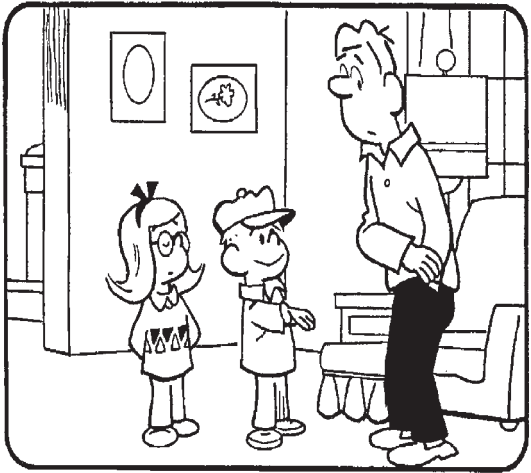
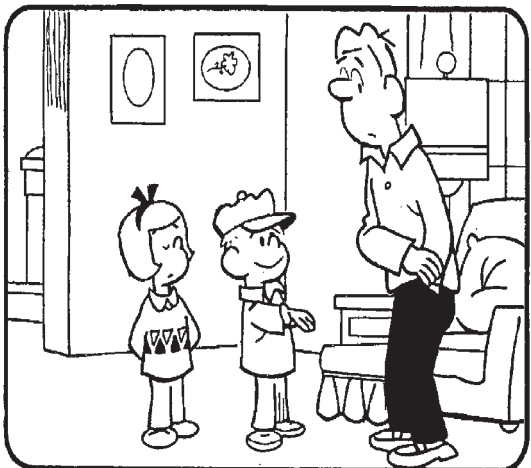


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



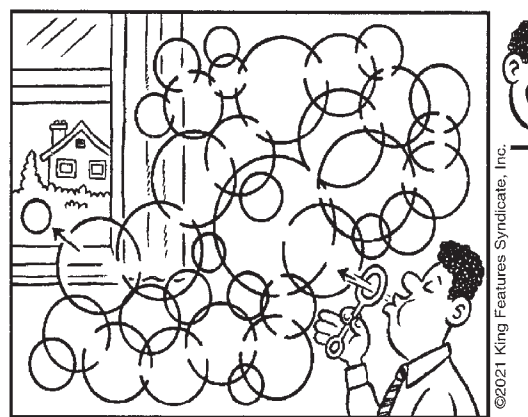
Differences: 1. Picture is changed; 2. Sweater is different; 3. Glasses are removed; 4. Hairstyle is changed; 5. Pillow is added; 6. Shoes are different.

MAGIC MAZE ● WORDS WITH THREE R'S

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 O I O I E N T N O L J H R F
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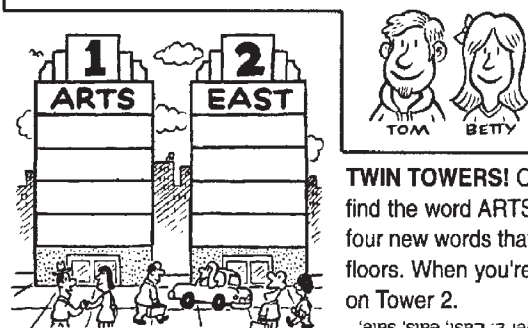
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: A MISTAKE

- Arbitrary Elderberry Mirror Terrier
- Carrier Harrier Narrator Terror
- Corridor Horror Reorder Warrior
- Derringer Ironworker Report



BUBBLE TROUBLE! Find a path through the bubbles that leads from Andy's wand to the bubble that's floating out of the window.

AGE SAGE! Can you figure out the ages of our four friends? Tom is four years older than Betty, who is four years older than Bobby, who is four years older than Susan, who is half the age of Tom.



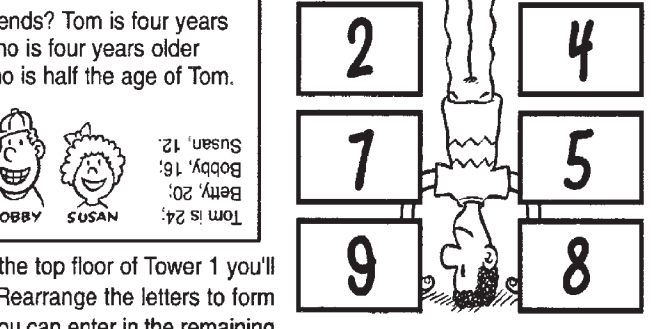
TWIN TOWERS! On the top floor of Tower 1 you'll find the word ARTS. Rearrange the letters to form four new words that you can enter in the remaining floors. When you're done, do the same with EAST on Tower 2.

Junior Whirl
 by Charles Barry Townsend

A TRICKY PROBLEM!

Make up eight cards with the numbers 1,2,3,4,5,7,8 and 9 printed on them. Then, lay out the cards so that they form two columns of four cards each, as shown. Now rearrange these cards, moving as few as possible, so that the numbers in the two columns add up to the same total. Get your friends to try it! P.S.: There's a catch, natch.

Illustrated by David Coulson



One way: Move the 8 to column 1 and the 9 to column 2. Turn the 9 upside down, making it a 6. Each column now adds up to 16.

Across The Savannah

Ospreys - Nature Never Quits

By TOM POLAND
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Noon sharp, a hot, humid Monday. Just twenty yards away a tremendous crash like a rock hitting water got my attention. There sat an osprey with spread wings, its lunch too big to lift. The look on its regal face said, "Well, damn, what now." Seconds later it released the fish and flew off.

I was in a natural blind of trees and I photographed the osprey sitting in water. In the foreground were rocky shoals spider lilies. It's the most unique photograph I've taken. I got a shot too of its empty talons as it flew away.

"Boy, your eyes are bigger than your stomach." That's what Grandmom Poland would say when I'd heap too much food on my plate and not eat it. Well, the osprey's keen eyes were too big for its talons on this dive, but a few minutes later I saw the bird's shadow hovering, hovering, then dropping. It plummeted into the Broad River at Anthony Shoals but I couldn't see it. Trees were in the way. I heard it crash into water but never saw if it had a fish or not. I'd wager it had lunch this time.

Three times the fish hawk dove near me. Only once did I get the chance to photograph it. Sitting in water might its wings might get too heavy to take off I wondered, but ospreys' wings, I learned, are adapted for liftoff in water. Its talons, sharp as razors, have adhesive pads. When an osprey seizes a fish, it's not going to escape, although it might get released, pardoned by its weight.

That hot Monday two ospreys' piercing whistle sounded again and again. They were hunting the shallow shoals. I could have watched them all day. These raptors, these hawks, eat nothing but fish and they eat them right away. Too bad for the fish, being yanked from water to sky to be eaten alive, but that's nature. She can be ruthless.

I look for ospreys when I'm near water. It can be a salt marsh, river, pond, or lake. I have seen bald eagles, a variety of hawks, ospreys, and one unforgettable sighting of the swallow-tailed kite, an especially majestic bird of prey. Ospreys nonetheless get my attention more than all the aforementioned competitors. It's mesmerizing to watch them drop from the sky.

Come spring I watch a big nest of sticks at Crooked Bridge back home. I know they're nesting, raising another brood of one to three, sometimes four chicks. A word to



Osprey with catch much too heavy to life. (Photos by Tom Poland).



Osprey sitting in water.



The osprey lifts off without its prey.

the wise. Don't throw away twine, string, and fishing line etc. Dispose of it in a safe way. Ospreys will use your twine string and so forth to build their nest and the chicks' feet can get entangled preventing them from leaving the nest. They're doomed to starve.

Such beautiful birds, these fish hawks that mate for life. Unable to dive to more than about three feet below the water's surface, ospreys

frequent shallow waters, deeper water on occasion when fish school near the surface. The water outside my blind was shallow. Lilies were putting on a show of their own when this magnificent bird dropped in.

I hated to leave this aerial show, but I left aware that somewhere beneath the Broad River a big fish had puncture wounds and somewhere in the air hungry ospreys were hunting anew, for nature, she never quits.

Baseball's Best Visit baseball museums this summer

By LAMAR GARRARD
 Baseball historian



"Summertime and the livin' is easy, fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high" — George Gershwin and Dubose Heyward

Summer 2021 and people are on the move with vacations and getaways at all time highs, despite the spiraling gasoline prices and inflation touching every area of our lives. Driven by the shutdowns caused by the China virus, America is seeking the freedom of the open road and the great outdoors.

Baseball museums shut down for months are now reopening to an eager public. The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, is the premier destination for even the most casual baseball fan. My last trip there was in 2016 and my calendar tells me that it is time to go again. Cooperstown is a Normal Rockwell-type setting with the 2,000 residents nestled in the foothills of the mountains and surrounded by beautiful lake Otsego.

On my last visit, this Georgia boy was amused at a giant wall mural of the great Ty Cobb as you enter the corridor of the reception desk area. Learning that I was from Georgia, one of the docents said to me, "We just love Ty Cobb here at the Hall of Fame." It was worth the trip to see the Ty Cobb exhibit with two or three of his waist-high trophies and his bat and uniforms. I was privileged while there to hold in my hands a box of a dozen pristinely signed Ty Cobb baseballs.

Looking at Babe Ruth's locker and seeing Lou Gehrig's memorabilia prompted my mind to visualize them playing at the old iconic Yankee Stadium. There is a wonderful and extensive exhibit on Hank Aaron that is a must see. It takes at least two days to see most

of this plethora of American Baseball History.

Closer to home in our area is the Ty Cobb Museum in Royston, Georgia. Born in Narrows, Georgia, Cobb is honored in this special town where he spent his youth. Bats, balls, spikes, uniforms, diamond stick pin awards, and a video are all part of the offerings of the venue.

Close to Royston is the John Mize exhibit on the campus of Piedmont University in Demorest, Georgia. Mize, the local boy and Hall of Famer, got his start playing for the University back when it was called Piedmont College. There are at least five full cases of his personal baseball memorabilia that is well worth seeing.

Greenville, S.C., is home to the incredible Shoeless Joe Jackson museum. The museum is located in Joe Jackson's actual house that was moved to its current location across the street from the Greenville Drive baseball stadium. They have just added a brand new 5,000-square-

foot addition that makes this one of the finest baseball museums in the south. Jackson has the third highest batting average of all time and should be in the Hall of Fame.

The Augusta Museum of History has at least three major baseball history exhibits featuring locals Bill Johnson, Lou Brissie, Ty Cobb, George Stallings, and the Augusta Green Jackets. Also items from the Augusta Tigers and the Augusta Yankees are displayed.

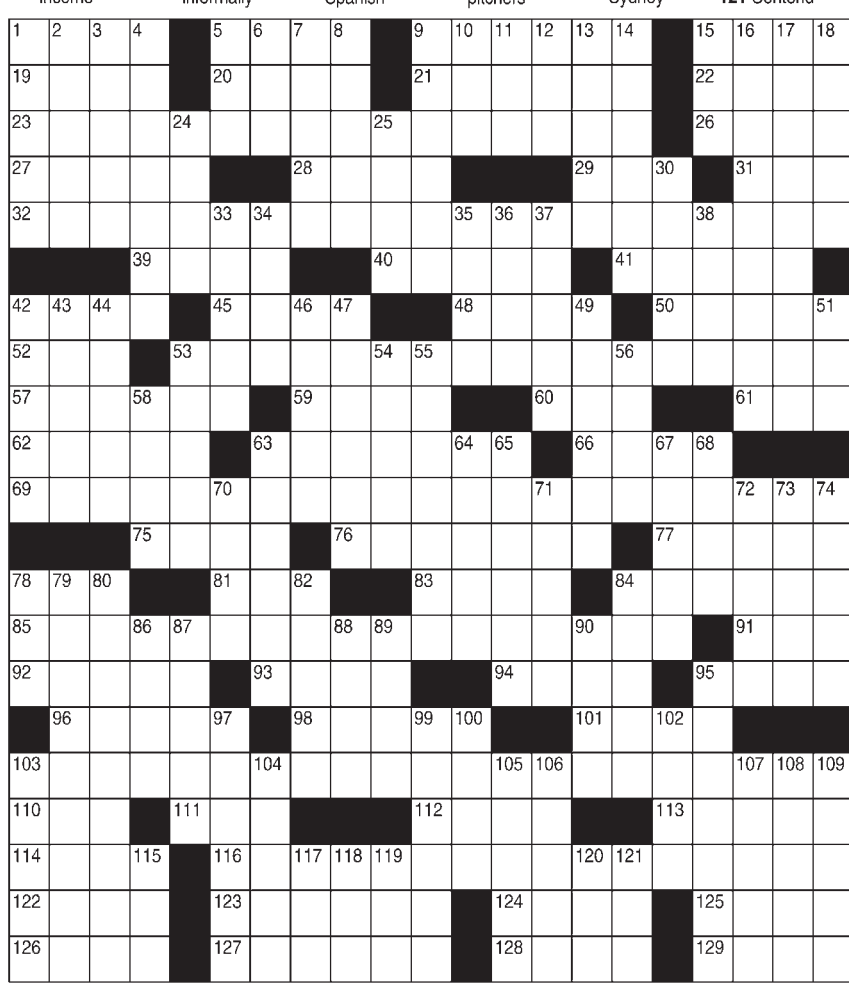
The McDuffie County Museum in Thomson, Georgia, is a beautiful museum. It showcases local history including military generals and sports that includes Ray Guy. During this summer they are featuring an extensive collection of Ty Cobb photos and original Ty Cobb newspapers. Many of the photos are scarce and seldom seen. The museum is one of the nicest and finest museums anywhere.

Have fun scoping out baseball history this summer! It is the American thing to do.

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Answers on page 5 Super Crossword THREE OF A...

- ACROSS**
- 1 Livestream annoyances
 - 5 Mark for omission
 - 9 Tennis star Seles
 - 15 Feudal drudge
 - 19 Like — out of hell
 - 20 Special periods
 - 21 Tesla vehicle
 - 22 Court claim
 - 23 THREE OF A KIND
 - 26 Himalayan hoax subject
 - 27 — Lodge (motel chain)
 - 28 British title
 - 29 Yoko who appeared in "Let It Be"
 - 31 Op. — (footnote abbr.)
 - 32 THREE OF A KIND
 - 39 — awkward position
 - 40 Broadcast
 - 41 Severe spasm
 - 42 Chicken, e.g.
 - 45 Destruction
 - 48 Opposite of alleyway
 - 50 Merits, as an income
 - 52 "Put a sock in it"
 - 53 THREE OF A KIND
 - 57 Pro at alterations
 - 59 Way out
 - 60 British title
 - 61 Green tract
 - 62 Put tube in
 - 63 Deny, as a statement
 - 66 Blue-skinned race in
 - 67 "Avatar"
 - 69 THREE OF A KIND
 - 75 Wry comic
 - 76 Bitter complainers
 - 77 Troll's cousin
 - 78 Famed coach
 - 81 Edmonton's prov.
 - 83 Like boys
 - 84 Certain
 - 85 THREE OF A KIND
 - 91 Rink star
 - 92 "Slas Mamer" novelist
 - 93 On the cutting edge of art, informally
 - 94 Fluids in blood
 - 95 Car part on a wheel, to Brits
 - 96 Airport town on Long Island's South Shore
 - 98 Bite gently
 - 101 Giddy delight
 - 103 THREE OF A KIND
 - 110 In the past
 - 111 Really strain
 - 112 — Ball (arcade favorite)
 - 113 Slight ridge on a surface
 - 114 Tiny particle
 - 116 THREE OF A KIND
 - 16 Concerned
 - 122 Cal's father
 - 123 More dilettantish
 - 124 Cuisine with many curries
 - 125 Under sail
 - 126 Apple discard
 - 127 Job the reb
 - 128 Desiccated
 - 129 Gen — (millennials)
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Like skates
 - 2 Crude counters
 - 3 Cats, in Spanish
 - 4 Letter-printing aid
 - 5 "Gloria in Excelsis —" (hymn)
 - 6 Act human, so they say
 - 7 Crust, mantle or core
 - 8 Expository piece
 - 9 Dry red wine
 - 10 Fall mo.
 - 11 In no way
 - 12 Super-cold
 - 13 Dinner chicken
 - 14 "The Human Condition" author
 - 15 CIA figure
 - 16 Concerned with voting
 - 17 Inclination to keep silent
 - 18 Islam, e.g.
 - 24 Hired tough
 - 25 Structured gps.
 - 30 Orangy shade
 - 33 Knightly virtue
 - 34 Slaughter in an outfield
 - 35 Ian Fleming novel
 - 36 Forecaster
 - 37 Water pitchers
 - 38 Part of UAE
 - 42 Aperture setting for a shutterbug
 - 43 Atheist
 - 44 During which
 - 46 Geyser stuff
 - 47 More alluring
 - 49 Signs again, as a contract
 - 51 Jamaican pop genre
 - 53 Orators' platforms
 - 54 Lisa of "Melrose Place"
 - 55 "The hour has arrived"
 - 56 Asia's shrunk — Sea
 - 58 Kinds of bulbs, in brief
 - 63 Big name in polls
 - 64 "Sounds like —" ("Let's do it!")
 - 65 Gives up
 - 67 Human herbivore
 - 68 "— it rich?"
 - 70 Converse
 - 71 Mincan land
 - 72 N'awlins sub
 - 73 Celebrity astrologer
 - 74 — Haute (Indiana city)
 - 78 Master pilot
 - 79 Eliminating as a possibility
 - 80 Plato's pupil
 - 82 Rodeo ride
 - 84 Dental care brand
 - 86 Mouselike critter
 - 87 Half-cooked
 - 88 Broadcast
 - 89 Hale — (comet)
 - 90 Strong desire
 - 95 Afternoon service savior
 - 97 Public squares
 - 99 Contend
 - 100 Young 'un
 - 102 Irish Gaelic
 - 103 Bard's feet
 - 104 Really strain
 - 105 Boston hoopsters
 - 106 Actress Anne
 - 107 Angelou's "And Still —"
 - 108 S.F. NFLer
 - 109 Epic stories
 - 115 Hardwood tree
 - 117 VW lead-in
 - 118 Carrene of "Rising Sun"
 - 119 — capita
 - 120 Soulling item
 - 121 Contend



Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Jonah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Samuel 11, who received a letter from David telling him to put Uriah into battle? Gideon, Ahab, Isaac, Joab
3. In Luke 12:27, what did Jesus say are better arrayed than King Solomon? Lilies, Angles, Trees, Sheep
4. Matthew, the tax collector, was known by what other name? Levi, Felix, Reuben, Jehu
5. Who was the baby born of Zacharias and Elizabeth? Daniel, John the Baptist, Noah, David
6. Which king of Judah had his eyes gouged out? Uzziah, Ahab, Jeconiah, Zedekiah

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Joab; 3) Lilies; 4) Levi; 5) John the Baptist; 6) Zedekiah

Top Ten Movies

1. Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard (R) Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson
2. A Quiet Place Part II (PG-13) Emily Blunt, Millicent Simmonds
3. Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway (PG) Domhnall Gleeson, Rose Byrne
4. The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It (R) Patrick Wilson, Vera Farmiga
5. Cruella (PG-13) Emma Stone, Emma Thompson
6. In the Heights (PG-13) Anthony Ramos, Corey Hawkins
7. Spirit Untamed (PG) animated
8. 12 Mighty Orphans (PG-13) Luke Wilson, Robert Duvall
9. The House Next Door: Meet the Blacks 2 (R) Mike Epps, Katt Williams
10. Wrath of Man (R) Jason Statham, Holt McCallan

