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A: Sundaes!



Q: "What kind of candy bar does an astronomer eat?"
A: A Milky Way!

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CHOCOLATE

by Kathy Wolfe

Annual worldwide consumption of chocolate exceeds \$100 billion worth, more than 3 billion pounds (1.36 billion kg)! Tidbits brings you the facts on this delicious confection.

• Our favorite sweet treat is derived from the cacao bean grown on a tree from the evergreen family. Each cacao pod holds between 20 and 60 beans surrounded by a sweet white pulp that farmers scoop out by hand. The beans are fermented for up to a week to develop the flavor and reduce bitterness before being dried, cleaned, and roasted.

• Cacao beans were cultivated as early as 1400 B.C. in Mexico, Central America, and South America. In 2007, anthropologists

discovered cacao residue on pottery from that period during an excavation in Honduras.

• The Aztecs believed that cacao was bestowed upon them by their gods and loved chocolate so much, they used the beans as currency. A turkey hen could be purchased for 100 cacao beans. The Aztec emperor Montezuma II, who ruled from 1503 to 1520, supposedly drank 50 cups of cocoa a day as an energy booster.

• Although cacao trees are native to the Americas, today nearly 70% of cacao trees are grown in Africa, with the bulk of those in the Ivory Coast, where warm and tropical conditions

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**VETERANS
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 by Freddy Groves

**Expansion of
 veterans cemeteries**

The VA awarded \$77 million in grants for 20 veteran cemeteries across the country during fiscal year 2025. These grants will allow the establishment of the first state veterans cemetery in Alaska (to serve 12,000 veterans) and the expansion of 19 others.

Besides the establishment of a veterans cemetery in Alaska, the grants will allow expansions of existing veterans cemeteries in Arizona (2), Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky (2), Massachusetts (2), Montana, New Mexico (2), North Carolina (3), Tennessee, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

In fiscal year 2025, more than 43,000 veterans were buried in grant funded cemeteries, with 124 cemeteries supported since the program began in 1980. Over the years, grants have provided over \$1 billion to these state cemeteries. The goal: to provide burial access within 75 miles of home to 94% of all veterans.

As an added benefit, veterans who

are buried in VA grant cemeteries are also included on the Veterans Legacy Memorial site (www.vlm.cem.va.gov).

The VLM is an online memorial with the records of over 10 million veterans who are buried at VA National Cemeteries, VA grant funded cemeteries such as the ones receiving grants this year, U.S. Park Service National Cemeteries, and many others. The Legacy page for each veteran is a place for family members, friends and former military comrades to add their own memories of the veteran.

To find a veteran's page, do a search on the VLM website. You need the veteran's first and last name, but you can fine-tune your search by adding year of death, the cemetery you want to search, the branch of service and other information.

If you want to add details to your veteran's legacy page, first look around at other pages to get an idea of the possibilities. You can add awards and decorations, career details, a military timeline, a biography, PDF documents that can include newspaper clippings, photos and much more.

To learn more about the VA's burial and memorial benefits, go to www.cem.va.gov/burial-memorial-benefits.

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 - GAMES:** Which letters in the English version of Scrabble are worth 10 points each?
 - MOVIES:** What is the name of Dr. Evil's cat in "Austin Powers in Goldmember"?
 - MEDICAL TERMS:** What is the common name for somnambulating?
 - TELEVISION:** What is the name of the town where "Veronica Mars" is set?
 - THEATER:** What is the first play written by an African American woman to be produced on Broadway?
 - LANGUAGE:** What is the official language of Austria?
 - MATH:** What is the smallest prime number?
 - GEOGRAPHY:** What is the only U.S. state with a one-syllable name?
 - MYTHOLOGY:** What is the home of the Norse gods?
- answers
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- By Fifi Rodriguez

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are ideal for the trees.

- Dark chocolate consists of cocoa solids, cocoa butter, and sugar. It doesn't contain the milk that milk chocolate does, with that variety being a mixture of milk powder or condensed milk, sugar, and 20% to 40% cocoa. A higher percentage of cocoa makes dark chocolate less sweet with a more intense flavor. Dark chocolate has a high content of antioxidants and is known to fight inflammation and to reduce the risk of heart disease.

- White chocolate contains no cocoa solids, and is a combination of cocoa butter, sugar, and milk, which produce its creamy texture. The purer the cocoa butter, the better the quality of white chocolate.

- Cocoa butter is the pale yellow creamy fat contained in the bean that makes chocolate's smooth melt possible. It's not just for the manufacture of chocolate – cocoa butter is also used in beauty products and pharmaceuticals, including products for anti-aging, skin hydration, relief of eczema, and hair conditioners that reduce frizz.

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- Chocolate, mixed with milk or water, was just a beverage until 1847 when a British chocolate company combined cocoa butter, sugar, and chocolate liquor to create the first

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molded hard chocolate bar.

- Nearly every baker has used Baker's chocolate when concocting special desserts. This essential ingredient wasn't named as such because bakers use it. In 1780, American physician Dr. James Baker purchased a chocolate company and named it the Baker Chocolate Company, which was passed on to his descendants. Until 1852, the company produced just one kind of chocolate, until an employee concocted a chocolate with a higher sugar content. The employee, Samuel German, named his creation

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Post-WWII alliance
- 5 Life story
- 8 Quick kiss
- 12 Challenger's words
- 14 Oklahoma tribe
- 15 Misses an opportunity
- 16 Without acting
- 17 Prattle
- 18 Contacts, e.g.
- 20 Vowel group
- 23 " — Misbehavin' "
- 24 Japanese noodle
- 25 Anthology
- 28 Pvt.'s superior
- 29 To the third power
- 30 Green shade
- 32 Cruised in style
- 34 Furnace fuel
- 35 Region (Abbr.)
- 36 Natural talents
- 37 Nap
- 40 Extinct bird
- 41 "Hulk" star Bana
- 42 Distributes
- 47 "Smallville" girl
- 48 Coffee bar order

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- 9 LAX postings
- 10 Natalie or Nat
- 11 Piano pieces?
- 13 Isaac's eldest
- 19 Author
- 20 Ger. neighbor
- 21 Jittery
- 22 Speck
- 23 Fossil resin
- 25 Incensed
- 26 Atop
- 27 Bicycle part
- 29 Guitarist
- 31 Gore and Pacino
- 33 MD's diagnostic order
- 34 Stopped
- 36 Dutch word for "farmer"
- 37 Actress Ward
- 38 401(k) relatives
- 39 Drei minus zwei
- 40 Star athletes, briefly
- 43 Equi-
- 44 Sugary suffix
- 45 Mex. neighbor
- 46 Great weight

DOWN

- 1 Zilch
- 2 Hubbub
- 3 Prof's aides
- 4 Salem's state
- 5 Invitation initials
- 6 Debtor's letters
- 7 Summarized
- 8 Unspecified travel destination

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“German’s Sweet Chocolate.” About 100 years later, in 1957, a newspaper in Dallas, Texas printed a recipe that utilized German’s product, and dubbed it “German’s Chocolate Cake.” It wasn’t too long before the recipe became German chocolate cake, a confection that had absolutely nothing to do with Germany.

• One sweet chocolate treat that does have its origins in Germany is the Black Forest Cake, known as “Schwarzwalder Kirschtorte,” and named for southwest Germany’s Black Forest region. In 1915, German pastry chef Josef Keller combined

chocolate sponge cake, cherry filling, and whipped cream infused with Kirschwasser, a cherry brandy made from the cherries in the Black Forest area. Devotees of this dessert assert that a genuine Black Forest cake must incorporate the cherries from the Schwarzwald territory.

• Who eats the most chocolate? It’s no surprise that Switzerland residents consume more chocolate than any other country in the world, with each person eating nearly 20 lbs. (10 kg) a year. German folks devour almost 18 lbs. (8.1 kg) annually, and Ireland is in third place with 17.4 lbs. (7.9 kg). Although Switzerland eats the most,

it’s not the top producer of the world’s chocolate. That honor belongs to Germany, with chocolate exports of \$6.25 billion a year, 17% of the world’s total exports.

• Belgium is the second-largest producer of chocolate, exporting \$4.1 billion worth, about 11% of the total exports. The Brussels, Belgium airport sells more chocolate than anywhere else in the world, about 800 tons each year, which computes to 3.3 lbs. (1.5 kg) every minute.

• America’s largest and oldest chocolate company was founded in Pennsylvania in 1894. Milton Hershey opened his chocolate factory after having been in the caramel business since 1886. The Hershey Chocolate Company’s first products were chocolate coatings for caramels, baking chocolate, semi-sweet products, and cocoa powder. The famous Hershey bar was introduced in 1900. Hershey now produces nearly 375 million Hershey bars every year, along with their many other brands, including, Reese’s peanut butter cups, Hershey kisses, Kit-Kat, Cadbury products, Heath bars, Mounds and Almond Joy, York, and Whoppers. More than 1 billion lbs. (454 million kg) of chocolate roll out of their various factories annually.

• It takes about 400 cacao beans to produce one pound of chocolate.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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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
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TOASTING to TOAST

"I'd like to make a toast!" said my friend at a happy family celebration. Without missing a beat, her nephew burst out, "Don't we need to get the toaster first?"

With all the toasting to 2026, I thought that I'd get literal and stretch the meaning, just like that spontaneous child, and welcome this new year with two recipes using toast. So, "here's a toast to toast!"

AVOCADO TOAST

I keep a stash of avocados in different stages of ripeness on my kitchen counter, never knowing when I'll need one to slice on a bed of fresh greens or mash, season and spread on toast for a tasty morning energy boost. I've been making the latter for years, so no wonder I was surprised while whiling away time on Instagram to find that avocado toast is "on trend," with multiple ways to enjoy it.

Here's how to prepare "Avocado Toast" for two: Peel and pit a ripe avocado. Mash in a bowl with a fork, leaving some chunks. Add a pinch of sea salt and juice from half of a lemon.

Toast two slices of your favorite bread. Spread half of the mixture on each slice, and garnish with some red pepper flakes and a drizzle of good olive oil (optional).



Cook's Tips: Get creative by topping the spread mixture with chopped, cooked bacon, goat cheese, salsa, and crushed tortilla chips -- or cracked pepper, sliced cherry tomatoes, and basil.

EGG IN A HOLE

Create memorable family traditions with your kids and grandkids, starting at breakfast with this whimsical presentation of eggs and toast. Some families call it "Toad in the Hole" or "Bird in a Nest" -- the list goes on. It's really nothing more than an egg cooked in the cut-out center of a piece of pan-made toast, but it's the off-kilter presentation that fancies it up.

Here's how to make one "Egg in a Hole": Use a 2-inch circle biscuit cutter or a similar sized metal cookie cutter to cut out the center of a slice of bread.

In a well-buttered pan, toast one side of the slice and cut-out piece for about 1 1/2 minutes. Flip. Add more butter to the pan.

Crack egg in the open center of the slice. Cover pan and cook slowly until whites are set and yoke thickens, about 3 1/2 to 4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with the toasted cutout. Pair with bacon or sausage.

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Antiques & Collecting
By Terry and Kim Kovel

KILIM RUGS

A kilim is a type of rug that originated in Asia, falling into the broad category of Oriental rugs. The earliest known examples were found in China, and the most famous come from western Asia. Unlike pile-woven rugs, which have a thick, tufted texture made from thousands of knotted threads,



Rugs aren't just for covering the floor. An antique kilim rug, a style originating in Western Asia, found another life as upholstery for a 20th-century bench.

kilims are flat woven, tapestry style, typically from wool. Their designs are usually geometric and often symbolic. Oriental rugs were introduced to western Europe and America by the 18th century.

Thanks to the quality of the weaving and beauty of the designs, they quickly became fashionable luxury items. They weren't just for the floor; paintings show them covering tables. Some decorators will hang them on the wall as decoration and extra insulation. The durable fabric, not to mention the attractive colors and patterns, also make them appealing options for upholstery.

This bench, which sold for \$594 at Thomaston Place Auction Galleries, is upholstered with a kilim. According to the description, it was made in the 20th century, but the fabric came from an earlier rug. It

may have been a way to repurpose a worn or damaged rug, indicating that what we now call upcycling has been around for a long time.

Q: I purchased this metal container about 40 years ago. The owner said he bought it in Japan. It is in perfect condition and has an ornate design with towers and a small boat floating among tall grasses. It seems to be made of bronze. What is it used for and what is your judgment of its value?

A: It sounds like you have a bronze censer, used for burning incense. Incense was used in Japan for Buddhist ceremonies by the sixth century and became an important part of Japanese culture and status symbol among the wealthy. Some Japanese censers

are made to use in tea ceremonies. Early censers were usually made of porcelain or wood. Bronze censers with elaborate decorations became popular in the late 19th to early 20th centuries. These are often collected today. Depending on their size and condition, bronze censers are usually worth about \$100 to \$400.

TIP: If you reupholster an antique piece of furniture, save some of the original fabric. Put it in an envelope and tape it to the bottom of the seat so future owners can know more about the original appearance. When selling a piece, this sort of history will add to the value.

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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.

1. Chimpanzee's home	___ U ___	Catchy tune	___ I ___
2. Bank safe	V ___	Flaw	F ___
3. Spring month	___ C ___	Swamp	___ S ___
4. From Deutschland	G ___	Novelist Melville	H ___
5. Eatery	___ N ___	Frogman	___ V ___
6. Ice cream spoon	___ C ___	Sailing vessel	___ L ___
7. Food cupboard	___ N ___	Trifling	___ L ___
8. Fire-starting stone	___ N ___	Coquette	___ R ___
9. Physical well-being	H ___	Financial prosperity	W ___
10. Goblet or beaker	___ L ___	Lawnmower target	___ R ___

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The Spats by Jeff Pickering

1. I PUT ALL OF OUR PLANTS INTO ALPHABETICAL ORDER

2. WOW, WHERE DID YOU FIND THE TIME??

3. RIGHT NEXT TO THE SAGE!!

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

1. GUYS, THOSE NEW GIRLS ARE COMING THIS WAY AND YOU BOTH ARE COVERED IN MUD!

2. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? THAT'S A TERRIBLE FIRST IMPRESSION!

3. WE FIGURED IF WE SET THEIR EXPECTATIONS LOW, ANYTHING WE DO WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT.

4. NEWS FLASH... YOU ARE MALE. THEIR EXPECTATIONS OF YOU ARE ALREADY VERY LOW.

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Now here's a tip!
by Amy Dawson

• Making your own flavored yogurt is cheap and much better for you. You can avoid a lot of added sugar. Start with plain, unflavored yogurt and add: pureed fruits, toasted oats, honey, vanilla or almond extract, plumped-up raisins (add enough hot water to cover a tablespoon of raisins and let sit for a minute or two). Yummy.

• “My son was allergic to something in store-bought toothpaste, and the ones at the health-food and specialty stores seemed so expensive. I got a “recipe” to make toothpaste and it works so well that we all use it now. Just mix 1/2 cup of baking soda with a pinch of sea salt and some peppermint oil. A few drops at a time and stirred in. I keep it in a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Shake a bit into a little cup

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and dip your toothbrush into it. It scrubs off stains and is refreshing. The salty taste takes some getting used to, but it feels really clean for hours. Love it!” — *K.S. in Florida*

• “A pinch of salt tossed in the coffee grounds will cut the bitterness in lower-quality coffee. This is especially useful if you get a good deal on a can of coffee that’s not your normal brand.” — *P.L. in New Jersey*

• You can easily extend the amount of ground meat you have with lentils or oatmeal. They maintain a meaty texture and take up some of the flavor of the meat. There’s a reason Grandma used oatmeal in her meatballs, too: It helps the meat retain moisture.

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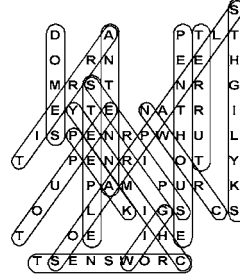
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Answer

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8	5	7	4	2	1	6	9	3
4	2	1	3	6	9	5	8	7
9	4	5	6	8	3	7	2	1
1	3	8	7	9	2	4	5	6
7	6	2	5	1	4	8	3	9
6	1	9	2	5	7	3	4	8
5	7	3	9	4	8	1	6	2
2	8	4	1	3	6	9	7	5

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Answers

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U	D	O	N	O	M	N	I	B	U	S	
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Y	A	C	H	T	E	D	C	O	A	L	
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L	A	N	A	E	S	P	R	E	S	S	
A	S	S	N	D	O	S	O	E	A	N	

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- One of the earliest and most complete written legal codes established by the Babylonian King Hammurabi.
- Q and Z.
- Mr. Bigglesworth.
- Sleepwalking.
- Neptune, California.
- “A Raisin in the Sun,” by Lorraine Hansberry, 1959.

- German.
8. 2.
- Maine.
- Asgard.

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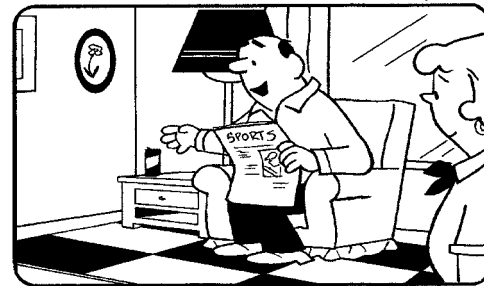
- Donna M. Pettman
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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Jungle, Jingle | 6. Scoop, Sloop |
| 2. Vault, Fault | 7. Pantry, Patry |
| 3. March, Marsh | 8. Flint, Flirt |
| 4. German, Herman | 9. Health, Health |
| 5. Diner, Diver | 10. Glass, Grass |

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is shorter. 2. Window sill is higher. 3. Bow is larger. 4. Paper is longer. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Sleeve is different.



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Those Annoying Little Nips

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We took our 2-year-old German shepherd to the vet last month to have a cyst removed. The surgery went fine; however, ever since Max came home he has been "playfully" biting and nipping at our hands and arms. We thought we trained him out of this behavior. Why has he resumed it? —Mary G. in Greenville, S.C.

A: Ouch! A playful nip from a puppy can be annoying, but from a nearly adult dog -- especially a big German

Strange BUT TRUE

by Lucie Winborne

- Giraffes have no vocal cords but can still communicate with low-frequency sounds.
- In 1926, Clyde Barrow, of Bonnie and Clyde fame, was arrested with his older brother Buck for possession of a truckload of stolen turkeys.
- The first recorded cookbook was written in cuneiform on tablets in ancient Babylon around 1700 B.C.
- Gioachino Rossini's aria "Di tanti palpiti" was known throughout Europe as "the rice aria," since it was composed while he waited in a Venice restaurant for his risotto to cook.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phippe



shepherd -- that nip can be downright painful.

Puppies first exert this behavior with their littermates. Light biting and nipping (mouthing) is a form of play, but like all play, it has a purpose: The puppies are testing each other, trying to see who is the dominant pack member. If you've ever observed the mother of this litter, you know that the puppies rarely try this behavior with her -- because she's the pack leader. Those little nips are silenced by a low but meaningful growl from the parent.

Mouthing is not an acceptable behavior in your home, either, and active and playful dogs often go through months of consistent training and re-

inforcement to curb their urge to nip at family members. Max was trained not to do this, but now he has started up again.

Max may have reverted to this behavior because of the stressful event that just took place. Being stretched out on a table, knocked out and operated on can upset anyone, and in this case Max could feel that his place in the world has been upended.

However, just because your dog may be feeling insecure, it does not excuse his behavior. Reinforce his earlier training. Establish the fact that you are the "pack leaders" and will not tolerate playful bites. Keep to a consistent training (and feeding and

sleeping) schedule, especially for the next couple of months. Getting Max into his regular routine and letting him know you are still in charge may be the reassurance he needs that everything is all right.

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