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ture of my pay slip wasn't what he had in mind

My hairline is in recession, my stomach is always in inflation, and these two together bring me into a deep depression

A banker fell overboard from a friend's sailboat. The friend grabbed a life preserver, and not knowing if banker could swim, shouted, "Can you float alone?"

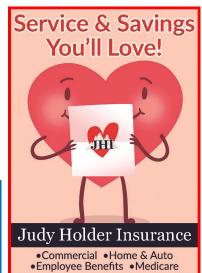
"Obviously," the banker replied, "but this is a heck a time to talk business..."

- I don't like to complain about the customer service of any business but I didn't appreciate being pushed over by the stock broker when I asked him to check my balance
- My interviewer told me my wage would increase to \$2,500 per month after six months i told him I'd start then
- A local hairdresser put up a new sign 'we give \$3 haircuts'. Seeing this, the barber next door decided to erect their new sign 'we fix \$3 haircuts'.

I reached the office this morning and m the boss stormed up to me and said 'you missed work yesterday, didn't you?'

I said 'No, not particularly.'







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as the young Laura and Michael Landon as her father, Charles -- died at age 90 in Mansfield, Missouri.

On Feb. 16, 2016, former French President Nicolas Sarkozy was placed under investigation over his campaign funds, related to spending in his unsuccessful 2012 bid for re-election

when his campaign costs were more than twice the legal limit.

* On Feb. 11, 1878, the first organization for recreational cyclists, called the Boston Bicycle Club, was formed. The club organized rides ranging from tricycle races to 100-mile trips, and less than 20 years after its founding, more than 100 similar

clubs had formed in Massachusetts as middle-class participation in cycling increased in popularity.

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- * On Feb. 12, 1947, French fashion designer Christian Dior launched his first collection, which he dubbed the "New Look." While some appreciated its exaggerated femininity as a departure from the more drab and boxy stylings of wartime austerity, others still living with rationing decried it as wasteful, and fellow French designer Coco Chanel declared that "Dior doesn't dress women. He upholsters them!"
- * On Feb. 14, ca. 270 A.D., Valentine, a priest in Rome, was beheaded for the crime of continuing to marry young lovers in defiance of Emperor Claudius, who had banned all engagements and weddings in the city due to his belief that Roman men were unwilling to enlist in the military because of their strong attachment to their wives and families.
- * On Feb. 15, 1968, Henry Lewis was chosen over more than 150 other candidates as the first Black conductor of a major U.S. orchestra, the New Jersey Symphony.

* On Feb. 13, 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt, who had just won re-election, gave a speech to the New York City Republican Club about the state of American

> race relations and his plan for improving them. However, it was not until President Lyndon Johnson passed the Civil Rights Act in 1964 that government efforts to correct racial bias were actually set into

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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Q equals R

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Rodriguez

- **1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What year was the first Barbie doll released?
- **2. MOVIES:** What is the name of the island in the "Jurassic Park" film?
- **3. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What are baby rabbits called?
- **4. U.S. STATES:** Which state is the home of Mount Rushmore?
- **5. INVENTIONS:** When were emojis invented?
- **6. TELEVISION:** In the TV series "The Walking Dead," what was the character Rick Grimes' profession previously?
- **7. CHEMISTRY:** Which element is also known as quicksilver?
- **8. SCIENCE:** What is the name for the pivot on which a lever turns?
- **9. GEOGRAPHY:** Which country is home to the ancient city of Petra?
- **10. MUSIC:** Which of Taylor Swift's songs was first to appear on the Billboard Hot 100?

 Answers
 6. Sheriff's deputy.

 1. 1959.
 7. Mercury.

 2. Isla Mublar.
 8. Fulcrum.

 3. Kits.
 9. Jordan.

 4. South Dakota.
 10. "Tim McGraw."

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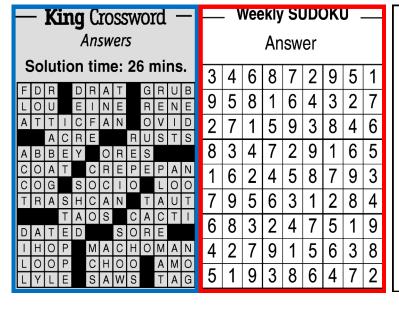
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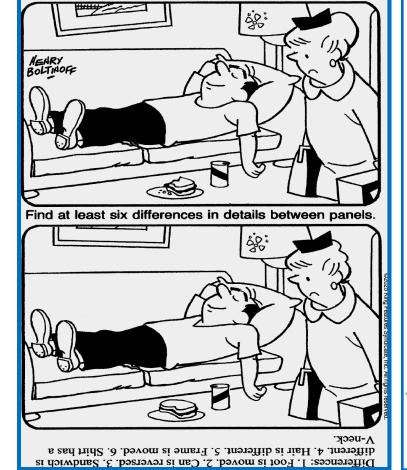
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- There is a Guinness World Record for "most matchsticks extinguished with the tongue."
- * Jimi Hendrix served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's elite 101st Airborne division, though an ankle injury allowed him to leave the service with a welcomed honorable discharge after one year of the three he'd signed up for.
- * Medical students in 18th-century Scotland could pay their tuition fees in corpses.
- * A statement in the end credits of the movie "Frozen" claims that Disney does not support the consumption of boogers.
- * After Playboy founder Hugh Hefner funded some research in the 1980s that identified a subspecies of rabbit living in the Florida Keys, it was named for him: sylvilagus palustris hef-
- An IKEA in the Netherlands had to cancel its one-euro breakfast special because it attracted too many customers and caused highway traffic jams.
- * Rolex replaced, without charge, all the watches that had been seized by the Germans from shot-down Allied pilots during World War II.
- * In its lifetime, the International Space Station will be hit by 100,000 meteoroids.
- * During the Columbine High School massacre in 1999, two 20-pound propane bombs that were planted in the cafeteria failed to detonate. If they had, it is estimated that up to 488 students would have been seriously injured or killed.
 - * Every year, Iceland gets wider by 2 centimeters.
 - * The U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal, has guidelines on what to do if you should stumble across a yeti (and no, we are not talking about the cup!).

Thought for the Day: "In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit." -- Albert Schweitzer

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