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Written By: Julianne Endres  
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What's an Easter Bunny's favorite vegetable to grow? (hint- it's not carrots)  
A: Eggplant!

Q: What did the magician say after the rabbit vanished?

Q: Hare today, gone tomorrow!

Q: Which side of the Easter Bunny has the most fur?

A: The outside!

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## HAPPY EASTER

by Kathy Wolfe

Easter falls on Sunday, April 5 this year, but that's not always the date. Read along as Tidbits presents the facts on how the date is determined as well as other info on this holiday that marks the end of the Lenten season.

• The calculation to determine the date of Easter is a little complicated. It always falls on the first Sunday after the full moon date that falls on or after March 21. But if the full moon is on a Sunday, Easter moves to the following Sunday. Easter can fall on any date between March 22 and April 25.

• To Christians, Easter eggs symbolize the tomb of Jesus, from which He was resurrected from the dead. Beginning centuries ago, during the Lenten season, the 40 days of prayer preceding Easter, eating eggs was prohibited, as believers abstained from meat and animal products. As the fasting ended, eggs were decorated as a festive way of celebrating the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

• How did a rabbit become a symbol of Easter? Eostre was the Germanic mythological goddess of fertility and Spring, with an animal symbol of a rabbit, due to their high degree of reproduction. As far back as 1682, a German folk tale told of a hare hiding eggs in gardens and bushes for children to find. German immigrants brought the tradition to Pennsylvania during the 1700s.

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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## Protecting your benefits

On a recent National Slam the Scam Day for 2026, the VA stepped up, along with other federal agencies, with an array of information to keep veterans safe from scams and fraud. Thieves don't just work one day per year, however. We need to stay vigilant all year long to protect our benefits and personal information from getting to the scammers.

Why do they want us? Because we have income and benefits.

How do they approach us? Phone calls, emails, text messages, social media, phishing, impersonation, fake charities -- you name it, the crooks have thought of it as a way to get to us.

If you're approached, whether on the phone or in email, the more urgent the problem, the more likely it's a scam. A scammer might pretend to be from the VA and try to claim there's something wrong with your benefits -- and that you need to hand over your personal information so they can "fix" the problem. They might want your bank account access info or password, your Social Security number, your date of birth. The answer is no.

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>**



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- Australians greet Spring with the Easter Bilby, a long-eared marsupial mammal that lives in burrows. The Easter Cuckoo brings candy and gifts to children in Switzerland, while in Russia, dogs lay the Easter eggs.

- About 90 million chocolate bunnies are produced worldwide every year. Bunnies weren't always made of chocolate. Up until the mid-1800s when chocolate molds became commonly available to chocolatiers, bunnies were created by hand from cardboard or paper mache and filled with treats. The molds were used to create solid chocolate bunnies.

- In 1890, a Pennsylvania merchant ordered up a giant chocolate bunny to display in his shop's window to attract customers during the Easter season. The bunny was such a hit, it earned Robert

Strohecker the nickname "Father of the Easter Bunny Business." Robert's grandson Ben established Harbor Sweets Chocolates in 1973, and the company continues to create handmade chocolates, including smaller versions of Robert's original sculpture.

- In 2017, a team of nine professionals from Brazil's Equipe da Casa do Chocolate created what remains the world's largest chocolate rabbit. The team worked for eight days on the sculpture that stood nearly 15 feet tall (4.52 m), 7 feet wide (2.11 m), and 6 feet wide (1.76 m). Final weight for the bunny was 9,359.7 lbs. (4,245.5 kg).

- Brazil is also home to the world's largest decorated Easter egg, standing 54 feet, 10.3 in. tall (16.72 m) with a 35 ft., 8.35-inch diameter (10.88 m). The people of Pomerode, Brazil fashioned the egg in 48 days for their annual Easter festival in 2023, painting it in a multicolored Kashubian

Slavic folk art style. But this egg wasn't destined to be eaten, since it was made out of welded steel on the inside and foam and canvas on the outside shell.

- The world's largest edible Easter egg was made in 2011 in Tosca, Italy, measuring just over 34 feet tall (10.39 m), and more than 64 feet wide (19.6 m). The egg's weight was 15,873 lbs. (7,200 kg), about the equivalent of two orca whales.

- Hot cross buns are traditionally eaten on Good Friday, marking the end of the Lenten season. The ingredients contained in the buns symbolize elements of the crucifixion of Jesus, such as the spices representing the spices to embalm Him. Orange peel signifies the bitterness of Jesus' time on the cross, while the cross marking in icing on the top of the bun symbolizes the cross itself. Written accounts support the claim that 14th-century monk Brother Thomas Rodcliffe was the

first to bake and distribute the buns to the poor on Good Friday in 1361. In 1767, a nursery rhyme published in the "London Chronicle" contained the line "One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns."

- In 1885, the Russian czar Alexander III commissioned a jeweled egg from the House of Faberge as an Easter gift for his wife, Empress Maria Feodorovna. The egg was known as the Hen Egg, with a white enameled shell on the outside and a golden yolk inside that opened to a golden hen and miniature diamond crown. Over the next 32 years, Gustav Faberge created 69 more jeweled Easter eggs, of which 61 have survived. Fifty of them were "Imperial Eggs," exclusively for the Russian czars, eggs made from gold, silver, diamonds, and pearls, with each containing a "surprise" on the inside, such as mechanical devices

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or miniature portraits. Eight Imperial Eggs remain unaccounted for. The Russian Revolution of 1917 led to the overthrow of the Romanov dynasty, and many eggs were lost or sold. Faberge himself fled to Switzerland, where he died three years later.

• Three Faberge eggs are part of England's Royal Collection, and American publisher Malcolm Forbes amassed a collection of nine, purchasing his first in the 1960s. One Imperial Easter Egg, made from solid 18-karat gold, was lost until 2012, when a flea market scrap metal dealer recognized it and purchased it for \$14,000. Its current estimated value is \$33 million, the world's most expensive Easter egg.

• Every year on the Monday after Easter, the White House hosts its annual Easter egg roll on the South Lawn of the grounds. It began in 1878 during

the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes. In 1889, President Benjamin Harrison added music to the celebration, provided by the United States Marine Band. No Easter Egg Rolls were held during World War I from 1917 to 1920 or World War II from 1943 to 1945. White House renovations prevented the festivities from 1946 to 1952. Bad weather put a halt to the egg rolls in several years, and Covid-19 halted the fun in 2020 and 2021. President Ronald Reagan started a new tradition in 1981, when wooden eggs bearing autographs of celebrities became the day's keepsakes. Today, wooden eggs are inscribed with the signatures of the President and First Lady, and are gifted to all those 13 years old and younger. Tickets to the event are free and are offered through an online lottery system. More than 40,000 participated in 2025's Egg Roll.

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- 2. MOVIES:** In the "Star Wars" movies, which character wields a purple lightsaber?
- 3. GAMES:** In Monopoly, how much money do players get when they pass "Go"?
- 4. FOOD & DRINK:** Which fast-food chain's 1970s jingle began, "Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, special orders don't upset us"?
- 5. TELEVISION:** What holiday did George's dad invent in the sitcom "Seinfeld"?
- 6. ANATOMY:** How many skin cells does the average human being shed in a minute?
- 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** How many presidents have won the Nobel Peace Prize?
- 8. ASTRONOMY:** How many moons does Mars have?
- 9. LITERATURE:** What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl in the novel series?
- 10. SCIENCE:** What is the boiling point of water in Celsius?

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
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**GO FIGURE!**

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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**What to do if your pet is poisoned**

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My Labrador mix, "Saucy," likes to roam over the fields around our home during the day. Yesterday, he arrived on our back step looking terrible. He was panting rapidly and drooling. He was irritable and didn't want to be touched. I called the vet and was told to wrap him in a blanket and bring him straight in. Saucy vomited a few times on the way to the vet and became very lethargic.

The vet thinks he got into a local farmer's fertilizer or herbicide, and Saucy is now at their hospital receiving fluids and supportive care. He's pulled through the night and hopefully will recover. In the meantime, I'm fencing off part of our yard to keep him near the house in the future. -- James N. in upstate New York

**DEAR JAMES:** I'm glad you were able to get Saucy to the vet so quickly, and hope he recovers fully. Noticing the symptoms of poisoning in pets is so important to getting them help and appropriate care as fast as possible. Some poisons can cause progressive damage to the organs, so getting the veterinarian involved immediately is crucial.

Food, cleaning supplies, certain plants and

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Q: What jewelry does the Easter Bunny wear?  
A: 14-carrot gold.

many medications can make pets very ill if ingested. Pets can get into things without us knowing, despite our best efforts. That's why it's important to pay attention if you notice any unusual symptoms in your dog or cat.

Some symptoms are easy to spot, like excessive drooling, vomiting or diarrhea, trembling or lethargy. Others are more subtle, like a loss of appetite or a change in the color of their gums. If you notice any of these symptoms, or your pet seems off somehow, contact the veterinarian.

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**Case of Anaphylactic Shock Might Be Due To Methocarbamol**

DEAR DR. ROACH: My question is about methocarbamol (Robaxin). My relative has been taking this for about two years for back pain. He then developed a sudden severe allergic reaction and went into anaphylaxis. He fought it all night, not knowing what was happening, and by morning, he had to go to the hospital. Could this be due to methocarbamol? If so, can this happen again?

He has no known allergies, and this had never happened before. The only other thing was maybe burning a lemon-scented candle in his bedroom, but he's burned candles before in his bedroom. He is 27 years old and in good health. -- B.G.

ANSWER: Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic

reaction to a foreign protein or carbohydrate (called an "allergen"). It is caused by a release of inflammatory chemicals from immune cells. It can be antibody-mediated (more common) or occur without antibodies (less common).

These chemicals can cause swelling of the airway and death through asphyxiation. They can also affect the heart and blood vessels, causing shock and circulatory collapse, which can also lead to death. The onset of symptoms is typically minutes to hours after exposure to the allergen.

In 95% of cases, the symptoms disappear, but there are cases of "biphasic anaphylaxis" where symptoms reappear usually within 12 hours. There are unusual cases of very delayed anaphylaxis, such as with alpha-gal syndrome -- a meat allergy that is acquired after tick exposure.

Medications are one of the most common causes of anaphylaxis, and I did find case reports of anaphylaxis with methocarbamol in

a person who had been taking it previously. I found another case report of a person with prolonged anaphylaxis after methocarbamol. It is uncommon but not impossible to develop anaphylaxis to a medicine that you have been taking for years.

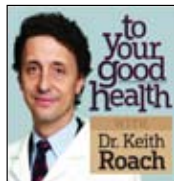
If your relative isn't taking any other medications and had no unusual foods on that day, I strongly suspect that methocarbamol was the cause and recommend never taking it again as it can absolutely happen again.

A candle smoke allergy is documented, and a variety of symptoms can be caused by candle smoke in sensitive individuals. I found a source saying that anaphylaxis from inhaling candle smoke is "rare" but could not find a well-documented case.

Finally, methocarbamol is a muscle relaxant and isn't always a good choice for long-term treatment. My experience is that in many people, the beneficial effects wear off as the body gets used to the medicine, which can happen within a week.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).

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**Even Exchange** by Donna Pettman

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6. Win, ____, or show	__ L __ _ _	Cease fire	__ E __ _ _
7. Whiten with bleach	__ L __ _ _ _	Twig	__ R __ _ _ _
8. Like an empty page	__ _ A _ _ _	Eye movement	__ _ I _ _ _
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**Entertaining Is Easy With Oven-Baked Cheese Sandwiches**

Is there such a thing as “easy entertaining”? In spite of my intentions, parties always become a bit of a production, with my long to-do lists and shoutouts to kids to run last-minute trips to the store to pick up mushrooms for gravy -- or to our Scandinavian market for lingonberries and herring. By the time I light ice candles on our porch to welcome guests, I have to ask myself, “Could I have simplified this?”

Sometimes I want to keep our welcome candles burning for all but skip a bit of the fancy and go for the easy prep. After all, it’s the get-together that matters, right? Spending time around the table eating, laughing and connecting with family and friends matters the most.

This is where making and serving oven-baked grilled cheese sandwiches for a crowd saves the day. Bake them in the oven all at once instead of the traditional way of grilling them in batches on your stovetop in a frying pan. They’ll be evenly browned, done at the same time, and ready to be paired with a bowl of piping hot soup, such as fragrant basil tomato soup.

Slice the sandwiches in half diagonally and watch your guests enjoy dipping the pointed ends into the soup. Crispy, gooey and tasty -- you’ll be creating fond food memories! Here is my basic

oven-baked grilled cheese sandwich recipe. Feel free to embellish it with spicy mustard or mayo sauce spread inside and add additional varieties of cheese. Sometimes I include a pinch of kale or other fresh greens I have on hand.

**EASY-PREP OVEN-BAKED GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES**

*Makes 6 sandwiches*

- 12 slices white bread a half-inch thick, such as pre-sliced Texas toast
- Butter, softened for spreading
- 6 thick slices cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 450 F. Set parchment paper on a large baking sheet. Ask your child to count and place 6 slices of bread on the parchment-lined sheet. Butter each piece and flip over.

Lay a slice of cheese on the unbuttered side. Top with another slice of bread. Butter top side. Bake in the oven for 5-6 minutes until bread is toasted on exposed side.

Flip with a spatula and bake an additional 5 minutes until golden brown and cheese is just melted. Cool for 2 minutes. Slice in half diagonally and arrange on a platter. Serve with hot bowls of your favorite tomato soup!

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**WORD POWER**  
Unscramble this word:

LROHTCIOEAC

A person who creates thousands of a favorite Easter treat



**Fun Fact**

The painting “Salvator Mundi,” done by Leonardo da Vinci, fetched \$450 million, the highest ever paid for art, at a Christie’s auction in 2017. It was acquired by an anonymous buyer on behalf of the Saudi Prince Al Saud. The painting now falls under the stewardship of the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Culture.

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By Terry and Kim Kovel

# SALT DISHES

Salt has played an important role in human history as it does at the dinner table. It provides necessary nutrients, and it made food preservation possible long before refrigeration. The difficulty of obtaining it and the amount of processing required made it extremely valuable.

Many known prehistoric towns were salt production sites; human migration, trade, and even wars have been driven by access to salt. For centuries, salt was served at the table in open dishes, which collectors may call salt cellars, salt dishes open salts, or simply "salts."

It wasn't until the 1900s, after the discovery of



Most of us are used to having a saltshaker available at any meal. Ornately decorated salt dishes call back to a time when it was a luxury.

additives that allowed for a finer grind and prevented lumping, that the familiar saltshaker became commonplace. Even then, some companies continued making salt dishes. They were often highly decorative, like this three-part open salt that sold for \$584 at Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates. It was made in Czechoslovakia and dates to the 1920s. It features the rich colors and elaborate decorations collectors associate with the region's glassware.

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Q: Being the curator at the Ward-Thomas Museum for over 40 years, we sometimes have strange things donated to the museum and become perplexed in trying to determine what they are and what they are used for. Such is the case of the 9x19-inch wooden board with many wire bars that slide into attached slots. A ledge-like piece on one side holds the wire bars in place. The wooden frame that holds the metal bars looks worn, leading me to believe it was held in some person's hands while using the item. If it is a part of something else, we do not know. There is no instruction pamphlet.

A: This came as a challenge to us, too, but we suspect that what you have is a pleater, or "plaiter," as it used to be called, to make pleats in fabric for home sewing. Similar devices, wooden boards about the same size with movable metal bars, were patented as "plaiters" in the late 1800s. Unlike the fluted irons or mechanical rollers available at the time, also known as crimpers or rufflers, these pleaters allowed for different types and sizes of pleats. Some surviving examples have paper labels with the maker's name and instructions for use, but these labels wear away easily.

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**TIP:** A small chip in a glass goblet or vase can be ground off by a glass-repair expert, but there is little that can be done for cracks.

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**Lamp**, oil, Vaseline glass, Sheldon swirl, opalescent, clear pressed stand, round foot, hurricane shade, 16 inches, \$90.

**Toy**, Kiddy Cyclist, child on tricycle, red overalls, animals on wheels, multi-color, tin lithograph, windup, Unique Art Mfg., 8 1/2 inches, \$110.

**Barber**, pole, red, white and blue stripe, paper, glass tube, steel and chrome caps, aluminum bracket, turns, lights up, William Marvy, 1950s, 18 1/2 inches, \$450.

**Furniture**, day bed, Regency, mahogany, upholstered seat, turned ball feet, high scrolled arms, 31 x 85 inches, \$1,660.

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L W X B A N D I C O O T T W  
U K S U O N E V A R T R S O S  
S N O R E H C R E P Q P C O B  
N L K G N I B O R S I D J H G

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: Long Spiked Hair in the Middle

Bandicoot	Crowed	Handover	Ravenus
Beagle	Demure	Lawrence	Stephen
Botswana	Disrobing	Percheron	Stern
Clarksburg	Gulley	Prowl	

answers on page 7  
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• A good non-slip bathmat is essential in the tub to prevent accidents. Grab an extra to drape over the edge of the tub for help when entering and exiting.

• "To remove residue left over from price tags, you can use hairspray. Remove as much paper as possible, then give a good squirt. Use a plastic scraper to lightly scrape off the adhesive." -- L.P. in Ohio

• Got bread ends? Store in a bag in the freezer until you need breadcrumbs for a recipe. Pulse frozen chunks in a chopper or blender for instantly usable crumbs.

• "Guacamole is a precious commodity at my house, but sometimes I want a snack, not a whole bowl. I have struggled with how to save the leftovers, because once it browns,

it's done. I learned a new trick, though. Simply put the leftovers in the smallest container possible and tamp down to press out all the air. Then carefully add a thin layer of water. Seal and refrigerate for up to three days. When you are ready to dip, pour off the water and stir!" -- C.D. in California

• "I have an old cedar chest from my grandmother. It had lost its smell, though. My husband removed all the contents and sanded it with superfine grit sandpaper. It is restored and smells wonderful now." -- J.K. in Iowa

• Need a quick measure? A paper bill (U.S. currency) is exactly 6 inches long.

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**Puzzle Answers**

**TRIVIA ANSWERS**

1. British Columbia.
2. Mace Windu.
3. \$200.
4. Burger King.
5. Festivus.
6. 30,000 to 40,000.
7. Four: Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama.
8. Two: Phobos and Deimos.
9. Hedwig.
10. 100 degrees C.

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**WORD POWER ANSWER**  
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**Even Exchange answers**

1. Oldest, Oddest
2. Paris, Parts
3. Austin, Dustin
4. Camper, Casper
5. Phony, Peony
6. Place, Peace
7. Blanch, Branch
8. Blank, Blink
9. Pride, Prime
10. Shore, Short

**King Crossword Answers**

Solution time: 25 mins.

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**Go Figure!**  
answers

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+	+	+				
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**WORDS WITH BIRDS**

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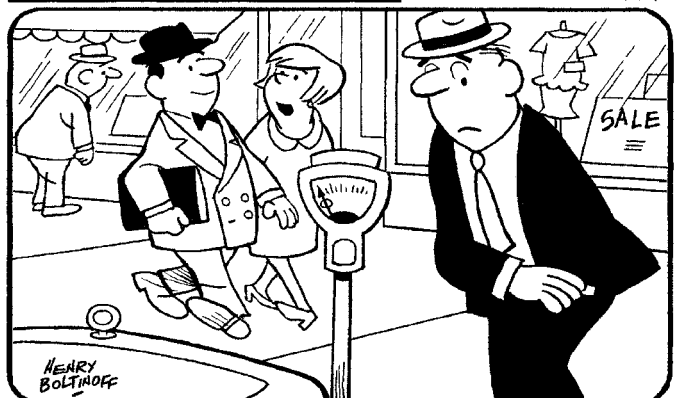
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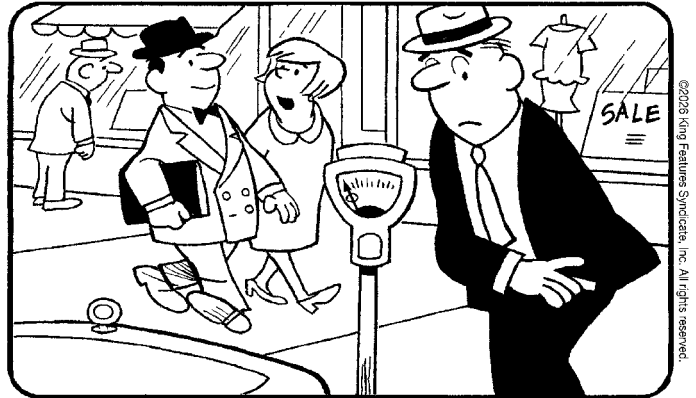
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Answer

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

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Meter is moved. 2. Tag on dress in window is missing. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Awning is not as wide.

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The Beast from "Beauty and the Beast" is a combination of several different animals, with a lion's mane, buffalo's head and beard, gorilla's brow, tusks of a wild boar, bear's body, legs and tail of a wolf ... and eyes of a human.
- Sweden is so efficient at waste disposal that only 1% of its garbage goes to landfills.
- Viking burials included board games.
- When making badminton shuttlecocks, the most prized feathers are said to come from a goose's left wing.
- A young man from Arizona saved a woman's life by using CPR he'd learned from watching an episode of "The Office."
- The German version of the term "average Joe" is Otto Normalverbraucher, or "Otto normal consumer."

- The 1967 Outer Space Treaty prohibits any nation from trying to own the moon.
- In parts of Europe, folks believe that if you light a cigarette from a candle, a sailor will die.
- Spiders recycle webs by eating them.
- Beethoven was notably particular about his coffee, ensuring that his morning brew was made with precisely 60 beans per cup.
- A study has shown that dunking an Oreo in milk for three seconds renders the optimal balance between sogginess and structural integrity.
- Sloths may be the only animals that don't fart.
- "Family Feud" host Richard Dawson met his second wife, Gretchen Johnson, when she was a contestant on the show -- and yes, he kissed her.

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## The Garden Bug

### Early spring tasks

Start your spring clean-up with the largest tasks first, such as clearing off the roof, cleaning gutters and clearing away any tree branch problems. Spruce up the front door, porchlights, kickplates and other entryway items, and inspect your windows for maintenance needs. Gently remove matted leaves to uncover emerging spring bulbs, but wait until *after* several 50-degree-Fahrenheit spring days to clean up all leaf litter. Some beneficial insects spend the winter in such dead material and need a few warmer days to get moving. —Brenda Weaver

Sources: awaytogarden.com budmatthews.com

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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Sticks (out)
- 5 Govt. loan agcy.
- 8 Answer an invite
- 12 Canyon comeback
- 13 Chest muscle
- 14 Andy's boy
- 15 Israeli airline
- 16 Dumpster explorer
- 17 Spoken
- 18 Costa Rica neighbor
- 20 "Good as new," for one
- 22 Crow's greeting
- 23 French diarist Anais
- 24 Pedestal
- 27 Nevada gambling city
- 32 Recipe abbr.
- 33 "Sixth sense"
- 34 U.K. recording label
- 35 Document destroyer
- 38 Love god
- 39 Numerical prefix
- 40 Discoverer's call
- 42 Aid
- 45 More serene
- 49 La Scala melody

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- 50 Genesis vessel
- 52 "Othello" villain
- 53 Taxpayer IDs
- 54 Fish eggs
- 55 Streetcar
- 56 Wise one
- 57 Summer hrs. in D.C.
- 58 Robust
- 5 Really spread out
- 6 Actress Arthur
- 7 Performs
- 8 Rent sharer
- 9 Spaniel type
- 10 Test tube
- 11 Soccer legend
- 19 Bell or Barker (Abbr.)
- 24 "Dynamite" band
- 25 Blond shade
- 26 Tidying (up)
- 28 Enzyme suffix
- 29 Toothed wheel
- 30 "I love," to Ovid
- 31 Bro's sib
- 36 Sheathe
- 37 God, to Galileo
- 38 Crude stone artifact
- 41 "That's a laugh!"
- 42 Lip
- 43 — Major
- 44 Exceptional
- 46 Kate of "The Martian"
- 47 Alike (Fr.)
- 48 Apple variety
- 51 Scepter

## DOWN

- 1 Army transport
- 2 Golden State sch.
- 3 Compared to
- 4 Comfort

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