**

- 1 Cold War initials
- 2 Silent
- 3 Culprit, for short
- 4 Small beard
- 5 Annoyed
- 6 Retainer
- 7 Little kid

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### GINGERSNAPS (OLD FASHIONED)

- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 large or 2 small eggs
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup light molasses
- 2 3/4 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- white sugar to roll the cookies in

Beat the first 4 ingredients then stir in gently the next 6 which has been sifted. It is good to chill the dough awhile so that it rolls easier but not necessary. Roll into 3/4 inch balls and then roll in white sugar. Flatten a bit. Place on greased cookie sheets and bake in 375F oven. Bake for 8 minutes for a chewy cookie or 10 minutes for a crispy cookie. This is the greatest cookie- at the top of my favorite cookies! (This comfort recipe is from my "COOKIES AND BARS" COOKBOOK which has over 100 delicious recipes.) All 15 of my cookbooks are sold at Askew's in Sicamous, Buckingham and DeMilles in Salmon Arm, Swan Lake in Vernon and many others.

## 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: B equals T

SWQB SEJXI FEJ GQXX Q WHDW-

GQXEYHK, MJDQYF RKOKYQDK

ENBKU MKYOKI QB VQYBHKM?

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**GILLIGAN'S ISLE cont.**

Would Mary Ann Do?"

- Natalie Schafer, who played Mrs. Howell, was actually 13 years older than Jim Backus, who played Mr. Thurston Howell III. She had a clause in her contract specifying that there would be no close-ups of her face because she didn't want her wrinkles to show. Despite being in her mid-60s during production, she did all her own stunts, including fainting, falling, being submerged in quicksand, and jumping into the lagoon.
- Schafer played the wife of a millionaire but was also a millionaire in real life, having bought properties on Rodeo Drive when they were cheap and turning an impressive profit when she sold them.
- When Schafer died at the age of 90 in 1991, she had no children or other heirs so she left much of her fortune to her teacup poodle, with instructions for the rest to go to the Lillian Booth Actor's Home after the dog died. A wing of the assisted living facility is now named for her. She also reportedly left some of her money to Dawn Wells, who lived with her and cared for her as she struggled through breast cancer.
- Skipper, the Howells, and Gilligan were in every single one of the 99 episodes. Ginger, Mary Ann, and the Professor appeared in 98 of the episodes.

**HERE ON GILLIGAN'S ISLE**

- Most of the actors were paid on a straight salary with residual income that ceased in 1968, but Dawn Wells insisted on a clause in her contract guaranteeing residuals from syndication in perpetuity. The clause was granted because no one imagined the show would still be in syndication 50 years later. Dawn Wells and director Sherwood Schwartz were the only ones who continued to reap rewards from the re-runs. Schwartz reportedly earned about \$90 million from the show before his death in 2011.
- In 1974, Schwartz attempted to recreate the popularity of Gilligan's Island using the same scenario in a Wild West setting. The result was "Dusty's Trail," about a covered wagon that gets separated from its wagon train and ends up lost in the wilderness. It starred Bob Denver as the bumbling assistant to the wagon master, played by Forrest Tucker (of "F Troop" fame) who is traveling with a rich couple, a brainiac, a farm

**TIDBITS QUOTE**

"Anyone who says money can't buy happiness doesn't know where to shop." -Lovey Howell

- girl, and a bombshell. The show tanked after one season, though four episodes were stitched together to make the 1976 movie "The Wackiest Wagon Train in the West."
- There was a reunion movie in 1978 called "Rescue from Gilligan's Island" and another in 1979 called "Castaways on Gilligan's Island." Both enjoyed high ratings. The third and final reunion movie, "The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island," released in 1981, bombed.
- Schwartz had plans for a fourth movie in which the castaways learn that a nuclear war has destroyed human civilization. They hear it on the radio, and Gilligan breaks the radio just before a disclaimer comes on saying there was no nuclear war after all. The movie was never made.
- Tina Louise (b. 1934) and Dawn Wells (b. 1938) are the only cast members still living.

**REMARKABLE PEOPLE  
SHAVARSH  
KARAPETYAN**

- Shavarsh Karapetyan was born in 1953 in Armenia and grew up in the city of Yerevan when Armenia was part of the Soviet Union. He was athletic and joined the swim team.
- Although he was a good swimmer, he didn't have the right body build to win top honors. Then a friend suggested he look into a new sport called fin swimming. In fin swimming, competitors use various types of swim fins to run races either on the surface or submerged, either with snorkels, SCUBA gear, or nothing at all. Karapetyan excelled at it.
- Within six months of beginning his training, he had become master fin swimmer of the

**TIDBITS GOES LONG.....**

In the first season, neither Mary Ann nor the Professor were mentioned in the opening credits, and the theme song ended with, "Gilligan, the Skipper too, the millionaire, and his wife, the movie star, and the rest." Bob Denver thought this was unfair, and threatened to make the producers remove his name from the credits if they didn't add "The Professor and Mary Ann" into both the theme song and the credits, which they did.

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Soviet Union; two months later he was master of the international class; and six months after that he was the European fin swimming champion having broken 11 world records.

- Then, tragedy struck and he was cut from the team. He didn't know if it was because he was Armenian, or because someone had been bribed to kick him off the team. Rather than quit the sport, however, his response was to start training twice as hard as before in order to show them what a mistake they had made.
- Training consisted of running long distances with 40 pounds (18 kg) of sand strapped to his back, climbing steep hills while carrying his brother on his shoulders, and extending his lung capacity by hyperventilating with five deep breaths before plunging under the water for as long as he could stay submerged.
- On September 16, 1976, Karapetyan was training with his brother on the shores of Yerevan Lake. He had just finished a 12-mile (19 km) run when he heard a terrible crash. An electric trolley car whose route crossed the top of the dam wall had crashed into the deep lake with 92 people on board. (cont)
- There had been a pickpocket on board the trolley who wanted to be let off. When the driver refused, the thief hit him in the head, knocking him out, and sending the trolley into the lake. It came to rest 80 feet (25 m) from the shore at a depth of 33 feet (10 m).
- Karapetyan jumped into the lake, yelling for his brother to help. Using the trolley's electrical antenna to guide him, he swam to the trolley and kicked out a window. The glass cut his legs. He reached in, grabbed someone, then launched himself off the roof of the trolley towards the surface. He handed the person off to his brother on the surface, who loaded the victim onto one of the boats that had responded. Karapetyan

took five deep breaths and returned for another victim.

- He did this 35 times, taking about 30 seconds for each trip. Silt obscured his vision. Once he grabbed a loose seat, a fact that haunts him today: "I could have saved another person."
- Finally, rescue teams handed him a rope and asked him to fasten it to the trolley. He broke out a second window, and threaded the rope through the two broken windows. The trolley was hauled to the surface within 45 minutes of the crash, but it was too late. Of the 35 people Karapetyan rescued, 20 survived.
- Karapetyan spent 45 days comatose with sepsis and pneumonia which ended his athletic career. The USSR hushed up the disaster but offered him a reward equal to about a week's pay, which he refused.
- In 1982 a Russian tabloid ran an article about his heroic rescue. He received 60,000 fan letters. In 1978, an asteroid belt was named after him. Today he lives in Moscow where he owns and manages a shoe store called "Second Breath." Karapetyan later received a UNESCO "Fair Play" award for his heroism.

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"It's one of them Ring doorbells."

## THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

- The Brooklyn Bridge is one of the oldest roadway bridges in the U.S. It connects Manhattan and Brooklyn, spanning the East River. Construction started in 1869 and it was completed 14 years later. It has a main span of 1,595.5 feet (486.3 m). Over 600 laborers worked on the bridge, and 27 of them died during construction. The bridge cost \$15 million, equivalent to \$320 million today.
- To construct the bridge pilings under water, engineers dropped huge metal tanks to the sea floor and then pumped compressed air into them. Divers would descend to the air-filled tanks, where they could work freely on the footings. But when the workers rose to the surface of the water again, they frequently had sudden attacks of joint pain, which caused them to walk stiffly bent over.
- In the fashion of the day, women tended to wear corsets that were so tightly laced that they were unable to stand up straight. This posture was called the "Grecian Bend." Because the stance of the deep sea workers resembled the posture, they too were said to have the Grecian Bend. The term was shortened and is now called "the bends."
- John Roebling was the engineer, but when his foot was crushed by a ferry, he contracted tetanus and died, whereupon his son took over. When his son was so incapacitated by the bends that he could no longer work, his wife Emily took over. When the bridge was finished, she was the first to cross it.
- On opening day, the mayors of Brooklyn and Manhattan met in the center and locked arms as part of a spectacular celebration. Special trains had brought thousands from Long Island and Philadelphia to see the novel bridge. In the first day alone, 150,300 people made the crossing.
- It was by far the longest bridge in the world at the time, and 50% longer than any suspension bridge ever attempted. In the previous decades, dozens of failed suspension and iron bridges had collapsed around Europe and the U.S., killing hundreds. Since this was the first suspension bridge to use steel cables, it was new, unproven technology.
- Tragedy struck only six days after the bridge was opened to the public. On May 30, 1883 a woman tripped and fell while descending the wooden stairs on the Manhattan side of the bridge. Apparently, this caused another woman to scream at the top of her lungs, which caused those nearby to rush towards the scene to see what was wrong. The commotion sparked a chain reaction of confusion, as more and more people panicked and mobbed the narrow staircase, creating a massive pileup. Thousands were on the promenade, turning the situation deadly.
- The bridge was suspended 135 feet (41 m) above the water, and terrified pedestrians were convinced the bridge was about to collapse. They scrambled for the exit, trampling one another, and trapping people against the iron fences that lined the narrow promenade. Twelve people died on the stairs, and more than 35 were wounded.
- The following year, P.T. Barnum reassured the public of the bridge's safety (while publicizing his circus) by leading a parade of 21 elephants and 17 camels over the bridge to prove the sturdiness of the construction. The bridge actually had a capacity of 18,700 tons, or over 2,500 African elephants.



- Which group wrote and released "Hello, Goodbye"?
- Name the group that released "Heart Full of Soul."
- Which band released the 1974 version of "Three Ring Circus"?
- Name the R&B artist who wrote and released "I've Got So Much to Give."
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "For a while to love was all we could do, We were young and we knew, In our eyes were alive."

### Answers

- The Beatles, in 1967. As is typical with their music, the credits say Lennon-McCartney, but it was written by Paul McCartney alone.
- The Yardbirds in 1965. It was their first single after Eric Clapton left and was replaced by Jeff Beck on guitar. First versions used a sitar, but they preferred the sound of a fuzz box.
- Blue Magic, a soul group out of Philadelphia.
- Barry White, in 1973.
- "After the Love Has Gone" by Earth, Wind & Fire, in 1979. The song was used in an episode of "WKRP in Cincinnati" about The Who concert disaster where locked doors resulted in 11 people being killed in the stampede to get in.

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- More than 150,000 vehicles, 4,000 pedestrians, and 3,100 cyclists cross the Brooklyn Bridge each day. So rest assured next time you cross the Brooklyn Bridge, but please be careful on the stairs.

## TIDBITS NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE

A 1987 episode of the sitcom "Alf" included a lengthy dream sequence in which Alf imagined that he was on the castaways' island. Bob Denver, Alan Hale Jr., Russell Johnson, and Dawn Wells all made appearances on the show.



"I was wondering if the latest popularity poll still has us behind the \_\_\_\_\_."

## 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!

Rank

**GRADE**

Climb

**DANCES**

Visual

**OPTIC**

Slight

**HINT**

### 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. Building block     | ___ C ___ | Extreme edge           | ___ N ___ |
| 2. Sheen or Dean      | ___ T ___ | Hemingway's big fish   | ___ L ___ |
| 3. Irritate           | ___ E ___ | Wanted sign            | ___ O ___ |
| 4. Opted for          | ___ S ___ | Routine task           | ___ R ___ |
| 5. Employee ID        | ___ A ___ | Dislodge               | ___ U ___ |
| 6. Style or framework | ___ T ___ | Like a white-tie event | ___ L ___ |
| 7. Insignificant      | ___ I ___ | Distinguished house    | ___ A ___ |
| 8. Beginner           | ___ V ___ | Take heed              | ___ T ___ |
| 9. Situate            | ___ L ___ | Cease-fire             | ___ E ___ |
| 10. Eye movement      | T ___     | Trade places           | S ___     |



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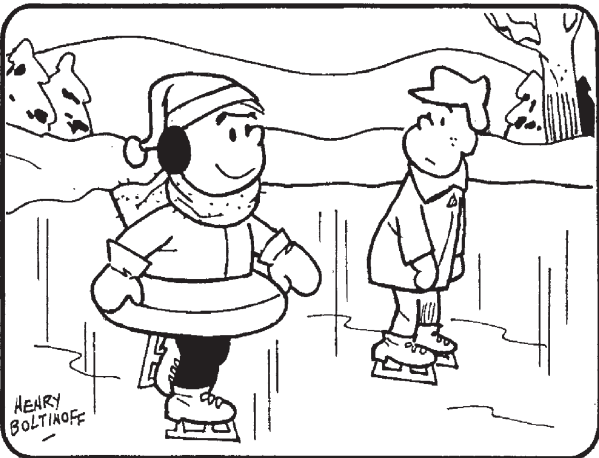
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3. Girl's hair is different. 4. Background hills are missing. 5. Tree is added on right. 6. Boy's left arm is hidden.

**Just Like Cats & Dogs**

by Dave T. Phipps



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PAW'S CORNER By Sam Mazzotta

**Do Dogs Really Need Coats in Winter?**

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: You recently addressed someone leaving a dog out in the cold. Your answer was great, except that I wonder about putting a warm vest on the dog. It is my understanding that dogs have two layers of skin with air in between, which helps heat their body and keep them warm. When you add a coat or vest, it presses down on the air pocket and causes them to be colder. Am I wrong? -- Suzanne, via email

DEAR SUZANNE: Well, while dogs' skin does help regulate their temperature, their fur plays a much bigger role in insulating them from the cold. You're probably thinking of a dog's double-layered winter coat, where air between the thick undercoat and the top fur helps regulate body temperature. Some breeds of dog have much thicker undercoats, such as Huskies and Malamutes. Most of us have seen pictures or video of sled dogs, for example, who rarely wear coats while working or at the end of the day. Their bodies generate plenty of heat while they're active, and their undercoat insulates them from the cold when they're at rest. They're also acclimated to their outdoor environment.

Some other dogs don't do well at all in below-freezing temperatures -- some are small and short-haired, for example, or they're in poor health, or they're very young, or they are just not accustomed to spending long periods outside.

The most important factor in deciding what your dog needs is you. For a 20-minute walk outside, most healthy dogs don't need a coat. However, if your dog gets cold quickly or appears to be suffering even after a short time outside, it's worth trying a well-fitted vest or sweater.

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**SCRAMBLERS**

solution

1. Raged; 2. Ascend;
3. Topic; 4. Thin

Today's Word

**PRESIDENT**

**Even Exchange**

answers

1. Brick, Brink
2. Martin, Marlin
3. Pester, Poster
4. Chose, Chore
5. Badge, Budge
6. Format, Formal
7. Minor, Manor
8. Novice, Notice
9. Place, Peace
10. Twitch, Switch

**CryptoQuip**

answer

What would you call a high-calorie, sugary beverage often served at parties?  
Fruit paunch.



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