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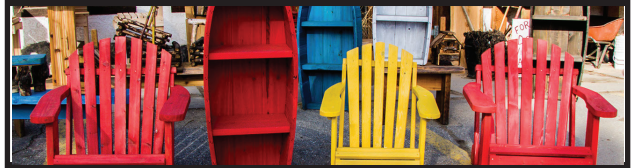
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TIDBITS® LOGS INTO SOCIAL MEDIA

by Kathy Wolfe

Tidbits logs into social media this week to check out the facts on the various networking services that allow people to interact with each other.

- In 2003, Harvard University student Mark Zuckerberg built a website called Facemash, which 450 users visited during the first four hours. However, Harvard administrators shut it down within a few days, citing Zuckerberg with breaching security and violating individual privacy. The following year, he launched "TheFacebook," with the intention of restricting it to Harvard students. Half of the institution's students had registered within a month, and TheFaceBook expanded to six Ivy League colleges.
- In 2005, the name of the site was changed to Facebook, and in 2006, it was opened to anyone at least 13 years old. By October, 2007, the company was worth \$15 billion. By 2010, there were 500 million users and two years later, Facebook was valued at \$104 billion with 1 billion active users.
- The largest social network in the world, Facebook now has more than 250 billion active users worldwide. At least 85 million profiles are estimated as fake. Eighty percent of all American adults aged 25 to 49 are Facebook users. Fifty-one percent of U.S. teens aged 13 to 17 have a Facebook profile.

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SOCIAL MEDIA (continued):

- The average North American is on Facebook 30 minutes every day. Over half a million comments are posted every 60 seconds, and nearly 140,000 photos are uploaded each minute. An average of more than 1.6 billion people worldwide log in every day.
- Facebook employs more than 43,000 people, and its second quarter 2019 earnings were \$16.6 billion.
- There has been much criticism of Facebook, most prominently for data harvesting and psychologically profiling its users, for which Zuckerberg was called to testify before the U.S. Congress. The site has been criticized for enabling cyberbullying and cyberstalking. Researchers now use the term "F.A.D." or "Facebook Addiction Disorder" to refer to compulsive use of Facebook. Spam and phishing are common occurrences along with privacy and security issues. The allowing of violent content and "fake news" have also been listed as a matter of concern. Studies indicate that more than one-fourth of users use Facebook while driving. Several countries, including Syria, China, and Iran, have banned Facebook.
- The word Instagram was coined from a combination of "instant camera" and "telegram." The service, which was launched in October, 2010, enabled users to upload photos and videos. There were one million registered users within two months. There were 10 million users by the end of the first year, and 1 billion mid-2019. More than 500 million people use Instagram daily. By 2015, more than 40 billion photos had been uploaded to the service.
- Instagram was the brainchild of Stanford graduates



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1. Name the most downloaded app of the decade from 2010 to 2019.
2. Twitter servers crashed from heavy usage on June 25, 2009. What event was being tweeted?
3. What is another term used for octothorpe?
4. What name is given to an informational web discussion often using diary-style posts?
5. What site is a collection of 492 million different blogs, containing texts, photos, links, quotes, chats, audios, and videos?

Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger. Krieger made the site's very first post on July 16, 2010, a photo of South Beach Harbor's Pier 38. Systrom's first post was made the same day featuring a dog in Mexico beside Systrom's girlfriend's foot.

- Out of Instagram's Top 20 most "liked" photos of 2020, Kylie Jenner grabbed seven of those spots. Three of Selena Gomez' photos were in the Top 20. But these ladies have not seized the most-liked Instagram picture of all time. That honor belongs to a photo of an egg originally posted on January 5, 2019. Jenner had set the previous record of 18 million likes, but the egg has garnered upwards of 59 million likes.
- Instagram's most-followed person is Portuguese professional footballer Cristiano Ronaldo, with close to 200 million followers. Ronaldo has been

TRIVIA NEWSFRONT ANSWERS

1. Facebook
2. The death of singer Michael Jackson
3. Hashtag
4. Blog
5. Tumblr

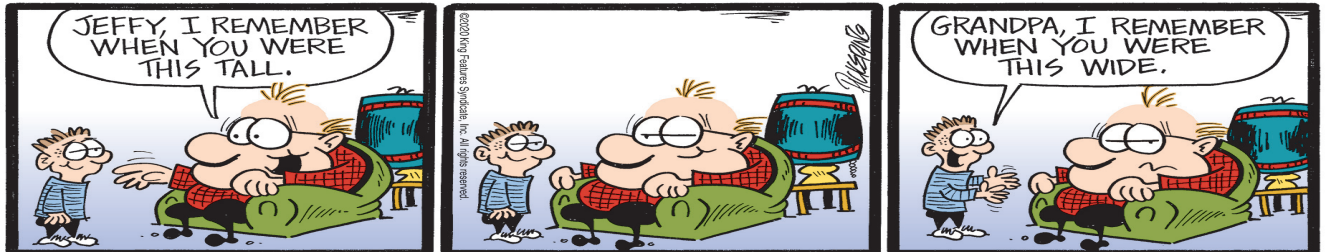
ranked as the world's highest-paid athlete, and has an estimated net worth of \$450 million. Singer Ariana Grande is the most-followed female on Instagram with more than 170 million followers.

- Facebook purchased Instagram in April of 2012 for the sum of \$1 billion in cash and stock. A week before the sale, Instagram was

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The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

* Need a twist tie in an emergency? Check your coffee bag. Many bean bags sold these days -- from the grocery store and specialty roasters alike -- come in a bag with a twist tie built in, so you can fold the bag down and retain freshness. If you really need one, you can pull the twist tie off and seal your grounds in a tin or a zipper-top baggie.

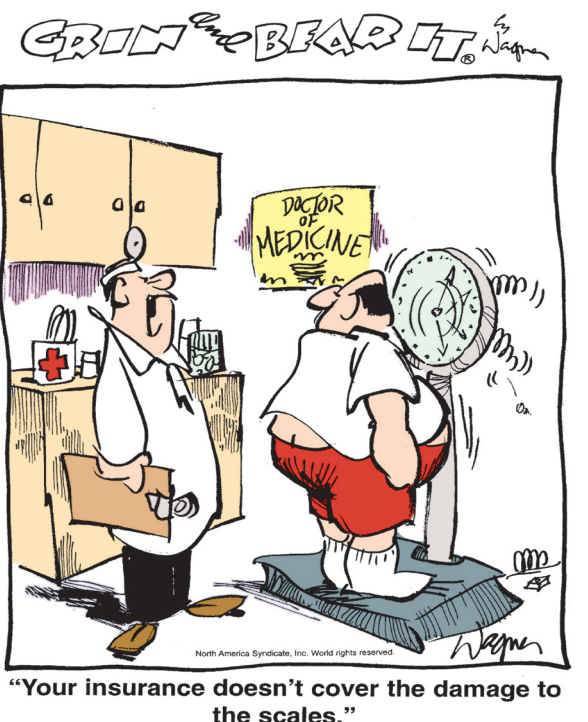
* Get to know your frozen veggies. There's been a lot of emphasis in the past about fresh vegetables. While they're great, it's not always possible to get to the grocer's or farmer's market regularly. Frozen veggies often have the most vitamins because most are flash frozen right after harvest. You can find many varieties, and they're easy to use in most recipes.

* New use for a favorite mug: "My friend gave me a coffee mug that's adorable, but it's not very nice in the microwave -- it just gets too hot! I drink hot tea, and my mug is constantly in and out of the microwave. So, I use my gift mug to hold tea bags! It sits on my counter and holds enough packaged bags for a full week. And I can look at it and think of my friend." -- T.W.

* "To get the rubber tops of my son's sneakers clean, and keep them that way, I use the melamine cleaning sponges, like the Magic Eraser. Just get it damp, rub off (most) grass stains and keep it handy." -- P.E.

* Gotta paint a door? Put a lag bolt into the top and bottom of the door, on the narrow. This way, the lag bolt rests on your sawhorses, and you can flip the door over to paint each side. No longer do you have to paint one side, let it dry ALL THE WAY and then flip it over, risking paint getting pulled off the edges.

* For long-lasting condiments, here's a great practice: Write the date you open it on the jar or bottle. If there's not a good place, try using a piece of tape. This way you can better track how long that ranch dressing has been lurking in your fridge, rather than relying on the date it's good until.





By Lucie Winborne

* Italy was the only country to issue stamps specifically for mail traveling through bank tubes until the practice was discontinued in 1966.

* Kleenex tissues were originally developed as crepe paper and used for gas mask filters.

* Proof that human nature is the one thing that never really changes: The oldest "your mama" joke was discovered in 1976 on a 3,500-year-old Babylonian tablet in Iraq.

* The "Jesus Nut" on a helicopter fixes the rotor blades to the vehicle. It comes by its unusual moniker because, if it should fail, your only option is to pray to Jesus!

* Do you, like most people, normally skip reading the fine print? You might want to reconsider that. In 2017, 22,000 people who signed up for free pub-

lic Wi-Fi from the UK-based technology firm Purple learned their lesson when they inadvertently agreed to 1,000 hours of community service that included cleaning toilets and "relieving sewer blockages." The company said it inserted the clause in its contract "to illustrate the lack of consumer awareness of what they are signing up to when they access free Wi-Fi."

* In 2014, a new species of vine was discovered in Chile that can mimic the leaves of many different host trees by changing the size, shape, color, orientation and even the vein patterns of its leaves to match the surrounding foliage. It is the only known plant that can do this.

* When asked how he was able to portray battle scenes so accurately, Stephen Crane, author of "The Red Badge of Courage," replied that he learned all he needed to know about war from football.

* Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Thought for the Day: "Every child is an artist. The problem is staying an artist when you grow up." --Pablo Picasso

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by Linda Thistle

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- 28 Barbecue entree
- 29 Promise
- 32 Midwestern capital
- 33 Breaker of Ruth's record
- 35 Apiece
- 36 Chocolate sources
- 38 Intuitive feeling
- 39 Lubricated
- 42 African nation
- 43 Give temporarily
- 44 Fix manuscripts
- 45 Recede
- 46 Heady quaff
- 47 Deteriorate
- 49 Paid athlete

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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- Name the artists of the duo WHAM!
 - Who wrote and released "A.1. On the Jukebox"?
 - Which artist saw his career launched with "Nothing Rhymed"?
 - Which Gloria Gaynor song talks about wishing she'd changed the lock?
 - Name the song that contains this lyric: "I've laid around and played around this old town too long, Summer's almost gone, yes winter's coming on."

Answers

- George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley. Their first release, "Wham Rap!", didn't get much airplay because of the profanity in the b-side "Unsocial Mix." It only reached No. 105 on the charts.
- Dave Edmunds, in 1978. The song was on his "Tracks on Wax 4" album, with all the members of his band Rockpile, although it was considered Edmund's solo project.
- Gilbert O'Sullivan, in October 1970. For some stunning vocals, look for the cover version by Burton Cummings, formerly of The Guess Who.
- "I Will Survive," in 1978. She also wishes she'd asked for the key back.
- "Gotta Travel On," first released by Billy Grammer in 1958. Over the years the song has been covered by numerous others, including The Weavers, Timi Yuro and Bob Dylan.

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SOCIAL MEDIA (continued):

- released for Android phones, and received more than a million downloads in less than a day. The company was managed by Systrom and Krieger until 2018 when the pair resigned. Krieger was 32 years old at the time of the sale, and Systrom, 34. Systrom's net worth is estimated in the \$1.1 billion range.
- Before Facebook was all the rage, there was MySpace, which was the world's largest social networking site from 2005 to 2008 and was the most visited website in the United States in 2006. In August, 2003, several employees of the internet marketing company eUniverse worked together to create the first version of MySpace, which enabled users to customize and personalize their pages.
- When Facebook overtook MySpace in the rankings in 2008, MySpace took steps to redefine the site, focusing on entertainment, such as music, movies, and celebrities rather than social networking, with the slogan "The best in music and culture. All in one place." It now ranks about 1,700th in total web traffic in America.
- Evan Spiegel, Bobby Murphy, and Reggie Brown were students at Stanford University in 2011 when they launched the social media site known as "Picaboo," a site on which pictures and messages were only available for a short time before becoming inaccessible. In 2012, the app was renamed Snapchat.
- Talk about the value of persistence! Spiegel had worked on 34 failed projects before creating Snapchat. The idea came about when a friend of his regretted sending a photo, and wished it would disappear. In 2015, Evan Spiegel became the world's youngest billionaire.
- Snapchat contains creative tools that enable the user to edit the photo and add colorful patterns, visual effects, and stickers. In 2016,

the company introduced Spectacles, glasses with a built-in camera that can record 10 seconds of video and post it online via a paired smartphone.

- As of the end of 2019, Snapchat had more than 210 million daily active users, posting a total of more than 3.5 billion snaps per day. The average user will send about 34 snaps a day. Video views average 10 billion daily. About 27% of American adults use Snapchat.
- In October, 2013, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg attempted to acquire Snapchat with an offer of \$1 billion. When the offer was rejected, Zuckerberg came back with a \$3 billion offer, which was also declined. The very next day, the offer had increased to \$4 billion, also declined. Snapchat's 2019 second quarter earnings came to \$388 million.

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MOVIE FAVORITES: BACK TO THE FUTURE

If you want information on the top-grossing film of 1985, you've come to the right place! Tidbits takes you back to the future to investigate this classic film.

- "Back to the Future" almost didn't get produced. The script was rejected an incredible 40 times before Universal Pictures finally bit on it. One studio executive recommended a name change to "Spaceman from Pluto," causing producer Steven Spielberg to laugh in his face.
- Early drafts of the script called for the time machine to be a refrigerator, but when it was feared that kids would become trapped in refrigerators in an imitation of the movie, it was changed it to a DeLorean DMC-12. The DeLorean Motor Company, which manufactured the stainless-steel-paneled cars with the gull-wing doors, had gone bankrupt in late 1982. After filming began, the studio received an offer of \$75,000 from the Ford Motor Company if they would use a Mustang for the time machine, an offer that was refused.
- In the movie, the DeLorean is powered by plutonium that Dr. Emmett Brown obtained from Libyan terrorists in exchange for the promise of building a nuclear bomb. When the terrorists return, they shoot Doc Brown, and Marty narrowly escapes in the DeLorean, which has been set to November 5, 1955. Marty is transported from 1985 to 1955, with no plutonium to return. In 1955, he encounters his own parents at Marty's own age. Marty searches for Doc in order to warn him of the Libyans in the future, and also attempts to improve the future of his parents' lives.
- The director's choice for the role of time-traveling teenager Marty McFly was Michael J. Fox, but the 24-year-old TV star was committed to the sitcom "Family Ties," and the show's producer refused to allow Fox any time off. Eric Stoltz was tapped to play Marty, and he worked for five weeks of filming. The director felt that Stoltz wasn't the right fit, and a deal was worked out where Fox worked on both "Family Ties" and "Back to the Future."
- Fox began filming "Family Ties" each day at 9:30, leaving the Paramount lot at 6:00 PM, heading to Universal Studios where he would work on "Future" from 6:30 PM through the night. He grabbed three hours of sleep before the Paramount driver picked him up at 9:00 to ferry him back to "Family Ties."
- Lea Thompson, who played Marty's 47-year-old mother was just 10 days older than Michael J. Fox, and Fox was three years older than Crispin Glover, who played his father. Lea Thompson spent three hours a day in the makeup chair to convert her 23-year-old face into a 47-year-old one.

Hero Pizza

We've gathered all of the best ingredients from a hot and saucy hero sandwich -- Italian sausage, peppers and cheese -- and put them on a kid-friendly pizza.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 8 ounces Italian turkey sausage, casings removed
- 1 medium red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 medium yellow pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 package (8-ounce) sliced mushrooms
- Salt and pepper
- 1 pound fresh or frozen (thawed) pizza dough
- 3/4 cup jarred marinara sauce
- 1 1/4 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. Heat oven to 450 F. Grease 15 1/2-inch by 10 1/2-inch jellyroll pan with 1 tablespoon olive oil.
2. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat remaining 1 teaspoon oil on medium for 1 minute. Add sausage; cook 6 to 8 minutes or until cooked through, breaking up sausage with side of spoon. With slotted spoon, transfer sausage to bowl.
3. To drippings in skillet, add peppers and cook, covered, on medium 3 to 4 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Add mushrooms and cook, uncovered, 6 to 8 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Return sausage to skillet; stir in 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper. Remove skillet from heat.
4. With fingers, pat dough onto bottom and up sides of prepared pan. Spread marinara sauce on dough; top with sausage mixture, mozzarella and Parmesan. Place pan on rack in lower third of oven. Bake pizza 20 to 22 minutes or until topping is hot and bubbly, and crust is browned. Serves 4.

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- Filming finished up on April 20, 1985, and the crew set a record for post-production, with the movie hitting theaters just 9 1/2 weeks later on July 3. "Back to the Future" spent 11 weeks in the Number One slot, and was the year's top-grossing film. Receiving three Oscar nominations, the film won the award for Best Sound Effects Editing.
- The movie's two sequels were shot consecutively during an 11-month period, breaking for three weeks in between. Part II was released in November, 1989, the third highest-grossing film of the year, followed just six months later by Part III. Part III grossed less than one-third of the revenue of the original movie.

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Reddit is a play-on-words of the phrase "read it," with their catchphrase "I read it on Reddit." The site's posts are organized by subject in a bulletin board format, with the user-created boards known as "subreddits." Topics vary from news to science, movies, video games, books, fitness, and food. It's the 6th most-visited website in the U.S.



MORE SOCIAL MEDIA

- Four young men launched Twitter in July of 2006, and within six years, the service had more than 100 million users posting 340 million tweets a day. By 2019, there were upwards of 330 million active users worldwide, with 68 million of those in the U.S. During one quarter of 2019, advertising revenue totaled \$727 million.
- For its first six months of operation, Twitter was known as “twtr,” partly because the domain name “twitter.com” was already in use. The founders’ definition of the word “twitter” was “a short burst of inconsequential information.” The first tweet, sent by one of the co-founders, read “just setting up my twtr.” Until 2017, there was a 140-character limit on tweets, replaced by the new maximum of 280. The company created the “hashtag” to categorize messages by topic, words, or phrases.
- In 2017, Katy Perry was the first to achieve 100 million Twitter followers, a number that has now surpassed 108 million. Barack Obama leads the pack with upwards of 113 million.
- LinkedIn was launched in May, 2003 as a site for professional networking. Job and career posts are listed by both job seekers and employers looking for candidates. Users create profiles, post resumes, and establish “connections” to each other. After six years, the network had over 55 million users. Today, LinkedIn has more than 673 million members in 200 countries, with more than 70% of that number from outside the U.S. The company is now a subsidiary of Microsoft and employs 15,000 full-time personnel. Available in 24 languages, there are close to 25 international offices, including Beijing, Dubai, Shanghai, Sydney, Dublin, and Toronto.
- Three PayPal employees conceived the idea of a video website in early 2005. The trio opened up shop in the garage of one of the co-founders, and on April 23, 2005, the first video was uploaded to YouTube by co-founder Jawed Karim, a clip entitled, “Me at the Zoo,” chronicling his visit to the San Diego Zoo. The first words spoken on YouTube were, “All right, so here we are in front

of the elephants.” Within the first month after its creation, YouTube had 3 million viewers. By the third month, February, 2006, that amount tripled, and was up to 30 million visitors by July of that year. After one year in operation, 38 million viewers had visited the YouTube site. One of YouTube’s most positive success stories was that of 2014’s Ice Bucket Challenge to benefit the ALS Association. More than 150 countries participated by uploading videos to YouTube, with more than a billion views, eventually generating over \$220 million for the

research of Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

- A Beijing, China company, ByteDance, started TikTok in 2016, calling it Douyin. TikTok users produce and share short videos of 15 to 60 seconds, using the site’s background music, usually for lip-sync, comedy, or talent videos. Nearly 70% of TikTok users are 16 to 24 years old. There are more than 800 million people worldwide using TikTok, with 30 million of these in the U.S. ByteDance, which was founded in 2012, is now valued at over \$75 billion.

DONNA’S DAY: CREATIVE FAMILY FUN
By Donna Erickson

Twist, Shape and Bake Healthy Bread Bears

Baking bread is just plain fun when your preschoolers shape prepared dough into adorable bear shapes. Toss in simple math along the way too, as your pint-size bakers divide the dough into halves, fourths and even sixths to form the bear’s arms, legs and snout. They’ll watch the dough rise before their eyes, and they’ll love “painting” the bears with an egg wash before you pop them in the oven.



Serve them warm, drizzled with some honey from a little pot for a memorable afternoon treat.

Here are the simple ingredients you’ll need for two 8-inch-tall bears:

- One loaf of prepared frozen bread dough, such as Rhodes brand (available in the frozen-food section of grocery stores)
- 1 egg, beaten with 1 tablespoon of water
- Raisins
- Honey (optional)

Here’s the fun:

1. Thaw the loaf of frozen bread dough for two 8-inch-tall bears. Use it while it is still cold.
 2. Cut the loaf in half. Set one of the halves aside for a few minutes while you form the first bear.
 3. Cut the dough into two even pieces and let your child roll one of the pieces into a ball with his hands. Set it on a large, greased cookie sheet for the body. Press it down to flatten slightly.
 4. Cut the other piece in half. Roll one of the halves into a ball for the head and place it above the body. You may need to pinch the two parts together.
 5. Pick off a small bit from the remaining piece for the snout. Cut the rest into six even pieces. Roll all seven small pieces into balls. Place a ball on the face for the snout, two ears at the top of the head, 2 arms at the sides of the body, and 2 legs to the bottom of the body.
 6. Make tiny slits in the dough and insert raisins for eyes and for a belly button. Repeat steps for second bear.
 7. Let them rise, covered with a damp towel or plastic wrap, for about 45 minutes in a warm place until doubled in size.
 8. Remove covering and brush some egg mixture on top of the bears. Bake at 350 F for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a cooling rack.
- TIP: Make several bears, and dress them up with thin ribbons tied around their necks. Set in a basket as treats at a teddy bear party.

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SCRAMBLERS

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- Recovery
- PUNTUR
- Trash
- BRIDES
- Daub
- MARES
- Widen
- GREEDD

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. Gumdrop or licorice | ___ A ___ | Model Crawford | ___ I ___ |
| 2. Grocery store help | ___ G ___ | Wisconsin’s animal | ___ D ___ |
| 3. Mission | Q ___ | Visitor | G ___ |
| 4. Actress Bacall | ___ N ___ | Victory wreath | ___ L ___ |
| 5. Windy month | ___ R ___ | Tennis game | ___ T ___ |
| 6. Ping pong racket | P ___ | Equestrian’s chair | S ___ |
| 7. Speak like a frog | ___ A ___ | Robber | ___ O ___ |
| 8. Ski resort town | ___ P ___ | Very pale | ___ H ___ |
| 9. Dog strap | ___ H ___ | Rental contract | ___ E ___ |
| 10. Park warden | ___ A ___ | Horseshoes score | ___ I ___ |

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- Jefferson Bethke



PAW'S CORNER By Sam Mazzotta

Fleas Spark Cat Spat

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I visited my friend's house with my cat back in March. Now, my friend says my cat, "Chuckles," gave her cat fleas. She wants me to pay for flea treatment. I say my cat doesn't have fleas and I don't owe her a thing. What do you say? -- Sierra in Modesto, California

DEAR SIERRA: This is one of those spats that sometimes end up being resolved on a TV court show. While entertaining for the audience, it can be heartbreaking for both parties and can end the friendship.

There is, of course, no proof that will convince your friend that Chuckles didn't have fleas back in March. She may not even accept the fact that it's possible to pick up fleas or flea eggs while walking outdoors and bring them into the house, where they can hatch and then hop on board a pet's fur. And now that flea and tick season is in full swing, what may have started out as a few fleas is now a full-blown infestation.

I'm not a relationship therapist, but if you value the friendship, offer to compromise somehow. You might pay for half the cost of the flea treatment -- topical treatments can be pricey. You could purchase flea prevention products and offer to help apply them in and around her home -- with the promise that you'll apply them to your home, too, as a preventative measure.

In the meantime, doublecheck that Chuckles is flea-free. Comb through his hair and look for dark speckles or visible fleas near his skin. If there are certain spots that he scratches frequently, pay special attention. Even the most diligent cat mamas may deal with fleas at the height of the season.

Learn more about flea prevention in my ebook, Fighting Fleas, available on Amazon.com. And send your flea prevention tips to ask@pawscorner.com.

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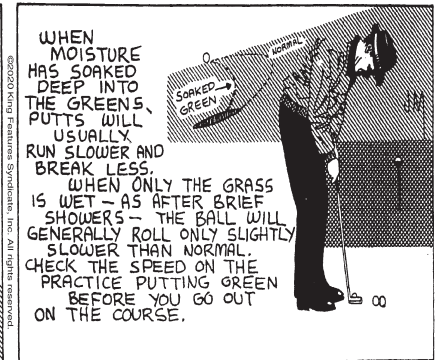
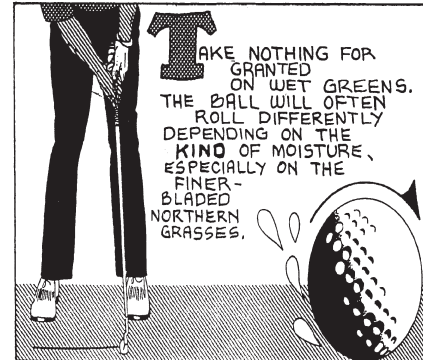
SPORTS QUIZ

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. Tommie Aaron, brother of Hank, hit how many home runs in his seven-season Major League Baseball career?
2. Bill Chadwick, the NHL's first U.S.-born referee and later a broadcaster for the New York Rangers, went by what nickname?
3. The name for the Albuquerque Isotopes Minor League Baseball club was inspired by a fictional team from what TV comedy series?
4. Jim Covert and Ed Sprinkle, two members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2020, spent their entire playing careers with what NFL franchise?
5. What traditional Japanese martial art is literally translated as "the way of the sword"?
6. Floyd Mayweather Jr. defeated what mixed martial arts superstar in a 2017 boxing megafight in Las Vegas?
7. What Croatia-born basketball player won three NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls from 1996-98 and was the 1996 NBA Sixth Man of the Year?

- Answers
1. 13. He hit eight of them in his 1962 rookie season.
 2. The Big Whistle.
 3. The Simpsons.
 4. The Chicago Bears.
 5. Kendo.

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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: O equals E

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Upturn; 2. Debris;
3. Smear; 4. Dredge

Today's Word
BUDGET

Even Exchange

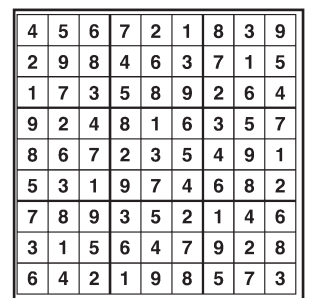
answers

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Candy, Cindy | 6. Paddle, Saddle |
| 2. Bagger, Badger | 7. Croak, Crook |
| 3. Quest, Guest | 8. Aspen, Ashen |
| 4. Lauren, Laurel | 9. Leash, Lease |
| 5. March, Match | 10. Ranger, Ringer |

CryptoQuip

answer

A notable sprinter was scheduled to compete in a meet, but he disappeared, lost without a race.





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