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by Janet Spencer

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- 1% of air is made up of argon, carbon dioxide, neon, helium, methane, krypton, hydrogen, nitrous oxide, xenon, ozone, iodine, carbon monoxide, and ammonia.
- The earth's air weighs about 500 trillion tons. The atmosphere is so spread out that we barely notice it, yet its weight is equal to a layer of water more than 34 feet (10 m) deep covering the

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entire planet. The weight of it drives nitrogen and oxygen into the soil and water.

## ATMOSPHEREIC LAYERS

• The atmosphere is divided into five layers, and those layers are split into further layers.

• The main layer closest to the ground is called the troposphere, from the Greek "tropos" meaning "turning" denoting how turbulent it is. The troposphere extends for ten miles (16 km) above Earth. 80% of the atmosphere is composed of the troposphere. This layer is the warmest and densest. Almost all of the Earth's weather takes place in this layer. The higher you go, the lower the temperature. The temperature drops 3.3°F for every 1,000 feet up you go in elevation (6°C per 1,000 m).

• At the very top of the troposphere there's a layer of air that moves very quickly with little turbulence. It's called the jet stream, and this is where planes fly. The air is thin here

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so there's less resistance, and there is no weather here and no clouds. The planes get a boost from the winds that blow reliably in a single direction.

• Above the troposphere is the stratosphere, from the Greek "strato" meaning "level" or "layer." It extends about 30 miles (48 km) up. The ozone layer is located in the stratosphere. The word "ozone" comes from the Greek "ozein" meaning "to smell" because of ozone's pungent odor. Ozone is a gas that acts like a shield against excessive ultraviolet light coming from the Sun.

• Above the stratosphere is the mesosphere, from the Greek word meaning "middle." It extends 50 miles (80 km) high. This layer has the coldest temperatures, dipping as low as -184°F (-120° C). This is the layer where meteors flame out before reaching the surface of the Earth. It's the least-understood part of the atmosphere because it's too high for aircraft and weather balloons, but too low for spacecraft. The only way to reach it is sounding rockets which collect data during sub-orbital flights.

• The ionosphere is at the top of the mesosphere. The word "ion" comes from the Greek word meaning "to go" because they always move towards an opposite electrical charge. This is where the auroras occur, lit up when streams of ions flow in from the Sun.

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• Radio waves bounce off the ionosphere. The ionosphere is broken down into several layers, which vary according to the season, latitude, and time of day. At night, the bottom two layers of the ionosphere disappear. This makes it easier for radio waves to be carried long distances, explaining why you can often hear AM radio stations from hundreds of miles away at night but not during the day.

• Above the mesosphere is the thermosphere, named for the Greek word for heat. It extends 500 miles (800 km) high. This is the thickest layer in the atmosphere, but only the lightest gases—mostly oxygen, helium, and hydrogen—are found here. Temperatures can rise to 2,732° F (1,500°C). Though the temperature is very high, there is not much heat. Heat is created when molecules get excited and transfer energy from one molecule to another. Since there is very little pressure in the thermosphere, there is little heat transfer. If you were in the thermosphere unprotected by a space suit, your blood would boil while your hand felt no heat at all.

• The Hubble Space Telescope and the International Space Station (ISS) orbit the Earth in the thermosphere. Satellites that operate here are in "low-Earth orbit."

• The top layer of the atmosphere is the exosphere, from the Greek word meaning "outside" or "beyond." If you were to get into your space car and drive from sea level to the bottom of the exosphere, the trip of 300 miles (482 km) would be about the same as driving from Philadelphia to Boston. The exosphere is about 6,200 miles (10,000 km) thick which is almost as wide as Earth itself.

• Hydrogen and helium, the lightest gasses, are the only gasses found in the exosphere. The temperature varies drastically, ranging from 1000° F in the day to just a few degrees above absolute zero at night. This is where satellites orbit. Beyond the exosphere is outer space.

## AIRBORNE

• Besides gasses, the atmosphere is full of windblown bacteria, spores, pollen, and dust.

• Bacteria are the smallest airborne items, while pollens are giants by comparison.

• The average cubic yard of atmosphere carries up to 10,000 airborne bacteria. Viable bacteria have been found floating 35 miles (56 km) up in the atmosphere.

• When Charles and Anne Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic from Maine to Demark in 1934, they carried with them a set of sticky oil-coated microscope slides, which they exposed to the atmosphere at intervals at an altitude of about 3,000 feet (914 m). The slides were studied to see what sorts of spores they picked up floating through the air at some of the remotest spots on the planet. Every location showed large numbers of spores.

• Spores of the common penicillin mold have been found floating at 50 miles (80 km).

• Windstorms over Africa kick up huge loads of fine sand from the Sahara Desert and carry it aloft over the Atlantic Ocean. It takes between five and ten days for dust from the Sahara desert to cross the sea to land in Brazil. This rain of dust over the eons since the last ice age has made the rain forests possible by bringing calcium, iron, nitrogen, and potassium to nourish soils that are routinely stripped of nutrients by relentless rain.

• Dust falling into the ocean nourishes plankton by providing more than half of the ocean's phosphorus.

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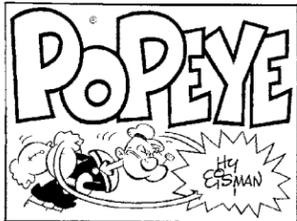
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7/2	I Forgot Day
7/3	Air Conditioning Appreciation Day
7/4	Be Nice to New Jersey Week



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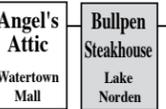


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#3: Magic Mile Casino, Laundry & Car Wash, Watertown, SD, page 7



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answers on page 7 **King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 — Na Na
- 4 Swindle
- 7 Summery desserts
- 8 Fusses
- 10 Sixth president
- 11 Many
- 13 Proof of a crime
- 16 Sprite
- 17 Unclear
- 18 Still, in verse
- 19 Say it isn't so
- 20 Rhyming tributes
- 21 Groups of musicians
- 23 Slanted edge
- 25 Volcanic outflow
- 26 One of the Three Bears
- 27 Sailor's assent
- 28 Unwilling
- 30 Fine, to NASA
- 33 Texas city
- 36 Bill-payment period
- 37 Alan of "Little Miss Sunshine"
- 38 Mystery writer's award
- 39 Don of radio
- 40 Sun. speech

**DOWN**

- 1 Muffler
- 2 Rope fiber
- 3 Took for granted
- 4 Made pigeon sounds
- 5 "Strange to say ..."
- 6 — me tangere
- 7 "American —"
- 8 Hot rum drink
- 9 Withdraw
- 10 Expert
- 12 Man of — (Superman comparison)
- 14 Catches some rays
- 15 — and outs
- 19 "CSI" evidence
- 20 Eggs
- 21 Louisiana marsh
- 22 Unwilling
- 23 Dog owner's ordeal
- 24 Son of
- 25 Fond du —, Wis.
- 26 Harness horse
- 28 Thrust
- 29 "Argo" award
- 30 Invite to the penthouse
- 31 Elevator name
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- 34 Cushions
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**Strange BUT TRUE**  
by Lucie Winborne

• During the Great Fire of New Orleans in 1788, priests refused to allow church bells to be rung as fire alarms because it was Good Friday. As a result, 856 buildings burned during the conflagration.

• Ancient Egyptians believed that men menstruated too and that blood in men's urine and stool was a positive sign of fertility. Little did they know that parasitic worms were the likely cause.

• It would take less than six months to get to the moon by car at 60 mph.

• It's not every day that a man in love demonstrates his affection by holding a funeral, but future president Ulysses S. Grant wasn't every man. When his future wife Julia's pet canary died, he painstakingly fashioned a small coffin for it, which he painted yellow, then summoned eight of his fellow military officers to Julia's house, where he conducted a service for the bird.

• Babe Ruth once said he knew he didn't swing hard enough if "a little poop didn't come out."

• August Rodin's work "The Age of Bronze" was so realistic that some people thought he'd actually sacrificed a real person inside the cast.

• English poet Lord Byron was a student at Cambridge University when he took issue with the ban on keeping dogs as pets, so he came up with a unique way of getting back at the school: Since there was no prohibition in the fine print against bears on campus (probably because they'd never had a pupil quite like Byron before), he not only found a

bear to keep as a pet, but also took it for walks around the grounds on a leash.

• Despite being raised and identifying as Jewish, singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen spent five years in seclusion at the Mt. Baldy Zen Center in California and was ordained a Buddhist monk in 1996.

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*Thought for the Day: "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." — Mark Twain*

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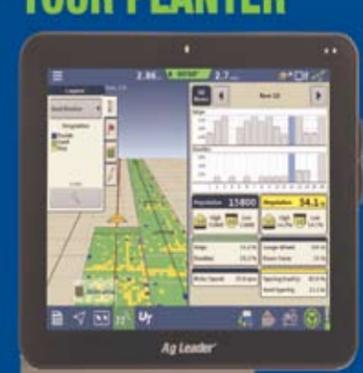
# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

*answers on page 7*

1. ASTRONOMY: How often does the Sun rotate on its axis?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the state capital of Delaware?
3. GOVERNMENT: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution limits presidents to two terms in office?
4. HISTORY: What was the highest social class in the early Roman empire?
5. ENTERTAINERS: Which 20th-century actress was born with the name Lucille LeSueur?
6. TELEVISION: What were the names of Elly May's two pet chimpanzees in "The Beverly Hillbillies"?
7. ART: Which artist painted "The Persistence of Memory"?
8. MOVIES: What kind of gun did Clint Eastwood carry in the "Dirty Harry" series?
9. MUSIC: Which singer-songwriter's nickname was "The Lizard King"?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the most expensive spice on earth?

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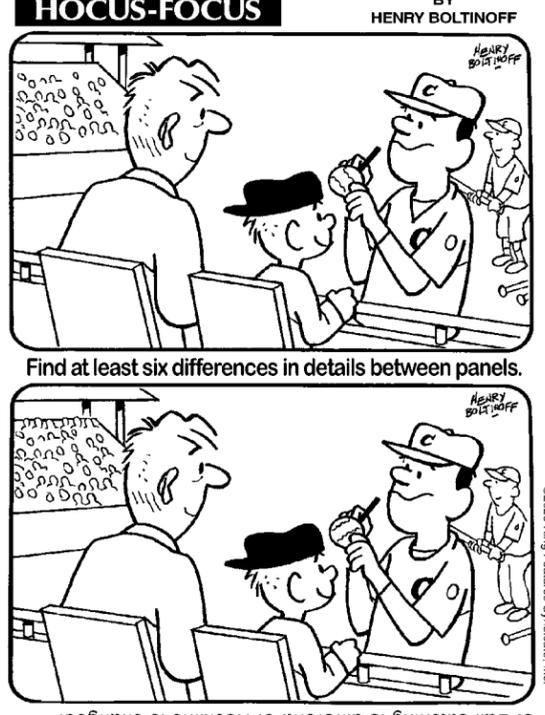
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by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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### At-Home Allergy Shots? The Risk Is Too High



**DEAR DR. ROACH:** After giving myself allergy shots at home for years, my allergy doctor's group has decided that it's too dangerous for patients to do this anymore. The allergy practice will no longer send a vial unless you can prove the shot will be given in a medical facility. Even if you are a nurse or doctor yourself, you still must prove that the shot will be given in a medical facility! Of course, there is a charge per shot if you drive across town to have the allergy practice's nurse give it.

Not long after getting this notice, I read an article about a local child who has improved an insulin injection device. After the alteration, several more doses could be extracted. The article also mentioned children being able to give themselves insulin shots at school!

This is such an obvious money grab. How can it be safe for children to give themselves insulin at school but too dangerous for adults to give themselves shots at home?

Do you know any reason for this change of policy for giving shots other than docs who can't get more patients, so they bleed the ones they have dry? -- P.S.

**ANSWER:** Insulin therapy is very different from allergy shots. Insulin is routinely given at home, work and school, and is very safe.

The difference with an allergy shot is that you are getting a substance you are known to be allergic to. Comparatively, there is a significant risk of an allergic reaction. Only 3%

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to 5% of people getting allergy immunotherapy will have a systemic reaction, and only 1 out of 5,000 shots or so will require epinephrine. That might not sound like a high risk, but for a busy allergy clinic, that means about one person per month. The epinephrine is used to both treat and prevent life-threatening reactions.

The guidelines from allergy experts clearly state that injections must be given under qualified medical supervision. Your doctor's group was not following the

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standard of care before.

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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### Uncle Sam Doorstop

Iron doorstops became a hot collectible with rising prices about 1990. A 1985 book picturing doorstops and several auctions, which included rare doorstops, sent collectors searching for examples of the 1930s and '40s collectible. They became so popular that thousands of copies were made, many from the original molds.



This Uncle Sam doorstop sold for \$21,240 in a New Jersey auction. It was listed as worth \$250 in 1985. Vintage doorstops have all gone up in value, especially those with the original paint.

Bright new paint identifies many recent doorstops, but some, with artificial wear and tear, are good enough to fool collectors today. It is almost impossible to break an iron figure, so many iron doorstops still are available with little damage. Top prices are paid for doorstops in great condition with almost all of the original paint. And, of course, rarity adds value.

This original Uncle Sam doorstop has the words "For the Open Door" on the base. The words "For the Open Door" had a political meaning, and it was not just a statement about how the doorstop was used. A complicated "Open Door" policy was promoted by the U.S. in 1899. It suggested that all countries should allow China and other countries to trade with no tariffs, no special harbor charges, and with no interference or attempts to divide China. There was another Open Door political discussion in 1922, and this discussion probably is the one mentioned on the doorstop. China opened special investment zones in 1928. There were more international discussions and changes in 1978 concerned with China's industry, trade and foreign investment.

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The Uncle Sam doorstop is rare and desirable, and this one, with great paint, sold several years ago at a Bertoia Auction for \$21,240. The 1985 value was \$250.

Q: My sister was given a black Couroc serving tray with 37 presidential coins in it. The coin representing President Gerald R. Ford is in the center. It's 18 by 12 1/2 inches. What can you tell me about it?

A: The Couroc Co. was founded in Monterey, California, by Guthrie Courvoisier in 1948. The name is derived from the first four letters of his last name, "Cour," with "oc" added to make it sound like "rock." Most Couroc items were made of black resin and embedded with coins, wood, metal or objects from nature. Courvoisier died in 1963 and the company closed in the 1990s. The value of your tray is about \$30.

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## Memorable Movies AIRPLANE!

- The 1957 film "Zero Hour!" was a comedy that parodied airline travel. Years later, the filmmaking team of David Zucker, Jim Abrahams, and Jerry Zucker bought the rights to that film, and remade it as "Airplane!"
- The same person who wrote the script for "Zero Hour" also wrote the script for the first of a series of airline disaster flicks called "Airport" that were a hit in the 1970s. At the same time, other disaster flicks such as "Poseidon Adventure" and "Towering Inferno" were popular. Zucker, Abrahams, and Zucker parodied these disaster flicks.
- They hired as many actors from disaster films as possible.

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Helen Reddy played the nun Sister Ruth in the "Airport" flicks, but Universal forbid her from acting in "Airplane!" The part of nun Sister Angelina went to Maureen McGovern instead, because she sang the theme songs for both "Poseidon Adventure" and "Towering Inferno."

• Leslie Nielsen, who had played the captain of the ship in "Poseidon Adventure" got the part of Dr. Rumack. It was his very first comedy role and launched his career in slap-stick.

• Other parts went to actors noted for their serious roles, including Robert Stack, Lloyd Bridges, Robert Hays, and Peter Graves. The directors thought it would have impact to see their deadpan delivery contrasted to the serious nature of their previous roles.

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• In one scene, a soldier coming home from war is said to be suffering from the delusion that he is Ethel Merman. Of course, the role was actually played by Ethel Merman, and it was the last film she appeared in before her death in 1984. She brought along her own hairdresser and could only film in

the afternoons because it took all morning for her hairdresser to finish her hair-do.

• Jonathan Banks, who later played Mike in "Breaking Bad" and "Better Call Saul" plays air traffic controller Gunderson.

• The co-pilot role played by basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was a nod to a similar role played by football

star Elroy "Crazylegs" Hirsch in "Zero Hour!" The studio offered Abdul-Jabbar \$30,000 for the part, but his agent talked his fee up to \$35,000, the price of an Oriental rug the Lakers star wanted to buy.

• Nielsen was given a whoopee cushion for a gag, and he couldn't resist using it over and over, even handing out whoopee cushions to crew members. He used it to punctuate every other word in the line "Mr. Striker, can you land this plane?" He even took it along with him on media interviews promoting the film.

• Al White and Norman Alexander Gibbs played the two black passengers. They were instructed to talk "jive" which they made up. In the film, whenever they speak regular English, the scene is subtitled in Jive.

• The Directors Guild of America said that the film could not be credited with having three directors. Therefore the team came up with the fictitious name "Abrahams N. Zuckers" which was also ruled out. Finally the Directors Guild relented and issued one-time rights for the three directors to share credit.

• The film took only 34 days to shoot. On a budget of \$3.5 million, it ended up making over \$83.4 million in the United States alone. It recouped its entire cost in the first two days. It was the 4th biggest film of 1980 and was the highest-grossing comedy in history until "Ghostbusters." The film spawned a 1982 sequel featuring many of the same actors. Zucker, Abraham, and Zucker went on to produce the "Naked Gun" and "Scary Movie" franchises, both featuring Leslie Nielsen. Nielsen died in 2010, and the epitaph on his tombstone reads, "Let 'er rip!"

## 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. Pancake alternative | W _ _ _ _ _   | Sweepstakes           | R _ _ _ _ _   |
| 2. Musical pace        | _ _ _ _ _ O   | Lure                  | _ _ _ _ _ T   |
| 3. New York island     | _ _ _ L _ _   | King of rock 'n' roll | _ _ _ V _ _   |
| 4. More courageous     | _ _ _ L _ _ _ | Boundary              | _ _ _ R _ _   |
| 5. Santiago's country  | _ _ _ _ _ E   | Youngster             | _ _ _ _ _ D   |
| 6. Tail                | _ O _ _ _ _   | Southpaw              | _ E _ _ _     |
| 7. Four quarters       | D _ _ _ _ _   | Dog's band            | C _ _ _ _     |
| 8. Snowy color         | _ H _ _ _ _   | Use a pen             | _ R _ _ _     |
| 9. Corn                | _ _ _ Z _ _   | Lobster state         | _ _ _ N _ _   |
| 10. Mom or Dad         | _ _ R _ _ _   | Copyright             | _ _ _ T _ _ _ |

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answers on page 7

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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**Now here's a tip!**  
 by Jo Ann Derson

• Someone late for dinner? To keep potatoes warm without drying them out (as would happen in an oven), set their serving dish in a larger pan of hot water and cover.

• "I use a small plastic bowl as a scoop in my big bag of potting mix. It's a good amount to pot a small plant, and I can hold my pot over the bowl to save the soil." -- R.F. in Oregon

• Give your buttons a boost! Use clear nail polish to strengthen the strings holding your buttons in place. Just a drop on the face of each button, and let dry. You'll never know it's there, but it definitely helps.

• "Remember this old trick when camping: Use salt to keep ice cold and slow the melt. In fact, I salt the ice in the cooler whenever we use it, camping or not!" -- G.L. in South Carolina

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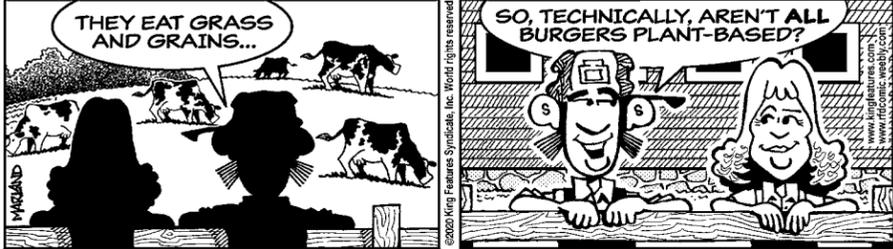
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**Even Exchange answers**

1. Waffle, Raffle
2. Tempo, Temp
3. Ellis, Elvis
4. Bolder, Border
5. Chile, Child
6. Lofty, Lefty
7. Dollar, Collar
8. White, Write
9. Maize, Maine
10. Parent, Patent

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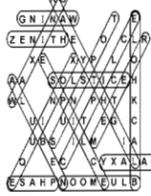
1. On average, every 27 days
2. Dover
3. 22nd
4. Patricians
5. Joan Crawford
6. Skipper and Bessie
7. Salvador Dali
8. .44 Magnum Smith & Wesson Model 29
9. Jim Morrison
10. Saffron

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**Weekly SUDOKU — Answer**

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### Independence Day Fun Facts

- The only two signers of the Declaration of Independence who later served as President of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.
- The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all the Colonies would appear equal.
- The first Independence Day celebration took place in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. This was also the day that the Declaration of Independence was first read in public after people were summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.
- Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national bird but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who recommended the bald eagle.
- Barbecue is also big on Independence Day. Approximately 150 million hot dogs and 700 million pounds of chicken are consumed on this day.
- Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies.
- The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies.
- Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. All the others signed later.

### Local Fireworks & Celebrations

**July 3rd** Fireworks in Goodwin, SD.  
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**July 3rd** Watertown's Independence Day Fireworks Display at Anza Soccer Complex.

**July 4th** Watertown Fourth of July Parade in Downtown Watertown with the parade at 2:00 p.m. The parade route begins at 4th Street and East Kemp Ave and continues west to the Watertown Stadium.

**July 4th** Fireworks at Farley Park, Milbank, SD.

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### Fourth of July Apple Pie

Serves 8

2 x pastry for 9-in. pie (you can make it all in one batch, doubling the ingredients, then just dividing the dough into two disks)\*, chilled  
Flour, for dusting  
3 lbs. Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored, and sliced thin  
1/3 c. granulated sugar  
1/3 c. light brown sugar  
3 Tbsp. cornstarch  
1 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. ground ginger  
1/8 tsp. ground allspice  
Pinch of salt  
1 Tbsp. butter  
1 Tbsp. half and half or heavy cream  
1 Tbsp. granulated sugar

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Place a sm. rimmed baking sheet on the rack in the middle of the oven. Lightly flour work surface and roll 1 disk of dough into 12-in. circle.
2. Transfer dough to 9-in. pie plate. Trim excess dough off, leaving 1/2 in. rim of dough.
3. Refrigerate pie shell 30 minutes minimum.
4. In Large bowl, combine apples, granulated sugar, brown sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, cinnamon, ginger, allspice, and salt.
5. Place apple slices in the pie shell in a mound. Pour the syrup at the bottom of the bowl over the apples. Dot top of filling with bits of remaining tablespoon butter. Working quickly, repeat rolling of remaining disk of dough into 12-in. circle on floured work surface. Drape dough over pie filling. Trim excess dough from edge. Pinch top and bottom crust edges together and tuck under. Crimp or decorate as desired.
6. Cut at 5-6 slits in top crust. Refrigerate until the top crust is just firm, approximately 29 minutes.
7. Brush the top crust with half-and-half; sprinkle evenly with sugar. Place the pie on the heated baking sheet in the oven. Bake for 25 min. Reduce heat to 375°F. Bake another 30 to 35 min. or until deep golden brown. If crust edge browns too quickly, cover with aluminum foil strips.
8. Cool on wire rack (about 2 hrs.). Pie can be cooled and stored at room temperature up to 2 days. Can be served with ice cream whipped cream or ice cream.



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