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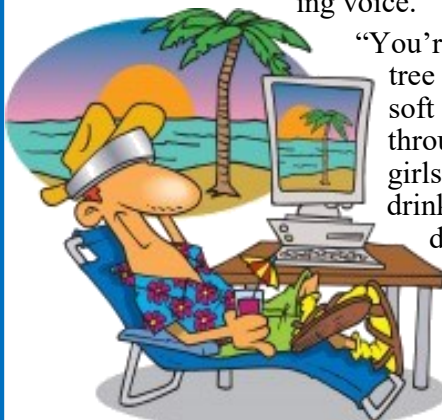
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* On Sept. 9, 2021, Tom Brady became the first player in NFL history to start 300 regular season games as he guided the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to an opening day 31-29 win at home over the Dallas Cowboys.

* On Sept. 10, 1813, U.S. Captain Oliver Hazard Perry led a fleet of nine American ships to victory over a squadron of six British warships at the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812, in the first unqualified defeat of a British naval squadron in history.

* On Sept. 11, 1941, Charles Lindbergh's Des Moines speech, which advocated a position of nonintervention and was met with outrage in many quarters, accused the British, Jews and FDR's administration of pressing for war with Germany.

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* On Sept. 13, 1926, the Post Office Department sent a memo to its 25,000 railway mail clerks containing an order to shoot to kill any bandits attempting to rob the mail, following an ever-increasing number of thefts. They also issued a statement saying that if the robberies continued, the Marines would be again called in to protect the mail.

* On Sept. 12, 1977, Steve Biko, a strong anti-apartheid activist and founder of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa, was killed in an African prison while in police custody. Two decades later, five former police officers confessed to the murder and applied to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for amnesty, but their request was denied in 1999.



* On Sept. 15, 1830, William Huskisson, a British statesman, financier and member of Parliament, was run over and fatally injured by Robert Stephenson's pioneering locomotive Rocket. Though he's commonly known as the world's first widely reported railway passenger casualty, the actual first such death had occurred nine years earlier.

* On Sept. 14, 1741, George Frideric Handel completed his oratorio "Messiah," which was originally an Easter offering. Mesmerizing audiences ever since its first performance in Dublin, Ireland's Musick Hall the following April, it remains a beloved feature of the Christmas season more than two centuries later.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Costa —
- 5 Crib cry
- 9 Gal. fractions
- 12 Colorado resort
- 13 Russian river
- 14 Motor City labor org.
- 15 Alike (Fr.)
- 16 Eyelid woe
- 17 Lyricist Gershwin
- 18 Santa's runway
- 19 Sly chuckle
- 20 Per person
- 21 British verb ending
- 23 Right angle
- 25 Exaggerated pride

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- 28 Affliction
- 32 Look of disdain
- 33 Edition
- 34 Agreed silently
- 36 Goddess of wisdom
- 37 Half of bi-
- 38 Mont. neighbor
- 39 Army transport
- 42 Cagers' gp.
- 44 Till bills
- 48 Internet address
- 49 Eye drop
- 50 Bryant of hoops fame
- 51 Three, in Rome
- 52 Saharan
- 53 Japanese noodle
- 54 Computer key
- 55 Pixels
- 56 Cooped (up)
- 5 Urges dogs on snow
- 6 Museo display
- 7 Chaos
- 8 Ginger —
- 9 Witticism
- 10 Poi base
- 11 Trade
- 20 #1 Elvis Presley song
- 22 Ambulance sound
- 24 Non-clergy
- 25 QVC alternative
- 26 Popular card game
- 27 Nap site
- 29 Enzyme suffix
- 30 Press for payment
- 31 Verily
- 35 Moolah
- 36 Prizes
- 39 Burlap fiber
- 40 Messes up
- 41 Power co. supply
- 43 Lure
- 45 Central point
- 46 Black, in verse
- 47 Dispatched
- 49 Smidgen

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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Clue: M equals S

JUC HOR AOVJRM, UVRM HZL
MQHLRM DVFFVZ YARFM YZ
ZVBRIM HZL FVBYRM?
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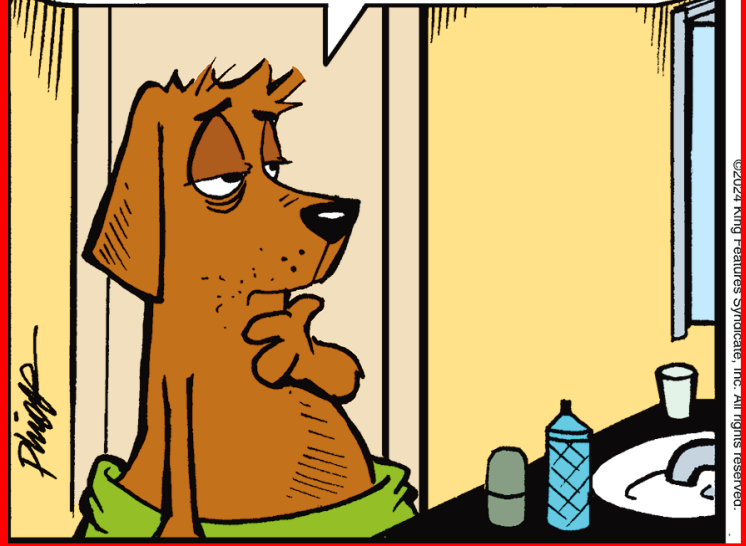
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by Dave T. Phipps

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Who was host of the "Good Eats" cooking show?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which nation's nickname is "Land of Fire and Ice"?
3. MUSIC: What was the title of Madonna's first Top 10 hit?
4. MOVIES: What does the acronym AT-AT refer to in the "Star Wars" movie series?
5. LITERATURE: Which famous entertainer started a children's book-giving program called the Imagination Library?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which bird's eye is larger than its brain?
7. U.S. CITIES: Which U.S. city's nickname is The District?
8. HISTORY: In which modern country is the ancient civilization of Babylon located?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many articles are in the U.S. Constitution?
10. AD SLOGANS: Which rental platform's slogan is "Belong anywhere"?

- Answers
1. Alton Brown.
 2. Iceland.
 3. "Borderline."
 4. All Terrain Armored Transport.
 5. Dolly Parton.
 6. Ostrich.
 7. Washington, D.C.
 8. Iraq.
 9. Seven.
 10. Airbnb.
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CryptoQuip answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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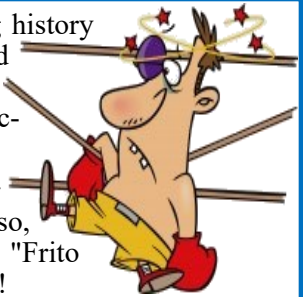
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Ball is moved. 2. Sandbox flag is moved. 3. Puddle is added. 4. Hose is moved. 5. Window is wider. 6. Stripe on shorts is moved.

By
Lucie
Winbourne

Strange BUT TRUE



- * The fastest knockout in pro boxing history occurred when Mike Collins floored Pat Brownson with his first punch and the match ended a mere four seconds after the bell.
- * Have you ever thought that your dog's feet smell like corn chips? If so, you're not alone. In fact, the term "Frito Feet" was coined to describe the scent!
- * A person who enjoys doing crossword puzzles is called a cruciverbalist.
- * Nestor Carbonell's portrayal of Richard Alpert on the hit TV series "Lost" led to an internet debate as to whether the actor was wearing eyeliner.
- * During the Gemini IV missions in 1965, James McDivitt and Edward H. White were the first astronauts to have reportedly smuggled chewing gum into space without permission.
- * On average, people in India spend 10 hours and 42 minutes a week reading, the most time of any country on Earth.
- * Thumbs have their own pulse.
- * The ringing of church bells at weddings can be traced to the Celtic heritage of Scotland and Ireland, when they were used to ward off evil spirits and grant wishes to the newlyweds.
- * In 1965, Johnny Cash's younger brother, Tommy Cash, released a song titled "I Didn't Walk the Line."



- * Upon hearing that the Great Fire of London might destroy his house, English diarist Samuel Pepys took care to bury his most prized possessions in his garden -- including a wheel of Parmesan cheese.
- * Ravens in captivity can learn to talk better than parrots.
- * When your "inner voice" speaks in your head, it triggers small muscle movements in your larynx.
- * Each year, 40,000 tons of space dust settles on Earth.

Thought for the Day: "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." -- Marcel Proust

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