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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



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Strange But True

by Lucie Winborne

• Koi fish have been known to live up to 226 years.

• Singapore has a mandatory organ donation scheme for people over 21. Anyone choosing to opt out of it is given lower priority to receive a transplant if they ever find themselves in need of one.

• In Chinese, the KFC

slogan "finger-lickin' good" translates to "eat your fingers off" in its literal interpretation.

• Dueling is still legal in Paraguay, as long as both parties are blood donors.

• The Boston University Bridge is the only spot in America where a boat can sail under a train moving under a car driving under an airplane.

• In 2018, a 30-year-

old woman in Canada was shot in her left breast. Her silicone breast implant deflected the bullet away from her vital organs and left her with only some broken ribs ... and a damaged implant.

• Eighty-five percent of American shoppers go to their right when entering a store.

• Early astronomer John Herschel report-

ed seeing winged people inhabiting the moon through his telescope.

• Prior to 1900, prize-fights lasted 100 rounds.

• Three British friends set the world record for completing the longest-ever journey by taxi – a grand total of 43,319.5 miles in their 20-year-old black cab named "Hannah." The trip took them across four continents

and 50 countries and generated a fare equivalent to \$108,269.73.

• According to Western University, 88% of divorced people use Facebook to keep tabs on exes, and a third post pictures

to make the ex jealous.

Thought for the Day: "If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere." – Frank A. Clark

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Herkimer College presentation on Wicked Herkimer County

Meet killer ghosts, jailbreakers and grave robbers at the Friends of Historic Herkimer County's program "Wicked Herkimer County" on Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at

Herkimer College in the CC288 College Center Amphitheater. The program features three of the contributing authors to the new book "Wicked Herkimer County" – James Greiner, Jeff Steele and Dennis Webster. There will be books available for purchase that evening for \$22.

The event is free and open to the public. Guests are asked to wear a mask in respect to the college's COVID protocols. For more information, call 315.867.5036.



Local author and paranormal investigator Dennis Webster will be one of the speakers at Herkimer College, talking about the "Killer Ghosts" he encountered on investigations at the 1834 Herkimer County Jail.

Photo courtesy of Friends of Historic Herkimer County

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In old Ireland, Halloween was known as Samhain – the time of year when the barrier between ours and the spirit world was thinnest. Many of our

best-known scary legends and Halloween symbols: Jack o' the Lantern, witches on brooms, costumes and trick-or-treating trace their origins to Ireland. Join us for spooky stories and real fairy tales from Irish folklore.

One story will relate how a curmudgeonly soul named Jack defeated Sa-

tan, escaped hell but was not admitted to heaven and wanders earth through eternity. A coffin-maker summons his long dead customers to a party that soon erupts in a hilarious fight between two wives of one of the deceased. And if you think the fairies are anything resembling Tinkerbell,

you will soon find that notion a myth.

Readings and music will be performed by Amadán Dubh (Mike Carroll – flute/tin whistle/concertina), Bill Fahy (banjo/guitar), Tavia Hach (harp, fiddle) and Mike Hoke (fiddle).

To sign up, contact irishccmv@gmail.com.



Calendar of events

NOTE: Calendar items must be submitted by Tuesday prior to the publication date to be included in the Calendar of Events. Entries may be emailed to cfeditor@leepub.com

October 22

28th Annual Italian Feast 5 - 6:30 p.m. St. John's Church, N. Main St., Newport. Takeouts only. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. All proceeds to fund charitable works. Drive-thru for pick-up.

October 23

Harvest Dinner at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 512 E. Gansevoort St., Little Falls. Takeout only. Pre-orders preferred. Preorder can be called in at 315.823.4091.

Ilion Trunk or Treat 4 - 7 p.m. 25+ Trunk or treats, hay ride, music and food trucks. 39 Pleasant Ave., Ilion.

October 24

Annual Harvest Dinner Served buffet and family-style. 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Masons on Newport Lodge #455. Adults \$12, kids 6 - 12 \$6, under 6 free.

October 28

Spooky Irish Tales & Tunes for Samhain 7 p.m., Irish Cultural Center for the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St., Utica.

October 29-30

Rummage Sale, Plant & Bake Sale at Cold Brook United Methodist Church, 467 Main St., Cold Brook. Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

October 29

Blood Drive 1-6:30 p.m. at Cherry Valley Springfield Central School, 597 County Highway 54, Cherry Valley.

October 31

Eat, Drink & Be Scary All You Can Eat Buffet 8 - 11 a.m. Sponsored by Newport Lodge #455 and Girl Scout Troop 61127. At the Masonic Lodge #455, 7408 Main St., Newport.

November 4

Blood Drive 1-5:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, 763 East Main St., Little Falls. Sponsor Code: Holy-FamLF. Visit tinyurl.com/2skzcx8

November 5

Black & White Hero Sale 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m. Ilion Masonic Temple, 118 Morgan St. Pre-orders strongly suggested, \$8 each; call 315.269.6493.

November 5-6

Rummage Sale, Plant & Bake Sale at Cold Brook United Methodist Church, 467 Main St., Cold Brook. Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

November 6

Rabies Clinic 7 - 9 a.m. East Herkimer Fire Dept., 193 Main Rd., East Herkimer. Pre-registration will end at noon on Nov 5. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Little Falls, 9 - 10:15 a.m. Walk begins at the Parish Gym located behind the church. For more information, visit holyfamilyparish.org

Annual Christmas Carousel 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Morning Star United Methodist Church, 36 Second St., Ilion. Due to COVID-19 mandates take-out soup and sandwich luncheon offered from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. masks will be required.

Annual Christmas Carousel, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Morning Star UMC, 36 Second St., Ilion. For more info, email barbara.horwald@gmail.com. Reference Christmas Carousel.

BSA Troop/Pack 25 Mohawk Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (or sold out) at Mohawk American Legion, 43 W. Main St., Mohawk. Takeout only. Tickets: Mr. Briggs 315.717.9780; Mr.

Joyce 315.867.8239; or Mr. Roberts 315.717.6018.

Salisbury Center Universalist Church Annual Craft Fair, Bake Sale & Chinese Auction 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Auction winners drawn at 3 p.m. Food and beverages available.

Roast Beef Dinner 4 - 7 p.m. (or sold out). Ilion First Baptist Church, corner of Otsego and Second streets. Adults \$12. Eat-in, takeout and delivery. Tickets available from church members, the church office or call 315.894.9041.

November 7

Yearly Meatloaf Dinner St. Paul's UU Church, 565 Albany St., Little Falls. To-go only, 4 - 7 p.m. (or sold out). Delivery available to limited area. \$10. Call 315-823-2284.

November 11

Town Board of the Town of Stratford public hearing 6:30 p.m. Topic: Town Budget for 2022. Regular monthly meeting immediately following the hearing.

November 13

Central Valley Central School District Foundation Turkey Trot Road race at German Flatts Town Park, 555 State Route 5S in Mohawk. Register tinyurl.com/ypc726ft.

November 15

Rabies Clinic at Susquehanna SPCA 2 - 5 p.m. Register at 607.547.8111 ext 111.

November 20 - 21

Holiday Craft Show 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. German Flatts Town Park, 555 Route 5S, Mohawk. Looking for vendors, \$10/day. Vendors can contact any of the following to reserve a table: Brenda 518.231.2493 or Bjonker0713@gmail.com; Judy 315.866.2861 or billybebad56@gmail.com; or Carol 315.866.6791 or pvercz@twcnny.rr.com

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Avoid these common Halloween costume dangers

Children and adults may spend weeks planning their Halloween costumes. Movie or TV characters, political figures, horror icons or everyday heroes are among the most popular costumes each year.

Much thought goes into Halloween costumes, and equal consideration should be given to ensuring the costume is as safe as it is fun. The following are some common costume hazards and how to avoid them.

• **Flammable materials:** According to the ASTM D1230-17 – Standard Test Method for Flammability of Apparel Textiles, some combustible fabrics used in the design of clothing “are potentially dangerous to the wearer because of such factors as ease of ignition, flame spread time, amount of heat released, and design of the garment.” Quite often Halloween costumes fall under these dangerous classifications because

they are not considered everyday apparel. Materials may not be sturdy and federal requirements for clothing to be flame-resistant may be skirted. Some costumes can ignite in seconds. Others also may cause “flaming drip,” which describes the melting of plastic material that leads to it separating from the rest of the costume. Flaming drip can cause secondary fires or burns to the skin. Look for costumes that list flame-resistance, even if they may be more expensive.

• **Invisible suits:**

Invisible suits are stretchy bodysuits that cover the entire frame and head. Newer incarnations that are all black without eyeholes can be dangerous to wear because they limit wearers’ ability to see clearly and be seen by others.

• **Dangerous makeup:**

Halloween makeup may not be created in adherence to the same standards as regular cosmetics. Check ingredients for hazards and warnings about where the makeup can be applied, as some products are not recommended for use around



Read ingredients and check safety information for Halloween makeup to ensure it is safe to use on certain areas of the face.

the mouth or eyes. Apply a small amount first to see if an allergic reaction occurs.

• **Capes and flowing components:** Costumes that have long, flowing parts, such as a costume for Ringwraith, a character from the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy, or even caped crusaders can be fire hazards. Parts of such costumes also can

get caught underfoot in doors (such as rotating entrances to stores) and even the gears on bicycles. Strangulation or falls can occur in these instances.

• **Faulty footwear:** Costumes that require the use of high heels, platform shoes or any other design that may impede the ability to walk safely should be discouraged. Not only can they cause foot discomfort that reduces time spent on the trick-or-treating circuit, but these costumes also increase the risk of slips and falls and twisted or broken ankles.

• **Contact lenses:** Colored or patterned contact lenses are popular components of some costumes. However, decorative contact lenses should not be used without a proper fitting by an eye care professional who sells reputable decorative contact brands. Also, never share contact lenses and always wash hands before putting in contacts or removing them from the eyes.

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Historic Overlook Mansion to host the Perfect Pairing: Cigars & Bourbon event for local charity

Cigar and bourbon enthusiasts (and those interested in this curious group) are invited to an exclusive pairing event at the Historic Overlook Mansion in Little Falls on Oct. 23 from 5 - 8 p.m.

Bringing this type of cultural experience to the Mohawk Valley is the vision of local entrepreneur/developer Daniel Preston. Preston's mission is to redevelop the waterfront and key irreplaceable historic buildings in Little Falls. He said this event "will be a wonderful experience for old friends to meet new friends, a way to inspire and include everyone in community development."

Preston was awarded the first distillation license in New York since Prohibition. "When I started Widow Jane, I knew it would be much more than just another bourbon company. The distillery in Red Hook, Brooklyn, became a cultural center and planted the seed for so many

other things to happen there. I want to see similar things happen in Little Falls," he said.

This is the first of what Preston hopes to be many new and exciting events that inspire a sense of culture, education and community.

Preston has brought in long-time friend Omar de Frias, former professional basketball player, NASA analyst and owner of Fratello Cigars, to participate. De Frias will be highlighting his unique brand of premium hand-made, Nicaraguan leaf cigars. Fratello cigars are small-batch boutique cigars with a rich, complex flavor, constructed using the finest hand-selected tobaccos. "Quality cigars have the ability to change your pallet. Intellectually, it's fun to sip your bourbon and taste the cigar and feel that change in the moment. I'm thrilled to be able to connect people in the area to Fratello Cigars," said Preston.

Bourbon pairings will be hand-selected for the

event by Meghan Tracy, owner of Ann Street Liquors in Little Falls. Tracy will be uncorking a variety of familiar brands as well as some lesser-known top-shelf bourbons. "One thing I've had my eye on is bourbon culture. Over the last year, I've worked hard on building a curated selection of hard-to-find bourbons," she said. Selections include:

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How to help kids find suitable volunteering opportunities

Volunteering is a great way for people to give back to their communities. Many people give back out of a desire to help others, but those same individuals may acknowledge that volunteering benefits volunteers most of all.

Various studies examining the benefits of volunteering on volunteers have been conducted in recent years. Seniors and retirees who volunteer often cite the sense of purpose that giving back provides. But it's not just adults who benefit from volunteering. In fact, a report from the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension noted that volunteerism promotes positive citizenship among youth, contributes to youths' identity development and increases their self-esteem. The authors of the report also note that volunteering helps youth develop empathy for others.

Parents who want their children to reap the rewards of volunteering can try various strategies to help youngsters find an opportunity to lend a hand.

• **Utilize the internet.** The internet is a great resource for aspiring volunteers. VolunteerMatch.org partners with more than 130,000 nonprofit organiza-

tions to help them find the volunteers they rely on to meet their missions. Volunteering opportunities listed on VolunteerMatch are broken into categories such as Animals, Arts & Culture and even Children & Youth, making this an ideal place for aspiring do-gooders to start their volunteering journey.

• **Speak with school officials.** A child's school is another great place to discover volunteering organizations. Extracurricular activities like school-sponsored clubs may organize volunteering excursions throughout the school year. Educators, including school principals, teachers and guidance counselors, also can help parents find the right volunteering opportunities for their children.

• **Speak with local church officials.** Like schools, local churches often sponsor youth-based volunteering activities. Many churches encourage all youths to join in their efforts, including those who are not members of their congregations.

• **Speak with children.** Parents can encourage youngsters to offer their input in regard to volunteering. Some youngsters may already have strong ideas on the types of volunteering activities that interest them.

For example, avid surfers and nature enthusiasts may want to volunteer with their local parks system to help keep beaches and parks clean. The more enthusiastic children are about a volunteering opportunity, the more likely they are to stick with it for the long haul.

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The mansion's scenic views at sunset offer the perfect backdrop for a stellar cocktail party of unique pairings, light tapas appetizers (imported from the Azores) and a Latin vibe of classic Cuban merengue music. "There's a lot of intrigue surrounding the Overlook Mansion, and I want people to get excited about bringing it back to

life. This will be a night for old friends, meeting new ones, memorable conversations and community development. We will have a style guide displayed during the event so attendees can get an idea of where we are going with that space and others," said Preston.

Preston is also committed to supporting the livelihood of important organizations that serve Little Falls and the surrounding communities. "Collaborating and connecting people around productive and creative ideas is important to me. I also want to support and create more visibility for entities such as the Little Falls Youth and Family Center that already do so much for our community."

Tickets are on sale through CigarsandBourbon.eventbrite.com. Hardcopy tickets are also available from Ann Street Liquor, 18 N. Ann St., Little Falls. Each ticket includes two carefully paired selections of cigars and bourbon. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Little Falls Youth and Family Center's Food Pantry.

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How to handle the return of Black Friday

The holiday season figures to feel more familiar in 2021 than it did a year ago, when a global pandemic forced people to change how they celebrated and shopped. Though the pandemic is not yet in the rearview mirror, the roll-out of a trio of effective vaccines should make it possible for millions of people to celebrate safely this holiday season.

A return to normalcy should be welcome news for local retailers, and Black Friday could start the beginning of a busy and lucrative holiday season. With a more normal holiday season on the horizon, shoppers may benefit from a refresher course on how to get the best Black Friday deals.

• Start early. Black Friday may not begin until the day after Thanksgiving,

but savvy shoppers know that many retailers post or leak their sales well in advance of the big day. Various websites are devoted to helping consumers find the best Black Friday deals. Many such websites update their listings as retailers release more sales information. Consumers can bookmark Black Friday websites and then periodically visit them to learn about the latest deals.

• Comparison shop. Getting a head start on Black Friday shopping also affords shoppers a chance to comparison shop. PriceGrabber.com makes it easy to compare deals from a wide range of retailers on everything from appliances to furniture to pet supplies.

• Confirm when stores open. Many retailers abandoned midnight store

openings on Black Friday a year ago. Such decisions were made to protect public health and they may remain in place in 2021. Though it might be a family tradition to visit a retailer in the wee small hours of the Black Friday morning, the pandemic has changed the holiday shopping landscape. So confirm when stores open and close before crawling out of bed in the dark this Black Friday.

• Utilize curbside pickup to avoid crowds. Shoppers who are still nervous about COVID-19 don't have to sit Black Friday out for the second year in a row.

Various retailers started offering curbside pickup during the pandemic and that option has proven so popular that it's stuck around even after vaccines became widely available. Shoppers with unvaccinated children at home or those who simply want to avoid crowds can safely land great deals by opting for curbside pickup this Black Friday.

Black Friday figures to feel more normal in 2021 than it did a year ago. Consumers can capitalize on Black Friday sales by revisiting some old shopping strategies and embracing new ones as the 2021 holiday season begins.



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Dining out with unvaccinated children

Dining out safely and confidently has long been a coveted component of getting back to normal life after the pandemic. In spring of 2021, mask mandates were lifted in most areas and it seemed like dining out and other activities were returning. However, new variants of the virus and breakthrough infections have added to uncertainty and raised some familiar questions about the safety of dining out, particularly with unvaccinated children.

Though COVID-19 vaccines are now available to people ages 12 and older, children younger than 12 remain ineligible for vaccination. As a result, families may once again be wondering how to navigate going out.

Epidemiologists and other public health experts agree that there is no such thing as zero risk when dining out. Families must conduct their own risk assessment before venturing out with unvaccinated individuals. The following tips can help parents assess that risk so they can make the safest, most informed decisions possible.

• **Check virus infection rates.** Study the CDC risk levels for areas where you intend to dine out. This information is free and can provide valuable insight as to the safety of a given area.

• **Opt for outdoor seating.** It's generally safer to dine outdoors than indoors. According to Saskia Popescu, an infectious disease epidemiologist and assistant professor at George Mason University, when dining indoors people are eating and drinking without masks on. They don't know other people's vaccine status and they are there for prolonged periods of time, during which virus particles could be circulating through the air. Virus particles are dispersed outdoors more easily than in a crowded interior space.

• **Dine at off-peak hours.** If you must eat indoors due to weather or other circumstances, it may be better to dine during off-peak hours when the restaurant is largely unoccupied. This reduces the risk of contact with other people.

• **Consider restaurants that require**



proof of vaccination status. A growing number of restaurants are not only requiring their staff to be fully vaccinated, but also their customers. New York City mayor Bill DeBlasio announced in late August 2021 that visitors to gyms and indoor dining establishments would have to be vaccinated beginning in September – showing proof of at least one vaccine dose. While requiring vaccinations is a hot-button issue across the globe, diners concerned about

unvaccinated individuals should contact local restaurants requiring vaccinations to determine if ineligible persons can still dine there. If so, those restaurants may be safer bets than establishments with no such requirements.

• **Wear masks as much as possible.** Have unvaccinated children wear masks while walking through the restaurant and other crowded areas. They can pull down masks to eat and then put them back on when they finish eating.

Dining out with unvaccinated children requires parents to carefully assess risk and make decisions that keep their children as safe as possible.

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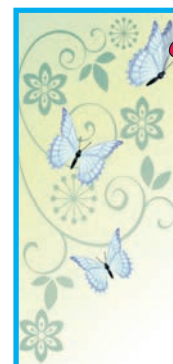
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Coffee Break



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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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ACROSS

1 Russian range

6 First lady before Michelle

11 Salem's state

12 Cancels

14 Mexican revolutionary

15 "Are you happy I'm back?"

16 Low digit

17 Omits

19 Soak (up)

20 1492 vessel

22 Rock's Brian

23 Spanish ayes

24 Devour

26 Religious doctrines

28 — Moines

30 Actress Long

31 Fairly shared

35 Snares

39 "— Smile Be Your Umbrella"

40 Director Howard

42 Half a sextet

43 Egg (Pref.)

44 Pale purple

46 Club —

47 "New World Symphony" composer

49 Recital piece

51 Bagel choice

DOWN

1 Muse of astronomy

2 Show contrition

3 Khan title

4 Used-car sites

5 Plumber's tool

6 Spoof

7 Black birds

8 Young — (tots)

9 Putin's land

10 Nearly

11 Ultraviolet filter

13 Old photo tint

18 Ky. neighbor

21 Actress McDonald of "Private Practice"

23 Brainy

25 Pod dweller

27 "Shoo!"

29 Picket-line

participant

31 Trudges

32 Gunned, as an engine

33 Idle

34 "You've got mail" co.

36 Designer Giorgio

37 Bakery pan

38 Fizzy drinks

41 Twangy

44 Hobbling

45 Musical finale

48 Squealer

50 "Kidding!"

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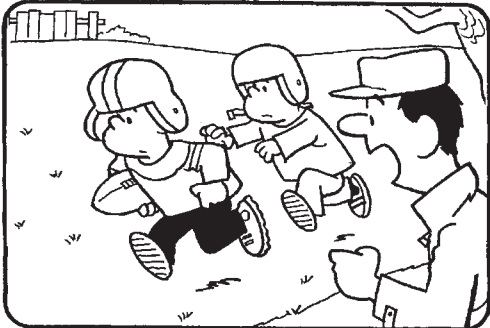
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: Creature With Eight Tentacles

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Freefall	Monster	Speed	Twist
Frisbee	Orbiter	Tagada	

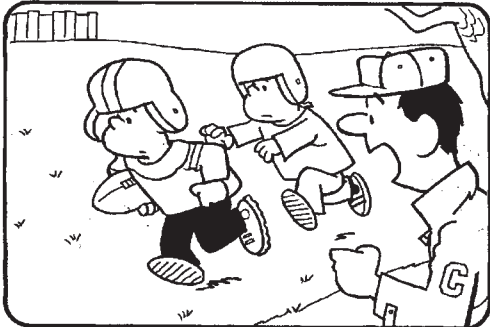
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hedge is missing. 2. Cap is different. 3. Strap is missing. 4. Fence is different. 5. Letter is added. 6. Leg is moved.

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Today's Word

3. Arcade; 4. Stroke

1. Scarce 2. Operate; solution

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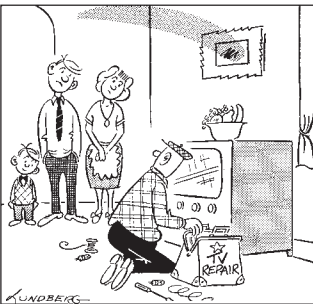
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Brush	KORSET				

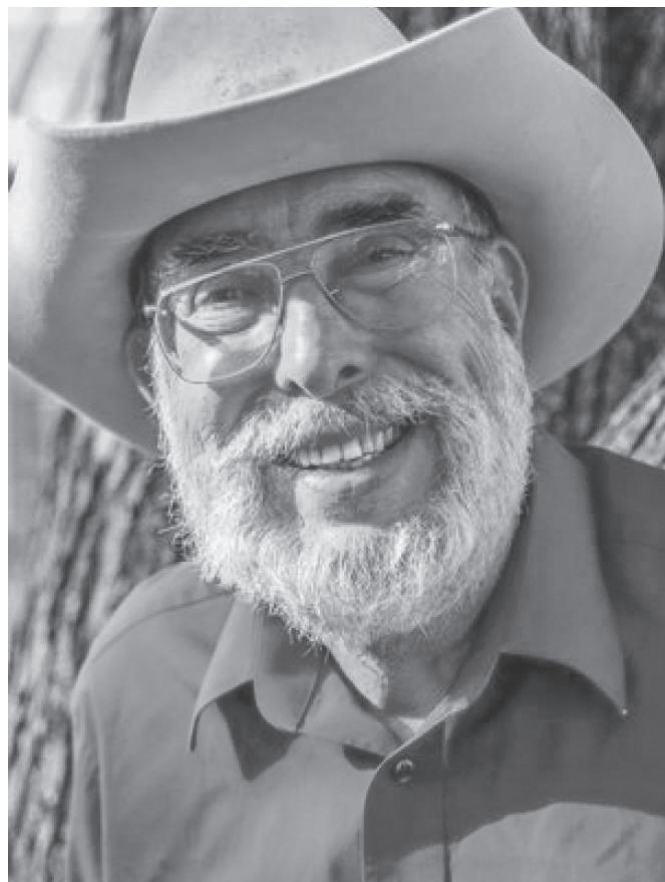
TODAY'S WORD



"How long has your picture been like this?"

Home Country

by Slim Randles



Mickey Baker has owned The Strand – our local movie theater – since the new releases starred Virginia Mayo. The Strand, naturally, is an icon here. More than a few of our long-lasting marriages in the area began with a first date there. Most of us have consumed more than our share of Raisinettes and Jujubes while watching Duke Wayne whip the bad guys. We know every inch of The Strand. We know where the rips are in the used-to-be blood-red carpet, which of the seats don't fold all the way down, which seats are most secluded in case it's a smooching date. It was ol' Dud, back when he was about four feet tall, who discovered how to combine chewing gum and the lock on the back door to provide five-finger discounts for friends wanting to watch Victor Mature run around in a loincloth. The Strand, in other words, is a vital part of our past, if not of our lives today.

We seem to just go rent those tapes and disks now and stay home and watch the newer films when we feel like it, and that might be because we now appreciate being able to stop the action for an occasional bathroom break now and then.

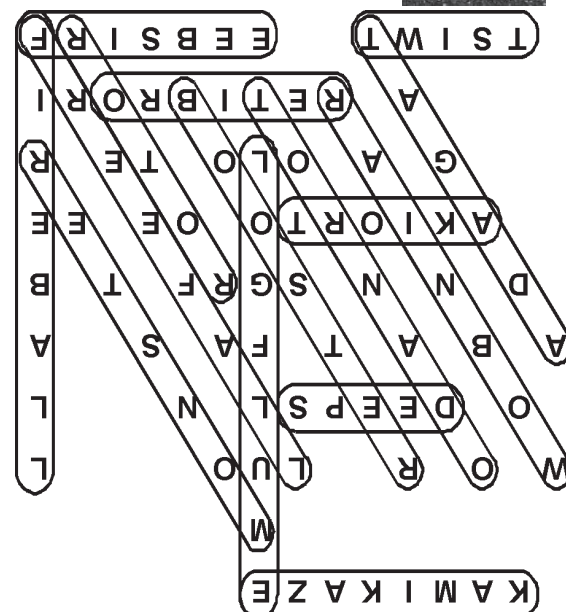
Attendance dropped dramatically when home entertainment really hit a lick. But Mickey fought back. He tried the free popcorn route for a while. All he charged for was the butter. Attendance didn't really pick up, and the popcorn bill was ... well, appreciable if not staggering.

Mickey now thinks he has the answer. He bought a disk player thingie that works on a big screen. Then he bought some old movies and lowered the price.

The first night he did this was a triple header, and we all turned out to see our old heroes vanquish Nazis, solve the bank robbery in Cactus Gulch, and find out who really killed the big-city mayor. We paid too much for popcorn, but who cares?

The Strand lives on, even if there is more gray hair there than at a Percheron horse show. Besides, when was the last time you saw The Duke standing 15-feet tall?

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