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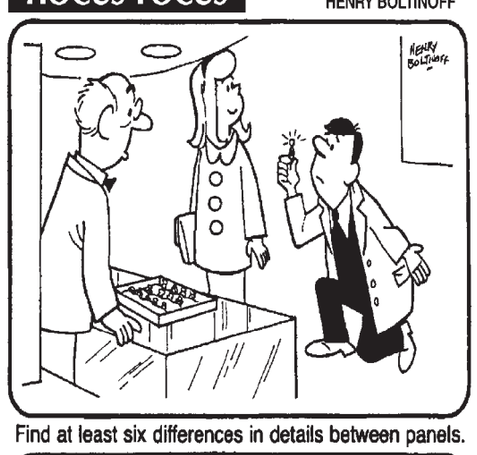
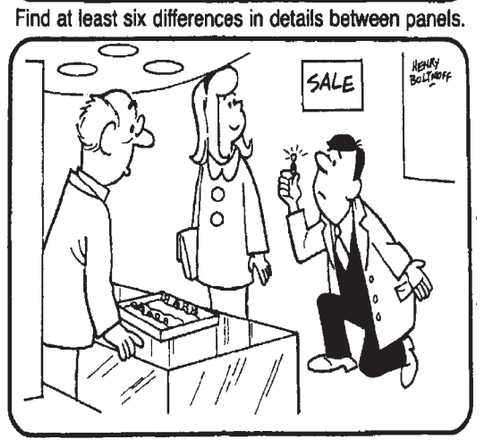
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sale sign is added. 2. Button missing from woman's jacket. 3. Ceiling light is added. 4. Bowtie is missing. 5. Man's tie is white. 6. Row of rings is missing.

MAGIC MAZE ● LITERARY GENRES

J M J H E D C B Y Y V T Q O L
I G D B L R Y D W S L T R P M
K I F D I A E B Y A A Y W U S
Q O M M K M C S C C I T F D B
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N L J C G T T H R I L L E R H
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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: **Saying One Thing Implying Another**

Action	Drama	Mystery	Thriller
Adventure	Fantasy	Political	Urban
Comedy	Historical	Romance	Western
Crime	Horror	Saga	

Update from the State Capit0l

By: Sen. Lee Anderson
(R – Grovetown)

The Georgia General Assembly is officially back in full swing here under the Gold Dome. Our fourth week of the legislative session was filled with bill hearings on the floor and many committee meetings. Our work is only just beginning, and we are all eager to start working towards legislation that will benefit all Georgians.

Last week, we held votes on bills in the Senate Chamber that passed their respective committees. I am proud to announce that a bill that I sponsored, Senate Bill 9, passed in the Senate with a 51-0 vote on Monday. SB 9 would create a new judicial circuit for the State of Georgia in Columbia County. Currently, Columbia County's courts are fused with the Augusta Judicial Circuit; however, three of these judges live in Columbia County, not Richmond County. Both counties are in favor of the split. Because Columbia County already has the means to house the new district attorneys and judges, this split will not cost extra money for the state and will allow our honorable judges to keep their current salaries. Gov. Brian Kemp will be in charge of appointing a new District Attorney and fourth judge to the new district.

Additionally last week, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the mid-year budget, which will come to a total of $26.3 billion. Because of COVID-19, the original estimated Fiscal Year 2021 budget included cuts across the state affecting all Georgia agencies, but thanks to Georgia's conservative leadership and strong commitment to our economy, we are adding over $654 million in revenue to the 2021 budget. These funds will affect key areas of our state, including restoring 60% of cuts made to our K-12 education and leading Gov. Kemp's rural broadband initiative to provide high-speed internet to rural Georgia communities.

I look forward to getting right back to business this week as we enter into our fifth week. Committees will also continue to meet to discuss bills and make sure these pieces of legislation are in their best forms before reaching the Senate floor. I am honored to represent the 24th District and am always happy to be of service. If I can ever assist you in any way, do not hesitate to reach out to my office. Thank you for your support.

Sen. Lee Anderson serves as Chairman of the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee. He represents the 24th Senate District, which includes Elbert, Hart, Lincoln, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro, and Wilkes counties and portions of Columbia County. He can be reached at 404.656.5114 or via email at lee.anderson@senate.ga.gov.

Late-winter pruning can benefit plants

By Mary Carol Sheffield
for CAES News

Pruning in the correct manner and at the proper time can help to maintain the size and shape of your woody shrubs, improving their appearance and appealing to the artist in every gardener.

Pruning also plays an important role in the health, productivity and well-being of woody plants. Three techniques that are important to understand if you are pruning your woody plants relate to pruning timing, tool sanitation and proper cutting technique.

Timing

I'm often asked when the best time is to prune hollies, crape myrtles, gardenias, azaleas, boxwoods or any other woody plant. Knowing when to prune flowering plants or evergreen plants can be confusing. The following are some basic rules that will help you determine when to prune your landscape plants.

●If the plant blooms in the spring — like an azalea, dogwood, forsythia or mophead hydrangea — it should be pruned right after blooming. Spring flowering plants form their flower buds in the fall. If these plants are pruned in late winter, the flower buds will be removed and there will be no spring flowers to enjoy.

●If the plant blooms in the summer, prune in late winter — late February to early March — while the plant is still dormant.

●If plants are not grown for their flowers, the best time for pruning is during the dormant winter season — late February to early March — before new growth begins in the spring.

•Do not prune during the late summer and fall because new growth may occur and make the plants more susceptible to cold injury.

There are some exceptions to these rules. Remove anything that is dead or diseased any time of the year. Another exception is to clean up the overall appearance of a spring bloomer that has not been pruned in a very long time. For example, if an azalea is 10 feet tall and scraggly and doesn't flower well, then it can be pruned it in the late winter to clean it up. The plant won't flower in the spring, but it will at least have a healthy start in the spring and will bloom the following year.

Some trees may bleed sap after pruning. Some examples include willows, birches, maples, beeches and dogwoods. Bleeding may be unsightly, but it typically is not harmful. However, if you don't want the tree to bleed, prune in late spring or early summer when there are leaves on the trees. Actively growing leaves tend to reduce the amount of bleeding from pruning cuts and allow the cuts to heal more quickly.

Tool sanitation

Always use clean pruning shears and be sure to sanitize the shears after each use. This is easily accomplished by dipping them in or wiping them down with 70% isopropyl alcohol. Some people use a 10% bleach solution for this purpose, but bleach tends to have a corrosive effect on tools over time.

Technique

There are two main types of cuts that you can make while pruning. One is called a "heading cut," in which the tips of branches are removed. This type of pruning is used to create dense regrowth near the cut, as would be expected in a hedge. The other type of cut that is often used is a "thinning cut," in which an entire branch is removed at its base on the main stem or along a larger branch. Thinning allows more light to enter the shrub and is the preferred method if the pruning goal is to maintain a natural form.

When making cuts, look for the raised ridge of bark around the shoot that you are pruning, and make your cut so that that ridge is left intact. Tissue in this ridge of bark will help promote the cut to seal so, if you damage it, you may be inviting problems. It is also important to cut close enough to this ridge not to leave a stub, which also can slow the sealing process.

Use the three-cut method to avoid damaging the bark around the cut. Steps of the three-cut method are:

1.Cut a notch above where you plan to make your final pruning cut.

2.Cut the branch off above the notch to remove the weight of the branch — this will leave a stub.

3.Make your final cut just above the branch bark ridge, leaving a clean opening that can begin to heal.

For more information on the correct way to prune, see the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Bulletin 949, "Basic Principles of Pruning Woody Plants."

Mary Carol Sheffield is the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension agricultural and natural resources agent in Paulding County.

Legals cont.

is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Lincoln County, Georgia, in Deed Book 265, Page 190.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 12th day of March, 2021 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

John R. B. Long, Esq.
John R. B. Long, P.C.
411 Telfair Street
Augusta, Georgia 30901

PLEASE BE GOVERNED ACCORDINGLY.

John R. B. Long, Esq.,
Attorney for Clayton A. Ogletree
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Notice to the Public

A petition for a rezoning amendment has been filed with the City Council requesting that property located on 248 Elm Street and owned by Kevin Beggs, be changed from zone C1 to R1.

A public hearing will be held at City Hall on March 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

All those in favor of or objection to, this petition should be present to voice their support or objection.

Larry Goolsby
Building & Code Enforcement Officer
City of Lincolnton
2 11 3tc

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All persons indebted to the Estate of Ronald Brown, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment of same to the undersigned, and all persons having a claim against said estate are notified to make claim to the undersigned or be barred from participation in said estate. Deadline for accepting any claim is March 4, 2021.

Judge Lee D. Moss
By: Debbie Pruett
P.O. Box 205
Lincolnton, GA 30817
2 11 4tp

Notice

Georgia, Lincoln County Probate Court

The petition of Alvin Estes Hawes for a year's support from the estate of Nobie Dean Hawes, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before March 5, 2021, why said petition should not be granted.

Objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Lee D. Moss, Probate Judge
By: Debbie Pruett, Clerk
P.O. Box 205
Lincolnton, GA 30817
706-359-5528
2 11 4tp

Thomson Twin Cinema
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19
706-595-7317

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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HOUSE HUNTERS! These two birds want to find two houses that are exactly alike. Can you spot them?

Answer: Houses 1 and 9.

FIND THE BIG WORDS!

1.	N							N
2.		N					N	
3.			N			N		
4.				N	N			
5.				N	N			
6.			N			N		
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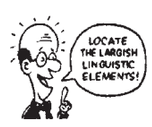
8.	N							N



Using the definitions and the anagrams below, find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

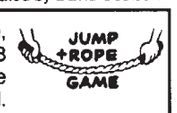
Illustrated by David Coulson

DEFINITIONS:
1. A brief, informal letter.
2. Grinding your teeth.
3. To formally accuse.
4. What the horse did.
5. Little old ladies.
6. A string of words.
7. What a baker does.
8. Fierce medieval fighter.

ANAGRAMS:
anti + toon
sing + hang
cede + noun
hind + wine
rein + snag
cent + seen
king + dean
sane + morn

Answers: 1. Notation. 2. Gnashing. 3. Denounce. 4. Whinnied. 5. Grannies. 6. Sentence. 7. Kneading. 8. Norseman.

ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE! In our AlphaMath puzzle, you must replace the letters with the digits 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try to get the highest possible total.



Our answer: J=5, U=2, M=7, P=0, R=4, O=6, E=3, G=9, A=8 (5270 + 4603 = 9873).

THE "D" PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid show here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the D's. Here are some hints from the top down.

1. Roman numeral 500 (in place).
2. State abbr.
3. To free from.
4. Dry climate.
5. N. African currency.
6. Confer holy orders on.
7. Type of motor.
8. One who is suave.

Answers: The words are: D, ID (idaho), nd, and, dinar, ordain, inboard, debonair.

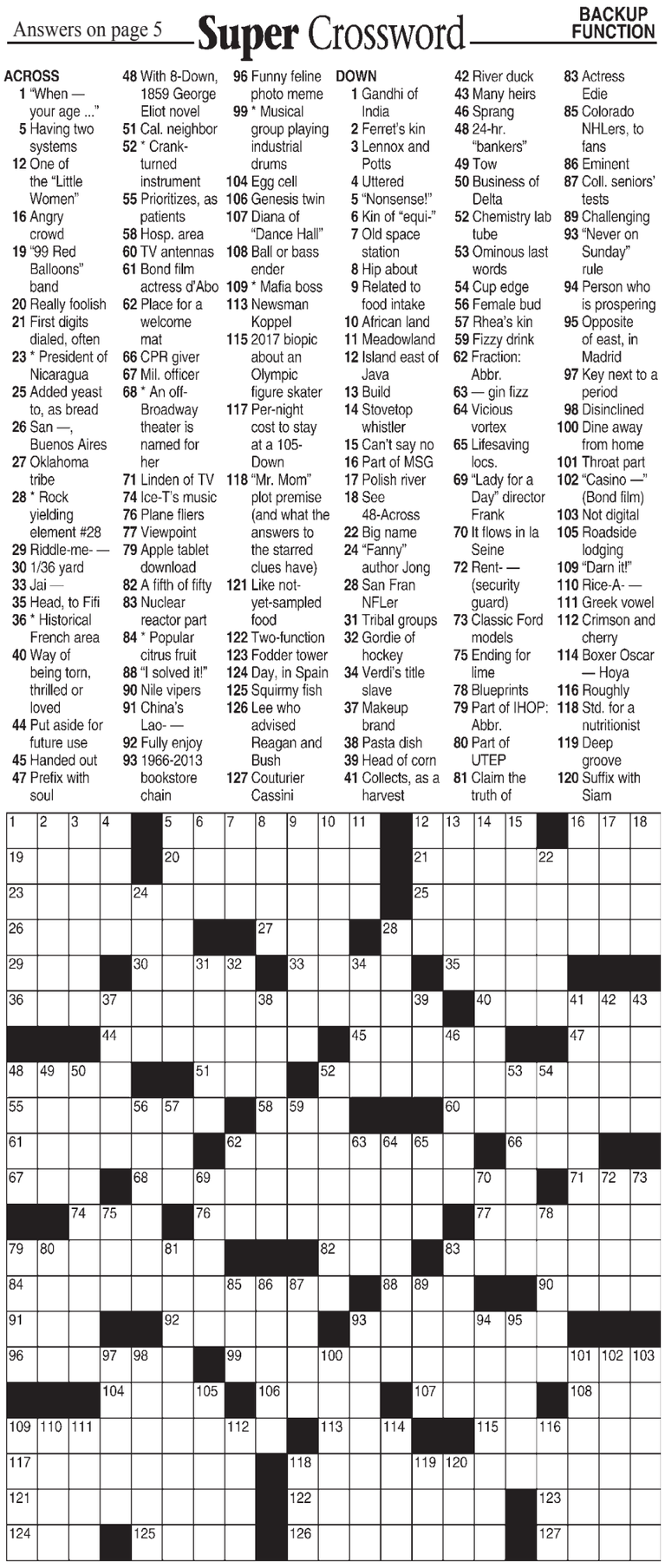
Answers on page 5

Super Crossword

BACKUP FUNCTION

ACROSS
1 "When — your age ..."
5 Having two systems
12 One of the "Little Women"
16 Angry crowd
19 "99 Red Balloons" band
20 Really foolish
21 First digits dialed, often
23 * President of Nicaragua
25 Added yeast to, as bread
26 San —, Buenos Aires
27 Oklahoma tribe
28 * Rock yielding element #28
29 Riddle-me- —
30 1/36 yard
33 Jai —
35 Head, to Fifi
36 * Historical French area
40 Way of being torn, thrilled or loved
44 Put aside for future use
45 Handed out
47 Prefix with soul
48 With 8-Down, 1859 George Eliot novel
51 Cal. neighbor
52 * Crank-turned instrument
55 Prioritizes, as patients
58 Hosp. area
60 TV antennas
61 Bond film actress d'Abo
62 Place for a welcome mat
66 CPR giver
67 Mil. officer
68 * An off-Broadway theater is named for her
71 Linden of TV
74 Ice-T's music
76 Plane fliers
77 Viewpoint
79 Apple tablet download
82 A fifth of fifty
83 Nuclear reactor part
84 * Popular citrus fruit
88 "I solved it!"
90 Nile vipers
91 China's Lao- —
92 Fully enjoy
93 1966-2013 bookstore chain
96 Funny feline photo meme
99 * Musical group playing industrial drums
104 Egg cell
106 Genesis twin
107 Diana of "Dance Hall"
108 Ball or bass ender
109 * Mafia boss
113 Newsman Koppel
115 2017 biopic about an Olympic figure skater
117 Per-night cost to stay at a 105-Down
118 "Mr. Mom" plot premise (and what the answers to the starred clues have)
121 Like not-yet-sampled food
122 Two-function
123 Fodder tower
124 Day, in Spain
125 Squirmy fish
126 Lee who advised Reagan and Bush
127 Couturier Cassini

DOWN
1 Gandhi of India
2 Ferret's kin
3 Lennox and Potts
4 Uttered
5 "Nonsense!"
6 Kin of "equi-"
7 Old space station
8 Hip about
9 Related to food intake
10 African land
11 Meadowland
12 Island east of Java
13 Build
14 Stovetop whistler
15 Can't say no
16 Part of MSG
17 Polish river
18 See 48-Across
22 Big name
24 "Fanny" author Jong
28 San Fran NFLer
31 Tribal groups
32 Gordie of hockey
34 Verdi's title slave
37 Makeup brand
38 Pasta dish
39 Head of corn
41 Collects, as a harvest
42 River duck
43 Many heirs
46 Sprang
48 24-hr. "bankers"
49 Tow
50 Business of Delta
52 Chemistry lab tube
53 Ominous last words
54 Cup edge
56 Female bud
57 Rhea's kin
59 Fizzy drink
62 Fraction: Abbr.
63 — gin fizz
64 Vicious vortex
65 Lifesaving locs.
69 "Lady for a Day" director Frank
70 It flows in la Seine
72 Rent- — (security guard)
73 Classic Ford models
75 Ending for lime
78 Blueprints
79 Part of IHOP: Abbr.
80 Part of UTEP
81 Claim the truth of
83 Actress Edie
85 Colorado NHLers, to fans
86 Eminent
87 Coll. seniors' tests
89 Challenging
93 "Never on Sunday" rule
94 Person who is prospering
95 Opposite of east, in Madrid
97 Key next to a period
98 Disinclined
100 Dine away from home
101 Throat part
102 "Casino —" (Bond film)
103 Not digital
105 Roadside lodging
109 "Darn it!"
110 Rice-A- —
111 Greek vowel
112 Crimson and cherry
114 Boxer Oscar — Hoya
116 Roughly
118 Std. for a nutritionist
119 Deep groove
120 Suffix with Siam



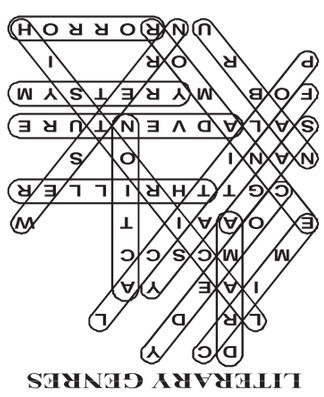
Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Darius in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Philippians 4, what does the apostle Paul instruct us to do rather than worry? Cry, Pray, Love, Talk
3. Who, perhaps, did Jesus give a standing ovation to in Acts 7:55-59? Herod, James, John the Baptist, Stephen
4. How long did the journey of Ezra take from Babylon to Jerusalem? 3 days, 2 weeks, 4 months, 4 years
5. Who's the runaway slave in the book of Philemon? Lemuel, Marcus, Doulos, Onesimus
6. All of Job's children were killed in a ...? Flood, Fire, Wind, Stampede

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Pray; 3) Stephen; 4) 4 months; 5) Onesimus; 6) Wind

Top Ten Movies

1. The Little Things (R) Denzel Washington, Rami Malek
2. The Croods: A New Age (PG) animated
3. The Marksman (PG-13) Katheryn Winnick, Liam Neeson
4. Wonder Woman 1984 (PG-13) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine
5. Monster Hunter (PG-13) Milla Jovovich, Tony Jaa
6. News of the World (PG-13) Tom Hanks, Steve Boyles
7. Promising Young Woman (R) Carey Mulligan, Bo Burnham
8. The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen
9. Fatale (R) Hilary Swank, Michael Ealy
10. The War with Grandpa (PG) Robert De Niro, Uma Thurman



Elam distributes tents, blankets to homeless

Alberta H. Elam, of Lincolnton, has been led to help the homeless in Augusta by handing out tents and blankets. She handed out 30 tents and 15 blankets on February 6, with donations from her friends and help from her husband, Ellis. The next donation date will be February 20.