Batter up! It’s National Little League Week and Tidbits is batting these facts out of the park!

• Under Proclamation 3407, President John F. Kennedy officially proclaimed the first National Little League Week in 1961 “in recognition of the national and community benefits resulting from Little League activity.” The commemoration was designated for each year thereafter for the week beginning the second Monday in June.

• Although there were baseball leagues for pre-teen children in the 1880s, they weren’t particularly popular and eventually phased out. In the 1920s, the American Legion established a baseball program for teenage boys, one that still continues today.

• In 1938, a 28-year-old Williamsport, Pennsylvania man named Carl Stotz took steps to create an organized baseball program for pre-teen boys. He began by gathering his nephews and other neighborhood boys to play games and experiment with field measurements and equipment and to come up with rules. In addition to playing ball, Stotz’s goal was to teach young boys “sportsmanship, fair play, and teamwork.”

• Stotz approached local businesses for help with sponsorships and donations, asking $30 as a sponsorship fee to pay for equipment and uniforms.

• Stotz then solicited the help of neighborhood parents to help with organization and supervision. By the summer of 1939, their new league had three teams and a board of directors made up of eight volunteers. After conferring with the local community, Carl Stotz christened the group Little League.

• Carl enlisted the help of two brothers, George and Bert Bebbie to help him with coaching the three teams. Carl managed the Lycoming Dairy team, while George took over Lundy Lumber, and Bert coached the Jumbo Pretzel team.

• Opening day for the inauguration of Little League was June 6, 1939, played in a vacant lot near the outfield fence of Williamsport’s Bowman Field. Bowman Field was the home of...
Ed Yonkin pitched Little League’s very first no-hitter, the city’s minor league baseball team, a ballpark that had the same vacant lot, moving to a new playing site the following title. All of the season’s remaining games were played on the park remains one of the game's oldest ballparks. and Lundy Lumber, with Lundy coming out on top, 23-8.

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The Little League World Series moved to television in 1947, with sportscaster Jim McKay commenting on CBS. Broadcasting great Howard Cosell described the play-by-play action on ABC Radio.

One of the Little Leaguers in the 1954 World Series was John Wesley Powell, better known as Boogie. This member of the Lakeland, Florida, team went on to a notable career with the Baltimore Orioles from 1961 to 1977, during which time, the Orioles won four American League pennants and two World Series championships. Boogie, a four-time All-Star, was the AL’s batting leader with a .606 percentage, as well as the MVP in 1970.

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• “Instead of baking soda, I use three or four charcoal briquettes in a bowl to control odor and moisture in my refrigerator. I place the briquettes in a shallow dish, then cover the top of the bowl with a small piece of cheesecloth and secure it with a fat rubber band.
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• Keep laundry baskets in your automobile’s trunk for easier organization. You could even add a small cooler to hold cold items if you need to make a stop somewhere.
• “After a hard day’s work in the garden, I soak in a rosemary bath. It’s a natural anti-inflammatory, and it smells wonderful. I just add a few sprigs from my plant out back to very hot water, and then let the water sit for a while until it’s just warm. Then I get in. Heaven!”
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Want to test how ripe your cranberries are? Drop them on the ground! Cranberries are nature’s bouncy ball — farmers even use this technique to see if the fruit is ready for shipment.

• In Las Vegas, it’s against the law to pawn your dentures.
• Near the end of World War I, the French built a “fake Paris” designed to throw off German bombers and fighter pilots, complete with a replica of the Champs-Elysées and Gard Du Nord. It even included a fake railway that lit up at certain points, creating the illusion from the sky of a train moving along the tracks.
• Allergy sufferers, take note: One ragweed plant can release as many as 1 billion grains of pollen.
• Adolf Hitler helped design (with Ferdinand Porsche) the Volkswagen Beetle, as part of an initiative to create “the people’s car” — an affordable, practical vehicle that everyone could own.
• Tablecloths were originally designed for use as one big, communal napkin.
• Each of the suits on a deck of cards represents the four major pillars of the economy in the Middle Ages: hearts for the Church, spades for the military, clubs for agriculture and diamonds for the merchant class.

Thought for the Day
“Good communication is just as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after.”
— Anna Morrow Lindbergh

King Crossword

ACROSS
1. Urgo
2. Stopes regular
3. Tenant
4. Schedules
5. Pumpkin...atives
6. Appointment
7. Spring mat- down
19. Cooking fuel
20. Libretto
21. Passion's... home
24. Satisfied sigh
27. La Scala solo
29. Fine spray
30. Fruity rum cocktail
33. Author Wiesel
34. Eve’s third son
37. That girl
38. “Awesome, dude!”
39. Pop
40. Tejano’s... cell
41. Org.
42. Forget me — (flowers)
50. Paris art... museum
52. Athlete’s... score
54. Terror
55. Paint maker
56. Op-ed... pieces
57. Dwelling

DOWN
1. “Acxiss” Ward...for one
2. Aspiring... atty’s exam
3. Fall... 73 Outback bird
4. Formerly... called
5. Hand signals... of Barber’s
6. Video game... offerings
7. Recognize... Learning... chart
8. Small... section
9. Haggis
10. Fed. food... Museum
12. Late’s drug... (prey)
18. Patty Hearst, for one
21. Feedbag... (Peeky)
22. Peter Fonda’s... (beeswax)
23. Giant... bird
24. Mimic... role
25. 100 percent... rate
26. Male deliver- ier?
27. (flowers)
28. (Outlaw)
29. Learning... chart
30. Common... chart
31. P25... chart
32. Museum... 25
33. Museum... 25
34. Prozac’s... degree
35. Sgt., e.g.
36. 51st... by way of...
37. 11 G-string... 34’s... degree

by Dave T. Phillips

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Commercial Lab Tests vs Genetic Counseling

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a daughter (almost 31 years) who is concerned about Charcot-Marie-Tooth syndrome. Her maternal grandmother has been diagnosed with that condition. She is interested in seeking out a genetic test for the condition to learn if she is susceptible. She was referred to a commercial, direct-to-consumer laboratory for the test.

How likely is it that a lab test for this specific condition would be accurate? Should she be doing all of this through either a particular type of genetics counselor or her private physician (internist) rather than an independent effort? – R.C.

ANSWER: Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease is the eponym given to a family of hereditary motor sensory neuropathies: diseases that affect the nerves that carry the impulses necessary for movement and sensation. The initial symptoms are most commonly weakness and atrophy in the feet, followed by similar problems in the hands and sensory changes.

The diagnosis may be made by EMG testing (electromyography), a needle study of the electrical activity of the muscles, but genetic testing is another way of making the diagnosis. If her grandmother has a known mutation, then genetic testing is likely to give her confirmation of her own status.

Commercial genetic testing is certainly available, and probably accurate. However, I would still recommend a visit to a genetic counselor. This may require a referral from her primary care doctor. The correct test to order, and its interpretation, depends on the exact diagnosis of her grandmother’s condition, since there are many genetic variations of Charcot-Marie-Tooth. It is likely that your daughter will have questions after the test results, and the benefit of having an experienced clinician there to answer them would be invaluable.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I’m an 81-year-old man. About two years ago, I began to realize that my testicles were shrinking, and they are now about the size of a marble. I have asked my primary care doctor and urologist about this, and the reply is that nothing can be done about it.

I have read that boxers shorts are recommended to keep the testicles cooler and healthier. I am wondering whether my emotional time sitting at a desk and reading could be related to my shrinking testicles. Or is it related to erectile dysfunction, which is caused by decreased blood flow? I have ED. My last testosterone result was about 500. Is there nothing that can be done, not even an exercise? – L.D.

ANSWER: The medical term for what’s happening to you is “testicular atrophy,” and it has several possible causes. Age alone is one: At age 81, many men have noticed some shrinkage in testicular size, but yours is beyond the norm. You are right that cooler temperatures are healthier for the testicles, but again, I am a little surprised by the severity of your description.

Among the other common causes are a history of trauma or infection. However, any underlying cause can also affect the ability of the testicles to make testosterone. Your blood testosterone level is surprisingly normal for your age. (400-500 is the average for a man in his 80s.) A low testosterone is a common cause of erectile dysfunction (poor blood flow is only one cause of ED).

After two years, it is very unlikely that any treatments will affect the testicles now, unfortunately.

Dr. Roach reports that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to DrGoodHealth@ furn同胞.com.

You can let the kids put together these Black-Bottom Crunch Pudding Treats for Father’s Day. It’s easy for them and you, and great-tasting for Dad.

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. In 3-quart saucepan, combine 1 1/2 cups water
   2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
   1/2 cup feta cheese
   2 tablespoons chopped pecans
   6 large tomatoes
   1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
   1/4 cup panko (Japanese-style breadcrumbs)

2. Meanwhile, in 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil on medium 1 minute. Add onion, and tender. Stir in ground beef, half of mint, "in view of the increased cost of living, I’m now charging twenty dollars for any opinion I give on anything."

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Finding the **bundled/unbundled** words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Fight Dander Allergies on Multiple Fronts

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: I love my two fluffy cats, “Jake” and “Manny,” even though I am allergic to the dander in their fur. Antihistamines help, but not completely. Would an air purifier help keep the air clear?

DEAR JEMMA: An allergy to pet dander can be tough to keep under control — so much so that some pet owners give up their pets. I’m so glad you’ve kept your family together.

Pet dander is generally underneath a dog or cat’s coat, near the skin. They shed fluffy bits of fur almost constantly, and dander is carried off with that fluff. Because dander can be tiny — 75 microns or smaller, which isn’t visible to the naked eye — it’s is carried off with that fluff. Because dander can be tiny — 75 microns or smaller, which isn’t visible to the naked eye — it’s carried off with that fluff.

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Recent research by the auction gallery suggests he was a pianist maker from Massachusetts. Both tables were made of solid wood with inlaid stars and stripes. The wavy edges of the 35-star table make it look windblown. It has a drawer with carvings of dueling pistols, side supports like anchors, cross bracess like rifles, legs like cannons and cannonball feet. It is estimated at $20,000 to $40,000. It is truly unique.

Q: I picked up what I think is a Currier & Ives print from a thrift store. I’m just trying to see if the name of the print is a legitimate Currier & Ives print. It’s titled “A Mountain Home.” If the title matches a real print made by Currier & Ives, I’d like to know if it’s a reproduction. I bought it for $6. So, even if it is a reproduction, I wouldn’t care since I like the print. A: Currier & Ives was in business in New York City from 1857 to 1907 and is famous for its American lithograph prints. Reproductions and fakes have been made. “A Mountain Home” is not one of the prints listed in books that catalog the original Currier & Ives prints. It’s often offered for sale online, identified as a Currier & Ives print from 1890, but one seller probably got it right when he said it is “after Currier & Ives,” which means it was done in the style of the famous printmakers.

**Current prices**

Weller, copper tone, beaker-shaped, bright green molten glaze, c. 1975, 6 inches, $125.

Barrojo clock, Federal, inlaid, mahogany, 8-day brass movement, pierced brass side arms, c. 1850, 29 1/2 x 10 inches, $250.

Tramp art comb box, 3 tiers, mirror, Pure & Sweet cigar box drawer, porcelain buttons, c. 1900, 27 x 7 1/2 inches, $435.

Map, Rocky Mountains, Oregon and North California, lithograph on paper, John Charles Fremont, 1845, 33 x 54 1/2 inches, $865.

**TIP:** Permanent marker stains can be removed from most wood or textiles by wiping with a cloth soaked in rubbing alcohol.

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