

Contract Bridge

What Can Defeat Me?

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ Q 8 5 2
 ♥ K 10 6
 ♦ K Q 7 5
 ♣ 10 3

WEST	EAST
♠ J 7 6	♠ A 10 3
♥ 8	♥ J 9 5 4 3 2
♦ A 10 9 4	♦ —
♣ J 9 8 6 5	♣ K 7 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K 9 4
 ♥ A Q 7
 ♦ J 8 6 3 2
 ♣ A Q

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 2 ♦ Pass 3 NT
 Opening lead — six of clubs.

Let's say you're in three notrump and West leads the six of clubs. There appears to be nothing to the play, so you take East's king of clubs with the ace and return a low diamond. West follows low, but when you win with dummy's queen, East shows out, and there you are — in danger of losing the contract. In due course, you find that no matter how you twist and turn, the best you can do is go down one.

You could attribute the result to bad luck, if you were so inclined, but the plain fact is that if you played the hand this way, the outcome is really your own fault.

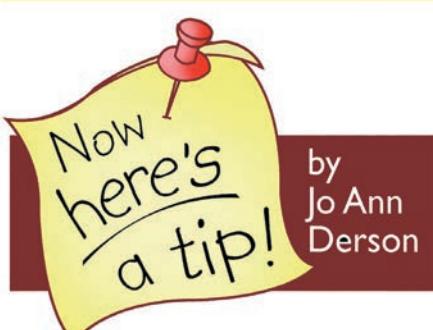
The moment dummy comes down, you can see that the contract is ice-cold if the diamonds are divided 2-2 or 3-1. The only threat is an unlikely — but possible — 4-0 break. Granting that a 4-0 diamond division is only a 1-in-10 possibility, that does not excuse the failure to make provisions for it.

Once you've developed the habit of worrying about such things, it becomes clear that the right play at trick two is the jack of diamonds, not the deuce. If West has all four diamonds, leading the jack will enable you to make four diamond tricks — and the contract — because dummy's K-Q-7 will eventually swallow up West's 10-9-4 with the aid of repeated finesse.

It is true that if East has all four diamonds, leading the jack won't help you a bit. But in that case, there isn't anything you can do to salvage the contract. In bridge, all you're expected to do is to control the controllable.

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by Steve Becker



by
Jo Ann
Derson

- “During the holidays, our schedules change so much, it’s hard to keep track. I used to write and re-write our family calendar, but now I just make a grid for the days/weeks, and I use Post-it notes to enter parties, school obligations and anything that is a ‘maybe.’ It’s much easier to move around, and to add or delete events as needed.” — *via email*

- “Fasten all buttons, snaps, fasteners and zippers on your clothes before washing and drying. It will help them keep their shape. Turn socks inside out, too. It will help prevent them from getting fuzzballs.” — **M.W. from Saskatchewan, Canada**

- “I pick up extra coffee mugs from second-hand stores, then clean and fill them with hot chocolate packets, small coffees and wrapped tea bags and a few little chocolate bars. These make nice little gifts for friends and service people. I am on a fixed budget, but I find that I can be generous this way.” — **T.L. in North Carolina**

- When mailing packages, keep in mind that secure cargo is tightly packed. You don’t

have to buy expensive packing peanuts or bubble wrap; you can use what’s around. For instance, plastic grocery bags are always in abundance. They can be tucked into any spare room and they barely weigh a thing. Same with newspaper; fill all the available space so that nothing bounces around in transit. Save your bubble wrap for the following tip.

- “When mailing cookies, make sure they are packed well. Use an appropriate size container, and give layers some space by separating them with small sheets of bubble wrap. My cookies arrive intact every time.” — **J.J. in Florida**

- “I use a black permanent marker to ‘erase’ scuff marks on my black heels. I only wear them a couple of times a year, so I have to make them last. It works.” — **R.E. in Minnesota**

- Before you set your new can of shaving cream on the sink edge, take this man tip from me: Borrow a bottle of clear nail polish and paint the bottom rim, extending up a quarter inch. It won’t leave rust rings. Been doing this for years. — **M.W. in New York**

- Cut the top off of a soda two liter to use as a funnel. They are very easy to cut and you have a funnel whenever you need one!

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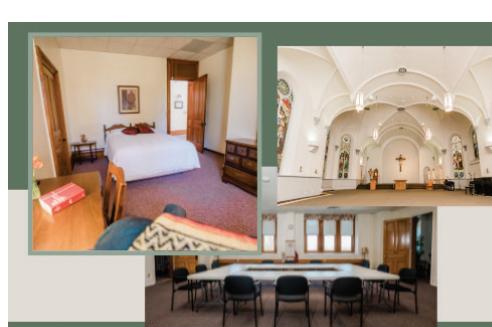
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This early Stickley desk, made around 1900, sold for \$3,900 at Cottone Auctions in Geneseo, New York. It has a fall front that could be folded up when the writing surface wasn't in use, taking up less space in the room. Other adjustable or multifunction Stickley designs include an adjustable recliner and a bookshelf that could also be used as a table.

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Q: I recently bought a cut-glass decanter at an auction. It has a white residue on the very bottom. How can I remove this without damaging the crystal?

A: The white residue is caused by calcium, lime and other minerals found in hard water. It can be removed by filling the decanter with warm water and adding white vinegar, vinegar and baking soda, or a denture tablet. Let it sit for several hours or overnight. Rinse



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As an early example of Gustav Stickley's work, this oak fall front desk is an Arts and Crafts design. It sold for \$3,900 at Cottone Auctions.

out the solution and wash the decanter in a plastic tub or in a sink lined with a towel or rubber mat to prevent chipping. Turn the faucet to one side or put a rubber collar on the spout to avoid hitting the metal. Wash in warm (not hot) water and detergent, rinse and put upside down on a dish rack to dry. The inside of the decanter can be dried by inserting pieces of an old cotton sheet and using the handle of a wooden spoon or a wooden dowel to wipe it.

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TIP: Never wear rubber gloves when cleaning or handling silver. The sulfur from the gloves tarnishes silver.

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for male pattern hair loss) are also used by experts for women. It takes months to see if these are working.

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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Plant Talk

by Ken Resch



The Ornament

For more than sixty Christmases I have carried on a tradition dating back to 1909 and my Grandmother's first Christmas as a young married woman. That year she hung a gold ball on the tree shared with my Grandfather and for every year after that, only my Grandmother could hang The Ornament upon the tree until...

"Here it is, now you hang it right where we can see it." So were the words of my Grandmother as she carefully unwrapped the gold ball. I hung the ornament on the tree and she continued to relate the story of this simple piece. "That's the only ornament I have from the first Christmas your Grandpa and I spent together after we were married in 1909. This other one, the little red bell was from your Aunt Vivian's first Christmas in 1910. Hang it right near the gold one." Every year I went through the same routine with Grandma and I never tired of her telling me the stories. I felt duty-bound to follow set traditions, and putting up my grandparents' Christmas tree was the most sacred duty I had as a young boy.

For my family, as I grew up in the 1950s, the holiday season did not—could not—begin before the Friday after Thanksgiving. On that day we children rushed to our Sears and Roebuck store in Chicago and anxiously waited for Toyland to open. During that weekend my parents, grandparents, and I would climb into the Chevy and go out to Amling's Flowerland to see the displays. On the way home, we stopped to buy our trees, a process that often tested my father's patience to the extreme. Grandma was a choosy shopper, and the tree had to be exactly right. Once purchased, the trees were tied to the top of the car, and we headed home. Dad later cut a bit off the bottom of the trees and placed each one in a bucket

of water. The next weekend we decorated for the holidays. The traditions my parents established were like beacons in my life as they guided me toward the right understanding of family and the over-arching meaning of the December madness that prevailed. Our tree stood proudly in the front room bay window. As my father grew older and I got taller, the task of hanging the lights was turned over to me. Holiday music played from the stereo and the multicolored lights cast a warm glow in the room as we hung ornaments. Every so often Mom would relate a bit about some of the older ornaments as we hung them on the tree. I still have a few from their first Christmas in 1935 as well as from our first Christmas in 1969.

Finished with our tree on Friday, I went upstairs to Grandma's on Saturday. I had the wonderful luxury of my grandparents living in the flat above—an intention of my parents when they bought their only house in 1955. Up at Grandma's, I was in charge, and it felt great! Grandma unwrapped all the ornaments and I hung them wherever I pleased—all but the two originals that Grandma made sure hung in a prominent spot. Little did I realize how much more was going on as we decorated the tree. The small bits of conversation, the reassuring "Oh, that looks nice there!" and the twinkling glances from Grandma, all were a part of my sense of belonging. I now often wonder if Grandma thought back to her early Christmases as she watched me put up the lights, hang the ornaments, and ever so carefully place the tinsel.

Last year, we sold our house the week before Christmas and this year we find ourselves still in an apartment in Dubuque while we wait for our house to be completed in Lake Ozark, Missouri. It has been an unsettling time for us, and I miss not being able to hang the Ornament. Traditions matter and this year I have seen corporate greed sweep in and finally obliterate traditions they'd hammered on for several years. Witches and

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The difference between "garden" mums and "florist" mums is their hardiness.

"Florist" mums are sold from grocery stores and flower shops, useful only as indoor potted plants for seasonal decor and won't survive a winter if you plant them outdoors. "Garden" versions are sold from nurseries as tough perennials meant for outdoor landscapes year round. - Brenda Weaver

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In 1915 our old dirt floor cellar was a storehouse far superior to today's Schwan's Grocery Store on wheels. The one entrance to our cellar was through a large pull up cellar door that swung open on hinges on the Southwest corner of our house.

Many trips daily were made to bring up milk, cream and butter for cooking and table use. Every morning and evening the separated cream was cooled and added to the cream can whose contents were sold weekly at the local cream station.

Built in wooden bins stored a wagon load of potatoes that kept solid until planting time in the spring. We had smaller bins of hubbard squash, heads of cabbage, carrots, and rutabagas all ready for use.

Two twenty-gallon crocks of sauerkraut cut and cured tempted our appetites when the twelve hogs were butchered and cured in early February.

The west cellar wall held wide shelves that stored one-

gallon bottles of tomatoes sealed with a cork and sealing wax canned the open kettle method of boiling the vegetables until completely cooked. Two quart, one quart and pint jars were sealed using jar rubbers and Mason lids that preserved tomatoes, beans and carrots.

Our desire for sugar was met by jars of peaches; pears, apples, plums, blackberries, raspberries and elderberries made into sauce, jellies and jams.

Our large wooden stave barrel churn stood on a special platform built to hold the churn as we turned the handle to separate the sour cream into butter and butter milk. Pa wouldn't help churn if the sour cream wasn't room temperature as it might take hours before the butter came. The quality of butter today seems very solid using a different process, I am sure. The churn had to be kept in a damp place or the staves would dry up and fall apart.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Avoiding Holiday Shopping Scams

It's that time of year again when we do holiday shopping, much of it online. It's also the time when more scammers come out.

And what is it scammers want most? They want your personal information so they can turn it into cash and fraudulent purchases.

Here are a few ways to avoid getting scammed online this holiday season:

Beware sales emails that include links, even if the email is from a store you usually use. Thieves are very good at making their scam pages look genuine. Instead of clicking a link, open a web browser and go directly to the website itself. Sometimes the email will request that you update your account information. Instead, call the store and ask if they've sent out that request.

Beware the tracking emails you get with updates about

packages that you're expecting. Remember that genuine FedEx and UPS emails won't ask for any personal information from you. Don't click links. Go directly to the website.

Be careful where you shop online. Check reviews to see what others have to say. Avoid those with few or low ratings.

Consider using Amazon for most of your online purchases and having a Prime membership. Amazon is good at protecting customers when it comes to you receiving damaged items or not receiving any items at all. A Prime membership now costs \$139 a year, but it includes free shipping, free movies and videos, and more.

If you are scammed, report it. Call your bank and the police, and then notify the Elder Fraud Hotline at 833-372-8311.

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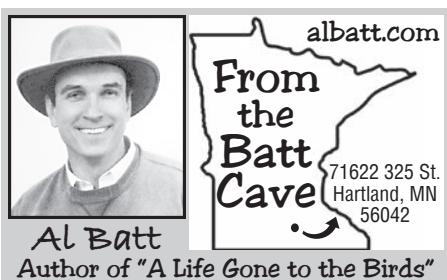
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This is not a bunch of dried Bullwinkle

A cow chip is no chocolate chip.

I don't see many cow chip cookies where I hang out.

Once upon a time in a land far, far away, I was floating happily on the raft of life when I was voluntold to take part in a cow chip throwing contest—a crazy sport that has gone platinum. Voluntold is when someone volunteers you to do something.

In a weak moment, I agreed to do it. I know what you're thinking. Don't I have a shred of dignity left? You've possibly asked yourself the same thing after you've polished off an entire bag of chocolate chip cookies in one inhalation. I agreed because I'd learned to trust a lot to chance, I was building a resume and I suffered from hypomania, the need to be doing something. In my decision-making process, I used Minnesota reasoning—"What's the worst that could happen?" and added what Hank Garis wrote, "And half the fun of nearly everything, you know, is thinking about it beforehand, or afterward," in "Uncle Wiggily's Story Book."

I grew up surrounded by cow chips—not literally, but we had cows and we let the chips fall where they may. A cow chip is a dried cow pie. No one living near me had been described as, "Some people have too much money," but we were in the chips. We couldn't have anything nice, but we had cow chips. Large cow chips were occasionally used as bases during a game of pasture baseball.

Our ancestors burned cow dung as a cheap form of natural fuel. Settlers used cow chips to heat their homes during the winter and to cook their food. The chips were nearly odorless. I figure the odd sport came to be because of pioneers tossing cow chips baked to perfection by the sun into a fuel-gathering wagon and making an enjoyable, healthy competition of the chore.

I made it to the scene of the event. There were four contestants. I thought I saw Jim

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Santas were displayed together. Halloween lights glowed orange right by the red, green, blue, and white lights of Christmas. One holiday blurred into the next. It will not surprise me if I see Valentine's Day displays before the end of the year.

The season must not be about buying and spending and camping out for great deals;

McKay and figured he was there covering it for "Wide World of Sports." I was mistaken.

Each competitor selected two chips and the person who threw one the farthest won. If a chip broke in flight, the piece traveling the farthest is what counted. Like everything, it wasn't as easy as it sounded, but it was easier than sewing buttons on ice cream.

I tossed my first cow chip under a high sky and I won my first-round match. It wasn't because of my throwing ability. The other participant had approached the big box of desiccated bovine excrement, which looked like Frisbee factory rejects, with apparent trepidation and took forever to grab a cow chip before exclaiming, "Ewww, ewww, ewww!" and throwing the clump of cattle exhaust underhand into the audience. He turned a cow chip throwing competition into a demolition derby. That was easy to do. I hoped there would be no scarring. I tossed mine expeditiously because I'd learned when you're going to make a fool of yourself, to get it over with as quickly as possible.

I threw mine overhand. It went farther than the football was kicked by my teammate, our punter, who when finally given the playing opportunity, kicked the ball behind him.

You'll probably spend your allotted time here on Earth without ever tossing a cow chip, as the sport is unlikely to replace pickleball or even the NFL, but here are a couple of tips for throwing cow chips. Don't lick your fingers between throws. Keep your mouth closed when throwing cow chips. The rounder the chip, the better suited it is for throwing. Make sure your cow chip lacks moisture. Throwing techniques vary—overhand, underhand or tossed like a Frisbee. Overhand works best.

I moved on to the finals with a great lack of fanfare. Remember white dress shirts? Men used to wear them. My opponent wore a white dress shirt accessorized with a necktie. I sported a T-shirt with a softball team's name on it.

I gave a noble effort. I didn't win or even get a certificate of participation, but I did set a personal record.

The winner was no surprise. He was a member of Congress. You can't beat experience.

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rather, it must always be about the personal relationships we have with each other. My grandmother's ornament will remind me of the joy I had just being in her presence. This season, as you hang ornaments with children or grandchildren, spouses or friends, tell them stories of holidays past and pass on to others the warmth and love you've known.

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by Jerry Eberhardt (1924-2017)

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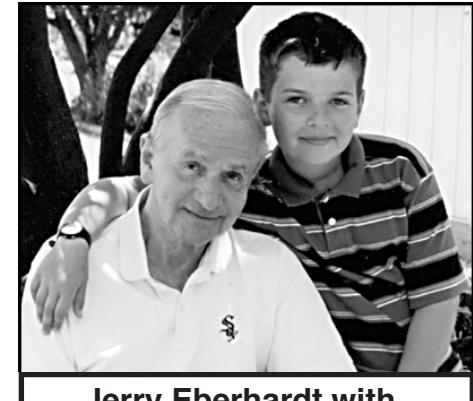
The "Corner" Gang (Part I)

Maury, grandpa almost forgot that this ever happened. When I did recall this event, immediately I thought of you, but first let me give you some brief history to help you understand this fond "memory."

The big stock market crash came in 1929 causing the next ten years, approximately, to be known as the depression era. Grandpa was in grade school for most of this time and was about eleven or twelve when this event would occur many times during the summer. This is what happened.

The depression caused many young men to be unemployed. In our neighborhood, a typically large group, known as the "corner gang," were pretty good athletes and had a softball game most summer evenings. They used the neighborhood public school Audubon playground (just over the fence from grandpa's backyard) attracting many neighbors as spectators for their games. Maury, there was no TV, and air conditioning was scarce then.

One of their group, Ed Clemen, was a victim of Polio, a now extinct disease, thankfully. Losing the use of both his legs he used a special tricycle for mobility. He would kneel on two pads and use his hands to turn the two foot pedals. Consequently his upper body developed massively, giving him great arm and shoulder strength. Ed, though handicapped, was also athletic, using his strong



**Jerry Eberhardt with
grandson, Maury Cohn**

upper body to develop into a respected softball pitcher.

Here, Maury, is where Grandpa entered the picture. (I had gotten to know the "corner" gang, chasing balls for them, running errands, etc., and was proud of the fact that I was the only kid allowed to "sit in their group!" Each inning I'd go with Ed to the pitcher's box, wait until he was off his tricycle (he pitched from a sitting position!), then remove it to the sidelines. After three outs, I'd quickly bring Ed his tricycle so he could go off the field. When Ed would bat (sitting on the ground), I stood at a spot even with home plate. If he'd hit a ball fair or got a walk, I'd run the bases for him! I remember "feeling kind of special" doing this with all the people watching!

I idolized all these "older guys," but also acquired a special respect and admiration for Ed. To this day Grandpa still has a mental picture of this man with a build like Arnold Schwarzenegger from the waist up with muscles bulging from his two powerful arms.

Hope you enjoyed this. There's a part II to this, Maury, which I'll tell you all about in my next memory.

Much love, Grandpa

Strong reasons make strong actions.

—William Shakespeare



1. Which artist wrote and released "Heart of Gold" in 1972?
2. Who released "Blue on Blue"?
3. Which duo released "The Look"?
4. Name the group that released "I Want It All."
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I wish I could carry your smile in my heart, For times when my life seems so low."

Answers

1. Neil Young. He not only put aside the electric guitar for this

one (opting for only the acoustic), he also had Linda Ronstadt and James Taylor singing backup.
2. Bobby Vinton, in 1963. The song was on his album of the same name, all songs having a "blue" theme, such as "Blueberry Hill" and "Mr. Blue."
3. Roxette, in 1989. It was written by Per Gessle while he was learning how to use a synthesizer. He came up with lyrics to be used as mental placeholders as he mastered the synthesizer.
4. Queen, in 1989. There are three versions of the song. The album, the single and the compilation all used different instruments.
5. "All Out of Love," by Air Supply in 1980. The song relates the efforts of a man to win back his lady love after he's hurt her.

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**From Where I Sit**

The transitioning of fall sports to winter activities presents an exciting time for Iowa Hawkeye athletics. When all or most are performing at a high level of success, it makes for a happy holiday.

Hawkeye football could be headed back to Indianapolis for the Big Ten football championship game. A win over Nebraska on black Friday would crown Iowa the West division titlist for a second consecutive year.

The Hawks flew into Minneapolis last week on the wings of a three game winning streak and edged the Gophers 13-10, winning the turnover battle 2-0. All-American linebacker Jack Campbell had 10 tackles, six solo, a forced fumble and an interception that set up kicker Drew Stevens' game winning field goal with 28 seconds remaining in the game. Campbell has 110 tackles for the year and the Iowa defense has held nine of eleven opponents to ten points or less. Iowa is 7-4 and 5-3 in the West, tied with Purdue but owning the tiebreaker with the Boilermakers.

Iowa basketball is off and running with a 3-0 mark, including an impressive 83-67 conquest of Seton Hall in the

SPORTS COMMENT

by Gary Dolphin

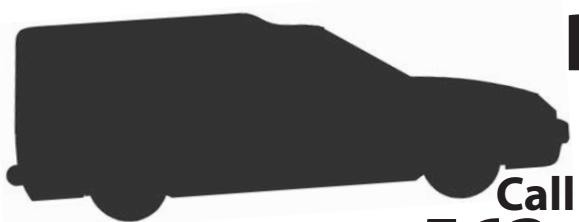
Voice of the Iowa Hawkeyes

Big Ten-Big East Classic. It was the Hawkeyes first true road test and had a difficult start to it. Spotting the Pirates an early 10-2 lead before getting stops on 13 of the next 14 Seton Hall possessions, the Hawks outscored "The Hall" 19-3 to build an 8 point advantage. The Hawkeyes led the remainder of the game, putting four players in double figures, led by Kris Murray's double double of 29 points, 11 rebounds. Filip Rebraca posted 10 points and 11 boards and guard Tony Perkins dropped in 18 points with 5 assists.

Iowa hosted Omaha Monday night before heading to the Emerald Coast Classic in Florida to face Clemson and either TCU or Cal.

The Hawkeye women topped Belmont inside Carver Hawkeye Arena Sunday afternoon 73-62. All-American Caitlin Clark scored 33 points, her 12th career 30 point performance. Iowa was efficient at the foul line sinking 18-23 free throws. The Hawks are 4-1 and will play in Portland this weekend at the Phil Knight Legacy Classic, facing Oregon State, then either Duke or powerful Connecticut.

The Thanksgiving menu is loaded with Hawkeye athletics. Happy Holidays !



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of the Los Angeles/Oakland Raiders from 1989-94 and again in 2006?

5. The Webb Ellis Cup is the trophy awarded to the winner of what quadrennial sports tournament?

6. Name the South African boxer, nicknamed "The Bionic Hand," who was the first African-born boxer to fight for and win a heavyweight title.

7. What marathon, held annually in London from 1909 to 1996, was the first to be run at the 26.219-mile distance?

Answers

1. Cecil and Prince Fielder.
2. Chelsea F.C.
3. Terry, with 22. Bobby had 21.
4. Art Shell.
5. The Rugby World Cup.
6. Gerrie Coetzee.
7. The Polytechnic Marathon.

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Who are the only father-son duo in Major League Baseball history to both hit at least 50 home runs in a single season?
2. Stamford Bridge is the home stadium of what English Premier League football club?
3. Between brothers Terry and Bobby Labonte, which had more career NASCAR Cup Series race victories?
4. What Pro Football Hall of Famer served as head coach

Happy Holidays!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: At which popular restaurant does Penny work in "The Big Bang Theory"?
2. ASTRONOMY: Which one of Jupiter's moons has active volcanos?
3. GEOGRAPHY: The Tiber River flows through which famous capital city?
4. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Martian Chronicles"?
5. U.S. STATES: Which river forms the eastern border of Iowa?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to give a televised address from the White House?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:
8. EGYPTIANS.
9. KRISTEN BELL.
10. TRUNK.
11. MISSISSIPPI.
12. RAY BRADBURY.
13. ROME.
14. HARRY TRUMAN.
15. A MAPLE LEAF.
16. CHEESECAKE FACTORY.
17. IO.
18. ROMA.
19. CELIA AND PRINCE FIELDER.
20. TERRY.
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24. ART SHELL.
25. GERRIE COETZEE.
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27. THE RUGBY WORLD CUP.
28. THE WEBB ELLIS CUP.
29. THE TIBER RIVER.
30. THE BIG BANG THEORY.
31. THE MARTIAN CHRONICLES.
32. THE EASTERN BORDER OF IOWA.
33. THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO GIVE A TELEVISED ADDRESS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.
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Answers

What image on Canada's flag is a recognizable symbol of the country?

8. MEASUREMENTS: Which ancient civilization used palms, digits and cubits to measure length?

9. MOVIES: Who voices the character Princess Anna in "Frozen"?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: An elephant has the most muscles in which part of its body?

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Probably the greatest radio broadcast of the time was *A Christmas Carol* performed by Lionel Barrymore. *A Christmas Carol* was brought to CBS by Lionel Barrymore, on December 25, 1934, and each year the Charles Dickens' classic became a listening must for millions. Barrymore's portrayal of the miserly Scrooge was as flawless as anything radio has

ever produced. For his first performance he was supported by Beatrice Lillie, while Alexander Woollcott served as master of ceremonies. In 1936, with the death of Barrymore's wife, his brother John took the role. Orson Welles played Scrooge in 1938 when Lionel became ill. But the following year Barrymore was back, in Welles' own Mercury Theatre, for a full 60 minute production with Welles as narrator. On December 23, 1944, Barrymore did the story in 30 minutes as part of his regular *Mayor of the Town* series. Many listeners and critics considered *A Christmas Carol* the greatest Yule story ever done on the air. Until his death on November 15, 1954, Barrymore, with almost clockwork regularity, captured the essence of "the grasping, clutching, conniving, covetous old sinner, Ebenezer Scrooge."

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—Adlai Stevenson

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CHRISTMAS DAY by Henry W. Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the south,
And with the sound,
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Down Memory Lane



It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head,
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company

We received a collection of the *Brunswick Record* from a classmate of ours, John Rogan, whose grandmother, Mary "Maizie" Rogan, worked for Brunswick, located at the former site of Flexsteel Industries in the 3400 block of Jackson Street in Dubuque. The plant was built in 1911 and closed in December 1931.



Reflections in the Park from Pg. 1 young and old!

Reflections in the Park, "A Hillcrest Lights Festival", presented by: DB&T and Heartland Financial USA; has not only become a family tradition for many but also a tradition in the Tristate community. "It is awesome to see the faces of the little ones especially," said Greg Birkett, Steering Committee Member and Volunteer for Reflections. "It puts everyone in the Holiday spirit and is an important fundraiser for Hillcrest Family Services".

Hillcrest is blessed with approximately 500 community volunteers put in over 3,500 hours making Reflections in the Park happen, from handling the promotions, refurbishing lights year-round, doing everything

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The dollars raised support the 30-plus programs of Hillcrest Family Services. Located at 2005 Asbury Road in Dubuque, Hillcrest is a nonprofit human services agency that serves over 37,000 individuals across State of Iowa and beyond.

Tickets for Reflections in the Park are priced at \$12 per vehicle at the gate. Discounted \$10 tickets are available at all Dubuque Bank and Trust banking centers and at Hillcrest Family Services throughout the event. Tickets also make wonderful stocking stuffer gifts.

Additional details about Reflections can be obtained by calling Hillcrest at 563.583-7357.

money to combat smoking, so we're on board.

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Thought for the Day: "For me, becoming isn't about arriving somewhere or achieving a certain aim. I see it instead as forward motion, a means of evolving, a way to reach continuously toward a better self. The journey doesn't end." — *Michelle Obama*

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Strange BUT TRUE

by Lucie Winborne

- Finnish Ph.D. students graduate in style! Along with their hard-earned diploma, they receive a sword and top hat.

- Baby elephants suck their trunks for comfort.

- Do you like tequila? Thank a bat. Seriously. Bats are the main pollinators of the agave plant, which is the key ingredient in tequila. No bats, no agave, no tequila!

- If Michael Phelps were a country, he'd rank No. 35 on the all-time Olympic gold medal list, ahead of 97 countries.

- On Jan. 20, 2022, a U.S. hacker managed to bring down North Korea's entire internet. In addition, he performed this feat in great comfort, while wearing his pajama pants, watching "Aliens" and munching on spicy corn snacks.

- If you attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, perhaps you participated in a Thanksgiving tradition known as Frozen Turkey Bowling. And yes, it's essentially what it sounds like: A bunch of folks hurling oiled frozen turkeys down a grocery store aisle at a set of bowling pins. Strange? Sure, but it raises



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The Golden age of Radio!

Looking back on the ways our world has communicated it is an interesting journey into our ever-changing world. In 1939 this Zenith model 9-S67 Long Distance Radio with Robot Dial was the newest and best way to learn of the events of the day, listen to sports, and enjoy your favorite music. The golden age of radio was filled with many live radio shows that provided the words for your imagination to build the story and images in your mind. Television changed all of that when the images got created on a screen, first in black and white and then with the advent of color in the 1950's. Television and the internet today impacts our lives with most homes having on average over 6 different screens per household.

The volume of information that is being created daily in today's world exceeds the capacity of any one human beings ability to view even a small portion of it. I have often



said to friends and family I would like things to slow down, a chance to go back to a time when a single radio proudly positioned next to the fireplace was the only intrusion into our daily life. This radio sold recently on eBay for \$120.00.

Merry Christmas

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Flip into the Holiday Season with Swedish Pancakes

As traditional recipes start to pour out of family cookbooks during the holidays, I decided to go on a quest for the "best" Swedish pancake recipe from my friends and their Swedish-American friends. I soon discovered that there are probably as many recipes as there are Swedish grandmothers—and grandfathers.

Growing up, I recall that my Grandma Ruth, a second-generation Swede, actually didn't work from a formal recipe. "A little bit of this, a lot of that," she'd say to me, as I stood on a footstool by her side, carefully pouring milk into a wide bowl. A lot of "that" usually meant the melted butter that would blend smooth as silk into the batter. I later learned the basic techniques for flipping the pancakes from my dad. (Unlike the thicker American flapjack, a Swedish pancake is more like a French crepe, so flipping can be unwieldy at first.)

Happily, my family and I have continued the tradition of making Swedish pancakes topped with bright-red lingonberry preserves and a dusting of confectioners' sugar. A satisfying, easy meal for a

lazy Saturday morning breakfast or a casual weeknight supper.

Here's my easy "best" recipe. Stir it up for your family and make it your own with a little bit of this (maple syrup on top?) or that. How about some freshly sliced strawberries and a dollop of whipped cream?

SWEDISH PANCAKES

Makes 12 pancakes

1 cup flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 cups milk, or 1 1/2 cups milk and 1/2 cup half and half (optional)

3 eggs

1/4 cup butter, melted and cooled, plus butter for cooking.

In a medium bowl, combine all of the ingredients with a whisk until smooth. Do not overbeat. For each pancake, lightly butter griddle or large skillet; heat over medium-high heat. When quite hot, pour 1/3 cup of the batter into skillet. Swirl it around so that it forms a thin 8- to 9-inch layer on the bottom of the pan.

Cook until the pancake is golden brown on the bottom (lift up a corner to check the color) and small bubbles are visible on the top. This happens quickly. Flip with a narrow spatula and cook until lightly brown on the other side.

Set on a plate and fold in half, or quarters, if you wish. Serve hot with traditional lingonberry, strawberry or raspberry preserves. Top with a dusting of confectioners' sugar.

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Cremer's Cooking Tips

Cremer's E-Z Whole Beef Tenderloin

1/2" slices. End piece will be more done and center of roast more rare.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: SET IN FROM THE MARGIN

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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.

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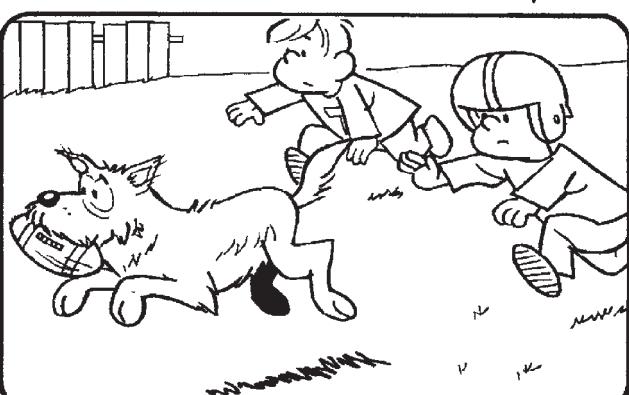
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Ears are different. 3. Dog is moved. 4. Helmet stripe is different. 5. Mouth is different. 6. Arms/hands are missing.

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SUDOKU Answer

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Stickelers Answer

CONCILLIATION is spelled incorrectly.
It should be CONCILIATION.