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by Kathy Wolfe

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- The average ear measures about 2.5 inches (6.3 cm) long, with the ear lobe about 0.74 inches (1.88 cm) and 0.77 inches (1.96 cm) wide. Even as an adult, your ear continues to get larger.
- Hearing might seem like a simple process, but rest assured that your ears comprise a complex system of parts. A lot of functions occur from the millisecond that sound enters your ear.
- The outer ear, also known as the auricle or pinna, consists of cartilage and skin attached to the outside of the head. Think of it as a megaphone that directs sound into the auditory canal. The outer ear ends at the eardrum, where the middle ear (also called the tympanic cavity) starts. The eardrum, officially known as the tympanic membrane, is less than 0.7 inches (17.8 mm) in size, and moves less than one billionth of an inch during the hearing process. After sound waves pass through the auditory canal, they reach the eardrum, which vibrates as the waves strike it, much like a drum hit by a drumstick. However, the eardrum is not flat like the head of a drum, but rather is cone-shaped.

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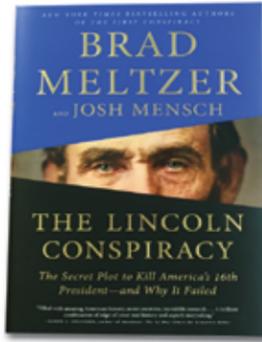


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- The size of your eardrum won't change over the course of a lifetime – it's the same from infancy to adulthood.
- Just past the eardrum lie the body's three smallest bones, so tiny that all three can be placed together on a penny. They're also the body's most fragile bones. As a group, they're known as "middle ear ossicles," but individually they are the hammer, the anvil, and the stirrup. Each derives its name from the Latin word for its shape – the hammer comes from "malleus," anvil from "incus," and stirrup from "stapes." Together the three form a bridge to carry the vibrations forward and amplify sounds.
- The hammer is directly behind and connected to the eardrum on one end. The other end forms a hinge with the anvil, and the anvil's opposite end is fused with the stirrup. The stirrup then connects to the end of the middle ear, and

transmits vibrations to the inner ear through what is known as the oval window, which is a network of passages and tubes.

- The innermost part of the ear contains the cochlea, a spiral-shaped organ similar to the shape of a snail, about the size of a pea. The fluid of the cochlea holds upwards of 20,000 hair cells, or sensory neurons, which react to the sound waves as they travel through the liquid. The cells then release chemicals and transform the waves into electrical signals that are carried by auditory nerves to the brain. Once these impulses reach the brain's auditory center, the sound is heard, all in less than the blink of an eye!
- If the hair cells are damaged or destroyed, hearing loss results. Factors in damage include the aging process, excessive exposure to noise, toxic substances, or lack of adequate blood supply. Because these hair cells do not regenerate, most hearing loss is irreversible.
- Why do your ears pop at high altitudes or in an airplane? That's because of your Eustachian tube, a tube in the middle ear that links the ear to the nasopharynx, found behind the mouth and nasal cavity. This little tube, just 1.4 inch (35 mm) long and 0.12 in. (3 mm) across, functions to stabilize pressure in the middle ear with outside air pressure. When changes in pressure occur, it may feel like the ears are blocked, and it's necessary to equalize the pressure by pushing air into the tube, which can be accomplished by swallowing, yawning, or chewing gum. The Eustachian tube is also responsible for draining mucus from the middle ear. Allergies or infections can cause the tube to become swollen, trapping the fluid, which can lead to ear infections.
- Your ears never get a rest! Even when you're sleeping, ears are picking up sounds. It's the brain that blocks them out, enabling you to sleep. In deep sleep, the brain tunes out normal noise, although loud noises might jolt you out of it.

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- Tiny pores within the ear canal produce ear wax, which is really the ear's method of cleaning and protecting itself. The wax, which has antibacterial qualities, protects the ear canal by keeping it lubricated and blocking pollutants from the inner ear. Tiny hairs in the ear canal are responsible for pushing the wax out. For many people, too much ear wax can press against the eardrum and impair hearing ability, requiring their ears to be cleaned by a medical professional. However, cleaning out ear wax too frequently can actually lead to deafness by damaging the eardrum.

- Ears not only help you hear, they help you walk! Three canals within the inner ear contain fluid that helps you maintain your balance. When you move, the fluid shifts and alerts sensory hair cells that in turn notify the brain of your position. You might experience vertigo as a result of an inner ear infection because of its effect on the fluids.

- Decibels are the units used to measure the intensity of a sound wave. Zero decibels is the quietest sound that a healthy ear can hear. Rustling leaves measure 20 dB, while a whisper is 30 dB. A normal human speaking voice is 60 dB. Alarm clocks register between 65 and 80 dB, and an emergency vehicle siren reaches 115 dB. Because hearing loss is the third most common health problem in the United States, it's important to protect hearing at all cost. Regular exposure to 110 dB for longer than one minute can cause hearing loss. Sitting close to speakers at a concert registering about 120 dB can damage hearing in as little as 7.5 minutes. Any sound above 140 dB can cause immediate damage. The bad news is there is no repair for hearing damage. Once it's done, it's done.

- When a sound exceeds a certain frequency, the ear will ring or buzz. This isn't the same as the chronic condition known as tinnitus, which produces ringing, buzzing, hissing, chirping, whistling, and other types of sounds. The sound might be sporadic or constant, and can fluctuate in volume. About 90% of people with tinnitus have experienced noise-induced hearing loss, often due to their occupation. Those who work with loud devices, such as construction workers, landscapers, agricultural and forestry workers, and pilots, all have a higher risk. Repeated listening to loud music is also a major contributor.

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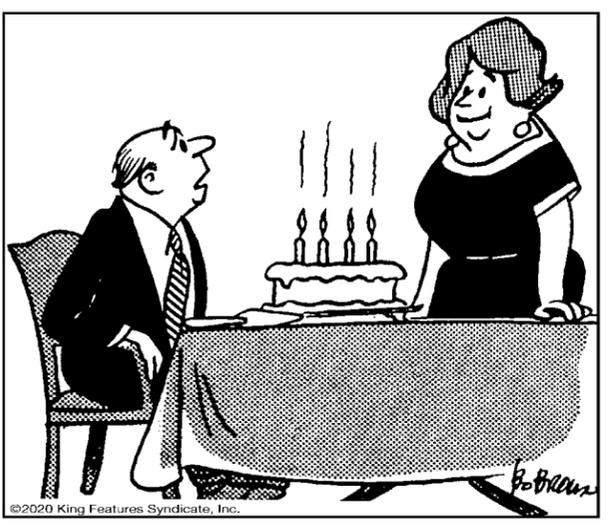
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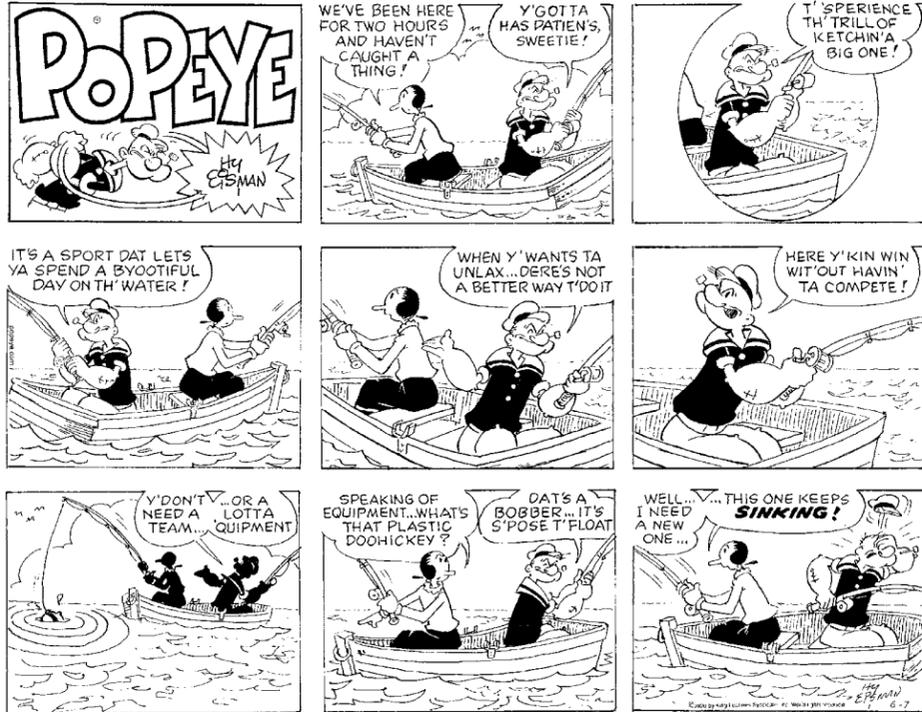
TIDBITS QUOTE

“You have two eyes and two ears, but only one mouth. This is so because you are supposed to look and listen more than you talk.” -- Lucca Kaldahl

LAFF - A - DAY



“When are you going to start having birthdays again, Irma? I'm tired of growing old alone.”



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 22 "You've got mail" co.
 23 Really fun time
 26 Leave out
 30 Thither
 31 Beer cousin
 32 Queue
 33 Shout out
 36 Co-star with Ball, Arnaz and Frawley
 38 Branch
 39 Dine
 40 Larynx output
 43 Surpasses
 47 "My bad"
 49 By word of mouth
 50 Night light?
 51 Atmosphere
 52 Loosen
 53 Paquin or
 54 Final (Abbr.)

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 1 Land measure
 2 Sauce thickener
 3 Stylish
 4 Sweethearts
 5 Klutzy
 6 Adjoining
 7 Leno's net-work
 8 "Is that so?"
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17 Sporty Camaro
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY! *answers on page 7*

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by Lucie Winborne

- Following the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, thousands of hairstylists and alpaca farmers donated over 19 warehouses worth of cut hair to help absorb the spilled oil.
- Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula," or "Town of Our Lady the Queen of Angels of the River Porciuncula." Now you know why people usually just call it "L.A."
- Sex expert Dr. Ruth was trained as a sniper by the Israeli military.
- Looking for the perfect gift for the object of your affection? How about a toilet seat? Don't laugh -- that's what Ben Affleck gave Jennifer Lopez when the two were a hot item. Of course, this particular "throne" cost \$105,000 and was covered in diamonds, rubies and sapphires!
- Astronaut Neil Armstrong threatened legal action against his barber for selling his hair to a collector for \$3,000.
- The Benguet of northwestern Philippines blindfold their dead and place them next to the main entrance of the house.
- Mr. and Mrs. Curry, of New York City, got married inside a 120,000-gallon shark tank. The bride wore a white wetsuit and the groom wore black, saying their "I do's" while circled by different types of sharks and eels. Both were experienced divers but had to broadcast their vows to the wedding officiant, family and friends, since (unsurprisingly) none of them possessed equal nerve to enter the tank.
- Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim Anne Frank was posthumously baptized "by proxy" into Mormonism at least nine times.
- Boxer Mike Tyson once bribed a zoo worker to open the attraction for just him and his wife. During the visit, he also tried to bribe an attendant to let him fight a gorilla. The employee said no. (One wonders who would have won.)

Thought for the Day: "So long as we are loved by others I should say that we are almost indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend."

— Robert Louis Stevenson

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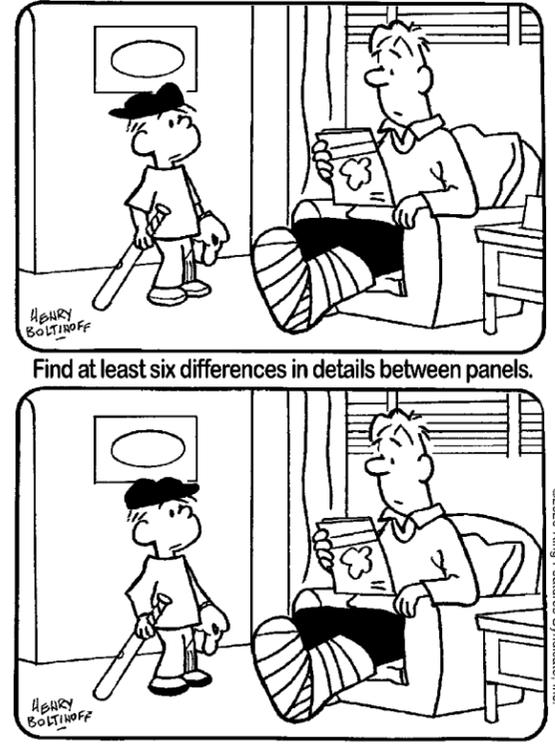
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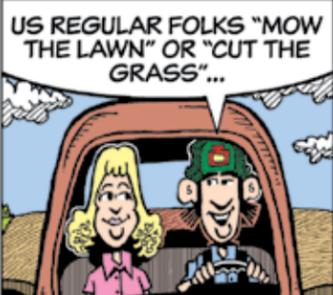
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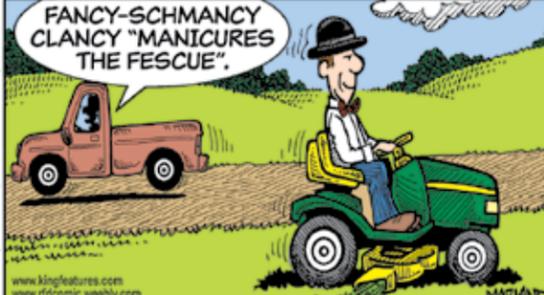
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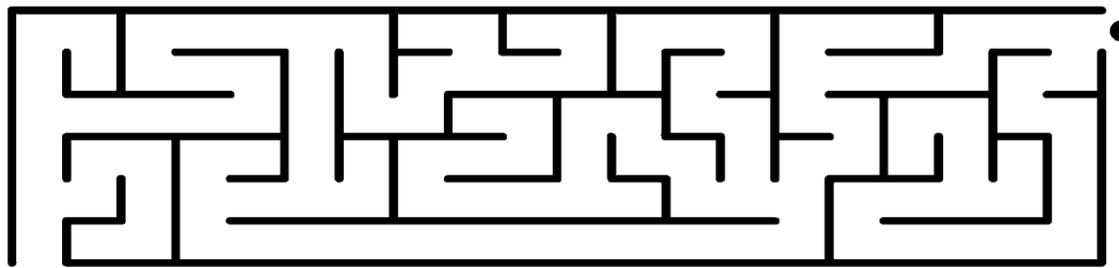
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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting
 By Terry and Kim Kovel
Lollipop Basket

Nantucket baskets have been popular purses and collectibles since the 1940s. The first baskets on Nantucket Island were made by the Wampanoag Indians, but they were not like the later Nantucket baskets.



This rare double lollipop basket was made in the early 20th century. It is 4 1/2 inches high, 9 inches long and 8 1/4 inches wide with a swing handle.

The Nantucket Lightship Station was at Nantucket in 1854 and had a crew of six. A lightship is a substitute for a lighthouse in waters that can't hold a lighthouse because of the depth or the rough water. The crew worked 30 days at a time with little to do. So, some started making baskets. The first basket was made by Capt. Charles

Ray. The wooden parts were made on land, carried to the ships and used to make the woven baskets.

The government made them stop basket making while on duty in 1900, but baskets were still made on the island. Purses were made by 1900, and in the 1940s, friendship baskets were made. New ones today sell for \$500 to thousands

of dollars. One very rare type is the lollipop basket. The top rim has round pieces that look like little lollipops. They have had auction estimates at \$40,000 to \$60,000. They are very difficult to make.

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Q: I almost bought a strange piece of gold jewelry that had a picture of an eye and no other decoration in the frame. The antique 18th-century pin was gold with a border of pearls and blue enamel, and it was in an auction estimated at over \$2,000. Why just an eye?

A: This type of pin is known as a "Lover's Eyes." They were exchanged by lovers and for other types of remembrance, including those lovers who had died. According to legend, it started in 1784 when the Prince of Wales fell in love at first sight with Maria Fitzherbert, a twice widowed commoner. The prince needed permission from his father to wed, so he proposed to Maria in a letter that mentioned he was sending an eye. It was a miniature of his eye painted by a famous miniaturist. She accepted the proposal. They were secretly married, and Maria later sent the prince an eye miniature for his birthday. It became a trend and similar eye jewelry was made into the 19th century.

The pin was worn in a secret, unseen place, like under a coat lapel. The pins were always miniatures in watercolor on ivory, vellum or gouaches. They were covered with glass. A few were made as pendants or rings. One expert says less than 1,000 still exist. Watch out for fakes made years ago.

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Bride's basket, satin glass, blue, silver plate, Aurora, 10 inches, \$80.

Map, England, title cartouche, shield, acanthus, multicolor, Robert Morden, 1695, 14 1/2 x 16 3/4 inches, \$140.

Cash register, National, model 313, brass, drawer, scrolls, banners, c. 1920, 17 inches, \$360.

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Cyndi Lauper	6/22/53
Jason Mraz	6/23/77
Minka Kelly	6/24/80
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MOVIE FAVORITES: THE LOVE BUG

Since June 22 is Worldwide VW Beetle Day, it's a great time to look into the making of "The Love Bug," released in March of 1969.

In 1961, Gordon Buford published a short story called "Car, Boy, Girl" and shortly afterward, Walt Disney purchased the rights to it. Seven years later, "The Love Bug" went into production, based on Buford's story. However, before production began, Disney set up a casting call for twelve different cars to audition, including Toyotas, Volvos, and an MG. The crew was most fond of a certain pearl white Volkswagen Beetle.

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The movie's title was debated for a while, with "The Magic Volkys," "The Runaway Wagen," "Wonderbeetle," "Beetlebomb," "Bugboom," and "Thunderbug" under consideration before settling on "The Love Bug." It was the story of a Beetle with a mind of its own, capable of driving itself, and fond of racing. The film starred Dean Jones as a down-on-his-luck race car driver, Buddy Hackett as the crew's mechanic, and Michele Lee as a car dealership employee who joins their team.

The name "Herbie" came from a Las Vegas skit by co-star Hackett who joked about a ski instructor named Herbie. For the movie plot, Herbie's name came from the middleweight boxer uncle of Hackett's character.

Herbie was a 1963 Volkswagen Beetle Deluxe Model 1200 Sunroof Sedan. The car was painted Volkswagen L87 pearl white for the exterior, and while other equivalent cars had white interior, Herbie's was painted a non-reflective gray to keep camera and studio lights from reflecting off the surface.

Herbie was embellished with red, white, and blue racing

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stripes from the front to back bumper, and the number "53" on the front luggage compartment lid, doors, and rear engine compartment door. Why was "53" chosen? The producer Bill Walsh was a huge Los Angeles Dodgers fan, and especially of the team's pitching star Don Drysdale. Walsh chose to honor the Cy Young winner by memorializing his uniform number, 53.

The car's license plate was a yellow-on-black California plate with the number "OFP 857."

The Volkswagen Company would not permit Disney to use its name, so the brand name or VW logo is not featured in the film. However, there are two places where the logo can be spotted, the first on the brake pedals shown when Jones tries to slow down the stubborn, independent Herbie. The other spot is on the ignition key, when Jones attempts to turn off the car.

When "The Love Bug" premiered, it became Disney's second highest-grossing film to date, earning over \$51 million at the box office, second only to "Mary Poppins." It was #3 for the year overall.

"The Love Bug" was Walt Disney's final live-action film project. While he oversaw much of the production, Disney passed away before the movie was released.

Four Herbie sequels were to follow – "Herbie Rides Again" (1974), "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo" (1977), "Herbie Goes Bananas" (1980), and "Herbie: Fully Loaded" (2005). "The Love Bug" required 21 Herbies for the stunts and crashes, each outfitted with different abilities and effects. The overall franchise used more than 100 Beetles, a few of which still exist, one stationed in Disneyworld in Orlando. Another was sold at auction in 2015 for \$126,500, setting a record for any VW Beetle ever sold.

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman *answers on page 7*

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. Decorate | __ D __ _ _ | Oak fruit | __ C __ _ _ |
| 2. Eavesdrop | __ _ _ _ E _ | Boxer Sonny | __ _ _ _ O _ |
| 3. Bread chef | __ A __ _ _ | Harley driver | __ I __ _ _ |
| 4. Rome's river | __ _ _ _ R | Roof of the World | __ _ _ _ T |
| 5. Modest | __ _ M _ _ _ | Space telescope | __ _ B _ _ _ |
| 6. Pisa's attraction | __ _ _ _ R | Absorbent cloth | __ _ _ _ L |
| 7. Egypt's capital | __ _ _ _ O | Terrier variety | __ _ _ _ N |
| 8. Away from shore | __ N __ _ _ | Maui or Capri | __ S __ _ _ |
| 9. Merlin, e.g. | W __ _ _ _ | Gecko or chameleon | L __ _ _ _ |
| 10. Very wide | __ _ O _ _ _ | Sourdough, e.g. | __ _ E _ _ |

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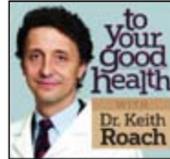
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**Rare Disease Causes
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DEAR DR. ROACH: My daughter was diagnosed with lymphomatoid papulosis. It's not a bad case, but it's enough to make me worry. I know it's rare for this to turn into cancer, but there is always a chance. Doctors often misdiagnose it, but thankfully I have the best pathologist in the world. My daughter is being treated with UVB light, which worked in the past, but now is not helping. I don't want to do methotrexate. I worry about every dot that pops up on her, and if it doesn't go away, I think the worst. -- M.W.M.

ANSWER: Lymphomatoid papulosis is a rare disease, most common in people in their 40s, but can happen in children and older adults as well. The cause is unknown, and although a virus is suspected, it hasn't been found. It is not contagious.

The rash of LyP is not specific and needs to be confirmed through biopsy. Spots are relatively large (but less than an inch), and usually red but with a white center that can turn black. The rash comes and goes. A skilled pathologist in combination with an experienced dermatologist is necessary to make the diagnosis.

Adults are treated with methotrexate if the lesions are in a cosmetically important area, especially the face. UVA light is better studied than UVB light, especially in children, but an expert would be the most appropriate to recommend the best treatment.

Your concern about cancer is understandable. Rates of associated cancer -- specifically, lymphoma, a blood and bone marrow cancer -- have been reported in 5% to 50% of people with LyP. Unfortunately, apart from people with a specific gene rearrangement, there's no way yet known to predict who is likely to get lymphoma nor any way of preventing it. She will need to be vigilant. Fortunately, the lymphomas, if they do develop, are usually effectively treated.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I recently opened up some stored tuna that my son had saved for me. He loves to hunt his own food. When I ate it, I realized that when he had gone to Alaska, he had not only hunted tuna but also black bear. He had used the black bear grease to cure the

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tuna. I was mortified that he had used a protected animal to preserve his tuna. I reluctantly ate it anyway. Now, I am worried about my health. Will anything happen to me health-wise because I have eaten the grease from a black bear from Alaska? The bear was wild, so could it have had a disease, like rabies? I'm sure it has never been vaccinated. -- Anon.

ANSWER: Black bears are hunted in many states, and although it is regulated (you need a license) in Alaska, they are not a protected species under the Endangered Species Act. Black bears are hunted for both sport and meat. The major health risk from consuming bear meat is trichinella, a muscle parasite. The meat must be heated to a high temperature to be sure of killing the parasite. Grease from the bear should not have trichinella risk.

Another concern is rabies. Rabies is possible but rare in bears. I doubt it could be transmitted from grease, though, as rabies virus lives in nervous tissue, not fat.

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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.

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